



## Littleton Economic Notes August 2010

[www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org)

### Littleton Businesses

**Postal City Plus recently opened in the Columbine Valley Shopping Center** (3625 W. Bowles Ave.). Joseph and Ariane Reeves offer Fedex, DHL and USPS shipping along with packing, faxing, copying, laminating, binding, computer rental and key duplication. In addition, they sell office and school supplies as well as offer notary services. Contact: 303.797.0031, [www.postalcityplus.com](http://www.postalcityplus.com)

**Kristin Swartz and Lindsey Cockrum held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of their GiGi's CupCakes shop** at Aspen Grove Shopping Center (7301 S. Santa Fe Dr.) this month. Their store offers 30 different types of freshly baked, beautifully decorated cupcakes that follow a weekly menu detailing which 12 are available each day. Custom orders can be placed for weddings (a growing trend) and events of all types. With it's origins in the company namesake's kitchen in Tennessee, the franchise is now found in nine states. Contact: 303.797.2253, [www.gigiscupcakesusa.com](http://www.gigiscupcakesusa.com)

**This month also saw the opening of CJ Banks at the Aspen Grove Shopping Center** (7301 S. Santa Fe Dr.) with manager Sheila Ryder Schonce. Located between Victoria's Secret and Chico's, the woman's apparel shop offers versatile styles and value for plus sizes 14W to 24W. Contact: 303.794.5571, [www.shopaspengrove.com/go/fb/guide/store.cfm?StoreID=7595](http://www.shopaspengrove.com/go/fb/guide/store.cfm?StoreID=7595)

**Mountain States Medical Solutions has opened offices at 1901 W. Littleton Blvd.** Owner Chris Nissler founded the company to provide healthcare professionals with the latest medical technology with the goal of helping them increase the quality of patient care and business practices. His company constantly explores new medical supplies, pharmaceuticals and medical devices. Contact: 303.798.5122, [www.mountainstatesmed.com](http://www.mountainstatesmed.com)

**Kosha Yoga will open its doors the first of September in the Woodlawn Shopping Center** (1500 W. Littleton Blvd.). Owner Carrie Searles and other experienced teachers will provide instruction in traditional Hatha Yoga practices. Contact: 303.875.2438

**Valerie and John Dettmer have opened Dettmer Automotive at 5021 S. Rio Grande St.** where they service and repair cars and also have a machine shop. Contact: 3781.2881

**The Repo Exchange has also opened at 5021 S. Rio Grande St.** in an adjacent unit. The used car facility is owned by Mark Custer. Contact: 303.696.9911

## Other

**Update from IRS.gov: Two New Tax Benefits Aid Employers Who Hire and Retain Unemployed Workers.**

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=220326,00.html>

## Calendar

*HDLM Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 1, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall Arts Center*

## *Insights*

### **Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices**

For over two decades, the Business/Industry Affairs Department has been able to spot new trends and technological advances that would benefit Littleton businesses, sometimes as much as years ahead of time. We were teaching Internet classes in 1992 a full five years before most people became aware of the web. We told businesses about digital cameras three years before they became popular and introduced tools like search engine optimization, Google Adwords, Facebook and Twitter early in their development. Today, the excitement is in mobile applications. The marketing world has shifted to your cell phone and programs like Foursquare and Gowalla combine social media, games and marketing into a single app available on your iPhone, Blackberry or Droid. It's time to evolve your business plan again.

---

*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](mailto:cgibbons@littletongov.org)).*

Past issues of the Littleton Economic Notes are on the City of Littleton website at <http://www.littletongov.org/bia/econnotes/default.asp>

Become a fan of B/IA on Facebook [www.bit.ly/biafacebook](http://www.bit.ly/biafacebook)

Follow B/IA on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/LittletonBIA](http://www.twitter.com/LittletonBIA)