Kevin Motes celebrated the smooth opening of Yogo Mojo Self-Serve Frozen Yogurt Bar (40 W. Littleton Blvd.) with a ribbon cutting in his completely remodeled space in the Littleton Square Shopping Center. Featuring 12 incredible flavors, an amazing array of more than 50 toppings, and comfortable seating inside and out, this store is open seven days a week from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. 303.798.2856; yogomojoblogspot.com

Kids Again Children’s Consignment Boutique (311 E. County Line Rd.) was featured in the YourHub section of a recent Denver Post. Deena Brown is celebrating her 20th anniversary in the business of offering customers quality gently used clothing and other merchandise for children along with some newly purchased inventory such as dancewear, first communion dresses, books and gifts. She also carries unique clothing such as boys suits, ski wear, school and sports uniforms and cleats 303.740.7333; www.kidsagain.net

An April YourHub section of the Denver Post profiled Jack Martinez and his two Jack-n-Grill Restaurants, one of which is located at 2630 W. Belleview Ave. in the Riverside Downs shopping center. Jack provides New Mexican cuisine that is mainly based on recipes handed down from his mother’s kitchen. Famous for the 7-pound breakfast burrito challenge started at his first location many years ago, Jack-n-Grill has won enumerable awards and accolades over the years including being named the 13th (Tastiest) place to Chowdown in America. 303.474.4242; www.jackngrill.com

The 2011 Edition of the Best of Westword called out several Littleton businesses. *Gone for Good - Best Green Service 2011 (7600 S. Grant St. #A2)*
Owner Reid Husmer picks up unwanted items of all types from saleable to worn out but recyclable. Reusable items he will try to sell for 30 days (30% to donor) and then donate to charity or donate directly to charity and skip the “try to sell” step. 303.513.7120; www.goneforgoodstore.com

*JaJa Bistro – Best Brunch 2011 (5641 S. Nevada St.)*
Owners Stephan and Janelle Poullier’s place was applauded for its “dazzling crepes,” “informal, come-as-you-are ambience,” and “bottomless mimosas,” and was pronounced a “must-stop for both wistful Francophiles and card-carrying foodophiles.” 303.798.5389; www.jajabistro.com
*The Green Bride – Best Conscientious Bridal Service 2011 (5641 S. Nevada St.) Owners DeeDee and Holly Marsh specialize in keeping wedding costs down by providing a collection of wedding gowns in all price ranges but at much lower, reasonable prices than you will see elsewhere. Some are previously loved but in new condition, others are overstocked models purchased from other bridal shops or even original designers, and some are gowns purchased but never worn because another stole a bride’s heart. 303.798.2222; www.thegreenbridedenver.com

A ribbon cutting was held in celebration of SouthPark Physical Therapy’s move to larger space at 8151 SouthPark Lane. Amy Lehman began her own practice in 2004 and offers a comprehensive package of services to accommodate a wide spectrum of patients and clients from age four and above that includes massage therapy and Pilates classes. 303.730.7117; www.southparkpt.com

CBS Denver has named Delizios one of five Top Ladies’ Night Out bars in Denver, citing its Ladies’ Night Wednesdays when selected bottles of wine are half off. The café and wine bar, owned by Bob and Laina Mickus, is located at 2299 W. Main St. and is also known for its fresh-from-their-bakery baked goods. 720.897.6550; www.delizios.com

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The 5280 Magazine's "Best of The 'Burbs" edition highlighted Downtown Littleton and the following merchants in the article "Secrets of the Suburbs."


Two Littleton lawyers were chosen for the 2011 Colorado Rising Stars list. Construction Litigation, Aaron J. Atkinson; Atkinson/Boyle (720.379.5480). Family Law, Benjamin Currier, Miller & Steiert (303.798.2525).
Other

Littleton’s Economic Gardening program has been selected as a Top 25 program in Harvard’s Innovations in American Government Award competition. More than 500 national, state and local government initiatives were considered. Five finalists and one winner will be announced this fall.

Calendar

HDLM: June 1, 8:00 a.m. Town Hall Arts Center

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

Have you seen one of these lately? This is a QRC or Quick Response Code. Pay attention to this technology—it’s coming on big. While it was invented in Japan over 17 years ago, it has only recently caught on in the U.S. but it is expanding rapidly. A camera phone with QRC software can display text, contact information, connect to a wireless network, or open a web page in the phone's browser. QR codes have been used on billboard ads, in-store displays, business cards, print ads, contests, direct mail campaigns, websites, email marketing, and coupons. QR codes are giving businesses the ability to measure response rates with a high degree of precision.

The mission of the Business/Industry Affairs department is to grow our economy by helping Littleton entrepreneurs be competitive. Call B/IA at 303.795.3749 if we can help.

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

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