



Littleton Economic Notes July 2010

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Littleton Businesses

ADA-Environmental Solutions (8100 SouthPark Way) was awarded \$11.1 million in federal grants for advanced technologies to capture carbon dioxide before it is released from the stacks of coal-burning power plants. ADA-ES was one of 10 companies to receive grants (totaling \$67 million) for this project from the Department of Energy. An additional \$15 million was put up by the chosen companies for the projects. 303.734.1727; www.adaes.com

Businesses and organizations only are invited to preview the new SmartCo Foods (3615 W. Bowles Ave.) on Tuesday, August 3, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The official grand opening celebration will begin on Wednesday, August 4 at 6a.m. and will include a giveaway of SmartCo Foods Smart Cash Cards to the first 250 customers in line, free reusable shopping bags, and \$2,500 donations to both the Littleton Public Schools Foundation and the Women's Bean Project. The new one-of-a-kind shopping experience was developed especially for Colorado by its nearly 140-year-old parent company, Smart & Final. It blends the best features of a local supermarket, a warehouse club store, and a farmer's market into one store with no membership fee or club card. David Crookston is the new store's manager. 720.496.2880; www.smartcofoods.com

The Chocolate Therapist shop (2560 W. Main St.) held a ribbon cutting this month to celebrate its reopening after an intensive months' long remodel. Owner Julie Pech streamlined the chocolate production area in back to gain space to add a coffee bar with seating up front that offers a wide range of coffee blends, chocolate brews (Chuffy), and more. A plethora of fresh chocolate candies (including diabetic and caffeine-free) fill the sales area along with related gift items. 303.795.7913; www.thechocolatetherapist.com

The Setpoint Systems Corporation was selected as one of the Top 50 Minority-Owned Companies in Colorado again this year by *Colorado Biz Magazine*. Located at 8167 SouthPark Circle, the company has been designing, installing, commissioning and servicing integrated building control systems since 1983. Proper integration of control systems results in a more efficient building and saves both time and money. 303.733.2300; www.setpointsystems.com

Karen Vega recently held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the Beauty Institute + Spa (5624 S. Prince St.) after her complete renovation of the space (formerly Littleton Academy of Hair Design) and addition of the latest in salon equipment. Offering classes in hair design, cosmetology, esthiology, nail technology and barbering (fall), Karen and her instructors also provide all the courses needed for licensing in each field. Appointments for services are available. 303.797.7222; www.beautyinstitutespa.com

Terry McElhaney and Jeannie Pershin just celebrated the 10th anniversary of Romancing the Bean (5800 S. Prince St.), which resides in a 135-year-old train station that now serves Light Rail customers. The hometown coffee shop offers a huge range of espresso and coffee beverages, Chai, steamers, hot chocolate, Boba Teas, Italian sodas, pastries, scones, muffins, breakfast burritos, breakfast and lunch calzones, gifts, etc. and is enjoyed by locals as well as commuters. 303.797.8257; www.romancingthebeanlittletoncol.com

Ciao Bella Day Spa of Littleton (2559 W. Main St.), owned by Geri Westphal, was featured in “The Spa Report” of the *Denver Post*, where it was called “a welcoming retreat.” In February it was named “TOP SPA in the Front Range” by *Denver Life*. Along with an extensive range of spa services and comfortable, relaxed atmosphere, Geri and her staff offer spa parties, an express menu of services, and loyalty rewards for clients. 303.997.8491; www.ciaobellaspalittleton.com

Travis Loock held a ribbon cutting this month to celebrate opening his own Edward Jones office in Littleton in the newly renovated office complex at 7901 SouthPark Plaza. Travis has worked as an investment advisor and financial planner with another Edward Jones agent in the western part of the city for the last couple of years. 303.794.3145; www.edwardjones.com

Kristen Goshorn, the property manager of the Alexan Downtown Littleton Apartments, reported an 84.7% occupancy this month that is projected to rise to 93% by the middle of next month. Located at 5151 S. Rio Grande St., the Alexan offers one, two, and three bedroom luxury apartments. 303.797.7600; www.alexandowntownlittleton.com

Other

The Denver Business Journal reported that “Nearly 83 percent of Colorado’s smallest businesses will qualify for tax credits under the federal healthcare reform act, but less than 25 percent of state businesses with 25 or less workers will be able to receive the maximum tax benefits.” Read more at: http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2010/07/12/daily49.html?ana=e_du_pap#ixzz0upJs2Bd5

Calendar

HDLM Meeting: Wednesday, August 4, 2010, Town Hall Arts Center
Western Welcome Week: August 11-22, 2010

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

It is time for another Citizen Police Academy. Many of our past students have been friends of City employees or of previous graduates. If you know of anyone in our Littleton community who might be interested in attending, please forward them the information provided here. Applications are currently being accepted for the Fall 2010 class that starts on September 2. The application and complete information is on the City web page at <http://www.littletongov.org/police/set/citizensacademy.asp>. Or, if you prefer, contact Bruce Beckman, Division Commander, Littleton Police Department at bbeckman@littletongov.org or at 303.795.3783.

*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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