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Police department relocates to new addition

The new year brings a great many exciting changes for the Littleton Police Department (LPD). On January 3, the long-awaited and historic police relocation began with the LPD getting clearance to begin moving into the new building addition. The first phase of the move began with all property and evidence being moved into the new state-of-the-art crime lab and evidence storage facility. A large group of officers chipped in to move all of the property and evidence that was stored on site in just one day. Moving the property January 3 was necessary to make room for workers to begin the following day renovating the old police department space for new offices and enlarged locker rooms. Six officers conducted a week long complete inventory of all property and evidence. Lab Technicians Bruce Adams and Cheri McAlister worked tirelessly and spent many hours to prepare all the property to be moved and to identify where it would be stored in the new space. Their new workspace will have state-of-the-art evidence processing capabilities and much needed storage space to meet industry standards and growing demands.

On January 10, the investigations division vacated its old workspace on the second floor near Police Administration



On January 4, members of the city council toured the new evidence storage space for the Littleton Police Department (LPD). Evidence was re-inventoried and moved into the new space the week of January 3. Pictured left to right are: Council Member Bruce Stahlman, Mayor Doug Clark, LPD Division Commander Bill Christensen, City Manager Jim Woods, Council Members Peggy Cole, Jim Taylor, and Joseph Trujillo; and LPD Division Commander Bob Brandt.

and detectives began moving into their new offices on the second floor of the addition. Immediately upon the move, workers began renovating the former work area to create a new training room and other support office spaces. LPD Chief Heather Coogan and her administrative assistant will remain on the second floor for approximately another month until the chief's new office is

completed on the first floor. Detectives and property and evidence technicians are excited and very appreciative of their new work space.

The entire patrol division has relocating to the city service center until the first floor renovation is completed later this spring. A public open house will be scheduled when the project is finished.



City Manager Jim Woods presented a plaque to retiring Bemis Library Director Margery Smith at a reception in her honor December 17. Smith retired from the City of Littleton after 40 years of service.

City council workshop scheduled

The Littleton City Council's 2011 Workshop will be Friday, February 18 at the Littleton Museum, 6028 South Gallup Street. The public is welcome.

For workshop time and topics visit www.littletongov.org.

For further information, call 303-795-3720.

Holiday closures

The Littleton Center, Bemis Public Library, and the Littleton Museum will close Monday, February 21 in recognition of Presidents' Day.

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The Littleton City Council recognized the winning photographers for the 2011 *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report* as Guest Citizens at the December 7 meeting. Pictured are (left to right): Ed DiRenna, Bryan Weaver, Claudia Cangilla McAdam, John Grevillius, Arnold Okerman, Bruce Keegan, Paul Lindberg and Mayor Doug Clark.



The members of Boy Scout Troop 36 were honored as Guest Citizens at the city council meeting January 4. In September, the troop completed the second half of a new foot path off the East Trail in South Platte Park, south of the Mineral Avenue underpass.



The CDOT Santa Fe/C-470 Flyover Project is progressing on schedule and under budget. Work is expected to be completed by December 2011. The new overpass at C-470 will eliminate the southbound left-turn traffic congestion that occurs daily on the Santa Fe Drive bridge. Call the public services department at 303-795-3863 with any questions.

Council members schedule meetings with constituents



Debbie Brinkman



Phil Cernanec

Mayor Pro Tem and District IV Council Member Debbie Brinkman encourages residents of District IV, the southwest quadrant of the city, to attend a series of community conversations. All meetings are held in the Carson Nature Center Solar Classroom, 7301 South Platte River Parkway, from 1 to 3 p.m. Topics will be: April 9 a presentation on Littleton history, July 16 an ice cream social, and October 15 a discussion of the upcoming municipal election.

District III Council Member Phil Cernanec will host a town hall meeting March 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the South Metro Denver Realtor Association office at 7899 South Lincoln Court. District III is the southeast quadrant of the city. Cernanec's meeting will focus on homeowners associations and Neighborhood Watch, but all participants are invited to share their concerns, challenges, values and what they like about living in Littleton.

State law changes carbon monoxide alarm requirements



Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless, colorless gas produced by incomplete combustion of fuel-fired appliances, furnaces, water heaters, or exhaust from gas-powered vehicles.

The early warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning are headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pains and confusion. High levels of CO can cause unconsciousness and death. The latest statistics show unintentional CO exposure accounts for an estimated 15,000 emergency department visits and 500 deaths in the United States each year.

During periods of cold weather, avoid using a generator, charcoal or propane grill, or camp stove inside your home. Don't warm up your vehicle in an attached garage, even if the garage door is open; and don't use a gas oven to heat your home. Heating systems, water heaters and any other gas burning appliance should be serviced by a qualified technician every year.

In 2009, the State of Colorado passed a law that requires carbon monoxide alarms be installed in residential homes. This law is in effect in the following situations:

- When a single-family or multi-family residential dwelling is offered for sale;
- When a building permit is issued for remodeling, additions, repairs, or the replacement of fuel-fired appliances or furnaces in single family and multi-family owner-occupied homes; and
- In multi-family rental units, when a change in tenant occurs.

These alarms are required in hallways within 15 feet of bedrooms. Detectors may be connected to the house wiring, or can be battery-operated or plug-in devices. The Residential Building Code has similar requirements when a building permit is issued for interior work such as an addition, repairs, remodeling or the replacement of a fuel-fired appliance.

For more information, contact the Littleton Building Department at 303-795-3751.

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Events



South Platte Park
A Natural Area

President's Day Camp: Colorado Wildlife

On February 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. delight in a full-day of exploring nature with activities and hikes. Children seek animal clues and then warm up indoors with games and crafts. \$26 for district and \$32 for non-district.

Family Fun Walk-Tracking Challenge

Can your family team solve the tracking mystery before anyone else? Learn the basics, and then head out on a challenge vying for the tracker prize on February 19 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. \$6 adults, \$5 youth for district and \$9 adults, \$7 youth for non-district. Household rate: \$17 for district and \$24 for non-district (two adults, three children at the same address).

Friday Night Firesides

On February 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., enjoy classic fireside fun and thematic snacks with storytellers. Prepare for lawn seating, or indoor fireplace if inclement weather. \$6 adults, \$5 youth for district and \$9 adults, \$7 youth for non-district. Household rate: \$17 for district and \$24 for non-district (two adults, three children at the same address).

Unless otherwise noted, all programs meet at the Solar House classroom next to the Carson Nature Center in South Platte Park. Go to www.sspr.org or call 303-347-5999.

Littleton's popular tree planting program returns for 2011

The City of Littleton continues its annual tree planting program with 20 species of trees available. The Tree Program is intended to encourage tree planting, species diversity and water conservation and is open to all property owners in the city. On Saturday, April 16, the city's Tree Committee will distribute 205 trees. Program participants pay \$30 for bare root trees and \$45 for "balled & burlapped" trees. These trees must be planted within the Littleton city limits.

All newly planted trees require regular watering, applied in all seasons, for three to four years after planting. Most of the trees offered are considered low or low-moderate water-demand trees which require minimal supplemental watering once established. The Linden and Yellowwood

trees require more water and should be planted in areas with irrigation. Tree photos and descriptions are available on the city website at www.littletongov.org.

Eight types of trees will be provided in bare root form. Bare root trees are light and easy to handle but require immediate planting. The remaining 12 species of trees are "balled & burlapped" (B&B), with root balls weighing 50 to 100 pounds. All of the trees will initially be five to 12 feet in height, with initial trunk calipers and mature sizes as indicated on the order form. They may be planted in the public right-of-way or on private property in the city, with an initial limit of six trees per single-family residential property. School PTO's, businesses and homeowners associations are encouraged to purchase larger quantities.

Participants must make arrangements to pick up and plant their own trees and are responsible for all maintenance, pruning and watering. The trees must be picked up Saturday, April 16 between 8 a.m. and noon at the City Service Center at 1800 West Bellevue Avenue. Detailed tree planting instructions will be provided. Volunteers will plant trees for those who are physically unable.

Interested citizens should fill out the application and return it with a check payable to the City of Littleton. The trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis with a March 14 application deadline. After this deadline call to check on tree availability. Call 303-795-3766 for more information.

2011 TREE PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Name:	Home Phone:
	Work Phone:

Address:

	1st Tree	2nd Tree
First Choice		
Alternate Choice		

	3rd Tree	4th Tree
First Choice		
Alternate Choice		

Total # of trees ordered: _____ (Attach additional sheet if more than four ordered).

Send application and check to: **Tree Program/City of Littleton**
2255 West Berry Avenue
Littleton, CO 80165

Return by March 14

Enclose check and make payable to City of Littleton: \$30 per bare root ornamental tree
\$45 per B&B tree

- I can help pick up and deliver trees in my neighborhood on April 16.
- I can help plant trees for others.
- I am requesting help planting my tree(s).

Comments/suggested species for future programs: _____

Call 303-795-3766 with any questions.

Tree Species/ Botanical Name	Size/ Price	Notes	Mature Height	Mature Spread	Fall Color
Large Shade Trees					
Glenleven Linden <i>Tilia cordata 'Glenleven'</i>	1-1½" bare root/\$30	fragrant June flowers	40-45'	30-35'	yellow
Skyline Honeylocust <i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Skycole'</i>	1-1½" bare root/\$30	thornless, podless	40-50'	30-40'	bright yellow
Valley Forge American Elm <i>Ulmus americana 'Valley Forge'</i>	5-6" whip. bare root/\$30	classic, vase-shaped tree	60-80'	40-50'	yellow
Bur Oak <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	tolerant of clay soils	50-60'	40-50'	yellow/brown
Red Oak <i>Quercus rubra</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	fast growing, avoid heavy clay (high pH) soils	50-70'	40-50'	red/maroon
English Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	long-lived, adaptable	40-60'	40-50'	brown
Swamp White Oak <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	long-lived, adaptable	40-60'	40-50'	yellow/brown
Turkish Filbert <i>Corylus colurna</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	edible, ½ nuts in the fall	35-50'	20-30'	yellow/purple
Kentucky Coffeetree <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	white flowers, seedpods	40-60'	30-40'	yellow/brown
Western Catalpa <i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	white flowers, long pods	40-60'	20-40'	yellow/brown
Hackberry <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	corky bark, adaptable	50-60'	40-50'	yellow
Ruby Red Horsechestnut <i>Aesculus x carnea 'Ruby Red'</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	scarlet flowers, mid-spring	35-45'	30-40'	yellow/brown
Small Ornamental Trees					
Hedge Maple <i>Acer capestre</i>	1-1½" bare root/\$30	oval shaped, glossy leaves	20-30'	20-30'	yellow/brown
Pacific Sunset Maple <i>Acer truncatum x Acer plantanoides</i>	1-1½" bare root/\$30	dark green, glossy leaves	25-30'	20-25'	yellow
Spring Snow Crabapple <i>Malus 'Spring Snow'</i>	6-7" bare root/\$30	white flowers in May, no fruit	20-25'	15-20'	yellow
Radiant Crabapple <i>Malus 'Radiant'</i>	6-7" bare root/\$30	pink flowers, ½" red fruit	20-25'	15-20'	yellow
Japanese Tree Lilac <i>Syringa reticulata</i>	1-1½" bare root/\$30	white flowers	15-20'	15-18'	brown
American Yellowwood <i>Cladratus kentukea</i>	1-1½" bare root/\$45	fragrant white flowers in June	25-30'	25-30'	yellow
Cleveland Select Pear <i>Pyrus calleryana 'Cleveland Select'</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	white flowers, glossy leaves	25-35'	12-15'	purple/red
Shadblow Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier canadensis 'Glenform'</i>	1-1½" cal. B&B/\$45	white flowers, black fruit	12-15'	12-15'	orange/yellow

Tree descriptions and photographs are available on the city's web site at www.littletongov.org.



At the December 7 Littleton City Council Meeting, Littleton Fire Rescue recognized the South Denver Heart Center Foundation for its donation of six specialized electric coolers that allow firefighters to provide cutting-edge treatment by inducing hypothermia in cardiac arrest patients en route to the emergency room.

Winter water safety tips from Littleton Fire Rescue

Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) reminds residents that winter can be a hazardous time for water-related accidents. There are an average of 50 drowning deaths annually in Colorado. Ice on water ways can give a false sense of security. Follow these simple rules for water safety.

Accident Prevention:

- Avoid iced over water ways that are not designated safe.
- Wear life jackets when on or near water or ice.
- Supervise children around open water sources.
- Keep pets on a leash around bodies of water.
- Avoid alcohol consumption when participating in water-related activities.

Accident Action Plan – Self Rescue:

- If you fall into water cover your face and attempt to enter with your back first.

- If able, climb out of the water or onto floating objects.
- If alone position yourself with your knees up, ankles and arms crossed.
- If in a group get in the huddle position.

Accident Action Plan – Assisting Others:

- Don't become a victim yourself!

Operation Plan:

- Reach – attempt to reach victim with ladder, stick, pole, rope, battery cables, etc.
- Throw – attempt to throw victim anything that floats (coolers, spare tire, etc.).
- Row – use boat for rescue if you have a life jacket for yourself and the victim.
- Go – go or send someone to call 911.

Winter brings high incidence of residential fires

The United States Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association have found that home fires are more prevalent in winter than in other seasons. This is due in part to cooking and heating fires.

Residential fire incidence is highest January–March. With simple precautions most fires are preventable:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use an oven to heat a home.
- Have a professional install water heaters, and space or central heating equipment.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected annually by a professional.
- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen so sparks don't fly into the room. Ashes should be cool before placing in a metal container a safe distance away from the home.
- Blow candles out before going to bed or leaving the home. Make sure they are away from curtains or decorations.
- Stay in the kitchen when using the stove or oven for frying, grilling, or broiling. Even if you leave for a short time, turn the stove or oven off.
- Have smoke alarms on every level of the home and test them monthly.
- Develop and practice a home escape plan with everyone who lives in the home.

For more safety information, go to www.nfpa.org or www.sparky.org for fun safety activities.

CERT training coming in March and April

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) educates citizens about disaster preparedness, and trains them in basic response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

The Littleton Police Department, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department, and the City of Littleton sponsor a CERT training course which is open to all citizens over the age of 18.

CERT is a free 32-hour course. It is limited to 30 participants. Classes are held in the Littleton Center Community Room at 2255 West Berry Avenue.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace during an emergency when professional responders are not immediately available. CERT members are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects.

Upcoming classes: March 5, March 12, March 26, April 2 (all classes are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

For more information, contact the CERT training coordinator, or leave a message at 303-734-8224.

LFR sets direct admission record

Recently, Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) set a record for direct admission to the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at HealthOne, Swedish Medical Center in Englewood. From the time medics arrived on scene to when cardiologists in the cath lab performed an angioplasty procedure on the patient, only 44 minutes elapsed.

LFR EMS Chief Wayne Zygowicz said that under the direct admit protocol, if a paramedic diagnoses a heart attack patient after a 12-lead EKG, they can call the hospital to get permission to bypass the emergency department and go directly to the hospital's cath lab. Zygowicz says this saves valuable time and potentially decreases cardiac damage and subsequent rehabilitation time.

HealthOne's Emergency Medical Service's Field Supervisor Randy Pennington says the door-to-balloon (from arrival at the hospital to the cath lab) time for a recent case was 15 minutes. “Everything fell into place,” he says. The cath lab staff was on site and ready to go when the patient arrived.

The direct admit program requires trusting paramedics' skills and decision making. Pennington said there was some hesitation when the program began about seven years ago. But after extensive training, the paramedics make appropriate decisions at least 80 percent of the time. Cardiologists say that is an excellent success rate.

LFR has implemented a program that saves time with a trip in the fast lane to the cath lab, ultimately helping more patients survive.

Dispatcher earns certification



Littleton Fire Rescue is proud to announce that Deputy Communication Supervisor Cathy Jones-Gooding was awarded certification as an Emergency Number Professional by the National Emergency Number Association. This certification is awarded only to those who have

demonstrated a mastery of the comprehensive knowledge base required for management of a 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Jones-Gooding is the first person employed within a 911 PSAP in Arapahoe County to receive this certification and one of only 13 PSAP employees within the State of Colorado to achieve this level of certification.

2010 a busy year for LFR

Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) responded to a total of 12,188 calls for service in 2010 in Littleton, Highlands Ranch and the Littleton Fire Protection District. An additional 358 calls were responded to through mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions. The call breakdown for the three entities LFR serves is as follows:

<i>Fires</i>	203
<i>Emergency Medical Service</i>	8,277
<i>Alarms</i>	963
<i>Hazmat</i>	271
<i>Other</i>	2,474

Of note were 40 structure fires, 31 passenger vehicle fires, and 45 brush fires. Paramedics responded to 583 vehicle accidents with injuries, one swift water rescue, and five ice rescues. There were three responses to lightning strikes, 33 carbon monoxide incidents, and 53 maliciously activated false fire alarms.

LFR provides emergency response services and life safety education programs to the citizens of the City of Littleton, the Littleton Fire Protection District, and Highlands Ranch Metro District. This service is provided to approximately 200,000 people residing in an 80 square-mile area. Emergency response services include: fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, technical rescue, dive rescue and recovery, as well as wild land fire suppression.

LPD Special Enforcement Team conducts compliance checks



On January 8 members of the Littleton Police Department's Special Enforcement Team conducted another in a series of alcohol and tobacco compliance checks on liquor and convenience stores, and gas stations in the city. The operation was conducted with the assistance of local teens who agree, with parental permission, to go into the establishments and attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages or tobacco products. For their safety, and to have another witness to the violation, the volunteers are accompanied into the establishments by undercover police officers. Tobacco compliance checks were completed at all gas stations and convenience stores in the city. Liquor compliance checks were conducted at every liquor store in the city. Several local businesses sold alcohol and tobacco products to the underage participants.

The following liquor stores were found to be in violation of the Ordinance 6-4-36: Sale or Dispensing of Alcoholic Beverages to any Person under Twenty One: Advance Liquors (7945 S. Broadway), Total Wine and Liquor (6901 S. Broadway), and Columbine Valley Liquor (3615 W. Bowles Ave.).

The following gas/convenience stores were found to be in violation of Ordinance, 6-3-5: Unlawful Sale or Possession of Tobacco: Gas Express (5200 S. Lowell Blvd.), Shell (6200 S. Santa Fe), 7-11 (1499 W. Littleton Blvd.), Gas Express(1009 W. Littleton Blvd.), and Farm Crest (250 E. Dry Creek Rd.).

Following the sale of a liquor or tobacco product to a minor, the store attendant is issued a citation and is required to appear in court to answer the criminal charge. Additionally, in the case of the liquor violations, the owner or manager of the establishment that sold alcohol to a minor will have to attend a hearing before the City of Littleton's Licensing Authority.

Littleton continues Small Business Energy Efficiency Program



Littleton is continuing the Small Business Energy Efficiency Program through March 1 for small and medium-sized businesses who could receive up to \$5,200 in energy efficiency rebates. The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) provides hands-on support to participating businesses who can reduce energy and operating costs, help stimulate local clean energy jobs, and reduce overall carbon emissions.

To receive an application, contact Trident Energy Services at eevans@tridentenergy.com. All small- to medium-sized businesses

that operate in a space equal to or less than 25,000 square feet are encouraged to apply.

Participating businesses will be required to attend a 2-3 hour energy data management training workshop. During the workshop, representatives from GEO will teach businesses about energy data management, program implementation, and how to track utility use and costs. By the end of the workshop, each business will have developed a baseline of the most recent year of utility use and be prepared to continue data tracking after the upgrades are implemented.

Businesses receive either a free lighting-only audit, or a \$200 comprehensive facility energy audit that is reimbursable up to 50 percent of the cost, up to \$100. Businesses schedule their audit with Xcel and submit it to GEO for review.

Businesses that receive the lighting-only audit will work with Xcel Energy's lighting consultant to have lighting retrofits implemented. Rebates for lighting retrofits are 50 percent of the equipment cost, up to \$2,000. Businesses that receive the comprehensive facility energy audit will select local contractors to install the recommended energy conservation measures. Businesses are eligible to receive up to \$5,200 for energy efficiency improvements. Priority is given to: lighting retrofits(50 percent of the equipment cost), re-commissioning (50 percent of the cost up to \$3,000), and programmable thermostats (\$100 not to exceed the cost of the thermostat). If money remains in the \$5,200 allotment, businesses may apply the remaining money to equipment costs for any energy saving measure identified in the audit and approved by GEO.

All participating businesses will be recognized for their achievement by the city and the state.

The Small Business Efficiency Program is part of the Main Street Efficiency Initiative and is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

For more information visit www.rechargecolorado.com/index.php/programs_overview/main_street_efficiency_initiative/ or call Trident Energy Services at 303-247-0193.

2011 brings several new programs to Littleton 8



The *Littleton!* show features a look at the process Littleton Museum curators embark upon to create an exhibit. Through the eyes of the Collections, Exhibits and Education divisions, viewers will get an overview of the new exhibit, Pivotal Points: Exploration and Mapping of the Trans-Mississippi West.

In February, the *Littleton!* show will provide an intimate look at the seven members of the city council. Learn more about your elected representatives personal lives, careers, family and hobbies on Get to Know Your City Council.

A new state law that requires carbon monoxide detectors in residences is the subject of a short video featuring Chief Building Official Jim Thelen and Littleton Firefighter Will Allen. Thelen will explain the requirements of installing carbon monoxide detectors and Allen will describe how important the devices are to keeping your family safe.

Finally, if you or someone you know are a low income or disabled homeowner, a new video about the Littleton Housing Authority Rehab Program is a must see. Find out about eligible home improvements and see the impact they have had on three recipients of rehabilitation funds.

To see the Littleton 8 schedule visit the city's website at www.littletongov.org or watch the programs on line.

LHA makes holidays happier for several Littleton families

Smiles and some tears of joy were seen on the faces of Littleton Housing Authority (LHA) families and seniors the week of December 20. With the help of generous sponsors, food, gifts and clothing were provided to 38 LHA families. The Adopt-a-Family program has been pairing families requesting assistance with sponsors in the community for the past five years.

Adopt-a-Family sponsors include Arapahoe High School student organizations and staff, Norgren employees, Truth Christian Academy students and staff, Lockheed Martin ULA Employees/Operation Santa Claus, Amity Plaza residents, and City of Littleton and LHA employees.

LHA receives federal grant

The Littleton Housing Authority (LHA) received a \$450,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka for its Powers Circle Apartments complex. This grant was awarded under the 2010 Affordable Housing Program (AHP). Federal Home Loan Bank member, Vectra Bank Colorado, sponsored LHA's application and will partner with LHA in performance of the work.

The grant will provide much needed funding for energy efficiency improvements and exterior renovations to the three 1960s-era buildings, consisting of a total of 69-units. The buildings are located at 123, 163 and 183 West Powers Circle in Littleton.

Since acquiring the properties in 2008, LHA has made a number of significant energy efficiency improvements to them including new high efficiency boilers, Energy Star-rated windows, low-flow toilets and showerheads, and placing compact fluorescent bulbs throughout the property. The AHP funding will accomplish critically needed water proofing of the building envelopes, site drainage improvements, and internal domestic water line replacement.

Senior Refund Program returns

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

The program is available to both renters and property owners. For property owners, the refund is based on the property's assessed valuation. Refund amounts range from \$10 to \$100. For property owners whose property is in a trust, the refund is always \$30. Refunds for renters range from \$10 to \$30. Applicants must have been 65 years of age or older on or before December 31, 2010 and resided within the city limits of Littleton for all of 2010.

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

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

Newly eligible residents can obtain forms and information from the City of Littleton Finance Office, 2255 West Berry Avenue, or by calling 303-795-3764. The deadline for filing is October 31.

Littleton adopts floodplain maps

Effective December 17, the new Federal Emergency Management Agency Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) for the City of Littleton went into effect. Prior to this date, the official floodplain maps were specific to the City of Littleton. With adoption of the new maps, Littleton became part of the new maps for all of Arapahoe County, including incorporated areas.

The new maps are available in digital format and can be viewed or enlarged on a computer. The digital maps are much more detailed than the old paper maps. DFIRMs covering all of the City of Littleton and the map indexes are now available.

With the new maps, there are no changes to the flood zone designation for any individual property.

If you have any questions regarding the DFIRMs, contact the Public Services Department at 303-795-3865.

Awards and Milestones

Finance Department recognized

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to the City of Littleton by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its 2009 *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Littleton has been recognized for 23 consecutive years.

South Platte Park program earns award



The Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education honored South Platte Park with the 2010 Award for Excellence in Environmental Education in the pre-k through elementary category for the program "Ecosystem Adventures." The program is a field trip offered to schools that focuses on the biotic and non-living parts of the river ecosystem as preserved within South Platte Park. It investigates the innovative idea pioneered by Littleton after the 1965 flood to purchase and preserve the floodplain, and uses the highly interactive stream table to model

the river's dynamics and the city planning challenges it creates. This program is the first one at South Platte Park to be certified to meet statewide environmental education standards, and this is the first award linked to the Carson Nature Center's one-of-a-kind stream table. Congratulations to numerous volunteer program leaders and staff that helped develop and lead this program over the past few years.

Council approves 2011 street projects

At its January 18 meeting, the Littleton City Council gave approval to the staff's recommended street construction projects that will get underway later this year. The major projects are:

- Rebuild of the Broadway/Mineral Avenue intersection and the Broadway/Littleton Boulevard intersections, including elimination of the drainage pan on the east leg of the intersections, concrete repairs and repaving of the asphalt intersections and approaches.
- Construction of a new right turn lane on southbound Jackass Hill Road at Mineral Avenue. This project will permit motorists on Jackass Hill Road to turn west on to Mineral Avenue instead of waiting for motorists who are proceeding south across Mineral Avenue to Long Avenue in the SouthPark neighborhood. Construction of these three projects, including engineering and construction management will cost approximately \$900,000 to \$1 million.
- In 2010, residents of Southridge Way petitioned the council to provide financial assistance to pave their cul-de-sac. It is the last dirt road in the city and property owners are willing to pay a portion of the costs. The city will provide \$20,000 towards the cost with the residents paying the remainder.
- There will also be improvements to the Bowles Avenue/Platte Canyon Road/Lowell Boulevard intersection to eliminate the "bump" for westbound motorists as they cross the concrete portion of Bowles Avenue west of Lowell. There may also be some safety improvements at this location that could reduce the number and severity of accidents.

Streets division resurfacing projects include:

- East Nichols, Logan to Pennsylvania
- Grant Way, Broadway to Lincoln
- Snowberry, Bowles to Tule Lake Drive
- Parkhill, Windermere to Datura
- Fair, Windermere to Datura
- Euclid, Broadway to Acoma
- Bemis, Prescott to Dry Creek Road and adjoining cul-de-sacs in Southbridge
- Hinsdale, Windermere, east to cul-de-sac

Total cost of this work is \$196,000 assuming an asphalt cost of \$43 per ton. This will leave approximately \$60,000 for pothole patching, crack sealing, and other street related repairs.

For further information, contact the Public Services Department at 303-795-3863.



B/IA provides corporate tools for Littleton's small businesses



B/IA Director Chris Gibbons met last spring with local company Adaptec Prosthetics.

The Business/Industry Affairs (B/IA) Department is the economic development arm of the city. B/IA is responsible for ensuring the economic health of the community through the creation of well paying jobs, and sales tax revenue for the city. B/IA runs an internationally recognized program called Economic Gardening, which provides high-end, corporate level tools for any Littleton business. B/IA provides market research, competitor intel-

ligence, industry trends, marketing lists, strategy development, web optimization and customized research for any business inside the city limits at no cost.

Economic Gardening focuses on growing local companies to improve the city's economy. This is different than trying to attract new companies with tax incentives, a practice that often has a low payoff. Instead of taxing businesses and citizens and giving those taxes as an incentive package to a new company, the city directs those monies into high end, corporate level tools and highly skilled staff.

B/IA staff can identify age, sex and income in any neighborhood population in the Denver area. They can also identify lifestyles in those neighborhoods and how people spend their money. The city buys "consumer expenditure" information and can tell a business how much money is spent on gifts, apparel, or cars (or hundreds of other items) in a specific neighborhood if that is something a business would like to know.

The department also has the capability to improve the Google ranking of a business's website (a process called search engine optimization) as well as help advertise on Google Adwords. The staff has access to Google data to determine the number of people that search for a given term like "restaurants in Littleton" any given month. The staff know how many competitors use that term and how many people are likely to click on an ad using that term. Search engine optimization can improve sales within months.

B/IA staff can also assist a business with strategies for marketing in social media including Facebook, Twitter and Linked-in. Facebook, incidentally, is now the largest Internet site in the world, and major corporations are marketing there.

Using hundreds of thousands of business and industry publications, the department can provide information on competitors, suppliers, or potential partners for any industry in town. The staff can access financial data, information about new CEO's, new products, changes in strategy and other customized business questions.

Many businesses use B/IA for marketing assistance. For a company like Sweet Beginnings, which has supplies and classes for new moms, B/IA helped produce a video for its Facebook site which now has more than 600 followers. For Simple Order Design, staff helped owner Debbie Brinkman with a Facebook strategy. ChurchPartners provides supplies for churches across the country. Staff worked with owners Rick Emmelheinz and Neal Rosner on search engine optimization to make sure their web site was highly ranked by Google. B/IA helped EchoStar use new media to attract employee candidates using Google pay per click ads. A small, start-up company that supplies sheets to day care centers, used the services of the department. Sheets Unlimited Owner Carol Brzeczek said, "I am not sure how much money I saved by using the B/IA department but I sure appreciate the time and patience they took with me. I am a very small business but was treated as if I weren't."

For businesses considering locating in Littleton, the department provides lists of vacant properties and space for lease. B/IA also serves as an ombudsman to help development projects move through city procedures as efficiently as possible.

B/IA's approach to economic development has been adopted by many cities and states (Florida, Kansas, Wyoming, Oregon) as well as foreign countries (Australia, Canada, Northern Ireland). To make an appointment, contact Jo Anne Ricca at 303-795-3749 or jricca@littletongov.org or visit www.littletongov.org/bia.

Poetry contest highlights 2011 MLK Breakfast

Elementary, middle, and high school students read their winning poems at the 2011 MLK Breakfast, co-sponsored by Arapahoe Community College and the City of Littleton. The theme of the poems was "I have a dream too." For a list of winners, or to read the winning poems, visit www.accfoundationevents.com.

Winners of the 2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Awards included Maureen Walker, executive director of North Littleton Promise and Katie Brooks, board member and founder of the group. Walker and Brooks were honored for their tireless efforts helping at-risk youth in the northeast neighborhood. Also, posthumously honored, was the Reverend S. Macon Cowles Jr. Cowles was a founding member of the Littleton Council on Human Relations. Cowles' work for human rights, eventually led him to Selma, Alabama in 1965. Despite terrifying death threats, he bravely marched in solidarity with African-Americans at the peak of the civil rights movement.



“How to Live on the Cheap” highlights Bemis Library schedule

Free Tax Help

Beginning in February, the library will provide free tax return preparation for taxpayers who cannot afford professional assistance. IRS-trained volunteers will be available Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays from noon-4 p.m., February 2 through April 13. No pre-registration is required.

The AARP will provide tax preparation help Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., February 7 through April 12. Pre-registration is required, which is provided for low and middle-income seniors 60 and over. To register call the senior volunteer at the Buck Recreation Center, 303-730-4605.

Vending Machines Now Available

If you need a snack or beverage while you are at the library, stop by the new vending machines located in the Sophie's Café area.

Musical Moments in Sophie's Place

Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent. All performances begin at 2 p.m. On February 12, Déjà vu Sweet Adeline Quartet, a female barbershop quartet will sing romantic songs from the 40s and 50s. The singing Scotsman, Matthew Gurnsey, will sing traditional Irish and Scottish sea shanties and ballads March 16.

Mile High Tourism: From Alfred Packer to DIA

Well-known Colorado historian Tom Noel will inform and entertain with historical stories and photos of Denver and Littleton tourism February 8 at 7 p.m. Noel will talk about the builders, saloonkeepers, journalists, hotel owners, stagecoach guides and mayors who tirelessly promoted the area. Copies of his recent book will be available for purchase and signing.

What's New in Solar Energy?

Learn about the latest developments in solar energy from Littleton expert John Thornton March 14 at 7 p.m. Thornton will discuss new solar solutions for the homeowner or business owner, costs, and the status of solar energy use around the world. He has more than 48 years of experience in the renewable energy field.



John Thornton

How to Live on the Cheap

Hear tips on living frugally from national consumer writer Laura Daily February 22 at 7 p.m. Daily will talk about finding and using coupons to save big bucks, how to be a savvy shopper in grocery stores, locating free tickets to cultural events, and searching the Internet for special deals.

Saturday Movie Matinee

See the remarkable film *Secretariat*. Based on a true story, the movie chronicles the journey of the 1973 Triple Crown winner. Littleton-area housewife Penny Chenery (played by Diane Lane) agrees to take over her ailing father's Virginia-based Meadow Stables, despite her lack of horse racing knowledge. February 19 at 2 p.m.

Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary

“Buffalo Bill” Cody was one of America's first celebrities. Hear new revelations about his life March 7 at 7 p.m., presented by author Steve Friesen, who is also the director of the Buffalo Bill Museum in Golden. Cody's lasting fame is the product of his creativity and showmanship as the owner and star of the Wild West shows.

Free Family Film: Tangled

See the animated Disney film *Tangled* March 26 at 2 p.m. When the kingdom's most wanted and most charming bandit Flynn Rider, hides out in a mysterious tower, he's taken hostage by Rapunzel, a beautiful and feisty teen with 70-feet of magical, golden hair. Rapunzel, who's looking for a way out of the tower, strikes a deal with the handsome thief and the unlikely duo set off on an action-packed adventure.

Art and Soul: Adventures with Animals

Colorado artist J.B. Sullivan's encounters with the wild will come to life through his powerful storytelling and

exquisite fine art drawings March 29 at 7 p.m. Sullivan's art reflects his western heritage and love of the outdoors. A natural storyteller, his synthesis of art images and stories is an enjoyable experience that will appeal to all ages.

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.

- Be Your Own Travel Agent: March 18
- Beginning Access, Parts 1-2: March 22 and 23 (must sign up for both classes)
- Beginning Excel: February 15, March 15
- Beginning Internet: February 2, March 19
- Beginning Word: February 8, March 8
- Beginning Windows: February 1
- Buying a Camera: March 4
- Computer Comfort: February 5, March 1
- Get More Out of Google: March 30
- Intermediate Excel: February 16, March 16
- Intermediate Word: February 9, March 9
- Introduction to Digital Photography: February 11
- IPad and Kindle: February 23
- Open Computer Lab: Every Thursday morning (no registration required)
- Shopping on the Internet: February 25
- Windows File Management: February 19

Monday Evening Book Group

February 28: *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison. Set at the close of the 17th century and told through the perspective of several women, this thought-provoking book looks at various forms of slavery.

March 21: *Spoon* by Robert Greer. This Denver author explores the contemporary American West in this portrait of a small Montana family with an allegiance to the ranching lifestyle.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

The Crown Throughout History

A presentation on the history of the crown from ancient Greece, through Roman emperors, medieval royalty and the reign of England's Queen Elizabeth II February 28 at 2 p.m. Dr. Beverly Chico is one of the world's leading authorities and will bring an 18th century silver crown, a 16th century tiara, and other examples of classic crowns.

Autumn Romance: Stories and Portraits of Love After 50

Author Carol Denker found love in her 60s and realized that romantic love is timeless. She also realized that there was little in our society to reflect that truth. Denker traveled the U.S. to interview and photograph people who had found transformative love after midlife. In this program March 27 at 2 p.m., Denker will talk about the couples she met and will show their photographs.

Senior Book Club

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m.
February 7: *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* by Stephen Leavitt. Leavitt studies the stuff and riddles of everyday life, and his conclusions regularly turn conventional wisdom on its head.
March 7: *The Wrong Mother* by Sophie Hannah. A year after a brief affair, Sally learns about the murders of her lover's family and realizes that the man's face does not match her lover.

Senior Wii Bowling

February 17 and March 17 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

Red Cross Babysitting Class

Become a certified babysitter by attending this class February 19 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Class is limited to participants ages 11-15 and the fee is \$60. To register, call the American Red Cross at 303-722-7474.

“You Are Here” Teen Photography Contest

Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme “You Are Here” by March 14. Make sure to include

the name of your photograph with your submission. The winning photos from two age groups (middle/junior high school and high school) will be published on a bookmark to be given out for the teen summer reading program. For more information, contact Teen Librarian Mark Decker at mdecker@littletongov.org.

Teen Tech: Mix and Mash @ Your Library

March 6-12 the library has more to offer than books! Teen Tech Week offers teens the chance to learn about other library services. Check the Bemis Teen Blog at www.bemisteen.blogspot.com for details about activities available during Teen Tech Week. Win prizes by participating!

Teen Movie: Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows, Part 1

March 24 at 1 p.m. Voldemort's power is growing stronger. Harry's only hope is to find the Horcruxes before Voldemort finds him. Rated PG-13. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided.

Teen Wii Games

Third Thursday at 3:30 p.m.
February 17: Carnival Games
March 17: Wii Sports Resort

Teen Anime Club

First Saturday at noon.
February 5: Sengoku Basara, Samurai Kings
March 5: Title to be determined at January meeting.

Teen Advisory Group

Fourth Friday (February 25, March 25) at 3:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Simple As A Giggle

Come wiggle and giggle with Beth Epley. Join the fun with silly songs and funny stories about the importance of laughter. February 5 at 2 p.m. For family members of all ages; children under eight must be accompanied by an adult.

Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta Music

February 27 at 2 p.m. In the spirit of Dr. Seuss, join Katherine Dines for music and fun as this nationally-renowned performer presents original songs to entertain and delight you. For families with children three and older; children under eight must be accompanied by an adult.

Spring Break Family Fun: Movie Time

Open Season 3 is presented March 21 at 2 p.m. Boog, Elliot and all their forest friends return with an all-new adventure that is their fastest and furriest yet—this time in a big-top circus! Rated PG. Call for reservations beginning March 11. For families with children ages three and up; children under eight must be accompanied by an adult.

Spring Break Activity: Hawkquest

This is a special program for kids in grades 1-5 March 23 at 2 p.m. *Birds of Prey* is an educational program presented by HawkQuest where students can learn the importance of different raptor species, their specially-adapted tools, and their role in our ecosystems. Reservations are required, call beginning March 7.

NOTE: No story time programs the week of March 21.

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., 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 February 19 and March 19.

Dial a Story

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

Six Littleton businesses celebrate grand openings



Missing Littleton's charm and sense of community they enjoyed before moving a few years ago, Andy and Teresa Marquez returned to downtown in December and opened the doors to the new Andy Marquez Gallery at 2690 West Main Street. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are (l to r): Council Member Jim Taylor, Mayor Doug Clark, Teresa and Andy, Council Member Peggy Cole, and Margie Drake, owner of Colorado Frame and Savvy Stuff.



The Black Rose Salon opened recently at 6333 South Santa Fe Drive. In her newly decorated space, owner Gail Anderson offers customers a full line of high-end services without high-end prices, the look they want and a fun experience. Surrounding Anderson at the ribbon cutting are (l to r): Mayor Doug Clark, Lorie Kelley, Council Members Jim Taylor and Jose Trujillo, Rachal Hawkins, Council Member Peggy Cole, Walt Radovich, and Kal Murib.



Owner Autumn Hurd, D.D.S. and staff celebrated the move of Dentistry for Children from South Lincoln Street to its new space at 404 East Mineral Avenue with a memorable "floss" cutting that was a highlight of the party. Pictured along with staff members and myriad clients who attended the opening are (l to r, front row): J.J. Hurd, Dr. Hurd, Dr. Wade Housewright and Council Member Bruce Stahlman.



When Lloyd Warner and Darrell Martinez, owners of complementary businesses Action Auto Glass and John's Sunroofs, were looking for new spaces, the friends found an ideal location big enough to share and moved their long-time businesses from Englewood to 5115 South Santa Fe Drive. Celebrating at the recent ribbon cutting are (l to r): Mayor Doug Clark, Warner, Tim Warner, Tyler Warner, Martinez, Council Member Peggy Cole, and David Sandoval.



Six years after selling her book store in the Woodlawn Shopping Center (1500 West Littleton Boulevard) to pursue other interests, Pam Smith bought it back. Now restocked, reconfigured, redecorated and renamed, the bookshop has reopened and Smith is back where she belongs. Pictured at the ribbon cutting for The Timeless Tale Bookshop are (l to r): Council Member Peggy Cole, Smith, Mayor Doug Clark and Council Member Jim Taylor.



Dr. Scott Isaacs and Nancy Charles shared a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of their practices at the Ancient Art Healing Center, 2516 West Main Street. Dr. Isaacs has a naturopathic and a chiropractic practice and Charles is a wellness counselor, coach, and consultant. Pictured at the ribbon cutting (l to r) are: Council Member Jose Trujillo, Dr. Darin Robertson, Tonya Olsen, Isaacs, Charles, Council Member Peggy Cole, Tricia Gast, and Mark Costello.

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City Council Accommodations

The public is invited to attend all regular meetings or study sessions of the Littleton City Council or any city board, commission or public program.

Please call 303-795-3857 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or program if you will need special assistance or any reasonable accommodation in order to be in attendance at or participate in any such meeting or program.

For any additional information concerning the city's compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, please call 303-795-3857.

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