

# LITTLETON REPORT

City of Littleton

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## Three Littleton Police officers receive John P. Cernich Award

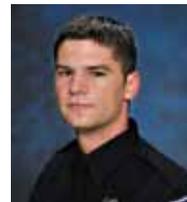
Three Littleton Police officers responded with valiant efforts to rescue and evacuate residents of a burning apartment at 5967 S. Gallup St. The two-alarm apartment fire broke out during the cold night of February 19 at 11:44 p.m. Officers Brian Rauzi, Tim Kampmann and Nik Dimitric were three of the first patrol officers to arrive on scene of the quickly growing fire. The officers observed a male resident lying in the doorway of an apartment engulfed with smoke and flames. The officers acted quickly and carried the man, who suffered from severe burns and smoke inhalation, to a safe area where he was transported by Littleton Fire Rescue to the hospital. Other officers and firefighters continued rescue efforts, evacuating tenants and transporting individuals



Officer Brian Rauzi



Officer Tim Kampmann



Officer Nik Dimitric

to the hospital for medical treatment. During the evacuation there were several explosions that came from inside the apartment. Those explosions were caused by oxygen bottles located within the burning unit. Officers Rauzi, Kampmann and Dimitric were also transported to Littleton Hospital and treated for smoke inhalation and

released later that night. Littleton Fire Rescue presented all three officers with the John P. Cernich Award for their life-saving efforts at the March 16 city council meeting. The fire and police departments continue to work together to determine the cause of the fire.



The Humane Society of the South Platte Valley (HSSPV) celebrated its grand opening with an open house February 26 and 27. The HSSPV is located at 2129 W. Chenango Avenue. Hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 303-703-2938 or visit their web site at [www.hsspv.org](http://www.hsspv.org) for more information. Services include adoptions, spay/neuter, vaccinations, and microchips.

## Council Workshop Report available



The Littleton City Council held its annual workshop February 19 at the Littleton Museum. The purpose of the workshop is for council to identify priorities on major projects it wishes staff to pursue in the coming year. This year's workshop focused on the economic outlook and the Community Services/Sternberg Building. The *Littleton City Council 2010 Workshop Report* is now available to download at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org). Hard copies are available in the City Manager's Office at the Littleton Center, 2255 W. Berry Avenue.

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On March 2, Mayor Doug Clark and the Littleton City Council recognized Pete Barrett for his recent induction into the Colorado Youth Soccer Hall of Fame and for his 30 years of dedicated service to the Littleton Soccer Club. Barrett and his wife Karen have been Littleton residents since 1969. Barrett began as a soccer coach in 1979.

## City council makes board and commission appointments

Thirty-four citizens applied in January to serve on one of the City of Littleton's 13 boards and commissions. At its March 16 meeting, the Littleton City Council selected 38 citizens for appointment or reappointment. The appointments are effective April 1, 2010. These citizen committees provide valuable input regarding the future direction of the community. Some meet on an as-needed basis, others meet monthly or bi-monthly. Following is a list of the appointments:

Board of Adjustment	Appointment	Term Expires
Layne Kottmeier	Reappoint	2013
Phillip Wichern	Appoint from Alt 1 to Regular	2012
Jonathan Spencer	Appoint from Alt 2 to Alt 1	2012
Arne McDaniel	Appoint Alt 2	2013
<b>Building Board of Appeals</b>		
Aldora Gauthier	Reappoint	2013
John Watson	Appoint from Alt 2 to Alt 1	2012
David Mitchell	Appoint Alt 2	2013
<b>Election Commission</b>		
John Hershey	Appoint	2014
<b>Fine Arts Committee</b>		
Peggy Dietz	Reappoint	2013
Mollie Christensen Rue	Appoint	2013
C.J. VanJames	Appoint	2013
Denise Senn	Appoint	2011
<b>Historical Preservation Board</b>		
William Hopping	Reappoint	2013
Katherine McMurray	Appoint Alt 2 to Regular	2013
Paul Kastner	Appoint Alt 1	2013
Pamela Grove	Appoint Alt 2	2011
<b>Housing Authority</b>		
Andrew Hancock	Reappoint	2015
Esther Varela	Reappoint	2015
Jerry Valdes	Appoint	2015
<b>Library Board</b>		
Joseph Haynes	Reappoint	2013
Paul Bingham	Appoint	2013
Dawn Shepherd	Appoint	2013
<b>Licensing Authority</b>		
Susan Price	Reappoint	2013
Victoria England	Appoint Alt 1 to Regular	2012
Donovan O'Dell	Appoint Alt 2 to Alt 1	2012
Andrew Cole	Appoint Alt 2	2013
<b>Museum Board</b>		
Kelly Kordes Anton	Reappoint	2013
Kimberly Field	Reappoint	2013
Virginia Fraser	Reappoint	2013
<b>Planning Commission</b>		
David Metcalf	Reappoint	2013
Craig Coronato	Reappoint Alt 1	2013
Jennifer Ranville	Appoint Alt 2	2013
<b>Riverfront Authority</b>		
Dennis Reynolds	Reappoint	2015
<b>Tree Committee</b>		
Darrel Redford	Reappoint	2013
Sandra Snyder	Reappoint	2013
Doris Cruze	Appoint	2011
<b>Victim Assistance Comp Board</b>		
Nancy Feldman	Reappoint	2013
Linda Suttle	Reappoint	2013

## Senior Refund Program

Since 1977, the Littleton City Council has annually renewed its Senior Refund Program, providing the city's senior residents with a refund.

The program is available to both renters and property owners. For property owners, the refund is based on the property's assessed valuation. Refund amounts range from \$10 to \$100. For property owners whose property is in a trust, the refund is always \$30. Refunds for renters range from \$10 to \$30. Applicants must have been 65 years of age or older on or before December 31, 2009 and resided within the city limits of Littleton for all of 2009.

Applicants must complete both sides of the form and attach their paid property tax receipt and a copy of their driver's license or identification card.

Forms are mailed in March to those who previously received a refund.

Newly eligible residents can obtain forms and information from the City of Littleton Finance Office, 2255 West Berry Avenue, or by calling 303-795-3764. The deadline for filing is November 1.

## Arapahoe County offers seniors help with spring chores

Spring is here, and that means spring cleaning!

However, many Arapahoe County seniors need assistance with heavy chores to spruce up their homes.

Arapahoe County's Chore Services is here to help. The program offers free assistance to county residents, 60 years or older, who have limited resources and are physically unable to perform non-routine, heavy chores.

Services can include:

- Spring yard work, such as raking and picking up sticks and branches
- Washing indoor windows and first-floor windows outside
- Assistance in cleaning, organizing and de-cluttering an apartment or home
- Major cleaning such as the refrigerator, oven, bathrooms and more
- Assistance in unpacking after a move to subsidized housing

The county also provides transportation for seniors to and from doctor's appointments through First Ride Transportation, as well as ongoing light housecleaning through the homemakers program.

While there are no fees for these services, donations are appreciated.

For more information call 303-738-8080.

## Historic Preservation Awards

The third annual historic preservation awards, hosted by Historic Littleton, Inc. and the Historical Preservation Board will be held at 7 p.m. May 20, in the Littleton Center Community Room, 2255 W. Berry Avenue. Awards will be granted for outstanding historic preservation projects, preservation stewardship and preservation advocacy. Further information, including nomination forms, is available on the city's website at [www.littleton.org](http://www.littleton.org). The deadline for submitting a nomination is April 23.

## City Ditch Trail Open House

The proposed City Ditch Trail is currently being planned by city staff and representatives from South Suburban Parks and Recreation. A public open house is scheduled for April 28 from 4-7 p.m. at the Buck Recreation Center.

Come by and view the plans for phase 1 of this new community trail to be located along the historic City Ditch, from Littleton Blvd., north to Prentice Ave.

Project sponsors will be present to answer questions and receive public input.

For more information call 303-795-3863.

## Adventures in History returns to the Littleton Museum



Adventures in History offers children interested in history the opportunity to experience life in the South Platte Valley in the 19th century. Participants learn about the life of a typical farm family in 1860s and 1890s Colorado through a variety of hands-on activities carried out on the museum's two living history farms. In past years, children have enjoyed blacksmithing, taking care of livestock, cooking a meal, and completing 19th century craft projects.

Adventures in History is a week-long program, and daily sessions run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program will be offered during the weeks of June 7-11, July 12-16, and August 9-13. Registration is open to students who are entering the fourth, fifth,

or sixth grade in the fall. Cost for the program is \$90 per child. Registration is limited to 20 children per week, and is open only to City of Littleton residents and members of the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum (FOLM). Preference will be given to applicants that have not previously participated in Adventures in History.

The Littleton Museum will accept hand-delivered registration forms from April 1 through April 25. All other registrations must be postmarked by April 23. City of Littleton residents should include a copy of a parent or guardian's valid driver's license along with the completed registration form. Members of FOLM need only submit the completed registration form. All applications will be entered into a drawing and participants will be randomly chosen. Do not include payment with the registration form; payment will be accepted after participants are chosen. Participants accepted to the program will be informed by May 15. For more information call 303-795-3950.

### Adventures in History Registration Form



Are you a member of the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum?  yes  no

Has your child participated in Adventures in History in the past?  yes  no

Youth's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (in Fall): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Select weeks of June 7-11, July 12-16, or August 9-13.

Week of choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration must be post marked by April 23 or hand delivered by April 25.

Littleton Museum • 6028 S. Gallup St. • Littleton, CO 80120 • Information: 303-795-3950

## New lambs arrive early at the museum



Lambing season came early at the Littleton Museum.

Within one week, at the end of January, six ewe lambs were born on the 1860s living history farm. The museum keeps two breeds of sheep: Navajo-Churro, and Merino. The Merino is a fine-wool breed of sheep. The wool is very fine and soft, perfect for making a sweater. The Navajo-Churro is a rare breed of sheep that was originally imported by the Spanish into the Southwest United States in the 16th century. The Navajo-Churro wool is very coarse and is most often used for rugs and saddle blankets. The museum shears the

sheep once a year at the annual Sheep to Shawl event. Mark your calendars—this year, Sheep to Shawl will be April 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Census help available at Bemis Library

Bemis Library is hosting a U.S. Census Assistance Center through April 19. Two U.S. Census employees are available to help residents complete the form. Census employees are bilingual in Spanish and Vietnamese. The center will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. through April 19. The library is located at 6014 S. Datura St. An additional center is open at 5854 S. Datura St. Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. No bilingual assistance is offered at this center.

The U.S. Census, required by the U.S. Constitution to take place every 10 years, counts every person living in the United States, including immigrants with or without green cards. All information collected is strictly confidential.

The 2010 Census will help communities receive their fair share of more than \$400 billion in federal funds.

Census forms were mailed out in mid-March. When you receive yours, just answer 10 short questions and mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided.

## Events

### Littleton Cleanup Day returning May 15

Ascension Lutheran Church, Hands Across Littleton and the City of Littleton will sponsor Littleton Cleanup Day May 15, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. It will be based at Ascension Lutheran Church at 1701 Caley Avenue. Efforts will be focused on Littleton residents, especially elderly or handicapped citizens, who need help with general cleanup of their yards and houses.

The Neighborhood Cleanup Day is a great way to give back to the community and make a difference to those in need. There will be lunch and drinks for everyone.

If you need help or would like to volunteer, call 303-795-3778.



### Following Isabella—Travels in Colorado Then and Now

2nd Thursday Lecture Series at the Littleton Museum

Presented by Robert Root—Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

A world traveler, Isabella Bird recorded her 1873 visit to Colorado Territory in her classic travel narrative, *A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains*. This work inspired Robert Root's own discovery of Colorado's Front Range following his move from the flatlands of Michigan.

\$5 for the public; \$4 for members of the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. Arrive early, unused tickets will be redistributed at 7 p.m.

### Saving Stuff—How to Care for and Preserve Your Collectibles, Heirlooms and Other Prize Possessions

Lecture Series at the Littleton Museum

Presented by Don Williams—Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m.

Williams explains—in plain language—how to use the techniques of museum professionals to keep your prized possessions in mint condition. *Saving Stuff* will be available for purchase and Williams will be there to sign copies.

\$5 for the public; \$4 for members of the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. Arrive early, unused tickets will be redistributed at 7 p.m.

### Why Museums Matter, presented by Susan Stamberg, NPR Special Correspondent

Wednesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup St.

In honor of Museum Day and in celebration of the Littleton Museum's 40th Anniversary, Susan Stamberg, National Public Radio Special Correspondent presents *Why Museums Matter*.

This is an adult-oriented program. Seating is limited. \$20 public and \$15 Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum tickets go on sale April 1.

### Winter Concert at the Littleton Museum

The Littleton Museum presents the Colorado Chamber Players, Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m.

Seating is limited, free tickets available at the museum. Arrive early; due to popularity of the concert series, unused tickets will be reassigned to patrons on the waiting list at 7 p.m. For more information call 303-795-3950.

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April 2-April 25, 2010  
Book by Kevin Del Aguila  
Music and lyrics by Gary Adler & Michael Patric Walker



*Secret Garden*  
May 7- June 6, 2010  
Book and Lyrics by Marsha Norman

Reserved seats \$18-\$36  
Order tickets online at [TownHallArtsCenter.com](http://TownHallArtsCenter.com) 303.794.2787

## Littleton Fire Rescue recruiting mini firefighters



Many children dream of becoming a firefighter when they grow up. To give kids a glimpse of what life as a firefighter would be like and to teach kids about safety and injury prevention, Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) is offering the Kids' Mini Fire Academy for the ninth consecutive summer. The academy is a four-day event for children 8-12 years-old living within the Littleton Fire Rescue coverage area. The cost is \$20 per child. The academy includes hands-on activities about fire safety, bike safety, using 9-1-1, basic first aid, the life of a firefighter and much more. The final day of class is celebrated with a tour of a fire engine, operating a real fire hose and a graduation ceremony.

"The Mini-Fire Academy is an excellent opportunity for kids to experience what it would be like to be a firefighter, while learning important safety messages," said Katie Moore, life safety educator for LFR. LFR is providing two sessions of the Mini Fire Academy and enrollment for both sessions is now open. The first session runs from June 28-July 1, and the second session is July 19-22. Class is from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Space is limited to 25 students per session. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to Fire Station 18 in Highlands Ranch Monday through Wednesday and to the Metro Fire Training Center in Littleton on Thursday. Children will be asked to bring their bicycles and appropriate safety gear to class one day. Enroll by calling Moore at 303-795-3833 or by visiting [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) and clicking on the Kids' Mini Fire Academy icon.

## Spring and summer storms bring flood season



It is time again to think about potential floods.

In Littleton, the flood season runs from about mid-April to mid-September. The cause of flooding is usually intense spring or summer thunderstorms causing rapid runoff of storm water. The greatest flood threat is on numerous tributary streams such as Little's Creek, Slaughterhouse Gulch and Lee Gulch. Areas subject to flooding have been designated as floodplains for a 100-year frequency flood, which has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. Smaller floods have a higher probability of occurring than a 100-year flood. Sections of the city were developed prior to designation of floodplains and these areas contain houses, apartment buildings, and businesses that could be flooded. Even properties not in a floodplain could experience water damage

from poor site grading or street overflows.

Flood insurance is available to all owners of private property in the city through Littleton's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. To obtain flood insurance, contact your property insurance carrier. There is a 30-day period after a policy is written before coverage becomes effective. Mortgage holders may have a mandatory requirement that flood insurance be obtained for a specific property. Flood insurance premiums vary, depending upon the flood zone where a property is located or the elevation of the building. Maps of flood zones are available from the city.

Littleton has taken numerous actions to mitigate flood hazards. Regular, routine maintenance is performed on streams and storm drainage facilities. An automated warning system is in place for properties most prone to major flooding. Capital improvement projects have been constructed to remove numerous properties from the floodplain. Reference books, manuals, elevation information and other resources are available to property owners seeking to protect their property.

For more information, contact the Public Services Department. The long-range forecast for spring 2010 calls for wetter than normal conditions.

## Little's Creek drainage improvements to begin

Work began in March to construct flood control and water quality improvements on Little's Creek (Sterne Ditch), from W. Caley Avenue to S. Windermere Street. The work is funded by the Urban Drainage & Flood Control District (UDFCD), and the City of Littleton. Nelson Pipeline Constructors, Inc. of Fort Lupton is the contractor.

Large culverts will be installed across each street to reduce the frequent street flooding. During construction, each street will be closed to all traffic for approximately three weeks, but only one street will be closed at a time.

The improvements have been issued permits by the Corps of Engineers and the State of Colorado. Work will take about four months, depending on weather. UDFCD contributed \$400,000 and the City of Littleton contributed \$450,000 for the construction. For additional information contact the Public Services Department at 303-795-3863.

## South Suburban Parks and Recreation board election

There are 11 candidates for three South Suburban Parks and Recreation board positions. Voters will be asked, through a mail ballot, to elect three candidates to four-year terms. Ballots will be mailed to homes mid-April and must be returned by May 4. The incumbent candidates are Harold L. Neal and John K. Ostermiller. Board members Kay Gettner and Sue Rosser will continue to serve in their terms, which are scheduled to expire in May, 2012. Jerry Call is restricted by term limitation statutes.

Candidates for the four-year terms in ballot order are: Pam Eller; John "White Hair" Gillen; Gerry L. Lamb; Roger Koons; Harold L. Neal; John K. Ostermiller; Mary L. Carter; Scott LaBrash; Scott Watters; Mike Anderson; and Daniel J. Lowery.

Additionally, voters will be asked to consider an extension of the one-mill property tax, originally approved by voters in May 2000 for ten years.

Voters/electors will be able to return their ballots by mail, or drop off their ballots at: Administration Building, 6631 S. University Blvd., Centennial; Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton; Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial; Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 RidgeGate Cir., Lone Tree; Sheridan Recreation Center, 3325 W. Oxford Ave., Sheridan.

An elector is a person who, on election day, is registered to vote in the State of Colorado; and either 1) has been a resident of the district for 30 days, or 2) who or whose spouse owns taxable real or personal property within the district regardless of residence, or 3) is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase property within the district.

Eligibility requires voters to be registered with their county clerk and recorder no later than Monday, April 5. Candidates' autobiographical information is on the South Suburban Parks and Recreation web site, [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org). Call the South Suburban Administrative Office at 303-798-5131 with questions.

## LFR hosting blood drive



Every year at the Children's Hospital, more than 8,000 blood components are transfused into sick and injured infants, children and teens. Without this blood, many of the lifesaving procedures performed at Children's Hospital would not be possible. The blood donated gives these children a better chance for a healthy life.

Blood donation does not cost money and requires little time. It does, however, make a big difference. Children's Hospital has devoted volunteers who donate blood on a regular basis. Unfortunately, they can still run short during times of crisis or with children that have a particular need. Help maintain a steady supply of the wide range of blood products that kids need!

When: April 28, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (by appointment)

Where: Littleton Center, 2255 W. Berry Avenue

Contact Littleton Fire Rescue Captain Randy Glanville at 303-795-3803 to schedule an appointment.

## Comcast subscribers get ready for May 17



Comcast is upgrading digital services across the state

on a rolling basis and those changes are on the way for Littleton cable television subscribers May 17.

Comcast will migrate the Expanded Basic channels from an analog to a digital format. These channels are

20, 23-48, 64-78, 95 and 99. When complete, subscribers will see enhancements to the picture quality and sound. This means subscribers will need a digital adapter for each television on which they wish to continue viewing these channels. If you already have a converter box on your television set, then no action is required. Absent a digital adapter, you will not be able to view those channels. You will, however, continue to receive limited basic cable, which does not require equipment at this time.

Comcast will move its Expanded Basic customers to digital at no cost and will provide equipment for up to three television sets at no additional charge. Customers who already have digital cable will receive two additional digital adapters as part of their package. Customers who subscribe to the most basic tier of service will not be affected by the digital conversion. If a customer requests more than the two digital adapters and one digital set-top box included as part of the Standard Cable package, they will be charged \$1.99 for each additional digital adapter and the standard rate for each additional digital set-top box.

Also effective at the time of the Expanded Basic move to digital format, the following Basic channels will change position: TBS (Ch. 49) moves to Ch. 18, WGN (Ch. 52) moves to Ch. 99, Hallmark (Ch. 58) moves to 70, Fit TV (Ch. 59) moves to Ch. 222, and KRMT (Ch. 20) moves to Ch. 52.

This network enhancement will provide faster Internet services, thousands of hours of free on demand programs, access to 100 HD channels and 1,000 HD video on demand choices, interactive on screen programming guide and many new digital cable channels.

Customers should call 1-877-634-4434, go on-line at [www.comcast.com/digitalnow](http://www.comcast.com/digitalnow), or visit a Comcast payment center to determine how best to receive their digital devices. The nearest payment center is at 6793 W. Canyon, Unit 13C in Jefferson County and is open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## LPD honors employees at awards dinner

The Littleton Police Department held its annual awards dinner February 24. The awards dinner gives the police department the opportunity to recognize and thank officers, civilian employees, and citizen volunteers for doing a great job or going above and beyond the call of duty. The department awarded employees and volunteers with two Life Saving Medals, nine Commendable Service Awards, three Unit Citations, and six Citizen Appreciation Awards. The two Life Saving Awards were given to Officers Dara Schoepflin and John Jones for rendering first-aid to an officer who sustained a gunshot wound to his leg. Their quick action and first-aid skills most likely saved the officer's life and allowed him to continue his career with the police department.



Officers Dara Schoepflin and John Jones

Also this year, officers that received awards from outside organizations were recognized at the dinner. Sgt. Kim Steen was recognized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for her outstanding job in coordinating the arrest of a serial bank robber. Officer Steve Skundberg was given the Denver Federal Executive Boards "United We Serve" Award for his exemplary work in the community to benefit the Sungate organization.



Sergeant Arlan Kluth and Police Chief Heather Coogan

Sungate is a facility that provides services for abused children. Officer Jim Hannah was recognized by the Optimist Club for his work in the youth community. Sgt. Mike Eyman and Officer Marty Keilman were recognized by the El Jebel Shriners. The Elk's Club collectively bestowed its Officer of the Year award on the department's Special Enforcement Team; and Sgt. Kim Steen, Evidence Technicians Bruce Adams and Cheri McAlister, and Records Clerk Barb Andres were honored by the Rotary Club as "Everyday Heroes" for their outstanding

contributions to the police department and the community.

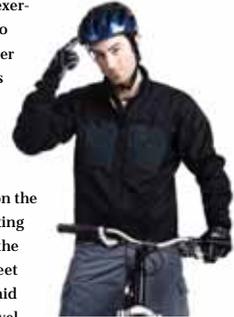
The police department is very proud of its employees and its heritage of service to the community, and would like to thank all of its members for the outstanding job they do every day.



Littleton resident Ty Sharp was recognized as Guest Citizen by Mayor Doug Clark and Police Chief Heather Coogan at the February 2 city council meeting. Sharp was awarded the "Littleton Police Department Citizen Appreciation Award." Sharp apprehended and subdued a burglary suspect he observed exiting a broken window at the Bow Mar Express gas station at 5200 South Lowell Boulevard.

## Bicycle safety tips from the Littleton Police

Many people use the bicycle as a regular form of exercise and recreation, not to mention transportation to and from work. With springtime and warmer weather headed our way, the number of cyclists on our roads and trails will dramatically increase, calling for greater awareness and vigilance in keeping all road users safe. Last year, the State of Colorado passed the Bicycle Safety Act in an effort to give greater protection to the ever growing numbers of cyclists on the road. The new law created specific statutes prohibiting cars from driving unnecessarily close to cyclists on the road, and requires motorists to leave at least three feet between them and the cyclist when passing. As an aid to motorists, it also allows drivers to cross a double yellow line, or the centerline of a roadway, to allow a safe pass and the three foot passing margin. The new law also prohibits motorists from passing a cyclist when there is oncoming traffic unless the passing vehicle can pass without interfering with oncoming traffic and maintain the three foot separation. The wearing of headphones or earphones while riding on public roadways is not only unsafe, but against the law!



The Mary Carter Greenway and the Highline Canal Trails are extremely popular routes for bicycles and pedestrians alike. All users are welcome to enjoy both the paved and cinder trails and are not restricted to one or the other. The speed limit on the Mary Carter and Highline Canal Trails is 15 miles per hour. South Suburban Parks and Recreation does enforce that rule and violators can receive a citation for exceeding that speed limit. If high-speed riding or training is on your agenda for the day, public roads are a much safer place for that. Also, courtesy goes along with safety. When passing slower users on the trail, call out to them and advise them as to which side you are passing. Be aware of pets (and the leashes attached to them), as well as wildlife. Snakes, coyotes, foxes, rabbits and ground squirrels are commonly seen along the trails, and they deserve safe passage, too!

Of course, safety equipment is important. Never ride your bike without wearing a quality helmet. It is still getting dark pretty early, so be prepared with reflective clothing and head and tail lights. And, as always, don't forget the sunscreen!

## Teen driving seminar scheduled

Littleton Police Lieutenant Trent Cooper, and his sister, Leah Cooper, MD, a local physician, will present a teen driving seminar in the City of Littleton Council Chamber April 13 at 7 p.m. Although all are welcome to attend, the presentation is geared toward parents with teen drivers. Dr. Cooper is going to discuss, among other things, the physiological reasons why teens cannot be as good as adults in driving a car, and why special considerations need to be made for teen drivers. She will also discuss ways parents can deal with their teen drivers. Lt. Cooper will include discussion on Colorado's Graduated Driver's License Laws, motor vehicle accident investigation, and impaired driving. Come join them for an informative session and a different perspective on the unique problem of teen driving.



2nd Annual Presented by the Littleton Police Department

# Littleton Safety Day

For more information call 303-795-3875 or visit [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org)

**May 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Arapahoe Community College**

The event will feature displays of police equipment, special teams and programs!

Including:

- Bicycle Safety
- Free Kids' Bike Helmets (while they last)
- K-9 Unit
- D.U.I. Awareness
- Crime Prevention
- S.W.A.T. Team
- Traffic Unit
- Patrol Vehicles
- I.D. Theft Awareness
- Internet Safety for Kids
- Traffic Safety
- Illegal Drug Recognition
- Child I.D. Kit
- Citizen Academy
- Junior Police Academy and C.S.I.
- Crash Cars
- Expired Medicine Drop Off
- Shred Unwanted Documents
- Mobile Command Post
- Dunk Tank
- Food and Fun!

City of Littleton

## Awards and Milestones

### Jim Taylor elected DRCOG Vice Chair



Littleton Council Member Jim Taylor has been elected vice chair of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Board of Directors. The board elected its 2010 officers February 17.

Joining Taylor in leading the regional council in 2010 is Arapahoe County Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld as chair.

Taylor has represented Littleton on the DRCOG Board of Directors since January 2007, and served as the alternate before that time. In addition, he previously held the posts of DRCOG secretary (2009) and treasurer (2008).

### 2010 Eye of the Camera award winners

The 2010 winners of the Littleton Fine Arts Committee's *Eye of the Camera* competition were announced by Juror Roddy MacInnes:

**The Road**, Best of Show – black and white by Ben Woodruff

**Self Portrait**, Best of Show – color by Lowell Baumunk

**Known and Unknown**, First Place – black and white by Laura McGee

**Refinery on a Winters Night #2**, First Place – color by Dave Ingraham

**The Twins**, Second Place – black and white by Don Martinson

**Coffee Time**, Second Place – color by Joe Bonita

In addition to a cash prize, the Best of Show winners are awarded a two-person exhibition in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Littleton Museum in April, 2011.

### Rebecca Kast named WWW Grand Marshal

Rebecca Kast, current board member and past president of Historic Littleton, Inc., exemplifies this year's Grand Parade theme, "Honoring Our Heritage," said Western Welcome Week (WWW) Parade Co-Chair Mike Giesen.



Kast served from 1993 until 2007 on the Littleton City Council, the last two years as mayor pro tem. She supported several measures during that time to protect the city's historic character, including the designation of various historic districts and properties.

Historic Littleton, Inc. (HLI) will be given special recognition during WWW as well. Founded in 1990, HLI is dedicated to preserving the historical and architectural heritage of the greater Littleton area through advocacy and education.

### Littleton named Tree City USA for 23rd year



Littleton has been named a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 23rd year. To receive this national recognition a community must meet four standards: it must have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Arbor Day in Colorado is officially Friday, April 16. As part of the Arbor Day celebration, the Littleton Tree Committee will distribute 280 shade trees to residents Saturday, April 17. This is the 15th year of an annual program to encourage tree planting throughout the city. These trees were reserved by citizens filling out the application appearing in the February *Littleton Report*. There are still a limited number of trees available. For information visit the city's website at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org), or call 303-795-3766.

The Littleton Tree Committee, local service clubs and South Suburban Parks and Recreation will celebrate Earth Day April 22 with a tree planting along the Mary Carter Greenway.

## Summer Cleanup and Recycle Program returning

Have you started your spring cleaning and don't know what to do with all the stuff you've discovered? The City of Littleton's popular "Keep Littleton Beautiful" Summer Cleanup and Recycle Program will begin taking calls May 23. Call 303-795-3744 to schedule an appointment for a crew to come to your home and haul it all away! The city will continue to schedule pickups until all time slots are full, so call early to assure a pickup time. The program ends the first part of August.



The city will pick up items such as old appliances, used tires (four per household), discarded furniture, refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, electronics and other hard to dispose of objects that your regular trash hauler will not accept. For more information call Code Specialist Rebecca Thompson at 303-795-3831.

### "Epic Spring Cleaning" event coming April 17

The Cities of Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan (the Tri Cities), and South Suburban Parks and Recreation, are partnering with the arc Thrift Stores and Inter-Faith Community Services for the Epic Spring Cleaning event, Saturday, April 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pirates Cove Aquatic Park, 1225 West Bellevue Avenue in Englewood.

According to Littleton Mayor Doug Clark, charities are in need of donations to meet ongoing demand. "The Epic Spring Cleaning event is a chance for people to clean out their closets while supporting Colorado-based local charities that in turn support people with developmental disabilities and their families as well as the under privileged," Clark said.

Residents are invited to bring gently used clothing, household items and furniture to the drop off site. They'll receive a tax donation slip in return. Small electronics will be accepted but no paint, motor oil or chemicals. Food and toiletries will also be collected.

Sandra Blythe-Perry, Inter-Faith Community Services Executive Director, said, "We're very excited to partner with arc Thrift Stores in this wonderful event that will have a meaningful impact for people in need throughout our communities."

Volunteers are needed to assist people in unloading donated goods at the drop off site and placing them in boxes for distribution. If you'd like to help, contact David Diedrich with arc Thrift at 720-299-3120.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held the following Saturday, April 24 at Pirates Cove.

### District IV Community Conversation

District IV Council Member Debbie Brinkman continues her series of District IV conversations with the community. The next meeting will be Saturday, April 17, 1-3 p.m. at the Carson Nature Center Solar Classroom (located behind 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.



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## Helen Thorpe to discuss best-selling book at Bemis Library April 12

### Saturday Movie Matinee: *Capitalism, A Love Story*

See one of the most talked about documentaries in the last year April 3 at 2 p.m. Filmmaker Michael Moore's latest film sets out to examine what he considers the disastrous impact of corporate dominance on the every day lives of Americans.

### Communities Thrive During National Library Week

Join libraries around the country in celebrating National Library Week from April 11-17. The theme is "Communities Thrive @ Your Library." Stop by and write a few lines about why you enjoy living in Littleton; children can color and decorate a printed "hand" that will be placed on display. Participants will have their name entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to a business of their choice in historic Downtown Littleton.



### Just Like Us

Journalist Helen Thorpe, wife of Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, will talk about her best-selling book April 12 at 7 p.m. The book is a powerful and moving account of four Mexican girls who attend the same high school; two of the girls have legal documentation and two do not.

### Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy an espresso or delicious pastry while listening to music; all programs start at 2 p.m. On April 17, *The Choralary* will entertain with popular folk ballads from the U.S. and around the world. On May 24, the duo *Tropical Beat* will entertain on keyboard and drums with music that will transport you to the beach!

### Augusta Tabor and Winfield Scott Stratton

Enjoy a fascinating visit with two of Colorado's most famous personalities April 27 at 7 p.m. Return to a captivating period in western history as Tabor and Stratton recall life in the 19th-century boom towns of the Rockies.

### Walk Around Photo Shoot

Meet with a digital photography instructor and learn how to take great pictures. Registration is required and you must know how to operate your camera. May 7 at 9 a.m.

### Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Blind Side*

Bring the family to see this acclaimed film May 8 at 2 p.m. Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw star in this remarkable true story of a young man who went from abandonment to success as a pro football player.

### Why People Are Gullible

The susceptibility to being duped will be the focus of a talk by the world's leading expert on the subject, Dr. Stephen Greenspan, May 11 at 7 p.m. Greenspan will illustrate his presentation with many interesting and sometimes humorous examples from literature, the popular media and current events.

### Strange But True America

What if one American set out on a journey to uncover the most bizarre piece of history from each of the 50 states? Listen to funny and fascinating trivia and history from around the U.S. presented by author John Hafnor May 18 at 7 p.m.

### Evening Book Group

Meets at 7 pm.

April 19: *Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz. An urban misfit who lives with an old-world mother and rebellious sister dreams of becoming the next Tolkien.

May 15: *Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian. Working at a homeless shelter, a student encounters a man with a history of mental illness and box of secret photos.

### 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. and pre-registration is necessary.

Beginning Internet: April 17, May 19

Beginning Microsoft Access: April 20, May 25

Beginning Microsoft Excel: April 13, May 11

Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint: April 27

Beginning Microsoft Publisher: May 26

Beginning Microsoft Word: April 7, May 5 and 15

Beginning Windows: April 6, May 4

Computer Comfort: April 3, May 1

Creating Digital Gifts Using Your Photos: April 9

Facebook, What's the Hype: April 23

Get More Out of Google: April 28

Intermediate Microsoft Excel: April 21, May 12

Intermediate Microsoft Word: April 14, May 18

LuLu Self-Publishing Lab: May 14

NetLibrary Downloadable Audio Books: May 18

Open Computer Lab: Every Thursday morning; no registration required.

Windows File Management: May 29

### SENIOR PROGRAMS

#### Afternoon Programs

All programs start at 2 p.m.

April 26: *A Man in a Red Coat: General Charles Cornwallis*. Although opposed to the repressive tax policies that Britain imposed on its American colonies, Cornwallis joined British forces with the rank of Major General.

May 25: *Walking in Two Worlds: Mixed Blood Indian Women*. Hear the true stories of mixed blood Indian women who were raised in the traditions of their Indian mothers, but lived in the world of their white fathers.

#### Senior Book Club

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

April 5: *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo.

Milo tries to hold his family together while working in the once-successful logging town of Empire Falls, Maine.

May 3: *Ladder of Years* by Anne Tyler. A mother of three almost-grown children impulsively walks away from her marriage and begins a new life.

#### Senior Wii Bowling

Third Thursday of the month (April 15, May 20) at 2 p.m. 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 in order to participate.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Duct Tape Creations

On April 17 at 2 p.m. Learn how to create cool items out of duct tape! All materials and instruction will be provided. Space is limited. Contact Teen Librarian Mark Decker at mdecker@littletongov.org to register.

#### Calling All Teen Poets

In honor of National Poetry Month, we'll be writing poetry. Whether you need tips on writing, or just want to share some poems you've written, join us April 20 at 4 p.m. No registration required.

#### Family Game Night

On Friday, May 21, from 5:30-8 p.m., enjoy a great family after-hours program of board and computer games. Wii games, including Rock Band and Guitar Hero, and Dance Dance Revolution will be available. The café will be open throughout the evening, offering a selection of snacks, drinks, and sandwiches for sale.

#### Make Waves at Your Library!

Online registration for the summer reading program begins May 24 and continues throughout the summer. The registration link will be on the Bemis home page and on the Bemis teen blog (bemisteen.blogspot.com).

### Teen Movie: *New Moon*

See the second chapter of Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series. The romance between mortal Bella Swan and vampire Edward Cullen grows more intense as ancient secrets threaten to destroy them. May 15 at 2 p.m. Movie is rated PG-13.

### Wii Games

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

April 15: Wii Sports Resort

May 20: Super Smash Bros. Brawl

### Anime Club

First Saturday of the month at noon.

April 3: Title will be selected at March meeting.

May 1: Title will be selected at April meeting.

### Teen Advisory Group

Fourth Friday (April 3 and May 1) at 3:30 p.m.

### Teen Writers Group

Third Tuesday at 4 p.m. (April 20, May 18). All teen creative writers are welcome! We meet once a month to provide feedback on participants' writing (bring copies of your writing to share with the group). Contact Mark Decker at mdecker@littletongov.org for more details.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Under The Sea For Tea!

The annual Mother/Daughter Tea party April 24 at 2 p.m. An afternoon of merry mermaids, festive fish, shining seashells and more for girls in grades K-5 and their mothers. Please dress in your fancy finery or mermaid best. Reservations required, please call the library.

#### Make A Splashy Bookmark

Doodle, draw, collage, paint. Kids in grades K-5 may pick up entry forms at the Children's Desk for the Summer Reading Program Bookmark Contest and create a colorful design featuring the Make a Splash theme. Four lucky winners will be chosen and have their bookmarks published for distribution during the summer reading program. Deadline is April 30.

#### The Lion King

Saturday movie matinee May 1 at 2 p.m. Can't wait until 2011 for *The Lion King* (rated G) to be released from the Disney vault? Then bring the kids to this special showing on the library's big screen. Snacks will be provided. Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Summer Reading 2010: Make A Splash At Bemis

Beginning May 24, kids from birth through those entering 5th grade in the fall can pick up a Reading Record to track reading time and collect prizes along the way. Visit and find out more about the summer entertainers, activities, crafts, puppet shows and story times.

#### Story Box

For ages infant through 36 months Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and Fridays at 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 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 to register for a 20-minute spot April 17 and May 15.

#### Dial-A-Story

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

# Berry Community Gardens opens in northeast neighborhood



Council Member Joseph Trujillo is joined by northeast neighborhood residents at the official opening of the new Berry Community Gardens March 6. The site, at 703 West Berry Avenue, contains 47 new garden sites (pea patches) including five raised wheelchair-accessible planters. Pea patches are used by city residents to grow vegetables and flowers. Please call 303-795-3863 for more information on the program.

ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY TEACHERS. THE FORM AND MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE ESSAY TOPIC, IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [WWW.LITTLETONGOV.ORG](http://WWW.LITTLETONGOV.ORG) UNDER "WHAT'S NEW."

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Charlotte Ryan held a ribbon cutting for her new shop, Charlotte's Rustic Rose Antiques (5654 S. Prince St.), March 1. The store is filled with a wide and eclectic selection of goods from the smallest curiosity to old stoves, incredible furniture, lamps, western art, yard art and even a few gift items. Pictured with vendors (back row, l to r): Mariett Neigel, Phil Thomas, Lee Woodbury, Tomas Channel, John Thornton, and Carol Konzi, (front row, l to r): Mayor Doug Clark, owner Charlotte Ryan, and Council Member Peggy Cole.



Carmel Riverside Apartments (4957 S. Prince Ct.) recently celebrated the completion of its new club house and workout center with a party and ribbon cutting. There was also a tour of one of the newly renovated apartments with its open kitchen, great storage, and updated interior. Pictured (l to r) are: resident Rose Ann Peterman, Council Member Joseph Trujillo, Assistant Community Manager Janelle Cronover, Groundskeeper Hector Tovar, Council Member Peggy Cole, Maintenance Supervisor Edwin Plaza, Community Manager Naomi Hargrove, and Council Member Bruce Stahlman.

## Littleton City Council



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At Large



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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.

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