



## Littleton Economic Notes November 2010

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### Littleton Businesses

**Friends and customers gathered to celebrate the return of photographer Andy Marquez and his wife Teresa** to Littleton at the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new Andy Marquez Gallery at 2690 W. Main St. A prolific photographer, Marquez has sold hundreds of thousands of prints of his photographs taken during his journeys throughout the world and has published four coffee table books, "Dreams That Last Forever" being the most recent. [www.andymarquez.com](http://www.andymarquez.com); 303.797.6040

**ADA-ES announced third quarter results showing a revenue increase of 101% year-over-year** driven by commencement of refined coal revenues. Located at 8100 SouthPark Way #B, the company is a leader in clean coal technology and the associated specialty chemicals, serving the coal-fueled power plant industry. [www.adaes.com](http://www.adaes.com); 303.734.1727

**A recent edition of the Denver Post Business Focus section in "YourHub" highlighted St. Nicks** (5221 S. Santa Fe Drive), a family-owned, 34-year-old business. Open year-round, St. Nick's was voted one of the top five Christmas stores in America as polled by CNN.com. Along with the main location in Littleton, owners Ira, Sue and Shawn Sealy also have two shops in Lone Tree. [www.stnicks.com](http://www.stnicks.com); 303.798.8087

**The Denver Business Journal reported that Calibre Engineering Inc. received the No. 2 ranking** on a list of the nation's best civil engineering firms to work for. The rankings were established by trade-journal Stagnito Media (*CE News, Structural Engineering & Design, Rebuilding America's Infrastructure*) and media and management consulting and research firm ZweigWhite. Gregory Murphy's 12-employee firm (located at 8201 SouthPark Lane), was the only Colorado firm ranked out of 25 civil engineering firms. [www.calibre-engineering.com](http://www.calibre-engineering.com); 303.730.0434

**Bill Dierking has recently opened Innovative Home Systems at 1501 W. Campus Dr.** The company manufactures and sells the Garage Hawk remote door monitoring systems. The system provides a visual garage door status via a small plug-in remote module and allows the user to close an open door via telephone or internet connection. It can also be used with other devices for other functions such as turning on lights. [www.garagehawk.com](http://www.garagehawk.com); 720.733.4295

**Beef O’Brady’s Family Sports Pub held a ribbon cutting to celebrate its opening at 5150 S. Platte Canyon** in the Shoppes at Columbine Valley shopping center. Featuring an extensive variety of menu items and a family friendly environment (including games, TVs, and party room), owners Will and Tim Stevens are active in supporting community sports teams. [www.beefobradys.com](http://www.beefobradys.com); 720.287.5920

**Merle’s of Littleton, 2609 W. Main St., was recently featured in the “YourHub” Business Focus** section of the *Denver Post* as it celebrated its second anniversary with its pulled pork sandwich plate give away. The casual style and extensive menu of David Svenson and Mark Teets’ place attracts customers of all ages and has helped it to become a community gathering place. [www.merlesoflittleton.com](http://www.merlesoflittleton.com), 303.797.6008

**2539 W. Main Street is the new home of The Ballet Physique, a boutique fitness studio.** Kristen Zurek and her professional instructors offer group exercise classes that are a blend of strength training, stretching, ballet positions and Pilates. No ballet experience is required. [www.theballetphysique.com](http://www.theballetphysique.com); 303.955.1698

**Lewis & Bark (5623 S. Prince St.) celebrated its 10th anniversary this month** with giveaways and raffles, free food and a fun time for participants. Owner Carrie Lewis stocks a range of products for dogs and cats, including some hard-to-find and unusual items and great gifts for favorite furry friends. [www.lewisandbark.com](http://www.lewisandbark.com); 303.347.6370

**Mike VanVleet celebrated the opening of Centennial Rewards in the Woodlawn Shopping Center** (1500 W. Littleton Blvd.) with a recent ribbon cutting at the grand opening. The consignment shop and antique store offers a variety of quality furniture and household goods—even cars—along with other items. [www.centennialrewards.com](http://www.centennialrewards.com) 303.773.0150

**Gail Anderson recently opened the Black Rose Salon at 6333 S. Santa Fe Dr.** The beauty shop offers an array of services including waxing and cosmetology, stocks a variety of products, and provides a relaxing, fun atmosphere. [www.blackrosesalon.com](http://www.blackrosesalon.com); 303.703.3684

**Scott Isaacs, Naturopathic Doctor and Chiropractor, has recently moved his practice to Littleton.** Located at 2516 W. Main St. in the Ancient Art Health Center, Dr. Isaacs has undergone extensive training in internal medicine as well as musculoskeletal conditions, and strives to provide effective, quality health care that uses natural methods to allow the body to heal itself. [www.DrScottIsaacs.com](http://www.DrScottIsaacs.com); 303.797.6656

## Calendar

*HDLM: 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, Town Hall Arts Center*

## *Insights*

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

Like the private sector, the city continues to cinch up its belt during this major recession. The City Council's budget for 2011 has a 4% (or \$2 million) cut in spending. All city employee salaries were frozen, and some healthcare costs were shifted to the employees. While several positions and programs were eliminated in other departments, the Business/Industry Affairs department took reductions in travel and consulting budgets leaving the core program intact. Although the recession has had a definite impact on city budgets, the overall impact in Littleton has been less severe than in other parts of the country. Unemployment in Littleton has ranged from 6.8% to 7.2% and mortgage defaults have been very low. Sales and use tax revenues have been down 2.6%. Only construction activity has seen a significant downturn (-73%).

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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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