

# Littleton Economic Development

## June, 2019 Newsletter

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### Bacon Social Is Now Open in Littleton!



#### **Bacon, Bacon, Bacon!**

**Bacon Social House** has taken Denver's Sunnyside neighborhood by storm and is **now open in Littleton!** The official grand opening was on May 31st where Councilmen Pat Driscoll of District One and Kyle Schlachter were in attendance for the ribbon cutting welcoming this delicious dining establishment to Littleton. Mario Nocifera, Manager Kat Lynch, Brigitte Ford and Bacon Social staff joined in the ceremony where owner David Dill cut the ribbon on their gorgeous rooftop patio!

Located at 2100 West. Littleton Boulevard (across from the courthouse), this bacon centric concept has become a favorite amongst brunch, lunch and dinner crowds, with a diverse dinner menu. They've designed an immaculate 8,000 square-foot space featuring an innovative beverage program and a rooftop patio that seats up to 81 people with spectacular downtown and mountain views!

**Bacon Social House** is open seven days a week serving brunch and dinner each day. They offer free, validated garage parking onsite directly behind the restaurant. Private dining, corporate meetings, and team building functions can easily be accommodated. Follow Bacon Social at [\*\*@baconsociallittleton\*\*](https://www.instagram.com/baconsociallittleton).

## Littleton City Holds 6th Annual Developer & Commercial Real Estate Lunch

The **Economic Development Department** hosted the 6th annual **Developer & Commercial Real Estate Lunch** on Thursday, May 16th at Hudson Gardens. Thirty-nine people attended the event that included opening remarks from City Manager Mark Relph and presentations from City staff: Eric Ervin, Kathleen Osher, Jennifer Henninger, and Keith Reester. The information discussed included: **Envision Littleton**, development projects and opportunities as well as current and upcoming infrastructure improvements.

## Alpine Buick GMC Breaks Ground on West County Line

Tuesday, May 28 was the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Alpine Buick GMC dealership that will occupy what is now vacant land at 3106 W. County Line Road, just north of C-470 at the US 85/Santa Fe Drive exit. Councilmen Pat Driscoll of District One and Kyle Schlachter were in attendance.

Five years in the making; their new site sits on nearly 6.5 acres and is being prepped for a 50,982 sq. ft. state-of-the-art dealership. The nearly 52,000 square-foot luxury two-story dealership has a service facility which will include twenty-five service bays, a service reception area and an attached car wash facility. The 15,000 sq. ft. showroom on the main floor will showcase up to 8 vehicles.

In addition to second-floor office space, customers will have drive-up access to the second level 4,500 sq. ft. rooftop area that will have additional vehicles on display and will feature a lounge with a firepit for hosting various community events and client meetings. Along with lounges and comfy seating, customers will have access to free Wi-Fi and charging stations for their mobile devices while they visit. The facility is slated to be completed by summer of 2020.

## Nook Coffee Opens on Main Street!

You know the location as CURDS CHEESE; but this unique main street store is now also the home of **Nook Coffee** – A coffee and espresso bar with all the delights you can expect from a coffee house! Owner Garrett Palecek, a coffee connoisseur, loves to travel and the coffee and espresso drinks he had in Italy and Argentina inspired him to want to share his love for these delightful caffeinated beverages with his customers. He would frequent SPUR for his coffee and when they closed he opened a coffee bar full-time and he brought SPUR coffee with him, ordering, selling and using SPUR coffee in his café! Though he has been serving coffee since October of 2018; not until SPUR closed did he want to capture and fully showcase the tastes he loves in the small cafés from his travels.

### On the Menu

When you come inside, expect to see the familiar espresso, cappuccino, latte and coffee drinks; true coffee shop must-haves, but might I suggest Garrett's



special 'Nutella cappuccino' which will make you want to stay for more than just one I promise! And no plain drip coffee is allowed! When you come in for a quick self-serve you can partake in true French Press coffee. There is a house blend espresso from Caffé Umbria and a rotating guest espresso as Garrett wants his guests to "taste delicious different blends daily". With the French Press station, he also wanted to be sure the coffee he serves is not only delicious but can fit the 'grab-and-go' customer so no one would have to wait long when needing to get in and out and on their way!



Nook's menu doesn't stop at coffee drinks but also features cold-pressed juices and eats such as the popular 'avocado toast' and quiche Lorraine. Trompeau Bakery, from neighboring Englewood, is Nook's bakery partner and along with quiche, you can find croissants, cinnamon rolls, assorted danishes and cookies. There is truly something to curb any appetite. All the delights of Curds Cheese are also still available and with FREE WiFi Garrett has created a place you may not want to just grab a coffee and go (though you can quickly do this!) but stay a while and try everything on the menu (including that Nutella cappuccino)!

Nook Coffee (inside **Curds Cheese**) is at 2449 W. Main Street in Littleton. Check out their website and menu at [www.nookcoffeelittleton.com](http://www.nookcoffeelittleton.com)

Hours are Monday-Saturday 7a-6p and Sunday's 8a-5p

## **Bank of Colorado Coming Soon to Main Street!**



It's been over 2 years since Littleton had a bank on Main Street but coming this summer all that will change when Bank of Colorado will open their doors in mid-August 2019 at 2679 W. Main Street! Vic Calonder will serve as the branch's President, using over 15 years of local banking experience to provide customers

with personalized service. Ann Marie Balon will be Vice President and a loved and familiar face in the downtown Littleton area, Nawang Sherap, will be joining Bank of Colorado as Operations Manager.

Bank of Colorado is family-owned and has been a part of communities in Colorado since 1978. The traditional full-service bank will provide both retail banking and commercial lending; offering Bank of Colorado products and services for consumers and businesses. The new location will also offer a night drop and a 24 hour ATM machine. Hours of operation for the lobby will be 9 to 5 Monday through Friday. More information will be provided in the coming months on their Grand Opening ceremony!

## **Colorado Center for the Blind Holds 2nd Annual '6 Dot Dash' 5k on June 29**

Littleton's **Colorado Center for the Blind** and its partner, **the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado** invite the community to participate in the **second annual 6 Dot Dash**, a 5K Race to raise awareness and funds for Braille Literacy and blindness skills training. This event will become a much-anticipated part of our lovely Littleton midsummer activities. Learn more and register for the race at **[6dotdashco.com](http://6dotdashco.com)**

The 5k race takes place on Saturday, June 29th and will begin at the **Colorado Center for the Blind** (2233 W. Shepperd Ave. Littleton, CO 80120) proceeding along the beautiful Mary Carter Greenway. This is an out and back course with lots of great volunteers and a well-stocked aid station. It's a GREAT race with awesome SWAG.

The name "6 Dot Dash" comes from the six dots which make up the Braille cell. A combination of these six dots makes up every letter in the Braille alphabet. For individuals who are blind or low vision, these 6 dots represent literacy, independence, and opportunity. The **National Federation of the Blind of Colorado** and the **Colorado Center for the Blind** help blind people across Colorado live the lives they want through:

- World Class Adjustment to Blindness training at our flagship program,

the **Colorado Center for the Blind** in Littleton

- **Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning (BELL)** summer programs for blind youth
- Scholarship Program
- Advocacy for blind people of all ages
- Peer Support for individuals who are blind and low vision.

This summer, **BELL programs** will be held in Littleton at the **Colorado Center for the Blind**, and in Westminster and Grand Junction, providing the gift of literacy and self-confidence to 30 blind Colorado kids. Follow them on social media **@coloradocenterfortheblind**

## **38 State Brewing Company Closes its Doors**

“We would also like to thank all of our customers, especially our regulars, for without you none of this would’ve ever been possible!!! We’ve been blessed to have met so many wonderful people throughout this journey that we would’ve never known otherwise. The smiles and high fives will be missed the most.”

Once listed as the **fastest-growing breweries in America**, **38 State Brewing Company** closed its doors on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Their announcement was made on their **Facebook page**; “All good things must come to an end... It is with a heavy heart that we announce we’ll be closing our doors for good on May 31st. It’s time for us to move on to our next adventure...Wishing ALL of you a fond farewell “. Located at 8071 S. Broadway, they had recently celebrated their 5th anniversary. 38 State was Littleton’s first taproom-only brewery when it opened in 2014. They amassed a devoted neighborhood following, **winning top awards**. The co-owners Mike Keating and Jason Virzi thanked their customers in **a post on Facebook**.

## **Littleton Blvd. – Spring/Summer Revitalization Grant Program**

San Engineering – Before picture

### **Littleton Boulevard Stakeholder-**

Spring has arrived and it is time to think about those exterior improvement projects that will make your property and business shine to customers. The City of Littleton has a program that may help offset the costs of your business improvement projects. **The Littleton Revitalization Incentive Grant** is administered by the Economic Development Department to encourage private investments in revitalizing and enhancing properties while benefitting the entire community.

San Engineering-After photo

The program can provide up to **\$20,000** in matching funds per project to businesses within the City of Littleton to improve the appearance of existing buildings and the overall look and appearance to the community. Projects may include landscape improvements, façade improvements, exterior improvements for ADA, improvements to parking areas, and exterior lighting. Architectural design assistance may also be included. San Engineering, located at 1150 W. Littleton Boulevard, exemplifies what is possible when these grant funds are put to use (*see attached pictures*).

To learn more about the City of Littleton Revitalization Grant visit the web site at [www.littletongov.org/business-resources/grants-incentives](http://www.littletongov.org/business-resources/grants-incentives) or call the Economic Development Department at 303-795-3749.

If this information is best suited for a different contact within your organization, please forward to the appropriate contact. Thank you and we look forward to working with you!

## **Littleton PD to host Junior Police Academy for Middle Schoolers**



Register early! For questions, contact Officer Jim Hanna at 303-419-8040.

### **Junior Police Academy – Registration deadline is June 11, 2019**

The Littleton Police Department is now accepting applications for its 2019 **Junior Police Academy**. Students in grades six to eight are invited to apply for the department's **Junior Police Academy** that takes place June 17-21, 2019. This FREE week-long academy is hosted by the Littleton Police Department. Classes are held at Mission Hills Church, Room M12, 620 SouthPark Drive in Littleton. Each session is limited to 30 students so register early! For questions, contact Officer Jim Hanna at 303-419-8040.

The goal of this program is to give local middle school students a chance to learn more about the law enforcement profession and give students a behind-the-scenes look at the day-to-day routine of local officers. Participants will learn about different aspects of law enforcement including leadership skills, crime scene investigation, conflict resolution, S.W.A.T. tactics and other topics.

There are **morning** and **afternoon** sessions available. A graduation and demonstration ceremony will take place on the final day of class, June 21. Family members will be invited to attend the ceremony.

## **CDA Farmers' Market Mini-Workshop on 6/28**

Are you wanting a presence at farmers' markets to be part of your business plan or are you currently a vendor but would like to learn more to build your business at

farmers' markets? Then please join the **Colorado Department of Agriculture** at their upcoming mini-workshop as part of their "Breakfast with the Pros" Series, Friday, June 28, 8:30am-Noon, This workshop will present you with key fundamentals for farmer market success. Perfect for start-up businesses and individuals who want to be more successful at farmers markets! This mini-workshop will focus on selling at farmers markets. It is a fast-paced no-nonsense approach to industry information and know-how. Come hear from industry leading speakers in an intimate setting with time for Q&A. Networking opportunities will be available after the open panel discussion.

Price of the mini-workshop is only \$20 and includes a full breakfast and learning materials! Distance learning is available. Please go to **Colorado Proud** to register and learn more.

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## City Announcements

### Downtown Wayfinding Signage

Merchants operating a retail store or restaurant facing Prince, Nevada, Curtice, or Rapp streets between Powers to the north and Church to the south are eligible for placement on city-sponsored side street signs. Eligible businesses can apply for placement on the signs, and applications will be evaluated on a first-come, first-serve basis. All signs can list up to 6 businesses, with the business name featured on both side of the sign; below is listed the number of spaces available for a business on each sign. If a sign is full, businesses will be waitlisted and applications will be evaluated on a first-come, first-serve basis when there is a vacancy. **Downtown Side Street Sign Application**

### Littleton Plans

Littleton has several community planning efforts getting underway this year. To encourage citizens and interested stakeholders to get involved in these community planning efforts, a new online tool, **LittletonPlans.org** has been set up. This one-stop hub has detailed information regarding each project: associated documents, maps, upcoming events, and frequently-asked questions, together in one accessible online location to keep the community involved and informed.

## **Grants**

The city has several grant opportunities available to the community, including: the Revitalization Incentive Grant, the Main Street Historic District Grant, and the Place-Making Grant. For more information visit the [Grants page](#) on the Littleton website.

## **Development Activity List**

The Development Activity List has been made to track projects throughout the city. Visit the [Development Activity List](#) to learn more.

## **Business Resources**

Know anyone looking to open a business in Littleton, or who could utilize the business services offered by the city? The City has a number of resources and can assist businesses in a variety of ways including: marketing and social media strategies, networking strategies, demographic information, and more. Visit the [Economic Development webpage](#) for more information.