



## Littleton Economic Notes March 2011

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### Littleton Businesses

**Jose and Phyllis Trujillo just celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> year in business in downtown Littleton** in February and were featured in an issue of *The Denver Post's* "YourHub" section. Their full-service Mexican restaurant, aptly titled Jose's, still uses many of the original recipes from Jose's mother and still has family on the staff, including grandchildren. A welcome constant in Littleton, Jose's is a landmark for many and long ago became the neighborhood gathering place. 2420 W. Main St.; [www.josesdowntownlittleton.com](http://www.josesdowntownlittleton.com); 303.798.5897

**Littleton Gazette.com is being offered to the City of Littleton as another source of news by Jennifer Smith**, a long-time resident and former reporter some years ago for the *Littleton Independent*. She is currently accepting submissions for the online publication, which has a number of sections including Citizen Contributors, Your Thoughts, Community Affairs—and for getting out local business news—In Your Business. Advertising opportunities are available. Read all about it at [www.LittletonGazette.com](http://www.LittletonGazette.com). 720.350.1675; [jennifersmith91567@gmail.com](mailto:jennifersmith91567@gmail.com)

**Julie Larrew and Carolyn Coleman will be holding a Grand Opening celebration March 17-19** for their new shop, Vintage Vendors. The shop will buy and sell antique, vintage and retro treasures, and revived one-of-a-kind items along with a unique line of nostalgic greeting cards and new jewelry and décor items by local artists. 5776 S Rapp St; 303.997.9266.

**Acumen Contracting Group, a national roofing and general contracting company**, has moved its headquarters to Littleton. Headed by CEO Matthew Miller, the company maintains a presence throughout the south, in Arizona and in Minnesota. The company prides itself on its employees and the quality of their work as well as on its customer service, even dealing directly with a customer's insurance company upon request.

2629 W. Main St. #106; [www.acumencontracting.com](http://www.acumencontracting.com); 303.625.4021

**Cdifferent has also moved to Littleton, as this nonprofit was founded by Matthew Miller, CEO of Acumen Contracting Group.** Its goal is “to inspire visually impaired people around the world to lead active and healthy lives.” The organization does this by connecting visually impaired people with sighted guides and getting communities involved in supporting their endeavors. 2629 W. Main St. #106; [www.cdifferent.org](http://www.cdifferent.org); 1.866.267.5202

**The NamasteWorks Yoga + Wellness Center opened this past fall in downtown Littleton.** Founder Nancy Levenson, E-RYT 500, T-200, Yoga Therapist, Restorative Yoga, is a well-known yoga instructor who describes her center as “A place to Discover Yoga as a Healing Art.” She provides specialized yoga programs, classes and workshops with healing at the focus, and works to make her yoga center a sanctuary where clients can feel fully supported and safe. 5860 S. Curtice St.; [www.namasteworksyoga.com](http://www.namasteworksyoga.com); 303.725.1434

**The Denver Post featured Lola’s Sugar Rush in its recent article on Valentine’s shopping spots** for its range of sweets for sweethearts, including those hard-to-get nostalgic candies from years gone by. The shop also offers baskets, cup cakes, rum cakes, ice cream, soda, coffee, tea.....and even birthday parties. 2490 W. Main St.; [www.lolasugarrush.com](http://www.lolasugarrush.com); 303.797.7874

**Aaron Atkinson and William P. Boyle recently opened their own law firm, Atkinson/Boyle, in Littleton.** The focus of their legal services is on personal injury and construction. Both lawyers were chosen as Colorado Rising Stars in 2009 and 2010. 5575 S. Sycamore St.; [www.atkinsonboyle.com](http://www.atkinsonboyle.com); 720.379.5480

**The “YourHub” section of The Denver Post also ran an article in February on FanciMats & More,** a store that focuses on cross stitch and all things that have to do with it. Owner Cindy Edwards was such an ardent customer of the store, she bought it in 2008 when it became available. In addition to constant searches for and acquisition of cross stitching supplies, Cindy provides in-house custom matting and framing, a range of classes and twice-a-year cross stitching retreats. 5654 S. Prince St.; [www.fancimats.com](http://www.fancimats.com); 303.738.9825

## Other

**The Littleton Report is a free newspaper that the City of Littleton produces bi-monthly** beginning in February of each year and mails to each resident and business within the city limits. It features news and events from the City of Littleton, the Littleton Fire Rescue, the Littleton Police Department, Bemis Library, and the Littleton Museum of interest to citizens and businesses alike. If you are not receiving this free newspaper, please let us know by e-mailing your business name and address to [jricca@littletongov.org](mailto:jricca@littletongov.org) or by calling 303.795.3749.

## Calendar

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

## Insights

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

It's a recession that has lasted longer and more severely than any within the last 70 years, but we see slow signs of recovery. Here are unemployment numbers for 2010:

- National – 9.6%
- Colorado – 8.2%
- Littleton – 7.2%

And the home foreclosure rates for Jan 2011

- National .20%
- Colorado .23%
- Arapahoe County .32%
- Littleton .12%

Sales and Use taxes were up from \$22.7 million in 2009 to \$23.4 million in 2010.

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*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](mailto:cgibbons@littletongov.org)).*

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