



# LITTLETON REPORT

City of Littleton

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## City Manager Jim Woods retiring September 30



Following 27 years of distinguished service, Littleton City Manager Jim Woods has announced his retirement effective September 30, 2011. Woods has served as Littleton's city manager since September, 1999. He previously served as Littleton's deputy city manager from 1987 to 1999. He was the city's community development director from 1984 to 1987.

Woods said, "Everything we have accomplished over the past 27 years has been the result of a great team of city employees and very supportive leadership from city council members. My wife Christine and I plan to continue to make Littleton our home and enjoy the many friends we have in the community."

Mayor Doug Clark said, "The last 12 years have been an outstanding period of time for the City of Littleton. Jim has done a tremendous job implementing the policies of the city council. Look around the city, the

results speak for themselves. We will miss Jim's calm leadership, steady hand and tremendous insight."

Woods is widely credited with co-founding the award-winning practice of Economic Gardening, which focuses on helping existing small businesses grow. Since the program's inception in 1990, the job base in Littleton doubled from 15,000 to 30,000 and sales tax increased from \$6 million to \$20 million.

Among Woods many accomplishments in Littleton are solving the space needs of the Littleton Police Department. A dedication will take place April 15 for 14,000 square-feet of new space for evidence storage and a crime laboratory.

Woods was instrumental in the extension of the Southwest Corridor light rail to Littleton. The line was the first light rail line beyond downtown Denver. Woods' involvement was integral in securing approvals and funding at the regional and national level as well as development of the light rail station amenities and parking lots.

Woods led the effort to acquire and renovate the former Arapahoe County Courthouse for use as the Littleton Municipal Courts. The project was completed on time, under budget, and

has won numerous awards.

Woods tenure also includes the construction of the new Fire Station #12 at 6529 South Broadway in 2004, replacing the station built in 1960.

Woods led the effort for a feasibility study to build the new Littleton Museum, dedicated in 2005. The 32,000 square-foot building replaced the 9,000 square-foot former single-family home and was the first Smithsonian Affiliated museum in Colorado.

More recently, Woods negotiated with Denver Water for a new contract approved by city council February 15. Under Woods leadership, historic preservation flourished in Downtown Littleton. Many safety improvements on Santa Fe Drive were built in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation. Land was acquired for the city's grounds, streets, building maintenance and fleet services and a new fleet service center was built. Woods was involved with numerous open space acquisitions adding to the splendor of the South Platte River valley and South Platte Park.

The city council has begun discussions on a process to fill Woods position.

## City council approves new contract with Denver Water

The Littleton City Council approved an ordinance revising its service contract with Denver Water. The ordinance was first considered February 1 and the second reading and public hearing were held February 15 in the council chamber of the Littleton Center.

The contract with Denver Water had been in place since 1970 when Littleton citizens voted to sell the city water system to Denver after it incurred extensive damage following the flood of the South Platte River in 1965.

There was a clause in the contract known as the "annexation provision" that stipulated that any areas annexed by the city automatically become part of the Denver service area. This provision was viewed for many years as a valuable asset by the city council and staff. However, given the new reality of Denver Water's ability to provide a reliable water supply, Denver Water asked to amend the 1970 contract and in return, provide compensation to the city.

The city council directed staff in 2010 to negotiate a revised contract and discussed the final proposed version at a study session January 25. Denver Water agreed to the following provisions:

- Serve all land that is within the Combined Service Area, the geographical area Denver Water serves including all property within the Littleton city limits.
- Reserve up to 350 acre-feet of water supply for annexed land that is outside the Combined Service Area.
- Make available up to 1,200 acre-feet of water under temporary leases to entities outside the Combined Service Area in Arapahoe and Douglas counties.
- Pay the city \$2.1 million in cash, with \$1 million paid within 60 days of executing the contract, and \$1.1 million before January 10, 2012.
- Pay the cost of converting the potable water service on the Geneva Park/ Littleton Center property to non-potable water at a cost estimated at \$400,000.
- Refund the escrow plus interest paid by the city for administrative costs estimated at \$80,000.

A copy of the full contract can be viewed on the city's website at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).



**OPEN HOUSE**

The Littleton Police Department will host an open house of the new police addition April 15 from 3 to 6 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for 3:30 p.m. See page 5 for more details.

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Mayor Doug Clark and the Heritage High School Liberty Belles admire Major League Soccer's Phillip F. Anschutz Trophy at Whitman Elementary School February 26. It was the only appearance of the cup in the south metro area following the Colorado Rapids' championship victory against FC Dallas November 21. Approximately 250 soccer enthusiasts showed up to be photographed with the cup. To view a short video on the cup's tour, visit [www.youtube.com/user/LittletonGov#g/u](http://www.youtube.com/user/LittletonGov#g/u). Pictured left to right are: Megan McLeod, Clark, Sam Serocki, Angela Leonard, and Angie O'Donnell.

## City council makes board and commission appointments

On March 1, city council appointed nine citizens to open seats on various Littleton boards and commissions. They also reappointed 24 citizens who wished to continue their service to the City of Littleton. The deadline for applications is January 31 each year, interviews are held in February and appointments are completed and voted on by city council in March. Serving on a board or commission is an opportunity to get involved with the community. Congratulations to all those appointed and reappointed.

### Board of Adjustment - term expires

Reappoint Darcy Kennedy - 2014  
Reappoint Ray Koernig, Jr. - 2014

### Building Board of Appeals

Reappoint Charles Martinez - 2014  
Reappoint Dean Rue - 2014  
Appoint Alt 1 to regular John Watson - 2012  
Appoint Alt 2 to Alt 1 David Mitchell - 2013  
Appoint Alt 2 Jim Gravina - 2014

### Fine Arts Committee

Reappoint Denise Senn - 2014  
Appoint Sharon Gambrell Elms - 2014  
Appoint Kate Eckel - 2014

### Historic Preservation Board

Reappoint Margi Clute - 2014  
Appoint Alt 1 to Regular Paul Kastner - 2013  
Appoint Alt 2 to Alt 1 Pamela Grove - 2014  
Appoint Alt 2 Dan Murphy - 2014

### Housing Authority

Reappoint Jim Taylor - 2014

### Library Board

Reappoint Lisa Ohlgren - 2014  
Reappoint Mary Pat Valdes - 2014

### Licensing Authority

Reappoint William Bradish - 2014  
Reappoint John Cole - 2014  
Reappoint Earl Gunia - 2014

## Senior Refund Program

Since 1977, the Littleton City Council has annually renewed its Senior Refund Program.

The program is available to both renters and property owners. For property owners, the refund is based on the property's assessed valuation ranging 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.

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

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

## Calendar funding approved

At its March 8 study session, the Littleton City Council approved funding to continue publishing the *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report*. Photographers interested in submitting photos for the 2012 photography contest can submit their entries no later than Friday, September 16 at 5 p.m. to the city manager's office, 2255 West Berry Avenue. Visit [www.littletongov.org/photos](http://www.littletongov.org/photos) for more information.

## FAC working hard for city

The Fine Arts Committee (FAC), created in the 1970s, is an eleven-member board appointed by the Littleton City Council. Members serve three-year terms. These members are a cross-section of Littleton citizens, many with artistic backgrounds and all with an abiding interest in the arts, devoted to reviewing, selecting and installing art in Littleton.

Jim Dickson, the committee's chair believes, "art is part of a city's core and its presentation is a strong key to the first impression and lasting image of all cities for both visitors and citizens."

The FAC assists the Littleton Museum in the selection of jurors and the arrangement of artwork for the art shows (Eye of the Camera and Own an Original, plus the Best of Show exhibits).

In addition, the FAC reviews all art donations to the city. The maintenance and care of the city's art collection is also part of the committee's duties.

The FAC meets once a month with sub-committee meetings arranged as necessary.

One of the first acquisitions by the Fine Arts Committee in 1976 was Edgar Britton's sculpture "Solar III" that rests in Gallup Park, east of Bemis Library.

## New law requires HOA registration

All Colorado homeowner associations must register with the state under a law passed last year. The aim is to better gauge how many homeowner associations exist in Colorado, how many people live in homeowner association-controlled areas and to gather basic information about the associations. The law also created the HOA Information and Resource Center, which is under the Division of Real Estate. Registration with the center is in addition to filing corporate reports with the Secretary of State. The HOA center is intended to serve as a resource for consumers to understand basic rights and duties under the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act. To register with the center, visit [www.dora.state.co.us/pls/hoa/HOA.logon](http://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/hoa/HOA.logon).

## The B.I.G. day coming soon

The first annual Be Involved, Give Day is April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch will follow. To celebrate the day, the South Suburban Park Foundation will host a trail clean-up on the Big Dry Creek Trail. Grab work gloves and come help clean the trails we all use and love! Meet at the Big Dry Creek/Progress Park shelter. For more information, directions, or to register, e-mail [info@sspf.org](mailto:info@sspf.org).

## South Platte Park celebrates \$1 million in improvements

South metro area nature lovers were in South Platte Park February 23 to celebrate the nearly \$1 million in improvements funded by a Great Outdoors Colorado Legacy grant. Contributors included the City of Littleton, South Suburban Parks and Recreation and Arapahoe County Open Space.

A new entrance gate represents the river with live plants and cobbles launching into the sky. There is a refurbished landscape at the Carson Nature Center with new plants and pathways, and a water feature. The building received significant energy improvements including insulation and a 92 percent energy efficiency furnace. A new restroom at Blackrock Lake has been installed and the building also provides shelter from the weather.

At the ceremony, left to right were: Ellen Belef, Arapahoe County Open Space & Trails Advisory Board; SSPR Board Member Sue Rosser; Marc Scott, Arapahoe County Open Space & Trails Advisory Board; SSPR Board Members Pam Eller and John Ostermiller, Mayor Doug Clark, SSPR Board Member Kay Geitner, Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Brinkman, Arapahoe County Commissioner Susan Beckman, and Council Member Peggy Cole.



## Adventures in History returns to the Littleton Museum



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

Adventures in History is a week-long program, and daily sessions run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program will be offered the weeks of June 13-17, July 11-15, and August 8-12. Registration is open to students who are entering the fourth, fifth, or sixth grade in the fall. Cost for the program is

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

The Littleton Museum will accept hand-delivered registration forms from April 1 through April 24. All other registrations must be postmarked by April 22. City of Littleton residents should include a copy of a parent or guardian's valid driver's license along with the completed registration form. Members of FOLM need only submit the completed registration form. All applications will be entered into a drawing and participants will be randomly chosen. Do not include payment with the registration form; payment will be accepted after participants are chosen. Participants accepted to the program will be informed by May 20. For more information call 303-795-3950.

### Adventures in History Registration Form



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Select weeks of June 13-17, July 11-15, or August 8-12.

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

Registration must be post marked by April 22 or hand delivered by April 24.

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

## Cloud computing in the forecast for Littleton

According to a January 2011 *American City and County* magazine article by Robert Barkin, "Cloud computing is a pay-as-you-go approach to IT (information technology), in which a low initial investment is required, which can be helpful when projects need to get off the ground quickly. It can be expanded as the system's use increases and can be reduced easily if use decreases." The article further states, "Cloud computing systems provide quick response to emergency situations and free IT departments from maintenance of routine operations like email, enabling staff to spend more time on higher-priority tasks that require knowledge of local government operations." With these benefits in mind along with shrinking budgets, it makes sense that cloud computing should be a part of the forecast for Information Services (IS) at the City of Littleton.

The city already has cloud computing based applications. One example is the Granicus system which converts the broadcast of city council, planning commission, and licensing authority meetings to web broadcasts that can be viewed via the city's web site.

The city is expanding its cloud computing environment by virtualizing its server infrastructure. This could lead to capital cost reductions for the city because it may not need to fund server hardware replacement as often, in addition to cost savings from reduced energy consumption (fewer servers means less power consumption and a reduction in HVAC demand). The city will also look at cloud computing based applications that Google and Microsoft offer when new products are released.

A statewide group called the Government Shared Services Council (GSSC) was created to utilize collaborative technology and resources across government entities to provide effective and efficient citizen centered services. The GSSC created a shared IT services catalog. Shared services are another form of cloud computing. The GSSC is chaired by Ken Price; the information services director for the City of Littleton and its membership includes technology leaders from cities, counties, and special districts throughout Colorado.

The City of Littleton is ahead of the curve regarding cloud computing and will continue to pursue opportunities because of the potential to further reduce costs and improve the quality and timeliness of service delivery.

## Events

### TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER

2450 W. Main St., Littleton, CO

Celebrating 29 years as Denver's most intimate professional theatre.



April 1 -  
May 1, 2011

303-794-2787 x 5  
order tickets online at  
www.townhallartscenter.com



May 20 -  
June 19, 2011

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### Grab your Pioneer Passport!

Arapahoe County is celebrating its 150th Anniversary. Travel all over the county to answer fun trivia questions that will lead to some of the county's most beautiful, historic and treasured landmarks.

The first 150 people to turn in a completed Pioneer Passport will receive a 150th Anniversary commemorative coin.

Participants who turn in a completed passport will be entered to win a \$150 VISA gift card. The winner will be announced Nov. 1, 2011 – Arapahoe County's 150th birthday.

Grab a Pioneer Passport at the Littleton Center, Bemis Library, Littleton Museum, county offices or download a copy at [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us).

### Littleton Cleanup Day returning May 15

Ascension Lutheran Church, Hands Across Littleton and the City of Littleton will sponsor Littleton Cleanup Day May 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be based at Ascension Lutheran Church at 1701 Caley Avenue. Efforts will be focused on Littleton residents, especially elderly or handicapped citizens, who need help with general cleanup of their yards and houses.



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

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

### Recycle household electronics April 16

The City of Littleton is sponsoring a household electronics recycling event April 16 from 8 a.m. to noon. The event, for Littleton residents only, is co-sponsored by Metech Recycling. The drop-off site is the city's Service Center at 1800 West Belleview Avenue. The following items will be accepted: televisions, computers, computer accessories, monitors, laptops, palm pilots, fax machines, printers, radios, car electronics, stereos, electric motors, vacuums, clocks, fans, lamps, telephones, and cell phones. Large appliances and appliances with refrigerant will not be accepted.

#### Recycling Fees:

Computer monitors	\$10
TV's up to 32"	\$18
TV's larger than 32" (measured diagonally)	\$1 per inch
Small appliances/electronic items	\$3
Keyboards/mice/toner cartridges/cell phones	no charge

For more information contact City of Littleton Code Specialist Rebecca Thompson at 303-795-3831 or Metech's Joe Willey at 720-258-8445.

## Littleton Fire Rescue recruiting mini firefighters



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

"The Mini-Fire Academy is an excellent opportunity for kids to experience what it is like to be a firefighter, while learning important safety messages," said Katie Moore, life safety educator for LFR. LFR is providing two sessions of the Mini Fire Academy and enrollment for both sessions is now open. The first session runs from June 27-June 30, and the second session is July 18-21. Class is from 9 a.m. until noon each day. The cost is \$40 per child. Space is limited to 25 students per session. Children will be asked to bring their bicycles and appropriate safety gear to class one day. Enroll by calling Moore at 303-795-3833 or by visiting [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) and clicking on the Kids' Mini Fire Academy icon.

## EMS Chief completes fire officer program

Littleton Fire Rescue's (LFR) Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Chief, Wayne Zygowicz, has completed the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. For the last four years, Zygowicz attended an intense two-week seminar at the Emmitsburg, Maryland campus followed by an applied research project. This masters level program addressed the subjects of Executive Development, Leading Community Risk Reduction, Analysis of Fire Service Operations in Emergency Management and Executive Leadership.

Zygowicz is a 29 year-veteran of the fire service and has been with LFR for the past 20 years. He has served as LFR's EMS chief for the past 12 years and is an editorial board member and writer for the *Journal of Emergency Medical Services*.



## Airlife EMS Celebration returns May 22

The 14th annual Airlife EMS Celebration will take place Sunday, May 22 at Hudson Gardens. Events will include 5K and 10K runs and a 5K fun walk along the Mary Carter Greenway, as well as a volleyball tournament and a fire muster.

In December of 1997, a tragic fatal car accident in Littleton took the life of Julie Olmstead. The associated AirLife helicopter crash took the lives of Flight Nurses Leslie Feldmann, Beth Barber and Pilot Pete Abplanalp. A Memorial Park was built on the site of the helicopter crash in 1998 to honor and memorialize those individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The Memorial Park is located south of Prince Street on the west side of the Mary Carter Greenway.

More than 500 runners and walkers took part in last year's event that highlights National EMS Week. The fire muster brought numerous fire trucks and ambulances, helicopters, hazmat trucks and police cars, allowing adults and children to explore the vehicles and take pictures.

Mascots from the Colorado Mammoth (Wooley), Colorado Rapids (Rapid Man) and the Denver Nuggets (Rocky) will be in attendance. There are a lot of other attractions for both adults and children including kid's face painting, a rock climbing wall, slide and kid's combat challenge.

For more information visit [www.airlifedenver.com](http://www.airlifedenver.com).

## Immigrant center receives certification

In December of 2010, after five years of training, Alejandra Harguth, program coordinator of the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC), was recognized by the United States Department of Justice as a Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) accredited representative. The City of Littleton is the first municipality nationwide to receive this certification and the program was approved in record time. The BIA certification allows Harguth to process citizenship applications to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly the U. S. Immigration Department). The LIRC can now offer assistance to immigrants who are currently Lawful Permanent Residents (also known as holding a green card) and want to become U.S. citizens. The LIRC has a longstanding program in place called Citizenship Mentoring that matches volunteer tutors with immigrants who are preparing for the U.S. citizenship exam.

The LIRC still relies heavily on volunteers. Opportunities include tutoring immigrants to improve their English, assisting with workshops and events, grant writing, staffing the Resources Center, interpreting and translating. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information on any of the LIRC's initiatives, contact [aharguth@littletongov.org](mailto:aharguth@littletongov.org), or call 303-795-3968.



## City launches eTRAKiT

The Littleton Building Department recently launched eTRAKiT, a web-based application that gives contractors and homeowners the ability to view permits, projects, inspections, and contractor licensing data online.

With eTRAKiT, contractors can easily check the status of all their active permits, verify that inspections have been scheduled, view the results of previous inspections, and view permits under plan review. Homeowners can confirm that the work on their home has passed inspection, or if it hasn't, they can see what still needs to be done to pass.

Jim Thelen, Littleton's codes and inspections director, notes that eTRAKiT can also be used by homeowners considering home improvement projects to search for licensed contractors. "The city licenses more than 2,000 contractors to work in the city in a given year. License information such as type, expiration date, and insurance information can be viewed using the eTRAKiT contractor search feature, helping the homeowner identify a qualified, licensed contractor," Thelen said.

Thelen expects eTRAKiT to significantly reduce the number of permit- and inspection-related phone calls currently received. The department processes about 175 permits per month. Contractors usually call the building office to verify the inspection results. With eTRAKiT, these contractors can now find the information online at their convenience.

To access the eTRAKiT application, visit [www.littletongov.org/etrakit](http://www.littletongov.org/etrakit). For more information, call the Littleton Building Department at 303-795-3751.

## SSPR moving Jamison

### Street maintenance shop



**South Suburban  
PARKS AND RECREATION**

Thirty-seven years ago, South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) located its maintenance shop on Jamison Street in Littleton. Gradually, a neighborhood developed around the facility. At the same time, district maintenance operations grew to serve the expanding park and recreation needs of nearly 150,000 residents in the six cities included in SSPR. More equipment was needed to care for parks and trails such as irrigation systems, mowing, tree trimming, trail maintenance and equipment repairs. Conditions were cramped from the start, and the problem became worse over time.

"We've known for years that finding an appropriate new location was a priority," said Dave Lorenz, executive director for SSPR. "We also faced the reality that we needed to find the funds to acquire the land and build or renovate a facility."

When a 5.5-acre site, commonly known as the Boatworks property, with its existing 15,000 square-foot building came on the market, SSPR became interested. It is located in a non-residential area on County Line Road, next to Lorenz Regional Park. The location was central to district operations, the purchase price was lower than the appraised value and interest rates for borrowing money were at an all time low. Some preparation of the site and remodeling of the building will be necessary before the maintenance shop can move to its new home. The district was able to finance a portion of the acquisition and renovation costs at an interest rate of 3.05 percent for certificates of participation. Additionally, South Suburban plans to sell the old site on Jamison Street and apply those funds toward the project's total \$6 million acquisition and renovation.

SSPR hired Intergroup, a Littleton architectural firm, to do the renovation design. Plans are to complete the project by late summer and begin moving from the Jamison site in the fall of 2011. Anyone interested in purchasing the Jamison site should contact Lorenz.

## Council Workshop Report available

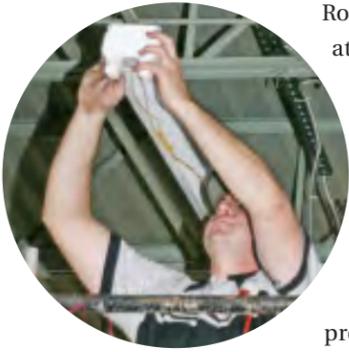
The Littleton City Council held its annual workshop February 18 at the Littleton Museum. The purpose of the workshop is for council to identify priorities on major projects it wishes staff to pursue in the coming year. The *Littleton City Council 2011 Workshop Report* is now available to download at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org). Hard copies are available in the City Manager's Office at the Littleton Center, 2255 W. Berry Avenue.



## LPD releases 2010 crime statistics

Crime	2008	2009	2010
Homicide	0	0	1
Rape	9	5	3
Robbery	23	18	22
Aggravated Assault	34	40	27
Other Assaults	250	275	235
Burglary-Residential	139	126	104
Burglary-Business	78	84	134
Theft	918	933	852
Motor Vehicle Theft	133	101	96
Arson	10	3	3
Accident Investigations	995	964	972
Traffic Citations Issued	12,282	12,724	11,686
DUI Arrests	352	301	251
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,223</b>	<b>15,574</b>	<b>14,386</b>

## Rocky Mountain Harley Davidson benefits from Small Business Energy Efficiency Program



Rocky Mountain Harley Davidson (RMHD) located at 2885 West County Line Road, took advantage of \$5,000 in rebates to pay for up to half of its newly designed lighting retrofit project. RMHD received \$3,000 from Xcel Energy through its lighting incentive program and \$2,000 from the City of Littleton through the Small Business Energy Efficiency Program. Three other Littleton businesses have benefitted from this program.

The project will reduce the business's electricity consumption by 23,567 kWh and 3.48 kW each year, resulting in an annual savings of about \$1,800 or a reduction in annual electricity costs of about eight percent. The savings from the improvements are more money in the bank for RMHD year after year. In fact, the amount of money that RMHD will save each year will be more valuable in subsequent years as the cost of electricity increases.

Not only is RMHD saving money from the improvements, the business has reduced its energy consumption and improved the lighting quality for its employees. Jay Seibel, RMHD manager, said not only is the new lighting energy efficient, the quality of the light is great. "In our service department, the foot candles increased from 60 to 100 so our mechanics are really enjoying working in improved lighting conditions," Seibel said.

In addition to taking advantage of funding Siebel also attended a free workshop on energy data management sponsored by the city's Small Business Energy Efficiency Program and received a free lighting audit through Xcel Energy's Small Business Lighting Program. Sunwave Lighting assisted RMHD with the lighting upgrades and helped identify the local rebate sources.

If you are a small business and are interested in obtaining funding to help pay for your energy efficiency upgrades, visit Recharge Colorado at [www.rechargecolorado.com/index.php/programs\\_overview/main\\_street\\_efficiency\\_initiative/](http://www.rechargecolorado.com/index.php/programs_overview/main_street_efficiency_initiative/) or call Kelli Narde at 303-795-3720. The city's Small Business Energy Efficiency Program is funded through the federal stimulus ARRA funds and provides hands-on support and rebate money to qualifying small businesses from the Governor's Energy Office.

## City hosting free sales and use tax seminars

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

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

**April 13, 2-4 p.m. and May 11, 2-4 p.m.**  
**Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue**  
**Littleton, CO 80165**

Call 303-795-3956 to reserve a space or for more information.

## Littleton Police open house scheduled



Everyone is invited to the dedication and tour of the new Littleton Police Department space on April 15 from 3 to 6 p.m. (ceremony in the east parking lot off Rio Grande Street at 3:30 p.m.) and April 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The detectives and property and evidence technicians are all moved in to the new addition. All property and evidence has been relocated and stored onsite and staff used the opportunity to conduct a complete inventory of all held property.

The renovation of the existing police building is also well underway. Chief Heather Coogan's office has moved downstairs adjacent to the newly remodeled police records section. Patrol Division offices and locker rooms are currently under construction. Once completed, the Patrol Division will relocate from its temporary location at the Littleton Service Center, back to the police department.

## Littleton Police announce online reporting

The Littleton Police Department is pleased to announce a new web-based service for residents of the city who have been the victim of a property crime. The online reporting system is now available for victims to report non-emergency, non-violent property crimes that occurred within the city limits as long as there is no physical evidence left behind by the suspect, a suspect cannot be identified, and the total loss or damage is estimated to be under \$1,000. After completing the report, the victim can print a copy, including the case number, for their records or insurance company. As always, citizens who prefer to file reports with a police officer will be able to do so. However, if a victim has online access and is better served by having the report immediately available, then online reporting is a good alternative. Online reporting is accessed through the Littleton Police Department's web page at [www.littletonpolice.org](http://www.littletonpolice.org) and go to 'Online Police Reports,' where step-by-step instructions are available.

## LPD using new crime reporting system

Beginning in January, the Littleton Police Department stopped reporting data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system and began collecting and reporting data through the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). With the NIBRS, each crime incident coming to the attention of law enforcement, a variety of data are collected about the incident. This data includes the nature and types of specific offenses in the incident, characteristics of the victim(s) and offender(s), types and value of property stolen and recovered, and characteristics of persons arrested in connection with a crime. Incident-based data provide an extremely large amount of information about crime that was not formerly collected under UCR. The information is also organized in complex ways, reflecting the many different aspects of a criminal incident.

## Arrests made in Buck Recreation Center thefts

Littleton Police detectives arrested two women February 25 for a series of crimes involving stolen credit cards and purses at the Douglas H. Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Avenue. The property loss thus far is estimated at \$1,500. Littleton detectives determined where the stolen credit cards were used and obtained the video from those locations to help identify the suspects. Both women have been charged with a number of felonies.

All entries need to be submitted by teachers. The form and more information, including the essay topic is available online at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) under "What's New."

Questions? Contact Lisa White at 303-831-6411 or [lwhite@cml.org](mailto:lwhite@cml.org).

Annual contest for Colorado 7th/8th grade students  
 Deadline is April 13

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## Awards and Milestones



Mayor Doug Clark and the Littleton City Council declared March “Jose and Phyllis Trujillo Month” in recognition of the city council member’s milestone in business. Jose’s restaurant is celebrating 45 years as a fixture on Main Street in Downtown Littleton.



The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association presented the City of Littleton with an award for storm drainage improvements to Little’s Creek at the March 1 city council meeting. Left to right: Paul Hindman, executive director at Urban Drainage and Flood Control District; Neal Stoeckman, engineering inspector; Fred Bromberger, utilities engineer; and Mayor Doug Clark.

### Taylor elected DRCOG Chair

Littleton City Council Member James A. Taylor was elected chair of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Board of Directors at the February 16 meeting. He is the fifth chair in the organization’s 56-year history to come from Littleton. Other Littleton leaders who served at DRCOG’s helm include Dennis S. Reynolds in 1994, Robert L. Tonsing in 1988 and 1989, Thomas E. Kristopeit in 1972, and Varian L. Ashbaugh in 1961.

Taylor has represented Littleton on the DRCOG Board of Directors since 2007, and served as the alternate before that. In addition, he previously held the posts of DRCOG vice chair (2010), secretary (2009) and treasurer (2008).

The council of governments is a nonprofit collaborative association of 56 county and municipal governments in the Denver region working together to make life better for all.

### Littleton named Tree City USA for 24th year

Littleton has been named a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 24th year. To receive this national recognition a community must meet four standards: it must have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Arbor Day in Colorado is officially Friday, April 15. As part of the Arbor Day celebration, the Littleton Tree Committee will distribute 200 shade trees to residents Saturday, April 16. This is the 16th year of an annual program to encourage tree planting throughout the city. These trees were reserved by citizens filling out the application in the February edition of the *Littleton Report*. There are still a limited number of trees available. For information visit the city’s website at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org), or call 303-795-3766.

The tree committee is also partnering with Littleton Public Schools to plant 50 trees at Goddard and Euclid Middle Schools to celebrate Earth Day. The project is funded with a \$5,000 grant from the Mile High Million.

### “Epic Spring Cleaning” event coming April 30

Clean out the closets. Browse through the basement. Go through the garage. Take the things you don’t need anymore to the second annual Epic Spring Cleaning Event, Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Littleton Home Depot store, 3000 West Belleview Avenue. The Cities of Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation, are partnering with the ARC Thrift Stores and Inter-Faith Community Services.

Home Depot Store Manager Herb Scott said he is happy to serve as host for the event. “Home Depot managers take pride in doing whatever we can to better serve the communities around us,” Scott said.

Interfaith Community Services Executive Director Sandra Blythe-Perry said, “We’re excited to partner with ARC Thrift Stores in this wonderful event that will have a meaningful impact for people in need throughout our area.”

ARC Thrift CFO Bruce Stahlman said the need for donations is strong. “The Epic Spring Cleaning event is a chance for people to clean out their closets while supporting Colorado-based local charities that in turn support people with developmental disabilities, their families and the under privileged,” Stahlman added.

Everyone is invited to bring gently used clothing, household items and furniture to the drop off site. They’ll receive a tax donation slip in return. Small electronics will be accepted but no paint, motor oil or chemicals. Non-perishable food and toiletries are in great demand and will also be collected.

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

### City seeks input on bicycle and pedestrian master plan

The City of Littleton is developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and will hold an open house to solicit input from the public. The open house is scheduled for April 13 from 5-7 p.m. in the Community Room at the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is being developed through a “Communities Putting Prevention to Work” grant Littleton received from the Tri-County Health Department and is focused on developing short term, implementable improvements to the on-street system that can help improve walking and biking in Littleton. A portion of the grant funds have been set aside for making immediate improvements with possibilities including better maps, improved signs, enhanced pavement markings such as bike lanes, and enhanced intersection treatments.

Plan to attend the open house to share what is great about bicycling and walking in Littleton and ideas you have for making it even better! For additional information call 303-795-3766 or visit the city’s website.

### Lee Gulch/Highline Canal Trail crossing complete



Construction was recently completed on replacement of the Lee Gulch and High Line Canal Trail crossing, east of South Broadway. The new culvert crossing Lee Gulch makes for safer pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian use, replacing a smaller metal

pipe that was partially washed out. Work included placement of rock and boulder erosion protection in Lee Gulch to stabilize the stream and protect the trail from floods or large discharges from the High Line Canal.

The design of the crossing was prepared by ICON Engineering of Centennial, and construction of the improvements was done by Naranjo Civil Constructors of Greeley. The \$100,000 cost of the work was completely funded by the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District. South Suburban Parks and Recreation maintains the trail system.

### Trails to Interstate: Transportation Systems Across the Palmer Divide coming to museum

Thursday Lecture Series at the Littleton Museum

Presented by Lee Whiteley—Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m.

The Palmer Divide, also known as the Arkansas-Platte Divide, has a history of creating challenges and opportunities for moving people and goods. This transportation corridor, hemmed in by the Rocky Mountains to the west and the high plains to the east, has facilitated and encouraged commerce, communication, and tourism to the region. Lee Whiteley is an accomplished historian and author and his fully-illustrated program will include historic maps and images as well as present-day photographs of sites that can be visited today.

\$5 for the public; \$4 for members of the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.

## Unconventional Women of the West coming to Bemis Library May 10

### Musical Moments in Sophie's Place

Monthly performances featuring a variety of musical talent from the Denver metro area. All performances begin at 2 p.m. On April 16, the Grace Notes Barbershop Quartet will add humor to its performance of classic songs from the 20s and 30s. On May 21, singer Marta Burton will perform an intimate tale of love through Broadway's most beloved songs. Uchu Rai Daiko, a taiko group of drummers, will present a high-energy performance June 4.

### Learn About Investing During Money Smart Week

In recognition of Money Smart Week, April 2-9, Morningstar will offer a free webinar on Investing 101: Simple Strategies to Get Started in the World of Investing. To register, email [librarytraining@morningstar.com](mailto:librarytraining@morningstar.com).

### Unconventional Women of the West

Enjoy a dramatic presentation by eight actresses portraying unconventional women of the Old West May 10 at 7 p.m. Characters include: Calamity Jane, Mother Cabrini, Belle Starr, Olive Oatman, Captain Ellen Jack, and the first female professor at the University of Colorado, Mary Rippon. This program is produced by The Legendary Ladies, a group that promotes the role of women in the settling of the West.



### Share Your Wisdom During National Library Week

Bemis is joining libraries around the country to celebrate National Library Week, April 10-16. The theme is Create Your Own Story @ Your Library. Stop by and write a few lines about wisdom you have learned on an "owl," or words of wisdom to pass on to the younger generation. The completed "owls" will be placed on a wisdom tree in the library. Participants will have their name entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to a Downtown Littleton business. This program is for all ages.

### The Heroine's Bookshelf

Colorado author Erin Blakemore will talk about lessons learned from her favorite women authors (Jo March, Scarlett O'Hara, Scout Finch) and their plucky heroines April 12 at 7 p.m. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing.

### Saturday Movie Matinee

See the popular film, *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, April 23 at 2 p.m. Lucy, Edmund, and Eustace return to the magical land of Narnia, where they meet Prince Caspian for a trip across the sea.

### Affair of the Heart: Franklin Delano Roosevelt And The Women In His Life

This dramatic presentation April 26 at 7 p.m. will reveal the close relationships Roosevelt had with several women. This historically accurate program will examine the complex relationships between the 32nd president and Eleanor, his wife; Lucy Mercer Rutherford, a social secretary to Eleanor; and Margaret Daisy Suckley, a close companion and correspondent.

### One Woman's Path Through the Rwandan Genocide

A survivor of the Rwandan genocide will tell her incredible story May 3 at 7 p.m. Hadidja Nyirankuye will share her journey before, during, and after the 100 days of the 1994 civil war in Rwanda.

### Saturday Movie Matinee

See the Academy Award winning film, *The King's Speech*, May 7 at 2 p.m. George VI, played by Colin Firth, reluctantly takes the throne of England when his brother Edward abdicates in 1936.

### Adult Summer Reading Program: Novel Destinations

Ease on down the reading road toward novel destinations this summer. May 23 is the launch date for Novel Destinations, the adult summer reading program. Register at the Information Desk, receive a gift, and start reading! The program runs through July 31. Look for more details in the next *Littleton Report*, or visit the library starting May 23.

### 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 Excel: April 12, May 18

Beginning Internet: April 16, May 31, June 4

Beginning PowerPoint: April 19

Beginning Shutterfly: April 29

Beginning Word: April 5, May 17

Beginning Windows: April 2, May 11, June 1

Computer Comfort: May 10

Google Docs: April 26

Intermediate Excel: April 13

Intermediate Word: April 6, June 8

Managing and Editing Your Photos: April 15

Managing Your Health: May 6

Open Computer Lab: every Thursday morning (no registration required)

Photo Shoot at Sunset: June 3 (6:30 p.m.)

Windows File Management: April 20

### Monday Evening Book Group

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

April 18: *Await Your Reply* by Dan Chaon. The lives of three strangers interconnect in unforeseen ways.

May 23: *A Good Fall* by Ha Jin. A collection of short stories that focus on Flushing, one of New York City's largest Chinese immigrant communities.

### SENIOR PROGRAMS

#### Women of Denver History

Denver was shaped by the efforts of many great people. Staff from Active Minds will focus on the women of Denver and their contributions to the state April 25 at 2 p.m.

#### Looking for Grandpa's Island

Family roots, cultural heritage, faraway lands...these are recurring themes for many Americans, the land of immigrants. Storyteller Pam Faro will tell the true story of her search for the Norwegian island that her grandfather, and her family name came from May 23 at 2 p.m.

#### Senior Book Club

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

April 4: *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. Heroic young men carry the emotional weight of their lives to war in Vietnam in this patchwork account of a modern journey into the heart of darkness.

May 2: *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. The true story of how the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands.

#### Senior Wii Bowling

Third Thursday of the month (April 21, May 19) 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

#### Teen Movie: *Tron Legacy*

Sam Flynn, a rebellious 27 year old, is haunted by the mysterious disappearance of his father, a man once known as the world's leading video game developer. When Sam investigates a strange signal sent from the old Flynn's Arcade, a signal that could only come from his father, he finds himself pulled into a digital world where his father has been trapped for 20 years. On April 30 at 2 p.m.

#### Summer Reading Program: You Are Here!

Online registration begins May 23 and continues through the summer until July 31. Information and the registration link will be on the library's home page ([www.littletongov.org/bemis](http://www.littletongov.org/bemis)) and on the teen blog (<http://bemisteen.blogspot.com>). This summer's theme is "You Are Here." There will be a variety of creative programs and events throughout the summer.

#### Summer Film School

Watch the teen blog for news about the summer film school at the Binning Foundation. Applications will be available at the library beginning May 9.

### Teen Wii Games

Third Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

April 21: Super Smash Bros Brawl

May 19: Guitar Hero

### Read the Movie Club

The new teen Read the Movie Club is replacing the teen Anime Club on the first Saturday at noon. First teens will discuss a book, then watch the movie. As a special bonus, every few months attendees will take a field trip to a movie theater to check out a flick, for free! Contact Teen Librarian Mark Decker, [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org), for details.

### Teen Advisory Group

Fourth Friday at 3:30 p.m.

April 22: Open agenda

May 27: Planning for talent show

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Magic Cover to Cover

Entertainer Dave Elstun astounds and inspires children to read with an exhilarating program that tells of magicians past. Watch as a torn newspaper instantly repairs itself, an open book suddenly catches fire, and Elstun links six beautiful rings together. This program is for families with children ages three and up April 3 at 2 p.m.

#### Angel Vigil, Storyteller

Children's Day/Book Day is an annual celebration of children, families and reading. Angel Vigil, well-known author, performer and educator, will celebrate by sharing traditional stories of the Hispanic Southwest. Don't miss this multicultural performance for children of all ages and their families April 30 at 11 a.m.

#### Pinkalicious Royal Tea

Princesses, queens, and all things pink will reign at the annual Mother/Daughter Tea Party May 14 at 2 p.m. The royal library of Bemis Kingdom is requesting the presence of little princesses and their queen mothers for tea, sweet treats, and a royal craft. This event is for girls in grades K-5 and their mothers. Reservations are required and may be made beginning May 1.

#### Summer Reading: One World, Many Stories at Bemis

Beginning May 23, kids from birth through fifth grade can pick up a reading record to track summer reading time and collect prizes along the way. There will be entertainers, activities, crafts, puppet shows and story times throughout the summer. Visit and find out more!

#### One Library, Many Stories

Summer reading is coming. So many books, so many hours, what to read, what to read, what to read? Bemis Library offers book lists, book talks, books to check out, and snacks as well as this year's newest reads and old favorites. For kids entering grades 1-3 May 26 at 2 p.m., and for kids entering grades 4-5 May 27 at 2 p.m. Reserve a space beginning May 12 by calling the library.

#### World Collage in the Style of Eric Carle

Ready to paint? Ready to paste? Make a collage using the techniques of one of the best children's illustrators. On the first day (May 31 at 2 p.m.), paint tissue paper, and on the second (June 2 at 2 p.m.), assemble the collage to hang in the children's room through the summer. Young artists entering grades 3-5 are encouraged to join the creative fun. Reserve space beginning May 17 by calling the library.

NOTE: No story time programs will be held in May as librarians visit schools to promote the summer reading program.

#### 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.

# Five Littleton businesses celebrate grand openings



Phyllis Peppelaar's new store, Nona's Attic, at 2699 West Main Street, is filled with vintage items, collectibles and gifts selected for their character, artistry and history. From toys, home décor items, and kitchenware to women's accessories, there's something for everyone. Peppelaar's sisters and mother, for whom the store is named, were at the ribbon cutting. Pictured are: (l to r) Ann Fein, Mayor Doug Clark, Peppelaar, Council Member Peggy Cole, Gabriella Petrino, Roberta Seifert, Council Member Jim Taylor, and Betty Hillen.



A new 7-Eleven store opened at 3099 West Mineral Avenue right next to the light rail parking lot at Aspen Grove Shopping Center. Mayor Doug Clark and City Council Members Peggy Cole and Bruce Stahlman joined the family, friends, and staff of franchisee Raymond Sandhu as he wielded the scissors at the ribbon cutting during the grand opening in January.



404-B West Mineral Avenue recently became the new home of Inspire Orthodontics, which sees both children and adults. Dr. Wade Housewright and his staff are committed to providing excellent, high-quality orthodontic treatment with unparalleled patient service. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are: (l to r) Council Member Bruce Stahlman, Janet Sutton, Morgan Bitsoi, Dr. Housewright, Heather Cronkhite, Marisa Janco, Council Member Peggy Cole, Dedra Romero, Debbie Russel, and Council Member Jim Taylor.



Doctors Jared Ottinger and Joshua Dokter have opened Pyramid Chiropractic, a wellness facility that offers a holistic approach based on sound medical knowledge, in the Woodlawn Shopping Center (1500 West Littleton Boulevard). They specialize in nonsurgical orthopedics, pain management and physical rehabilitation, and promote wellness through injury prevention and health maintenance. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are: (l to r) Council Member Jim Taylor, Mayor Doug Clark, Drs. Dokter and Ottinger, and Council Member Peggy Cole.



After spending years working for all the major insurance companies in Colorado in both injury and construction litigation, attorneys Aaron Atkinson and Bill Boyle decided to open their own firm, Atkinson/Boyle, and use their specialized knowledge to represent injury victims, HOAs and land owners. Pictured at the recent ribbon cutting for their newly opened offices at 5575 South Sycamore Street are: (l to r) Council Member Jim Taylor, Boyle, Atkinson, and Council Member Peggy Cole.

## Spay/neuter your pet today!



In February, the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley opened its specialty spay/neuter clinic to the public.

There are also medical and behavioral benefits to spaying/neutering pets:

- reduces or eliminates the risk of certain cancers and other diseases
- reduces aggressive tendencies
- reduces wandering behaviors
- reduces or eliminates spraying (marking with urine)
- eliminates the mess and inconvenience of a pet in heat

If you are interested in scheduling an appointment to spay or neuter your pet, or if you have questions about the benefits of the surgery, call 303-703-2938.

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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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