



Littleton Economic Notes June 2011

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Littleton Businesses

Manning & Company PC (1860 W. Littleton Blvd.) was named the "2011 Accounting Firm of the Year" by the Professional Association of Small Business Accountants (PASBA), a national organization of accounting firms committed to being leaders in the industry and serving clients at the highest level possible. Sean Manning now heads the company started by his dad, Bob Manning, more than 35 years ago. 303-761-9119; www.manningco.com/

Delvickios has opened at 819 W. Littleton Blvd. offering an extensive menu of Italian food from appetizers and salads to entrees such as spaghetti, gnocchio, eggplant paresana, archobellino piatto, lasagnas and linguini to pizzas, toasted sandwiches and a variety of desserts. Owner Annie Vick has based this new place on her successful restaurant in Longmont, Pinocchios, which she has franchised. 303.798.1055; www.delvickios.com

The McDonald's at 5858 S. Santa Fe Dr. will be closing for a total rebuild on June 27th with projected opening of the new facility in late October. A silent auction of store items will be held on the 27th from 5:00 a.m. till midnight to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. McDonald's memorabilia and helping children at the same time.....just the right combo order! 303.795.5649.

A recent issue of *the Denver Post's Your Hub* section featured the civil litigation law firm of Atkinson/Boyle, PLLC, (5575 S. Sycamore) opened by seasoned personal injury and construction defect attorneys Aaron Atkinson and Bill Boyle. After years of working with major insurance companies at large firms, the two men decided to bring their unique knowledge and talents to individuals and businesses to resolve claims efficiently while ensuring fair and reasonable outcomes. 720.279.5480; www.atkinsonboyle.com

The Grand Opening celebration for Gypsy Jones (5664 S. Prince St.) on June 4 marked the welcome return of the upscale women's consignment boutique shop after it traveled about for a few years—as gypsies are wont to do. Owner Sharon Jones offers seasonal clothing and samples, designer handbags, jewelry and shoes along with some new items. 303.424.3041; gypsyjones.com/

On June 15 Dr. Dale Retzer will celebrate the 24th anniversary of his chiropractic practice at 89 W. Littleton Blvd., where he specializes in activator methods, muscle trigger points and exercise programs. A native of Littleton, Dr. Retzer has a loyal following and still treats his very first client. 303.730.2414.

The newly opened Nana DC's café offers breakfast and lunch from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday in the Columbine Valley Shopping Center at 3625 W. Bowles Ave. Owners Renee Rosalia and Michelle Edmunds have a full breakfast menu that includes breakfast burritos and a full-service deli for sandwiches made to suit the customer as well as tacos, chili and other Mexican food. 303.638.6846

David Ortega has opened Ralphie's Pizza in the Woodlawn Shopping Center at 1500 W. Littleton Blvd. featuring the same homemade "authentic" New York style pizza, sandwiches, pastas, salads, and desserts (even birthday cakes!) that have made his first place on S. University such a hit. Delivery is available within 2 miles. 303.953.6723; www.ralphiespizzeria.com

Veterinarian Dr. David Specht and his staff will be holding a Grand Opening celebration for the new SouthPark Animal Clinic at 741 SouthPark Dr. on Saturday June 18 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with refreshments and prizes. The facility, which opened May 15, was designed specifically to suit the medical and surgical care of small animals and exotic pets. 303.996.1333; www.southparkanimalclinic.com

The Alta Aspen Grove luxury apartment complex opened its club house and the first of 17 buildings with 280 apartments that are planned to be completed by the end of April 2012. The second building is set to open July 1. This 17.5 acre community is just behind the Aspen Grove Shopping Center at 7317 S. Platte River Parkway. The two and three story buildings comprise one, two and three bedroom units ranging in size from 695 to 1,491 sq. ft. priced from \$1,115 to \$2,115. **Tim McEntee** of Wood Partners reported that 15 leases have already been signed and there are 150 people on the interested list.

Other

Arapahoe Community College Automotive Technology program has been named best in the nation. The program was recognized with the 2011 Tomorrow's Technician School of the Year by WIX Filters, Chicago Pneumatic and Waterloo Industries. www.arapahoe.edu

Benny's Mexican Restaurant has submitted a revised site-development plan for one building housing two different restaurants at 5260 S. Santa Fe Drive.

Calendar

HDLM: July 6, 8:00 a.m. Town Hall Arts Center

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

Vivax Pro Painting has been named one of fifty winners in this year's Colorado Companies to Watch program. Developed by the Edward Lowe Foundation, <http://edwardlowe.org>, *Colorado Companies to Watch* recognizes companies with revenues between \$750,000 and \$50,000,000 and 6 to 99 employees. Research confirms that companies of this size, known as "second-stage companies," generate the most jobs per company.

Founded in 2004, Vivax is a "customer service company that happens to be really good at painting homes," the company says. That philosophy is paying off. Growth over 1,000 percent over the last three years earned Vivax a place on *Inc* magazine's "500 Fastest Growing Companies" list. The company expects to employ 32 full-time equivalent workers this year and is developing a profit-sharing model for employees.

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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