

LITTLETON REPORT

City of Littleton

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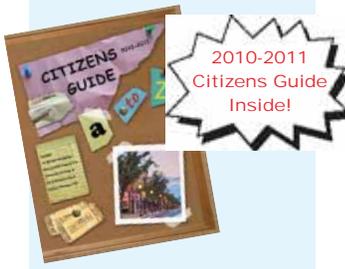
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New regional Humane Society opens in Littleton

The Humane Society of the South Platte Valley (HSSPV) opened its doors in mid-December and has a public open house scheduled for Saturday, February 27 from noon to 4 p.m. The HSSPV is located at 2129 West Chenango Avenue, Unit A. The cities of Littleton and Englewood have worked for more than a year toward a successful resolution of the issues involved with terminating their contracts with the Colorado Humane Society. Littleton and Englewood will each provide further financial support in the amount of \$50,000 per year starting in 2010.

The 6,500 square-foot building offers a large play yard for exercising dogs, and a staff veterinarian to perform subsidized spay and neuter services and to treat animals under its care. Other programs are pet adoption services, lost and found, vaccinations, and micro-chip identification services and clinics.

The Humane Society of the South Platte Valley is managed by Chief Executive Officer Nick Fisher. Fisher was the former director of the Table Mountain Animal Shelter and has more than 20 years experience in all facets of for profit



and non profit management in animal welfare, shelter, care, and control. "Creating this new Humane Society has been an amazing collaboration of effort," Fisher said. "The cities of Littleton and Englewood and their respective councils have been instrumental in the success of the project and have each contributed \$100,000 to assist us with capital and start up costs for the new facility. Both cities have shared a vision of a regional animal shelter since 2001," he added.

Littleton and Englewood officials are

working with other local governments in the south metro area encouraging them to partner in the facility. There are many advantages to a regional shelter due to the economies of scale.

The Humane Society of the South Platte Valley is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations may be tax deductible to the full extent of the law. The tax identification number is 27-0911048. For further information or to make a donation call 303-588-6797 or visit www.hsspv.org.

City council workshop scheduled

The Littleton City Council's 2010 Workshop will be Friday, February 19 at 8 a.m. at the Littleton Museum, 6028 South Gallup Street. The public is welcome.

The workshop will provide direction to staff to pursue council's goals for 2010. The topics include:

- The feasibility of renovating the Sternberg building at 2009 West Littleton Boulevard
- Overview of the economic outlook for 2010
- Discussion of the possible rebuild of Rio Grande Avenue
- 2010 Outreach Schedule
- Open Session

For further information, call 303-795-3720.



Mayor Doug Clark addresses a crowd estimated at 250 with Norgren President J.D. Johnson (center) and Governor Bill Ritter (right) December 7. The event marked the unveiling of \$4.5 million in improvements to the Norgren facility at 5400 S. Delaware Street. The world leader in pneumatic and fluid control solutions employs 230 people at the site with plans to add 40 more jobs.

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The January 10 grand opening of Big Papa's BBQ at 5151 South Federal Boulevard drew an impressive crowd. Left to right are: Littleton City Council Members Peggy Cole and Jim Taylor, United States Congressman Mike Coffman, Big Papa's co-owner Frank Alfonso, United States Congressman Ed Perlmutter, Littleton City Council Member Bruce Stahlman, and Big Papa's co-owner Bill Cossoff.

The South Suburban Park Foundation Builds Trails!

The South Suburban Park Foundation (SSPF) wants to give you a complimentary pocket size color map of south metro area trails. Visit www.sspf.org. Grab your friends and family and explore the great outdoors!

For more than 30 years, the SSPF has led the way to completing:

- The Mary Carter Greenway/South Platte River Trail, major north/south spine;
- The Discovery Pavilion at Chatfield which celebrates the joining of three of the region's major trail systems: the South Platte River Trail, the Waterton Canyon/Colorado Trail, and the High-line Canal Trail;
- The 200-foot clear span pedestrian Platte River bridge providing the vital link over the river and connecting to Big Dry Creek;
- 10,000 Trees Project engaging more than 3,000 volunteers throughout the river corridors;
- And most recently, the Big Dry Creek Trail which provides the final link to a 14-mile trail loop.

The SSPF's most recent project includes supporting the efforts of the future Caley Trail. Visit the website for project progress and updates!

The SSPF is committed to leaving a legacy of greenways, trails and open space. There are opportunities for individuals and groups to contribute funds, in-kind support and volunteer efforts toward a shared community objective. Call 303-753-0905 to schedule a group presentation, including the DVD narrated by John Fielder, coordinate a volunteer event, or for additional opportunities.

LHA begins stimulus projects

In February, 2009, the Littleton Housing Authority received \$274,518 in federal stimulus funds for its public housing capital fund program. The funds have been earmarked for the following projects:

- Installation of new energy-efficient windows and related renovations on the ground floor of Bradley House (a 72-unit senior apartment building).
- Installation of new Energy-Star rated refrigerators in a portion of the housing authority's public housing family units.
- Water-saving sprinkler systems and xeriscaping on several public housing family sites.

To date, over \$100,000 of these funds have been obligated for these projects, and all funds are expected to be expended by the summer of 2010.

LHA offering free energy audits

The Littleton Housing Authority Rehab Program has partnered with Lightly Treading, a contractor with Xcel Energy, to perform energy audits in the homes of income eligible Littleton homeowners. For a short time, these audits will be performed at no cost to the homeowner on a first-come, first-served basis. An energy report will be provided with information on what weatherization or energy issues should be addressed within the home. The Rehab Program has funding available to correct these issues as well as other rehabilitation projects.

For more information about the Rehab Program and eligibility requirements, contact Kimberly Kingston, rehab coordinator, at 303-991-5301.

City offices closed February 15

The Littleton Center, Bemis Public Library, and the Littleton Museum will close Monday, February 15 in recognition of Presidents' Day.

HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED?

United States
Census
2010



Jobs. Roads. Hospitals. Schools.
Help Littleton get what it needs for the next 10 years.

Forms will be delivered starting in March.
www.2010census.gov

Watch for your 2010 census survey form which will be arriving at your home in mid-March. There are only ten questions and it should take less than ten minutes to complete. The forms can be mailed back or dropped off at Bemis Library, 6014 S. Datura St. The U.S. Census Bureau will have trained employees and volunteers at Bemis Library to assist citizens with completing the form. A schedule of census office hours will be posted at the library and at www.littletongov.org. For more information call the library after March 15 at 303-795-3961.

It is very important that every person be counted in this census. The statistics collected will determine redistricting for representation in the state legislature and in the U.S. Congress and be the basis for state and federal funding for roads, schools, hospitals, job training programs, public transportation and much more. Any personal information gathered is confidential and will not be shared with any other agency.

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GUYS & DOLLS

February 12 - March 21



A Musical Fable of Broadway
 Music and lyrics by Frank Loesser
 Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

Reserved seats \$18-\$36
 303.794.2787
 Order tickets online at TownHallArtsCenter.com

Events

District III Town Hall meeting coming

Hosted by Council Member Phil Cernanec
 For residents in the southeast quadrant of Littleton
 Saturday, February 13, 1-3 p.m.-South Metro Denver Board of Realtors office
 7899 S. Lincoln Court, northeast corner of Broadway and Mineral Avenue
 All residents of District III are invited!

Full Moon Walks

On February 28 from 7-8:30 p.m., explore the South Platte Park forest by moonlight with a naturalist as dusk brings out nocturnal creatures. Ages 6-adult. \$9 adults, \$7 youth/\$6 adults, \$5 youth (district). Meet at the Solar House Classroom next to the Carson Nature Center. To register log on to www.sspr.org or call 303-347-5999.

Trout Unlimited hearing scheduled

The Littleton City Council will hold a public hearing Tuesday, February 16 at 7 p.m. to discuss a proposal by Trout Unlimited to enhance fishing opportunities in the South Platte River. Habitat improvements are proposed in four locations from approximately C-470 to Mineral Avenue.

Littleton's popular tree planting program returns for 2010

The City of Littleton continues its annual tree planting program with 20 species of trees available. The Tree Program is intended to encourage tree planting, species diversity and water conservation and is open to all property owners in the city. On Saturday, April 17, the city's Tree Committee will distribute 280 trees. Program participants pay \$30 for bare root trees and \$45 for "balled & burlapped" trees. These trees must be planted within the Littleton city limits.

All newly planted trees require regular watering, applied in all seasons, for three to four years after planting. Most of the trees offered are considered low or low-moderate water-demand trees which require minimal supplemental watering, once established. The Linden and Sugar

Maple trees require more water and should be planted in areas with irrigation. Tree photos and descriptions are available on the city website at www.littletongov.org.

Eight types of trees will be provided in bare root form. Bare root trees are light and easy to handle but require immediate planting. The remaining twelve species of trees are "balled & burlapped" (B&B), with root balls weighing 50 to 100 pounds. All of the trees will initially be five to twelve feet in height, with initial trunk calipers and mature sizes as indicated on the order form. They may be planted in the public right-of-way or on private property in the city, with an initial limit of six trees per single-family residential property. School PTO's, businesses and homeowners associations are encouraged to

purchase larger quantities.

Participants must make arrangements to pick up and plant their own trees and are responsible for all maintenance, pruning and watering. The trees must be picked up Saturday, April 17 between 8 a.m. and noon at the Littleton Center at 2255 West Berry Avenue. Detailed tree planting instructions will be provided. Volunteers will plant trees for those who are physically unable.

Interested citizens should fill out the application and return it with a check payable to the City of Littleton. The trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis with a March 12 application deadline. After this deadline please call to check on tree availability. Call 303-795-3766 for more information.

2010 TREE PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Work Phone: _____

Address: _____

	1st Tree	2nd Tree
First Choice		
Alternate Choice		

	3rd Tree	4th Tree
First Choice		
Alternate Choice		

Total # of trees ordered: _____ (Attach additional sheet if more than four ordered).

Send application and check to: **Tree Program/City of Littleton**
 2255 West Berry Avenue
 Littleton, CO 80165

Return by March 12, 2010

Enclose check and make payable to City of Littleton: \$30 per bare root ornamental tree
 \$45 per B&B tree

- I can help pick up and deliver trees in my neighborhood on April 17.
- I can help plant trees for others.
- I am requesting help planting my tree(s).

Comments/suggested species for future programs: _____

Call 303-795-3766 with any questions.

Tree Species/ Botanical Name	Size/ Price	Notes	Mature Height	Mature Spread	Fall Color
Large Shade Trees					
Glenleven Linden <i>Tilia cordata 'Glenleven'</i>	1-1 1/4" bare root/\$30	fragrant June flowers	40-45'	30-35'	yellow
Sterling Silver Linden <i>Tilia tomentosa 'Sterling Silver'</i>	7-8' bare root/\$30	fragrant June flowers	50-60'	30-35'	yellow/ brown
Skyline Honeylocust <i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Skyline'</i>	1-1 1/4" bare root/\$30	thornless, podless	40-50'	30-40'	bright yellow
Legacy Sugar Maple <i>Acer saccharum 'Legacy'</i>	1-1 1/4" bare root/\$30	upright form, fall color	50-60'	30-40'	red/orange/ yellow
Bur Oak <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	tolerant of clay soils	50-60'	40-50'	yellow/ brown
Red Oak <i>Quercus rubra</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	fast growing, avoid heavy clay (high pH) soils	50-70'	40-50'	yellow/ brown
English Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	long-lived, adaptable	40-60'	40-50'	brown
Swamp White Oak <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	long-lived, adaptable	40-60'	40-50'	yellow/ brown
White Oak <i>Quercus alba</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	long-lived, fall color	40-50'	40-50'	red/purple/ brown
Kentucky Coffeetree <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	white flowers, seedpods	40-60'	30-40'	yellow/ brown
Western Catalpa <i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	white flowers, long pods	40-60'	20-40'	yellow/ brown
Hackberry <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	corky bark, adaptable	50-60'	40-50'	yellow
Ruby Red Horsechestnut <i>Corylus corilina</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	scarlet flowers, mid-spring	35-45'	30-40'	yellow/ brown
Small Ornamental Trees					
Tatarian Maple <i>Acer tataricum</i>	1-1 1/4" bare root/\$30	low branched	20-25'	15-20'	orange/red/ yellow
Japanese Tree Lilac <i>Syringa reticulata</i>	1-1 1/4" bare root/\$30	white flowers	15-20'	15-18'	brown
Spring Snow Crabapple <i>Malus 'Spring Snow'</i>	6-7' bare root/\$30	white flowers in May, no fruit	20-25'	15-20'	yellow
Pink Spires Crabapple <i>Malus 'Pink Spires'</i>	7-8' bare root/\$30	pink flowers, 1/2" red fruit	15-20'	10-12'	yellow/ orange
Eastern Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	dark pink flowers	15-20'	15-18'	yellow
Cleveland Select Pear <i>Pyrus calleryana 'Cleveland Select'</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	white flowers, glossy leaves	25-35'	12-15'	purple/red
Downy Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier arborea 'Robin Hill'</i>	1-1 1/4" cal. B&B/\$45	pink/white flowers, red fruit	15-25'	12-15'	orange/red/ yellow

Tree descriptions and photographs are available on the city's web site at www.littletongov.org.



The Littleton Fire Rescue Fire Prevention Division has moved to 1221 W. Mineral Ave. This move was necessitated by the renovation of Fire Station 11 attached to the Littleton Center. The old office that held the fire inspectors at the fire station is being converted to living space for the station's firefighters. The new offices are a big improvement over the old cramped offices that the fire inspectors worked in for the past ten years. The Fire Prevention Division is comprised of Fire Marshal Jim Hofstra, Deputy Fire Marshals Rick Young and Tim Stover, Assistant Fire Marshals Hank Carter and Bill Oliver, Public Education Officer Katie Moore, Hazmat Inspector Brian Cronin, and several part-time, off-duty firefighter inspectors.

Four projects part of Station 11 remodel



There are four separate remodeling projects underway at Littleton Fire Rescue's Station 11. These projects were approved by voters in a 2008 TABOR election.

An apparatus bay expansion will provide an additional 200 square-feet to allow the medic unit to move to the north bay and the hazmat vehicle and trailer in the south bay.

The dorm remodel will create six individual bedrooms for privacy. It adds windows to four of the new bedrooms (pictured) and includes energy efficient lighting and new lockers.

Also included in the remodel is the re-

placement or renovation of existing light fixtures throughout the station to energy efficient lighting.

The bathrooms are being remodeled to include low flow fixtures and energy efficient lighting; and new shower walls, floors, countertops, sinks, faucets, and privacy panels.

South Platte Park offering new Cooley Lake hikes



Citizens commented, staff listened. In recent discussions regarding access to Cooley Lake, individuals indicated the free monthly access hikes on Sundays were inconvenient. In response, South Platte Park staff and volunteers rearranged the schedule starting in March of 2010. After 15 years, the free Cooley Lake walks will be offered at 9:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month beginning March 13, plus occasional Sundays (posted in the newsletter and at www.sspr.org/nature) to include the ever-popular Mother's Day and Father's Day morning walks. Walks last one and a half hours, and travel approximately 1.5 miles over level terrain. The minimum recommended age is five. To register for hikes, call 303-730-1022. Hike capacity is limited to ensure a quality experience so register early.

LFR celebrates the life of Battalion Chief



After losing a hard fought battle against brain cancer December 20, 2009, the life of Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) Battalion Chief Jeffrey John Christ was celebrated Thursday, January 7, 2010.

A well attended, touching service was held at Cherry Hills Community Church. The service was followed by an apparatus procession to Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Christ was recently named LFR's "Jack Easton Employee of the Year" for a combination of years of contribution and dedication to LFR and the communities it serves.

Christ joined LFR in 1986 after graduating from the Metro Fire Training Academy. He was promoted to engineer, captain and for the last ten years served as a battalion chief. Christ's physical fitness lifestyle led him to lead LFR's Physical Fitness Committee where he researched fitness equipment, purchased and maintained all station equipment, and managed the fitness budget. He was an original "Medics on Bikes" team member, an original TEMS (tactical EMS) member, attended and graduated from the CONTOMS (Counter Narcotics and Terrorism Operational Medical Support) course put on by the Department of Defense and was a charter member of LFR's Hazmat Team. He co-founded the C.A.R. program (Common Sense, Awareness and Responsibility) where he taught automobile safety to teenagers in high schools. Christ left a legacy of contributions and programs at LFR that he was instrumental in developing. He will be sorely missed.

2009 a busy year for LFR



Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) responded to a total of 12,035 calls for service in 2009 in Littleton, Highlands Ranch and the Littleton Fire Protection District. An additional 151

calls were responded to through mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions. The call breakdown for the three entities LFR serves is as follows:

Fires	179
Emergency Medical Service	8,094
Alarms	949
Hazmat	321
Other	2,492

Of note were 39 structure fires, 22 passenger vehicle fires, and 27 brush fires. Paramedics responded to 633 vehicle accidents with injuries, two swift water rescues, and two ice rescues. There were three responses to lightning strikes, 36 carbon monoxide incidents, and 53 maliciously activated false fire alarms.

LFR provides emergency response services and life safety education programs to the citizens of the City of Littleton, the Littleton Fire Protection District, and Highlands Ranch Metro District. This service is provided to approximately 200,000 people residing in an 80 square-mile area. Emergency response services include: fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, technical rescue, dive rescue and recovery, as well as wild land fire suppression.

Police vehicles equipped with automated license plate readers

As you drive past a Littleton Police patrol vehicle, you may notice some new equipment mounted on some of them. In the 2009 budget, city council approved the purchase of two Automated License Plate Readers that scan license plates as police officers patrol the city. The information is run through a data base that contains information on subjects of possible interest including: stolen vehicles, wanted persons, and registered sex offenders.

Littleton Public Schools (LPS) and the Littleton Police Department (LPD) partnered in the program and are combining their efforts with the mounted cameras. LPS contributed \$7,500 toward the cost. Patrol officers use

this vehicle to patrol near Littleton Public Schools and surrounding neighborhoods. This system is another tool to assist keeping children and the community safe.

The LPD received two additional Automated License Plate Readers through a Federal Justice Assistance Grant, both of which are mounted on marked patrol vehicles. LPD, in a joint grant application with the Cities of Englewood and Sheridan, received three additional units; one for Englewood Police, one for Sheridan Police and one that is mounted on a shared unmarked vehicle. This grant was awarded through the Colorado Auto Theft Protection Authority and also includes additional funds for overtime to work on auto theft issues.



Littleton Public Schools Superintendent Scott Murphy and Littleton Police Chief Heather Coogan.

Emergency alert system activated



The City of Littleton has begun using the Everbridge Aware emergency notification system for citizen alerts, allowing dispatchers to communicate in minutes with thousands of businesses and residents in the event of an emergency.

The system allows emergency dispatchers to alert residents about missing persons, fires, floods, toxic spills and other emergencies. Messages can be sent to almost any electronic communication path desired. Citizens with a land line that is already in the Arapahoe County 9-1-1 database are already subscribed to the program. The system also allows residents to register additional communication devices such as cell phones, email, pagers, and text messaging. Citizens can opt out if they desire.

The system was funded by the Arapahoe County E9-1-1 Authority. To sign up for emergency alerts or add additional devices, visit the city website at www.littletongov.org/emergency/notification.asp.

Cops hosting Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Symposium

The Littleton Police Department will host its first Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Symposium February 20. Block captains are invited to participate in a full day of presentations and interactive activities.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that encourages neighbors to get to know each other and their routines so that any suspicious activity is observed, reported and investigated. The program teaches participants to reduce their risk of being victimized, to make their homes more secure, and "look out for each other."

The symposium features guest speaker State Representa-

tive Joe Rice, and the Director of Consumer Protection for the Arapahoe County District Attorney's Office, Mason Finks. LPD Chief Heather Coogan will also speak.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2069 W. Littleton Blvd., with lunch provided.

The LPD Special Enforcement Team encourages citizens who do not currently have a Neighborhood Watch Group to contact Sergeant Cindy Mitchell at 303-795-3712 for information; there is still plenty of time to organize a group and participate in this event!

Officer honored for volunteerism

Littleton Police Sergeant Steve Skundberg was selected to be the recipient of the 2009 United We Serve Award in the city government category.

The award was established by the Denver Federal Executive Board to recognize government employees in Colorado who demonstrate exemplary volunteer and community service.

Skundberg was recognized January 21 for his work to raise money for Sungenate Kids with a yearly bowl-a-thon. Sungenate Kids is dedicated to helping children who are victims of sexual abuse or assault.



Dugan chosen for FBI Academy



The Littleton Police Department is pleased to announce that Lieutenant Sean P. Dugan has been selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He is only the seventh member of the department to attend

the ten-week course of study. Participants take graduate and undergraduate classes in behavioral and forensic science, understanding terrorist mindsets, leadership development and more.

More intersections begin red light photo enforcement

Two additional intersections have been added to the Intersection Safety Program to prevent dangerous red-light running. The intersections of West Bowles Avenue and South Santa Fe Drive, and West Mineral



Avenue and South Santa Fe Drive went live in January. An identical system has been operational at the intersection of South Broadway and West Littleton Boulevard since July and has been issuing citations since August. Photo-enforcement cameras capture still images and video of red-light running violations. During a 30-day warning period, violations recorded at the South Santa Fe Drive intersections resulted in a warning notice issued to the vehicle's registered owner.

"This warning period gave drivers an opportunity to become aware of the red-light system. We encourage people to slow down and definitely stop on red because citations will start being issued at the end of January," said Lieutenant Trent Cooper. "This is a public safety program, and our goal is to deter red-light runners and prevent collisions and injuries resulting from these violations."

At the completion of the warning period, citations will be issued. The program aims to protect citizens from injuries or crashes caused by red-light runners.

Cameras operate 24-hours a day and capture images of every vehicle running a red-light at the intersections. Warning signs alerting drivers to the red-light cameras have been installed.

The program is administered by American Traffic Solutions, Inc. (ATS) with each violation reviewed and approved by the Littleton Police Department.

Introducing Business Watch



The Littleton Police Department's (LPD) newly developed Business Watch program is designed to build relationships between the LPD and the business community. The program promotes safety and reduces the possibility that businesses become the victims of crime.

To participate and become a member of Business Watch, businesses must "opt in" at www.littletonpolice.org. They will then receive crime information, updates, and bulletins. Part of the program involves businesses being the "eyes and ears" of the LPD and reporting suspicious or criminal activity. Once becoming a participating "Business Watch" member, LPD will provide newly designed decals and signage that identifies the business as a participant in the program.

CDOT grant producing results

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) completed its second 12-month enforcement period on a grant provided by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) known as Littleton Impaired Crash Reduction (LICR). The LICR grant started October 1, 2007. The grant has provided more than \$45,000 for impaired driving, speed, and occupant protection enforcement along the South Santa Fe Drive corridor. Officers have made 672 impaired driving arrests during the two year period.

Due to the success of the program, CDOT, in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, has approved the LICR grant for a third year. The LPD will continue DUI enforcement to reduce the number of impaired drivers on Littleton's roadways. The efforts will include high visibility and increased patrols randomly deployed throughout the year, as well as on holidays.

Awards and Milestones

Ostermiller appointed to South Suburban Board



John Ostermiller has been appointed to South Suburban Park and Recreation's Board of Directors. His background includes contributing more than 30 years of time and talent to numerous local, regional and statewide organizations. He has provided leadership in Littleton's planning and governance, serving nine years on city council, two years as mayor, and 20 years on the planning commission.

Ostermiller will complete a term of office on South Suburban's Board that became available when Board Member Phil Cernanec resigned after being elected to the Littleton City Council. Ostermiller will serve on the board until May 2010, at which time he will be eligible to run for a full, four-year term.

Finance Department recognized for CAFR

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to the City of Littleton by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its *2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Xcel Energy makes Immigrant Center donation

The Xcel Energy Foundation donated \$750 to Bemis Library's Immigrant Resources Center January 5. The funds will be used to better equip immigrants to become productive and valued members of the community. With the help of the Xcel Foundation, the center can provide some of the immigrants with much needed support.

Heritage High School football team recognized



The Littleton City Council recognized the Heritage High School football team as Guest Citizens at the December 15 council meeting for winning the State 4A football championship. This was Heritage's first appearance in the championship game since the school's founding in 1972.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Mike Griebel, the Eagles finished with a 13-1 season in 2009. They also advanced to the state quarterfinals in 2007 and 2008. The Eagles made it to the state finals following a dramatic,

nail biting, overtime victory over Monarch High School November 29 at Littleton Public Schools Stadium. Quarterback Mitch Greibel was named the game MVP.

Meetings scheduled to discuss lighting ordinance

The Community Development Department is amending the city's lighting ordinance and is inviting commercial property and business owners to discuss proposed amendments. The scheduled meetings are open to all, but the presentations will be directed toward specific groups as listed below:

Thursday, February 11, 3:30 to 5 p.m. - Shopping Centers

Thursday, February 18, 3:30 to 5 p.m. - Gas Stations

Thursday, February 25, 3:30 to 5 p.m. - All other Businesses and Property Owners

The meetings will be held in the Community Room of the Littleton Center at 2255 West Berry Avenue. RSVP to 303-795-3748 by February 8.

Immigrant Center continues to thrive



The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center was created by members of the Littleton community in response to a growing immigrant population. As Littleton City Manager Jim Woods stated, "some may see an increase in new people as a challenge. We choose to see it as an opportunity."

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center, housed in the Bemis Public Library, offers immigrants three very important services. The first is a One-Stop Center where immigrants can find information on a wide range of services like healthcare, housing and jobs. The second is a Citizenship Mentoring program through which immigrant students have the opportunity to work alongside citizen volunteers to study for the naturalization test. The third is a Language Partners program that offers immigrants the chance to study and practice their use of the English language with a community volunteer. Since this program started in October 2009, a total of 48 volunteers have helped students learn English. For anyone interested in volunteering, there will be a workshop February 6 at Bemis Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

These efforts have helped hundreds of immigrants achieve a sense of belonging and build positive lives in Littleton. With the continued help and support of dedicated volunteers, many more can be helped.

If you are interested in becoming an American citizen, the Immigrant Resources Center is hosting a naturalization and citizenship workshop March 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. RSVP to Alejandra Harguth at 303-795-3968 or aharguth@littletongov.org.

SSPR's matching gift program returns

South Suburban Parks and Recreation's Board of Directors has allocated \$10,000 for its annual Matching Gifts Program. This program matches donated dollars with district funds, resulting in double the money available for the development and improvement of community parks, trails, facilities and programs. Neighborhoods, homeowner associations, sports groups, businesses, service clubs, individuals and other community organizations are encouraged to make an application for matching funds to complete their community projects on district-owned or leased property. Applications for \$2,000 or less are more likely to be approved for funding. The district is accepting Matching Gift applications for tree plantings and landscape improvements and will continue a water conservation program in conformance with any watering restrictions that may arise in spring 2009.

Requests must be submitted by Friday, March 12, and it is preferred that the funding match be in dollars, but consideration will be given for documented in-kind services. The list of funded projects will be announced at the Wednesday, April 14 South Suburban Board meeting. Projects must be completed by December 31, 2010 including all final billings and reimbursements.

Applications may be picked up at the South Suburban Administrative Office, 6631 South University Blvd. or downloaded at www.sspr.org. For more information contact Nancy O'Connor at 303-798-5131.

Parkland stewards don't dump

South Suburban Parks and Recreation appreciates residents' efforts in being responsible stewards of public parkland. Much of the developed and undeveloped public parkland in neighborhoods is managed by South Suburban and contributes to property values aesthetically, ecologically, economically, educationally and recreationally. However, if this public parkland is compromised through irresponsible and potentially illegal activities a loss is experienced by the entire community.

Two of the most common types of irresponsible or illegal activities are unauthorized encroachments and dumping of landscape debris and trash. Encroachments include any unofficial modification of public land for personal use, essentially, the "taking" of land. Examples of encroachment are unpermitted digging, mowing, planting and construction of retaining walls, decks, tables, bridges, irrigation lines and fence extensions. Violators may be issued summons and are often ordered to remove or correct such plantings or structures at their own expense. Illegal dumping includes dirt, landscaping rock, bricks, cinder blocks, leaves, branches, logs and other woody debris. Other violations include storing building and fencing materials or other belongings in public open spaces.

All these activities create taxpayer costs for clean up and restoration, generate issues of legal liability, produce structures that may be a public safety hazard or impede water flow, promote the spread of noxious weeds, cause erosion, and damage wildlife habitat. Remember to always be a good parkland neighbor and responsibly use these valuable public resources. For questions or concerns about encroachment or dumping, contact a South Suburban Park Ranger at 303-730-1022. To find the South Suburban park or trail closest to your home visit www.sspr.org.

“Secretariat and the Littleton Family Who Owned Him” highlights Bemis schedule

Recreating Ardi, Our Oldest Human Ancestor

The revolutionary discovery of Ardiopithecus, the oldest fossil skeleton of a human ancestor, will be the focus of a presentation by computer graphics artist Ed Kramer February 9 at 7 p.m. Kramer recently finished the computer graphics work for the groundbreaking Discovery Channel show, *Discovering Ardi*.

Introduction to Digital Photography

Learn how to take great digital photos and use the special features on your camera February 12 at 9 a.m. in the library's conference room. Pre-registration is necessary.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy an espresso or delicious pastry while listening to music; all programs start at 2 p.m. On February 13, Hawaiian Love Songs with Keoni Coelho, a native Hawaiian. On March 13, lively Celtic music performed on the Irish flute, guitar and bodhran by the popular local group, *Peace & Love & Jigs & Reels*.

Saturday Movie Matinee: *Amelia*

Academy Award winner Hillary Swank stars in this film adventure that will be shown February 20 at 2 p.m. *Amelia* tells the inspiring story of the legendary American aviatrix, Amelia Earhart.

Secretariat and the Littleton Family Who Owned Him

Littleton resident Kate Chenery Tweedy had a front row seat when the legendary racehorse Secretariat thundered across America's racetracks and into sports history. She will tell this remarkable story March 30 at 7 p.m. Tweedy's mother, Penny Chenery, went from being a Littleton suburban wife and mother to become a national celebrity as the owner-manager of Secretariat from 1968-1973. As a teen during that time, Tweedy will reveal what it was like to experience Secretariat's astonishing career up close. Walt Disney Pictures began filming her mother's life story for the upcoming film in which Diane Lane plays Penny. Tweedy tells the story of her amazing family and their phenomenal horse in a book coming out this fall, *Secretariat's Meadow*.



One Pot Cooking

Local author Elizabeth Yarnell will give a cooking demonstration and discuss the latest edition of her book, *Glorious One-Pot Meals*, February 23 at 7 p.m. Anyone can use this technique to get dinner on the table in an hour or less. Copies of her book will be available for purchase.

Buying Your First Digital Camera

On February 26 at 9 a.m., learn what to look for in digital cameras and how to find a model that's easy to use. This demonstration class will be held in the library's conference room and pre-registration is necessary.

Perspectives on India

Former Littleton Mayor Susan Thornton and her husband John will share their impressions of the fascinating and ancient country of India March 2 at 7 p.m. The couple recently made a second visit to India after a gap of 40 years. Along with showing photos from their trip, they will talk about their impressions of the changes and economic progress of the country.

Saturday Movie Matinee: *2012*

Bring the family to see this exciting action-adventure film starring John Cusack and Amanda Peet March 20 at 1:30 p.m. With groundbreaking special effects, *2012* brings an end to the world through an apocalyptic catastrophe and tells of the heroic struggle of the survivors.

Evening Book Group

Meets at 7 p.m.
February 22: *Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway. This novel explores the brutality of war and the redemptive power of music.

March 15: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. A rare book expert is given the job of conserving a rare Hebrew manuscript.

Computer Training Classes

Free computer classes are offered in the computer training lab on the lower level. All classes are from 9-10:30 a.m. and pre-registration is necessary.

Beginning Internet: February 20, March 20
Beginning Microsoft Access: March 30
Beginning Microsoft Excel: February 10, March 16
Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint: March 24
Beginning Microsoft Publisher: February 23
Beginning Microsoft Word: February 9, March 9
Beginning Windows: February 2, March 2
Computer Comfort: February 6, March 6
Email Lab: February 3
Getting Digital Photos Out of Your Camera: March 26
Intermediate Microsoft Excel: February 17
Intermediate Microsoft Word: February 16, March 17
Online Bridge: February 24
Open Computer Lab: Every Thursday morning; no registration required.
Self-Publishing Lab: March 10
Using the Internet to Self-Publish: March 3

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Afternoon Programs

All programs start at 2 p.m.
February 22: Online Shopping: Find the Best Deals. Learn about the best websites for finding bargains, comparing products, and looking for resale items on Craigslist.

March 22: Getting Here: From a Seat on a Train to a Seat on the Bench. Hear the moving story of the life of Peter Ney, a Littleton resident and judge on the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Senior Book Club

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m.
February 1: *Queen of the Road* by Doreen Orion.
March 1: *The #1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall-Smith.

Senior Wii Bowling

Third Thursday of the month (February 18, March 18) at 2 p.m. Whether you're an expert Wii bowler or have never tried it before, experience the fun of Wii bowling! No registration required, and you do not have to attend every month to participate.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Photography Contest

Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme "Make Waves @Your Library" by March 15. The winning photos from two age groups (middle school and high school) will be published on a bookmark to be given out for the summer reading program. For more information, contact Teen Librarian Mark Decker at mdecker@littletongov.org.

Teen Tech Week: Learn, Create, Share

The library has much more to offer than just books! Teen Tech Week offers teens the chance to learn about other library services. Check the teen blog at www.bemislibrary.blogspot.com to learn how you can win prizes. Activities include:

The Six Word Life Story Contest: Write a creative life story using only six words!
Book and Game Reviews: Read a book or checked out a video game you think others would enjoy? Create a killer review and submit it to Mark.
Web Scavenger Hunt: Use library databases and other web tools to finish a scavenger hunt. The first correct finisher wins a prize!
Create a Stop-Motion Animation Video: Check out the links that will be available to learn how to make your own stop-motion animation video. Upload the video to YouTube and send Mark (mdecker@littletongov.org) the link. The best video will win a prize.

Wii Game

Featuring a different game each month. Third Thursday at 3:30 p.m.
February 18: Carnival Games
March 18: Avatar

Anime Club

First Saturday of the month at noon.
February 6: Baki the Grappler
March 6: Title will be selected at February meeting.

Teen Advisory Group

Fourth Friday at 3:30 p.m. Planning the summer reading program on February 26 and March 26.

Teen Writers Group

Third Tuesday at 4 p.m. (February 16, March 16). All teen creative writers are welcome! This group meets once a month to provide feedback on participants' writing (bring copies of your writing to share with the group). Contact Mark Decker (mdecker@littletongov.org) for more details.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

We have Wii... and Nintendo... and Playstation 3

The library now owns approximately 50 games (with more on the way) for kids, including Wii, Nintendo DS and PlayStation 3. One game per library card may be checked out for one week.

Family Show

On February 7 at 2 p.m., laugh and learn with magician, ventriloquist, and puppeteer James Loshbaugh. This family-friendly show is ideal for ages three and up, and includes a fun-filled magic act, an endangered species puppet segment, and a marionette show... all emphasizing the excitement of reading!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Entertainer Bill Anderson weaves magic, music, drama, storytelling and funny puppetry into a show like no other to help celebrate the 106th birthday of Dr. Seuss. Snacks and surprises also await, so be sure to register and don't be late! Call the library to register for this program February 28 at 2 p.m.

Paint a Plaster of Paris Pal

On March 23 at 2 p.m., just for 3rd-5th graders. Decorate a cute, mini garden critter to keep. Space is limited, call beginning March 8 to register.

Colorado Alive

For kids in grades K-5, The Denver Zoo presents live Colorado wildlife and biofacts about the diverse natural species in our state March 24 at 2 p.m. Call beginning March 8 to reserve a space.

Cool Kaleidoscope Craft

Kids in grades K-2 can create, decorate and personalize their own beautiful and unique color collage for looking at the world March 25 at 2 p.m. Space is limited, call beginning March 8 to register.

Note: no story box or story time programs the week of 3/22.

Story Box

For ages infant through 36 months Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. A 30-minute session for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of rhythm and reading. Space is limited; free tickets available one week in advance.

Story Time

For children ages three through kindergarten Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities, with a puppet show the first week of the month.

Paws To Read

Kids in grades 1-5 can practice reading to a visiting furry friend the third Saturday of the month between 10 a.m. and noon. Call to register for a 20-minute spot February 20 or March 20.

Dial-a-Story

Your child can listen to a story any time by calling 303-795-3960. Enjoy a new story or an old favorite.

Six Littleton businesses celebrate grand openings



A ribbon cutting marked the official opening of the The Hampton Inn & Guest Suites at 3095 W. County Line Rd. in December. The six-story hotel has 118 rooms and suites with all the amenities one would expect. Sales Manager Monica Chambers and General Manager Toby Stephenson wielded the scissors surrounded by (l to r): Jack Nash, Linda More, Nate Stover, Rachel Williams, Mayor Doug Clark, Council Members Peggy Cole, Phil Cernanec, and Jose Trujillo; Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Brinkman, Stephanie Jaggard, Hamant Patel and Kelly Schable.



Friends and family surrounded Dr. Mollie Richardson at the opening of her new family dental offices in Riverside Downs at 2630 W. Belleview. Pictured at the ribbon cutting (front row, l to r): Christi Kluender, Derk Richardson, Dr. Richardson, Lacy Massey and Council Member Peggy Cole; (second row) Rusty Nail, Jim Ferrel, Bob and Bonnie Olds, Thinh Nguyen and Council Members Jose Trujillo and Jim Taylor; (back row) Michelle Kastner and Jim Donovan.



Peggy McConnell celebrated the move of her shop, I Love It, from S. Broadway to 2370 W. Main St. with a recent ribbon cutting. The shop houses a variety of unique works created by Colorado artists and artisans combined with selected new and consigned home décor items. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are (l to r): Council Member Jose Trujillo, Marla Nemechek, McConnell, Council Member Peggy Cole and Mayor Doug Clark.



After being in the auto repair and service business at their Denver shop since 1992, Al and Jessica Oramas just celebrated the opening of their Littleton Pro Auto Care at 2753 W. Church St. Pictured at the ribbon cutting (l to r) are: Marvin Garcia, Primos and Elvira Gutierrez, Rob Haney, Manny and Celeste Barela, Woodsen Herring, Jessica, Jennifer Ancell, Mayor Doug Clark, Daniel Jacob, Council Member Jose Trujillo, Al, Willber Mena, Council Member Peggy Cole, John Dorchak, and Store Manager David Ferguson.



Owner Christy Lodwick recently celebrated the opening of Integrative Weight Loss & Wellness Center in the new second floor offices of the Ancient Art Healing Center at 2516 W. Main St. with a ribbon cutting on the outside deck. The center provides holistic weight loss programs individually designed for clients. Pictured (l to r) are: Herli Nava, Donna Call, Barb Meister, Liz French, Lodwick, Dr. Ken Epstein, Mayor Doug Clark, Caitlin Clark, Council Member Jim Taylor, and Mark Costello.



Reid Husmer recently held a ribbon cutting for Gone for Good, his new business at 7600 S. Grant St. Reid's eco-friendly company picks up unwanted items from homes or businesses and resells (on consignment), donates (to client's charity after 30 days) or recycles depending on the item. Helping out at the ribbon cutting (l to r) are: Mayor Doug Clark, Reid, Jenn Watson, service-dog-in-training Sandy, and Council Member Jim Taylor.

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City Council Accommodations

The public is invited to attend all regular meetings or study sessions of the Littleton City Council or any city board, commission or public program.

Please call 303-795-3857 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or program if you will need special assistance or any reasonable accommodation in order to be in attendance at or participate in any such meeting or program.

For any additional information concerning the city's compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, please call 303-795-3857.

Additional city government information can be found at www.littletongov.org or on Littleton 8 on Comcast cable.

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