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City of Littleton

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## Candidates certified for Littleton municipal election

Littleton City Clerk Wendy Heffner has certified the nomination petition of seven candidates for the Littleton City Council. The municipal election will be held November 1, 2011.

In District II, the northeast quadrant of the city, the candidates are James Boone and Jerry Valdes. In District IV, the southwest quadrant of the city, incumbent Debbie Brinkman will run unopposed. Voters will elect one candidate in each district for a four-year term.

In the At-Large race, the candidates are: Bruce Beckman, Peggy Cole, and David Novinger. Voters will select two candidates – the candidate receiving the most votes will serve a four-year term; the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will serve a two-year term.

Candidates were required to circulate petitions from August 2-22 to obtain the signature of 50 registered electors residing within the city or the district for which the candidate is seeking office.

This will be a coordinated election with Arapahoe, Jefferson, and Douglas counties. Jefferson and Douglas counties will only issue mail ballots; there will be no polling places. Arapahoe County will also issue mail ballots, but will have Vote Centers available for those voters who are not on the permanent mail ballot list. Those who are on the permanent mail ballot list will receive their ballot in the mail from October 11-21. The last day to register to vote is October 3.

### District II



James Boone



Jerry Valdes



Debbie Brinkman

### At-Large



Bruce Beckman



Peggy Cole



David Novinger

Ballots may require extra postage if mailed. Arapahoe County ballots may be dropped off at the Littleton City Clerk's Office at 2255 West Berry Avenue through Election Day. There will be a drive-up drop-off at the Littleton Center on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Council terms begin November 15, 2011; departing council members and new council members will be recognized at a reception at 6:30 p.m.

The new council members will then be sworn in, followed by election of the mayor and mayor pro tem by the new city council.

Contact your county clerk's office if you have questions about your registration status: Arapahoe County, 303-795-4511; Douglas County, 303-660-7444; Jefferson County, 303-271-8111; or the Littleton City Clerk's Office at 303-795-3753.

## Michael Penny named new Littleton City Manager



Littleton Mayor Doug Clark announced August 29 the city council's selection of Michael Penny as Littleton's new city manager. Penny will begin the position October 3 at an annual salary of \$150,000. The city council voted unanimously to approve

Penny's appointment on Tuesday, August 30.

Clark said that while the city council was impressed with all of the candidates, Penny's diverse background, leadership and management skills, as well as his collaborative approach to problem solving, made the city council confident of its choice. "The selection process was very thorough and all five candidates possess extraordinary

skills. The council concluded that Michael is the best fit for Littleton," Clark said.

Penny said he and his wife, Marie, and daughter Anna, are excited to plant roots in Littleton. "We have loved living and working in Frisco the past seven years. But as a family, we were eager to continue our public service in the

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Eric and Mark Stahlman celebrate the newly constructed ramps for the disabled on Broadway north of Littleton Boulevard. Public Services Director Charlie Blosten (center), arranged for the ramps to be installed as the city continues its ongoing efforts to eliminate barriers for disabled residents. The ramps were suggested by Eric and Mark after they encountered a sidewalk obstruction as they made their way to the nearby bowling lanes for some recreation.

## 2012 budget reviewed by city council

The Littleton City Council reviewed the 2012 proposed budget at workshops held September 12-14. This is the annual budget that is submitted by the city manager, based on staff requests and council policies.

The general fund is the city's largest fund that pays for public safety and other city services. The 2012 proposed revenues of \$47,328,940 are two percent above the 2011 adopted budget of \$46,201,120 and slightly above the proposed expenditures of \$47,269,380.

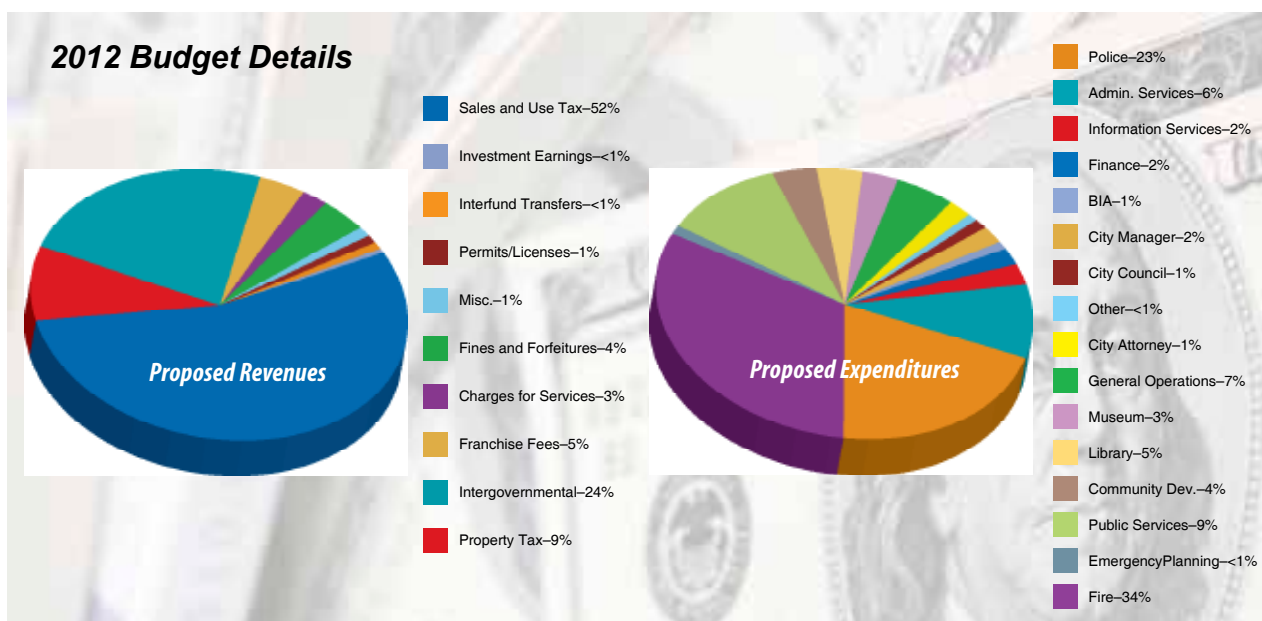
Proposed expenditures are mainly comprised of public safety (57 percent for fire and police) and public services (nine percent for engineering, street and grounds maintenance). There are 1.1 full-time equivalent positions recommended for reinstatement from previously authorized appropriations.

The capital projects fund accounts for special projects related to buildings, infrastructure, equipment, and other general governmental uses. The special revenue funds are used to account for public facilities, conservation

trust, grants, the Shopping Cart program, open space, and other special revenue needs. The city's enterprise funds account for specific programs similar to business units. These funds are: storm drainage, sewer utility, South Metro Communications Center, Geneva Village, emergency medical transport, and permit plan review.

The city's internal service funds account for service needs within the organizational structure of the city. Those funds are: employee life, health, disability and unemployment insurances; property and liability insurance, worker's compensation and fleet (vehicle) maintenance.

The 2012 proposed expenditure budget of \$86 million is approximately equal to the 2011 approved expenditure budget of \$86.2 million. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for October 18. Proposed budget copies are available online, at Bemis Library or at the city's finance department.



## Calendars coming in December

The *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report* will be available the first week in December. It can be picked up at city facilities or from any of the calendar sponsors.

## Senior refund applications due soon

The last date to turn in applications for the Senior Property Tax Refund is October 31, 2011. To request an application or for other questions call 303-795-3764.

## Arapahoe County voters to consider open space sales tax extension

The Arapahoe County Commissioners will ask voters November 1 to consider extending the .25 percent open space sales and use tax, which is dedicated to preserve natural areas, enhance neighborhood parks, build and maintain trail connections and protect heritage areas.

If approved by Arapahoe County voters, the current sales and use tax will be extended 10 years to December 31, 2023. Most of the language of the original ballot question will remain the same, including the 50 percent shareback to participating cities and towns, and the 12 percent competitive grant program for cities and special districts. The minor revisions include:

- Allow incorporated cities and towns to use up to 20 percent of their annual shareback funds to maintain existing or new open space properties, neighborhood and regional parks, trails and sports fields. This is an increase from the current 10 percent cap.
- Allow a one percent increase in county open space administrative costs to a cap of four percent.
- Allow a .5 percent increase for designated Arapahoe County heritage areas to a 4.1 percent cap. Current heritage areas include the 17 Mile House Farm Park and the Fairgrounds and Regional Park. These funds can be used for maintenance, enhancement and the operation of current facilities but cannot be used to build new buildings.
- Change the amount of the funds used for the acquisition or development of open space and/or trails from 28.16 percent to 26.66 percent.

Fifty percent of the tax revenue is returned to incorporated cities and towns. More than \$66 million in share back funds have been distributed to municipalities since the program's inception along with another \$16 million in competitive grants for 90 projects.

The open space sales and use tax was created in 2003 with 60 percent approval by Arapahoe County voters. It is set to expire December 30, 2013 and equates to .25 cents on every \$100 purchase.

## New programming on Littleton's channel 8



Littleton 8, the city's 24/7 cable television station for Comcast subscribers in the Littleton area, features live broadcasts of selected city meetings, city-produced and other metro-area government programming, and a video bulletin board featuring city announcements, events, weather, traffic, and news.

The live broadcast and a weekly schedule can be found on the city's web site at [www.littletongov.org/webcast.asp](http://www.littletongov.org/webcast.asp). Shows scheduled for this fall include a profile of the candidates in the Littleton City Council election, a water-conserving sprinkler video, and a program from Historic Denver that illustrates how to do an energy audit in older homes.

## District IV meeting coming

District IV Council Member Debbie Brinkman continues her series of District IV conversations with the community. The next meeting will be Saturday, October 15, 1-3 p.m. at the Carson Nature Center Solar Classroom (located behind Aspen Grove).

The tentative agenda includes a presentation from Designs by Sundown for the redevelopment of the Herbert property, a candidate forum with the at-large city council candidates, and a meet-and-greet with new City Manager Michael Penny. Parking is available in the staff lot to the south. If the lot is full, use the RTD light rail lot.



Kaiser Permanente presented a ceremonial check to Interfaith Community Services at the August 16 city council meeting. Five Littleton employees raced to first place in the Kaiser Permanente Colfax Marathon Municipal Cup which earned a \$2,500 prize to the charity of their choice. The runners included (third from left): Police Sergeant Kim Ferber, City Attorney Suzanne Staiert, Assistant City Attorney Kirsten Crawford, Police Detective Erin Brannan, and Accounting Manager Tiffany Hooten.

## Penny: new city manager begins post October 3

metro area. When Jim Woods announced his retirement, we decided that Littleton was exactly the kind of community where we wanted to raise our daughter. Littleton is respected in so many areas across Colorado. I can't wait to get started."

Penny has been the city manager of Frisco, Colorado since 2004. Previously, he was the city manager of Ouray, Colorado for two years. Penny also held positions with the City of Boulder.

Penny earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice, cum laude, from California State University, Long Beach. He received a master's degree in public administration, cum laude, from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is a graduate of the Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Senior Executives in State and Local Government program. Penny was elected by a statewide constituency of local government officials to the Colorado Municipal League Executive Board from 2003 to present and served as president in 2009/2010. He was elected by his peers to the Colorado City/County Management Association Board of Directors from 2004 to present, serving as president in 2010.

Littleton City Manager Jim Woods announced his retirement last spring after 12 years at the helm. It was effective September 30. A reception to honor Woods' service was held September 23.

### City of Littleton



**Best place in  
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**Bloomberg  
Businessweek**  
July 2011

*Bloomberg Businessweek* announced July 28 that Littleton is the "Best Place to Raise a Family in Colorado" for 2011. A total of 5,418 locations nationwide were evaluated. According to *Bloomberg Businessweek*, "The rankings put the most weight on school performance and the number of schools, crime statistics and cost of living. Other factors included job growth, air quality, ethnic diversity, and access to recreational amenities such as parks, zoos, theaters, and museums."

*Bloomberg Businessweek*, also stated, "For families, one of the draws of Littleton is its school system, which was recently recognized as one of the best in Colorado. Littleton residents also have access to

public transportation to Denver, about 10 miles away, via light rail. Littleton has a historic district and museum and is home to South Platte Park, one of the largest suburban parks, at 878 acres, in the U.S."

Littleton Mayor Doug Clark said, "It's great news that *Bloomberg Businessweek* recognizes what generations of Littleton residents have always known: this is a kid-friendly community and a wonderful place for families."

For further information, visit <http://images.businessweek.com/slideshows/20101214/the-best-places-to-raise-your-kids-2011/slides/7>.

## Leaf and tire recycling returns this fall



The Cities of Littleton and Englewood are continuing their annual leaf-recycling program. In the previous 18 years of the program, 16,460 cubic-yards of leaves and 2,496 tires were recycled. It will be held October 30, and November 6 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mountain States Wood Recyclers (2300 West Radcliffe Avenue, Sheridan).

Volunteers at the site will accept leaves and tires only.

No grass clippings, tree branches or other refuse will be accepted.

Tires will be collected for recycling at a cost of \$2 each and \$5 for those mounted on rims—no oversized tractor or truck tires. This collection site is open for residential recycling and no materials will be accepted from lawn service companies or other commercial ventures. For more information call 303-795-3766. For updates and directions visit [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).

# Events

## Candlelight Walk returns to Main Street

Mark your calendar for the 2011 Candlelight Walk and Tree Lighting Friday, November 25 in historic Downtown Littleton. The 28th edition of this Littleton tradition will feature a magical evening of holiday festivities, culminating in the illumination of the trees on Main Street. Santa Claus will make his way down Main Street in a sleigh followed by thousands of carolers holding candles and flashlights. Enjoy merchant open houses and bring your camera for a photo with Santa at Town Hall Arts Center or Santa's reindeer at 2659 West Main Street. The reindeer appearance is generously sponsored by Bradford Auto Body, Inc. and Western Welcome Week.

Gather at Town Hall Arts Center, Bega Park, or Bradford Auto Body, Inc. for free hot cider and music from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Candles will be available for 50 cents. Donations of non perishable food for Interfaith Community Services will be accepted, as will toys for the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop. Local choirs and musical groups will provide entertainment at various Main Street locations while waiting for Santa to arrive.

Main Street will be closed to traffic shortly after 5 p.m. and Santa will begin his march down the street starting at the courthouse at 6:30 p.m. The crowd will gather at the west end of Main Street where one lucky child's name will be drawn to help Santa throw the light switch on the huge, illuminated live trees. Free parking is available at Arapahoe Community College. Call 303-795-3863 with any questions.

## Celebration marks phase 1 of trail link

Join the community-wide ribbon cutting October 5 at Peabody Elementary School to celebrate the opening of Phase I of the Centennial Regional Trail Link. Festivities begin at 8 a.m. The school is located at 3128 South Maplewood Avenue in Centennial. This east-west trail provides vital trail connections to the High Line Canal benefitting Littleton, Centennial, Lone Tree, Greenwood Village and Arapahoe County residents. Nearly 1.25 miles long, Phase I provides access to community assets including Peabody Elementary School, Goodson Recreation Center, deKoevend Regional Park and the High Line Canal trail.

## Preservation for Living Series

Historic Denver and the City of Littleton have announced the final workshops in the Preservation for Living series, designed to assist homeowners with the care and upkeep of an older home. The workshops include demonstrations on repair of older windows, how-to information on maintenance of masonry and wood trim, presentation on weatherization techniques and other ways to increase energy efficiency, and tax credits for preservation projects.

The free workshops will be held at the Littleton Museum October 15.

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| 10 a.m. | Historic Preservation Basics and Tax Credits |
| 11 a.m. | Window Restoration and Weatherization        |
| 1 p.m.  | Masonry and Wood Trim Maintenance            |
| 2 p.m.  | Energy Efficiency for the Older Home         |

The workshops are funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Colorado's State Historical Fund.

## September 16 - October 16, 2011

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## LFR's Characterization Team hard at work!

During the month of October, Littleton Fire Rescue's Characterization Team will visit schools to present its new program, "Adventures in Safety, Starring Red E. Fox" to 1st and 2nd graders. Educational characterization utilizes a combination of puppets, characters, and clowns to teach safety messages in an interactive, fun way. This year, they've added Red E. Fox (the "E" is for emergency) to the cast of characters. Red is a motorized robot on a tricycle that talks and moves and even sings! He and his new puppet friends will teach children about the importance of wearing a helmet every time they ride their wheels, even if they're only riding down the block. Together, they'll also learn about poison prevention and remind adults to keep anything that could be poisonous "out of sight and out of reach." The team will also teach students how to create a home escape plan, and the importance of regularly practicing home fire drills. Last year, the Characterization Team presented 25 programs to 2,100 students. Even more schools have requested the program for this year. To see photos and keep up to date with what's going on with Littleton Fire, visit them on Facebook.



## WWW Children's Parade a big success

More than 100 participants showed off their "Family on Parade" spirit in the 31st Littleton Firefighters Foundation Children's Parade. The 1st place winners in the "Float" category featured a growing flower garden with pictures of family members on each flower. In the "Pedestrians" category, the winning entry included siblings with a firefighter theme. The oldest brother was the firefighter, his little sister was the fire engine, and the youngest sibling was dressed as a Dalmatian. Dozer the Rotweiler and his family captured the 1st place ribbon for "Leashed Pets," with Dozer posing as a flower child. Lieutenant Mike Simon was the emcee for the parade, and wowed the crowd with his quick wit. With so many great entries, judges Lisa Passerella of ProFormance Apparel, Courtney Morehouse of Rural/Metro-Pridemark Ambulance, and Katie Moore of Littleton Fire Rescue, had quite a job choosing the winners!

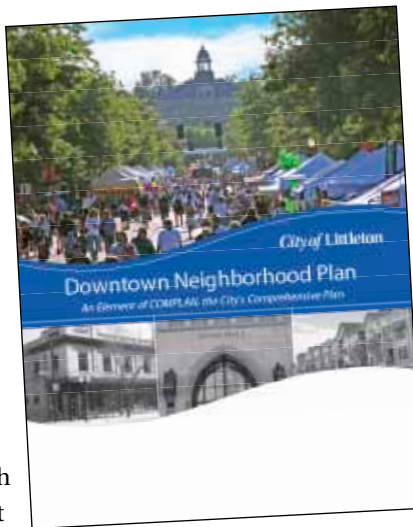
## Planning Commission presents Downtown Neighborhood Plan to public

The planning commission has completed its work on the *Downtown Neighborhood Plan* and has presented it for public review and adoption as an element of the city's comprehensive plan, which is referred to locally as COMPLAN.

The recommendations in the plan reflect the commission's responses to the comments it received during an extensive public outreach program. Consistent with the results of that outreach program, the theme that runs throughout the plan is retaining downtown's historic small town character while fostering healthy growth that is consistent with that character.

To help achieve that and similar goals, the plan recommends:

- recognizing and reinforcing distinct sub-areas in the neighborhood, each with its own character and mix of land uses;
- protecting and supporting the viable use of historic properties;
- setting height limits that vary according to the character of each sub-area and the proximity to Main Street and other significant structures;
- developing a parking management program that recognizes the diversity of needs and does not compromise downtown's character;
- retaining the existing character of the sub-area that generally is zoned R-5; and
- encouraging public/private cooperation in programs that result in business attraction, retention, and expansion.



The plan is a guideline; it is not a regulation. The recommendations in the plan do not automatically change the city's zoning, height limits, sign code, parking requirements, or any other regulation. Regulations must be adopted separate from the adoption of a plan and prior to their adoption are subject to a distinct public review process and hearing. Nonetheless, the recommendations in this plan will be used to initiate and evaluate possible changes to the city's land use regulations, guidelines, and processes and to help evaluate compliance with their intent.

The revision of the *Downtown Neighborhood Plan* is part of a larger effort by the planning commission, city council, and staff to update the citywide comprehensive plan. The Downtown Neighborhood Plan will replace the existing Central Area chapter of COMPLAN.

On Thursday, September 22, the commission held a public hearing to solicit public comments on the proposed plan. City council has scheduled a public hearing to consider the plan Tuesday, October 4.

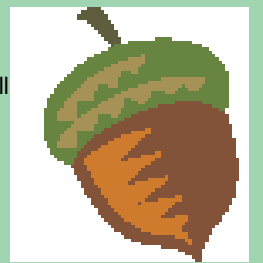
A link to the plan is on the home page of the city's website, [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org), and is available on the Community Development Department's page.

For questions, contact Dennis Swain, the city's long range planner, at [dswain@littletongov.org](mailto:dswain@littletongov.org) or 303-795-3755.

## Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the 10,000 Trees Project

"Think globally, act locally!" That was the mission that many had in mind when they gathered on the banks of the South Platte River in April, 1990 to plant more than 2,600 trees and shrubs on 22 acres in a single day. Fast forward 20 years to 2011 and that mission has not changed!

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the 10,000 Trees Project and the opening of the Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail October 15. Volunteers will plant more than 200 trees at 8 a.m., have lunch at 11:30 a.m., and participate in a ribbon cutting at noon.



### Our Past

The South Platte River corridor, once "a diamond in the rough," has become a treasured natural feature benefitting the entire south metro area. For more than 30 years, the South Platte Park Foundation has led the way to enhance the recreational and environmental features the corridor offers. Greenway enhancements have included trail development beginning in the 1980s to provide an eight-mile multi-use community trail.

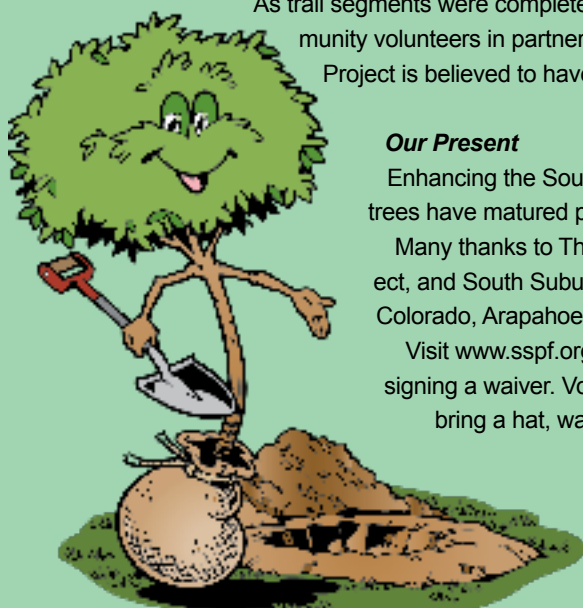
As trail segments were completed, a river corridor revegetation and wetland restoration project throughout the greenway began. Mobilizing 3,000 community volunteers in partnership with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, the efforts completed revegetating the banks of the Platte. The 10,000 Trees Project is believed to have been the largest outdoor stewardship project in Colorado.

### Our Present

Enhancing the South Platte River Corridor with new trails and trees benefits future generations to come. Since the 10,000 Trees Project, the trees have matured providing much-needed shade and shelter.

Many thanks to The Mile High Million; An Initiative of Greenprint Denver, and the Colorado Tree Coalition for funding the reforestation project, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation and the South Suburban Park Foundation for event support. Thanks also to Great Outdoors Colorado, Arapahoe County, and the City of Littleton.

Visit [www.sspf.org](http://www.sspf.org) to register. Minimum age requirement is 10 years old and all minors must be accompanied by an adult responsible for signing a waiver. Volunteers will receive a complimentary t-shirt and lunch. Wear long pants, closed shoes (boots preferred), gloves, and bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen and rain gear in case the weather is good for trees and less so for tree planters.



## Intersection improvements completed

Summer is over and so are some major street projects. Four intersection improvement projects at key locations have wrapped up.

At Broadway and Mineral Avenue, the paving is complete and the dip on the east side of the intersection will no longer cause motorists to slow down.

The work at Broadway and Littleton Boulevard is also done with new asphalt surfacing and the elimination of the drainage dip on the east leg of the intersection.

At Bowles Avenue and Lowell Boulevard, the west-bound "bump" that slowed motorists for years has been removed. The project also included new paving and some modifications to make it safer for motorists turning west.

A new right turn lane was recently completed on Jackass Hill Road at Mineral Avenue. Now, drivers turning west onto Mineral will not have to wait for traffic backed up on Jackass Hill.

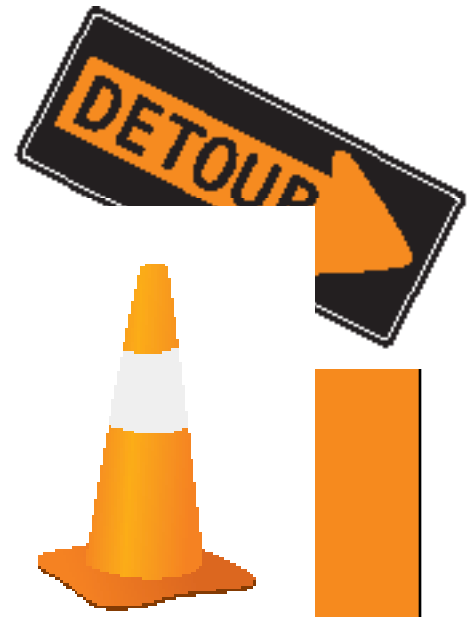


Broadway and Mineral Avenue

The cost for all four of these projects came in well under the \$1 million projected budget.



Mineral Avenue and Jackass Hill Road



## LPD mourns the passing of Donald J. Menzies



Parking Enforcement Officer Don Menzies passed away August 26 after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 75. Menzies served a couple different stints with the city; the first time for nearly two years in 2001 and then from May 2006 until his passing in August. Menzies endeared himself to every person he met always taking the time to say hello and see how you were doing. Everyone who knew him could share a story about his friendly demeanor or his enthusiastic spirit. He was also

remembered as a loving husband and father who was immensely proud of his family, especially his two grown sons, Douglas and David, and his grandchildren. Menzies dedicated a great deal of time and mentorship to youth sports and the Bishop Machebeuf Hockey program. He was also extremely proud of his military service in the U.S. Air Force. He was fondly remembered at his funeral service at Fort Logan National Cemetery on August 31, by his fellow American Legion Post 103 comrades as being one of only 30 individuals who were instrumental in getting their lodge up and running after years of inactivity. Menzies was also proud of his role presenting final honors to veterans as part of the American Legion Post Honor Guard, sometimes doing several funerals per day. The Littleton Police Motorcycle Unit provided escort for the funeral procession to the cemetery where they were joined by many other Littleton Police Officers who turned out to pay their last respects to his family and friends.

## CALEA on-site assessment rescheduled

The Littleton Police Department has rescheduled the CALEA reaccreditation on-site review to December 4-7, 2011. The CALEA assessors should arrive in town either Saturday, December 3 or Sunday, December 4 and will meet with Littleton staff. The public hearing will be held Monday, December 5, in the council chamber from 7-9 p.m. There will also be a phone-in session earlier in the day tentatively scheduled from 2-4 p.m.

## Littleton Rotary Everyday Hero Award



Officer Rick Redmond was recognized by Littleton Rotary as its Everyday Hero August 16. Officer Redmond's sergeant submitted his name for consideration citing, "Officer Redmond has taken a keen interest in interview and interrogations after he learned some basic interview skills prior to interviewing a theft suspect. He was able to get a confession from the suspect which solved two thefts from a church and the recovery of two guitars. He recently went through the Reid Interview and Interrogation School and quickly used the information to get confessions from two identity fraud suspects. As a new officer in only his second year, Officer Redmond quickly grasped and achieved success using several of the many investigative tools some officers take considerable time to learn. We believe Officer Redmond exemplifies the kind of competent and professional work we have come to expect from our police officers."

## Littleton detective earns praise

Littleton Police Detective Kevin Denner was singled out by the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office for his exceptional investigative work on a case involving a sexual assault on a child that began when she was only seven years old. The victim did not disclose the abuse until she was 18. A jury found the suspect guilty of 14 counts of Sexual Assault on a Child-Pattern of Abuse and 14 counts of Aggravated Incest. The assaults took place in multiple jurisdictions over a number of years. The defendant is facing 8 to 24 years to life on each of the Sexual Assault on a Child-Pattern of Abuse counts and is facing 4 to 24 years to life on each of the Aggravated Incest counts. Sentencing is scheduled for October 13.

## LPD officer earns U.S. citizenship

Littleton Police Officer Nikica Dimitric, became the fifth employee of the City of Littleton to become a U.S. citizen with the assistance of the Littleton Immigrant Resource Center. Other employees include: Daiga Keller, Latvia, LI3 Community Health Liaison; Robin Trehaeven, South Africa, Bemis Public Library; Gana Yuen, Ukraine, Bemis Public Library; and Alejandra Harguth, Mexico, Littleton Immigrant Resource Center Coordinator. To volunteer at the center or become a mentor, call 303-795-3968.



Littleton Police Chief Heather Coogan honored Wendy Nakara with the Littleton Police Department Citizens Award at the September 6 city council meeting. Nakara was recognized for coming to the aid of a motorist whose truck caught fire on South Santa Fe Drive. Nakara hurried to a local restaurant and returned with a fire extinguisher allowing the motorist to save his truck and many personal belongings.

## Summer cleanup program ends successful year

The City of Littleton Summer Cleanup (SCU) and Recycle Program runs each year from June through the beginning of August. The program has been successful in helping residents keep their properties clean for more than 27 years. In 2011, there were 728 pickups, and 31,400 pounds of metal and 28,403 pounds of household electronics were recycled.

At no charge for Littleton residents, the crew picks up old appliances, used tires, discarded furniture, electronics and other hard to dispose of items.

This summer there were some pick ups that were beyond the usual.

- The SCU staff aided an elderly man in clearing rubbish from his property. Items included multiple loads of cinder block, a dozen toilets, pallets, metal strips and scrap wood. The gentleman was overwhelmed with the amount of items on his property and had no help in getting rid of it. The SCU staff spent four hours cleaning his property and removing items from his yard.
- The SCU helped a family whose basement flooded during heavy rain. The crew hauled away wet carpet, padding, baseboard and cabinetry. The family's insurance did not include flood damage so they were grateful for the assistance.
- The SCU cleared a fallen tree from a resident's backyard. The owner was trying to sell the home and needed to clear a huge amount of brush and branches. This project took several hours to haul three loads of branches. The wood was chipped and reused by the city as mulch.
- A resident who closed a home-based computer business benefitted from the SCU recycling more than 50 computer monitors, 20 CPU's, and numerous small electronics.
- The SCU loaded and hauled away more than 20 computers and monitors, 40 chairs, and a room full of children's toys and nursery equipment from the Littleton United Methodist Church as part of an upgrade to its facilities. The electronics were recycled and the chairs and toys were donated to Goodwill.
- Working with the management of the Wolhurst Retirement Community, there was a one-day project that included the entire mobile home park. The SCU employees spent three hours loading, recycling, and dumping three large loads.

There are dozens more stories that demonstrate the important role the SCU plays in keeping the city beautiful and helping residents get rid of the stuff they no longer need. Stay tuned for next summer!



The pedestrian signal at Euclid Avenue and Elati Street was removed in August. A new three-way stop sign was installed in its place. A committee of Euclid Middle School parents and school administrators met with the city to discuss the safety of the intersection. The three-way stop signs were agreed upon to be the best alternative. The solar signs flash north/south in order to attract drivers' attention but will be replaced in a couple of months with traditional stop signs. A similar system was recently installed at Platte River Parkway at the south entrance to the Aspen Grove Lifestyle Center.



The players and coaches of the Heritage High School football team walk the Western Welcome Week parade route each year after the parade to pick up litter. The City of Littleton and the Western Welcome Week Parade Committee are grateful to the Eagles for volunteering their time each year!

## Western Welcome Week parade winners

For a complete list of parade winners visit [www.westernwelcomeweek.org](http://www.westernwelcomeweek.org).

## Information needed for stolen memorial plaques



Vandals stole the plaques from several memorials along the Mary Carter Greenway Trail. Efforts are taking place to replace the plaques, however records cannot be traced for several of the memorials. If you have any information leading to the description of these memorials, contact Brett Collins, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, 303-798-5131.

## Volunteers needed for the Snow Squad

We need you! Don't miss this opportunity to help a fellow resident in need. Volunteer members of the City of Littleton's Snow Squad provide snow removal for residents who are physically unable to shovel their sidewalks themselves.

The city has many citizens who are physically challenged and need help. If you can spare an hour to help a fellow resident whenever there is measurable snow, and are looking for a way to give back to your community, call today!

Contact Mark Barons at 303-795-3778 or [mbarons@littletongov.org](mailto:mbarons@littletongov.org).



## Regal Apartments get needed makeover



Community partners gathered to celebrate the completion of a renovation project at the Regal Apartments, located at 5531-5541 South Delaware Street in Littleton.

The project includes 12 affordable housing units for low-income and special needs residents of Arapahoe County. The project resulted from a combination of grant funding to ensure long-term affordability and energy efficiency in each unit.

The Community Housing Development Association, Inc., a local nonprofit organization, acquired and renovated the property for \$1.2 million using federal HOME Investment Act funds provided by Arapahoe County and the Colorado Division of Housing. Vectra Bank Colorado provided short-term bridge financing, and helped the project win an Affordable Housing Program grant from FHL Bank of Topeka.

Energy efficiency improvements were funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program through the Governor's Energy Office to the Arapahoe County Weatherization Division. The weatherization grant funds paid for window, furnace and refrigerator replacements, as well as additional insulation and energy audits.

CHDA acquired the property in December 2010 for \$650,000. Renovation on the two, six-unit garden-style buildings took place from May to August, 2011. The renovation included replacing all appliances, flooring, bathrooms and lighting, new paint, plumbing, electrical, security doors and smoke detectors, as well as upgrades to walkways, parking, landscaping and exterior community space.

The near-new units will be affordable for residents earning 60 percent of Area Median Income and below. Twenty percent of the units will be occupied by special needs residents receiving support services from CHDA's partner agencies, Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health, Arapahoe House and Developmental Pathways.

For more information about Regal Apartments or CHDA's other housing projects, visit [www.community-housing.org](http://www.community-housing.org) or contact Jo Davidson at 303-799-4341.

# International Craft Fair coming to Bemis Library October 22

## Food for Fines

The library will sponsor the annual Food for Fines program to benefit Interfaith Community Services from November 21 through December 24. Bring in a non-perishable food item and have a late book fine removed from your record. This offer does not apply to lost books.

## Holiday Book Sale

Looking for a unique book or DVD for a holiday gift this year? The Friends of the Library and Museum host their annual holiday sale at the library from November 14 through December 24. Choose from bestsellers, classics, DVDs, and children's materials.

## Adventures in Tuscany

Hear the fascinating account of a Littleton woman's experiences restoring an ancient stone house in a small medieval town in Italy October 11 at 7 p.m.

## International Craft Fair

A wide variety of handmade craft items from around the world will be available for purchase on October 22 from noon-4 p.m. Proceeds benefit the poor in foreign countries.



## Musical Moments in Sophie's Place

On October 22 at 2 p.m., enjoy a toe-tapping performance of German polka favorites with the five-piece Tom Allan Grengs Polka Band. On November 12 at 2 p.m., American Indian Heritage Month will be celebrated with a performance by Calvin Standing Bear.

## Saturday Movie Matinee: African Cats

See an epic true story set against the backdrop of one of the wildest places on earth October 15 at 2 p.m. The story features Mara, a lion cub; Sita, a cheetah; and Fang, the leader of a lion pride.

## Frightful Friday: Ghost Hunting

Join Littleton-based Spirit Paranormal Investigations for an exciting and informative presentation about ghost hunting October 28 from 7-10 p.m. From 7-8:30 p.m., the investigators will share their ghost hunting techniques, as well as present real ghost stories and evidence. For those brave enough to stick around after the presentation, they can join an actual ghost hunt and search together for evidence of ghosts at the library from 8:30-10 p.m. The cost of the library ghost hunt is \$10 per person. To register and pay for the ghost hunt, stop by the library and see the librarian at the main floor reference desk.

## 2012: Extinction or Utopia?

Join author J. Allan Danelek for a balanced look at the world of doomsday prophecy and the hype surrounding the year 2012 November 1 at 7 p.m.

## Genealogy Night at the Library

Want to know more about your ancestors? Visit during an open house November 4 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for an evening of learning and fun. Activities will include a variety of mini-workshops ranging from the best genealogy websites to getting started in genealogical research. There will also be a drawing for prizes. This event is sponsored jointly by the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society and the library.

## Saturday Movie Matinee: Pirates of The Caribbean on Stranger Tides

A diverting afternoon with Captain Jack Sparrow, who goes on a quest to find the legendary Fountain of Youth in the Americas. On November 5 at 2 p.m.

## Make a Holiday Window Scene

Learn how easy and fun it is to create a miniature holiday window scene. Two identical workshops will be presented November 26 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. These classes are open to adults and children age eight and older who are accompanied by an adult. Participants must bring \$2.50 for materials, and wear an apron or "crafty" clothes. Call the library to register.

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

### Haunted History of South Denver

On October 24 at 2 p.m., hear stories of the most haunted places in South Denver from author Phil Goodstein, a well-known local historian who has written a series of popular books on the ghosts of Denver.

### Under the Burning Cross

The Ku Klux Klan held a grip on Colorado from 1921 to 1925. What role did women play in the Klan? On November 28 at 2 p.m., author Betty Jo Brenner will answer this question and talk about the impact of the Klan influence in Colorado.

## Senior Book Club

Starts at 2 p.m.

October 3: *The Known World* by Edward Jones.

November 7: *Way Off the Road* by William Geist.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Teen Read Week

Teen Read Week is October 16-22 and the theme is "Picture It @ Your Library," which encourages teens to imagine the world through literature. The library will host a Book Swap during the week. A "book buck" will be given for each item contributed and Book Bucks can be used to buy items offered at the Book Swap.

### Halloween Event

On October 29 from 5:30-8 p.m., teens can enjoy an evening of after-hours Halloween fun! There will be a costume contest, along with games and activities and some cool prizes! The Wii and Xbox Kinect will be available for gaming. A Monster Makeup Workshop, where participants can learn to create scary and grotesque faces using supplies from their kitchen, will also be held. And, of course, there will be candy and treats to snack on! Space is limited for this event and registration is required by contacting mdecker@littletongov.org or by calling the library at 303-795-3961.

### Teen Movie: Super 8

On November 19 at noon. In the summer of 1979, a group of friends in a small Ohio town witness a catastrophic train crash while making a super 8 movie, and soon suspect that it was not an accident. Free popcorn and lemonade. Rated PG-13.

### Teen Read The Movie Club

The first Saturday of the month at noon:

October 1: *The Tale of Despereaux*

### Teen Games

Wii and Xbox Kinect October 20 and November 17 at 3:30 p.m.

### Teen Advisory Group

October 28: Program planning.

November: No meeting scheduled.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Spooky Stories, Tasty Treats, Creepy Crafts

Just for kids in grades K-5 October 13 at 3 p.m. An hour of fun to get kids in the mood for Halloween! Call the library to reserve a space.

### Annual Costumes on Parade!

On October 27 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m., or October 28 at 10:30 a.m., join the annual Preschool Story Time Costume Parade. The parade begins in the Children's Room and ends in the meeting room for stories, songs, and sweet treats. Younger siblings are welcome to join the festivities.

### Halloween Kids' Show

Play-Ground Theatre is back by popular demand with an energetic, enthusiastic and interactive theatre performance October 30 at 2 p.m. Halloween stories, songs, acting games and safety will be presented in this howlariou, silly and spooktacular show for families with children of all ages. Wear your costume!

### Chill Out and Read

A fun, new program for readers in grades 1-5 from November 20 through January 7. Pick up a reading record beginning November 20, read chapter books in your free time, and record the number of pages read. Finishers will receive a free book to keep, a certificate, and a yummy surprise. Come in and check out what it's all about.

### Monday Movie: Cars 2

Enjoy the further escapades of Lightning McQueen, Mater and the rest of the gang from Radiator Springs November 21 at 2 p.m. Registration is required by calling the library beginning November 7. Snacks provided. For ages three and up; children under the age of eight must attend with an adult. The movie is rated G.

### Thankfully: Art and Books for School Age Kids

For grades 1-5 November 22 at 2 p.m. Join the library for an hour of art and books. Plan to be creative, talkative and hungry, since snacks will be provided. Reservations are required by calling the library beginning November 7.

NOTE: No story times will be held November 22-25.

### Story Box

For ages infant-36 months Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., 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., and Friday at 10:30 a.m.



# Six Littleton businesses celebrate grand openings



Owner and Wellness Coach Genny McKenna held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of her new L-Town Nutrition club and fitness studio at 1360 West Littleton Boulevard. McKenna offers a variety of fitness classes along with nutritional advice and Herbal-Life products. Pictured (l to r): Wellness Coach Ben Hetzel, Corporate Executives Jay and Lisa Curtis, McKenna, Wellness Coaches Sean McKenna, Joe Swanson, and Jamie Menaker; and Curtis family children Tyler, Aiden and Alyssa.



Only made in America fresh foods and specialties are found in Bert Waisanen's Bert's All American Market at 5856 South Lowell Boulevard in the Columbine Valley Shopping Center. Fresh fruits, vegetables and other produce are his specialty, along with hard-to-find nostalgic foods and beverages. And of course there are fresh milk, eggs, bakery items, organic foods and meat. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are (l to r): Kay Wilmesher, Council Member Jose Trujillo, Waisanen, Council Member Peggy Cole; and Chris Gibbons, Business Industry Affairs Director (B/IA).



Danielle and Joseph DeMers opened Overstreet Dance Gallery this summer in a large building at 5366 South Bannock Street after transforming it into a welcoming studio with new wood floors. They offer lessons and parties for West Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, Salsa, Blues and Tango, private dance instruction, group classes, youth programs, team/performance opportunities and a great rental space. Pictured (l to r): B/IA Director Chris Gibbons, Council Member Jim Taylor, the DeMers', and Mayor Doug Clark.



A ribbon cutting for the downtown office of Colorado Home Realty at 2509 West Main Street almost flowed into the streets as associates arrived to join local staff members in celebration. The goal of the company is to provide exceptional service to its agents who can then provide unrivaled service to their clients. Pictured front row, fourth from left (l to r): Council Member Jim Taylor, Mike Cooke, vice president of operations; Dan Pearson, managing broker; Matt Hudson, founder and managing partner; and Council Member Peggy Cole.



Instructors, students and city council members including Mayor Doug Clark were on hand to help Shannon Dunagan celebrate her recent acquisition of the Inspirations Dance Studio at 250 East Dry Creek Road. The studio provides a variety of classes for children (toddlers on up) and adults, such as Jazz, Lyrical, Tap, Ballet, Tumbling, Poms, and Adult Fitness (including Zumba). In addition, the center offers dance birthday parties with a lesson, decorations, and more. Dunagan is pictured holding the scissors.



Dave and Becky Allen held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of their restaurant, the Littleton Café, at 1409 West Littleton Boulevard as customers enjoyed their meals. Their menu features American and Mexican food at both breakfast and lunch with many breakfast items served throughout the day. Pictured (l to r): Rigoberto Gomez, Partners Eileen Fisk and Robert (Ziggy) Ziegler, the Allens with Randy and Ryan between them, Council Member Peggy Cole, Oscar Appel, and Angel Gonzales.

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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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