

LITTLETON REPORT™

City of Littleton

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Calendars coming in December

The *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report* will be available the first week in December. They can be picked up at city facilities or any of the calendar sponsors.

Senior refund applications due soon

The last date to turn in your application for the Senior Property Tax Refund is November 2, 2009. To request an application or for any other questions call 303-795-3764.

Littleton candidates and ballot question certified

Littleton City Clerk Wendy Heffner has certified the nomination petitions of six candidates for the Littleton City Council. The municipal election will be held November 3, 2009.

In District I, the northwest quadrant of the city, James A. Taylor will run unopposed for a four-year term.

In District III, the southeast quadrant of the city, the two candidates are: Phil Cernanec and Travis Nicks. Voters will select one candidate for a four-year term.

In the At Large race, the candidates are: Peggy Cole, Yoon Joo Mager, and Bruce Stahlman. Voters will select two candidates – the candidate receiving the most votes will serve a four-year term; the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will serve a two-year term.

In addition, Littleton voters will consider a ballot question referred by the city council:

"Shall there be an amendment to Littleton City Charter Section 58 deleting outdated language and eliminating the requirement that the municipal court judge live or maintain a law office within the corporate boundaries of the City of Littleton?"

Candidates circulated petitions from August 4-24 to obtain the signatures of 50 registered electors residing within the city or the district for which the candidate is seeking office.

This will be a mail ballot election coordinated with the county clerks. Registered electors should receive

District 1



James Taylor

District 3



Phil Cernanec



Travis Nicks

At Large



Peggy Cole



Yoon Joo Mager



Bruce Stahlman

their mail ballots from October 13-19. The deadline to register is October 5. Ballots may require extra postage if mailed. They may be dropped off at the Littleton City Clerk's Office at 2255 West Berry Avenue through Election Day. There will be a drive-up drop-off at the Littleton Center on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Council terms begin November 17, 2009; departing council members and new council members will be recognized at a reception at 6:30 p.m. The

new council members will then be sworn in by Presiding Judge James S. Kimmel. Members of the city council will elect the mayor and mayor pro tem at that meeting for two-year terms.

Contact the county clerks' office if you have questions about your registration status: Arapahoe County, 303-795-4511; Douglas County, 303-660-7444; Jefferson County, 303-271-8111; or the Littleton City Clerk's Office at 303-795-3753.

City council reviews 2010 proposed budget

The Littleton City Council reviewed the *2010 Proposed Budget* September 8-10. This is an annual budget that is submitted by the city manager, based on citizen and staff requests and council policies.

The general fund is the city's largest fund that pays for public safety and other city services (see chart on page 2).

The 2010 proposed revenues of \$46,608,350 are approximately 1.9 percent above the 2009 adopted budget of \$45,759,860.

Proposed expenditures of \$48,768,840 are mainly comprised of public safety (55 percent for fire and police) and public services (12 percent for engineering, streets and grounds maintenance).

There is one position (immigrant program coordinator) proposed to be funded by transferring a current vacant position from the Municipal Court.

The capital projects fund accounts for special projects related to buildings, infrastructure, equipment, and other general governmental uses. The most

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The players and coaches of the Heritage High School football team walk the Western Welcome Week parade route each year after the parade to pick up litter. The City of Littleton and the Western Welcome Week Parade Committee are grateful to Coach Griebel and his team for volunteering their time every year for this service. Thank you Heritage Eagles!

City makes plans for H1N1

The City of Littleton has sought the advice of its medical advisor at Littleton Adventist Hospital as well as the Tri County Health Department in making preparations for the onset of the H1N1 flu.

According to the Tri-County Health Department, more people will become ill from this new virus than in a typical influenza season. While it is impossible to predict what will happen in the next few months, the Centers for Disease Control declared the H1N1 influenza a pandemic (worldwide spread), the first in 41 years.

Each city department is taking steps to prepare employees and maintain operations. This may include:

- Identify core activities essential for continuity.
- Determine how work would continue if half the workforce is out sick.
- Provide equipment and support for employees to telecommute if practical.
- Consider flex work hours.
- Review city policies as they relate to the pandemic including health, disability and salary.
- Upgrade hygiene protocols for office environments including fleet vehicles.
- Advise employees to stay home if they are ill and contact their personal physician if they have flu-like symptoms.

What you can do to prepare for the flu:

- Stay home from work and keep children home from school if they have a fever, cough, or sore throat. Don't return until 24 hours after the fever has stopped.
- Identify a separate room in the house for sick family members. Have only one person take care of them.
- Get supplies now such as fever reducing medicines, tissues, sanitizers, disinfectant, bleach, thermometer, cough drops, and throat lozenges.
- Talk to your doctor about family vaccinations against the seasonal flu and H1N1.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Use hand sanitizers that contain 60 percent alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes and cough into your sleeve, not your hands.

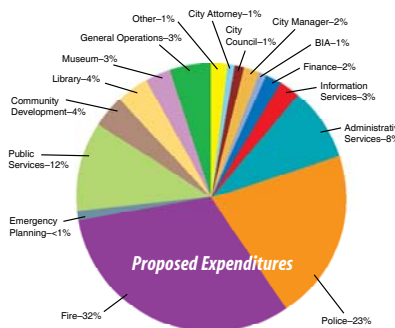
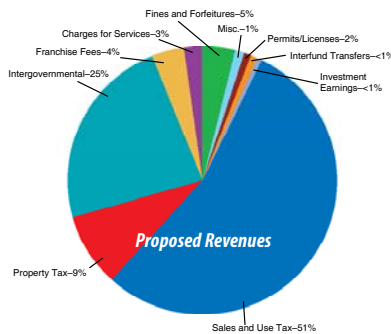
Find out more about H1N1 at www.tchd.org, www.cdphs.state.co.us, and www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/.

BUDGET: Public hearing scheduled for October 20

significant project proposed for 2010 is an expanded police building. The special revenue funds are used to account for public facilities, conservation trust, grants, the Shopping Cart program, open space, and other special revenue needs. The city's enterprise funds account for specific programs similar to business units. These funds are: water utility, storm drainage, sewer utility, South Metro Communications Center, Geneva Village, emergency medics, and permit plan review. The city's internal service funds account for service needs within

the organizational structure of the city. Those funds are: employee life, health, disability and unemployment insurances; property and liability insurance; worker's compensation; and fleet (vehicle) maintenance.

In 2010, the city's fund balance (net assets less net liabilities) is projected to remain within one percent of the 2009 budget. A public hearing is scheduled for November 3. Copies of the budget are available at Bemis Library, at the city's Finance Department, or online at littletongov.org.



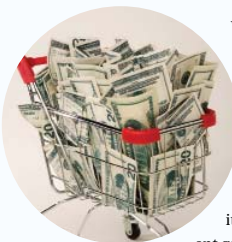
Public comments incorporated into Downtown Area Plan

Using the information they have gathered through their public outreach process, Littleton's planning commissioners are visiting other retail districts and comparing them with Downtown Littleton; evaluating the downtown zoning district; and amending the draft vision, issues and goals for downtown.

Planning commission encourages participation in the ongoing planning process for the downtown area. The city's website has survey results; draft vision, issues and goals; and a list of upcoming meetings.

If you have questions, contact Dennis Swain, acting director of community development at dswain@littletongov.org or at 303-795-3755.

Why shop in Littleton?



Why shop in Littleton? The answers most often given are to support local businesses and local government. How this benefits the local community is not often explained.

In Colorado, taxes are paid to the State of Colorado, counties, cities, and special districts. Each of these governments is set up for a different purpose and part of your taxes go to each one. This means that cities, like Littleton, receive their own funding and spend it on their own budget. You might say that the different governments in Colorado are part of a large family,

and although they may sometime share expenses, how each member spends their own budget is their own choice.

When we shop in Littleton we help not just local businesses but the city sales tax we pay stays in Littleton and can be used to help other people in the community. A tax dollar paid in Littleton has a greater chance to be spent again locally to benefit the entire city.

This spending benefits the entire community. How? The taxes we pay can be used to pay for libraries, parks, sidewalks, streets, police and fire protection, and all the other amenities we expect in a city. Also, when we support local businesses we give our community a sense of worth that makes other people outside the area more likely to visit the city, shop here, and spend their tax dollars here. When businesses are supported locally we not only create jobs in our area but our tax dollars are also spent to improve Littleton.



“District IV Cares, Let's Share”

District IV Council Member Debbie Brinkman continues her series of District IV conversations with the community. The next meeting will be:

Saturday, October 17 • 1-3 p.m.
Carson Nature Center, Solar Classroom
South Platte Park – behind Aspen Grove

Speakers: Jim Thelen, director of codes and inspections; and Tim McEntee, developer - Ulta Aspen Grove. There will also be city updates and a lively conversation on the issues that matter to us all.

Parking is available in the staff lot to the south. If the lot is full, use the RTD light rail lot.

Little's Creek erosion repairs planned

Work began in late September to repair stream erosion along Little's Creek, from West Weaver Avenue to South Gallup Street. The work is funded by the Urban Drainage & Flood Control District (UDFCD), at the request of the City of Littleton.

The project location is along Angeline Little Greenway. Erosion is threatening the concrete trail and a sanitary sewer. Boulders and smaller rocks will be placed at numerous locations to control undercutting of the banks adjacent to the trail. Several poor quality trees will be removed, large trees will be trimmed and receive protection. Numerous additional trees will be planted, along with wetland plants.

The improvements required a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Colorado. Work will take about one to two months, depending on weather.

Stream or bank erosion is common on natural streams such as Little's Creek, Lee Gulch or Big Dry Creek. However, in urban areas, erosion can threaten trails, utilities or other public facilities. UDFCD has an annual program to assist local governments with these types of repairs. Anyone who wishes to view the proposed plans may contact the Public Services Department.

"Go Green" with the Littleton Rehab Program

The Littleton Rehab Program can help income-eligible homeowners "Go Green" in their home with a multitude of energy saving systems. Sustainable, energy-efficient items such as windows, high efficiency furnaces and hot water heaters, and energy saving appliances are eligible. Window replacements may qualify for up to a \$1,500 rebate on income taxes.

The Rehab Program works with contractors who install Energy Star-rated furnaces and hot water heaters, which will help save money on heating and electric bills for years to come. Other "green" rehab projects include attic and crawlspace insulation, weatherproofing exterior doors, and installing insulated storm doors. Littleton Rehab can also assist with energy audits for your home. If you are interested in finding out how the Littleton Rehab Program can benefit you, contact Kimberly Kingston at 303-991-5301.

LI3 officially added to Bemis Library operations

The One-Stop Information Center, managed by the Littleton Immigrant Integration Initiative (LI3) and housed at Bemis Public Library since 2005, officially became part of the library August 4. Coordinator Alejandra Harguth will continue to run the center.

Now called the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center, it has helped more than 280 families and individuals per month find assistance with food, rent, and other basic needs and guided non-English-speaking individuals to English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and conversation groups. The most successful program has been the citizenship mentoring program which pairs volunteers with immigrants to help them become U.S. citizens. Through this program, 97 immigrants have become citizens. Another mentoring program, Language Partners, was started for immigrants who need one-on-one tutoring in speaking English.

The original funding for the LI3 project was a four-year grant of \$300,000 from the Colorado Trust. This grant ended July 31, 2009. Funding to continue the project through May 2010 has been obtained from: Arapahoe County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (\$16,827), Rose Community Foundation (\$10,000), and the E Pluribus Unum prize (\$50,000). Funding for the rest of 2010 is from the library's budget.

At the end of July, the Health and Wellness Program became a new non-profit, the South Metro Health Alliance. It helps low-income people gain access to medical, dental and mental health care. For information, contact Daiga Keller at 303-793-9604.

The LI3 Governing Council reorganized as a non-profit, still called LI3, which seeks to support immigrant integration programs through fund-raising and other projects. To become involved, contact Susan Thornton at 303-798-0844.

The center hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is still a need for volunteers. Call 303-795-3968.

Littleton partners with National League of Cities

Littleton has been selected as one of the first two cities in the country to participate in a new program designed by the National League of Cities (NLC) to enhance immigrant integration efforts.

NLC launched Municipal Action for Immigrant Integration (MAII) to promote civic engagement and naturalization among immigrant communities. It is a two-part program with the first being the New CITYzen Naturalization Campaign which highlights the benefits of naturalization, including voting rights. The second program, CITYzen Community Initiative, assists cities in developing an action plan for managing immigrant integration challenges, as well as defining a strategy to increase immigrant outreach in advance of Census 2010. MAII will provide Littleton with outreach materials, public service announcements, and one-on-one consulting services to launch this naturalization campaign. In return, Littleton will prepare an implementation plan, build additional connections with community groups, and distribute the materials to Littleton's immigrant community.

Library Director Margery Smith said, "I am excited about the prospect of partnering with NLC. Assistance with immigrant integration programs, especially regarding a formalized Census 2010 campaign, is most welcome."

For more information contact Smith at 303-795-3961.

Events

50¢ fun continues

South Suburban Parks and Recreation's 50th Anniversary celebration continues with 50¢ Fridays at the Cornerstone Batting Cages, 5098 South Windermere Street. On Fridays, October 2 and 16, baseball and softball enthusiasts will enjoy 16 pitches for only 50¢ from 4-9 p.m. The Cornerstone facility features nine cages, six for baseball and three for softball with adjustable hitting speeds from 17 to 85 miles per hour.

On Friday, October 30, come to Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Boulevard, for 50¢ specials including admission from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Goodson Recreation Center will celebrate its 30th Anniversary Friday, October 30 at 12 p.m. with the opening of a time capsule that was filled in 1979.

Visit www.sspr.org and learn about the other exciting 50th anniversary celebration activities.

Halloween "Spooktacular and Spooktoddler"

South Suburban Parks and Recreation will host one of the season's first Halloween celebrations, Spooktacular and Spooktoddler. Little ghosts and goblins, ages 11 and under, will delight in costume contests, carnival games, a haunted house, crafts and lots of treats Friday, October 23, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 South University Boulevard. Prepay at www.sspr.org by 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 21 and receive the discounted rate of \$4; fee is \$6 starting October 22. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information call Erik Reis at 303-483-7064.

South Platte Park Haunted Trail

Your guide will tell you a ghastly tale as you're led to the darkest part of the forest. What lurks in the trees and river on this enchanted evening? Do you have the courage to walk the woods by moonlight? Refreshments and a warm fire wait for you at the end, if you make it! Send the little ones to Spooktacular (see above) - this is for ages nine-adult! Oct. 23 and 24, visit www.sspr.org for times and to register.

"Hudson Holiday" coming soon



The Museum of Outdoor Arts (MOA) is creating "Hudson Holiday"—an outdoor extravaganza of lights and seasonal decorations opening to the public November 21, 2009 and running on selected nights through

January 3, 2010, at the Hudson Gardens & Event Center at 6115 South Santa Fe Drive.

Under the creative direction of MOA's Lonnie Hanzon, portions of the 30-acre regional display gardens will become enchanted with lights, sound, and animated elements. Designed for all ages, Hudson Holiday will include horse-drawn carriage rides, warming tents, and hot beverages to take the chill off the winter nights.

Hanzon is designing with traditional decorations, as well as state-of-the-art LEDs, lasers, and other "green" technologies.

Hudson Holiday

November 21-22, 27-29 • December 4-6, 11-13, 18-23, 26-31 • January 1-3
Times: 5 to 9 p.m. (Last ticket sold at 8:30 p.m.)

Tickets: Children three and under free, kids 4-12 \$6, seniors \$7, adults \$8

The site features plenty of free parking. Guests can also travel by light rail to a nearby station and warm up with a short walk to Hudson Holiday.

Leaf and tire recycling

The Cities of Littleton and Englewood are continuing their annual leaf-recycling program. In the previous 16 years of the program, 13,640 cubic yards of leaves and 2,167 tires have been recycled. It will be held November 1 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A new collection location will be confirmed in mid-October and posted on the city website and in flyers at the museum, library and Littleton Center. Volunteers at the site will accept leaves and tires only. No grass clippings, tree branches or other refuse will be accepted.

Tires will be collected for recycling at \$1.50 each and \$5 for those mounted on rims. No oversized tractor or truck tires permitted. This collection is for residential recycling and no materials will be accepted from lawn service companies or other commercial ventures.

For more information call 303-795-3863.





The 29th Annual Western Welcome Week Children's Parade, sponsored by the Littleton Firefighters Foundation and Local #2086, was "Going Green" as the kids paraded down Main Street in Downtown Littleton in honor of this year's WWW theme. Creativity shone through as children dressed as firefighters and one boy drove a miniature John Deere tractor! Judges Dick Eckert of the Littleton Fire Protection District board, Courtney Morehouse of Rural/Metro Ambulance Company, and Katie Moore of Littleton Fire Rescue had the challenge of awarding prizes to participants. All entrants received participation ribbons. First place in the float category was "A Note for Mother Nature." First place in the wheels category was "The Kirby Kids." The "Carbon Footprint" won first place in the pedestrian category.

Fire Prevention Week returning October 4

From October 4-10, fire safety advocates will spread the word about preventing home fires. To help the community with this, everyone is encouraged to participate in "The Great American Fire Drill" during the month of October. By having a home escape plan and practicing it at least two times per year, a person's chance of survival in a home fire greatly increases.

This is an opportunity for you and your family members to talk about fire safety and make sure everyone in your home knows how to get out quickly. Important components of a home escape plan are:

- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of every room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms on your map with an "S." Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a special meeting place outside, on the same side of the street as your home
- Practice twice a year.

Children who participate in "The Great American Fire Drill" will receive a coupon from McDonald's. Simply log on to littletongov.org, click on the "Great American Fire Drill" icon, and fill in the information. For more information on home escape planning visit sparky.org and click on the "Family Fun" section.

LFR Foundation donates fire alarms



On Thursday, September 3, members of Littleton Fire Rescue delivered several important safety items to a local family. The members of the family are completely deaf, and therefore cannot hear the sound of a traditional smoke or carbon monoxide alarm. To allow them to be notified in case of an emergency, the Littleton Firefighters Foundation donated a LifeTone clock, a smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide alarm. The LifeTone alarm clock communicates wirelessly with the smoke and CO alarms and flashes the word fire on the display when any of the alarms are activated. The clock also comes with a bed shaker. The bed shaker is placed under the mattress pad or pillow, and activates in conjunction with the LifeTone clock. Since most fatal fires occur at night, it is important that residents are notified early in the case of smoke or fire. These safety devices will help the family sleep better!

Littleton citizens can join free alert system

Littleton residents can now sign up for a new Citizen Alert System. Everbridge Aware provides emergency notification to thousands of businesses and residents in minutes. Those with traditional land-line telephones are already registered using the address recorded with their phone company but citizens are encouraged to add additional devices such as cell phones, email, text messages, pagers or PDAs.

The system was launched September 1 and was funded by the Arapahoe County E 9-1-1 Authority Board. It will be able to alert subscribers to emergency police situations, fires, floods, toxic environmental issues, and other emergencies.

Citizens are encouraged to opt-in to the system and provide additional contact information or to opt-out if they wish. To opt-in with devices besides your land line telephone, or to opt-out go to www.littletongov.org/emergency.

The program is voluntary and citizens are encouraged to keep their information up to date.

Children and fire safety

In 2006, an estimated 14,500 child-playing structure fires were reported to U.S. municipal fire departments, with associated losses of 130 civilian deaths, 810 civilian injuries, and \$328 million in direct damage.

- Children under the age of five are more than eight times as likely to die in fire caused by playing with the heat source than are people of all ages.
- Most child-playing home fires are started with lighters or matches.
- Almost half (42 percent) of child-playing home structure fires begin in the bedroom.
- Leading items ignited by home fire-play are mattresses, bedding, and clothing.

Did you know that 50 percent of child fire deaths affect those under the age of five? Escaping from a fire can be difficult for very young children because they generally lack the motor skills and mental capabilities needed to quickly escape a burning building. The U.S. Fire Administration provides fire prevention information to teach children and their caregivers about the dangers of fire. Protect your kids ... install and maintain smoke alarms and residential sprinklers and practice home fire escape plans to ensure your children will be safe if a fire were to start in your home.

Children and Fire – Life Saving Tips

- Keep matches, lighters and other items used for ignition in a secured drawer or cabinet out of the reach of children.
- Teach your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.
- Always dress children in pajamas that meet Federal flammability standards. Avoid dressing children for sleep in loose-fitting, 100 percent cotton garments, such as oversized t-shirts.
- Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.
- Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house.
- Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if clothes catch fire.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Get out and stay out.
- Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke alarm.
- Replace mattresses made prior to the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.
- Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.

Station 11 gets new state-of-the-art medic unit



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transport is a mobile emergency room on wheels which provides clinical care, retrieval, and transport of ill and injured patients to local hospitals. Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) relies on its medic units (ambulances) to transport firefighters safely to the scene of an incident and return patients safely and comfortably to the hospital. These specialized ambulances carry state-of-the-art medical equipment as well as firefighting gear and equipment.

The new 2009 Ford E-450 Super Duty ambulance will have the new Medtronic LifePak 15 cardiac monitor-defibrillator. The newest on the market, the LifePak 15 is capable of monitoring heart rhythms, shocking and pacing sick hearts and performing 12-lead analysis of heart patterns. The new unit is also equipped with the

Zoll Auto Pulse automated CPR machine which takes the place of human CPR. LFR is the only fire department in the metro area to use the Auto Pulse which has already been credited with saving lives in the Littleton community. Medic 11 will have a Stryker Power Pro electric cot which is capable of lifting patients up to 750 pounds using its battery powered electric motor to reduce lifting injuries to firefighters. All patient data and health-care information will be securely captured in the new Medic 11 by LFR's record management system, High Plains Fire Manager. This software system captures real time patient information during the incident to ensure accuracy in the patient medical record.

Intersection Safety Program began August 24



First Image - Before Shot of Violation



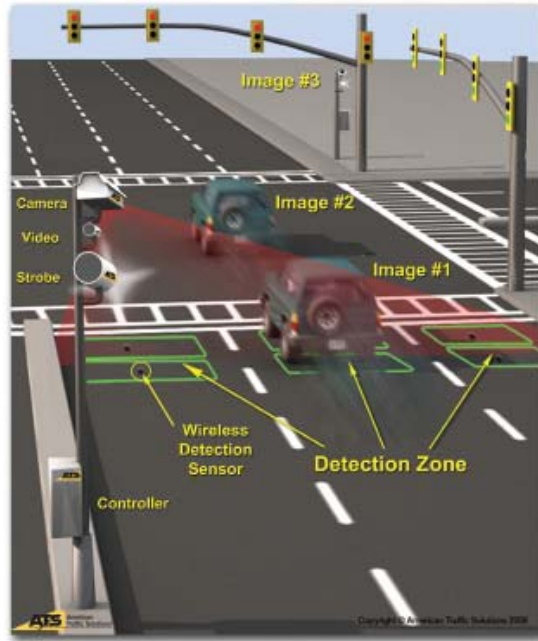
Second Image - Shot of Vehicle in Intersection



Third Image - Face Shot



License Plate Close-up From One of the First Two Violation Images.



The new Intersection Safety Program (ISP) began in Littleton August 24 at the intersection of West Littleton Boulevard and South Broadway. For 30 days prior to this date, drivers who failed to heed the traffic signals and stop for red lights received warnings. Those that now run the red light at this intersection will receive a citation in the mail with a fine. This new traffic safety program is aimed at reducing dangerous red-light

running at known problem intersections and has been successful across the country in achieving this goal. Photo-enforcement cameras capture still images and video of red-light running violations. Warning notices were issued to 397 registered owners who ran red lights during the 30-day trial period. Each violation will be reviewed by the Littleton Police Department prior to a citation being issued.

Cops, Spokes and Folks enjoy summer bike rides



Citizens and police officers take a break at the Danny Dietz Memorial Sculpture at the August 1 "Cops, Spokes and Folks" bicycle ride.

For this year's Project 365, the Littleton Police Department's Patrol Division and its Community Outreach Unit focused on bicycle safety, awareness and education.

Crime analysis disclosed that the police department responded to eight bicycle accidents in less than three months, from August 26, 2008, to November 1, 2008. All of the accidents were caused by vehicles failing to yield the right of way to bicyclists at crosswalks or intersections. The accident reports also showed that while the vehicles were failing to yield, in some cases, the bicyclists were riding against traffic, which may have contributed to the accident.

As just one facet of Project 365, the Community Outreach Unit created and conducted community bicycle

rides on four Saturdays in July and August. The "Cops, Spokes and Folks" rides were coordinated with Littleton's four city council districts. The rides were advertised on the city's web page and cable channel as well as the *Littleton Report* and the local papers. Some city council members rode along or met and mingled with their constituents before and after the rides. The community outreach officers used the 10-mile loop rides to educate citizens about bicycle laws, etiquette and safety; the average attendance was about 15 people. Officers also took criminal and traffic enforcement action during the rides as necessary. "Cops, Spokes and Folks" was a great success and was well received by the citizens who attended.

Littleton celebrates NNO



Members of the Rhea family, who hosted a District IV NNO Party, chat with Sergeant Jim Werder.

The 2009 National Night Out (NNO) was the most successful ever for the Littleton Police Department (LPD)! This year, 45 parties were held August 4—a nine percent increase from last year. Nearly 1,900 participants were involved, along with numerous businesses that helped make the parties festive and fun.

The LPD Community Outreach Unit began planning for this year's NNO in January.

Businesses that donated to NNO included King Soopers, Chipotle Mexican Grill, and Dickie's Barbeque.

Officers and volunteers filled 500 helium balloons. Party hosts came to the police department to meet officers, pick up balloons and gather party supplies.

Four Littleton SWAT team members traveled to the larger parties in the armored SWAT vehicle and displayed tools used by the unit, and two Littleton motorcycle officers attended several parties.

Members of the LPD Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, dressed as McGruff, and escorted by police officer "dog handlers," visited parties and handed out flying discs and flashing reflectors to children.

Officers specifically asked party guests about problems in their neighborhoods, the current police response to the problems and any issues they felt need to be addressed.

The evening was a great success for the community, the police department and NNO.

Cops lend a hand at WWW

The month of August found the Littleton Police involved in the annual Western Welcome Week festivities including the Western Welcome Week Grand Parade August 15. The police department provided support and traffic control for the event. The Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association hosted the ever popular Dunk-a-Cop dunk tank and several officers participated, not only within the dunk tank but by assisting our smaller citizens to enjoy in the fun.



Awards and Milestones



LPD Honor Guard selected to present at Rockies games

The Littleton Police Department Honor Guard was selected to present the American flag at three Colorado Rockies games in August. The Honor Guard members are proud representatives of the Littleton Police Department.

Western Welcome Week 2009 Grand Parade Winners

Floats

Club - civic, religious, non-profit

1st-George C. Evans Post 103 • 2nd-Littleton Elks #1650

Government - parks & rec, city depts.

1st-Littleton City Council • 2nd-South Suburban Parks and Recreation

Business & professional

1st-O'Tooles' Garden Center • 2nd-Alibi's Bar & Grill

Other awards

Mayor's Trophy-Best in Parade-Boy Scout Pack 462
Houstoun Waring Trophy-Best Theme-Arapahoe County Foster Parent Assoc.
Edwin A. Bemis Trophy-Parade Chair Award-O'Tooles Garden Center
Richard Little Trophy-Parade Chair Award-Denver Water

Marching groups

School organizations

1st-Arapahoe High School Cheers
2nd-Heritage High School Poms

Non-school organizations

1st-The Belles Performance Team
2nd-Association of Living History

Equestrian

Mounted group

1st-Three Margaritas Restaurant • 2nd-Westernaires

Horse drawn - individual

1st-Happy Trails • 2nd-Terry & Sheri Hull

Horse drawn - commercial

1st-St. James Presbyterian Church • 2nd-Life Care Center of Littleton

Clowns

1st-Bell-Tell Clowners

Vehicles

Individual - Non-commercial 1st-Mrs. Colorado
Commercial (maximum two vehicles) 1st-Riverpointe Senior Living
Vehicle Clubs (maximum 10 vehicles) 1st-Daraja of El Jebel

Bands

School Marching Bands

1st-Englewood High School
2nd-Cherry Creek High School
3rd-Columbine High School

Best Percussion-Cherry Creek High School
Best Drum Major-Cherry Creek High School
Best Auxiliary-Cherry Creek High School

Pipe Bands

Colorado Isle of Mull



Littleton-based Novus Biologicals named a "2009 Colorado Companies to Watch"



Novus employees in front of their Littleton headquarters.

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Companies to Watch is a unique awards program developed by the Edward Lowe Foundation to bring recognition to second stage companies, which because of their size (six to 99 employees and revenues between \$750,000 and \$50,000,000) often fly under the radar. The Edward Lowe Foundation recognizes the importance of second stage companies in creating more jobs per capita than businesses of any other size.

All the 2009 winners in Colorado "showed double-digit rates of growth on both employees and on revenue," said Penny Lewandowski, director of entrepreneurship development for the Edward Lowe Foundation. "This is an amazing fact given that we have endured the worst recession in 50 years," Lewandowski said.

In business since 1996, Novus Biologicals partners with leading scientific researchers and third-party providers to offer the biological research community a portfolio of more than 70,000 products. The mission of Novus Biologicals is "to accelerate scientific discovery by developing and marketing unique products in the forefront of science." In April 2009, the company opened its first international office in Cambridge, United Kingdom. Novus Biologicals projects a work force of 27 employees in 2009.

Council waives permit fees

The Littleton City Council approved a resolution August 18 designed to help homeowners during this tough economic time by waiving building permit fees for selected home improvement projects.

The projects eligible for the program are those for which the permit does not require an extensive plan review. This may include: sheds, decks, patio covers, detached garages, electric service changes, water heaters, furnace and air conditioner replacement, re-roofing and siding permits. The program will run from October 15 to November 16, 2009. The permits will expire in one year. If an extension beyond one year is requested, the full permit fee will be assessed. The program is limited to City of Littleton permit fees and does not include building use tax (.01575 of the total valuation) or the Arapahoe County Open Space Tax (.25 percent).

For more information, contact the City of Littleton Building Division at 303-795-3751.

Candlelight Walk returns November 27



Mark your calendars for the 2009 Candlelight Walk and Tree Lighting Friday, November 27 in historic Downtown Littleton. The 26th edition of this Littleton tradition will feature a magical evening of holiday festivities, culminating in the illumination of the trees on 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 Santa's reindeer at 2659 West Main Street. The reindeer appearance is generously sponsored by Bradford Auto Body and Western Welcome Week.

Gather at Town Hall Arts Center, Bega Park, or Bradford Auto Body for free hot cider and music from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Candles will be available for 50 cents. Donations of non perishable food for Interfaith Community Services will be accepted, as will toys for the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop. The *Littleton Chorale*, *Arapahoe Brass*, *Leawood Elementary School Choir*, and the *Mission Hills Church Choir* will provide entertainment at various Main Street locations while we wait for Santa to arrive.

Main Street will be closed to traffic shortly after 5 p.m. and Santa will begin his march down the street starting at the courthouse at 6:30 p.m. The event concludes 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. Free parking is available at Arapahoe Community College. Call 303-795-3863 with any questions.

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Bemis Public Library's summer reading programs ended July 31 with record numbers of participants. More than 1,100 children completed over 13,300 hours of reading during June and July, an increase of 11.8 percent over 2008. The teen program had 480 participants—a whopping 60 percent increase over last year—and the adult program showed an increase of four percent with 416 participants. All three programs included special performances and other programs, a variety of prizes, and a free book. Funds to support the programs come from the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy an espresso or delicious pastry while listening to music. On October 17 at 2 p.m., the *Planina* group of singers presents haunting and beautiful songs of Eastern Europe. On November 18 at 2 p.m., Native American Heritage Month will be celebrated with a performance by Eric Many Winds Herrera, a talented flute player.



International Craft Sale

An array of handmade craft items from around the world will be available for purchase October 17 from noon-4 p.m. Items will include jewelry and crafts from Indonesia, Egypt, Africa, Bulgaria, El Salvador, and South Africa, and proceeds will benefit the poor in foreign countries.

Ghost Hunting and Poltergeists!

Ghost hunters Bryan Bonner and Matthew Baxter of The Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society return to Bemis with more fascinating stories of their scientific investigations of local paranormal phenomena October 23 at 7 p.m. Bonner and Baxter will soon be featured in a new television series, *Colorado X*, investigating Colorado's most notorious cases of the paranormal. At 8:30 p.m., the classic Steven Spielberg horror film, *Poltergeist*, about a haunted suburban home will be shown.

Saturday Movie Matinee: *Earth*

See this highly-praised Disney film October 24 at 2 p.m. It tells the remarkable story of three animal families—polar bears, elephants and humpback whales—on a journey across the earth.

Monday Evening Book Group

Meets the third Monday at 7 p.m.

October 19: *Year of Fog* by Michelle Richmond

November 16: *Finn* by Jon Clinch

Computer Training Classes

Free computer classes are offered in the computer training lab on the lower level. All classes are from 9-10:30 a.m. Call 303-795-3961 to register.

Beginning Internet: Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 9

Beginning Microsoft Excel: Oct. 8, Oct. 20, Nov. 17

Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint: Oct. 22

Beginning Microsoft Word: Oct. 6, Nov. 7

Beginning Windows: Oct. 14, Nov. 4, Dec. 2

Computer Comfort: Oct. 3, Nov. 3, Dec. 1

Email Lab: Oct. 28

Intermediate Microsoft Excel: Oct. 27, Nov. 24

Intermediate Microsoft Word: Oct. 13

Microsoft Mail Merge: Nov. 12

Mousercise: Oct. 7

Searching with Google: Oct. 17

Windows File Management: Nov. 10

Open Computer Lab: Oct. 1, 15 and 29; Nov. 5 and 19
No registration required.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Afternoon Programs

A Pirate's Tale on October 26 at 2 p.m. Ahoy! Hear the stories of real pirates throughout history and their colorful adventures from the Caribbean to the Barbary Coast. This presentation will be done by staff from Active Minds.

An Old World Christmas in Denver's Past on November 23 at 2 p.m. Ring in the holidays with a fascinating account of an 1800's Christmas in Denver. Learn about the customs, decorations, food and more. The presentation will be done by staff from the Molly Brown House Museum.

Senior Book Club

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

October 5: *Away* by Amy Bloom

November 2: *The Black Tower* by Louis Bayard

Senior Wii Bowling

Third Thursday of the month (October 15, November 19) at 2 p.m. Join us as we continue our Senior Wii Bowling League. Whether you're an expert Wii bowler or have never tried it before, experience the fun of Wii bowling! No registration required, and you do not have to attend every month to participate.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Read Week

Teen Read Week is October 18-24 and this year's theme is Read Beyond Reality@ Your Library, which encourages teens to read something out of this world! We will host a Teen Book Swap where you can trade your used books for "book bucks" that can be used to buy other items offered at the Book Swap. Each participant in the Book Swap will have their name entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to Tattered Cover Book Store.

Halloween Event

Looking for something fun to do the day before Halloween? Can you dance in a Halloween costume? Think your costume is cool enough to win a prize? Are you brave enough to experience twisted tales that might just reach out and twist you? Join us October 30 at the library for a teen-only evening of Wii Rock Band, DDR, a costume contest, and a frightening program! Costumes are not required, but prizes will be given for the best costumes. Refreshments will be available for purchase from Brelli's Café at the library. Games from 5-7 p.m., Costume Contest at 6 p.m., and Twisted Tales Program at 7 p.m. Contact Mark Decker (mdecker@littletongov.org) to register for this event. This one is definitely not for the timid!

Wii Game

Featuring a different game each month. Third Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

October 15: Wii Sports

November 19: Rock Band

Anime Club

First Saturday of the month at noon.

October 3 and November 7: Title to be determined

Teen Advisory Group

Fourth Friday at 3:30 p.m.

October 23: Winter program planning

November 27: No meeting due to holiday

Teen Writers Group

Third Tuesday at 4 p.m. All teen creative writers are welcome! We meet once a month to critique and provide feedback on participants' writing. Contact Mark Decker (mdecker@littletongov.org) for more details.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

By the Light of the Halloween Moon

On October 17 at 3 p.m., hear local author Caroline Stutson read from her award-winning picture book. We are excited to welcome Caroline back and you will be delighted as she shares stories, poems, puppets and a craft. For families with children ages three and up; kids under eight must attend with an adult.



Doc Murdock Presents Murdock's Magical Delights

An utterly unique show featuring magic, ventriloquism and goofy storytelling October 25 at 2 p.m. It's guaranteed to be full of fun (not scary) surprises and lots of laughs! For families with children ages three and up; kids under eight must attend with an adult.

Annual Costumes on Parade!

Join us either day for our annual Preschool Story Time Costume Parade. The parade begins in the children's room and ends in the meeting room for stories, songs, sweet treats and punch. Younger siblings are welcome to join the parade. October 29 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., October 30 at 10:30 a.m. only.



Doctor Noize

The loopy Doctor

Noize sings and plays his award-winning songs on guitar, keyboard and laptop computer, while interactively recording and arranging music live with contributions from the audience. With crowd participation and wowza cool technology, kids add their own vocals to the mix. This high-energy technological extravaganza encourages kids to explore their creativity. On November 21 at 2 p.m. For families with children ages three and up.

Grow a Reader

Reading is wonderful at any age because it's relaxing and entertaining, but it is also the first step to learning success. Research shows children get ready to read years before they start school. Find out what you can do to help your child grow into a reader. We'll share early literacy building skills taught in Every Child Ready to Read and give you reading tips and book suggestions. For parents and caregivers of young children under the age of four. On November 7 at 2 p.m., call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.



Story Box

For ages infant through 36 months on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. A 30-minute session for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of rhythm and reading. Space is limited; free tickets available one week in advance.

Story Time

For children ages three through kindergarten on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities, with a puppet show the first week of the month.

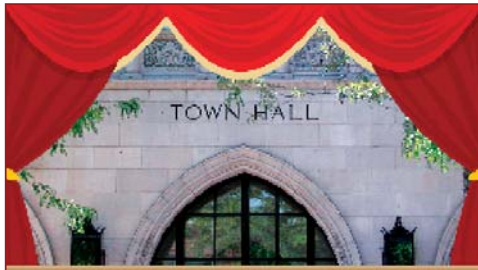
Paws to Read

Kids in grades 1-5 can practice reading to a visiting furry friend the third Saturday of the month between 10 a.m. and noon. Call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot October 17 or November 21.

Dial-a-Story


Your child can listen to a story any time by calling 303-795-3960. Enjoy a new story or an old favorite.

For more information about library programs call 303-795-3961 or visit www.littletongov.org/bemis.



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Four Littleton businesses celebrate grand openings



2590 West Main Street is the new home of Body + Brain Holistic Yoga, where Lenny and Karen Zuehlke offer group and private classes in brain-based fitness programs for all ages along with health and wellness workshops. Pictured with the Zuehlke's at the ribbon cutting in the padded floor exercise room are B/IA Director Chris Gibbons (left), and the Zuehlke children Marie and Austin.



Decorator Mary Van Becelaere (holding scissors) recently held a ribbon cutting in celebration of the successful move of her store, Colours Home Design, from Castle Rock to 2250 West Main Street. The store features a potpourri of décor items from art to bedding to furniture and more. Assisting Van Becelaere were (left to right) Council Members Peggy Cole, Debbie Brinkman, and Jim Taylor; Manager Jayne Segal; and Mayor Doug Clark.



Dawn and Tony Whitham recently held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of The Festive Plum, 2336 West Main Street. The store carries a huge range of collectibles. Lending a hand were (left to right) B/IA Director Chris Gibbons; Council Member Peggy Cole; Dawn; Mark Bell, Normandy Group; Tony; Council Member Jim Taylor; Nancy Stalf, Executive Director, Town Hall Arts Center; and Council Member Debbie Brinkman.



Avie and Anu Gupta held a ribbon cutting for their new store, Lotus Jewelers, in the Littleton Square shopping center at 50 West Littleton Boulevard. The store will celebrate a grand opening October 21. Pictured (left to right) are Zafar Khan, David Jades, Avie, David Burcham, Sarah Roth, Anu, Paul Argentiene, Rex Williams, Sashi Sternberg, Jasen DeStefano, Kandla Sethi, Jim and Lois Liggett, and Vickie Schley.

Discounted punch cards available

Visit any South Suburban Parks and Recreation center and purchase a pass or punch card at a 10 percent discount from November 26-December 31. Customers who purchase a multiple-use pass or punch card have access to all facility amenities and drop-in fitness classes at South Suburban's Lone Tree, Goodson and Buck Recreation Centers. Adult district residents who obtain a 30-punch card during this special will reduce their daily admission to \$3.42 per visit. Drop-in group fitness classes include spinning, step and regular aerobics, sculpting, yoga, cardio and aqua fitness classes.

South Suburban also offers an auto-debit service for annual passes. Customers make a down payment and will then be automatically debited monthly out of their account for the remainder annual pass cost over eleven months. For more information about South Suburban's recreation center passes, visit www.sspr.org.

Volunteers needed for the city's Snow Squad

We need you! Don't miss this opportunity to help a fellow resident who is in need. As a volunteer member of the City of Littleton's Snow Squad you would provide snow removal for residents who are physically unable to shovel their sidewalks themselves.

The city has many citizens who are physically challenged and need our help. If you can spare an hour to help a fellow resident whenever we have measurable snow, and are looking for a way to give back to your community, contact us today!

Contact Mark Barons, neighborhood resources coordinator, at 303-795-3778 or mbarons@littletongov.org.

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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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