

Littleton Economic Notes

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Littleton Businesses

Kathleen Kliebenstein will be opening her new shop, Kaleidoscope, at 5723 S. Prince St. on April 13. An interior designer by profession, Kathleen will be featuring all types of home accessories, artwork, pottery and interesting one-of-a-kind items. In addition, the store will carry unique handmade jewelry. 303.946.7555

2440 W. Main St. will be the site of a grand opening celebration for iN-Tea on Sunday, April 21. Owner Carole Alvarez is moving her unique tea and beverage business to the downtown area this coming month. The store will offer more than 100 traditional and blended loose-leaf teas from all over the world—white, green, oolongs, black, rooibos, herbal blends, guayusa, mate, and chai—as well as tea-cocktails, beer, champagne and wine. Sandwiches, salads, pastries and gluten free munchies are also on the menu. 303.949.7491

The Town Hall Arts Center (2450 W. Main St.) recently welcomed Cheryl McNab as its new executive director. Cheryl has traveled the world (living in both England and Zimbabwe) and held a range of positions, including working for the National Audubon Society and Arizona State University. Previous to moving to Littleton, she served as the executive director for The Art Center in Grand Junction, Colorado. Cheryl says her position with Town Hall is a perfect fit for her and she looks forward to being a part of the theatre's continued and growing success. 303.794.2787; www.townhallartscenter.com

Mike Schrader, president and creative director of Moxie Creative Communications Agency (2305 W. Berry Ave.) was interviewed for a YourHub section of the *Denver Post* last month. His company works to steer clients to the right communication tools for their particular targeted audience, creates compelling interactive tools to sell or to communicate with a client's audience, and creates mobile apps—among other services offered. Mike noted that Moxie has developed a new product, Prologue, a custom-built application that can display the entire suite of marketing materials for a business (brochures, videos, decks, etc.), close the sale and get

the contract signed— all on a mobile tablet. 720.283.4317; <http://moxiecca.com>

Hana Designs, Wig Studio and Aveda Hair Salon, a fixture on Littleton Blvd. for many years, has moved to a larger facility just a few blocks east at 229 W. Littleton Blvd. Hana provides a range of services and products and specializes in some of the finest wigs and hairpieces available in the world. She is well-known for her nonprofit, Hana's Hope, which sprang from her battle with cancer and "comforts, empowers and provides services to clients who experience certain dramatic physical changes in hair and skin conditions resulting from various health issues." 303.799.4262; www.hanadesigns.com

Recently featured in the *Denver Post* YourHub section, The Ballet Physique (2539 W. Main St.) is an independent studio that specializes in barre-fitness. Owner Kristen Zurek couldn't find any classes for what she describes as "a perfect marriage between fitness and dance" when she moved to Colorado and decided to offer them herself. As her business has grown she has added pilates fusion and cardio classes. To keep classes fresh and meaningful, instructors are urged to design new choreography for each one, services are tailored to fit client needs, and safe modifications allow beginners to take classes at a less-intense level. 303.955.1698, theballetphysique.com

Other

The organizers of the 18th annual Fourth of July Family and Fireworks Show are looking for additional sponsors, volunteer groups to run family activities, and food vendors. The free event will be on Thursday, July 4 at Belleview, Cornerstone and Progress Parks and is organized by the cities of Littleton and Englewood, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation. Additional support is provided by Arapahoe County and the cities of Centennial and Sheridan. Call Kelli Narde at 303-795-3720 for more information about opportunities to participate.

There are a few openings still available for the complimentary Lunch & Learn seminar being hosted for City of Littleton businesses on "How to Get More Cash for Your Business" April 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Tim Thomas, an expert on small business financing and currently senior business development expert and commercial lender for Centennial Lending, a Credit Union Service Organization serving Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska. Registration is required. [Register here](#)

Calendar

HDLM: Wednesday, April 3, 8:00 a.m. Town Hall Arts Center

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Revitalization Incentive Grant Program 2013

The Littleton City Council has approved funds for a new program in 2013 intended to revitalize the appearance of businesses located in buildings constructed prior to 2000. A total of \$50,000 is budgeted for the Revitalization Incentive Grant program, and matching funds are available for up to \$10,000 per project. The goal of the program is to leverage private money to make affordable and creative improvements to older business properties. All work must be in areas visible from the public right-of-way.

This is a matching grant program. The amount of the match must be at least 1:1—the applicant pays \$1 and the City of Littleton pays \$1. The matching award will be reimbursed after approved work is completed. The maximum grant contribution by the City of Littleton per project category is as follows:

\$1,000 - \$3,000 Signs (per project and based on length of time in business)

\$2,000 Architectural/design assistance (fees should be no more than 6% of total project cost)

\$5,000 American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance improvements

\$6,000 Façade, parking area, exterior lighting and landscape improvements

For more information and/or application forms go to: [Revitalization Incentive Grant - City of Littleton](#) or contact Jo Anne Ricca at 303-795-3749 or jricca@littletongov.org

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