



Littleton Economic Notes

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New Businesses

A Quilter's Choice

Myrna Ficken recently opened her business, A Quilter's Choice, at 5787 S. Gallup St. Myrna has travelled all over the country and the world teaching quilting, but has set up shop here in Littleton because of the convenient location and the sense of community. Myrna offers quilting classes at her store, rents out and sells quilting machines, and also has retail items available. For more information visit her store on Gallup St., or visit her website at <http://www.aquilterschoice.com/>.

Original Hardware

Carrie Schafer recently opened her jewelry store, Original Hardware, on Main Street. Original Hardware began as a wholesale business, but Carrie decided she wanted to expand her business to include a retail storefront. She chose Littleton, and specifically Main Street, because of the great sense of community and the numerous events in the area. Carrie makes all of her jewelry in house and is most excited to see the end customer after the several years in the wholesale business. For more information visit Original Hardware at 2336 W. Main St., or <http://originalhardware.com/>.

Outlaw Yoga

Owner Justin Kaliszewski grew up in the Littleton area, and is excited to have recently opened his yoga studio, Outlaw Yoga, on Main Street. The downtown location fits well with Justin's emphasis on being connected and giving back to the community. Outlaw Yoga offers over 30 classes a week, and can

accommodate anyone from beginning to more advanced levels. For more information stop by Outlaw Yoga at 2590 Main St., or visit their website at <http://www.outlawyoga.com/>.

City Announcements

Downtown Development Question

Why haven't Fuzzy's and ViewHouse restaurants been able to get their projects off the ground in Downtown Littleton?

Answer: The owner of ViewHouse purchased the properties at 2670 and 2680 W. Main Street in 2015. At that time they were updating and opening their Centennial location. Once the Centennial location opened they realized their customer load was far greater than anticipated. They anticipated the same would be true with the Littleton location. Their plan was already approved but they felt they needed to lease or purchase additional property for parking. For several months they've been assessing and making offers on locations near Main Street without a satisfactory outcome. City staff made it clear we wanted to see the restaurant open and continue to reach out to provide assistance. The ultimate decision remains with the owner of ViewHouse.

The owners of Fuzzy's Taco Shop purchased the location at 2420 W. Main Street (previously Jose's) in 2015. The plan proposed included major interior and façade improvements and a rooftop deck. The additional occupancy load and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) required fire mitigation and access upgrades. Staff made it clear we wanted Fuzzy's in Littleton and worked diligently with the owners to find alternatives that would meet their needs. Ultimately, they decided to put the property on the market and look for another site in the downtown area. Staff continues to work with Fuzzy's to find a suitable location.

Grants

The city has several grant opportunities, including: the Revitalization Incentive Grant, the Main Street Historic District Grant, and the Place-Making Grant. For more information visit <http://www.littletongov.org/index.aspx?page=1104>.

Project Activity Map

Littleton is open for business, and many development projects are occurring throughout the city. Visit the [Project Activity Map](#) to learn more.

Business Resources

Know anyone looking to open a business in Littleton, or could utilize the business services offered by the city? The City has extensive resources and can assist businesses in many ways, including: marketing and social media strategies, networking strategies, demographic information, and more. Visit <http://www.littletongov.org/index.aspx?page=774> for more information.

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