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Littleton Businesses

The Grand Opening celebration for Lola’s Sugar Rush, the Ultimate Sweet Shoppe (2490 W. Main St.) will be held on April 11, (the day before Easter). Lola Salazar is filling her place with candy of all sorts, cupcakes, ice cream, rum cakes, baskets of goodies, soda, coffee and tea, and a few tables and chairs for customers who want to sit for a while. Lola's actual opening was on March 24.

A ribbon cutting was in order for Prince Street Antiques and Dry Goods (5664 S. Prince St.) and the new personality infused into it by its new owner, Genna Morrow. Genna has filled her store with the vintage and antique items she loves, including china, furniture, home décor items, textiles, and costume jewelry.

Sole Solutions Reflexology recently held a Grand Opening and ribbon cutting in the Broadway Square (5501 S. Broadway) shopping center where it is located. Owner Sharon Hart practices reflexology, a therapeutic massage of the feet, and biofeedback.

Lucie Stanish celebrated her move from devoted customer to owner of Super Suppers (2540 W. Main St.) with a recent ribbon cutting. Lucie offers the famous assemble-it-yourself meals for taking home and freezing for use when needed, as well as a host of preassembled freshly frozen entrees, side dishes and desserts from the Grab and Go freezers. Groups who enjoy working on meal prep together can set up appointments.

Dish Network announced it is adding at least 100 sales representatives to take incoming calls at the Littleton call center at 5701 S. Santa Fe Dr. It is also adding about 150 customer service representatives at the Littleton center and another call center in Thornton in a renewed push on customer care.

Broads Off Broadway is the name Cindy Williams has given her new store at 2555 W. Alamo Ave. Featuring a range of antique, vintage, and mid-century modern furniture, home decor items, tableware, and on and on, the store also has a number of antique furniture pieces from China.
Denver Post Dining Critic Tucker Shaw recently featured McKinners Pizza Bar (2389 W. Main St.) in an article on denverpost.com, where he said it is “a neighborhood touch point, a smart, friendly operation offering a quality product (and essential community service) to its strip, and it’s hard to imagine downtown Littleton without it.”

The Chinese American Council of Colorado held an Open House to celebrate its move into Littleton at 1100 W. Littleton Blvd. Established in 1997, this nonprofit, charitable organization works to unite the Chinese American community in the metro area, to preserve Chinese culture and heritage, to enhance human rights and welfare, and to encourage cooperation and communications among ethnic groups.

New Development

A proposal has been received to develop Alta Aspen Grove (formerly River’s Edge at Aspen Grove) on the 17 acres just west of the Aspen Grove Shopping Center (7301 S. Santa Fe Dr.) The project will consist of 280 multiple-family residential units in 17 two- and three-story buildings and have a community clubhouse and swimming pool.

The PDO was approved for Prince Street Senior Residences (5504 S. Prince St.), a proposed age-restricted, independent-living facility containing 50 rental units. The 25,089 sq. ft. building will comprise three stories above grade and one below for parking.

A proposal for a 3,600 sq. ft. drive thru restaurant with indoor/outdoor seating has been submitted by Sterling Design Associates, LLC. The Freddy’s Frozen Custard Drive Thru Restaurant will be located in Riverside Downs shopping center at 2660 W. Belleview Ave.

The 76,633 sq. ft. Hampton Inn Suites, a six-story, 120-room hotel with walkout basement and swimming pool, has a projected completion of fall of this year. The Inn is under construction at County Line Rd. just west of No No’s restaurant.

Other

Colorado nonprofits will be able to save as much as 40 percent on their supplies under recently passed House Bill 1088. Those nonprofits that receive federal, state or local government funding will be allowed to buy goods at the same price negotiated by the State Purchasing Office, which receives bulk-purchasing prices that small businesses are not likely to get.

The City’s Historical Preservation board has doubled the maximum grant amount for façade rehabilitation from $10,000 to $20,000. Properties must be in the Main Street Historic District to be eligible. Contact the Community Development Dept. for more information.
Calendar

HDLM: April 1, 2009, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., Town Hall Arts Center
Woodlawn Merchants Meeting: April 8, 2009, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Blueberry’s Coffee Shop Bakery-Café

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

The federal CAN-SPAM act of 2003 regulates commercial email. The main provisions include:

- bans misleading header information
- prohibits deceptive subject lines
- requires that commercial email give recipients an opt-out method
- requires commercial email be identified as an advertisement and include the sender’s valid physical postal address.

Details can be found at the Federal Trade Commission web site at http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/business/ecommerce/bus61.shtm

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.

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