

# LITTLETON REPORT

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## 1965 flood exhibit coming to South Platte Park



The South Platte River flood of 1965 swept through Littleton with a fury, causing extensive damage. Following this natural disaster, an unprecedented effort to preserve the river's natural values led to the creation of South Platte Park: a Littleton treasure that continues to offer visitors a direct experience of nature for recreation and inspiration.

The park is now included in a project to enhance the recreational experiences along the river, spearheaded by a partnership of local agencies known as

the South Platte Working Group. This partnership secured a Great Outdoors Colorado Legacy Grant, with nearly \$1 million going toward improvements to South Platte Park. One of those improvements is an educational wayside along the Mary Carter Greenway Trail to showcase the amazing history of the park. The city council recently voted to approve the design of a sculptural element to be installed near the Mineral pedestrian bridge near the Carson Nature Center.

This wayside exhibit will feature a 14-foot high steel sculpture that will benchmark the peak depth of the 1965 floodwaters, and represents the flow of the river through the cottonwoods, as well as the debris it created from the communities near the river. The exhibit is designed to communicate a sense of enormity of the flood, awe at the scale of nature's force, and to showcase Littleton's radical and precedent-setting actions to preserve South Platte Park. It will be accompanied by interpretive panels that will complement information in the Carson Nature Center. Installation is expected in early autumn.

Some of the other improvements currently in the design process to be installed yet this year include an accessible river access point near the nature center, paving of the road and parking lots at the Platte Canyon entrance to the park, installation of artwork at the gate to the nature center, installation of restrooms and an accessible fishing pier near Blackrock Lake, refurbishment of the exterior of the Carson Nature Center, the addition of some picnic tables, and much more. Stop by to see the improvements!

## City council amends medical marijuana ordinance

In November of 2000, Colorado voters approved Amendment 20 to the Colorado Constitution. Amendment 20 created an affirmative defense for possession of marijuana for patients with certain defined debilitating conditions. The amendment allows patients and their caregivers to possess up to six plants and two ounces of marijuana. Patients must receive a doctor referral and apply to the Colorado Medical Marijuana Registry.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was the state agency designated to oversee the medical marijuana registry and regulation. After passage of the amendment, the CDPHE adopted a rule limiting caregivers to five patients. In July 2009, the CDPHE repealed the five

patient limit and allowed caregivers to have an unlimited number of patients.

After this rule change, the City of Littleton received numerous inquiries and applications from caregivers interested in operating medical marijuana dispensaries within the city. Because the CDPHE did not regulate caregivers or dispensaries, this became a subject of concern for many municipalities around the state.

In November 2009, the city council adopted, by emergency ordinance, a 90 day moratorium on any new sales tax licenses or zoning approvals of medical marijuana dispensaries. After the moratorium took effect, city council held three study sessions in late 2009 to look at options for regulation of dispensaries.

In January 2010, the city council held a public hearing and adopted an ordinance regulating medical marijuana dispensaries. The ordinance set licensing standards, banned grow facilities and limited the number of dispensaries in the city to four. The ordinance further required that medical marijuana could only be sold to patients by their designated caregivers. The city council expanded the jurisdiction of the liquor authority (renamed the licensing authority) to grant or deny licenses. In May 2010, the licensing authority issued four medical marijuana dispensary licenses.

During the past legislative session the state also studied medical marijuana, resulting in the passage of two bills.

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Euclid Middle School Student Maggie McCandless smiles at the opportunity to sit in Mayor Doug Clark's chair at the July 6 city council meeting. McCandless was honored as Guest Citizen for winning the Colorado Municipal League's (CML) "If I Were Mayor..." essay contest. CML received 450 essays from 7th graders statewide this year. McCandless was the Front Range winner. You can read her essay at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).

## Flyover work begins at C-470 and South Santa Fe Drive



### Project Overview

On June 21, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began a safety and mobility improvement project that constructs a flyover ramp from southbound Santa Fe Drive to eastbound C-470. Additionally, the project will construct a new bridge and bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Erickson Boulevard. A bicycle/pedestrian trail will also be reconstructed. The \$26.7 million project is partially funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as well as CDOT and Douglas County. The project is scheduled to be completed by January 2012.

This is the first improvement project for this interchange. The second project will reconstruct the Santa Fe Drive bridge over C-470 and widen Santa Fe Drive to three lanes in each direction between Blakeland Drive and County Line Road. The Santa Fe Drive/County Line Road intersection will also be improved with double left turn lanes and right turn lanes.

### Benefits of this Project

The improvements will not only benefit motorists, but bicyclists and pedestrians as well.

- The new flyover ramp from southbound Santa Fe Drive to eastbound C-470 will improve safety and mobility on Santa Fe Drive as the heavy ramp traffic will no longer have to stop at the traffic signal.
- With free-flowing traffic from southbound Santa Fe Drive to eastbound C-470, there will be more signal time dedicated for the northbound Santa Fe Drive to westbound C-470 turn movement. There will also be an additional left turn lane from northbound Santa Fe Drive to westbound C-470.
- A new climbing lane will be constructed on eastbound C-470 between Santa Fe Drive and Lucent Boulevard providing motorists, including heavy trucks, more time to reach travel speeds before merging with traffic.

- The new Erickson Boulevard bridge will be separated from C-470 ramp traffic, providing for improved safety and mobility.
- The new bicycle/pedestrian bridge will improve safety by providing a crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- The existing bicycle/pedestrian path will have a smoother riding surface, which will improve safety.

### Traffic Impacts

Throughout the project, motorists can expect various single lane closures on C-470 and Santa Fe Drive from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. In addition, several full closures of C-470 and Santa Fe Drive will be required throughout the project for bridge girder installation, bridge deck installation and the bridge deck concrete pour. The full closures will take place during the overnight hours and detour routes will be in place. More information will be released as the project progresses.

### Tentative Schedule

This is a tentative schedule highlighting key milestones for the project. The schedule is subject to change:

June 2010- Construction begins

July 2010- Reconstruction of the bicycle/pedestrian trail begins

August 2010- Construction begins on the new flyover from southbound Santa Fe Drive to eastbound C-470

Winter 2010- Girder installation and bridge deck work begins on the new flyover bridge

Summer 2011- Flyover bridge from southbound Santa Fe Drive to eastbound C-470 is completed

January 2012- Flyover open to traffic, project is completed

### Questions?

If you have questions about the project, call the project hotline at 720-419-8743.

### Updates

For e-mail updates about the project, visit [www.coloradodot.info](http://www.coloradodot.info) and click on the icon in the upper right corner. You can sign up for information on the C-470/Santa Fe project as well as other information you may find of interest.

## HB 10-1284: Littleton impacted

Senate Bill 109, passed in January 2010, defined and regulated the physician-patient relationship. House Bill 1284, passed in May 2010, created a state licensing system and defined new categories of medical marijuana products and services.

One such category was a newly defined "medical marijuana center." The bill requires a medical marijuana center to obtain approval from both a local licensing and state licensing authority. The bill also defines and provides for licensing of "medical marijuana-infused products," and "optional premises cultivation operations."

In June 2010, the city council studied the new state legislation and its impact on Littleton. The city council directed staff to draft an ordinance to bring the Littleton ordinance into compliance with the new state regulations. The ordinance was passed on first reading and set for a public hearing July 20, 2010. The revised ordinance still bans grow facilities, adds a ban of medical marijuana-infused product manufacturing and continues to cap the number of medical marijuana center licenses at four. Questions can be directed to the city attorney's office at 303-795-3725.

## Sewer bill due August 16

The City of Littleton has mailed the annual Sewer and Storm Drainage Utility bills.

A single-family residence inside the Littleton city limits has changed from \$209.59 to \$228.45 per year for sewage treatment and maintenance of sewer lines. For those in a sanitation district, the fee is \$173.38 per year.

A multiple-family residence has changed from \$178.15 to \$194.18 per dwelling unit for sewage treatment and maintenance of sewer lines. For a multiple family residence in a sanitation district, the fee is \$147.37 per unit.

Storm drainage rates are applicable only to properties located inside the city limits. Single-family units are a flat \$24 per year and commercial properties are based on the impervious area of the property.

If payment is not received by August 16, a 25 percent penalty will be added to the remaining balance and a past due bill will be mailed in September.

Bills can be paid online at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).

For questions call 303-795-3772.

## 2011 budget process underway

The City of Littleton held a pre-budget hearing June 15 where citizens were provided the opportunity to share concerns, comments, and information with the city council to assist them in developing budget priorities for the 2011 budget. On June 28, the finance department distributed budget worksheets to each city department, along with the city manager's budget instructions.

Council is expected to review the city manager's proposed budget September 13, 14, and 15 at 7 p.m. in the community room at the Littleton Center. Council adoption is tentatively scheduled for November 16.

If you would like a 2011 proposed budget (available by August 31), contact Doug Farmen, finance director, at 303-795-3765 or [dfarmen@littletongov.org](mailto:dfarmen@littletongov.org).

## Channel 8 schedule updated



All city council, planning commission, and licensing authority meetings are broadcast live on Littleton 8. Planning commission regular meetings are the second Monday of each month, and there may be a study session on the fourth Monday. City council holds regular meetings the first and third Tuesday of each month. Study sessions are typically held on second and fourth Tuesdays. The licensing authority meets the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 7 p.m. The rebroadcast is the last meeting held for that board.

The *Littleton! Show*, a 15-minute program about local people and events, is broadcast daily at 6 a.m., noon, and 6:45 p.m. A complete weekly schedule is available at [littletongov.org/littleton8/schedule.asp](http://littletongov.org/littleton8/schedule.asp).



Steve Turner, director of the State Historical Fund, Mayor Doug Clark, and Edwin Bemis' grandsons Edwin Bemis DeBus and David Waring DeBus, unveiled a historic landmark plaque at a June 4 celebration to mark the completion of the \$300,000 Bemis House renovations. The house now serves as office space for Western Welcome Week.

## Citizen forums and outreach meetings scheduled

Citizens are invited to attend the final Littleton City Council outreach meetings of the summer.

On August 19, the council will have a breakfast meeting with representatives of large businesses in the city. The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the community room of the Littleton Center at 2255 West Berry Avenue. Citizens are welcome but should make a reservation 72 hours in advance by calling 303-795-3720.

There are two citizen forums coming up. The first will be for residents of District III, the southeast quadrant of the city. That meeting will be held August 24 at 7 p.m. The next citizen forum will be for residents of District IV, the southwest quadrant of the city. It will be held September 28 at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be in the city council chamber and community room at the Littleton Center. District residents will receive invitations by mail.

Citizen Forums give residents an opportunity to visit with council members, staff, and their neighbors, and learn more about what is going on in the community. Refreshments will be served; reservations are not necessary.

For further information, contact the city manager's office at 303-795-3720.

**City offices will be closed Monday, September 6 for Labor Day.**

# CAROUSEL OF MUSIC

A family tradition during Western Welcome Week for 31 years! A relaxing night of food, fun and free entertainment with the Colorado Honor Band, Denver Concert Band and the Littleton Chorus. Come out to Geneva Lake Park and bring your lawn chairs and blankets for this year's Carousel of Music!

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## Events

### Friends Craft Fair returns to Ketring Park



The 39th Annual Friends Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 2 in Ketring Park, next to the Littleton Historical Museum, 6028 South Gallup Street. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum and will take place regardless of weather.

The scenic grounds of Ketring Park will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.—early shopping is discouraged so the crafters will have time to set up their wares. There is no admission charge; money from booth fees is used by the Friends to sponsor programs at the museum and Bemis Public Library. Park rules include no dogs unless on leash, no smoking, and strollers are discouraged because of the large crowds.

Those attending the fair will be able to browse among 300 booths and seven food concession stands.

Next to Ketring Park, the Littleton Historical Museum will be open with exhibits in four galleries, and living history activities will be underway on the 1860s and 1890s farms. Visit the farms and discover life in the 19th century when hand-made items were more common.

Because fair attendance is usually very high, motorists are asked to observe parking signs and directives. Do not park in the Bemis Library lot, as they need the space to carry out their daily activities.

### Benefit concert planned for Bemis House

The Rotary Club of Littleton is sponsoring a concert featuring the Queen City Jazz Band to benefit the interior restoration of Littleton's historic Bemis House. The August 27 fundraiser will be hosted by Town Hall Arts Center at 2450 W. Main Street. The event begins with a VIP reception at 6:30 p.m. featuring Hank Troy Piano. The Queen City Jazz Band performs at 7:30 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are \$25 or \$40 for the concert and reception. For more information and ticket sales call 303-794-2787 ext. 5 or visit [www.townhallartscenter.com](http://www.townhallartscenter.com).



### Fit 4 Colorado coming August 28

Join CBS4, America on the Move and the City of Littleton for a Fit 4 Colorado Community Walk at 9 a.m. August 28 at Hudson Gardens, 6115 South Santa Fe Drive. The walk will be led by Mayor Doug Clark and CBS4's Jennifer Zeppelin.

Fit 4 Colorado is a statewide initiative that promotes the health and well-being of children and adults. For more information visit [www.fit4colorado.com](http://www.fit4colorado.com).

### THAC presents premiere of *The Love List*

Town Hall Arts Center is pleased to present the regional premiere of a hilarious comedy, *The Love List*, by Canadian playwright Norm Foster. The play is directed by Robert Wells, and stars Robert Michael Sanders, Michael Ingram and Missy Moore.

This adult comedy warns you to be careful what you wish for. Two men concoct a list of the attributes of the ideal woman—the “top ten” best qualities in a mate. When this allegedly ‘Ideal Woman’ actually arrives on the scene the men quickly learn that their list could use a few revisions (contains adult themes and language).

The limited run has 7:30 p.m. performances on Fridays and Saturdays and two Sunday 2 p.m. matinees (Aug. 15, 22) from July 30–August 22.

Reserved seating tickets priced \$21-\$36 are available by calling 303-794-2787 ext. 5 or online at [www.townhallartscenter.com](http://www.townhallartscenter.com).

## Littleton Fire Rescue hosts Mini-Fire Academy



A group of 23 children spent a week with Littleton Fire Rescue learning what it means to be a firefighter, and about staying safe. Throughout the week, participants got to do a variety of activities. They went through the Life Safety House and learned about fire prevention and home escape planning. While in one of the rooms of the Life Safety House, a smoke machine was used to show the children what it might be like to be in a smoky environment and why it's important to have and practice an escape plan with their family.

One day was Bike Safety Day, complete with a bike rodeo course where the kids practiced skills such as slow riding, maneuvering through a figure eight, avoiding obstacles, using hand signals; and looking left, right, left before crossing the street. The importance of always wearing a helmet was also discussed, and the kids participated in activities that helped them see what life would be like with a brain injury.

As future firefighters, they learned that many fire departments respond to a high number of medical calls, so they were taught basic first-aid skills. Firefighters also utilize ropes and have to know many different types of knots. The search and rescue drill was a favorite of many of the participants. They were blindfolded and placed in teams of two or three and had to search a room for a victim. Each child also got to try on bunker gear, the protective clothing that firefighters wear.

The last day was spent at the Metro Fire Training Center where the kids were put through many of the same training experiences as firefighters. They mastered using the fire hose and even extinguished a wooden "flame." During the combat test they proved their endurance and strength. After learning all about the equipment used, the kids did an old fashioned "bucket brigade."

## October 4–8 is Fire Prevention Week!



Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage October 9, 1871. While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the

Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred October 8, 1871, roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended. Those who survived the Chicago and Peshtigo fires never forgot what they'd been through; both blazes produced countless tales of bravery and heroism. But the fires also changed how firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (today known as the International Fire Marshals Association), decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

## 25th annual Hook and Ladder Fire Muster a big success

The 25th Annual Mile High Hook and Ladder Fire Muster took place in Littleton Saturday, June 19. The day was sun-filled and gorgeous for the more than 5,000 spectators who came to see what this year's muster had to offer.

There were 76 pieces of modern and antique fire apparatus that paraded from Littleton High School to Arapahoe Community College to start the festivities. There were many demonstrations, including one by Littleton Fire Rescue, in which two rooms with identical contents were set on fire. One room had sprinklers and the other did not, the room with the sprinklers was spared from the fire while the other one was destroyed.

Littleton Fire Rescue also simulated a vehicle extrication. In this demonstration, a victim was rescued following a motor vehicle crash. There was an aircraft firefighting demonstration from North Metro Fire Rescue, and Flight For Life landed its helicopter for tours.

Children were allowed to put out a "fire" with a wildland hose and tour the Littleton Fire Dive Van. There were many other fire departments throughout the state that were part of this muster.

## Littleton Fire Rescue hosts EMS Memorial Bike Ride

The National EMS Memorial Service (NEMSMS), originally held in Roanoke, Virginia, officially moved to Colorado in 2010. It was held June 25-27. Each year family members, friends, coworkers, EMS personnel and political leaders from around the nation gather to remember the NEMSMS honorees.

Littleton Fire Rescued hosted the start of the weekend's activities with the 2010 EMS Memorial Bike Ride. The one day bicycling event is designed to celebrate the lives of EMS workers who died in the line of duty. The AirLife Memorial Park in Littleton was the official starting point for the 85-mile bike ride to Colorado Springs June 25. The AirLife Park, the site of a December 17, 1999 helicopter crash that killed the AirLife crew, is located on the west bike path along the South Platte River.



## FirstBank partners with Littleton Housing Authority

For the past 10 years, FirstBank and the Littleton Housing Authority (LHA) have been working together to continue LHA's outstanding commitment to affordable assisted living. Earlier this month, FirstBank originated a \$4.2 million loan for LHA to refinance the Libby Bortz Assisted Living Center and provide additional equity for the Powers Circle Apartments renovation project. In December 2009, FirstBank donated its partnership interest in the Libby Bortz Assisted Living Center to LHA, valued at \$6.1 million.

## HazMat roundup returning

The cities of Englewood and Littleton will hold their Household Hazardous Waste Roundup September 11 and 18 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Roundup will be held at the Englewood Service Center at 2800 S. Platte River Drive (on the east side of the South Platte River).

There will be a \$20 co-pay for each family's hazardous waste. Waste that can be brought includes: oil-based paint, paint thinner, herbicides, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, batteries, and more. Latex paint is not accepted. It is not hazardous and can be dried and put in with the regular trash. Additionally, electronics will be accepted for a fee including: cell phones, computers, copiers (desktop), fax machines, inkjet and toner cartridges, laptops, PDAs, printers, monitors, and televisions. If you have questions, call Tim Weaver at 303-795-3834.

## Building permits required for home improvement projects



Building codes are designed to protect the occupants of buildings. They describe requirements that protect the structural integrity of a building and the safe installation of the electrical, plumbing, and heating systems. The codes also specify a

safe means of exiting a building in case of an emergency, and requirements for energy conservation.

All too often, when a homeowner lists a property for sale, a prospective buyer will ask if a building permit was obtained for home improvements.

If the necessary permit was not obtained, headaches can occur for the seller. The building division routinely receives calls on how to get approval for work done after the fact, and the response is that a building permit must be obtained and the work must pass required inspections. These inspections can normally be done without removing any walls, but sometimes, if abnormalities are detected in the electrical system, it can be necessary to remove part of a wall.

The Littleton Building Division has helpful brochures and information on the website about the building permit process. Visit [www.littletongov.org/building](http://www.littletongov.org/building) or call 303-795-3751 for more information.

## LHA spends stimulus dollars to improve properties

The Littleton Housing Authority received \$274,518 in stimulus dollars authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Funds were expended on the following three projects:

### Bradley House exterior renovation (\$117,317)

Bradley House is a six-story, 72-unit senior housing complex located at 5844 South Datura Street. The scope of services for this project included removal of existing windows and replacement with double-pane, energy-efficient windows in the main floor common areas and offices. A redesign of the existing window area provides additional energy conservation and security in the building. Exterior painting of the building façade, including balcony railings was also included.

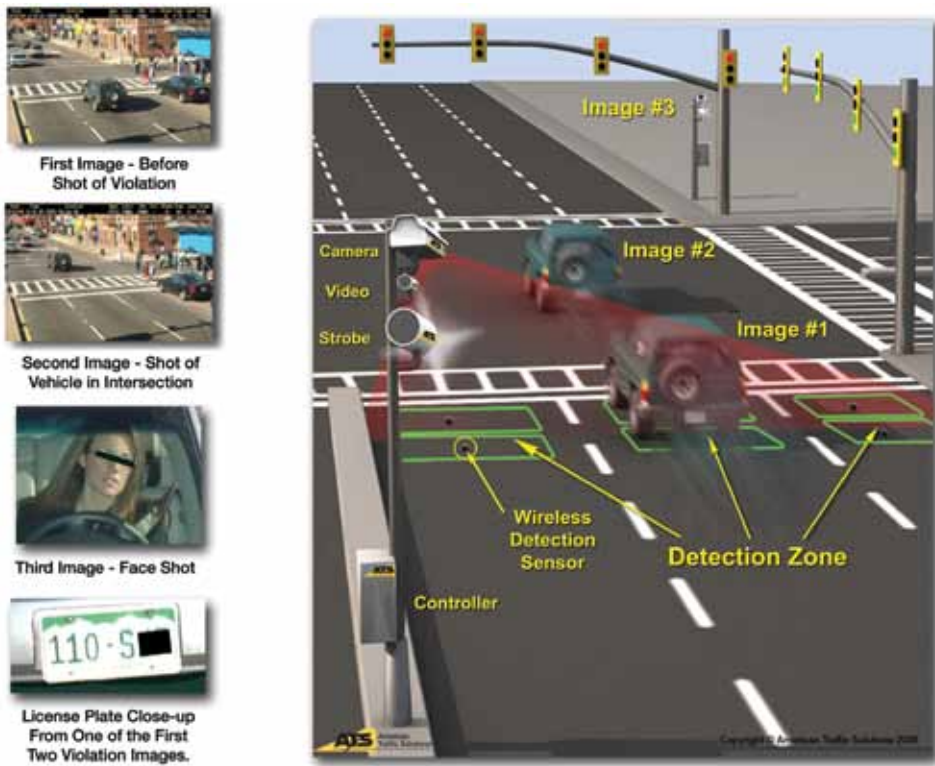
### Replacement of 57 refrigerators (\$21,476)

Refrigerators were replaced in 57 units of family public housing with new Energy-star® rated refrigerators.

### Shepperd/Windermere landscaping (\$135,725)

New landscaping was installed in an area encompassing ten family public housing units near the corner of West Shepperd Avenue and South Windermere Street. The work included grading for proper drainage, installation of moisture-sensitive sprinklers, installation of xeriscaping and retaining walls.

## Intersection Safety Program explained



A few citizens have asked at what point the red light cameras detect a violation. The graphic above depicts what happens. It is a traffic violation if a vehicle enters the intersection once the signal has changed to red. If there is a painted stop bar or a crosswalk, the driver is required by statute to stop before that painted bar or crosswalk.

The first picture that the cameras take is to show the vehicle before the intersection and the red traffic signal. The second picture is of the vehicle driving through the intersection again with the red traffic signal. The third picture is a cropped picture of the driver and the fourth picture is of the license plate.

## Sustainable practices in new parking lot



Work was recently completed on expansion of the parking lot at the Littleton Center. A total of 64 additional parking spaces have been added to the main lot on the south side of the building. ESCO Construction Company of Evergreen was the paving contractor and CE Power Systems of Denver was the lighting contractor. The expanded parking lot allows for additional public, employee and city vehicle parking. The lot also makes up for the loss of spaces as a result of the building expansion for the Littleton Police Department.

The design and construction of the parking lot project included several sustainable practices to minimize impact on the environment.

The landscaping in the center island consists of a Best Management Practice (BMP) called porous landscape detention. Storm water runoff from the pavement is diverted to a shallow pond area in the island. During heavy rainstorms, water temporarily ponds in the island, slowing down the rate of runoff. During most rain or snow melt events, runoff seeps into a special soil mixture, which traps oil, nutrients, sediment and other pollutants and filters them out of the water. Landscaping in the island incorporates drought resistant, xeriscape trees and shrubs. Plants were selected that are able to survive with storm runoff from the parking lot providing most of their water needs, requiring less irrigation.

Construction of the parking lot used recycled materials to reduce the demand for new sand or gravel materials. The asphalt paving utilized a mixture consisting largely of recycled asphalt from previous paving projects. The soil under the pavement was stabilized with concrete recycled from old sidewalks, which reinforced the soil allowing for a thinner pavement section. Lighting fixtures are of modern, efficient design, reducing electrical consumption.

There are many other BMP's to reduce urban storm water pollution. For further information on sustainable practices in construction, contact the Public Services Department.



Littleton Police Chief Heather Coogan and the Littleton City Council recognized two police officers and three citizens June 1 for their heroic efforts following a May 10 traffic accident. The Hero Award was given to Kyle Mair, Jared Searle, and Jason Lowndsale; and the Golden Hero Award to Sergeant James Werder and Officer Craig Kloppenberg. All were recognized for their skill and quick thinking which resulted in saving the life of the driver.

## Littleton homicide arrests made in less than two days

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) worked around the clock in conjunction with agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and other agencies to successfully solve a homicide that occurred in the early hours of June 1 at 750 W. Belview Avenue. Six people were arrested by the DEA in connection to the murder as events unfolded that linked the deceased to an on-going investigation with the DEA. The primary detective assigned to this investigation was Detective Ken Hicks who coordinated the investigation that involved many dedicated members of the LPD in all three divisions. Thanks to the many law enforcement jurisdictions, local, state and federal, whose cooperation and resources were essential to bringing this case to a successful resolution.

## Junior Police Academy a success

The Junior Police Academy was held June 21-25 at Arapahoe Community College.

Students learned many aspects of police work: shooting skills in the shooting simulator, how SWAT teams operate, and building search techniques. On the final day students participated in the top gun shooting competition, and drove pedal carts through the RideSmart course with drunk goggles to learn about the dangers of drinking and driving.

On graduation day, students were issued Junior Police Academy Graduate ID cards. After pledging to "be a good student, citizen and leader," graduates were treated to cake and punch.

## LPD and Bemis Library host Teen C.S.I. class

During the week of July 6-8, the Littleton Police Department (LPD) presented a training class entitled Teen CSI at Bemis Library. The 18-hour class was part of the Bemis Public Library 2010 Teen Summer Reading Program. It was held on three consecutive days and was attended by 15 high school students, grades 9 through 12. LPD instructors provided the participants with training in various evidence-related topics including criminal investigation, fingerprints, computer forensics, footwear impressions, crime scene photography, and bloodstain pattern analysis. Hands-on instruction and practical exercises were emphasized throughout the course. On the final day, the students photographed, diagrammed and collected evidence at mock crime scenes and then presented their work to the class. The students and staff were assisted each day by volunteers from the Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association.



Student Tarren Lievens collects fingerprints from a door at a mock crime scene.

Lunch was provided by Big Papa's BBQ and Chick-Fil-A. All students were issued a Teen CSI t-shirt, group photo and certificate.

## Awards and Milestones

### Council thanks board and commissions members

The Littleton City Council recognized the Littleton citizens who give their time and talent as members of the city's 14 boards and commissions at a dinner June 17. The annual Boards and Commissions dinner was held for the first time at Leo Goto's Riverfront restaurant in its beautiful location next to the South Platte River.

Recognition was given to members who retired from service. They are: Board of Adjustment-Michael Zastrow, 2000-2010; Building Board of Appeals-Robert Davis, 2008-2010; Business/Industry Affairs Advisory Committee-Susan Burgstiner, 2009; Pam Camelio, 2008-2009; Julie Fryberger, 2008-2009; Kim Louise Glidden, 2008-2009; Michael Guilfoyle, 2009; Margie Munoz, 2008-2009; Daniel Murphy, 2009; Michael Price, 2008-2009; William Snyder, 2008-2009; Susan Thornton, 2003-2009; and Kay Watson, 2006-2009; Election Commission-William Sarber, 1998-2010; Fine Arts Committee-R. Scott English, 2008-2010; Maureen Supple, 2008-2010; and Joyce Volp, 2001-2010; Historical Preservation Board-Michael Donnelly, 2009-2010; and Bruce Stahlman, 2008-2010; Housing Authority-Jerry Hill, 2005-2010; Library Board-Mary Hueske, 2007-2010; and Yoon Joo Mager, 2006-2010; Licensing Authority-Anthony Gallagher, 2000-2010; Planning Commission-Alicia Rhymer, 2008-2010.

Board and commission member terms began April 1. Thirty-eight appointed or reappointed members began serving in 2010. They are: Board of Adjustment-Layne Kottmeier, Phillip Wichern, Jonathan Spencer, and Arne McDaniel; Building Board of Appeals-Aldora Gauthier, John Watson, and David Mitchell; Election Commission-John Hershey; Fine Arts Committee-Peggy Dietz, Mollie Christensen Rue, C.J. VanJames, and Denise Senn; Historical Preservation Board-William Hopping, Katherine McMurray, Paul Kastner, and Pamela Grove; Housing Authority-Andrew Hancock, Esther Varela, and Jerry Valdes; Library Board-Joseph Haynes, Paul Bingham, and Dawn Shepherd; Licensing Authority-Susan Price, Victoria England, Donovan O'Dell, and Andrew Cole; Museum Board-Kelly Kordes Anton, Kimberly Field, and Virginia Fraser; Planning Commission-David Metcalf, Craig Coronato, and Jennifer Ranville; Riverfront Authority-Dennis Reynolds; Tree Committee-Darrel Redford, Sandra Snyder, and Doris Cruze; Victim Assistance Compensation Board-Nancy Feldman, and Linda Suttle.

*Thank you*



Arapahoe County Open Space and Trails Advisory Board Member Bobbie Sheffield, Arapahoe County Commissioner Susan Beckman, Council Member Peggy Cole, Littleton Public Services Director Charlie Blosten, and Mayor Doug Clark accepted a \$233,000 grant for the Slaughterhouse Gulch Trail Link Phase 1 at the 2010 Open Space Shareback Awards June 14. The city will match the grant with \$129,000 to build a trail that showcases a hidden open space gem that includes the historic 1860s City Ditch and flume, the oldest operating aqueduct and irrigation ditch in metro Denver.

### Little's Creek improvements nearing completion

Work continues on construction of flood control and water quality improvements on Little's Creek (Sterne Ditch), from South Windermere Street to West Caley Avenue. South Windermere Street was closed to all traffic in April and May while construction of a large concrete box culvert was completed. West Caley Avenue from South Windermere Street to South Datura Street was closed in June and July for construction of a similar large culvert.

Additional improvements include enlargement of the stream channel in Dawson Greenway Park between the two streets to increase the flood capacity. New landscaping and irrigation was incorporated into the work with the channel, which will allow park users access to the stream. New water, sewer, gas and communication utilities have been installed in the project area. Additional storm sewers have also been constructed to reduce neighborhood street flooding. All construction is anticipated to be complete before late August.

Nelson Pipeline Constructors of Fort Lupton, Colorado is the contractor. The \$850,000 project is jointly funded by the City of Littleton and the Urban Drainage & Flood Control District. Questions regarding the work should be directed to the Public Services Department.

### Calendar photo entry deadline approaching

Time is running out for local shutterbugs who wish to enter their photographs in the annual *Littleton Calendar* photography competition. The deadline for submitting entries is Friday, September 17 at 5 p.m.

- Only horizontal images taken within the Littleton city limits are accepted. Photographers are strongly encouraged to take images that are easily recognizable as being in the city limits.
- The photograph must be released for reproduction in the calendar and future city publications.
- Digital photographs must be high resolution and accompanied by a CD with the original tif or jpg file (8 x 10 at 300 dpi).
- Five photographs can be entered, only one may win.
- Name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and where the photo was taken must be written on the back of the entry.
- Winners receive \$25, ten calendars and publicity via news releases and distribution of 15,000 calendars.




Mail or deliver entries to the City Manager's Office, City of Littleton, 2255 W. Berry Ave., Littleton, Colorado, 80165. For more information, call Chris Harguth at 303-795-3728 or visit [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) and click on the "Calendar Photo Contest" link.

### South Metro Trails Map "hot" off the press!

A complimentary South Metro Trails Map is available from the South Suburban Park Foundation. The color, pocket-sized map includes seven regional and local trails. Each of these trails provides a vital connection or spine to the South Metro trail system. A comprehensive trail system map is available as a fold out to help plan longer trips as well as the opportunity to view the trail network system. Visit [www.sspf.org](http://www.sspf.org) and click "trails map" to receive your copy today.

### Immigrant Resources Center looking for volunteers

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center is looking for volunteers! Citizenship applicants have increased and the ESL based Language Partners program is still gathering students, so demand is high. If you have an interest in working with someone from a different culture, helping them study to become a U.S. citizen or assisting them in learning English then contact them soon at Bemis Public Library, 6014 South Datura Street. Call Jimmie Braley at 303-795-3968 or [jbraley@littletongov.org](mailto:jbraley@littletongov.org) for more information.



## Green Corner

**Electricity usage monitors available at Bemis Library**

**Local electricity bills are rising and the Bemis Public Library is providing Kill A Watt Electricity Usage Monitors to help citizens cut down on costs. Simply plug an appliance into the monitor and it will assess electricity consumption by the kilowatt-hour, the same as the utility company. Also, check the quality of your home's power by monitoring voltage and line frequency. The electricity usage monitors may be checked out for one week and are available at the Circulation Desk.**

# Celebrate National Library Card Month at Bemis Library!

## Summer Movie Matinee

*How to Train Your Dragon* is an action-comedy film that tells the story of Hiccup, a Viking teenager who doesn't fit in with his tribe's long-standing tradition of heroic dragon slayers, August 7 at 2 p.m.

## Discussion on the National Health Care Reform Plan

August 9 at 2 p.m., a presentation by the Colorado Consumers Health Initiative will focus on health care reform in Colorado.

## Luke Ham Sandwich Family Band

Enjoy Texas-style fiddling and bluegrass music August 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The band has performed throughout the country and includes dad and mom and their eight children ranging in age from seven to 17.

## Tribute to the Big Band And Swing Era

The Joe Peterson Dance Orchestra and the Andrews Singers will entertain with lively and popular big band hits from the 1930s and 1940s August 19 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Included in the performance will be a demonstration of swing dancing.

## Long Term Care, What are the Options?

Hear tips on choosing and paying for long term health care August 23 at 7 p.m.

Topics include insurance, nursing homes, assisted living, home health care, elimination periods and protecting your family's acquired wealth.

## Your Library Card—the Best Bargain of All!

The library will celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month in September with the theme, Bemis Public Library—The Best Bargain in Littleton! Sign up for a library card in September and receive a free book, prizes, and entry in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Border's Bookstore. If you already have a library card, your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to a Downtown Littleton business of your choice.

## The Power of Good

In 1939, Nicholas Winton personally saved the lives of more than 600 children, mostly Jewish and from Czechoslovakia, which was soon to be occupied by the Nazis. Winton brought the children to Britain and kept it a secret for more than 50 years. September 14 at 7 p.m., see the one-hour film, *Nicholas Winton—The Power of Good*, and then hear the harrowing story of Littleton resident Tom Graumann, who was eight years old when he was rescued.

## Antique Appraisal Fair

Ever wonder what a family treasure might be worth? Find out from experts at the free Antique Appraisal Fair September 17 from noon-7 p.m. Bring any antiques and collectibles to be evaluated by local appraisers. A maximum of two items will be appraised for each person. Photos of large pieces of furniture are preferred. To register call 303-795-3961.

## Saturday Movie Matinee

Love lost and found is the focus of the romantic comedy, *Letters to Juliet*, featured September 25 at 3 p.m.

## Banned Books Readout

Celebrate Banned Books Week, September 25-October 2, and win prizes by participating in a Banned Books Readout September 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sign up for a 5-10 minute slot to read a passage from a banned book at an open microphone. Each participant will receive a gift and will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate from Amazon.com. Registration begins September 1. For those who want to listen, but not read out loud, come and encourage the participants!

## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

On September 29 at 2 p.m. cowboy entertainer Bill Barwick performs with singing, storytelling, and superb guitar work.

## Computer Classes

The following free computer classes are offered in the computer lab on the lower level. All classes are 9-10:30 a.m., except as noted. Call the library to register.  
 Beginning Access, Parts 1-2: Sept. 21 and 22 (must sign up for both classes)  
 Beginning Excel: Aug. 10, Sept. 7 • Beginning Internet: Aug. 18, Sept. 18  
 Beginning PowerPoint: Aug. 24 • Beginning Publisher: Sept. 29  
 Beginning Word: Aug. 4, Sept. 8 • Beginning Windows: Aug. 3, Sept. 1  
 Buying and Selling on Craigslist: Aug. 13 • Buying and Selling on eBay: Sept. 27 (6:30 p.m.)  
 Buying Your First Digital Camera: Sept. 10 • Computer Comfort: Aug. 7  
 Digital Photography Practice: Aug. 9 (6:30 p.m.) • Intermediate Excel: Aug. 17, Sept. 14  
 Intermediate Word: Aug. 11, Sept. 15 • Intro to Digital Photography: Aug. 27 (2 p.m.)  
 Open Computer Lab: Every Thursday morning  
 Shutterfly for Christmas Cards: Sept. 24 • Windows File Management: August 21

## Monday Evening Book Group

If you enjoy talking about books, come the third Monday at 7 p.m.  
 August 16: *The Shack* by William Young  
 September 20: *Tempest Tales* by Walter Mosley

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

### True Stories of Titanic Survivors

September 27 at 2 p.m., hear the dramatic stories of three Titanic survivors, one from each class of the ship. Diana Reardon will portray the survivors and tell why they were aboard the ship, how they felt about their accommodations, their experiences as the ship sank, and what life was like for them after being rescued.

### Senior Book Club

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

August 2: *The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship and the Redemptive Power of Music* by Steve Lopez.

September 13: *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig.

### Senior Wii Bowling

Third Thursday of the month (August 19, September 16) 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 to participate.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Movie Premiere Red Carpet Event

The Binning Family Foundation and the library proudly present the World Premiere of the 2010 Film School Movies August 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Littleton Center Council Chamber, 2255 West Berry Avenue. Teens have been learning professional movie-making techniques all summer, and have created six original movies based on the theme, Make Waves at Your Library.

### Tie-Dye

Learn how to make some cool tie-dye creations. We'll supply the dye, the room, and the know-how; bring your own materials to be dyed. Space is limited, email Teen Librarian Mark Decker to register at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org).

### Teen Battle for the Best Book

Teens who participate in this contest to determine the best teen book will be eligible to win prizes. The contest begins with teens submitting their votes for the best teen book to Teen Librarian Mark Decker via email ([mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org)). Each week in August, two books from the nominated titles will be selected to "battle" against each other. The battle continues through early October, with the final winner being announced during Teen Read Week, October 17-23.

### Wii Games

Third Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

August 19: Wii Sports Resort • September 16: Super Smash Bros Brawl

### Anime Club

First Saturday of the month at noon.

August 7: Full Metal Alchemist • September 4: Title will be selected at August meeting.

### Teen Advisory Group

Fourth Friday (August 27, September 24) at 3:30 p.m.

### Teen Writers Group

All teen creative writers are welcome. Third Tuesday (August 17, September 21) at 4 p.m.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Congratulations to the Bookmark Contest Winners!

The winners of the annual bookmark contest have been selected and their art work reproduced on bookmarks available in the Children's Room. Congratulations to the winners: Derek Wright, kindergarten; Jordan Roos and Finn O'Shea, 2nd grade; Kate Scalet, 3rd grade; Athena Nguyen, 5th grade.

### The Green Scene

A program for families with children ages three and up September 18 at 2 p.m. Meet Super Natural, the world's first organic Super Hero and his green sidekick Sprout. Born on Earth Day and raised on peace, love and granola, Super Natural is here to save the planet from the evil plans of Toxic Waste.

NOTE: Story times are not held in August and will resume September 7.

### Story Box

For ages infant-36 months Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 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-kindergarten Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.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 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. Call the library to register for a 20-minute spot between 10 a.m.-noon September 18 or October 16.

### Dial a Story

Your child can listen to a story anytime by calling 303-795-3960.



# Littleton businesses celebrate grand openings



The Beauty Institute + Spa has opened at 5624 S. Prince St. with classes in hair design, cosmetology, esthology, nail technology and barbering (fall), along with all the courses needed for licensing in each field. Owner Karen Vega has totally renovated the space, adding the latest in salon equipment. Students provide services at special prices for patrons. Pictured at the recent ribbon cutting are: (l to r) Mayor Doug Clark, Kyler Carje, Vega, Council Member Peggy Cole and B/IA director Chris Gibbons.



The ribbon cutting for The Green Bride was almost eclipsed by the sea of bridal dresses in the background. DeeDee and Holly Marsh recently moved their well-known shop from Cherry Creek to 2340 W. Main St. By recycling gowns and procuring extras from designers, the women work to find the perfect dress at the right price for each bride. Assisting with the ribbon cutting are: (l to r) Council Members Jose Trujillo and Peggy Cole, Holly and daughter Chloe, DeeDee, Council Member Jim Taylor and Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Brinkman.



Leo Goto held a ribbon cutting for his new restaurant and event center, Leo Goto's Riverfront, at 2852 W. Bowles Ave. An Asian fusion menu is featured, and the spacious event center offers a range of fare. Pictured are: (holding ribbon, l to r) Council Member Peggy Cole, Mayor Doug Clark, Goto, Andrew Mimori, General Manager Joseph Madril, and Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Brinkman; (group above l to r) Council Members Jim Taylor and Bruce Stahlman, Claire Stencel, Char Linh, B/IA Director Chris Gibbons, Codes/Inspections Director Jim Thelen, Emily Appleby and Veronica Valle.



The Chocolate Therapist shop at 2560 W. Main St. has just reopened after having a little therapy of its own. It now features not only its famous varieties of chocolate candy and everything else chocolate but also a coffee bar with a place to sit, relax and enjoy a cup of the shop's unique coffee blends. Julie Pech (second from right) celebrated the new look and offerings with a ribbon cutting assisted by: (l to r) B/IA Director Chris Gibbons, Council Member Peggy Cole, Business Partner Jim Mitchell and Mayor Doug Clark.



Travis Looch held a ribbon cutting to celebrate opening his own Edward Jones office in Littleton after working with another agent in the northwest part of the city for the last couple of years. The newly renovated office is in the complex just off W. Mineral at 7901 SouthPark Plaza in Suite 200. Helping Looch with the ribbon cutting are: (l to r) Council Member Peggy Cole and Administrative Assistant Debbie West.

## Free sales and use tax classes

The City of Littleton is hosting free sales and use tax classes. Each session lasts approximately two hours and is taught by the city sales tax auditor.

Participants can ask questions and will be provided with information on tax rates, the difference between sales and use tax, preparing returns, exemptions, and record keeping.



## Littleton City Council



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District IV



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District III



**Doug Clark**  
Mayor  
At Large



**Peggy Cole**  
At Large



**Bruce Stahlman**  
At Large



**Jim Taylor**  
District I



**Joseph Trujillo**  
District II

### 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 be found at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) or on Littleton 8 on Comcast cable.

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