

Littleton Economic Notes

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Littleton Businesses

A recent article in the *Denver Business Journal* featured Brian Gast and his new book, "The Business of Wanting More: Why Some Execs Move from Success to Fulfillment and Others Don't." Formerly a successful venture capitalist and CEO of three telecom businesses, Brian realized there was a disconnect between what he wanted to do and what he was actually spending his time doing and decided to pursue what he loved. Today he is an executive coach for CEOs and entrepreneurs. His business, Quadrant Corporation, is located at 2546 W. Main St. 303.707.1340; briangast@quadrantinternational.net

Manager Brandon Frank and associates have opened the New Balance Littleton store in the Aspen Grove Shopping Center (7301 South Santa Fe Dr. near White House Black Market). It is the only New Balance retail store in Colorado and offers the widest selection of the brand's made in the USA footwear in multiple widths and sizes along with related items. 303.795.3135; nb.littleton@yahoo.com

JFThompson Wealth Management, is the new name of the full-service retirement planning firm at 1979 W. Littleton Blvd., formerly known as Flagship Financial Partners. Headed by Retirement Advisor Jeff Thompson, the company specializes in retirement planning for both pre-retirees and retirees. Their LifePlan encompasses all phases of one's life with an income strategy to provide a retirement that is as tax efficient as possible. Long-term care, life insurance and legacy planning are included in their range of services. 720.981.3524. www.jfthompsonwealthmanagement.com

Kim Walz has moved Element One Photography from its W. Main St. location to larger space at 5566 S. Sycamore St. The full service studio offers a wide range of photographic services as well as makeup artistry, graphic design, marketing consultations, framing and more. Offering both studio and on location photography, Kim and her associates specialize in high school senior photos, family and children photography, as well as wedding, engagement,

Other

Nominations are open for the 2013 [Colorado Companies to Watch](https://colorado.companiestowatch.org/index.ctw?page=formnomnextyr) awards. This program recognizes innovative businesses headquartered in Colorado with 6 to 99 employees and revenues between \$750,000 and \$50,000,000. The City of Littleton Economic Development Division supports this organization because even though businesses of this size generate more jobs per capita than businesses of any other size, they often go unrecognized. In the four years since Colorado Companies to Watch has been active in Colorado, Littleton has had three winners: Novus Biologicals (2009), Vivax Pro Painting (2011) and Transform Software and Services (2011). You can nominate a qualified business, yours or someone else's, through 1/28/2013 at

<https://colorado.companiestowatch.org/index.ctw?page=formnomnextyr>

The Economic Development Division will be hosting four free Lunch-&-Learn seminars in 2013 on topics of interest for entrepreneurs and businesses located within the city limits. The first one, Mobile Apps for Business, will be held on Thursday, January 17 at the City Center, 2255 W. Berry Ave, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is no charge, but advance registration is required. If you would like additional information, please contact Jo Anne Ricca at 303.795.3749 or at jricca@littletongov.org ([Register here](#))

The City of Littleton will roll out its new website on Monday, January 7, 2013. The simpler, more intuitive site and a host of new features will make it easier for visitors to find what they need. Some of the features included are Mobile Compatibility (standard Web pages can be viewed on all major smart phones), Consistent Navigation, Breadcrumbs (shows visitor's current path on top of each page), Littleton E-Connect (signup for Littleton e-mail notices), Community Spotlight, Events Calendars, Bookmark and Share (visitors can easily share web content on social networking sites), Section 508 Compliant (built for accessibility to persons with disabilities), and Universal Feedback Form (visitors can submit comments or questions from each page).

Calendar

HDLM: *Wednesday, January 2, 8:00 a.m. Town Hall Arts Center*

Lunch-&-Learn Seminar : *Thursday, January 17, 11:30 a.m., Mobile Apps for Business*
([register here](#))

Insights

All of us in the Economic Development Division would like to wish all of you Happy Holidays and a Prosperous and Happy New Year! We look forward to

working with you in 2013 and thank you for all of your contributions to Littleton's success.

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