



Littleton Economic Notes November 2011

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Littleton Businesses

Sunset magazine's Dec. issue features a two-page story on the holiday delights of a day trip to Downtown Littleton, encouraging readers to use light rail from Denver. The article calls out shops carrying handmade gifts (Pottery Studio Gallery, Willow), quirky home finds (Vandel Antiques, Pink Alley Cat), Christmas gear (Natural Surroundings, Seasons) and restaurants (Toast, Delizios). The Littleton Museum also gets a nod along with the 7th Annual Old Town Holiday Shopping Evening scheduled on December 3rd.

Thanksgiving Day, November 24, is the date of the grand opening for McDonald's in its new building at 5858 S Santa Fe Dr. The longer-than-anticipated wait will be worth it as the new facility will have double exterior lanes for quicker drive-thru access and service.

Brian and Amy Richie took a rare "time out" to hold a ribbon cutting for Extra Innings, located at 8257 SouthPark Circle. The premier indoor baseball and softball facility in the Denver area for players of all ages and abilities, it is open seven days a week, 12 months of the year. Within the 12,000 sq. ft. facility, the couple offers baseball and softball instruction, a training room, 7 multi-use practice tunnels, a party area and a fully stocked Pro Shop with a wide range of products. 303.795.9872; www.extrainnings-littleton.com

Room Design on a Dime Consignment Home Furnishings (209 W. Littleton Blvd.) opened its doors the first of October, filled with higher-end consignment items and accessories ready for a new home. Owners and designers Julia Gibson and Jeanine Christenson have also incorporated a design studio into the shop and offer a range of services for anyone who wants help with decorating their home. 720.283.4482; <http://roomdesignonadime.biz>

The Denver Post's recent inclusion of McKinner's Pizza Bar in its YourHub section noted that Kevin Kinaschuk is approaching his sixth year at 2389 W. Main St. This is a testament to the friendly hometown atmosphere and quality of the items on the eclectic menu that he provides. Besides hand-tossed pizzas, a number of locally brewed beers and a range of homemade food, Kevin also brings in local musicians to perform on weekend evenings. 303.798.8500; mckinners.com

Danica Goldie held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the reopening of Season's in its new home at 2479 W. Main St., the completely renovated and remodeled space formerly occupied by Abe's. It is a wonderland of trees, bows, ornaments, arrangements and other decorative items for the holiday season along with unique and ever-changing home décor and gift items. The original shop was opened by Danica's mom in 1987, Sue Carbaugh, who moved it to Main Street in Littleton in 1993. 303.730.7339; www.seasonslittleton.com

Julia Hutchinson celebrated the move of her business, J Lyn and Friends: A Salon, to Littleton at her Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting party for her customers and friends. Her newly renovated and spacious shop at 2694 W. Alamo St. was packed with both old and new clients. Offering a range of services, Julia's salon welcomes men as well as women and clients of all ages. 303.795.0123; jlynandfriends.com

Nona's Attic at 2699 W. Main St. was featured in a November YourHub section of the Denver Post. With three dealers in her store, Phyllis Peppelaar offers a diversity of items from antiques, art, kitchenware, knickknacks and vintage toys to books, new women's clothing in LaBoutique, jewelry and other treasures. In addition, she provides a "wish book" where customers can note items they are looking for and she will try to find them. 303.798.4885; www.nonasattic.com

Baty Music Studio celebrated its new office/studio at 5564 S. Prince St. with a ribbon cutting this month. Coty Baty and Nick Stone—both music educators as well as professional entertainers—provide private guitar and piano lessons. They specialize in tailoring their curriculum to maximize each individual student's learning at each stage of training. 303.618.9729; www.batymusic.com

The Fat Frog Café (2530 W. Main St.), formerly a bar, has turned over a new leaf under the partnership of Paul Laird and Joel Cline, who have reopened it this month as a crepe, salad and gourmet sandwich bar. In the evenings the Café takes on an additional persona and becomes a restaurant with dinner specials, TVs and live entertainment from time to time. In addition, brunch is served on the weekends. 303.794.8507

The Solid Grounds Coffee Shops were also recently featured in the DenverPost's YourHub section. With the goal of establishing a place for community in the area they serve, the three shops in Littleton have flourished with a 3,000 s.f. space in Broadway Estates (6504 S. Broadway) large enough for folks to hang out, study, hold business meetings or receptions or parties, etc.; a place in the Denver Seminary (6379 S. Santa Fe) that serves students, staff and faculty; and one at Hudson Gardens (6115 S. Santa Fe Dr.) off the South Platte Bike trail that serves bicyclists, hikers, runners, gardeners, etc. Due to their success, Manager Brad Nixon says they are now expanding outside the city having recently opened a shop in Englewood. 303.209.7494; www.solidgrounds.org

COMING SOON

Watch for the opening of Pedals bike shop in the space formerly occupied by Littleton Cyclery at 2640 W Belleview #100. Bill Nagel is still putting the store together but is happy to help with any bike questions or concerns you may have. 303.798.0426

Calendar

Historic Downtown Merchants Meeting: Dec. 7, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall Arts Center

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

Etsy is a web-based marketplace for handmade items. With more than 800,000 active “shops” on the site in over 150 countries this is by far the largest marketplace in the world for artisans and crafts people. Over 11 million buyers are registered on the site. Etsy charges 20 cents to list each item and takes 3.5% of the selling price. It’s a great place for local artisans to do business during the holiday season. <http://www.etsy.com>

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

--- Christian Gibbons, Director (cgibbons@littletongov.org).

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