

# LITTLETON REPORT

City of Littleton

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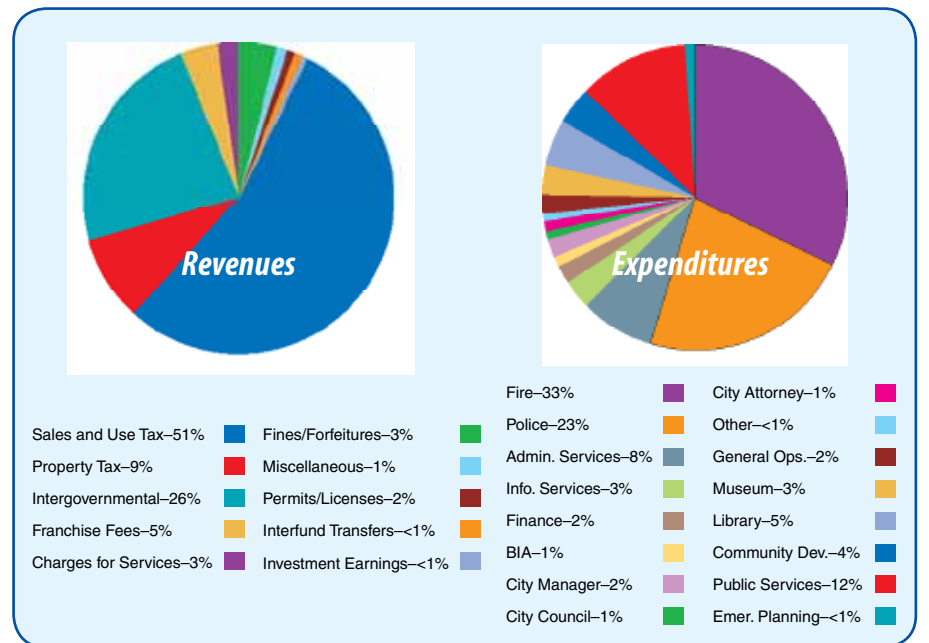
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## City council adopts 2011 Annual Budget

The Littleton City Council adopted the 2011 budget following a public hearing and second reading November 16. The votes were cast following months of discussion with staff over the summer and a series of workshops in September.

Significant cuts in services were avoided over the past two years as cost containment measures were implemented. However, due to the ongoing national recession, funding for a number of city programs and services will be reduced or eliminated. A few of these may continue with private funds or with the help of volunteers. For example, the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast, in partnership with Arapahoe Community College, a formerly free event, will still be held January 17, 2011, but participants will need to purchase tickets to attend.

The General Fund is the city's largest fund that pays for public safety and the majority of city services. The 2011 revenue estimate of \$46,201,120 is ap-



proximately 0.9 percent below the 2010 adopted budget of \$46,608,350.

Adopted expenditures of \$46,412,870 are mainly comprised of public safety (56 percent for police and fire), and public services (12 percent for engineering, streets and grounds maintenance). This is a four percent reduc-

tion from the 2010 adopted budget of \$48,487,460.

Copies of the budget can be picked up from the Finance Department or Bemis Library on December 20. The budget will also be available on the city's website, [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).

### Calendars coming soon

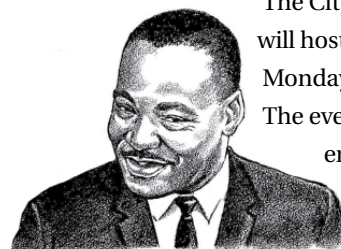
The 2011 edition of the *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report* will be available in early December.

The calendar captures the city's people, landscapes and events. Six members of the Littleton Fine Arts Committee selected the winners from 248 prints submitted by 71 entrants.

In addition to the beautiful photographs, the calendar features the City of Littleton Annual Report.

The popular calendar will be available at: the Littleton Center, Bemis Public Library, the Littleton Museum, Town Hall Arts Center and from each of the generous sponsors. For a complete list of photography winners and calendar sponsors see page 6.

## Tickets available for 2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast



The City of Littleton and Arapahoe Community College (ACC) will host the 13th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast Monday, January 17, from 9-11 a.m. in the ACC Dining Hall. The event will include breakfast, remarks by community leaders, entertainment, an award presentation and recognition of two ACC scholarship recipients.

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. For tickets or additional information

visit [www.accfoundationevents.com](http://www.accfoundationevents.com) or call 303-797-5881. Space is limited so advance purchase is required by January 5.

New to the event this year is a student poetry contest. Elementary through college age students are invited to submit a poem using the theme, "I Have a Dream Too," promoting the ideals of Martin Luther King, Jr. Poetry contest winners will be invited to read their poem at the breakfast. To learn more about the contest, see page 2. The deadline to submit a poem is December 30.

Join fellow city and community leaders, neighbors, distinguished guests and ACC staff, faculty and students for this important event recognizing the life and achievements of Martin Luther King, Jr. ACC's Main Campus is located at 5900 S. Santa Fe Drive, just south of historic Downtown Littleton.

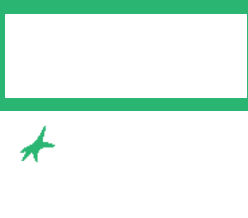
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## Martin Luther King, Jr. poetry contest announced

Arapahoe Community College and the City of Littleton are sponsoring a student poetry contest to promote the ideals that Martin Luther King, Jr. lived. Poetry contest winners will be invited to read their poem at the 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Monday, January 17, 2011. Winners from each category will also win gift certificates and have their poems posted on the ACC web site for public viewing.

Entry deadline is December 30, 2010; winners will be notified January 5, 2011.

### Poems and an official entry form may be sent to:

- foundation@arapahoe.edu
- or
- ACC Foundation  
5900 S Santa Fe Drive, Campus Box 43  
Littleton, CO 80160

### For more information call or email:

- foundation@arapahoe.edu, 303-797-5881

### Poetry Theme, Format and Style:

- The poetry should communicate/relate to the statement, "I Have A Dream, Too."
- Any kind of poem: free verse, blank verse, classical, haiku, rap, etc.
- Limit to one page in length. The poem must have a title.

### Eligible Participants:

- Elementary, middle, high school students
- Arapahoe Community College Students

### Judging:

- The MLK Breakfast Planning Committee, comprised of staff from the City of Littleton and employees from Arapahoe Community College.

### Prizes:

- Most important: being recognized as a person who speaks out for human rights and justice.
- Reading the poem at the 13th Annual MLK Holiday Breakfast.
- A gift certificate from a local book/music store. Certificates will be awarded in each of the four categories: elementary school, middle school, high school and college level submissions.



## Library director retires



Bemis Library Director Margery Smith has announced her retirement from the City of Littleton following 40 years of service. Smith's retirement will be effective December 15, 2010. Library Adult Services Supervisor Phyllis Larison will serve as acting director until a process is determined for

selecting Smith's permanent replacement.

Smith began working for the city in August, 1970 as a part-time cataloger. She worked her way up to supervisor of technical services and became the Bemis Library Director in 1996. She earned her bachelor's degree in art history from Mount Holyoke College and her master's degree in librarianship from the University of Denver. She worked previously as a library assistant for the Museum of Contemporary Crafts and as a cataloger for the Ford Foundation Library in New York City.

Among her many accomplishments, Smith oversaw major improvements to Littleton's only library. In 1998, a multi-phase renovation of the facility began that included the addition of 1,500 square-feet of space, new paint, carpet, lighting, furnishings, and electrical systems; and landscaping, art, and parking lot improvements. Most recently, Smith managed a project to install a fire suppression system in the 45 year-old building. Smith has been a strong supporter of the Littleton Immigrant Resource Center and for reading materials for the visually impaired. Following Hurricane Katrina, Smith took a four-month leave of absence to help New Orleans libraries get back in business, and made two other trips to assist in feline rescue efforts.

City Manager Jim Woods said, "It is impossible to describe the magnitude of Margery's contributions to literacy, culture, and community. We owe her a debt of gratitude for all that she has done to make Littleton a better place. Her shoes will be hard to fill," he added.

Bemis Library had more than 300,000 visitors last year.

As Smith has touched the lives of so many Littleton citizens, a reception will be held in her honor December 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the library.

## Christmas trees recycled into free mulch

The City of Littleton and South Suburban Parks and Recreation will collect and mulch Christmas trees from December 26-January 9. The Littleton collection site is located at Cornerstone Regional Park at the southeast corner of West Belleview Avenue and South Windermere Street. Access to the site is off of Windermere Street just south of Belleview, with the drop site in the parking lot adjacent to the soccer fields. South Suburban is also collecting trees at its Willow Springs Service Center at 7100 S. Holly Street. Both sites are open everyday during daylight hours.

All lights, ornaments, nails, and plastic bags must be removed prior to dropping off trees. This drop off site is for Christmas trees only. Do not drop off flocked trees, artificial trees, leaves, branches or other refuse. The trees will be ground into free mulch as long as the supply lasts.

The city also provides free wood mulch throughout the year. This mulch is produced by tree trimming operations. The mulch pile is located on the northwest corner of South Prescott Street and West Prentice Avenue. The site is open to the public during daylight hours. Residents are responsible for loading, so bring bags, trash cans and a shovel or pitchfork. For information call 303-795-3863.



## Holiday closures

The Littleton Center, Bemis Library and the Littleton Museum will be closed December 24 and January 31 for the holidays.



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

### Poetry Contest Entry Form

Contact Information	
Name:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Home Phone:	
E-Mail Address:	
School:	
Grade:	
Age:	

Title of Poem
Title of Poem

Agreement and Signature	
By submitting this application, I affirm that the poem submitted is an <b>original work</b> .	
<b>If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must fill out the section below:</b>	
Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Deadline
All entries must be submitted by: <b>DECEMBER 30, 2010 AT 5 p.m.</b>

Please send entry form to:  
5900 S. Santa Fe Dr., Campus Box 43, Littleton, CO 80160  
Or email your entry form and poem to: foundation@arapahoe.edu



## Classes for preschoolers available at South Platte Park



They are words you'd never expect to hear out of a preschooler's mouth: crepuscular, nictitating, and decomposition. Yet students at South Platte Park are learning to use these adult words while having a ton of fun. Ranger Pam's preschool Nature Classes are continuing year-round at the Carson Nature Center as they have for the past 15 years.

Classes run for two hours every Monday with a new topic each month. Each two-hour session includes a hike, a topic-related experiment or craft, a thematic snack, and several incredibly creative games.

Some of the activities have included trying to catch gummy snacks using only the tools available to an owl, creating bat costumes then living as a pretend bat colony as a group, and having relay races to show which plants and animals produce food.

"A student can take classes every month starting when they turn four, and never repeat a topic until they are too old for the program at age six," explains Pam Batton, owner of EcoAdventures and class instructor. "These students have such a head start on science concepts, and develop a comfort with and appreciation for nature that is rare in children of this age." Indeed, many of Ranger Pam's earliest students continued into the nature programs at South Platte Park for older ages, eventually becoming VolunTeen Naturalists, with some even continuing into university programs in science and nature.

Classes meet every Monday, from 1-3 p.m. at the Carson Nature Center, 3000 West Carson Drive. Register online at [www.sspr.org/nature](http://www.sspr.org/nature) for class number 670601. Questions can be directed to 303-730-1022.



Littleton Mayor Doug Clark, left, helps cut the ribbon at the grand reopening of Mercedes-Benz of Littleton September 23 following a major remodel. To Clark's left are: Owner Norman Braman, Littleton Business/Industry Affairs Director Chris Gibbons, and General Manager Terry Minnick.

## Energy Saving Workshop for Seniors

Learn to make low-cost, easy, money-saving changes in how you use energy!

Workshop leaders help create a personal plan that fits your lifestyle. Get materials on cutting energy use. Learn how to apply for low-income utility assistance, appliance rebates and tax credits. Get a free compact fluorescent light bulb.

### Energy Saving Workshop for Seniors (55+)

January 20, 2011, 1-2 p.m.

Buck Recreation Center

2004 West Powers Ave., Littleton, CO

Preregistration recommended by January 18.

Register at the Sr. Resource Desk, 303-730-4605.

Enrollment limited – first come, first serve.

For more information visit [www.coipl.org](http://www.coipl.org).



## Events

### Skate with Santa and enjoy South Suburban's Community Holiday Ice Shows

South Suburban Parks and Recreation has recruited more than 80 community members to participate in holiday ice show performances. South Suburban will present these free shows, combined with free opportunities for the public to skate with Santa Claus, Friday through Sunday, December 17-19. Bring a non-perishable food item for donation to Interfaith Community Services to obtain free admission.



South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S. Vine St., 303-798-7881

- Friday, December 17: ice show begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by Skate with Santa.
- Saturday, December 18: public skating from 1-3 p.m., Skate with Santa from 2:15-3 p.m., ice show begins at 3:15 p.m.

Family Sports Center, 6901 S. Peoria St., 303-708-9500

- Saturday, December 18: public skating from 1-4 p.m., Skate with Santa from 1-1:45 p.m.
- Sunday, December 19: public skating 1-4 p.m., Skate with Santa from 3:15-4 p.m., ice show begins at 4:30 p.m.

Skate rental is not included in the free Skate with Santa admission. For more information about public ice skating and lessons visit [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).

### Town Hall Arts Center presents Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*



Based on the beloved timeless Paramount Pictures film, this heartwarming musical stage adaptation features 17 Irving Berlin songs including "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean," and the perennial favorite, "White Christmas."

*White Christmas* is an uplifting musical providing perfect family holiday entertainment.

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World

War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander.

Directed by Sharlene Wanger, with music direction by Donna Debrenceni and choreography by Kelly Kates, Town Hall's production runs through December 26.

Reserved seating tickets priced \$20-\$40 are available at the Town Hall Arts Center box office, 303-794-2787 ext. 5, or [www.townhallartscenter.com](http://www.townhallartscenter.com). Discounts are available for students, seniors and groups of ten or more.

### Town Hall Children's Theatre presents *Seussical Jr.* for family holiday fun!



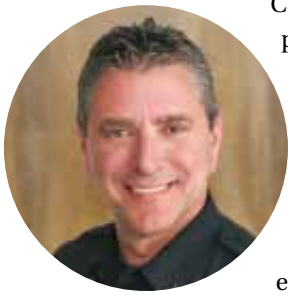
The enormously popular *Seussical Jr.* (the one hour version) opens November 29 and runs for 13 performances at Town Hall Arts Center. Shows are November 29, 30, December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, and 21 at 7 p.m. and December 20, 21, and 22 at

10 a.m. Town Hall Arts Center is located at 2450 West Main Street. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

A magical, musical extravaganza featuring all of the favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Yertl the Turtle and a little boy with a big imagination...Jojo.

To make reservations or for more information, call the Town Hall Arts Center box office at 303-794-2787 ext. 5, or [www.townhallartscenter.com](http://www.townhallartscenter.com).

## Captain Larry Blanco named Jack Easton Employee-of-the-Year



Captain Larry Blanco has been named the Jack Easton Employee-of-the-Year for Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR). Named after LFR's first paid fire chief and first awarded in 1984, the Jack Easton award is given to an employee for outstanding contribution to LFR and the communities it serves.

Blanco first came to Littleton Fire Rescue as a dispatcher in October of 1984. He was promoted to firefighter in February of 1985, engineer in June of 1993, and then to captain in October of 1998.

Nominated by his subordinates, they wrote, "We are nominating Captain Larry Blanco for this award to recognize his outstanding contribution to Littleton Fire Rescue. He is a professional in every sense of the word and a shining example of what is right with Littleton Fire Rescue." Congratulations Larry!

## Jens Pietrzyk named EMT-of-the-Year



Jens Pietrzyk first joined Littleton Fire Rescue in September, 2002 as a cadet and was promoted to firefighter in August, 2003. Pietrzyk joined the United States Army and was deployed to Iraq from September 2006 to December 2007. During his deployment he was awarded the Bronze Star for actions above and beyond the call of duty. Pietrzyk was again deployed overseas from January to October 2009 where he was recognized as the 'Best Army Medic.'

This is the first year the EMT of the Year has been awarded.

Pietrzyk was selected because he demonstrates enthusiasm for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) on a daily basis, has a great work ethic on EMS calls and around the station, has outstanding EMS skills and knowledge base, provides wonderful paramedic support, always has the equipment on the medic units ready to deploy, and is an example of both an internal and external customer advocate. Pietrzyk will begin paramedic school in December and will be promoted to paramedic firefighter upon graduation.

## LFR collects toys for Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop



Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) is collecting gifts for the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop through December 7.

The Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop ([www.arapahoeshop.org](http://www.arapahoeshop.org)) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that has been gathering toys and making the holidays special for children since 1958. The toys are provided to low-income parents/guardians for their children from infant-12 years of age who reside in Littleton, Englewood or Sheridan. Families are referred to the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop by local schools, churches and service agencies. It does not accept self-referrals.

New and gently used toys and checks are being collected at LFR stations from people in the community. If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop.

Questions can be directed to LFR Captain Randy Glanville at 303-795-3803, or [rglanville@littletongov.org](mailto:rglanville@littletongov.org).

A list of LFR stations can be found at [www.littletongov.org/fire/about/stations](http://www.littletongov.org/fire/about/stations).

## Fine Arts Committee collection featured on November/December *Littleton!* show



"Moondance" by Kevin Robb



"A Year of Sundays" by Rik Sargent

The December edition of the *Littleton!* show on channel 8 features a fascinating peek at each of the public sculptures in the Littleton Fine Arts Committee collection. Visit [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) for a schedule or [www.youtube.com/user/LittletonGov#gu](http://www.youtube.com/user/LittletonGov#gu).

## Sandra Vale named Telecommunicator-of-the-Year



Sandra Vale was awarded the Telecommunicator-of-the-Year honor by Littleton Fire Rescue October 8.

Nominated by her co-workers, they wrote, "Sandy is easily one of the best team members we have in communications. She is positive, cheerful, and professional when performing any task. Sandy is detail-oriented, thorough and efficient, regardless of the task at hand."

Vale started her career with Littleton Fire Rescue on July 31, 2006. She received commendations in February of 2007 and again in July of 2008.

Vale cares about her fellow communicators, and is always compassionate and professional with callers, and willing to go the extra mile when handling any situation.

Vale also trains new communicators, always trying to create a positive, constructive learning environment for the trainee.

## Mike Simon named Paramedic-of-the-Year



Michael Simon was recognized as Littleton Fire Rescue's Paramedic-of-the-Year October 8.

Simon joined Littleton Fire Rescue in October of 1987, was promoted to paramedic one year later, and then to lieutenant in November of 1999. His nominator writes, "Mike has displayed his EMS leadership skills in all of his daily actions for the past 25 years as both a paramedic and a lieutenant. While he may have a hard exterior, he is a genuine EMS leader and has been for years.

Mike has demonstrated great paramedic skills and embraces new technology (auto pulse and ultrasound) over and over throughout the year. Mike performs services outside his normal job description and always volunteers to proctor new paramedic students." In regards to customer service his nominator writes, "Mike may act tough on the exterior but has a good bedside manner. Mike is a loyal and dedicated employee. He has that quirky 'EMS personality' but is well focused on the mission. He is a 'go to' guy in EMS and is well respected by his peers." Congratulations Mike!

## City council accepting board and commission applications

The Littleton City Council is accepting applications for board and commission vacancies. All applications must be post marked or emailed to the City Clerk's Office no later than 5 p.m. January 31, 2011. Interviews will be scheduled by city council for mid-February. All applicants will be notified when the interviews are scheduled. On-line applications are preferred.

For more information call 303-795-3753 or email [wheffner@littletongov.org](mailto:wheffner@littletongov.org).

Board or Commission	Expired Term (Request for Reappointment Yes or No)	Vacancies	*Vacancies Available After Requested Re-Appointments
Board of Adjustment	2 (yes)	2	0**
Building Board of Appeals	2 (yes) 1 (term limited)	3	1
Election Commission	No expired terms	0	0
Fine Arts Committee	1 (yes) 1 (no) 1 (maybe)	3	1-2
Historical Pres. Board	2 (yes) 1 (no)	3	1
Housing Authority	1 (yes)	1	0**
Library Board	1 (yes) 1 (maybe)	2	1
Licensing Authority	3 (yes)	3	0**
Museum Board	2 (yes)	2	0**
Planning Commission	2 (maybe) 1 (term limited)	3	1-3
Riverfront Authority	1 (yes)	1	0**
Tree Committee	2 (yes) 1 (no)	3	1
Victim Asst. Comp. Board	1 (maybe) 1 (resigned)	2	1-2

\*If council follows long-standing practice, they will re-appoint members in good standing, if they so request.

\*\*Full reappointments have been requested for Board of Adjustment, Housing Authority, Museum Board, Riverfront Authority, and the Licensing Authority.

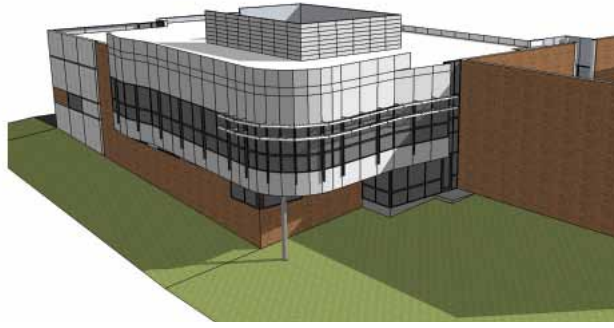
## Code enforcement reminders

The Littleton City Code requires owners or occupants of property, including vacant lots, to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.

The code also prohibits most burning of solid fuel (wood, coal, etc.) on high pollution days declared by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. There are certain exemptions with the "Phase III" stove, in some cases a permit is required.

To report violations or get more information about the permit, call code enforcement at 303-795-3759 or 303-795-3831.

## New police building space to be completed at end of January



Thanks to the beautiful fall weather, the construction of expanded space for the Littleton Police Department (LPD) is moving along quickly and the building has taken shape.

The interior walls are framed and most of the drywall has been installed. The window installation is scheduled for the end of November. The exterior brick has been laid and blends with the existing 30 year-old Littleton Center.

The concrete has been poured for the moving rail system for the evidence storage racks. This system will allow the LPD to relocate evidence stored offsite and maintain the large volume of evidence in a more efficient manner under one roof. The system is expandable to the mezzanine above.

Equipment and furniture needs are being finalized. The majority of furniture in the LPD's existing space will continue to be used and new items are being purchased primarily for the expanded space.

Coordination by Saunders Construction, Intergroup Architects, city staff, and ARC Integrated Program Management, has helped to make the project go smoothly.

The 14,250 square-foot expansion should be completed at the end of January. The final phase will then begin with the renovation of 6,766 square-feet of existing space. The total budget is \$5.8 million.

The city council approved transferring money from the water fund so the project is being built without incurring debt. The public will be invited to an open house sometime next spring.

## Energy rebates still available through Governor's Energy Office

A reminder that Recharge Colorado, through the Governor's Energy Office (GEO), continues to offer rebates to consumers who purchase energy efficient appliances or make energy saving improvements to their homes. The GEO has collected the most comprehensive resource of energy-related rebates, federal and local incentives and offers from manufacturers and retailers. Visit [rechargecolorado.com](http://rechargecolorado.com) for more information.

## Public Services Department ready for the winter season

The city has:

- Six snowplow/sanders, each doing a 30-40 mile route; plus one reserve unit
- A large motor grader on stand-by for ice cutting and pushing large snow accumulations
- 2,000 tons of Ice Slicer stored for the season
- 16 Streets Division employees trained and available 24-7 for snow call outs
- Eight employees available 24-7 for snow/ice control on all city owned parking lots and sidewalks
- Typically, there are 16-18 snow/ice call outs each season, extending from early November through late April
- The city's budget for snow/ice control supplies is in excess of \$100,000
- The Colorado Department of Transportation manages snow control on Santa Fe Dr., Belleview Ave. and C-470

Contact the Public Services Department at 303-795-3863 for a map of snow routes, or go to the city's web site at [www.littletongov.org/publicservices/snowroutes.asp](http://www.littletongov.org/publicservices/snowroutes.asp).



### Ford Ranger converted to electric vehicle

The truck, used to pick up vehicle parts and supplies, features:

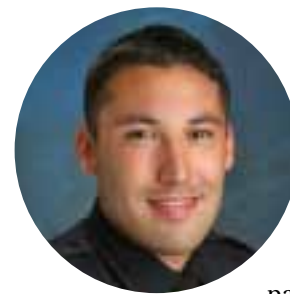
- Lithium ion battery pack, A/C motor and 2 speed transmission
- Regenerative braking recaptures electric energy
- Approximately 60 mph with a 60-mile range
- Application submitted for \$6,000 in rebates from the state
- Will resell engine and components to offset costs for another \$3,000
- Cost about \$.02/mile in electricity which will represent \$8,400 in fuel savings (over 10 years)
- Minimal maintenance or repairs required – saving approximately \$4,900 (over 10 years)

## Trick or Treat Street attendance climbs again

Trick or Treat Street at Aspen Grove was a huge success with an estimated 7,500 people in attendance, up from approximately 6,000 last year. Thanks to donations from Aspen Grove, Mission Hills Church, St. James Episcopal Church, and the Citizen's Academy Alumni Association, an estimated \$2,000 worth of candy was distributed. Twenty-nine volunteers and four police officers staffed the event, along with the Mobile Command Post, to ensure it was a safe and enjoyable time for all.



## New police officer honored by Rotary Club



On October 19, Officer Adrian Anaya-Gutierrez intervened in a domestic violence incident and became engaged in a physical altercation with the adult male suspect who had fled to a nearby park. With the assistance of two other Littleton officers, Anaya-Gutierrez managed to control the suspect long enough to restrain him in handcuffs. At some point during the altercation, Officer Anaya-Gutierrez suffered serious injury to his hand that required surgery. He is now doing well and has returned to work in a light-duty capacity. The suspect was charged with felony 2nd degree assault on a peace officer, in addition to the domestic violence assault charges and was taken to jail. Officer Anaya-Gutierrez was honored at the Littleton Rotary luncheon as an "Everyday Hero" November 16.

## 25th class of Littleton Police Citizen's Academy graduates

The 25th class of the Littleton Police Department Citizen's Academy graduated November 11. Academy participants completed 11 weeks of fun-filled courses intended to promote a better relationship between the police department and the community. This is the 12th year the Littleton Police Department has hosted the Citizen's Academy.

## CrimeReports.com online

Littleton citizens can access crime data from the comfort of their home via the city's web site, [www.littletonpolice.org](http://www.littletonpolice.org), and clicking on the CrimeReports.com link. CrimeReports.com is the world leader in online crime mapping, with more than 600 law enforcement partners across North America.

CrimeReports.com works by accessing the crime reports that are written and entered each day by Littleton Police. Each day, crime information is downloaded into the program and updated on the web site. The easy-to-use system is interactive and allows citizens to simply type in an address, access a map, and find out the types of crimes occurring in their neighborhood or in the entire city. Citizens can also register to receive email alerts about crime. Incidents can be sorted by crime type, date, distance from a given address and over various periods of time; from three to 30 days. While information about registered sex offenders is not yet available on CrimeReports.com, this information can be found at [www.littletonpolice.org/list](http://www.littletonpolice.org/list).

## Awards and Milestones

### Immigrant Resources Center honored

The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, announced 173 government programs selected for its newly-created Bright Ideas program. The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center was chosen from a pool of nearly 600 applicants by a team of expert evaluators made up of academics, practitioners, and former public servants. In its inaugural year, Bright Ideas is designed to recognize and share creative government initiatives around the country with interested public sector, nonprofit, and academic communities.

### NLC recognizes immigrant integration program

A new report from the National League of Cities (NLC) showcases 20 city programs for promoting social cohesion within the community. The NLC's Municipal Action for Immigrant Integration program focuses on public safety, immigrant outreach, civic engagement, and city services. The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center was one of the 20 programs recognized.

### South Platte Working Group wins award

The South Platte Working Group (SPWG) was recently honored with the 2010 Blue Grama Award for Outstanding Achievement by the Colorado Open Space Alliance for its efforts to improve the South Platte River corridor. The SPWG is a coalition of 18 cities, towns, and local organizations working to beautify and enhance the connectivity of the South Platte River. Representing Littleton in the organization are Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Brinkman and Public Services Director Charlie Blosten.

### Historic building awarded grant for restoration

Hedrick and Associates, LLC, owner of the Havener Millinery Building located at 2449-2455 West Main Street, has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Historical Preservation Board to complete a restoration of the building's original 1905 facade. Over its 105-year history, the building has been the site of a women's hat store, a real estate office, and a bakery. In the 1950s, the current facade was constructed and Veto's Shoe Repair occupied the space for more than 40 years. The building is currently the office for the engineering firm Hedrick and Associates. The architects designed the new facade based on historical photographs. Construction is scheduled to begin shortly.

### Calendar photography winners announced

Celebrating 31 years of amazing photographs, the 13 winners of the 2011 *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report* photography contest have been selected. The winners are:

January – David Winger  
 February – Pete Varney  
 March – David C. Irely  
 April – Bruce Keegan  
 May – Lynne Furrer  
 June – Arnold Okerman  
 July – John A. Grevillius  
 August – Paul Lindberg  
 September – Claudia Cangilla McAdam  
 October – Bryan Weaver  
 November – Jeff Gavel  
 December – Fred Manio  
 Cover – Edmond F. DiRenna



The calendar captures the city's people, landscapes and events. Six members of the Littleton Fine Arts Committee selected the winners from 248 prints submitted by 71 entrants.

In addition to the beautiful photographs, the calendar also features the City of Littleton Annual Report.

The major sponsors are: Colorado Business Bank; Chase Bank; Bradford Auto Body, Inc.; Western Welcome Week; Life Care Center of Littleton; GDM Management Inc., McDonalds; RE/Max Classic, Holly Walker; Steinle Realty Services, Inc.; Littleton Adventist Hospital; Reinke Brothers, Inc.; Wells Fargo Littleton; Stew Meagher Commonwealth Realty Services; and Aspen Grove Lifestyle Center.

Additional sponsors are: Lautenbach Insurance Agency, LLC; Henri's Jewelry Company, Inc.; Marie Callender's Restaurant; and Monty Nuss Photography.

The winners will be recognized as Guest Citizens at the December 7 city council meeting at 7 p.m.



Mackintosh Academy was one of 75 successful applicants around the world to receive a \$500 "Disney's Friends for Change Grant." Mackintosh's winning program, "Remains of the Day: Composting for Life," focuses on reducing the food waste generated during lunch hour and converting it to compost. The compost is used to beautify the existing flower beds with improved soil and organic fertilizer. In attendance on October 13 at the program's launch were (back row, left to right): Head of School Renu Rose, Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Brinkman, State Representative Joe Rice, and Council Member Peggy Cole. Students, teachers and administrators from the school were recognized as Guest Citizens at the November 2 city council meeting.

### South Platte Park gets several new improvements



South Platte Park flood exhibit

In October, a new trailside exhibit was installed in South Platte Park to bring the story of how the flood of 1965 changed Littleton, and how Littleton changed the way the nation looked at future flood control. The exhibit, near the Mineral pedestrian bridge, consists of an oxidized steel sculpture of a flood wave atop stanchions representing

cottonwood trunks, with flood debris amid the wave. The height of the wave marks the actual depth of the flood crest at that location. The exhibit was created by ECOS Communications of Boulder, working closely with a committee made up of South Suburban Parks and Recreation and city staff, Littleton City Council, representatives of public art committees for both agencies, the Arapahoe County Open Space Board, and the South Metro Land Conservancy. Funding came from combined monies of these organizations as a match to a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Legacy Grant.

Other changes are included in this GOCO Grant and will be completed by the end of the year. The Platte Canyon entrance of the park has been closed since October to allow paving of the roadway and parking lots (allowing it to remain open in wet weather in the future), trail safety improvements at the C-470 underpass, installation of a restroom and picnic tables, and construction of a handicap accessible fishing pier extending into Blackrock Lake.

A new picnic area was constructed under the cottonwood immediately north of the Carson Nature Center parking lot. The classroom has been expanded to accommodate growing program sizes, and the native plants garden is undergoing a major rejuvenation, 20 years after its initial installation.

The Carson Nature Center is undergoing its first major refurbishment in more than 25 years, including refinishing the exterior wood, repair of gutter and drainage systems, and new energy-efficient windows.

New full-color trailsigns are being installed at the entrances to the walking trails, and interpretive signage is being added in and around the Carson Nature Center. Finally, an art gate, designed by local artist Joshua Weiner, is being installed at the entrance to the park.

Call 303-730-0122 for further information.

### Help for immigrants available at library

Littleton's Immigrant Resources Center at Bemis Library is an award-winning, nationally-recognized program helping immigrants with health questions, mentoring, and language and citizenship assistance. It was recently honored as one of the National League of Cities' 20 outstanding immigrant programs. And new volunteers are needed! 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, contact Alejandra Harguth at 303-795-3968 or aharguth@littleton.gov.org. The office is located at the Bemis Public Library, 6014 South Datura Street.

# Bemis Library gears up for a busy winter schedule

## Musical Moments in Sophie's Place

Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from the Denver metro area. Performances begin at 2 p.m. On December 4, enjoy traditional seasonal favorites and original pieces performed by Perpetual Motion. On January 15, Jeff Wittig & Friends, a band with five members, will perform classic folk and rock songs.

## Joy of Christmas, Past and Present

Celebrate the season with the Joe Peterson Dance Orchestra December 18 at 2 p.m. The orchestra features the Joe Peterson Rhythm Trio, the JPO Andrews Singers, and special emcee, David Hixon. This program will feature Christmas favorites, both sacred and secular. Based in Littleton, the Joe Peterson Dance Orchestra has performed for more than 20 years. Adding to the success and popularity of this band is the JPO's Andrews Singers, who perform many favorite tunes made famous by the Andrews Sisters, McGuire Sisters, and others of that era.

## Family Film Matinee

Bring the family to see the animated comedy, *Despicable Me*, December 27 at 2 p.m. A criminal mastermind uses a trio of orphan girls as pawns for a grand scheme to steal the moon.

## Story of Racehorse Secretariat

Littleton resident Kate Chenery Tweedy had a front row seat when the legendary racehorse Secretariat thundered across America's racetracks and into sports history. On January 11 at 7 p.m., she returns to Bemis Library to tell this remarkable story. Tweedy's mother, Penny Chenery, went from being a suburban wife and mother in the south metro area to become a national celebrity as the owner-manager of Secretariat from 1968 to 1973. As a teen during that turbulent time, Tweedy will reveal what it was like to experience Secretariat's astonishing career up close, and she will also talk about her perspective on the recent *Secretariat* movie.

## Shared Joys and Sorrows: Islam, Christianity and Judaism

Twelve events in the lives of followers of Islam, Christianity and Judaism will be the focus of a photographic presentation by Dr. Richard Steckel January 23 at 2 p.m. Meet some of the people featured in the photographs at this program. Steckel and his wife are founders of The Milestones Project, which promotes mutual respect and understanding between cultures and religions. The Steckels believe that if we learn more about other peoples' faiths, intolerance can be replaced with understanding.

## Saturday Movie Matinee

The highly-acclaimed film about the creation of the website Facebook, *The Social Network*, will be featured January 29 at 2 p.m. In 2003, Harvard student and computer programming genius Mark Zuckerberg sat down at his computer and began working on a new idea. This idea soon became a global social network and a revolution in communication. Zuckerberg became the youngest billionaire in history, but for this entrepreneur, success led to both personal and legal complications.

## Food for Fines

In cooperation with Interfaith Community Services, the library will sponsor the annual Food for Fines program through December 24. Bring in a non-perishable food item and have one late book fine removed from your record. This offer does not apply to lost books.

## Buy a Gift Book

Looking for a unique book for a holiday gift this year? The Friends of the Library and Museum is offering a special sale of "like new" used books at low prices through December 24. Choose from a wide variety of best sellers, classics, cookbooks, and children's books.

## 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. Call the library to register.

Beginning Access, Parts 1-2: January 18 and 19 (must sign up for both classes)

Beginning Excel: December 8, January 11

Beginning Internet: December 18, January 26

Beginning PowerPoint: January 25

Beginning Word: December 7, January 5

Beginning Windows: December 1, January 4

Computer Comfort: January 15

Craigslist: January 21

Intermediate Excel: December 15, January 12

Intermediate Word: December 14

Open Computer Lab: Every Thursday morning

Skype and VoIP Options: January 7

## Monday Evening Book Group

If you enjoy talking about books, stop by the third Monday at 7 p.m.

December 6: Planning session; no book scheduled for discussion. Instead, the group will meet for dinner and a book planning session for 2011. Call the library for details.

January 24: *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga.

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

### Polly Pry, First Female Reporter at the *Denver Post*

Leonel Ross Campbell, better known as Polly Pry, was born in the south in 1857. Intelligent, beautiful, and from a socially elite family, she ran away from an exclusive boarding school at age 15. As the first female reporter for the *Denver Post*, her male co-workers resented her "flouncing skirts" in their newsroom. What gained Pry the most notoriety was her passionate campaign to free Colorado's famous cannibal, Alfred Packer. Attend January 24 at 2 p.m. for this fascinating program.

### Senior Book Club

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

December 6: *The Last Ridge: The Epic Story of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division* by McKay Jenkins. A gripping account of the group of soldiers who trained in the Colorado Rockies before facing combat in the mountains of Italy near the end of World War II.

January 10: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. An Andalusian shepherd boy travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried in the Pyramids.

### Senior Wii Bowling

Third Thursday of the month (December 16, January 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.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Book It!

Handmade books are all the rage, so come January 15 at 2 p.m. to learn how to create a cool book by hand! Great for diaries, journals, or just for fun, these books also make great gifts. Bring in a favorite photograph and we'll help you copy and recolor it to use for the cover. All materials

will be provided. Space is limited, so please register by calling the library, or emailing Teen Librarian Mark Decker at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org).

### Teen Wii Games

Third Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

December 16: Wii Sports

January 20: Super Smash Bros Brawl

### Teen Anime Club

December 4 and January 7 at noon.

### Teen Advisory Group

Fourth Friday (no meeting in December, January 28 is open agenda) at 3:30 p.m.

### Children's Programs

#### *The Polar Express*

Mark your calendar December 11 for *The Polar Express* program. It's the annual celebration, with a reading of *The Polar Express* and a wintry ride on an imaginary train! A program for families with children ages three and up. Call the library to register for either the 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. program.

#### "Noon" Year's Eve Party

The annual family celebration to mark the start of a New Year December 30 at 11 a.m. Bryce Jackman, aka Starkey the Pirate, will be here as our very own "DJ." Join us for stories, dancing, treats and the dropping of the New Year's Eve Ball. Get ready for the countdown to 2011! Call the library for reservations beginning December 13.

NOTE: Story times will end December 17 and resume January 4

### Story Box

For ages infant-36 months on 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 on 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 furry friend. Call the library to register for a 20-minute spot between 10 a.m.-noon December 18 and January 15.

### Dial a Story

Listen to a story anytime by calling 303-795-3960.



photo by John Fielder

The South Suburban Park Foundation (SSPF) has unveiled the 2011 John Fielder gift photo. Donate \$100 or more to the SSPF and receive a Fielder limited edition print. Presented over five years, the entire collection includes limited edition photographs that depict the natural beauty of the South Platte River. Visit [www.sspf.org](http://www.sspf.org) to donate and simply click the "donate now" button to make a contribution today.

# Six Littleton businesses celebrate grand openings



Centennial Rewards, Littleton Consignment Shop and Antique Store, opened in October in the Woodlawn Shopping Center at 1500 West Littleton Boulevard. The store features previously owned furniture, household goods, clothes, and even cars! Owner Mark Van Vleet held the bow while Les Van Vleet cut the ribbon surrounded by their family and friends and Council Members Phil Cernanec, Peggy Cole, Jose Trujillo, Mayor Doug Clark, Council Members Jim Taylor and Bruce Stahlman, and Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Brinkman.



Norman Stucker recently opened an office in Littleton at 5439 S. Prince Street for PADT, Inc., a mechanical engineering services company that specializes in prototyping and simulations, product development and rapid manufacturing. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are: (left to right) Stucker, Council Member Jose Trujillo, Directors Ward Rand and Eric Miller, Mayor Doug Clark, Council Members Jim Taylor and Peggy Cole, and Directors Mark Johnson and Rey Chu.



A recent ribbon cutting celebrated the opening of Upper Crust Pizza Company in the SouthBridge Shopping Center at 151 West Mineral Avenue. Owner Brad Viar offers an array of pizzas, along with buffalo wings, appetizers, fresh salads, home style pasta, desserts and a full-service bar. Take out and delivery are available. Pictured are: (left to right) Council Member Peggy Cole, Dan Schloff, Viar, Chef Tom Diebel, Mayor Doug Clark, John Crillo, Brian McCartney and Council Member Jim Taylor.



Elite Dance Academy, owned by Lisa Pevateaux, recently opened at 8200 SouthPark Circle. This is Pevateaux's third dance studio, and like the ones in Boulder and Broomfield, it offers talented instructors who provide a variety of classes for students from age three to adult including hip-hop, ballet, Zumba, jazz, ballet, poms, strength and flexibility, and boys only. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are: (l to r) B/IA Director Chris Gibbons, Dance Instructor Allie Bomben, Manager Michele Johler, Council Member Peggy Cole, and Jo Anne Ricca, B/IA.



Carrie Searles held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of her Kosha Yoga studio in the Woodlawn Shopping Center at 1500 West Littleton Boulevard. Searles offers traditional Hatha Yoga classes with a focus on core strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation. In addition, her studio has three massage therapists, one a Thai Yoga specialist, and also carries a number of yoga products. Pictured at the celebration are: (l to r) Council Members Jim Taylor and Jose Trujillo, Searles, and Council Members Peggy Cole and Bruce Stahlman.



A ribbon cutting in The Shoppes at Columbine shopping center at 5950 South Platte Canyon Road, celebrated the opening of Beef O'Brady's Family Sports Pub. Owned by Will and Tim Stevens, it is one of 240 franchise stores in the country that focus on families and supporting community sports teams. The restaurant features an extensive menu, a party/meeting room, TVs and a game room. Pictured are: (left to to right) Council Member Peggy Cole, Jason McDonald, Will Stevens, Rhonda Ferguson and Council Member Jim Taylor.

## Littleton City Council



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At Large



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At Large



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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 now be accessed via the Internet at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).

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