



Littleton Economic Notes July 2011

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Littleton Businesses

Mark Balant, President of LONG Building Technologies, Inc., hosted a ribbon cutting in June to mark the completion of the company's new corporate headquarters at 5001 S. Zuni St. This signaled the transition of the 47-year-old firm into Colorado's energy economy. LONG is one of Colorado's 50 largest private companies and is an approved energy services company of the Governor's Energy Office. 303.975.2100; www.long.com

Transform Software & Services Inc. was chosen as one of Colorado's Top 50 Companies to Watch for 2011. Providing software and services for oil and gas exploration and production, its solutions span geology, geophysics and engineering and are being used by large and small companies throughout the world. The company, located at 801 W. Mineral Ave., was founded in 2004. 720.536.2244; www.transformsw.com

Daniella and Joseph DeMeers recently opened The Overstreet Dance Gallery at 5366 S. Bannock St. where they offer dance lessons in Lindy Hop, Salsa, Tango, West Coast Swing, Blues and more. Private dance instruction, group classes, social dance parties, and team and performance opportunities are available. In addition, they offer rental space, which includes a lounge and bar, for events. The studio is open from 6 to 11 p.m. Thursday and Friday and Sunday through Tuesday. 720.325.6305; www.overstreetdancegallery.com

For the 4th year running, Dr. Jodie Moreland was selected as one of Denver's Top Dentists by *5280 Magazine*. Her practice is located at 5590 S. Windermere St., where she offers general and cosmetic dentistry. 303 798-4571; www.drjodie.net

Doctors Care bought and renovated the entire building at 609 W. Littleton Blvd. and was able to complete the move into its new offices with only a two-day closure. The short downtime was extremely important to the patients of the nonprofit clinic, which serves the uninsured and underinsured by providing access to affordable healthcare through a coalition of healthcare providers. Since its inception in 1988, more than 20,000 patients have passed through its doors. 303.730.1313; www.doctorscare.org

A ribbon cutting was held to celebrate the opening of the SouthPark Veterinary Clinic (741 SouthPark Dr.) by Dr. David Specht and his staff. The new building was specifically designed and equipped to best serve the needs of Dr. Specht's small animal and exotic pet patients and features the latest in veterinary medical equipment and technology. 303.996.1333; www.southparkanimalclinic.com

Owners Frank Schultz and Al and Terry Papay of the Tavern Hospitality Group celebrated the successful opening of The Tavern Littleton at 2589 Main St. with a recent ribbon cutting. Tommy Scarbrough is the General Manager of their sixth Tavern, which along with an extensive menu offers outdoor seating in front as well as on the large rooftop patio and an array of HD TVs throughout the new building. 303.730.7772; www.tavernhg.com/littleton

Ralphie's Pizza & Bakery celebrated its recent opening in the Woodlawn Shopping Center (1500 W. Littleton Blvd.) with a ribbon cutting between serving customers. Owner David Ortega features the same Sicilian-style thick crust pizza, thin crust Napoli and White pizzas, and Italian items (calzone's, pastas) that he is known for at his Centennial store, as well as his great salads, sandwiches and special desserts. Limited area delivery is available. 303.953.6723; www.ralphiespizzeria.com

Bert's All American Market, a fresh foods market and specialty store, has opened on the upper level of the Columbine Shopping Center at 5856 S. Lowell Blvd. Owner Bert Waisanen features daily farm fresh fruits and vegetables, with local in-season produce his specialty. Fresh milk, eggs, bread and other staples are always available, along with bakery items, organic foods, Women's Bean Project items, Snow Creek Ranch Salmon, bison, Free Range chicken, other top quality meats, soups, household items.....even nostalgic foods and beverages. And as the name implies, everything in the store is "Made in the USA." 303.463.5880; www.bertsallamericanmarket.com

Oliver and Roxanne Campari have opened the Pandoro Italian Bakery, Panini Shop & Deli at 5656 S. Sycamore St. Like their store in Golden, this European bakery has artisan breads and pastries as well as breakfast items (with free coffee), authentic gourmet Italian food such as pasta dishes, Panini and calzones along with an array of American sandwiches, salads and other items. Pandoro is open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday (with live music), and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Delivery is available. 720.328.2660

Annie Vick celebrated the opening of her newest restaurant, Delvickios (819 W. Littleton Blvd.), with a ribbon cutting and tour of the remodeled Crestwood building, which still holds such fond memories for many in the area. Like her successful chain of Pinocchios restaurants in the Front Range, this one serves a range of classic Italian items, homemade bread sticks, and great desserts. 303.798.1055; www.delvickios.com

A ribbon cutting at Littleton's newest local news source, LittletonGazette.com, celebrated its successful launch. Owner/editor Jennifer Smith, former newspaper reporter and long-time Littleton citizen, strives to report all the news that affects the community and provides sections for citizen commentary, a do-it-yourself community calendar and much more. Supported by advertisers, the site is free to readers. 720-350-1675; www.littletongazette.com

Mrs. B's Tea Parlor (2506 W. Alamo Ave.) graced the **Your Hub** section of *The Denver Post* this month. The family-run business was the dream of Jolynn Fitzmorris and her mom, Mrs. B., who wanted to have a restaurant with a homey atmosphere where customers were treated like part of the family. Open for lunch and tea from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, the Tea Parlor is a popular place for special celebrations such as bridal and baby showers. 303.797.3500; www.mrsbsteaparlor.com

Six generations gathered for the ribbon cutting at Nana DC's (3625 W. Bowles Ave.) in the Columbine Valley Shopping Center with owners Michelle Edmunds and Renee Rosalia. The deli serves fresh breakfast and lunch items, including breakfast burritos, and due to customer requests, is now open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the week and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. 303.797.9529

Littleton Businesses named Best of the Best 2011 by *Community Colorado News* readers are: **ABRA Auto Body & Glass**, 8061 S. Broadway Ave. ▪ **Avalon Day Spa Aspen Grove**, 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. ▪ **Baskin Robbins**, 91 W. Mineral Ave. ▪ **BlueBerry's Bakery & Café**, 1500 W. Littleton Blvd. ▪ **Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant**, 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. ▪ **Café de France**, 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. ▪ **Café Terra Cotta**, S. Curtice St. ▪ **Champps American Restaurant**, 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. ▪ **Cindy Kimpton, DDS**, 7261 S. Broadway ▪ **Cold Stone Creamery**, 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. ▪ **Comet Cleaners**, 1621 W. Canal Cir. ▪ **Dickey's Barbecue**, 5350 S. Santa Fe Dr. ▪ **Freddie's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers**, 2660 W. Belleview Ave. ▪ **Graphics Plus**, 5808 S Rapp St. ▪ **James Preston, DDS**, 5950 S. Platte Canyon Rd. **Jazz Car Wash and Detailing**, 6095 S. Santa Fe Dr. ▪ **Ice Ranch**, 841 SouthPark Dr. ▪ **JF Scholl Jewelry**, 2646 W. Main St. ▪ **Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches**, 2660 W. Belleview Ave. ▪ **Libby Bortz Assisted Living**, 5844 S Curtice St. ▪ **Littleton Hair Company**, 2565 W. Main St. ▪ **Littleton Adventist Hospital**, 7700 S. Broadway Ave. ▪ **Merle's Family Restaurant**, 2609 W. Main St. ▪ **Monty Nuss Photography**, 6761 S. Broadway ▪ **O'Toole's Garden Center**, 5201 S. Federal Ave. ▪ **Panera Bread**, 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. ▪ **Platte River Bar & Grill**, 5995 S. Santa Fe Dr. ▪ **Pride AutoCare**, 8080 S. Broadway Ave. ▪ **Rib City**, 7903 S. Broadway Ave. ▪ **Romano's Italian Restaurant**, 5665 S. Windermere St. ▪ **Sandy Puc' Portrait Studio**, 7201 S. Broadway Ave., ▪ **Santa Fe Spirits**, 6023 S. Santa Fe Dr. ▪ **Sean Manning, CPA, Manning & Company**, 1860 W. Littleton Blvd. ▪ **Sushi Basho**, 2700 W. Bowles Ave. ▪ **The Body School**, 7201 S. Broadway Ave. ▪ **Wild Ginger Thai Restaurant**, 399 W. Littleton Blvd. ▪ **Western Welcome Week**, 5890 W. Bemis St.

Other

The Business/Industry Affairs Department will conduct a seminar on “mobile marketing” on Wednesday, August 10 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the City Center, 2255 W. Berry Ave. Perhaps you have heard of Foursquare or QRC and wondered what they are and whether you could use them in your business. If you haven't heard of them, this seminar is even more important (think of the first time someone mentioned Twitter or LinkedIn to you).

We will cover the major new mobile marketing software that have appeared this last year and show how you might use some of them in your business.

RSVP to Jo Anne Ricca at jricca@littletongov.org or 303.795.3760.

Calendar

HDLM: August 3, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Town Hall Arts Center.

Mobile Marketing Seminar: August 10, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Littleton City Center

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

Been downtown lately? Right through the heart of the biggest recession in 70 years, the downtown has been growing in vibrancy and quality. Well-respected metro restaurants like The Tavern, Lucille's and Delvickios have located in and around the downtown. The city's investments in sidewalks, light rail and beautification combined with private sector investments in new construction, additions and remodeling—all of which respect the historical and pedestrian-scale context of downtown—have resulted in a remarkable boom. Come on down to the heart of Littleton.

*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.
--- Christian Gibbons, Director (cgibbons@littletongov.org).*

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