

# LITTLETON REPORT

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## Harvard University recognizes Economic Gardening program



Business Industry Affairs Director Christian Gibbons visits Setpoint Systems in Littleton. The company designs, installs, commissions and services integrated building control systems. Pictured with Gibbons is Account Manager Vince Guerrie.

On May 2, the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, announced the Top 25 programs in the Innovations in

American Government Award competition. The Economic Gardening program in the city's Business/Industry Affairs (B/IA) Department was named to the elite group.

These programs represent the best in creative problem solving of local, state, and federal municipalities around the country and were selected from a pool of more than 500 applicants. Five finalists and one winner will be announced this fall.

Economic Gardening was created by City Manager Jim Woods and B/IA Director Chris Gibbons in 1990. It is an approach to economic development that focuses on growing jobs by nurturing local entrepreneurs. The program provides free, high-end, corporate-level tools for all Littleton businesses including search engine optimization, social media; and using Geographic Information Systems to create customized mapping of customer data, demographics, trade areas, supply/demand ratios and more. In a typical year, the B/IA staff have contact with up to 400 businesses. The results of the program are impressive. From 1990 to 2009, the job base in Littleton doubled from 15,000 to 30,000.

## City publishes map illustrating downtown parking

The city has produced a new map that graphically illustrates all of the free parking in Downtown Littleton. A recent audit by Public Services Department staff documented 1,173 spaces: 500 evening and weekend spaces, 343 unrestricted spaces, and 330 two-hour restricted spaces. All are within three blocks of Main Street. The map legend indicates the type of parking spaces on each block. In addition, a number of businesses offer free parking for their customers.

A copy of the map is inserted in this issue of the Littleton Report. The map can be found on the city's website at [www.littletongov.org/downtownparking](http://www.littletongov.org/downtownparking) or stop by the Public Services Department to pick up additional copies.

## Energy efficiency funds deliver big bang for the buck

In September 2009, the City of Littleton received \$182,500 in Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The city developed a program to distribute the funds among energy efficiency projects on city properties and also put the money into the pockets of businesses and citizens.

The City of Littleton spent a portion of the funds to complete a technical energy audit of 11 city-owned buildings to determine where the grant could be used to reduce energy costs with the

shortest pay back period – the time it takes for the energy savings to pay for the cost of the improvements. A number of projects have been completed or are underway.

The largest of the city's projects will result in huge energy savings. The lighting in the original parking lot at the Littleton Center will be replaced by city staff. The existing parking lot lights consume 22,995,000 watts annually at a cost of \$23,835. It is estimated that the new lighting system will consume 10,512,000 watts annually at a cost of \$10,896, a savings of \$12,939 each year.

The payback period is only 14 months. Other energy efficiency improvements include upgrading the heating/ventilation/air conditioning system at Town Hall Arts Center, and replacing the lighting at Bemis Library.

Littleton homeowners were able to leverage rebates from the Governor's Energy Office and Xcel Energy with funds from the city. Fifty-six Littleton residents spent a total of \$317,472 to purchase energy efficient furnaces and received rebates averaging \$500.

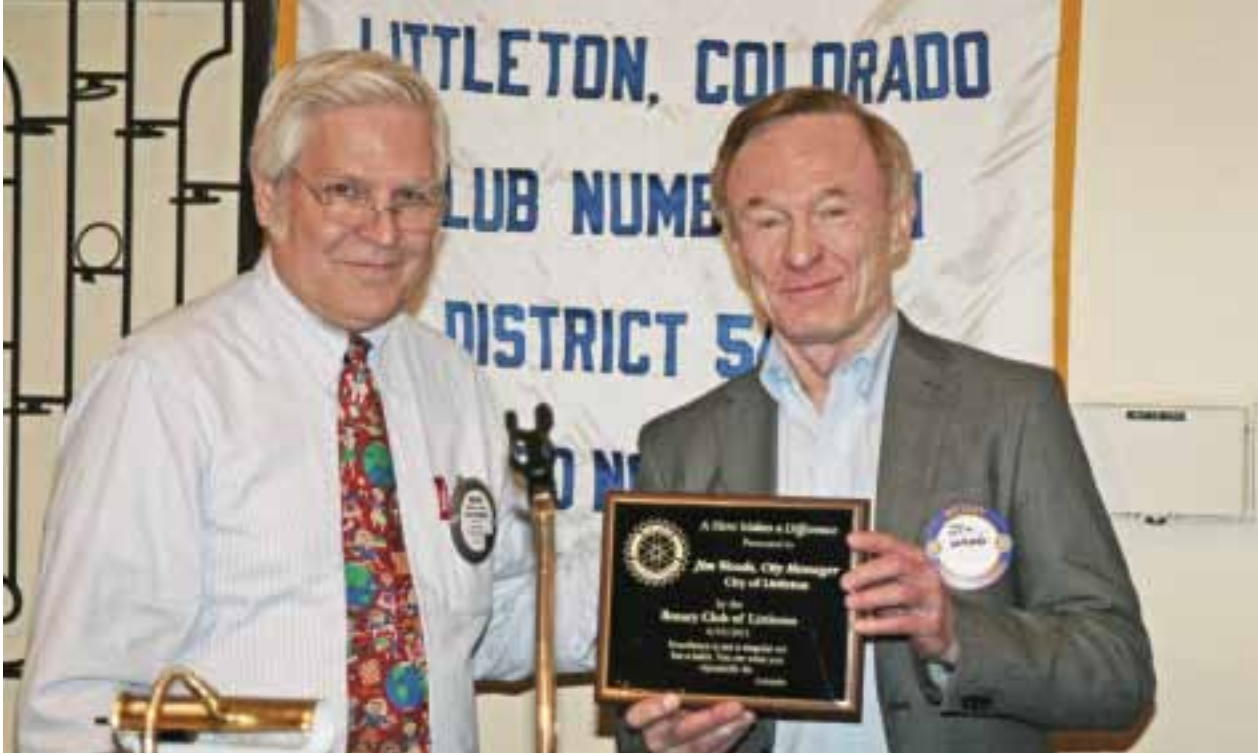
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The Littleton Rotary Club recognized City Manager Jim Woods with its "Everyday Hero Award" April 19. Littleton Rotarians regularly recognize members of police, fire, and other City of Littleton departments for outstanding service to the community. Presenting the award to Woods is Rotarian Mickey Kempf.

## FUNDS: city to see big savings in energy costs

Ninety-seven Littleton citizens took advantage of rebates for insulation and air sealing. The average cost per customer was \$957. Participants received an average rebate of \$361.

Business owners have benefitted greatly through the Small Business Energy Efficiency Program. Rocky Mountain Harley Davidson received \$2,100 in rebates from the city for the installation of new energy efficient lights in its service area and exterior lighting. The project will reduce electricity consumption by 23,567 kWh and 3.48 kW each year, resulting in an eight percent annual savings of \$1,800. Act II Consignment received \$524 in rebates for an energy audit and new lighting that will save \$374 in yearly energy costs. Mi Cocina Mexican Restaurant will receive \$9,834 for lighting upgrades, ceiling and wall insulation, weather strip-

ping, and a new roof top unit and will reduce its annual energy costs by about seven percent.

Under the leadership of Deputy City Manager Phil Cortese and Building Maintenance Supervisor Dave Stacey, the city has pursued many other energy efficiency projects in the past five years using general fund money. The staff is almost finished replacing all 600 u-tube lamps throughout the Littleton Center resulting in a reduction of almost 11,000,000 watts per year. The new lamps are earth friendly with a low mercury content. The division has also installed 200 motion sensing light switches in various buildings, programmable set-back thermostats in many locations for night time and weekend heating and air conditioning systems, and placed automated faucets in restrooms.

## Littleton Housing Authority saves millions

Saving millions of gallons of water by replacing and retrofitting is just one of the many ways the Littleton Housing Authority (LHA) is practicing sustainability. Over the course of the last year and a half, LHA, with grant funding from Denver Water, has replaced more than 400 toilets throughout its properties. The previous toilets consumed 2.5 gallons of water per flush, while the new High Efficiency Toilets have a flush volume of no more than one gallon. That, combined with the retrofitting of more than 350 low-flow shower heads, has resulted in a savings of more than six million gallons of water. The financial gain to LHA is nearly \$23,000.

Water isn't the only resource LHA is working to conserve. Four separate LHA multi-family buildings have been retrofitted with high efficiency, natural gas-fired boilers. The condensing boilers are 98 percent effi-

cient, one of the most cost effective and clean forms of heat available. They also use more than 50 percent less natural gas, while providing the same level of heat and comfort to residents.

Other measures LHA has taken to increase the sustainability of its properties is the replacement of more than 250 single-pane, aluminum-framed windows at Powers Circle Apartments with vinyl clad, double-pane, insulated, low-E coated windows. The result of the installation of these energy saving windows is a much quieter space, with no drafts and a cooler interior in the summer.

LHA plans to continue exploring and implementing a variety of measures to upgrade its housing stock, save money, and conserve energy and natural resources.

## 4th of July Family Festival and Fireworks Show returning



The 4th of July Family Festival and Fireworks Show will be held Monday, July 4 at Cornerstone, Belleview and Progress Parks. Food, games and entertainment will begin at 4 p.m. and continue until the spectacular fireworks launch at 9:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Cities of Littleton and Englewood, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Arapahoe County, and with additional support from the Cities of Sheridan and Centennial. Alcohol, fireworks and pets are not permitted.

City offices will be closed in honor of our nation's independence.

All fireworks are prohibited in the city. In addition, it is illegal for children under the age of 16 to purchase, possess, or use fireworks of any kind. With very dry conditions in the front range, the risk of fire is extreme. Celebrate safely this 4th of July. Other free, professional fireworks shows in the south metro area include: Highlands Ranch Town Center, Hudson Gardens, and Columbine Country Club.

## New traffic signal in Littleton

The Federal Highway Administration is allowing departments of transportation to use flashing yellow left-turn signals as an option on certain roadway intersections. In Littleton, the traffic division has installed a flashing yellow arrow signal at only one intersection: County Line Road and Erickson Boulevard, near the Hampton Inn hotel. The department is considering other locations and will add them as appropriate.



### How does a flashing left-turn arrow work?

A flashing yellow arrow means left turns are permitted, but motorists must first yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians and then proceed with caution. The flashing yellow arrow does not replace the solid yellow arrow and it's meaning. However, it does replace the green "ball" indication as a signal for a yielding left turn. Drivers should always remember: a flashing yellow = turn with caution.

### How should drivers approach a flashing yellow left-turn signal?

Drivers should stop at the intersection, and yield to oncoming traffic. If and when it is safe, make the left turn and proceed through the intersection. When the available time for the flashing yellow arrow ends, the solid yellow left-turn arrow begins. The solid yellow retains its standard meaning: the left turn signal is about to go to red and motorists should prepare to stop, or complete their left turn if they are in the intersection.

### Why not use a solid green light instead of the flashing yellow arrow?

The solid green light is often misunderstood as a left turn indicator. This is because drivers naturally think "green means go." Traffic making a left turn on a solid green light some times does not yield to oncoming traffic, which can result in more crashes. The flashing yellow arrow allows left turns but at the same time communicates the "caution" message to drivers. The flashing yellow arrow is especially effective at intersections with high volumes of traffic.

The flashing yellow arrow will be operational when traffic volumes permit, typically during non-rush hours.

For more information contact Tim Weaver in the Traffic Division at 303-795-3834.

## Littleton sponsoring Mutton Bustin' at Arapahoe County Fair July 20-24

The 2011 Arapahoe County Fair is sure to thrill with pro-ropes, carnival rides, a petting zoo and the return of the ever popular Mutton Bustin' competition, sponsored by the City of Littleton. Unlike other fairs that require lottery systems, the Arapahoe County Fair promises that any child under 80 pounds can sign up to ride a sheep just 30 minutes before each scheduled show. Multiple shows take place daily.

For more information including schedules and fair prices, visit [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com).

## Pre budget hearing scheduled

The City of Littleton's 2012 budget process kicks off Tuesday, June 7 with a pre-budget hearing at 7 p.m. This will provide citizens an opportunity to give the city council ideas they feel are important and should be considered for the upcoming annual budget. The city welcomes input on any issue from programs offered to levels of service provided.

For questions contact Doug Farnen, finance director, at 303-795-3765.

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### Earth Day tree planted

Members of Columbine Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, gathered at the Littleton Museum April 18 to plant a beautiful new Western Catalpa tree on the museum grounds. The tree was donated in honor of Arbor and Earth Day.



Students at Euclid Middle School planted 23 trees in celebration of Earth Day April 21. Students at Goddard Middle School planted 31 trees on their campus April 22. The City of Littleton secured grant funding for the purchase of the trees from Denver's "Mile High Million" program. The program was established by former Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper to facilitate the planting of a million trees in the Denver metro area.

### Artisans wanted for 40th Annual Friends' Craft Fair

Are you looking for a craft fair to sell your wares? Then this is the show for you!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Littleton Library & Museum  
Saturday, October 1 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Ketring Park

This is a "hand-crafted by crafter only" show and is juried. There is a huge following of shoppers; many crafters have said this is one of their most successful shows of the year. For more information call Sherry Kling at 303-795-3950.

### Wild on Littleton Block Party returns June 11

This fun, family event returns to Main Street June 11, from 6 to 10 p.m. Enjoy food, music, dancing, games, displays, fireworks, and merchant booths reminiscent of an old fashioned block party (only on a much larger scale). Traffic will be diverted from Main Street at Rio Grande Street. For additional event and ticket information visit [www.bestchamber.com](http://www.bestchamber.com) or call Taren Shuck at 303-795-0142.

## Summer Concerts

### Museum announces summer concert series

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a picnic before the concert. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are free. The Littleton Museum is located at 6038 S. Gallup Street.

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| June 1    | Golden Eagle Concert Band  |
| June 8    | Peneplain Jazz Quartet   |
| June 15   | Roz Brown & Bill Barwick<br>with guest Johnny Neill  |
| June 22   | 17th Avenue All Stars  |
| June 29   | Urban Island Steel Band  |
| July 6    | Owen Kortz Trio  |
| July 13   | Blue Canyon Band Boys<br>Bluegrass Band  |
| July 20   | Acoustic Rejuveniles   |
| July 27   | Dakota Blonde  |
| August 17 | Western Welcome Week at the Museum 4-8 p.m. Featuring Jayme Stone & Friends concert from 6-8 p.m. For this event only - no outside food or drink allowed. Food concessions will be open. |



### Concert Rain Dates

Thursdays, June 9 and 23 and July 14 and 28.

Groups will be rescheduled due to inclement weather if necessary.

Call the museum at 303-795-3950 for more information.

### Hudson Gardens concerts begin June 5

With a wide range of talent from the sweet falsetto R&B sound of The Stylistics of the 70s to the folk-influenced pop/rock group Vertical Horizon who climbed the charts in the late 90s, Hudson Gardens' concert series has something for everyone this summer. The highly-touted Frampton Comes Alive 35th Anniversary Tour also makes a stop at The Gardens this summer, making this season's schedule the most anticipated in Hudson Gardens' history.



*The Guess Who*

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| June 5    | Ambrosia   |
| June 12   | Firefall   |
| June 19   | Nitty Gritty Dirt Band                             |
| June 26   | Under A Blood Red Sky:<br>U2 tribute               |
| July 3    | The Guess Who                                      |
| July 4    | Poco   |
| July 10   | Super Diamond:<br>Neil Diamond tribute             |
| July 17   | Loverboy   |
| July 24   | Sister Hazel                                       |
| July 30   | The Stylistics                                     |
| July 31   | Little River Band                                  |
| August 7  | 38 Special   |
| August 14 | Richard Marx with the Littleton Symphony Orchestra |
| August 21 | Frampton Comes Alive 35th Anniversary Tour         |
| August 28 | Vertical Horizon                                   |



*Peter Frampton*

Tickets are available at [www.tickethorse.com](http://www.tickethorse.com), or 303-53HORSE, at all Dick's Sporting Goods TicketHorse kiosks, and at The Hudson Gardens' gift shop.



exercise and connect with the community.

Call 303-730-1022 ext. 23 or [ivyk@ssprd.org](mailto:ivyk@ssprd.org) for more information about this cooperative program between the Park Foundation, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, and Littleton Cyclery.

Join Trail Hands, volunteers helping users of South Suburban Parks and Recreation District's trails. South Suburban Park Foundation is looking for a two-hour monthly time commitment or more, and comprehensive training will be provided for outdoor enthusiasts who like to: share their passion of trails, open space, and recreation; meet new people on the trail; learn new things like bicycle maintenance, history and ecology of the area; receive discounts and incentives; enjoy helping people; improve health by regular

## Historic Preservation Awards presented at Bemis Library

On May 4, the Historical Preservation Board and Historic Littleton, Inc. honored this year's winners of the historic preservation awards at Bemis Library. The purpose of the awards is to spotlight historic preservation efforts that provide a link to the city's heritage and generate interest and pride in the community. Seven awards were presented.



The architecture firm of Chris Fisher Associates received the award of Outstanding Achievement for restoration of Geneva Lodge, 2305 W. Berry Avenue.

Awards were also presented to Scott and Danica Goldie for their efforts to preserve the Coors Building, 2489 W. Main Street; William A. Powers, for his stewardship of the Barrister Building, 2676 W. Alamo Avenue; and to Rick Acres, Kal Murib and Richard Valore, Main Street property owners, for their role in advocating for the Main Street Historic District, established by city council in 1995.

## Solar III sculpture being evaluated for restoration



Solar III was the first sculpture purchased by the Littleton Fine Arts Committee in 1976. Located in Gallup Gardens between Bemis Library and the Littleton Museum, this work of art was designed to be interactive and invoke an intimate experience. Solar III was created by internationally acclaimed artist Edgar Britton (1901-1982), a resident of the City of Littleton at the time. Born in Kearny, Nebraska, Edgar Britton was a muralist, landscape painter, and bronze sculptor. He studied at the University of Iowa from 1918 to 1920, and with Grant Wood from 1920 to 1924.

Solar III encourages walking around and in between the three sections of the sculpture. The central rectangular section with a circular perforation, rises to a height of 18 feet. To one side is a graceful arch, and a curved and tapering wall complete the grouping. The work has been formed with concrete aggregate and finished with a coating that contains white marble dust which gives the grouping a soft white luster.

From the \$17,500 price tag to the design itself, Solar III caused a bit of controversy. A political cartoon even appeared in the *Littleton Independent* with the caption "Seventeen five! I could put up a McDonalds there for half and give them two arches." Sonya Ellingboe, chair of the city art selection committee at the time said, "We looked for a design that would be something that people could physically relate to—walk in and around it."

Solar III is still a striking sculpture today. The piece is currently being evaluated to restore and conserve the sculpture for generations to come.

## Workshop scheduled for potential city council candidates

Are you interested in becoming a Littleton City Council member? Citizens who want to run for city council should begin thinking about it now. Join City Clerk Wendy Heffner and City Attorney Suzanne Staiert at the Littleton Center in the Community Room Thursday, June 9 at 6 p.m. for a public forum for potential candidates.

The forum will discuss qualifications, duties, nomination petitions, circulation requirements, political signs, Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) requirements and election committee reporting dates.

There are four seats to be determined in the November 1, 2011 election: District II, District IV, and two At-Large seats. These are four-year terms with the exception of one At-Large position. According to the City Charter, the At-Large candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a four-year term and the candidate receiving the second highest number will serve a two-year term.

Council generally meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month for regular meetings. There are additional meetings for special sessions, as well as other obligations such as attendance at committee meetings and serving as a liaison to a board or commission.

An *Election Guide* will be available at the candidate forum, or from the City Clerk's Office, located at 2255 W. Berry Avenue, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., after June 9 for candidates and their committees. Littleton's municipal elections are non-partisan which means there is no formally declared affiliation with a political party.

For further information contact the City Clerk's Office at 303-795-3753.



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Draft Master Plan Open House scheduled



The City of Littleton will present its Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan at an open house Monday, June 27 from 5-8 p.m. in the community room at the Littleton Center at 2255 West Berry Avenue. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is being developed through a "Communities Putting Prevention to Work" grant Littleton received from Tri-County Health. It is focused on developing short term, implementable improvements to the on-street system that can help improve walking and biking in Littleton. For further information call 303-795-3766.



Have you ever wondered what species of fish are in Ketring Lake? If you have a question about the city but cannot find the answer on the city's web site, @sk Little-

ton! Send your question to [ask@littletongov.org](mailto:ask@littletongov.org), and the city will do its best to find the answer. Questions will be answered in the *Littleton Report*, and will be posted on the city's web site. Want to know how many books are checked out every month from Bemis Library? @sk Littleton!

## Summer Cleanup Program

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

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

## Channel 8 schedule announced



The City of Littleton operates Littleton 8, a 24/7 cable television station for Comcast subscribers in the Littleton area. It features live broadcasts of selected city meetings, the *Littleton!* show and other metro-area government programming, as well as a "bulletin board" featuring city announcements, events, weather, traffic, and news. The broadcast is streamed in real time on the city's web site.

The *Littleton!* show, a 15-minute program about local people and events, is broadcast daily at 6 a.m., noon, and 6:45 p.m. The June edition will feature Littleton's service clubs and the important work they do for the community.

City council meetings are televised live the first and third Tuesday of each month, while study sessions are broadcast on the second Tuesday of each month. These meetings are repeated the following Wednesday at 1 p.m. Planning commission meetings are televised live the second and fourth Monday of each month, and replayed the following Wednesday at 1 p.m. Licensing authority meetings are broadcast live the second Wednesday of each month, and rebroadcast the following Friday at 1 p.m. Most live meetings start at 7 p.m., but check the schedule as times may change.

A schedule is available at [littletongov.org/littleton8/schedule.asp](http://littletongov.org/littleton8/schedule.asp).

## Storm drainage project to begin

The City of Littleton recently awarded a \$89,965 contract to JHL Industrial for the 2011 Storm Drainage Construction Project. This project will restore several drainage ditches in the city by removing accumulated sediment and, in many cases, installing a concrete pan in the bottom. One of the ditches runs parallel to South Court Place, adjacent to the Municipal Courthouse. Another is next to the parking lot on the northwest corner of Sterne Park, along South Bemis Street. The third is on the southeastern corner of the Turf Club Apartments, along West Berry Avenue and the fourth runs between the Lakeshore and Riverwalk Townhomes and the Belmont Subdivision. The work will be completed in two phases with the first two ditches being cleaned in May and June and the last two ditches being cleaned late this year. Residents can call the Public Services Department at 303-795-3863 for more information.



Littleton Police Chief Heather Coogan, City Manager Jim Woods and Mayor Doug Clark unveil a dedication plaque at a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 15 to commemorate the opening of a new police addition at the Littleton Center.

## City hosting redistricting review and open house

The Littleton Election Commission will host a Redistricting–Citizen Review and Comment Open House Thursday, June 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the community room at the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue. All citizens are invited.

According to the Littleton City Charter, Article III, Sec. 20, “the four city council districts shall be contiguous, compact, and as nearly rectangular as practicable and have approximately the same population. At least every four years after the establishment of the district, divisions, changes and consolidations shall be made by the election commission to carry out the intent of this article. Such redistricting shall be completed at least three months before the general municipal election at which it is to become effective.”

The Election Commission completed minor boundary adjustments in 2007. In 2011, the Election Commission is conducting a four-year review, using the 2010 Census population numbers as a guide. The public can review several options and give feedback for realignment to district boundaries to keep the population in the four districts within five percent of each other. The commission will meet in early July to review the citizen input and vote on any boundary adjustments or hold more meetings as necessary.

## Council approves courthouse refinancing

In April, the Littleton Building Authority (LBA) and city council approved refinancing the 1999 Certificates of Participation (COPS). The COPS were originally issued for \$3,385,000 to finance the renovation, construction and improvements of the Littleton Municipal Courthouse. This is a 25-year lease between the city and LBA where the authority owns the property until the lease expires in 2024 and ownership reverts to the city. The COPS have a current principal balance of \$2,345,000. The refinancing will have a 3.34 percent interest rate and will result in a \$214,100 net present value savings to the city’s lease payments.

## Citizen forums and outreach meetings scheduled

Citizens are invited to attend Littleton City Council outreach meetings this summer.

On June 16, the council will have a breakfast meeting with representatives of the South Metro Denver Realtors Association. The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the community room of the Littleton Center at 2255 West Berry Avenue. Citizens are welcome but should make a reservation 72 hours in advance by calling 303-795-3720.

The second breakfast meeting of the summer will be with state legislators and the Arapahoe County Commissioners. That meeting will be held July 21 at 7:30 a.m. in the community room. Once again, anyone who would like to attend is asked to make a reservation.

The city council will meet with its counterparts at the City of Englewood for a study session June 28 at 7 p.m. The council will do a tour of Littleton Housing Authority (LHA) properties with authority members on Saturday, July 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. That will be followed by a study session with the LHA board on Tuesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be in the community room at the Littleton Center.

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

## Sewer bills coming soon

The city will mail sewer and storm drainage utility bills approximately June 15.

A residence inside the city limits for a single-family will remain unchanged from last year’s rate of \$228.45 per year for sewage treatment and maintenance of sewer lines. For those in a sanitation district, the fee will be \$173.38 per year.

A multiple-family residence will remain unchanged from last year’s rate of \$194.18 per dwelling unit. In a sanitation district, the fee will be \$147.37 per unit.

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

Payment is due by August 15. If full payment is not received by August 15, a 25 percent penalty will be added and a past due bill will be mailed in late August.

For questions call 303-795-3772.

## Board and commission appointments

On April 1, nine citizens assumed new positions on various Littleton boards and commissions along with 24 citizens who were reappointed by city council. The deadline for applications is January 31 each year, interviews are held in February and appointments are voted on by city council in March. Serving on a board or commission is an opportunity to get involved with the community.

### 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

### Museum Board

Reappoint Amy Fischer - 2014  
Reappoint Steven Rarey - 2014

### Planning Commission

Appoint Alt 1 to regular Craig Coronato - 2013  
Appoint Alt 2 to regular Jennifer Ranville - 2013  
Appoint Karina Elrod - 2014  
Appoint Alt 1 Matt Bagnall - 2014  
Appoint Alt 2 Tony Gallagher - 2014

### Riverfront Authority

Reappoint Dale Flowers - 2016

### Tree Committee

Reappoint Doris Cruze - 2014  
Reappoint Carl Mikesell - 2014  
Appoint Selena Naumoff - 2014

### Victim Assistance Comp Board

Reappoint Jamie Driscoll - 2014  
Appoint C.J. Garbo - 2014

## Seasonal storms bring flood season

In Littleton, the flood season runs from about mid-April to mid-September. The usual cause of flooding is intense spring or summer thunderstorms causing rapid runoff of storm water. The areas of greatest flood threat are on numerous tributary streams such as Little’s Creek, Slaughterhouse Gulch and Lee Gulch. Areas subject to flooding have been designated as flood plains for a 100-year frequency flood, which has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. Smaller floods have a higher probability of occurring than a 100-year flood. Sections of the city were developed prior to designation of flood plains and these areas may have houses, garages, apartment buildings, and businesses that could be flooded. Also, properties not in a flood plain could experience water damage from poor site grading, street overflows, or inadequately sized storm drainage facilities.

Flood insurance is available to all owners of private property in the city through Littleton’s participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. To obtain flood insurance, property owners should contact their insurance carrier. There is a 30-day period after a policy is written before coverage becomes effective. Mortgage holders may have a mandatory requirement that flood insurance be obtained for a specific property. Flood insurance premiums vary depending upon the flood zone where a property may be located or the elevation of the building. New maps of flood zones were adopted on December 17, 2010 and are available from the city.

Littleton, with the assistance of the Urban Drainage & Flood Control District, has taken numerous actions to mitigate flood hazards. Regular, routine maintenance is performed on streams and storm drainage facilities. An automated warning system is in place for the Slaughterhouse Gulch watershed. Capital improvement projects have been constructed to remove numerous properties from the floodplain. Reference books, manuals, elevation information and other resources are available to property owners seeking to protect their property.

The current above normal snowpack in the mountains does not generally directly contribute to flood conditions in Littleton, as mountain snow melt is controlled by Chatfield Dam.

For more information, contact the Public Services Department at 303-795-3865.

## City council votes to sell Sternberg building

The Littleton City Council voted unanimously to sell the Sternberg property at 2009 West Littleton Boulevard to real estate company Littleton Capital Partners, 2009, LLC, which plans to rehabilitate the building and lease it as office space. The sale price of the Sternberg property was \$175,000. The Sternberg building was designed by local architect Eugene Sternberg, a Modernist, whose most notable Littleton-area buildings are Arapahoe Community College, Bemis Library and Heritage High School.

According to the new owners, the historic exterior of the building will be preserved.



# Awards and Milestones

## New community development director on board



Glen Van Nimwegen began his position as the city's new Director of Community Development May 16. Van Nimwegen formerly served as Planning and Community Development Director in Peoria, Arizona, a city of 154,000 residents located northwest of Phoenix.

Van Nimwegen was selected from a field of 147 candidates following a national search. In his position with Peoria, he was responsible for the Old Town Revitalization Plan that won a "Best Master Plan" award from the Arizona chapter of the American Planning Association.

## LPD Commander Bruce Beckman retires

Following a distinguished 37-year career, Littleton Police Department Division Commander Bruce Beckman announced his retirement effective May 20.

Beckman has been active in the community as a long-time member of the Littleton Rotary Club, elected as president in 2009.

Beckman said, "I am proud of the role I played in the many successes and advancements in the department. Thank you to everyone who has helped me along the way."



Council Member Bruce Stahlman shares a laugh with Bo Ellis at the April 19 city council meeting. Bo was recognized as a Guest Citizen for winning the 2009 and 2010 Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby in the Super Kids division. The Soap Box Derby returns to Littleton June 4 and 5. For more information see story below.

## Soap Box Derby returns June 4 and 5



Experience the thrill and excitement of a by-gone era at the 5th Annual Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby June 4 and 5 in Littleton. The race course is on Elati Street on the west side of Euclid Middle School, 777 Euclid Avenue. This is the only soap box derby in the metro area.

On Saturday, June 4, practice runs will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Sunday, June 5, racing will begin at 8:30 a.m. with final heats expected at 3 p.m. followed by an awards ceremony. The winners earn the chance to compete at the 74th Annual All American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio July 23.

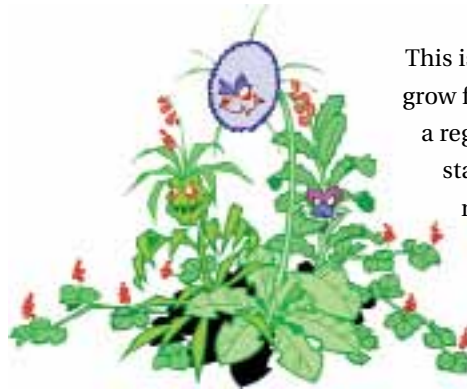
Boys and girls ages 8 to 17 will compete in four divisions: Stock, Super Stock, Master, and the Super Kids Division race for children who have disabilities that would prevent them from competing on their own. Each Super Kids Division racer will ride in a car equipped with two steering wheels specially designed to accommodate a child with special needs and a veteran soap box derby driver who serves as co-pilot.

Soap box derby racers build their own cars from a kit that contains everything needed for racing except wheels and weights. The cars are powered only by gravity. Honorary racers June 4 include Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson and Littleton Fire Rescue Chief John Mullin.



City of Littleton employees celebrated Earth Day April 22. City Manager Jim Woods held a drawing for all employees who traveled to work using alternative means of transportation. Prizes were donated by O'Tooles Garden Center. The Littleton Housing Authority was the recipient of a traveling trophy; awarded to the department who has implemented the most effective green initiatives over the past year. Littleton Housing Authority Director Dan Burnham (far left) and his team accepted the award.

## Summer means return of weed season



This is the time of year when weeds and grass grow fast and need to be cut or removed on a regular schedule. The Littleton City Code states: "It shall be unlawful for any owner of real property to fail to cut or cause to be cut, all weeds growing thereon or to fail to take reasonable steps to control noxious vegetation in the city. Weed is defined as: weeds, grass, or brush which has grown to maturity or is in excess

of eight inches in height." For more information or to report weed violations call 303-795-3831 for properties west of South Windermere Street or 303-795-3808 for properties east of South Windermere Street.

## Carousel of Music returns August 10

The 32nd Carousel of Music kicks off the 83rd annual Western Welcome Week (WWW) August 10. A perennial favorite with families, this event features the Colorado Honor Band, the Denver Concert Band and the Littleton Chorale. The festivities take place from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Littleton Center/Geneva Lake Park located at 2255 West Berry Avenue.

Also returning this year will be one-dollar canoe rides on Geneva Lake, free face painting and temporary tattoos for the kids; and hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, and ice cream sandwiches for 50¢ each.

The City of Littleton thanks the sponsors of the event: Bradford Auto Body, Inc.; Colorado Business Bank, Arapahoe County, Littleton Housing Authority, Reinke Brothers, Littleton Public Schools, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Boston's Restaurant and Arapahoe Community College. For more information call 303-795-3720.

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## Hook and Ladder Fire Muster event returning



The annual Mile High Hook and Ladder Parade and Muster returns June 18. The parade begins at 9 a.m. on Bannock Street and Littleton Boulevard and runs west before ending at Arapahoe Community College.

Fire rigs will be on display in the north west parking lot from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event will feature fire truck rides, a vehicle extrication, Flight for Life helicopter landing and the opportunity for children to handle a fire hose. The event is sponsored by the Ralph Schomp Automotive Group. For further information contact mgorman@littletongov.org.

# Register at Bemis Library for Summer Reading Programs

## Adult Summer Reading Program: Novel Destinations

Ease on down the reading road toward "Novel Destinations" this summer. Receive a gift by registering at the information desk. Fill out a drawing slip for every book read, and participate in certain library activities to enter the weekly prize drawing.

## Musical Moments In Sophie's Place

On June 4 at 2 p.m., Uchu Rai Daiko, a taiko group of drummers, will present a high-energy musical performance.

## Movie Matinee: *Eat, Pray, Love*

See the movie *Eat, Pray, Love*, based on the bestselling true story of a woman at a crossroads. June 18 at 2 p.m.

## Hiking the Ruins of Southeastern Utah

The remote canyons of southeastern Utah offer some of the best locations for finding ruins, ancient petroglyphs and pictograms. Phil Waltz will share his adventures and photos of exploring these areas June 21 at 7 p.m.

## From Bemis to Bestseller: A Booklover's Journey Around The Globe

Journalist Laura Fraser will talk about writing and her travels to exotic places seeking love in her life June 28 at 7 p.m.

## Movie Matinee: *True Grit*

See the Academy Award nominated film *True Grit* July 9 at 2 p.m. Fourteen-year-old Mattie is determined to avenge her father's death by capturing the man who killed him.

## Around the World with a Travel Photographer

See beautiful images from around the world and hear the stories behind the pictures with travel photographer Blaine Harrington July 12 at 7 p.m.

## A Dramatic Presentation: *The Odyssey*

Bring the family to see a multi-media performance of Homer's epic story, *The Odyssey* July 30 at 7 p.m. Now or Never Theatre presents an ensemble of actors and features the use of masks, puppets, video sequences, and live music.

## New Bemis Service for Downloading Audiobooks, eBooks, Video and Music

Bemis Public Library has expanded its services with audiobooks, eBooks, music, and video, available to download from the library's website. Library card holders can check out and download digital media anytime, anywhere by visiting <http://bemis.sirsi.net> and clicking on "Downloads" or simply going to <http://coloradoc.lib.overdrive.com>.

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

### Gabby Gourmet on the Best Restaurants in Denver

June 27 at 2 p.m., get tips on the best places to dine from the "Gabby Gourmet."

### Teatime Traditions Around the World

Take a trip around the world as you learn about tea customs from different regions and taste a few exotic teas with Certified Tea Specialist Judy Williams July 25 at 2 p.m.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Summer Reading Program: You Are Here!

Information and registration is at [www.bemisteen.blogspot.com](http://www.bemisteen.blogspot.com). The theme is "You Are Here" and there are a variety of creative programs scheduled. Each participant who completes the program receives a free book. A grand prize drawing will be held July 31.

### Gocks: Gothic Sock Puppets

Explore the "Goth Side" and create a Gock to take home at the end of class. On June 2 at 2 p.m.; registration is required.

### Murder Mystery Event

Registration is required for this event June 10 at 2 p.m. Use sleuthing skills in this interactive murder mystery program where participants investigate the clues to determine the murderer's identity.

### Teen Talent Show

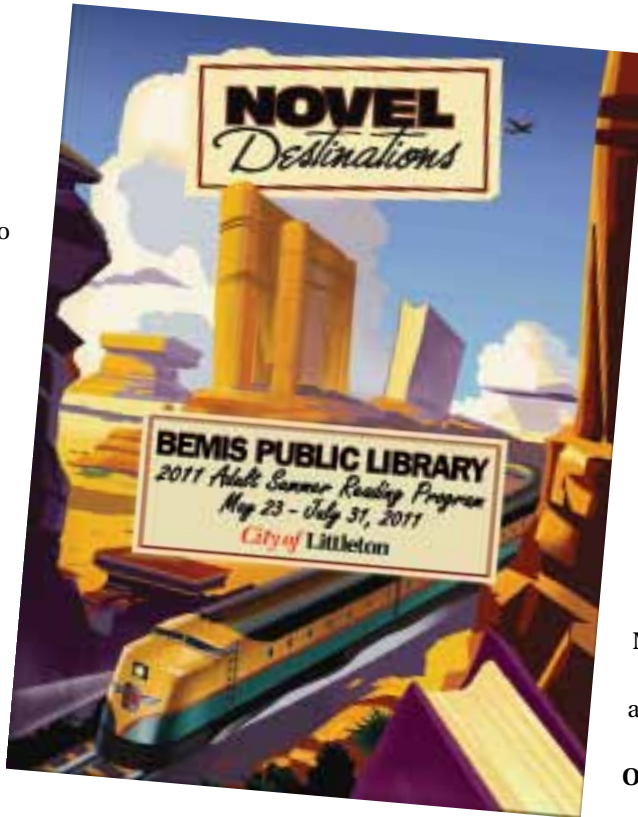
Compete to find out who is Littleton's most talented teen! Two lucky winners will win a \$200 savings bond from Colorado Business Bank. Tryouts for middle school students will be June 15 from 5-8 p.m. and for high school students June 22 from 5-8 p.m. Registration for the tryouts is required, and the talent show will be held July 13 at 7 p.m.

### Gaming Events with Wii and Xbox Kinect

Enjoy popular interactive video games on the Wii and Xbox Kinect. Starts at 11 a.m. Registration required.

June 16: Wii Super Smash Bros tournament and Xbox Sporting tournament.

July 21: A dancing game on one machine and a tournament on the other.



## Turn Your Sense of Taste Upside Down!

Learn about the science of taste and smell in fun and unique ways. Turn your sense of sour to sweet! On June 21 at 2 p.m., registration is required.

## Red Cross Babysitting Classes

Classes for ages 11-15, June 24 and July 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library. The fee is \$65; to register call the Red Cross at 303-722-7474.

## Glass Etching

For this art program June 28 at 2 p.m., participants will need to think of a famous site they would like to visit. Etch the site into a mirror, and voilà, "You Are Here!" Registration required.

## Science Matters Fantastic Flight!

Blast off to another world to explore the properties of flight. Activities may include shooting an air cannon, starting a rocket engine and even launching rockets. On July 7 at 1 p.m., registration is required.

## Magic of Blake Nielsen

July 14 at 2 p.m. Sit back while Blake (last year's Teen Talent Show Winner) amazes the audience with his skills in magic, mentalism, acting, and martial arts.

## Optical Illusions

Don't be fooled! Learn all about how eyes project images and optical illusions can trick them. Experience some illusions first hand. July 28 at 2 p.m., registration required.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### One World, Many Stories

Kids from infant through 5th grade can participate in this year's summer reading program. Pick up a reading record to track summer reading time and collect prizes!

### Entertainers

Programs for families with children ages three and up. All shows begin at 2 p.m.

June 7: The Not Junk Man Music with Eric West. A musical adventure using instruments from around the world.

June 14: Old Town Puppet Company. Puppets, songs, fairy tales and humor combine for an entertaining performance by Mike Walsh.

June 21: Doctor Noize is Unplugged. Participate as the Doc sings and plays his songz on acoustic guitar and kazoo.

June 28: Grig the Elf Walks the World with Magic. Erica Sodos is this woodland elf who shares stories and magic she has seen all over the world.

July 6: Now, That's Funny. Scott McCray presents magic and laughter.

July 13: Clown Around the World. Jim Jackson is Mr. Guffaw, who travels around the world to discover what makes us laugh.

July 20: Play-Ground Theatre Presents Funny Fairy Tales. Get ready for lots of laughs, great music and zany characters.

July 27: Poet of Motion, Peter Davison. A rhythmic mix of juggling, drumming, and a precarious act atop a six-foot unicycle.

### June Programs for Kids Entering Grades 1-3

Reservations required beginning one week in advance. All programs begin at 2 p.m.

June 8: Are You Game? Make and play Mancala, the classic game from Africa.

June 15: Jump To It! Assemble and embellish an Asian twirling, dancing stick puppet.

June 22: Wise or Foolish? Hear Noodlehead stories and design a Noodlehead picture.

June 29: Leapin' Lizards. Life-size lizard creations using oil pastels and ink.

### June Programs for Kids Entering Grades 4-5

Reservations required beginning one week in advance. All programs begin at 2 p.m.

June 9: Land of the Rising Sun. Stories from Japan and craft a kimono boy or girl.

June 16: Up, Up and Away. Learn about hot-air ballooning and then decorate one.

June 23: Count On It. Build a working abacus based on designs from ancient China.

June 30: Birds of a Feather. Print making with cardboard and potatoes.

### July Programs for Kids Entering Grades 1-5

Reservations required beginning one week in advance.

July 5: *Gnomeo and Juliet* movie. Join the feuding garden gnomes and great movie snacks; rated G. For all ages at 2 p.m.

July 12: Betsy Tobin. Join a local artist to make performance masks. Grades 1-3, 1 p.m., grades 4-5, 3 p.m.

July 19: Circus School. Bill Patterson will teach circus tricks. Grades 1-3, 1 p.m., grades 4-5, 3 p.m.

July 26: Bug Bites Café. The Butterfly Pavilion brings bug cuisine from around the world. For all ages at 2 p.m.

### Story Box

For ages infant-36 months Tuesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Free tickets available one week in advance.

### Story Time

For children ages three-kindergarten Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

### Theater Time

An independent story session with fun stories and weekly puppet shows Friday at 10:30 a.m. for ages three years through 5th grade.

# Littleton businesses celebrate grand openings



Dovetail–The Marketing Database Company, held a ribbon cutting May 16 to celebrate its move to 1221 West Mineral Avenue, Suite 102. Dovetail develops, maintains, hosts and provides access to marketing databases. Dovetail's flagship product, The Dove-tail Application, provides a web-based interface designed for direct marketers. Pictured at the ribbon cutting were: (l to r) Rich Kindler, Barbara Flynn, co-owner Jeff Barela, Therese Hutcheson, Stella Burn, April Pacotti, Kimberly Huffman, Tracy Schaffer, Justin Baan Hofman, co-owner Paul Vannett, Aaron Norris, Stephanie Harguth, and Debbie Lupo.



A ribbon cutting for Yogo Mojo included a taste test of a few of the 12 flavors of frozen yogurt and more than 50 toppings that owner Kevin Motes has on hand in his new self-serve frozen yogurt bar in the Littleton Square Shopping Center, 40 West Littleton Boulevard. Pictured at the ribbon cutting were: (l to r) Business/Industry Affairs Director Chris Gibbons, Council Member Jim Taylor, Laura Smiley, Motes, Mayor Doug Clark, Angela Anderson from Great Western Bank, and Council Member Peggy Cole.



City Council members Jim Taylor, Peggy Cole, and Jose Trujillo and Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Brinkman, joined a myriad of staff members at the ribbon cutting for Lucile's Creole Café at 2852 West Bowles Avenue. Partner Norman Crandell wielded the scissors as General Partner Fletcher Richards (left center) and Owner/Operator Brian Hellman (right center) knelt beside him. This is the fifth Lucile's to open in Colorado. Like the others, it is open for breakfast and lunch seven days a week.



Amy Lehman moved her growing SouthPark Physical Therapy practice to spacious new surroundings at 8151 SouthPark Lane earlier this year, where she offers physical therapy, massage therapy and Pilates to a range of clients four years old and above. The space also accommodates Angeline Luker's Precision Dance studio. Shown at the ribbon cutting were: (l to r) Business/Industry Affairs Director Chris Gibbons, Heather Schott, Luker, Jane Doherty, Lehman, Gayle Fischer, and Council Member Jim Taylor.



The Vintage Vendors recently opened at 5776 South Rapp Street in a charming old house that is now filled to the rafters with an array of vintage items that ensures there is something inside for everyone to treasure. Owners Julia Larrew and Carolyn Coleman (holding the scissors) were joined at the ribbon cutting by Rick Coleman, Council Member Peggy Cole, and Katherine Coleman.



Brian Heller and Angela Gustin just moved their business, Angel Homes, to 5789 South Curtice Street, from which they also run Angel Construction Inc. and Angel Marketing Group. The pair buy, sell, trade and lease homes. Joining them at the ribbon cutting were: (l to r) Chris Gibbons, Business/Industry Affairs Director, Council Member Peggy Cole, Heller and Gustin; Eric Knief, Best Denver Cabinetry, and Council Member Jim Taylor.

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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.

Additional city government information can be found at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) or on Littleton 8 on Comcast cable.

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