

## Littleton Economic Notes

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#### Littleton Businesses

**A recent issue of *The Denver Post* YourHub section featured J.F. Sholl Fine Jewelry** (2646 W. Main St.), which John Sholl opened 12 years ago after 18 years as a professional gold smith. A platinum specialist and a graduate gemologist as well, John enjoys passing his knowledge on to his customers so they understand their options when planning their unique jewelry design. 303.738.9554

**Christine Swenson has opened Swenson Law Office PC at 1800 W. Littleton Blvd.** where she focuses on immigration issues. A lawyer for some 15 years, she served as a prosecutor in both Tucson and Denver before teaching law for six years. Her passion for the immigrant community and ability to explain complex legal issues to those with little to no background in law or the court system led her back into full-time practice. 888.705.6512; <http://www.immigrationlegaladvice.com>

**Two Littleton businesses made *The Denver Business Journal* list of Top Denver Area Women-owned Businesses** this year.

\*Ralph Schomp was #1 on the list. Lisa Schomp, Owner/Dealer Principal, has run the company since she bought the dealership in 1988 after the death of her father. The company has two divisions in Littleton at 5700 S. Broadway—Honda and Mini—and a BMW division in Highlands Ranch. 303.798.1500; [www.shomphonda.com](http://www.shomphonda.com)

\*ISYS Technologies (801 W. Mineral Ave. #105) ranked #14 on the list. Teresa Porter is the CEO of the company, which provides engineering and information technology services to federal, state and local governments including the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. 303.290.8922; [www.isystechnologies.com](http://www.isystechnologies.com)

**Mayra Saldana recently purchased the Las Huertas grocery store (395 W. Littleton Blvd.)** and has quickly put her signature on the space. The well-stocked store includes a wide range

of Mexican food, fresh fruits and vegetables and a good assortment of cheeses, fish and meat in the cold cases. Catering is also available. 303.798.4747

**The latest edition of *The Denver Business Journal* honored Outstanding Women in Business.** Two Littleton women were finalists in their business area.

\*Karen Padgett of Novus Biologicals (8100 SouthPark Way #A-8) was nominated in the area of Large Business Owner. The company produces scientific products needed in research. From its beginnings at Karen's kitchen table, the business has expanded to include offices in Ontario, Canada and Cambridge, United Kingdom. 303.730.1950; [www.novusbio.com/](http://www.novusbio.com/)

\*Marcia Brauchler of Physicians Ally Inc. (101 W. County Line Rd.) was nominated in the area of Technology and Telecom. Her company provides a host of services for those in the health care field in the areas of business analyses, coding assistance, and regulatory compliance to name just a few. 303.586.9390; [www.physicians-ally.com](http://www.physicians-ally.com)

**The Underground Market & Workshop has opened in the Woodlawn Shopping Center**

(1500 W. Littleton Blvd.) down the stairs at the mall entrance on the west side. Owners Jennifer Morris and Christina Mann follow environmentally friendly precepts of recycling, up-cycling, and repurposing furniture, jewelry, clothing, odds and ends—just about anything—to create artistic and fashionable items. They also offer classes where they share their “how-to” knowledge. The shop is open Thursday through Saturday. 303.794.4488; [www.facebook.com/undergroundmarketco](http://www.facebook.com/undergroundmarketco)

**Love INC has opened the Renewed Treasures Resale Shoppe (6512 S. Broadway) to raise money** for their client families who receive vouchers to shop for items in the store. Run solely by volunteers from Love INC's 23 partner churches, all profits made above operating expenses will go to fund other Love INC ministries. Donation items are always welcome and are accepted during the store's 9:00 to 5:00 business hours Tuesday through Saturday.

303.798.0037; <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Renewed-Treasures/317764644936266>

**Overstreet Dance Gallery was featured in an August issue of the YourHub section of the *Denver Post*.**

Professional world class dancers Joe and Danielle Demers recently decided to make their 3,000 square foot ballroom at 5366 S. Bannock available to event and party planners when not otherwise in use, just in time for holiday parties. On a day to day basis they offer private and group instruction in a range of dance styles from West Coast Swing to Ballroom to Fusion as well as youth and fitness programs. Weekly social dances (drop-ins are welcome) are held on Monday and Thursday nights. 720.325-6305; [www.overstreetdancegallery.com](http://www.overstreetdancegallery.com)

**The Spring International Language Center has moved from its Santa Fe location** to the

newly renovated space at 2675 W. Church St. The school provides an intensive English program that consists of 23 hours of instruction per week focusing on grammar, reading, writing and listening/speaking and a wide variety of courses such as TOEFL preparation, Accent Improvement, and Conversation.

303.797.0100; [www.spring.edu](http://www.spring.edu)

**The nursing program at Arapahoe Community College has earned national recognition** by ranking first in three separate jurisdictions for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). The program ranked first out of 18 schools among Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) programs within its jurisdiction, first out of the total 614 ADN jurisdictions within the United States, and first out of all 1,035 schools offering ADN and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in the country. 303.797.5637; [www.Arapahoe.edu](http://www.Arapahoe.edu)

## Other

**The Littleton Police Department has become the first law enforcement agency in Colorado** to deploy ping4alerts!, an app that instantly notifies subscribers of dangers and emergencies in Littleton. The free app can be downloaded on Apple or Android smartphones, with plans underway for a release for Blackberry and Windows phones in the near future. An “A-Tip” feature allows users to deliver anonymous tips to the police. To sign up, go to [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org) and click on the ping4alerts! link.

## Calendar

*HDLM: Wednesday, Sept. 5, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall Arts Center, 2450 W. Main St.*

## *Insights*

### **Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices**

Our thanks to all the Littleton businesses whose support helped make Western Welcome Week the huge success it was again this year.

*The mission of the Economic Development department is to grow our economy by helping Littleton entrepreneurs be competitive. Call B/IA at 303.795.3749 if we can help.*

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