



Littleton Economic Notes September 2011

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Littleton Businesses

Carol and Lloyd Craver will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Forever Green Floral on Oct. 1. Located at 5767 S. Gallup St., the shop now carries a selection of handmade wrought iron items that includes yard work pieces, indoor planters and candle holders in addition to the silk flowers, plants and trees for which the shop is known. 303.795.8580; www.forevergreenfoliage.com

After 22 years in business, Cindy and Jim Misener retired as owners of Beyond Sight (5650 S Windermere St.) the first week of August. Their store has always been dedicated to enhancing the independence of blind and vision-impaired individuals through adaptive technology. The new owner, Scott Chaplick, will continue to provide support to customers and their products, and he has plans to expand the business. 303.795.6455; www.beyondsight.com

The *Denver Business Journal* named Lisa Schomp as one of the eleven Outstanding Women in Business for 2011. She was the winner in the Large Business Owner category for her role at Schomp Automotive, which includes Ralph Schomp at 5700 W. Broadway and Ralph Schomp Quick Lube at 1201 W. Littleton Blvd. (303) 798-1500; www.ralphschomphondaco.com

India's Best opens September 17 in the Woodlawn Shopping Center at 1500 W. Littleton Blvd. Owners Hadial, Baljit, and Amrit Singh offer a \$7.99 buffet at lunch time with a full array of authentic Indian dishes and an extensive dinner menu. 720.224.4259

Four Littleton companies were listed on *Inc. Magazine's* 5,000 Fastest Growing Companies for 2011:

- **Vivax Pro Painting** – 1100 W. Littleton Blvd. #370. 720.331.9735; www.vivaxpropainting.com
- **Novus Biologicals** – 801 W. Mineral Ave. #105. 303.730.1950; www.novusbio.com
- **ISYS Technologies** – 8100 SouthPark Way #A-8. 303.290.8922; www.isystechnologies.com
- **American Exteriors** – 1169 W. Littleton Blvd. 303.794.6369; www.americanexteriorsinc.com

Gregory Merrill, owner/operator of the McDonald's that was recently demolished at 5858 S. Santa Fe Dr. just north of ACC, has announced that the completely new McDonald's facility is expected to open in mid-November.

Recent Ribbon Cuttings were held by the following new businesses in Littleton:

***Overstreet Dance Gallery**, located at 5366 S. Bannock St. Owners Danielle and Joseph DeMers offer lessons and parties for a variety of dances from West Coast Swing to the Tango along with private instruction, group classes, youth programs, team/performance opportunities and a great rental space. 720.325.6305; www.overstreetdancegallery.com

***Bert's All American Market**, located at 5856 S. Lowell Blvd. in the Columbine Valley Shopping Center. Owner Bert Waisanen features only "Made in America" fresh foods and specialties that include fruits, vegetables and other in-season produce, fresh milk, eggs, bakery items, organic foods and meat along with hard-to-find nostalgic food items and beverages including original recipe Dr. Pepper. 303.463.5880; www.bertsallamericanmarket.com/

***LittletonCafé** located at 1409 W. Littleton Blvd. Owners Dave and Becky Allen feature American and Mexican food at both breakfast and lunch, with many of the breakfast items served throughout the day. 720.283.2233

***L-Town Nutrition**, located at 1360 W. Littleton Blvd. Owner and Wellness Coach Genny McKenna offers a variety of fitness classes along with nutritional advice and Herbal-Life Products at this new club and fitness studio. 303.299.1808

Other

In the fall of 2012, Aspen Grove Shopping Center plans to celebrate the opening of an Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in the area previously occupied by the Big Bowl and Buca Di Beppo restaurants after the buildings have been removed. Popular throughout Texas, the Alamo cinemas combine dinner, drinks, films and events. Along with this 31,000 sq. ft. project, the center plans to include 10,000 additional sq. ft. of new retail space and a public green space.

Wal-Mart has applied for signage and remodeling permits to open a Neighborhood Market in the Columbine Valley Shopping Center at 3615 W. Bowles in the building previously occupied by Albertsons and then SmartCo. A smaller version of Wal-Mart's big-box stores, these stores mainly carry groceries.

Calendar

Historic Downtown Merchants Meeting: Oct.2, 8:00, Town Hall Arts Center

Mobile Marketing Seminar: Sept. 14, 8:30 – 9:30, Littleton City Center

Please RSVP to jricca@littletongov.org or to 303.795.3749.

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

We are constantly amazed by the number of new businesses we have seen start up in the worst economy since the Great Depression of the 1930s. True, some are started as a last resort by people who have been laid off from corporations but most of those who find their way to our office start businesses out of lifelong dreams and passion. Many will not grow to be very large but some like Foro Energy (which invented a laser drill for the oil industry) have the potential to be major employers. Keep in mind that companies which were started in recessions include Hyatt hotels, Burger King, FedEx, Microsoft, CNN, *Sports Illustrated*, General Electric and Hewlett Packard.

*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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