The King Soopers in the Littleton Square Shopping Center at the corner of S. Broadway and Littleton Blvd. will close on Friday, January 31 at 8:00 p.m. with plans to reopen in early 2015. The entire building on the west side of the shopping center where it is located will be demolished and replaced by a larger facility. **ALL OTHER STORES IN THE CENTER WILL REMAIN OPEN.**

Willow-An Artisan’s Market celebrated its 10th anniversary this past holiday season! Owners Helen Rice and Donna Jaegers originally opened the artisan store in a small space on Nevada St. some six and a half years ago. After outgrowing that space, they moved to the current location at 2400 West Main St. Focusing mainly on the work of Colorado-based artists, Willow features a plethora of unique handmade gifts too large to list, almost certainly guaranteeing something special for everyone. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the shop is also open from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. 303.730.8521; [www.willowartisansmarket.com](http://www.willowartisansmarket.com)

Leaving computers and nine to five behind, Mike Bertha followed a passion of his and opened Handyman Detail LLC. With the exception of plumbing and electrical repairs, Mike can probably take care of almost any other residential repair needed and also does indoor and outdoor painting. In addition, this craftsman also enjoys making and transforming items, such as building new cabinets or giving once-loved cabinets and doors a new life by restyling them by adding detail to the “too plain,” removing detail from the “too ornate,” or perhaps exchanging wood panels for glass. 760.468.3210, [mrblc37@gmail.com](mailto:mrblc37@gmail.com)

K. Cherie Spa-Salon and Profumeria recently moved into downtown
Littleton at 5533 S. Prince St. Owner Kim Geiger, who has been in commercial banking for the past 24 years, opened the business in 1989 after deciding to follow her interest in skin care and gaining a cosmetology degree. Her appointment-only salon offers a range of services that include skincare options, haircuts and manicures, and massage. Along with her own line of skincare products and perfumes, Kim also works with customers to help them create their own custom fragrances. 303.910.2152; www.kcherie.com

Darin and KD Kaiser are the owners of the CrossFIT KADA gym that opened this past fall at 8080 Southpark Lane. The husband and wife team provide an intimate training environment where they offer effective programming and nutritional guidance to help participants reach their own fitness goals. Classes are limited to 10 to 15 people to guarantee each person receives the time and attention needed to help them reach their fitness goal. 574.518.2840; www.crossfitkada.com

Breugger’s Bagels is planning to open in The Restaurants at Riverbend shopping center (5350 S. Santa Fe Dr.) in February.

Other Notes:

The Economic Development department will be hosting a Lunch & Learn Seminar Thursday, Feb. 20, on Harnessing the Power of Social Media for Your Business at the City Center, 2255 W. Berry Ave. The free luncheon seminar is open to any licensed business located within the city limits. Registration is required by February 17. If you would like to attend you may register here. For additional information, please call Jo Anne Ricca at 303.795.3749.

The Littleton City Council approved $75,000 in funding for the Revitalization Incentive Grant Program 2014. This matching grant program offers up to $15,000 in matching funds to businesses within the City of Littleton in order to improve the appearance of existing buildings constructed before 2005. Larger projects with extensive renovations may be considered for a higher total award. For complete information and application forms, please go to http://www.littletongov.org/index.aspx?page=811

Calendar

**HDLM Meeting:** Wednesday, Feb. 5, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Town Hall Arts
Lunch & Learn Seminar: Harnessing the Power of Social Media for Your Business
Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., City of Littleton Community Room, 2255 W. Berry Ave.

Insights

2014 Colorado Companies to Watch Nomination Season Opens

The City of Littleton participates in Colorado Companies to Watch, a statewide program endorsed by the Governor, to recognize privately owned, Colorado-based, growth-oriented businesses with 6 to 99 employees and revenues or access to capital in the $750,000 to $50,000,000 range.

Each year, 50 businesses are selected for the award, which is presented at a Gala event each June. Click on the image to view a short video profiling the 2013 class of winning companies.

Eligible companies are characteristic of the types of businesses that contribute the most per capita to Colorado’s and their local community’s economies. Littleton is fortunate to have companies of this caliber in our business community. As a City, we have helped three winning businesses celebrate their selection as a Colorado Company to Watch over the five years the program has been active in the state.

If you know of a qualified business, including your own, you’d like to nominate, we are happy to help. Contact Recca Larson at rlarson@littletongov.org or 303.795.3758 for assistance.

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