

# LITTLETON REPORT

City of Littleton

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## City Council passes resolution concerning ballot initiatives

(Verbatim text of Resolution No. 19 series 2010)

A RESOLUTION OF THE LITTLETON CITY COUNCIL URGING THE VOTERS TO CONSIDER THE COMPLEXITY AND AMBIGUITY OF PROPOSITION 101 AND AMENDMENTS 60 AND 61, ALONG WITH THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THOSE ISSUES DIRECTLY ON THE VOTERS AS WELL AS ON THEIR CITY

The Blue Book, mailed by the state to all voters, discusses the issues surrounding Proposition 101 and Amendments 60 and 61 from the state level. However, since the organization and taxing policies of each city and local entity differ, the Blue Book cannot describe the effects of these ballot issues for each individual city. Therefore, this resolution lists some of the issues affecting Littleton voters and urges them to consider the positive and negative impacts of these ballot issues not only at the state level, but also at the local level.

### Proposition 101

Proposition 101 reduces state income tax, and reduces taxes and fees on automobiles and telecommunications.

It is unclear at this point what the impact of Proposition 101 on the city

will be because of ambiguities in the wording of the proposition and because of potential conflicts with the State Constitution and federal law. However, using the same assumptions used by the Blue Book, we estimate Proposition 101 will reduce the city's revenue annually when fully implemented. As a point of reference, the city currently spends approximately \$1 million repaving roads, \$1.5 million for the museum, and \$2.2

million for the library each year.

It will be up to the legislature and the courts to define the meaning of various sections of Proposition 101, and which areas of the proposition apply to home rule cities like Littleton.

Those decisions by the legislature and courts will determine the final fiscal impact of Proposition 101 on the city and residents of the city.

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Omnibus and Shopping Cart riders give the thumbs up (front row seated) as Mayor Doug Clark and Council Member Bruce Stahlman (center standing) accept a \$40,000 check from the Regional Air Quality Council and the keys from Azure Dynamics for two hybrid vehicles August 10.

## 2011 budget includes cuts in services

Facing one of the most difficult budget processes in recent memory, the Littleton City Council gave tentative approval to the 2011 budget following numerous discussions with staff over the summer and a series of workshops held September 13-15.

In the past two years, the city has implemented many cost containment measures while avoiding significant cuts in services. Due to the on-going national recession, the proposed 2011 budget will result in noticeable reductions in services to citizens. Expenditures will drop \$2.4 million as compared to 2010, a five percent decrease. Revenues are anticipated to be two percent lower than 2010 (budget to budget comparison).

Among the city programs that will be eliminated are: National Night Out, Safety Day, the Junior Police Academy, the arson explosive canine program and one police canine, the *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report*, the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast, and the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup.

Services that will be reduced include: exhibits, lectures and concerts at the Littleton Museum, the Main Street Historic Preservation Grant program (\$50,000 to \$25,000), Littleton Museum fine art acquisitions (\$20,000 to \$5,000), the Littleton Police Citizens Academy (once annually versus twice), contract mowing in parks and tree planting, and a reduction in acquisition of library collection material (16

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## Calendars coming in December

The *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report* will be available the first week in December. It can be picked up at city facilities or from any of the calendar sponsors.

## Senior refund applications due soon

The last date to turn in applications for the Senior Property Tax Refund is November 1, 2010. To request an application or for other questions call 303-795-3764.

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Littleton Mayor Doug Clark and SmartCo Store Manager David Crookston cut the cake at the grand opening of the store on Bowles Avenue August 4. Hundreds of people lined up for the chance to be the first shoppers in the store that took over the space left vacated by Albertson's. At the grand opening, SmartCo made a \$2,500 donation to the Littleton Public Schools Foundation.



### James Anderson named presiding judge

The Littleton City Council approved a contract September 7 with James Anderson to become the presiding judge of the Littleton Municipal Court. Anderson has been an associate judge for the city since May. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law and also works as a municipal relief judge for the City of Aurora.

Anderson was selected following a nationwide search conducted by the National Center for State Courts. Forty candidates applied for the position and five were interviewed by a subcommittee that included Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Brinkman and Council Member Bruce Stahlman. The full city council interviewed the three finalists.

### Candlelight Walk returns to Main Street for 27th year

Mark your calendar for the 2010 Candlelight Walk and Tree Lighting Friday, November 26 in historic Downtown Littleton. The 27th edition of this Littleton tradition will feature a magical evening of holiday festivities, culminating in the illumination of the trees on Main Street. Santa Claus will make his way down Main Street in a sleigh followed by thousands of carolers holding candles and flashlights. Enjoy merchant open houses and bring your camera for a photo with Santa at Town Hall Arts Center or Santa's reindeer at 2659 West Main Street. The reindeer appearance is generously sponsored by Bradford Auto Body, Inc. and Western Welcome Week.

Gather at Town Hall Arts Center, Bega Park, or Bradford Auto Body, Inc. for free hot cider and music from

5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Candles will be available for 50 cents. Donations of non perishable food for Interfaith Community Services will be accepted, as will toys for the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop. Local choirs and musical groups will provide entertainment at various Main Street locations while waiting for Santa to arrive.

Main Street will be closed to traffic shortly after 5 p.m. and Santa will begin his march down the street starting at the courthouse at 6:30 p.m. The crowd will gather at the west end of Main Street where one lucky child's name will be drawn to help Santa throw the light switch on the huge, illuminated live trees. Free parking is available at Arapahoe Community College. Call 303-795-3863 with any questions.

### Golf cars and Segways now legal on some city streets



The City of Littleton recently adopted the 2010 Model Traffic Code for Colorado municipalities. As part of the revisions to the 2010 Model Traffic Code, state law now allows cities to elect whether they will allow certain electric vehicles on the city road-

ways. City council adopted an ordinance effective July 6 which makes it legal to drive golf cars and other low-speed electric vehicles and Segways on city roads that have a speed limit of 35 mph or less, with some exceptions. Golf cars and low speed electric vehicles are not permitted on Bowles Avenue, Littleton Boulevard, Main Street, Alamo Avenue, Federal Boulevard, Mineral Avenue, County Line Road, Broadway, Bellevue Avenue or Dry Creek Road.

### BALLOT: council resolution addresses November election

#### Amendment 60

Amendment 60 is a modification of TABOR dealing mainly with property tax issues. One provision of Amendment 60 that will affect Littleton residents immediately is a new property tax levied on enterprises and authorities.

Most Littleton residents receive water from Denver Water and sewer service from Littleton Sewer; both Denver Water and Littleton Sewer are enterprises. In order to pay the new property taxes both will have to raise rates. Denver Water estimates its rate increases will be approximately 10 percent, or about \$50 a year for an average household. We estimate Littleton Sewer rates will increase 24 percent or approximately \$54 a year.

The same provision of Amendment 60 which creates the new property tax on enterprises and authorities also requires the governmental entities receiving this new property tax revenue to lower their property tax rates accordingly. The problem for Littleton residents is that most of the assets of Denver Water and Littleton Sewer aren't located in Littleton.

Therefore, most of the increases paid by Littleton residents for water and sewer will not be returned to Littleton residents in lower property taxes.

Englewood Water and Centennial Water and Sanitation both own reservoirs in Littleton and will have to pay property tax on those assets. We do not know the value of the reservoirs and therefore cannot predict the amount of tax or the effect that revenue will have on property tax rates in Littleton.

#### Amendment 61

Amendment 61, a change to TABOR dealing with debt and borrowing, contains a number of provisions which potentially affect Littleton residents.

Littleton's charter currently limits the amount of debt Littleton can carry, other than for sewer, to 3.7 percent of the assessed value of taxable property. Amendment 61 increases that debt limit to 10 percent. This would allow Littleton to take on more debt than is currently allowed by its charter.

Amendment 61 also changes the definition of certain types of financing that are classified as debt or borrowing, and prohibits all borrowing except for bonded debt. This would prohibit the city's use of purchase cards, which the city currently uses to better track expenses and to lower purchase expenses.

It should be noted that even with the reclassification of certain types of financing into debt by Amendment 61, Littleton's total non-sewer debt would be 2.5 percent of the assessed value of taxable property, which is less than the 3.7 percent limit currently allowed by charter, and less than the new limit of 10 percent specified in Amendment 61.

TABOR requires a vote of the people to approve new debt, but allows refinancing of existing debt at a lower interest rate without a vote. Amendment 61 changes this to require refinancing existing debt be approved at a November election, effectively taking away the ability to refinance when interest rates go down—unless interest rates just happen to be low in November each year. The result will be higher borrowing costs for the city.

Amendment 61 sets a maximum duration of all city and enterprise loans to 10 years or less.

This will save money on interest costs but will increase the amount of loan payments.

Littleton has no immediate plans for borrowing money, but Denver Water has an extensive capital plan and estimates this requirement will increase future water rates 10 to 15 percent to pay for the higher loan payments. For an average household annual water bill of \$500 this will be an increase of \$50 to \$75 a year. This increase is in addition to the estimated 10 percent water rate increase associated with the passage of Amendment 60. Most Littleton households are on Denver Water.

#### Therefore

The city council resolves to urge voters to carefully read about these issues in the Blue Book and to consider how Proposition 101 and Amendments 60 and 61 impact voters at the local level, as well as at the state level, when casting their ballots.

### Dumping is prohibited



Littleton City Code Section 7-1-11 prohibits unlawful dumping on city property or on any privately owned property, except in designated disposal areas. It is also unlawful to deposit trash or litter into any trash can or dumpster owned by another person. A conviction of this offense carries a minimum fine of \$300.



As part of its year-long 40th anniversary celebration, the Littleton Museum hosted a panel discussion in August titled "Littleton Museum—the Beginning: From Three Who Were Here." The panel consisted of three influential men in Littleton's history: Garret Ray, former editor of the *Littleton Independent*; Vaughn Gardinier, former Littleton city council member; and Larry Borger, former Littleton city manager. The panelists discussed the early days of the Littleton Historical Museum, the purchase of the land, and the people involved. The hour-long program will be shown on *Littleton 8* Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. Visit [www.littletongov.org/littleton8](http://www.littletongov.org/littleton8) for the complete schedule.

## BUDGET: services, staff included in cuts

percent). In addition, \$300,000 in capital equipment city-wide is being deferred including replacing police and fire vehicles, and video systems in police patrol cars.

City employee salaries will be frozen, including step increases in police and fire and a 30 percent reduction in public safety overtime. Eight and a half positions will be eliminated, including three in the fire department and one in the police department. Two positions are being deferred. Unrelated to the economy, employees will also see an eight percent increase in health insurance premiums.

While the council and staff discussed furlough days, the council decided to keep that option open pending quarterly revenue reviews next year.

City Manager Jim Woods stated, "If the economy and city revenues continue to lag well into 2011, additional mid-year cuts will likely be necessary to avoid an unsustainable budget deficit in 2012."

First reading of the budget is scheduled for November 2 with the public hearing and final reading expected November 16.

## LHA Rehab Program awarded HOME funds

On May 21, the Littleton Housing Authority Rehab Program was notified that it would receive additional funding of \$150,000 through a HOME Funds Grant. These funds will be used to assist low and moderate-income Littleton homeowners with renovations to their homes.

Home modifications such as room additions, kitchen and bathroom renovation and landscaping are available in addition to basic rehab needs. The Rehab Program offers construction management throughout the renovation.

The maximum loan is \$25,000. Loans can be designed to fit the homeowner's budget. Most loans are available at 4.75 percent simple interest. In some cases, the loans may be deferred until sale or transfer of the property.

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

## Leaf recycling returns this fall

The Cities of Littleton and Englewood are continuing their annual leaf-recycling program. In the previous 17 years of the program, 15,200 cubic yards of leaves and 2,271 tires were recycled. It will be held October 31, and November 7 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mountain States Wood Recyclers (2300 West Radcliffe Avenue, Sheridan).

Volunteers at the site will accept leaves and tires only. No grass clippings, tree branches or other refuse will be accepted.

Tires will be collected for recycling at a cost of \$2 each and \$6 for those mounted on rims—no oversized tractor or truck tires. This collection site is open for residential recycling and no materials will be accepted from lawn service companies or other commercial ventures. For more information call 303-795-3766. For updates and directions visit [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).

## City website earns 2010 award

Littletongov.org has been recognized as a 2010 Top Government Website Award recipient by online encyclopedia and reference resource Juggle.com for its e-government and communication initiatives.

"Open access to the activity of our local government is of great importance to our city council," said Littleton's Director of Communications, Kelli Narde.

The Juggle.com government awards editors hand-selected the Top Government Award recipients by evaluating a variety of site features and functionality, including usability, timely content, access to online government services and technological innovation.

# Events

## Senior Resource Day coming soon

The Arapahoe County Council on Aging (ACCOA) will sponsor the 10th Annual Senior Resource Day—Pathways to Wisdom, The Dynamics of Aging—Friday, October 8. This free event is designed to educate, inform, and empower people to take charge of their own well-being. Ed Sardella will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

The opening ceremony will be at 9:30 a.m. and the exhibit halls open at 11 a.m. For more information visit the ACCOA website at [www.accoa.info](http://www.accoa.info), email at [accoa@comcast.net](mailto:accoa@comcast.net), or call at 303-273-2855.

## Carousel of Music wraps up 31st year

On August 11, a Carousel of Music, the popular musical event for the whole family, wrapped up its 31st year with bright sunshine and a large crowd. Special thanks to the sponsors: Bradford Auto Body, Inc., Colorado Business Bank, Arapahoe County, Littleton Housing Authority, Reinke Brothers, Littleton Public Schools, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Arapahoe Community College and Boston's Restaurant. A Carousel of Music is one of the many events held during the 11-day long Western Welcome Week celebration.

## Halloween "Spooktacular and Spooktoddler"

South Suburban Parks and Recreation will host one of the season's first Halloween celebrations Spooktacular and Spooktoddler. Little ghosts and goblins, ages 11 and under, will delight in carnival games, a haunted house, temporary tattoos, crafts and lots of treats Friday, October 22, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Boulevard. Prepay at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org) by 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 20 and receive the discounted rate of \$4; fee is \$6 starting October 21. For more information call 303-483-7062.



## "Hudson Holiday" returning soon

Hudson Holiday—an outdoor extravaganza of lights and seasonal decorations returns at the Hudson Gardens & Event Center at 6115 South Santa Fe Drive.

Portions of the 30-acre regional display gardens will become enchanted with lights, sound, and animated elements. Designed for all ages, Hudson Holiday will include horse-drawn carriage rides, warming tents, and hot beverages to take the chill off the winter nights.

Open Fridays and Saturdays, November 19, 20, 26, 27, December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 and Monday through Sunday December 19 to January 2. Times: 5 to 9 p.m. (Last ticket sold at 8:30 p.m.) Tickets: Adults \$9, Seniors (60 and over) \$8, children (4 to 12) \$6, and children (3 and under) free.



### Have you or a loved one ever...

- tried to find senior transportation or in-home assistance, but didn't know where to look?
- needed more information about an illness or medicine?
- needed help walking or eating, and wanted to know the best assistive devices?
- wanted updates on older adult legislation?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, check out **Network of Care!**

**5:30 – 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010**  
**Littleton Center Council Chamber,**  
**2255 W. Berry Ave.**

*Light refreshments will be provided*

**Network of Care**, a comprehensive online database system for older adults in the Denver region, puts senior services at your fingertips.



## IT'S THE little THINGS

that count!

**1**  The storm drainage project at Caley Ave./Windermere Street is complete. The cost was about \$1 million, paid for by the city and the Urban Drainage & Flood Control District.

**2** Major street reconstruction began in late August on Rio Grande Street, north of Main Street. Avoid this area for a few months.

**3**  Reminder, motorists are required by state law to give bicyclists at least three feet of space as they pass by. Bicycle riders should be single file in all bike lanes.

**4**  "Got Pothole"? Use the city's pothole reporting form, available on the city's website at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) or call 303-795-3969.

**5** Try the newest off-street bike path, the Big Dry Creek Trail, from the South Platte River (just south of Union Ave.) to the Highline Canal trail north of Orchard Road. Visit Belleview and Progress Parks, as well as the new Murray Open Space recently acquired by the city and South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

**6** A new traffic signal is planned for County Line Road and Erickson Boulevard/SouthPark Circle. It should be operational by spring 2011 (partially funded by Douglas County).

**7** Don't want your photo taken by a red light camera? Then adhere to all red lights at: Littleton Boulevard/Broadway, Santa Fe/Bowles, and Santa Fe/Mineral.

**8** The Santa Fe Drive/C-470 "flyover" project will challenge motorists on Santa Fe for almost two years. Total cost is around \$22 million, some ARAA funds (Economic Stimulus) have been allocated to this work.

**9**  Street lights don't work? Call the Public Services Department at 303-795-3836 and it will be reported to Xcel Energy.

**10** Want to know if a street is on the city's snowplow priority list? Contact the Public Services Department, or check the website at [www.littletongov.org/publicservices/snowroutes.asp](http://www.littletongov.org/publicservices/snowroutes.asp).

## 2010 Fire Prevention Month advocates smoke alarms



During the month of October, fire safety advocates will spread the message of "Smoke alarms: a sound you can live with." Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported fire in half. Most homes have at least one smoke alarm, but maintaining those alarms is critical. Smoke alarms should be tested once a month, and the batteries should be replaced at least once a year. After 10 years, smoke alarms need to be replaced. Ideally, interconnected smoke alarms are best. That way, when one alarm is activated, all others in the home also activate.

Just having working smoke alarms is not enough. Families need to know what to do if the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone is encouraged to participate in "The Great American Fire Drill" in October. By having a home escape plan and practicing it at least two times per year, a person's chance of survival in a home fire greatly increases.

This is an opportunity for family members to talk about fire safety and make sure everyone in the home knows how to get out quickly. Important components of a home escape plan are:

- Draw a floor plan or a map of the home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of every room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms on the map with an "S." Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a special meeting place outside, on the same side of the street as the home.
- Practice twice a year.

Children who participate in "The Great American Fire Drill" will receive a coupon for a special treat. Simply log on to [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org), click on the Great American Fire Drill icon, and fill in the information. For more information on home escape planning, and for a downloadable fire escape map that can be personalized, visit [sparky.org](http://sparky.org) and click on the "Parents" section.

## WW Children's Parade a big success

The morning of Western Welcome Week's Festival Day is always filled with anticipation, and the excitement shines through in the annual Children's Parade. At the 30th Children's Parade, sponsored by the Littleton Firefighters Foundation and Local #2085, the sense of history was evident, and the participants took the theme "Honoring Our Heritage" seriously. The first place winners in the "Float" category extolled their status as 7th generation Colorado natives. Their float featured a rotating cube with pictures of their ancestors. Another group highlighted their family's history of participation in the Children's Parade, complete with ribbons from each year! Another young man showed how Littleton Police dressed back in the day. Other entries included covered wagons, cowboys and Indians, and many happy children! Thanks to all of the participants.



Every Labor Day weekend Littleton Firefighters collect money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The crews are in their districts and in service ready to respond to any emergency while helping to fund research for Jerry's Kids. This year they collected \$24,235. But a special story occurred while Station 12 was collecting. Two girls, Annie and Allie, ages 8 and 14, emptied their own savings (\$100) and gave it to the firefighters collecting for MDA. Captain Ullery commended them on a very selfless act, got them two Fill-the-Boot t-shirts, and escorted them and their mother to the live MDA Telethon to present the check to MDA.

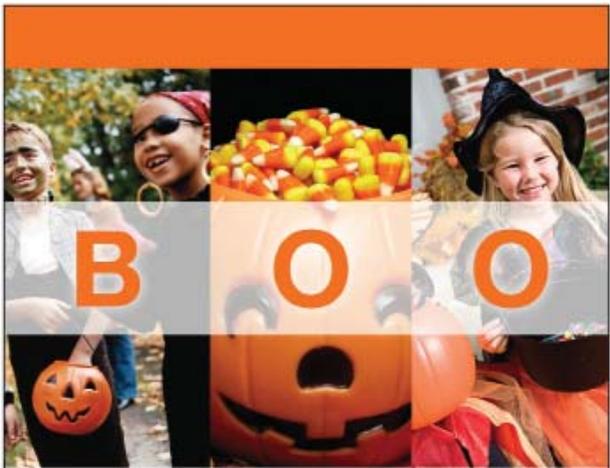


## LFR assists with Fourmile Wildland Fire in Boulder

Every year the State of Colorado houses one of its Wildland fire fighting apparatus in one of the Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) stations with the agreement that it can be used for wildland fires within the jurisdiction of LFR as long as it is staffed with personnel for emergencies across the state. Such an incident happened September 6, when a wildland fire occurred in Fourmile Canyon northwest of Boulder. LFR sent the state truck to the Fourmile fire staffed with Captain Brandon Bole, Paramedic Firefighter Jeremy Rath and Firefighter Robert Seffron. Captain Brian Delasantos responded as the Strike Team leader. He commanded units from West Metro Fire Rescue, Fairmont Fire Protection District, and South Metro Fire Rescue. The team was on night duty on the first night and encountered extreme fire behavior until the early morning hours.

# National Night Out attendance increases 21 percent

The 2010 National Night Out had a 21 percent increase in participants, with more than 2,300 residents attending 45 neighborhood parties. Chipotle and Outback Steakhouse each catered a party and Qdoba provided chips and salsa for the Promise Park party. Twenty-eight officers were involved as were four volunteers from the Citizen's Alumni who assisted with the McGruff and jailbird costumes.



## Join us at Aspen Grove for Trick-or-Treat Street

Saturday, October 30 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Enjoy an entertaining night of trick-or-treating fun with hay stack rides and a children's costume parade with prizes! Bring your dogs too.

Visit [ShopAspenGrove.com](http://ShopAspenGrove.com) for more information.

Presented by:

Aspen Grove tenants, the Littleton Police Department and the Littleton Police Citizens Academy Alumni Association



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## "THOR" visits the City of Littleton



"Thor," a large, self-contained communications center that represents the latest technology in the fight to provide instant information and emergency communications support to keep communities safe during catastrophic events, paid a visit to the Littleton Center August 23.

"Thor," sponsored by Intrado, featuring GuideSTAR technology, was hosted by the Littleton Police Department (LPD). It is a state-of-the-art mobile briefing and emergency communications center and was made available for city employees to tour.

"Thor" showcases the impacts of new technology and changing citizen expectations on 9-1-1 operations and response. This was "Thor's" only stop in the State of Colorado and the LPD was pleased to host this exciting look into the future of emergency communications.

## Intersection Safety Program explained

The city's Intersection Safety Program (ISP) is active at three major intersections in the city: Littleton Boulevard and South Broadway, South Santa Fe Drive and West Bowles Avenue, and South Santa Fe Drive and West Mineral Avenue. The goal of the ISP program is to make the intersections safer for everyone. Littleton Police have received numerous positive comments from high school students and residents who use the crosswalks at West Littleton Boulevard and South Broadway who believe the intersection is safer.

As a reminder, the sensors in the road are activated if a car enters the intersection after the light turns red. Pursuant to the Model Traffic Code, a vehicle facing a steady red light signal shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but, if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection. An "intersection" is defined as "the area embraced within the prolongation of the lateral curb lines" or the "lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at, or approximately at, right angles." All three intersections involved in the ISP have a clearly marked stop line or bar. In essence, it is a violation to enter the "intersection" after the signal has turned red.

## LPD program helps businesses prevent crime



For the past year, the Littleton Police Department has been working with members of the Littleton business community through a new program called Business Watch. This program follows the same concept as Neighborhood Watch, a program that has been successful in improving the quality of life in the community. There are 45 businesses in the program.

Business Watch was created to inform businesses about crime prevention programs and improve communication between businesses and law enforcement. By joining the program, a business can "opt in" for crime prevention information that is e-mailed to them. Participants receive a Business Watch decal for their entrance.

As the Business Watch program grows, it will help Littleton businesses network with others in the city. Visit [www.littletongov.org/police](http://www.littletongov.org/police) to learn about the program.

## Awards and Milestones

### Western Welcome Week 2010 Grand Parade Winners

#### Floats

##### Club - civic, religious, non-profit

1st--Martin Aerospace Retirement Society Association  
2nd--Friends of the Littleton Library & Museum

##### Government - parks & rec, city depts.

1st--Littleton City Council  
2nd--South Suburban Parks and Recreation

##### Business & professional

1st--O'Tooles Garden Center  
2nd--Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy

#### Other awards

Mayor's Trophy--Best in Parade--3 Margarita's  
Houston Waring Trophy--Best Theme--Daughters of the American Revolution  
Edwin A. Bemis Trophy--Parade Chair Award--Southwest Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics  
Richard Little Trophy--Parade Chair Award--Martin Aerospace Retirement Society Association

#### Marching groups

##### School organizations

1st--Littleton High School Cheers • 2nd--Han Lee's Taekwondo

##### Non-school organizations

1st--Association of Living History • 2nd--Canton of Readstan

#### Equestrian

##### Mounted group

1st--Westernaires  
2nd--Littleton Equine Medical Center

##### Mounted individual

1st--Westernaires

##### Horse drawn - individual

1st--Mini Horse Party

##### Horse drawn - commercial

1st--Littleton Elks - Cowboys for Kids  
2nd--Melting Pot

#### Clowns

1st--Frolicking Fools

#### Vehicles

Individual--Non-commercial 1st--Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant  
Commercial (max two vehicles)--1st--Town Hall Arts Center  
Vehicle Clubs (max 10 vehicles)--1st--Front Range Antique Power Tractor Club

#### Bands

##### School Marching Bands

1st--Cherry Creek High School  
2nd--Pueblo Sun City  
3rd--Smoky Hill High School

Best Percussion--Cherry Creek High School  
Best Drum Major--Englewood High School  
Best Auxiliary--Cherry Creek High School

##### Pipe Bands

El Jebel Pipe Band



The players and coaches of the Heritage High School football team walk the Western Welcome Week parade route each year after the parade to pick up litter. The City of Littleton and the Western Welcome Week Parade Committee are grateful to Coach Griebel and his team for volunteering their time every year for this service. Thank you Eagles!

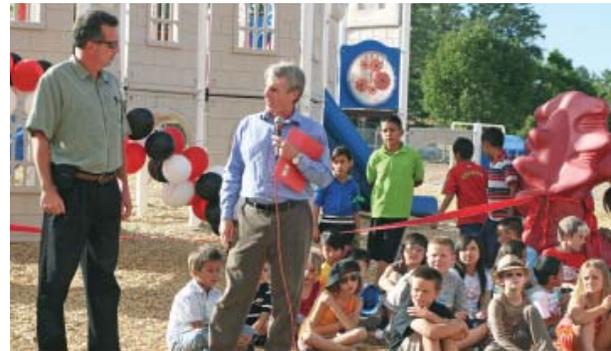
### Volunteers needed for the Snow Squad

We need you! Don't miss this opportunity to help a fellow resident in need. As a volunteer member of the City of Littleton's Snow Squad you provide snow removal for residents who are physically unable to shovel their sidewalks themselves.

The city has many citizens who are physically challenged and need help. If you can spare an hour to help a fellow resident whenever there is measurable snow, and are looking for a way to give back to your community, contact us today!

Contact Mark Barons at 303-795-3778 or mbarons@littletongov.org.

### Volunteers help complete playground project



Landscape Architect David Flaig (left) and Littleton Mayor Doug Clark at the September 10 playground dedication at East Elementary School.

The new community park and playground at East Elementary School was dedicated September 10. The extraordinary project was made possible by the commitment of several partners, including South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Arapahoe County Open Space, the City of Littleton, the East PTO, Littleton Public Schools, and the sweat equity of nearly 40 volunteers. The City of Littleton applied for and received an Arapahoe County Open Space Grant in the amount of \$133,600 and also provided the required match of \$25,000 plus \$8,400 from the PTO to make this unique project possible.

Several pieces of East play equipment were more than 50 years old and in desperate need of repair or removal. They were too small to provide enough recreation opportunities for East's 320 students. They did not meet the needs of those with disabilities attending the school or living in the adjacent neighborhood because they weren't handicap accessible.

South Suburban planning professionals conducted a design charrette with East students. The children selected equipment including a super-tall slide structure and a dragon-shaped climber and South Suburban incorporated the equipment into the playground design. On June 26, South Suburban construction specialists came together with dedicated community volunteers to install handicap accessible apparatus that now accommodates the various age levels of East Elementary's enrollment with three new playgrounds including the highest slide in the South Suburban system. Until recently, neighborhood residents had no place to come together and recreate. Now, at least 700 households are served by this new neighborhood park.

The project partners responded to the East PTO and students who worked for three years to raise funds. South Suburban Executive Director David Lorenz points out that, "It is more important today, in these tentative economic times, that we leverage the resources of many partners to leave a legacy for future generations."

### Public hearing for proposed RTD service changes

The Regional Transportation District has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, October 7 at 7 p.m. at the Buck Recreation Center, 2004 West Powers Avenue. Proposed changes for services that affect bus schedules, as well as light rail, would take effect January 9. If you cannot attend the hearing you can e-mail comments to service.changes@rtd-denver.com by October 13. The RTD Board of Directors will vote on the changes at its October 26 meeting.

### Summer Cleanup Program wraps up 2010 season

The City of Littleton Summer Cleanup and Recycle Program runs each year from June through the beginning of August. The program has been successful in helping residents keep their properties clean. This year there were 1,008 pickups, and 38,200 pounds of metal and 33,369 pounds of household electronics were recycled.

## International Craft Fair coming to Bemis Library October 23

### Summer Reading Programs

Many thanks to the following businesses who generously contributed to the success of the 2010 summer reading programs: AMF Bowling Centers, Applebee's Restaurants, Arapahoe Acres Nursery, Aspen Grove Shopping Center, Big Papa's BBQ & Grill, Chick fil-A at 4090 River Point Parkway, Claim Jumper Restaurants, Colorado Business Bank, Dairy Queen at 7935 S. Broadway, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Fazoli's Restaurants, Lakeside Amusement Park, Littleton Police Department, McDonald's Restaurants in Littleton, Noodles & Company, Pirates Cove Family Aquatic Center, Romano's Italian Restaurant, Skate City at 5801 S. Lowell Way, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation. And a very special thank you to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum for sponsoring all of the events during the summer!

### Colorado Ballot Issues

Take an objective look at the fall ballot issues and the arguments of those on each side October 12 at 7 p.m. Program presented by Active Minds.

### Saturday Movie Matinee

A new version of the family favorite, *The Karate Kid*, will be shown October 16 at 2 p.m.

### International Craft Fair

An array of handmade jewelry and craft items from around the world will be available for purchase October 23 from noon-4 p.m. Proceeds benefit the poor in foreign countries, including Indonesia, Egypt, Madagascar, Asia, Bulgaria, El Salvador, and South Africa.

### Musical Moments in Sophie's Place

Monthly performances featuring a variety of musical talent. All performances begin at 2 p.m. On October 23, enjoy music and dancing from the Middle East performed by the *Rachid Halihal Ensemble*. On November 13, history and songs are combined in music of the Civil War performed by Liz Masterson and Rex Rideout.

### Ghost Photography

Join investigator J. Allan Danelek in a fascinating look at the mysterious world of ghost photography October 29 at 7 p.m. The presentation features various photographs of ghostly manifestations and the audience can decide whether these photos are hoaxes, anomalies, or genuine pictures.

### Saturday Movie Matinee

See the popular animated film, *How to Train Your Dragon*, November 6 at 2 p.m.

### Make A Holiday Treasure Chest

Learn how easy and fun it is to create a miniature holiday treasure chest filled with small cards, candlesticks and ornaments. Expert crafter Pat Vick will present two identical workshops November 27 from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Classes are open to adults and children age eight and older who are accompanied by an adult. Participants need to bring \$2.50 for materials and wear an apron or "crafty" clothes. Space is limited, call to register.

### Computer Classes

The following free computer classes are offered in the computer lab on the lower level. All classes are 9-10:30 a.m. Call the library to register.

Beginning Access, Parts 1-2: November 16 and 17 (must sign up for both classes)

Beginning Excel: October 13, November 9 • Beginning Internet: October 16, November 20

Beginning PowerPoint: October 27 • Beginning Word: October 12, November 3

Beginning Windows: October 5, November 2 • Computer Comfort: October 2

How to Get Digital Photos Out of your Camera: October 8 • Intermediate Excel: October 20

Intermediate Word: October 19 • Newsletters with Word: November 10

Open Computer Lab: Every Thursday morning

Organizing, Managing and Editing Your Photos: November 19

Shutterfly Holiday Card Creation: November 23

### Monday Evening Book Group

If you enjoy talking about books, join us the third Monday at 7 p.m.

October 18: *Belong to Me* by Marisa De Los Santos.

November 15: *Summertime* by J.M. Coetzee.

### SENIOR PROGRAMS

#### Salem Witches

In 1692 in Salem, Massachusetts, an extraordinary series of events coupled with the hysterical reaction of the community resulted in what is referred to as the Salem Witch Hunt. Join the staff of Active Minds October 25 at 2 p.m. to understand this astounding time in our country's history.

#### William Bradford, Pilgrim Father

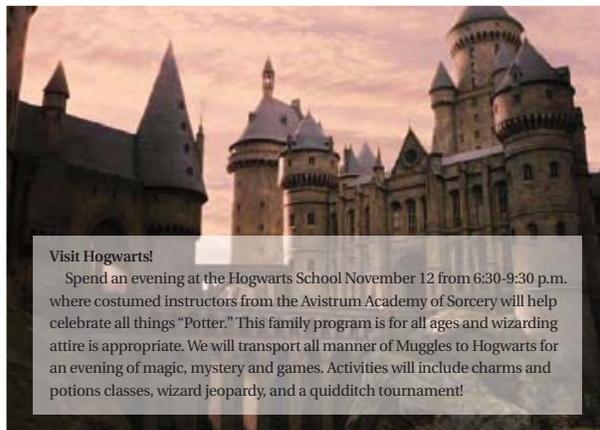
Hear William Bradford's story as he greets new arrivals to the Plymouth Colony in 1657. Learn about the pilgrims and this famous man who was the leader of the Colony. Bradford will be portrayed in costume by Bud Jenkyns November 22 at 2 p.m.

#### Senior Book Club

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

October 4: *Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron.

November 1: *The Crocodile on the Sandbank* by Elizabeth Peters.



#### Visit Hogwarts!

Spend an evening at the Hogwarts School November 12 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. where costumed instructors from the Avistrum Academy of Sorcery will help celebrate all things "Potter." This family program is for all ages and wizarding attire is appropriate. We will transport all manner of Muggles to Hogwarts for an evening of magic, mystery and games. Activities will include charms and potions classes, wizard jeopardy, and a quidditch tournament!

#### Senior Wii Bowling

Third Thursday of the month (October 21, November 18) at 2 p.m. No registration required.

#### TEEN PROGRAMS

##### Teen Read Week (October 17-23)

This year's theme is Books with Beat @ Your Library, which encourages teens to read poetry, audio books, books about music, and more. The library will host a Teen Book Swap during the week where teens can trade in their used paperbacks or hardbacks for books of equal value, with a "book buck" earned for each book contributed. Book bucks can be used to buy items offered at the Book Swap. Participants will have their name entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to the Tattered Cover Book Store. The book selected by the teens as the winner of the Bemis Teen Battle for the Best Book will be announced during Teen Read Week. All teens who nominated a book or voted will be eligible to win a copy of a book of their choice in the prize drawing.

#### Wii Games

Third Thursday at 3:30 p.m. October 21: MarioKart. November 18: Guitar Hero

#### Anime Club

First Saturday (October 2, November 6) of the month at noon.

#### Teen Advisory Group

Fourth Friday (October 22, no meeting in November) at 3:30 p.m.

#### Teen Writers Group

Teen creative writers are welcome. Third Tuesday (October 19, November 16) at 4 p.m.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

##### Annual Costumes On Parade!

Dress up October 28 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m., or October 29 at 10:30 a.m. for the annual Preschool Story Time Costume Parade. Features stories, songs, sweet treats and punch. Younger siblings are welcome to join the parade.

##### Frankly Fun

Families are invited to this program October 30 at 2 p.m., featuring Inspector Magic disguised as a mad scientist as he starts his journey in Transylvania with all the favorite monsters. For ages three and up.

##### Artful Tuesday

Out of school with nothing to do November 23 at 2 p.m.? Come for an hour of crafts and books. For kids in grades 1-5, registration is required, call beginning November 15.

##### Movie Toy Story 3

For kids in grades K-5 November 24 at 2 p.m. Younger siblings are welcome, but must attend with an adult. Registration is required. Call beginning November 17.

##### Story Box

For ages infant-36 months Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 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-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. No story times will be held November 22-26 (Thanksgiving week).

##### Paws to Read

Kids in grades 1-5 can practice reading to a furry friend. Call the library to register for a 20-minute spot between 10 a.m.-noon October 16 and November 20.

##### Dial A Story

Your child can listen to a story anytime by calling 303-795-3960.

## Littleton businesses celebrate grand openings



Sisters Kristen Swartz and Lindsey Cockrum held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of Gigi's Cupcakes in the Aspen Grove shopping center at 7300 South Santa Fe Drive. Their shop features a rotating menu of 12 to 16 specialty cupcakes each day. Pictured with scissors in hand are: (l to r) Swartz and Cockrum cutting the ribbon with Mayor Doug Clark to their left and Council Members Peggy Cole, Debbie Brinkman, Jim Taylor, and Aspen Grove Manager Margie Munoz joining the family, friends and employees who gathered to celebrate the day.



Famous for Pat's Philly Cheesesteaks restaurants in the Denver metro area, Patrick and Bill Neely recently celebrated the opening of their newest one—Pat's on Littleton—in the Woodlawn shopping center at 1500 West Littleton Boulevard. The newly renovated space features a range of menu items. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are: (l to r) Holly Collins from the neighboring Adventures in Dance Studio, Council Member Jim Taylor, owners Pat and Bill, Council Member Peggy Cole, and a number of their happy customers.



Not only does it offer USPS, DHL and FedEx shipping, the recently opened Postage City Plus at 3625 West Bowles Avenue in the Columbine Valley shopping center is also filled with office and school supplies. Owners Joe and Ariane Reeves offer a host of services including packing, faxing, copying, laminating, binding, mailbox and computer rental and notarizing. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are: (l to r) the Reeves, Mary Doty, Laura and Faith Young, and Chris Gibbons, director of Littleton's Business/Industry Affairs department.



The Rav House opened the first week of September in the Southbridge shopping center at 191 South Mineral Avenue. The shop boasts an array of homemade gourmet foods, fresh pasta varieties, box lunches and dinners, and gourmet cooking ingredients. Owner Sue Santori also offers catered items for large events including weddings. Celebrating at the ribbon cutting are: (l to r) Ralph Santori, Barb Johnson, Irene Lawler, Sue Santori, Santino Santori III, Santino Santori, Chris Slinkard, Council Members Peggy Cole, Joseph Trujillo and Jim Taylor; and Robin and Karl Tanke.

## Littleton City Council



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District IV



**Phil Cernanec**  
District III



**Doug Clark**  
Mayor  
At Large



**Peggy Cole**  
At Large



**Bruce Stahlman**  
At Large



**Jim Taylor**  
District I



**Joseph Trujillo**  
District II

### 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.

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