



Littleton Economic Notes May 2012

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Littleton Businesses

Bert's All American Market in the Columbine Shopping Center (5856 S. Lowell Blvd.) was featured in a recent issue of the *Columbine Courier*. Bert Waisanen carries a large variety of All American food, ranging from grass-fed beef and local farmers' freshly picked fruits and vegetables to new food products that are not yet available in the chain stores to various nostalgic brands of items including candy, root beer and other sodas. 303.463.5880; www.bertsallamericanmarket.com

A ribbon cutting cemented the move of Downtown Dinners to the Broadridge Plaza Shopping Center (6905 S. Broadway) for owner Lucie Stanish. Her remodeled space features a huge kitchen and freezers filled with entrees, appetizers, sides and desserts that make it easy to find a night's dinner to pop in the oven or to stock the home freezer with meals and goodies to have on hand. The new location also provides plenty of close-in parking. 303.798.3463; www.downtowndinners.com

Henry Renteria-Vigil of R2 Stewardship held a ribbon cutting for his recently opened drop-off site for recyclable electronics at 5809 S. Broadway. He believes drop-off sites encourage recycling as well as save his customers the cost of pick-up fees and/or storing items till there is a recycling event or enough items accumulated to make a trip to the recycling plant worthwhile. 303.794.3237; www.r2stewardship.com

The Damascus Grill (1399 W. Littleton Blvd.) was recently featured in the "Dining Out" section of the *Denver Post*. Owned by Mahmoud Kassir, the restaurant is family run and features authentic Syrian dishes. These include some 40 entrees, 20 small plates and a dozen sandwiches produced or inspired by recipes sent to Kassir from his mother when he first came to the United States more than 30 years ago and couldn't find the kind food he had back home. 303.797.6666; damascusgrill.com

Dr. Dale Retzer, Chiropractor and Littleton native, will celebrate 25 years in practice at 89 W. Littleton Blvd. on June 15. He says he feels blessed to serve patients in his hometown and still treats his very first patient along with others from that first year. Dr. Retzer specialties in Activator (a gentle, low-force treatment), muscle triggerpoint, exercises and a doctor-patient team approach to maximize results. 303.730.2414.

New owner Karyl Zepp recently celebrated the opening of Paradigm Beauty Salon (1224 W. Littleton Blvd.) with a ribbon cutting for the well-known staff and customers old and new. Along with the new name, the shop has a new look as well. The shop caters to both men and women and all ages. 303.795.1335.

Nicole Delmoro's ribbon cutting for City Bark Too celebrated the opening of her Littleton doggie daycare at 6235 S. Santa Fe Dr. Her third facility, this one offers boarding, grooming, naps, snacks, products, a pool and web cams throughout so owners can observe their pets at any time. 303.783.9401; citybark.com/Littleton_services.htm

A ribbon cutting was held at the grand opening celebration for the Colorado Center for the Blind's newly purchased apartment complex on South Lowell Blvd., which has been named the McGeorge Mountain Terrace apartments in honor of the late Ray McGeorge and his wife Diane. The couple founded the Colorado Center for the Blind, and Diane currently serves as President of the Center's Board of Directors and is active with the Center's Senior program. In addition, the Center announced that it has received a \$10,000 IKEA grant to go toward furnishings for the apartments in the complex that will house the Summer Youth Program members. 303.778.1130; www.coloradocenterfortheblind.org

Watch for the opening of Jake's Brew Bar (2540 W. Main St.) by Jayne Barth and Vanessa Menke, owners of Kate's Wine Bar (½ block away on W. Nevada Ave.), that is planned for the first week or so in June. The combo java joint and craft beer bar will offer coffee along with pastries, quiches and burritos in the morning and then beer, sausages and pretzels in the afternoon and evening. Free WiFi will be available.

Other

Todd Littleton has purchased the old Blue Ribbon Stables/Bussard Motor Company buildings at the west end of Main Street. He plans to turn them into as many as four retail spaces and perhaps add a second floor for residential use in the future. The area will be called Main Street Station with his daughter's gift and home-goods store occupying the first space to open.

Unicircuit, manufacturer of circuit boards, will be constructing an 8,660 sq. ft. addition on the north side of its existing building at 8192 SouthPark Lane. The new space will expand the manufacturing area in that portion of the existing building.

Calendar

HDLM: 8:00 a.m., June 6, 2012, Town Hall Arts Center

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

Austin-based Alamo Drafthouse Cinema will open its first movie theater in Colorado at the Aspen Grove Shopping Center in early 2013. Combining dinner, drinks, films and events, the Alamo Drafthouse has been heralded as “the best theater in America” (*Entertainment Weekly*), “the coolest theater in the world” (*Wired*), and “Best Theater Ever” (*Time Magazine*).

The Alamo Drafthouse is also teaming up with local non-profit organizations and brewers this summer at the Aspen Grove film series to raise awareness and money for local causes and to introduce Colorado craft brewers. The Alamo is known for its pre-show audience activities and contests themed to each film in the series. Beneficiaries will include Loving Hugs, Inc., the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley and Ameribotics.

The mission of the Business/Industry Affairs department is to grow our economy by helping Littleton entrepreneurs be competitive. Call B/IA at 303.795.3749 if we can help.

--- Christian Gibbons, Director (cgibbons@littletongov.org).

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