



Littleton Economic Notes August 2009

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Littleton Businesses

Moxie Media Group (2305 W. Berry Ave.) recently landed a **\$400,000 contract** from Avon Products Inc. to produce Avon's first infomercial. Moxie provides TV and video production and taping services. Mike Schrader, chief executive of the company, moved the company to Littleton in 2004.

Terry and Tim Bentley have opened the Blue Moo'd Restaurant & Lounge (5950 S. Platte Canyon Rd.) in the Shoppes at Columbine Valley shopping center. The restaurant features various entrees, pizza and appetizers for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday and provides brunch on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For a small cover charge, patrons can enjoy jazz and blues music on Friday and Saturday nights respectively.

PassTime (861 Southpark Dr.) has launched a new **vehicle tracking product** with Cinterion Wireless. The PassTime Elite II provides payment reminders and vehicle tracking for the finance industry. Owners Stan Schwartz and Jake Frank produce a variety of products that are used to reduce loss of property and to reduce risks of loan defaults, particularly for subprime auto loans.

2510 W. Main St. is now home to Blue Ruby Design Boutique, which features designer clothing and home décor items from Current Elliot, AG Denim, Custo Barcelona, and Nanette Lepore. Julie Watson's shop is open throughout the week including Saturdays (10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and Sundays (12:00 to 5:00 p.m.).

Sk3tchbook is planning to open the first part of September at 5743 S. Prince St. Artists Tom Sarmo, Teresa Brooks, and Ruth Fiege will feature their works along with those of other Colorado artists and artisans in this working studio.

Mark Aumen (5763 S Prescott St.) has opened **Discount Shipping Solutions**. Working with InXpress and Blue Grace shipping, the company coordinates with a wide range of freight carriers to offer less than full load shipping at significant discounts. It is also an authorized representative for DHL, with international parcel and document shipping services.

Bull Locks Hair is the latest addition to the Woodlawn Shopping Center (1500 W. Littleton Blvd.) and the third of its kind in the metro area. With a fashion forward attitude, owner Stephen Toscana offers a barber shop for men and a salon for women along with classic grooming services. The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 to 5, and offers \$15 haircuts for men on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Other

The Littleton Police Department continually updates business information contact cards. These cards allow Police to contact indicated individuals should an employee of the Police Department find an open door, open window, or any other unusual occurrence at a business after hours. If you need to update any contact information or if you need to fill out a contact card, please contact the Littleton Police Department at 303-795-3927 or at jryan@littletongov.org.

Colorado Center for the Blind is raising money to support blind children and teens in their pursuit for independence at *Improv Under the Stars*, featuring Denver's favorite Impulse Theater. The show will be on Saturday, August 29 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the center's location, 2233 W Shepperd Ave. For just \$40 you will be treated to THE funniest show. There will also be an auction (items include airline tickets and fantastic vacations!), great food, drinks, and entertainment from "Stray Dog." For tickets or info, call or e-mail Kimberley Johnson: 303.778.1130 x212 or kjohnson@cocenter.org.

Calendar

HDLM: Sept. 2, 2009, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall Arts Center

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

A couple of bright spots in the economic downturn have been the new Hampton Inn hotel on County Line Road and the Alexan apartments on the old Electron Iron Foundry site at Santa Fe and Belleview. The new hotel is much larger (6 stories and 118 rooms) and upgraded over their standard offering. It has a swimming pool, hot tub and small meeting room as well as great views of the Front Range. Management expects to open sometime in early fall.

The striking design of the Alexan apartments has dramatically changed the northern entry way into Littleton on Santa Fe. Granite counter tops, wood floors and superior soundproofing are featured in all units as well as a spacious clubhouse with an outdoor pool and views of the mountains. Rental activity in the first block of the 350 apartments is reportedly going well.

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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