



LITTLETON REPORT

City of Littleton

October 2004

Littleton City Council refers three questions to voters

Littleton citizens will vote on three questions referred by the Littleton City Council when they go to the polls November 2

Issue 2A (new police building)

The city council and staff have worked for four years to study the need, site selection and design for a new police administration building. The question asks for an approximately 2.4 mill property tax increase to fund construction of a new building adjacent to the Littleton Center. The cost of the project is estimated at \$15 million (\$10 million for the building and \$5 million for architecture and engineering fees, landscaping, furnishings, etc.). Property owners would pay an additional \$1.59 per month for each \$100,000 in property value. The tax would expire when the bonds are paid off. Littleton has the 4th lowest property tax rate of the 13 cities in Arapahoe County. With the tax increase, Littleton would be 7th lowest. Alternative financing options were considered, however, given the uncertain economy, the city council believes the property tax is the most prudent way to pay for the building.

Shall City of Littleton debt be increased up to \$15,000,000 with a repayment cost of up to \$24,072,750 (such amount being the maximum total principal and interest payable over the life of said debt) by the issuance and payment of bonds of the city for the purpose of constructing a new building to be used to house the operations of the Littleton Police Department. Such bonds to be payable by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the city as authorized in the city's charter, which authorization shall include authorization to refund such bonds and refunding bonds without additional voter approval; and in connection therewith (I) shall City of Littleton ad valorem property taxes be increased in the maximum amount of \$1,205,500 annually to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds and refunding bonds when due, without limitation or any other condition except as stated above, and (II) shall the proceeds of such bonds and refunding bonds and the revenues from such taxes and any earnings from the investment of such proceeds and revenues be collected and spent without limitation or condition under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or any other law?

Question 2B (municipal election date)

A conflict over election dates between the city charter and Constitutional Amendment 1 could result in the possibility of the city conducting two elections, one week apart in the years 2005 and 2011. This would be a difficult, if not impossible task, as county voting equipment might not be available one week after a county polling place election and could reduce voter turnout due to the confusion.

Shall Section 12 of the City Charter of the City of Littleton, Colorado, entitled "Municipal Elections," be amended to read:

Sec. 12. Municipal Elections. A general municipal election shall be held on the first Tuesday in November in odd numbered years. Special municipal elections shall be held in accordance with the provisions of this Charter. City elections shall generally be conducted as mail ballot elections provided, however, the City Council may determine, from time to time, to conduct required City elections at polling places, when polling place elections are conducted, polling places shall be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. election days.

October 4 is the last day to register to vote. Early voting begins October 18. The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is October 26. The last day of early voting is October 29. Polls will be open on election day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For further information, contact the city clerk's office at 303-795-3753.

Santa Fe Drive safety improvements complete

The Santa Fe Safety Project from Sumner Street to C470 is finished. The project, which began in September, 2003, widened the asphalt pavement to accommodate 12-foot shoulders and a center 16-foot-wide median to separate thru lanes of traffic, placed rumble strips along the center lines and along the shoulders to warn wandering motorists, installed new street lighting, and constructed a new asphalt surface from Church Avenue to C470.



CDOT Region 6 Transportation Director John Muscatell and Littleton Mayor John Ostermiller shake hands at a September 14 celebration of the completion of the Santa Fe Drive safety project.

The \$13.5 million project, which was a joint effort of the Federal Highways Administration, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the City of Littleton, was constructed on time and under budget. The City of Littleton contributed \$1.8 million in TABOR funds towards the project. The Arapahoe and Douglas County Com-

missioners also approved contributions of \$100,000. Since 1995, 15 fatalities have occurred on this stretch of roadway and as Mayor John Ostermiller said recently at a ribbon cutting ceremony, "it is our sincere hope that the widening and improved lighting will make this road safer for the 50,000 motorists who travel it daily."

Question 2C (municipal court jurisdiction)

A recent Colorado Supreme Court decision involving the town of Frisco, Colorado provided that the Frisco Municipal Court would have "exclusive original jurisdiction over all matters arising under this Charter, the ordinances and other enactments of the Town." For cities like Littleton, that have provisions similar or identical to the Frisco provision, civil jurisdiction on many municipal matters will have to be filed in the Municipal Court first. Municipal Courts, since their inception, have dealt almost exclusively with criminal matters. Up to this point, all challenges to municipal matters, arising under the city code have generally been resolved in State District Court. The decision of the Supreme Court now raises the possibility of those cases being filed in Municipal Court. This would create many problems for the city, not the least of which are increased costs, the possibility of having to hire additional court personnel to handle the increased number of cases, and adding one more layer of court review and delay to a case.

Shall the first sentence of Section 58 of the City Charter of the City of Littleton, Colorado entitled "Establishment, Appointment, Qualifications, Term, etc., Of Judge," be amended to read?

There shall be a Municipal Court vested with exclusive jurisdiction of all violations of the Charter and ordinances of the City.

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Littleton Mayor John Ostermiller and his wife Terry (left) greet Baghdad, Iraq Council Member Siham Hattab Hamdan along with Mayor Pro Tem Ray Koernig and his wife, Mary. Hamdan visited the Denver area August 3-6 on a trip sponsored by the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

2005 budget cuts services and positions

After four budget workshops and three months of effort, the finishing touches are being made to the 2005 budget in what City Manager Jim Woods called, "the most difficult and complex budget faced by the staff and council since perhaps the 1987-1990 recession." A combination of factors including a freeze of market salaries in 2004 and continuing stagnation of the Colorado economy presented a major challenge to the staff in developing the 2005 budget. Total General Fund expenditures next year are budgeted at \$42,236,304, down over \$3 million from the estimated 2004 budget.

With revenues projected to increase only one percent next year, \$636,000 of reserves were needed to balance the budget. The General Fund balance at the end of 2005 is estimated at roughly \$3 million, the minimum considered necessary for emergencies and unexpected expenditures. Other fund balances such as sewer and water are earmarked for future projects.

The cuts will require the elimination of 9.5 positions. These positions may be re-filled in future years but only if funding becomes available. They include: court clerk, video producer, two accounting technicians, part-time parking enforcement officer, humane officer, one police dispatcher, two police officers, three part-time library employees and a seasonal streets maintenance position.

The special projects fund will drop over \$5 million from \$11.8 million in 2004 to \$6.2 million in 2005 as several major projects come to completion.

First reading of the budget will take place at the October 19 Littleton City Council meeting. Second reading and the public hearing will occur at the November 2 council meeting. Both meetings begin at 7 p.m. The 2005 budget will be available to the public December 17. For more information, call the finance department at 303-795-3765.

Time to prepare for the cold winter season

Beautiful fall weather. The heat of summer is gone. The aspen are turning yellow and the sky is brilliant blue. It's one of the most perfect times of the year. But winter is coming and along with it, major storms. Remember the blizzard of 1995? It happened on September 19. The changing seasons are one of the beauties of Colorado but the winter storms are a major problem unless you plan ahead.

Now is the time for that planning. Not just thinking about it, but actually planning for those cold, stormy winter days. Here are some things you can do at this time of year:

- Dig snow shovels out of the garage and find your auto window scraper.
- Restock commercial salt for your steps and walk.
- Flush your hot water heater. Sediment settles to the bottom.
- Restock your emergency supply of canned and dried foods for use if you are snowbound.
- Have your car tuned, check anti-freeze and make sure your shovel, chains and emergency kit are in it. Secure a copy of the *Disaster Handbook for Citizens* at the Littleton Center, Bemis Library, or the Museum.
- Take your winter clothes to the cleaners so they will be ready when the snow falls.

Last winter was mild, but you never know what this season will bring. The time to prepare is now!

Summer Cleanup keeps Littleton beautiful

The City of Littleton Summer Cleanup Program ended August 13, 2004. The program runs each year from June through the middle of August and has been successful in helping residents keep their properties clean. This year the program was a great success. There were 671 requests for pickups and 687 total pickups. There were 240 appliances recycled including 56 televisions and monitors and approximately 17 tons of metal.

Emergency ordinance adopted for Marathon



The Littleton City Council enacted a 90-day emergency ordinance at its Septem-

ber 14 meeting that will require any new proposals for the Marathon property to go through a public hearing process. A permanent ordinance will be considered at the November 16 council meeting. An earlier mixed-use commercial/residential project was denied by the council on May 4, 2004. However, some tax-exempt uses such as private schools and churches could occupy the property without a public hearing process and the council felt that it was important to have public input on the impacts of any future proposals. Additional information may be obtained from the community development department at 303-795-3748.

Weather forces Carousel of Music cancellation

The city's annual Western Welcome Week event, the Carousel of Music, was cancelled this year due to heavy rains that started late in the afternoon and continued into the night. It was to have been the 25th Anniversary for the Carousel of Music, which features 50-cent hot dogs and soft drinks, and entertainment by the Littleton Chorale and the Denver Concert Band.

Many residents were disappointed with the decision to cancel the event, but as the evening wore on and the rain got heavier, it became apparent that city officials made the right decision. The city received several calls from residents, asking if there was a "rain date."

"The event could not be rescheduled because of the number of people needed for a successful event," said Cathy Weaver, committee chairperson for the Carousel of Music. "We have more than 40 volunteers scheduled to work throughout the evening, and it would be unreasonable to expect all of them to come back the next night, or even two nights later. We will explore the possibility of setting a rain date for future years, but because of logistics, I suspect it

is unlikely. After all, the Carousel of Music has only been rained out twice in 25 years."

The cases of unused food, which included hot dogs, buns, chips and soft drinks, were donated the next day to several local organizations: Littleton's Meals on Wheels, the Libby Bortz Assisted Living Center, Inter-Faith Community Services, the Littleton Community Center, and The Family Tree—House of Hope in Englewood. The city does not have the facilities to store that much food, and the sponsors felt it was appropriate to donate it to organizations that could use it.

Event organizers and sponsors start planning and meeting in early spring and continue to meet about once per month until the event. Sponsors for this year's Carousel of Music included: Bradford Auto Body, Inc.; American Exteriors, Inc.; Colorado Business Bank, Littleton Housing Authority, Fisher Associates, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Littleton Public Schools, Arapahoe Community College and the City of Littleton.



Former South Suburban Parks and Recreation Board Member Roberta Gillis accepts a Guest Citizen Award from Council Member Jim Taylor June 15. Gillis was elected to the board in 1990 and served until 2004.

Museum employee earns prestigious honor

Lorena Donohue, deputy director/curator of collections at the Littleton Historical Museum, has been named a recipient of the Hugo G. Rodeck Award for Excellence by the Mountain Plains Museums Association. The award is made to recognize individuals who have contributed significant service to the museum field within the Mountain-Plains Region, including the nature and extent of their service, the significance of scope of their service, and the contribution of their

service to the growth and development of the profession. The award is named for one of the founding members and Director Emeritus of the University of Colorado Museum.

Donohue has been connected with the organization over many years, serving on committees, and holding various elected offices including president in 1994 and 1995. The Mountain Plains Museums Association consists of the states of Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, and Colorado. The organization is associated with the American Association of Museums.





FasTracks 4A on November 2 ballot

FasTracks 4A is a 12-year comprehensive rapid transit plan for the Denver metropolitan area. It has been developed over the past seven years by business leaders, transportation officials, local governments, and citizens. Over 300 public meetings attended by thousands of citizens were held to develop the plan.



The southwest line will be extended to Highlands Ranch under FasTracks. In addition, existing stations will be improved to accommodate four car trains, 440 new parking spaces will be added at the Englewood Station, and a new 1,000 space park-n-ride will be built at Lucent Blvd.

According to the Denver Regional Council of Governments, by 2025, 26 percent or 548,000 jobs will be within walking distance of a rapid transit station. Access to jobs throughout the region will be significantly increased.

A recent independent economic analysis by two of the region's leading economists determined that FasTracks would create an average of 6,200 jobs annually during implementation and generate \$6.3 billion in new spending.

Long-term they concluded that FasTracks would stimulate business investment, expansion, and permanent job creation.

The cost of FasTracks is \$4.7 billion. Voters will be asked to consider an RTD sales tax increase of four pennies on a \$10 taxable purchase. The tax does not apply to groceries, prescription drugs, home heat and electricity, gasoline, or services such as dry cleaning, movies, or haircuts. The economic study referred to above estimated that for an average 2.5 person household earning \$64,000 per year, the tax would be \$2.86 per month, per person.

FasTracks has been endorsed by hundreds of organizations and businesses, including: the Littleton City Council, 26 local governments and 31 area mayors.

FasTracks includes:

- 119 miles of new rail
- 6 new rail lines to Golden, Lakewood, Arvada, Aurora, Boulder, Longmont, Commerce City, Northglenn, Thornton and DIA
- Extensions of the existing southwest, southeast, and central light rail lines
- 18 miles of bus rapid transit service along U.S. 36
- 21,000 additional parking spaces
- 31 new Park-n-Rides
- 57 new transit stations
- 24 percent more bus service throughout the region
- New suburb to suburb bus service including timed transfers at transit hubs, called "FastConnects"

Realtors honor Littleton and former Mayor

The City of Littleton was honored to be the first city to ever receive the Community Service Award from the South Metro Denver Realtors Association (SMDRA). The award was presented at the SMDRA's annual award dinner September 17.

The award criteria stated that the recipient must be responsible for a public project that has had a positive impact on the community. The award was presented by Chairman Dick Sly.

The award was accepted by Littleton

Mayor John Ostermiller and City Manager Jim Woods.

In addition, former Littleton Mayor Susan Thornton was honored as the Citizen of the Year. Thornton was cited for her many accomplishments during 16 years of service on the city council.

The city and Thornton are each the recipients of a trophy and a \$500 contribution to the charity of their choice. Thornton's designee is Inter-Faith Community Services while the city has not yet decided.

What SMDRA said about Littleton!

"A vigorous citizen-outreach program was developed, including the *Littleton Report*, Littleton 8! (a cable channel which is no longer in use), neighborhood outreach meetings and an interactive web site; library checkout services were computerized; a life saving E-911 system was installed; the popular southwest light rail line was built and the old Denver and Rio Grande railroad terminal was moved and renovated for use at the downtown station; Downtown Littleton was named to the National Register of Historic Places and a historic preservation ordinance and district were put in place; the city developed a strategic approach to youth development and violence prevention; an innovative award-winning program was put in place to strengthen local businesses; and the police department began community policing with the addition of Neighborhood Liaison Officers and School Resource Officers."

"In addition, major infrastructure investments were made, including millions spent on the rebuild of roads and storm drainage projects; the extension of Mineral Avenue and the widening of Bowles were completed; several strategic parcels of open space were purchased to protect the South Platte Park; Chambers Farm (now Wynetka Ponds) was preserved; mini-parks were developed across the city; the last at-grade rail crossing was eliminated through Littleton; a major beautification project was undertaken on Main Street; a three-year expansion of Bemis Library was completed; the city preserved and renovated the historic Arapahoe County Courthouse for use as the city's courts; land was acquired next to the courthouse for a new community recreation facility; a new city maintenance facility was acquired; important safety improvements on South Santa Fe Drive were implemented; a major expansion of the Littleton Historical Museum, construction of Fire Station #12 and a new police administration facility are all in various stages of completion."



First Community Bank at 200 West Littleton Boulevard had a grand opening August 5. Attending the ribbon cutting were CEO Michael Stanford, Sandra Romero, Jennifer Willis, Vice President Rob Holt, Eddy Hunter, Branch Manager Rose Garcia, Alan Mathews, Vice President Jason Hearnberger, Mayor Pro Tem Ray Koernig, Council Member Pat Cronenberger, Chamber of Commerce President John Brackney, Hanna Segrist, and Cherry Creek Branch Manager Melissa Vance.

Museum presents the Second Thursday Lecture

The Unknown Irish Croesus—October 14 at 7 p.m. at Arapahoe Community College's Waring Theater (5900 S. Santa Fe Drive).

How many people have heard of him? The red-haired Irishman who came to the U.S. penniless in 1869 at the age of 19 and was, by the end of that century, one of the richest men in the world? The man who owned the great Camp Bird gold mine in Colorado, who was the friend of successive U.S. presidents, whose daughter was the last private owner of the most infamous jewel in existence.

His name was Thomas Francis Walsh and he came from a small tenant farm near Clonmel, County Tipperary. His story and

that of his daughter Evalyn has now been novelized by best-selling Irish writer Mary Ryan. The book is called *HOPE*.

Evalyn is one of the book's most salient characters. She marries Ned McLean, heir to the *Washington Post*, giving Ryan the opportunity to depict American high society of the time in Washington, Newport, and on their travels. Evalyn buys the Hope Diamond from Cartier in Paris. The tragedies that she then endures have been attributed to the curse of that infamous gem.

This jewel is now on display at the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution.

This free lecture is open to the public.

Leaf Recycling Program returns to Littleton

For the 12th year, the Cities of Littleton and Englewood are sponsoring a leaf-recycling program in cooperation with Eagle Waste Services and Jensen Sales Company. In the previous ten years of the program, more than 8,000 cubic yards of leaves and 1,485 tires have been recycled.

Leaves will be collected from 8 a.m. until noon on two Saturdays: October 30 and November 6. The collection point is the old Littleton sewer plant location at 2307 West Belleview Avenue. This is the northeast corner of Belleview and South Zuni Street, one block west of Santa Fe Drive. Volunteers working at the site will accept leaves

only. No grass clippings, tree branches or other refuse will be accepted. The leaves will be recycled by grinding and mixing them into soil amendment products. Citizens are also welcome to stop by and take leaves home to compost.

Tires will also be collected for recycling at a cost of \$1.50 each and \$3 for those mounted on rims. This collection site is open for residential recycling and no materials will be accepted from lawn service companies or other commercial ventures.

For more information contact David Flaig at 303-795-3766.

21st Candlelight Walk coming November 26

The 2004 Candlelight Walk and Tree Lighting, sponsored by local merchants and community organizations, is set for Friday, November 26 in historic Downtown Littleton. The 21st edition of this Littleton tradition will feature a magical evening of holiday festivities, culminating in the illumination of Main Street. Santa Claus will make his way down Main Street in a sleigh followed by thousands of carolers holding candles and flashlights. Enjoy merchant open houses and bring your camera for a photo with Santa at Town Hall Arts Center or with two of Santa's reindeer at 2659 West Main Street.

Gather at Town Hall Arts Center; Bega

Park; or Bradford Auto Body for free hot cider and music from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Candles will be available for 50 cents. Donations of non perishable food for Inter-Faith Community Services will be accepted, as will toys for the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop.

Main Street will be closed to traffic shortly after 5 p.m. and Santa will begin his march at 6:30 p.m. The event culminates at the west end of Main Street where one lucky child's name will be drawn to help Santa throw the switch on the huge live trees. A variety of local singers and musicians will provide musical entertainment at various Main Street locations.

Channel 8 documentary wins national award

Centennial Race Track: Racing With the River received a first place award in the Documentary/Profile category at the 19th Annual NATOA Government Programming Awards. NATOA is the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. The award was presented at the organization's annual conference September 17.

The program is a historical documentary on the history of Centennial Race Track. The documentary includes historical pho-

tos, rare racing footage, and interviews with people whose lives were touched by horse racing in Littleton.

The program was produced by Littleton's former video producer, Doug Reed, for viewing on the city's cable channel 8. When Reed left the city's employment in June, the position was frozen due to budget cuts. The position will remain vacant and Littleton 8 programming discontinued for the immediate future.



Jazz, fireworks, kids' parade, and pancakes highlight 76th Western Welcome Week





Fall safety tips from Littleton Fire Rescue



Fall is in the air which means that winter weather is just around the corner. Before the cold weather sets in, Littleton Fire Rescue would like to remind you to prepare your home. Follow these tips to make your home safer this winter:

Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

- Make sure the stove or fireplace is installed properly and has an Underwriter Laboratories (UL) label.
- Keep combustibles at least three feet away from stoves and fireplaces.
- Have the chimney professionally inspected annually. This inspection will determine if the chimney needs to be cleaned.
- Use a glass or metal screen in front of fireplace openings to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out and igniting rugs, carpets, clothes, etc.
- Do not use flammable liquids to help ignite or accelerate a fire.
- Avoid using large amounts of paper to build a fire because this increases the amount of creosote. Creosote is the wood tar build-up that appears in most chimneys after continuous use. Chimney fires are the result of the ignition of the creosote build-up.
- Never close the damper when hot ashes are still present. This may force toxic carbon monoxide throughout the home.
- Dispose of hot ashes appropriately. Use a metal container outside and away from structures or combustibles.

Furnace Heating

- Do not store anything around your furnace. Maintain two to three feet of clear space.
- Know where the emergency natural gas shut-off valve is located and make sure it, along with other controls, are in good working condition.
- Do not attempt maintenance of furnace units unless you are qualified. Faulty repairs can lead to deadly outcomes.
- Visually inspect the flue pipes, espe-

cially the seams. Soot build-up along these seams may indicate a leak.

- Make sure the flue pipes are well-supported and without cracks or holes.
- Kerosene heaters are prohibited in multi-family occupancies.

Space Heaters

- "Space heaters need space" – keep all combustibles at least three feet away.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave the room.
- Keep children and pets away.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

What is carbon monoxide (CO) and why do I need a carbon monoxide detector?

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless and toxic gas produced as a by-product of combustion. Any fuel burning appliance, vehicle, tool or other device has the potential to produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide gas. Examples of carbon monoxide producing devices commonly in use around the home include: fuel fired furnaces (non-electric), gas water heaters, fireplaces and woodstoves, gas stoves, gas dryers, charcoal grills, lawnmowers, snowblowers and other yard equipment, and automobiles.

- Place one carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home.
- A recommended type of carbon monoxide detector is one that has a low level indicator. Also, make certain that the detector has a (UL) 2034 label.

Candles

- Never leave candles burning unattended.
- Make sure all candles have a base that is large and deep enough to hold run-off wax.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

On Sunday morning, October 31 clocks are moved back one hour for Daylight Savings Time. Take the time to replace the batteries in your home smoke alarms and test each of them by pushing the "test" button each month throughout the next year.

WWW Children's Parade a huge success

The Western Welcome Week Children's Parade, sponsored by Littleton Firefighter's Foundation, Action Care Ambulance and Littleton Firefighter's Local 2086, was held on Saturday, August 21. Judges for the event were Littleton Fire Rescue's new chief, John Mullin; Littleton Mayor Pro Tem Ray Koernig; and Littleton Fire Protection District Board Vice President Chuck Graham. Emcee for the event was Lieutenant Mike Simon. A great time was had by all!!



Pedestrian 1st Place Winner:
Jurnee Manley
Future City Manager

Bikes 1st Place Winner:
Laura Arbogast
Police Woman of the Future

Floats 1st Place Winner:
Andie Liebgott
Blasting Off into the Future

Fire Prevention Week returns October 3-9

Littleton Fire Rescue will promote fire safety during the entire month of October, although October 3-9 is recognized as National Fire Prevention Week. The National Fire Protection Association has chosen this year's theme: "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarms," which reinforces the importance of all families installing and maintaining smoke alarms in their home.

Since smoke alarms were first introduced to the public in the 1970s, they have helped to reduce the home fire death rate by half. While having smoke alarms installed in your home is critical, the maintenance of them once they have been installed is just as important. Follow these guidelines to ensure that yours will be working if they are needed:

- Change the battery at least once a year (hints: use a family member's birthday and give the smoke alarm a gift

of a new battery; Change Your Clock-Change Your Battery in April or October).

- Each month, test the smoke alarm battery by pushing the test button (hint: flip the calendar to a new month, test the batteries in all smoke alarms).
- Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old.
- Clean your smoke alarms! Vacuum and dust when changing the battery.
- Never paint over a smoke alarm!
- Install at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home, including the basement and outside of sleeping areas.
- For added protection, install one in each bedroom. Fire codes require this in all new construction or remodels.
- Hard-wired smoke alarms with battery back-ups should still be maintained.

Littleton Firefighters do their part to "Fill the Boot"

This year celebrated the 50th year in which the International Association of Firefighters and the Muscular Dystrophy Association partnered in the fight against more than 40 neuromuscular diseases. Each year Littleton Firefighters, along with many other fire departments nationwide, hit the streets during Labor Day weekend to collect donations to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Fill the Boot" Campaign. Littleton Firefighters collected

over \$15,000 from the generous citizens of Littleton, Highlands Ranch and the Littleton Fire Protection District. Thanks to all who donated to this most worthwhile cause. At a time of slow economic growth, high unemployment and growing financial obligations, it is great to know there are still many people willing to open up their hearts and wallets to help the more than one million Americans diagnosed with a neuromuscular disease.

Paramedic Captain wins Paramedic Spirit Award



injuries from an automobile accident. To keep her dream alive, her family generously started the Laura Michelle Thornton Paramedic Spirit Award. Paramedic cadets nominate and select the one classmate they feel displayed the true spirit of paramedicine throughout the program. They chose Captain Ullery.

"This is a truly amazing story of a will to succeed," stated EMS Division Chief Wayne Zygowicz. "Dave really dedicated

his time to being the best student he could be in school and that's often very difficult with a family at home. His years of experience as an EMT and leadership qualities really came out during the class and all of the students recognized that by this award. He went to school for the right reason because he wanted to make a difference in the lives of the patients he sees on calls."

Littleton Fire Rescue is proud to announce that Paramedic Captain Dave Ullery has won the Laura Michelle Thornton Paramedic Spirit Award. This award was bestowed to Ullery at St. Anthony's Paramedic Academy graduation Thursday, July 22, 2004.

Laura Michelle Thornton's dream was to become a paramedic. Sadly, she died while still in high school as the result of



AIRLIFE Denver honored Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) with the AIRLIFE Award of EMS Excellence. This award recognizes a fire department that exemplifies outstanding professionalism, dedication and service to its community; whose high level of patient care is evident by innovative training, community awareness and preventive health programs. As stated on the award, the citizens of Littleton benefit daily from the dedication, knowledge and expertise of the professionals at LFR.

LFR was the first in the state (1974) to staff firefighters trained as paramedics and emergency medical technicians. LFR is very committed to providing citizens with educational programs that reduce injury, death or disability. Most recently, Littleton raised the standard again by providing rapid portable ultrasound for diagnosing suspected internal abdominal injuries. The professionals at LFR are at the forefront of bringing state of the art equipment, skill and knowledge into the community.



Local residents celebrate National Night Out



National Night Out (NNO) is the one night a year that residents come together to give crime a “going away party.” National Night Out is designed to heighten drug awareness and crime prevention. It also promotes local anti-crime programs such as Neighborhood Watch. Residents do not need to be involved in any type of Neighborhood Watch program to participate in NNO; however, NNO is the perfect time to begin a program on their block. Residents and business owners/managers are encouraged to organize block parties to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

This year’s one night event, the 21st annual, was a great success with 32 block parties held August 3, 2004 (some blocks still had parties on other nights). There were over 1,500 participants which included an estimate of over 100 individual neighborhood blocks.

There were more than 20 Littleton Police Officers traveling across the city, including two McGruff Crime Dogs.

Again this year, each block party was asked to collect non-perishable food items for Inter-Faith Community Services. The Community Resource Officers collected more than two pickup trucks full of much needed goods. The Community Outreach Unit also placed collection points at the

Littleton Center during Western Welcome Week, and collected many donations. The Community Outreach Unit and the Littleton Police Department thank everyone for all the extra effort neighborhood organizers put into their individual parties.

In preparation for future events, whether it is National Night Out or Neighborhood Watch, the Community Outreach Unit and Community Resource Officers would like to hear from Littleton residents. For information, please check the city website at www.littleton.gov.org; click on Police, and on the column to the left, click on Community Policing. You will find a district map and the community resource officer that represents your neighborhood.

- Littleton Police Department
Community Outreach Unit
Community Resource Officers**
- Sergeant Greg Bohlen**
303-795-3712
 - Officer Steve Skundberg**
303-795-3740 – District 1
 - Officer Marty Keilman**
303-795-8221 – District 2
 - Officer Chris Grosz**
303-795-3742 – District 3
 - Officer Greg Zentner**
303-734-8146 – District 4
 - Officer Craig Kloppenberg**
303-795-3746 – District 5
 - Mr. Pete Schroder**
nnolittleton@aol.com
NNO Volunteer Coordinator



Littleton Police Officer Craig Kloppenberg arrives at one of 32 National Night Out block parties. This party was held in a Police District #5 neighborhood.

Mosquito season lingering into autumn

Mosquito season is not over yet. Depending on the weather, the season runs until the middle of October. People should continue to FIGHT THE BITE by following the recommended precautions.

What you can do:

Mosquitoes lay up to 250 eggs in still water, which hatch in seven to 10 days. If standing water is eliminated weekly, many mosquitoes will be kept from breeding in the first place. This also reduces the number of mosquitoes around the house. Check for items that might hold water including wheelbarrows, tires, hubcaps, toys, garden equipment, pool covers, tarps, plastic sheeting, pipes, drains, boats, canoes and trash. Remove standing water in ponds, ditches, clogged rain gutters, flower pots,



plant saucers, puddles, buckets and cans.

- Drill drainage holes in tire swings.
- Completely change water in bird baths and wading pools weekly.
- Stock ponds and fountains with fish that eat mosquito larvae.
- Avoid mosquitoes at dawn and dusk when they are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants while outdoors.
- Apply insect repellent that contains DEET. Follow directions carefully.
- Install or repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out.

For more information on West Nile Virus, contact Code Enforcement Specialist Rebecca Thompson at 303-795-3831.

Snow Squad volunteers needed as snow nears



Snow Squad, a complimentary service from the city to help elderly or disabled homeowners keep their sidewalks free of snow and ice, is looking for volunteers for the winter of 2004-2005. If you have time to spare and are looking for a way to give back to the community, contact Sue Payne at 303-795-3755 or e-mail her at spayne@littleton.gov.org.

ACC planning Barley, Malt, Hops and a Splash of Wine

The Ninth Annual Arapahoe Community College Foundation “Barley, Malt, Hops and a Splash of Wine” will be held Saturday, November 6 from 6-8:30 p.m. The casual fundraising event, co-sponsored by County Line Liquor Super Store, will be held on the first floor dining area of the main campus building at 5900 S. Santa Fe Drive.

Attendees, who must be 21 years of age, will have a wide variety of microbrews, wines and non-alcoholic beverages from which to sample. Food provided by a selection of local vendors will complement the featured beverages. Attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on donated

items at a silent auction.

Tickets for this popular annual event are \$20 per person at the door or in advance at County Line Liquor, 181 W. County Line Road, or the ACC Cashier’s Office located on the second floor of the main ACC building. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used by the Arapahoe Community College Foundation, a 501c (3) nonprofit organization, to directly benefit the college.

Plan to join in the “spirited” fun to benefit Arapahoe Community College! Parking in all ACC lots will be free during this event. For more information, to become a sponsor, or to donate silent auction items, call 303-797-5712.

South Suburban offering fall leisure activities

The South Suburban Parks and Recreation fall/winter *Connection* activities guide has already arrived at your home. Inside you will find all the exciting fall and winter leisure activities for which you are familiar and you can obtain more information about these activities and South Suburban facilities at www.sspr.org.

In addition to your old favorites, there are many new activities for all ages that you may want to consider. In the area of aquatics, water shy adults now have the chance to learn how to swim in the comforting atmosphere of like-minded peers. Goodson Recreation Center is offering evening adult group swim lessons. If you love the water and are interested in a new aquatic activity, call Lone Tree Recreation Center at 303-708-3525 and find out more about water volleyball and inner tube water polo for ages 14 and older. Other new athletic activities featured in the guide are middle and high school dodge ball tournaments for teams of six. Call South Suburban Athletics at 303-798-7515 to learn more. For youngsters three to six years old and their parents, a unique early-learning

gold class, Start Smart Golf lessons, will take place. Youth ages two to eight can get into a new racket and try tennis this autumn with U.S.A. “Tennis Kids” at Littleton Tennis Club.

Would you prefer to exercise your creative side? South Suburban is offering several new adult cultural arts classes including fused glass instruction with artist Michael Thornton. At South Platte Park, ages 13 and older can work with a professional illustrator learning the basics of drawing nature. If nature is your passion, try South Platte Park’s new Ute Skills Series, yes, the Native American type.

South Suburban also offers some fresh ideas for fitness seekers of any age. Children have their own after school fitness opportunity, Kids Fitness Zone. Adults can try something different in a Partner Yoga or Weights in a Nutshell class. Senior citizens might like to try Aqua Lite, a less strenuous version of aqua exercise. So whether you already have a preferred activity or want to try something new, the moment is now to plan your autumn leisure time and register for a South Suburban class.

SOUTH SUBURBAN TO HOST HALLOWEEN PARTY!



South Suburban Parks and Recreation will host the season’s first Halloween celebration, Spooktacular and Spooktoddler. Little ghosts and goblins ages 11 and under, will delight in costume contests, carnival games, a haunted house, temporary tattoos, crafts and lots of treats on Friday, October 22 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd. Prepay at www.sspr.org by 7 p.m. Thursday, October 21 and receive the discounted rate of \$4, the fee is \$6 the day of the event. For more information call 303-798-2476.



LIVING WITH GHOSTS AND FRIGHTFUL NIGHT OF FUN COMING TO BEMIS

Living with Ghosts: Haunted Inns and Mines of Colorado

Hear true ghost stories that will give you chills! Author and ghost hunter Kathi McIver will share her experiences and other accounts of haunted inns and mines of Colorado at a program October 9 at 2 p.m. MacIver is the author of four books: *Living With Ghosts*, *Haunted Inns*, *Ghosts of the Mining Districts*, and *Ghosts of Bennett Avenue*. Copies of her books will be available for purchase.



Frightful Night of Fun

Enjoy an evening of spooky fun October 22 from 7-10 p.m. The sci-fi classic, *The Blob*, featuring Steve McQueen as a teenager who battles to save his town from a giant alien blob, will be shown. After the movie, see a live performance of *The Blob is Back and is Back for Revenge!* As an additional treat, you can meet a special ghostly visitor. This event is for all ages.

Colorado Landmarks Reborn

On November 8 at 6:30 p.m., popular author and historian Tom Noel will talk about historic sites throughout Colorado that have been restored to their former glory by the State Historical Fund. He will share before and after restoration photographs and tell lively tales about the people and events associated with each site. Copies of Noel's book, *Guide to Colorado Landmarks*, will be available for purchase.

Protect Your Computer!

Computer consultant Herb Engler will cover the software you need to protect your computer and how to obtain it at this program November 18 at 7 p.m. Topics will include viruses, firewalls, spyware and adware, popup blockers, Trojan horses, Internet hijackers and other PC security issues. Engler will also answer questions from the audience on computer protection problems.

Make Your Own Greeting Cards

Learn how easy and fun it is to make unique greeting cards! Expert crafter Pam Shaver will teach you how to use everyday items in creating holiday cards. Two identical workshops with Shaver will be offered November 20 from 10:30 to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. These free classes are open to adults and children age eight and older. Materials will be provided at no charge. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for one of the workshops.

Holiday Music

Hear holiday favorites performed by the Sunshine Generation, a children's song and dance group, and the Glory Bells, an 11-member handbell choir from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. This performance will take place December 4 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

An Appalachian Christmas

Relax and enjoy a country Christmas with Henry the Fiddler and singer and guitarist Brian Clancy on December 15 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the library's main reading room. Clancy has performed throughout the United States and copies of his CD, *Songs from Irish Row*, will be available for purchase.

Computer Training Classes

The following free computer classes will be offered in the computer training lab on the lower level of the library. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register, or stop by the reference desk.

Beginning Internet: 9-10 a.m. October 9, November 13, and December 11

Advanced Internet: 9-10 a.m. October 13, November 6, and December 8

Computer Comfort: 9-10 a.m. October 2, November 10, and December 4

Singles' Book Lovers Group

All singles, 18 and older, are invited to come and meet others who love books and discussion! The Singles' Book Lovers Group meets the third Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. Extra copies of the book selections will be available at the checkout desk three weeks in advance of the discussion date. The following titles will be discussed in upcoming months: October 16, *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown; November 20, *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien; and December 18, *Miracles and Other Christmas Stories* by Connie Willis.

Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

If you enjoy talking about books, join the Bemis Evening Book Group, which meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett will be featured October 18, *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason November 15, and *In the Lake of the Woods* by Tim O'Brien December 20.

English Conversation Sessions

If you are learning to speak English, come to the library Friday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. to practice your English in an informal group and learn about American culture. No registration is required. For additional information, call Phyllis Larison at 303-795-3961.

English As A Second Language Classes

Learn English at the library! Beginning English classes will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Intermediate English classes will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, and 7-8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. These classes are open to teens age 16 and over and adults who want to learn or improve their English. There is a registration fee of \$20 for adults 21 and older. This fee covers testing and course materials and is due at the first class session. You may register for the classes at the library's main floor reference desk anytime during the year. The ESL classes are held in conjunction with Littleton Public Schools and an instructor provided by the district. For more information, call Phyllis Larison at 303-795-3961, or Patsy Jaynes, Literacy Coordinator for the Littleton Public Schools, 303-347-3448.

Receive Bemis News Via Email

Get the latest news on the library's programs by subscribing to the library's email notification service. You can select one or more categories of program information including children's, teen, adult, senior, and singles. A link to the email subscription web page is located on the bemis.sirsi.

net website and on the home page of the library's public computers. You can also pick up a subscription form at any service desk in the library.

Online Newspapers Available

Over 500 local, regional, and national newspapers are now available in one easy-to-search database, America's Newspapers, located on the library's website at bemis.sirsi.net. Home users simply enter their library card number to access the newspapers. Each paper provides unique coverage of local and regional news, including companies, politics, sports, industries, cultural activities, and people in the community. Colorado newspapers on the website include the *Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*, *Boulder Daily Camera*, *Colorado Springs Gazette*, *Fort Collins Coloradoan*, and others. The complete *New York Times*, updated daily, is also available.

Senior Programs

Senior Book Group

The Senior Book Group meets the first Monday of the month at 2 p.m. On October 4, there will be a special showing of the movie *Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at the Symposium Café. On November 1, Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* will be discussed at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Jan Knauer at 303-795-3961.

An Afternoon with Edgar Allan Poe

Just in time for Halloween, meet the master of the macabre, author Edgar Allan Poe, on October 25 at 2 p.m. Learn about Poe's life and the literary works that continue to enthrall readers.

Meet Doctor Tillie O'Malley

Meet a 19th century doctor from Ireland November 22 at 2 p.m. Doctor Tillie O'Malley will talk about her most interesting patients and the medical treatment that people received in the Victorian era. She will also bring a collection of doctor's instruments from the period. Doctor Tillie O'Malley is portrayed by actress Diana Reardon. She will appear Monday, November 22 at 2 p.m.

Teen Programs

Teen Writers Group

The Teen Writers Group meets the second Monday of the month (October 11, November 8, and December 13) from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Join other teens who love to write—stories, poems, plays, and more.

Teen Fantasy Game Group

Join us the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2:30 to 4 p.m. to play fantasy games with other teens.

Teen Advisory Team

The Teen Advisory Team makes suggestions on programs and services offered to teens, and meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Children's Programs Celebrate Children's Book Week November 15-21

This year's theme is "Let's Book." Call the library or stop by the children's room in November to find out what events are being held.

ONGOING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Bouncing Babies

A 20-minute program of bounces, rhymes, reading, and socializing for in-

fants (pre-walkers) and a caring adult on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Call to register, 303-795-3961.

Story Box

Thirty minutes of rhythm, rhyme, and reading for children ages birth to three and an adult. Held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Space is limited and free tickets are available one week in advance.

Preschool Story Time

Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities for children three years old through kindergarten on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. No tickets or registration required. On October 28 and 29, join the Costume Parade! During preschool story time, there will be a parade with fun stops for treats throughout the library. Kids are invited to dress in their costumes, and for this special event, younger siblings are welcome.

Night Tales

A 30-minute program for families to share stories, games, and crafts on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. No tickets or registration necessary.

October 7

Magical Stories. Magic tricks along with magical wacky stories.

October 14

Creepy Crawlies. A celebration of insects and other crawling things.

October 21

Halloween Puppet Show. Some funny and ever-so-slightly scary tales.

October 28

Halloween Costume Parade. Wear your costume and join the parade.

November 4

Cows Do the Strangest Things. Cows in all sorts of mischief!

November 11

Spaghetti Time. Fun spaghetti stories and songs; make a noodle picture.

November 18

Thanksgiving Puppet Show. Tumbleweeds celebrates in his crazy way.

November 25

Happy Thanksgiving. Library is closed.

KBC Kid's Book Club

For kids in grades 3-5 on the third Thursday (October 21 and November 18) at 6 p.m. Enjoy snacks and discuss the books we have read for the month. Call to register for this free program and to get the book list, 303-795-3961.

Paws To Read

This program is for children in grades 1-5 to practice reading with a doggie pal. Call to register for a 20-minute spot October 16 and November 20 between 10 a.m. and noon.



Dial-a-Story

You can listen to a short story anytime by calling 303-795-3960.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
CALL 303-795-3961**



Littleton Historical Museum looking for volunteers

A museum is an exciting place to work. In a museum you have the opportunity to meet people of all ages from all over the world, you are intellectually stimulated as you learn about history and art, and there is a certain feeling of satisfaction at the end of the day when you realize you have contributed to your community by being a volunteer. Here is your chance to feel this excitement.

The museum is looking for volunteers to fill a variety of positions in the newly expanded facility. There will be new volunteer opportunities in the areas of front desk reception, museum store, and classroom and gallery education. So, if you enjoy learning new things, and working with the public, you are invited to explore these new opportunities at a Volunteer Informational Session; members of the museum staff will provide information on the new museum and also discuss how you can contribute to your community by becoming a volunteer. This meeting will be held Wednesday, November 10 from 7-9 p.m. (location to be announced), space is limited so please call ahead to reserve a spot, 303-795-3950.

Harvest Festival returns to Littleton Historical Museum



of pumpkins planted by the historic site interpreters which will be for sale during the festival; and an almost completed museum! Historic site interpreters will press apples for cider and make apple butter amongst other activities.

Chris Daniels and the Kings, who had been scheduled to play for the museum's Summer Concert Series, but were rained out, will play from 10 a.m. to noon. There will also be a surprise band from 12:45 to 2:45. Wagon rides, cider and other refreshments will be available for purchase. Plan on staying awhile, take a wagon ride, buy your pumpkin, have some lunch (this year there will be hamburgers, hot dogs and turkey legs, as well as the traditional apple cider, pumpkin pie and other tasty treats), listen to music and just enjoy the day! Things will be laid out a little differently this year as the new museum is still being worked on, but it will be worth it when the museum opens this winter.

The Littleton Historical Museum is located at 6028 S. Gallup St.

Saturday October 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the Littleton Historical Museum's 11th Annual Harvest Festival.

In the late 1860s, families gathered together to help with the fall harvest and to share in the celebration of a successful crop! Please join us as we too, have much to celebrate: water in the lake, a great crop

2005 Calendar and Annual Report photo winners

The Littleton Fine Arts Committee has announced the winners in the *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report* photography contest. The winners are: January—Thomas Cassidy; February—Christopher Kokias; March—Thomas Siekmeier; April—Bruce Keegan; May—Harry Allen; June—Claudia Canggih-McAdam; July—Claudia Erek; August—Peggy Adams; September—Sharon Johnson; October—Pete Varney; November—Jamie Eisele; December—Millard Linthicum and Cover—Brad Carstens. For

the past 25 years, photographers have been shooting their favorite scenes in Littleton for entry in the Littleton Calendar contest. The Littleton Fine Arts Committee had the difficult task of selecting the winners from nearly 175 prints and slides submitted by 60 entrants. In addition to the beautiful photographs, the calendar features the City of Littleton Annual Report. The popular calendar will be available the first week of December at all city buildings and from the calendar's generous sponsors.

Abbott Building gets dramatic makeover

The two photos below show the dramatic results of a façade restoration project completed on the Abbott Building at 2430 West Main Street. The building front was restored to its original 1890 appearance with the assistance of a \$60,000 grant from the State Historical Fund (SHF). The top photo shows the building as it appeared in 2003 at the beginning of the project.

The City of Littleton has received 13

grants totaling \$650,000 since the SHF was started in 1993. In addition to the Abbott Building, local landmark restoration projects funded in part by SHF grants include the Coors Building, Columbine Mill and the Arapahoe County (now Littleton Municipal) Courthouse. The Abbott Building enjoys a prominent Main Street location, immediately east of the Town Hall Arts Center.



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City Council Accommodations

The public is invited to attend all regular meetings or study sessions of the Littleton City Council or any city board, commission or public program.

Please call 303-795-3857 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or program if you will need special assistance or any reasonable accommodation in order to be in attendance at or participate in any such meeting or program.

For any additional information concerning the city's compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, please call 303-795-3857.

Additional city government information can now be accessed via the Internet at www.littletongov.org.

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