



Littleton Economic Notes October 2011

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Littleton Businesses

The brand new Mausoleum Haunted House opened the first of the month at 152 W. Rafferty Gardens Ave. promising to make this Halloween season even more “shivery” than the last for horror fans. This is the second permanent creepy place for owner Dean Maus and will be open as tradition dictates Monday through Saturday until Halloween is officially over. www.mausoleumhauntedhouse.com

Al Oramas announced that his Pro Auto Care shops were voted the number one Denver 7 Alist 2011 Winner in the “Best Repair” category for auto repair shops. The Littleton shop is located at 2753 W. Church Ave. (the original is in Denver) and often offers free car clinics of one type or the other that you can learn about on the shop’s website. Pro Auto Care shops were also the winner of this year’s BBB Gold Star Award. 303.761.3002; www.proauto1.com

Xybix Systems (8207 SouthPark Circle) announced that it has been awarded a contract number on the California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS). These schedules offer a wide variety of commodity, non-IT services, and information technology products and services at prices that have been assessed to be fair, reasonable and competitive. Headed by CEO Dave Carson, the company is an innovative leader in designing and manufacturing ergonomic, height-adjustable furniture and offers a complete line of ergonomic furniture and accessories. 800.788.2810; www.xybix.com

Maria Coppersmith and David Buschman have opened Panino Dolce at 5656 S. Sycamore St. in the former Pandoro space. The Italian Bakery and Panini Shop offers a range of breakfast items from quiches, omelets, and other egg dishes to homemade pastries and even a selection of breakfast burritos! Pasta dishes, artisan breads, salads, a large variety of paninis and gelato smoothies are served throughout the day. Hours are 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Beginning next month the restaurant will be offering a series of special occasion ethnic dinners by RSVP only, starting with Dutch Mennonite cuisine on Nov. 5 and 6. 720.328.2660; www.paninodolce.com

***The Denver Post* YourHub section recently featured the Garage Art Gallery & Studio, or the “Gallery in Alley,” (5784 S. Rapp St.) as it is actually behind and to the north of The Old Mill Restaurant. Don Simasko, Barb Kurz and Susan Rommel are the artists in residence who have physically transformed the space from its original automotive repair duties vibe to the lively studio it has become, bursting with character and original art. The original art, some from select guest artists, covers a wide range of subjects as well as styles. 303.703.4080; 303.263.4713; garageartgallery.com**

After years of grooming in other shops, Sherri Dickson celebrated the opening of her own, Angels with Paws Pet Grooming, with a recent ribbon cutting at 143 W. County Line Rd. in the SouthPark Center. She says she can now provide the time, care and attention to her canine and feline friends that she feels they deserve. Sherri’s fresh, serene shop provides a welcoming retreat where any cat or dog can lie back, relax and enjoy being pampered. 303.798.2279.

NanaDC’s Deli in the Columbine Shopping Center (3625 W. Bowles Ave.) was featured in this month’s YourHub section of *The Denver Post*. Owners Renee Rosalia and Michelle Edmunds provide a range of fresh sandwiches and homemade Mexican dishes daily that are based on family recipes that their six generations of relatives enjoy to this day. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday–Friday and 9:00 a.m to 4 p.m. Saturday. 303.797.9529; www.nanadcs.com

A ribbon cutting was held for India’s Best Restaurant and Bar to celebrate its successful opening in the Woodlawn Shopping Center at 1500 W. Littleton Blvd. Owner Hadial Singh offers an extensive menu of authentic Indian food that is served to the customer’s spice index, and at lunch time only, a one-price buffet featuring a large array of selected items is available as well. Lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week. 303.484.9535

Other

Circle K Stores has submitted a Site Development Plan to redevelop property located at 3694 West Bowles Avenue. The existing automotive fuel facility will be demolished and a new 4,162 s.f. Circle K convenience store and fuel facility will be constructed.

Calendar

Historic Downtown Merchants Meeting: Nov.2, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall Arts Center

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

Every year the B/IA department reports its annual accomplishments. You may be interested in the volume of work we did last year: 228 phone inquiries, assistance to 148 existing businesses, assistance to 54 new businesses, assistance to 30 potential business startups, 410 website visits for startups, 56 GIS mapping projects, 66 web marketing projects, 25 ribbon cuttings, 25 site visits, 24 inquiries for commercial space. We handled 11 special projects for the city manager/city council, 26 special projects for other departments and 15 miscellaneous special projects. We provided 15 media interviews (local and national) and responded to inquiries from 74 organizations around the country interested in Economic Gardening. In addition, we attended the following regularly scheduled meetings: city council (regular meetings, study sessions, budget, breakfasts, annual retreat), Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants, Greater Littleton Youth Initiative, Health Committee, Risk Intervention Program Committee, Colorado Center for Information Technology, Senior Staff, Development Review Committee, Colorado Companies to Watch. We also run the youth program with a half-time person.

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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