

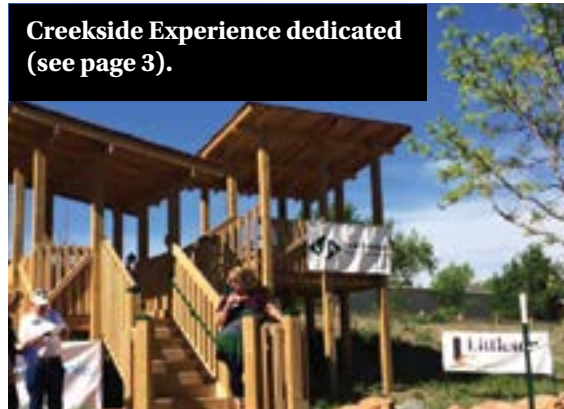
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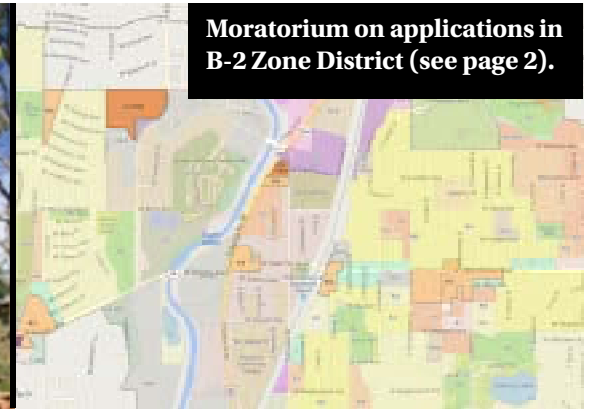


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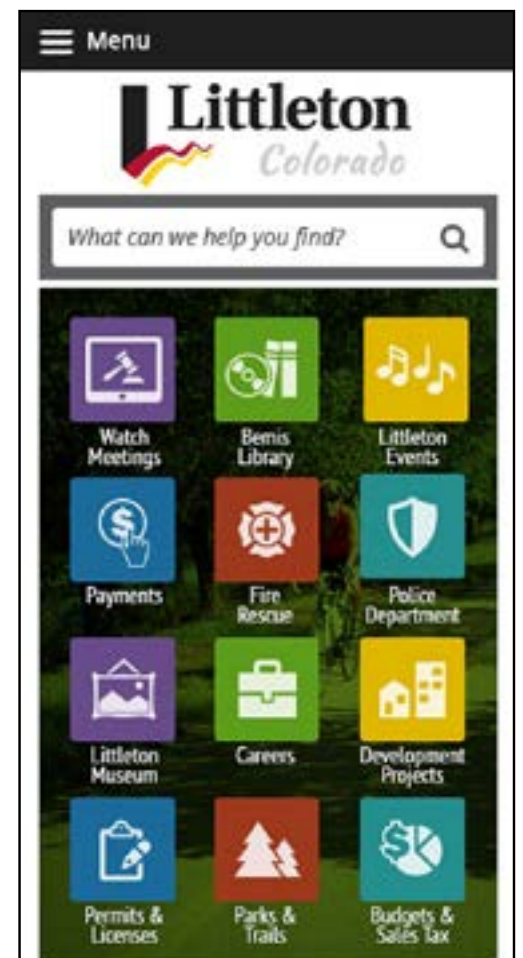
A new sculpture has been installed on Colorado Business Bank's south-facing marble wall in Downtown Littleton. The three-paneled iron piece is a community collage that was made possible by grant funds awarded by the City of Littleton. It visually connects the historic downtown area to the South Platte River and surrounding open spaces and trails. Citizens were encouraged to be part of the sculpture by donating iron objects. Kim Louise Glidden, owner of The Pottery Studio Gallery, designed the sculpture to be fabricated by local metal artist Steve Gastineau.



New website coming

The City of Littleton will launch a major upgrade to its website, littletongov.org this summer. The upgrade will feature a new, mobile-friendly design (below) which allows for easy, responsive viewing no matter what device is being used. It will also feature upgraded URLs and main navigation that places the most-viewed pages within a click or two of any page. Back-end enhancements include better image and document management, and iOS-friendly updating for staff editors. The upgrade will retain many popular features including the dynamic calendar system, the eConnect notification system, and the improved meeting videos and documents page.

Watch for announcements about the new site in the coming weeks.



Littleton City Manager released from service

At its June 14 meeting, the Littleton City Council voted to release City Manager Michael Penny. Penny was appointed city manager October 3, 2011. The city council will discuss a process to fill the position at an upcoming meeting.

Wayfinding signs installed in Downtown Littleton



It doesn't take more than a few steps into Downtown Littleton to notice some new fixtures in the area. The new north gateway sign has been up at Santa Fe and Prince since April 2016 and that sign marked the first of several installations downtown. Some of those new additions include wayfinding signs, historic markers and side street merchant signs.

The blades identifying the individual merchants may be installed following an amendment to the sign ordinance before city council. The proposed ordinance passed on first reading on June 7. The second reading will be on July 5. Future gateway improvements on the east and west ends of Main Street will also be considered.

Santa Fe improvement project should wrap up this month



Only about a week of work remains to finish the improvements along South Santa Fe Drive. The Colorado Department of Transportation has been working to repair the road between Crestline Avenue and Blakeland Drive.

For the past couple of months crews have been paving and rotomilling the 4.4-mile stretch of Santa Fe. In addition to paving, the project has included some minor signal improvements, ADA upgrades such as new pedestrian ramps, and seeding. As long as weather allows, all work is scheduled for completion in mid-July.

To lessen traffic disruptions, most work has been done overnight from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. For more information call the hotline at 720-504-4048.

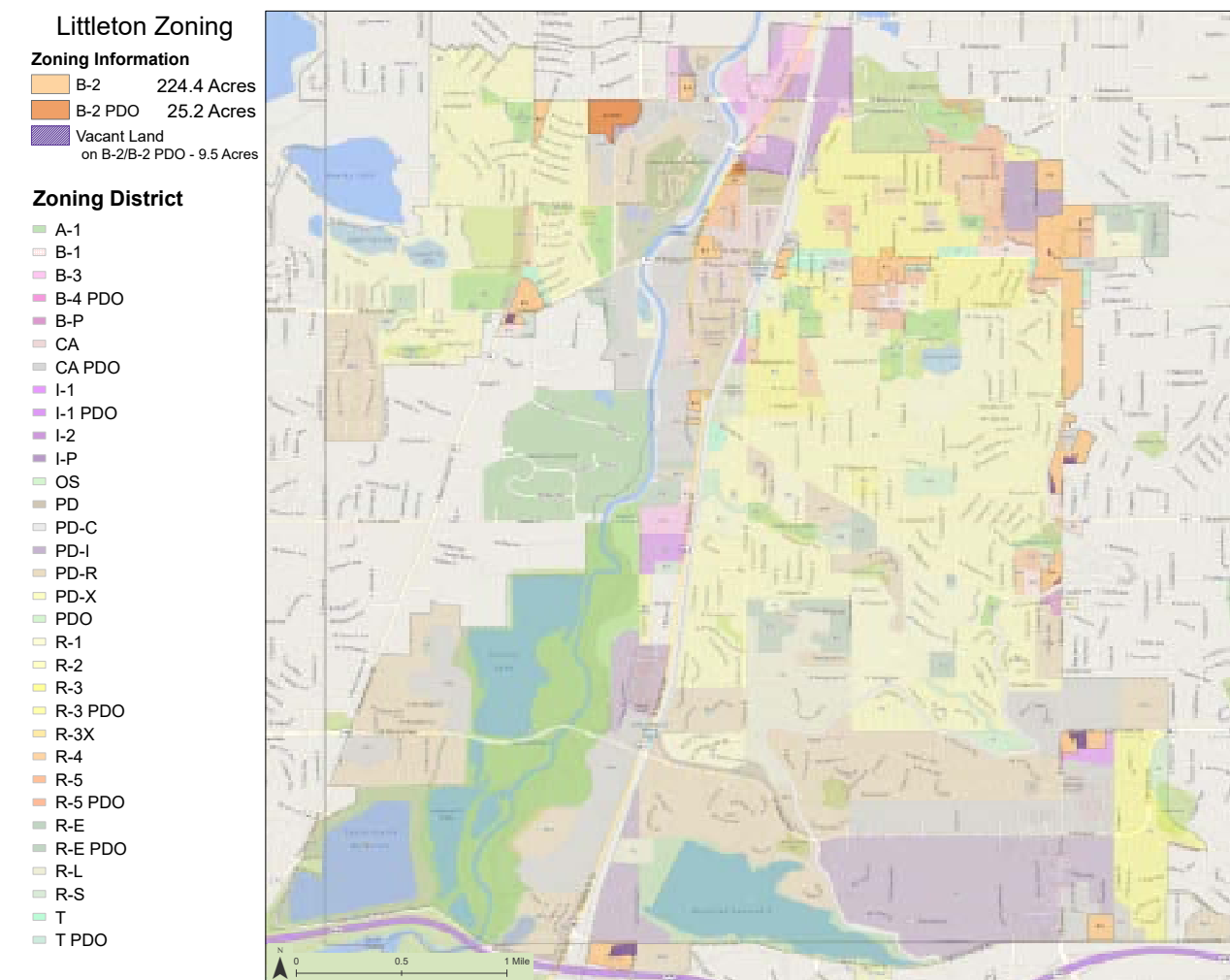
City council approves 90 day moratorium on land use applications in B-2 Zone District

The Littleton City Council adopted an emergency ordinance June 14 imposing a temporary, 90 day moratorium on the acceptance of land use applications in the B-2 Community Business Zone District. The moratorium will allow the staff to develop a workplan for a comprehensive update of B-2 zoning regulations.

Littleton's zone districts were established in the 1970s. There are approximately 224 acres of land in the B-2 Community Business Zone District. According to the city code,

"The B-2 Community Business District provides retail sales and personal services for the general public. Users in this district generally market a range of goods and services that do not attract persons from a wide market region but are intended to meet the needs of the surrounding community."

The moratorium will permit staff to evaluate the requirements and standards for the B-2 Community Business Zone District and provide updates to ensure they are in alignment with community character and values.



2017 Calendar Photo Contest!

Time is running out for local shutterbugs who wish to enter their photographs in the 2017 Littleton Calendar photography competition. The deadline for submitting entries is Friday, September 16 at 5 p.m. For more information or to enter online visit littletonrocks.com/photo-contest.

City staff working on 2017 Proposed Annual Budget

Littleton city staff are working on the city's 2017 Proposed Annual Budget. Last month the city's five-year financial projections were updated and presented to city council. Those projections will be a valuable tool in estimating 2017 resources for the city's major funds.

To begin the budget process, each department director submits a proposal, which will be discussed among all department directors this summer. The outcome will be an overall proposed budget, which will then be presented to city council and the public by August 31.

The city council study sessions to discuss the proposed budget are scheduled for September 19-20 and the final budget is expected to be presented for first reading October 4. A second reading and public hearing is scheduled for October 18. Those who would like to provide feedback for the budget can do so at the public hearing.

Grants awarded to improve popular areas

The City of Littleton was recently awarded more than \$600,000 in grants from Arapahoe County Open Space. One will help improve accessibility to Hudson Gardens and the other will revitalize a school park.

The first grant, \$400,000 for Hudson Gardens, will help improve user-friendliness between the gardens and the Mary Carter Greenway Trail. Right now the connection between Hudson Gardens and the trail is a popular gathering point, but despite the high usage of this area, few people cross from one side to the other. Trail users rarely visit Hudson Gardens and visitors from the garden rarely make their way to the trail. This new funding will help develop a way to integrate the trail with Hudson Gardens. The project is scheduled to be finished in the fall of 2017.

The second grant, which is nearly \$300,000, will improve a local elementary school park. Runyon Elementary School is in need of a new playground and this money will make that possible. Not only will the park serve as a community playground, but it will also be designed to accommodate children at the school with special needs. The playground renovation will address safety issues, while promoting children's physical health and creativity. Construction on the playground is expected to be finished mid-August of 2017.



Discover Littleton coming soon

Deputy City Manager Mike Braaten provides updates on parks and open space projects. To hear what he has to say visit the city's YouTube channel "LittletonGov."

Creekside Experience



Creekside Experience, a nature-themed park on the north side of Littleton, is now open. It is located along the South Platte River off of the Dry Creek Trail and the Mary Carter Greenway Trail. The park has a treehouse as well as a sand play area and creek access. At one point the property was a junkyard, so to acquire and redevelop it was a big success for the entire community. Time and time again parks are rated as one of the top things that Littleton residents enjoy. Ninety-two percent of residents rated parks and trails as excellent or good in the 2016 Resident Survey.

Reynolds Landing work starting to take shape

Between the Breckenridge Brewery Farmhouse and the Mary Carter Greenway Trail, mounds of dirt are starting to take shape. A new roundabout has been installed for trail users and metal beams are starting to resemble what will soon be a new restroom.

Reynolds Landing is an open space park along the South Platte River, just north of Breckenridge Brewery. The plan to improve this area has been in the works for several years, and construction began in March.

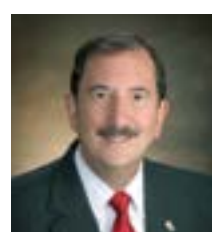
Once work is complete, there will be an additional trail head, close to 100 parking spaces and a new nature-themed playground. Along the Mary Carter Greenway Trail, many trail heads and parking areas are already at capacity. The work that is being done at Reynold's Landing will offer more accessibility to the trail.

All of the construction happening in the Reynolds Landing area is dependent on weather. While work is going on crews ask that trail users keep their speeds down and be aware of any workers near the trail.



Reynolds Landing

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Give input on canal's future

For the past month, the High Line Canal Conservancy has been working with the public to evaluate the importance of the High Line Canal and what it means to each community. In June there were three public meetings where people could share their thoughts and visions.

In July, the High Line Canal Conservancy will have three more public meetings to focus on the canal's future opportunities and challenges. For example, more than 80 percent of the water diverted to the canal seeps into the ground or evaporates before even reaching paying water customers. The High Line Canal is working with Denver Water and Sasaki Associates to develop a plan that will not only conserve resources but also revamp the outdoor hub.

The 71-mile canal stretches across the Front Range, and has a different impact on every community it touches. That is why the High Line Canal Conservancy is inviting everyone to attend public meetings.

Meetings and planning will continue through October. For more details on public meetings or to learn more about the canal, visit highlinecanal.org.

MEET & GREET & EAT!
with City Council
Powers Park
July 26, 4 to 6 pm

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and greet your city council members.

Dinner is on us, along with fun for the kids.

Additional dates:
August 23 at Little's Creek Park

Independence Day Closures

City offices, Bemis Library and the Littleton Museum will be closed July 4 in recognition of the Independence Day holiday.

COLORADO'S PREMIER SINGLE-DAY CYCLING EVENT LITTLETON TWILIGHT CRITERIUM

The 2016 Littleton Twilight Criterium in Downtown Littleton is sanctioned by USA Cycling. It is on the Professional Road Tour Calendar with more than \$24,000 in prize money.

The race will draw some of the best competitors from all over the United States and internationally. The criterium is a 1.3 km closed-circuit bicycle race that winds through Downtown Littleton. Racers will reach almost 40 mph on the course!

There will be more than 400 riders at the event with race announcers commenting on the action and providing insight for spectators at the start/finish line on Main Street. It's a festival atmosphere with food, breweries, and music.

The race and concert are free. Beverage tickets will be available under the big red tent on South Prince Street. There is free parking at Arapahoe Community College (Lot B, 5900 S. Santa Fe Dr.), the Littleton Center (2255 West Berry Avenue)

and Arapahoe County Building (5334 South Prince Street). Free bleacher seating will be available (see map).

RACE SCHEDULE

- 3:30 p.m. – Senior Women Category 3 & 4
- 4:25 p.m. – Senior Men Category 2 & 3
- 5:30 p.m. – Senior Men Category 4 & 5
- 6:25 p.m. – Men Age 40+ Elite
- 7:30 p.m. – Cruiser Ride (Free! Bring your bike!)
- 7:55 p.m. – Senior Women Professional & Elite
- 9:05 p.m. – Senior Men Professional & Elite



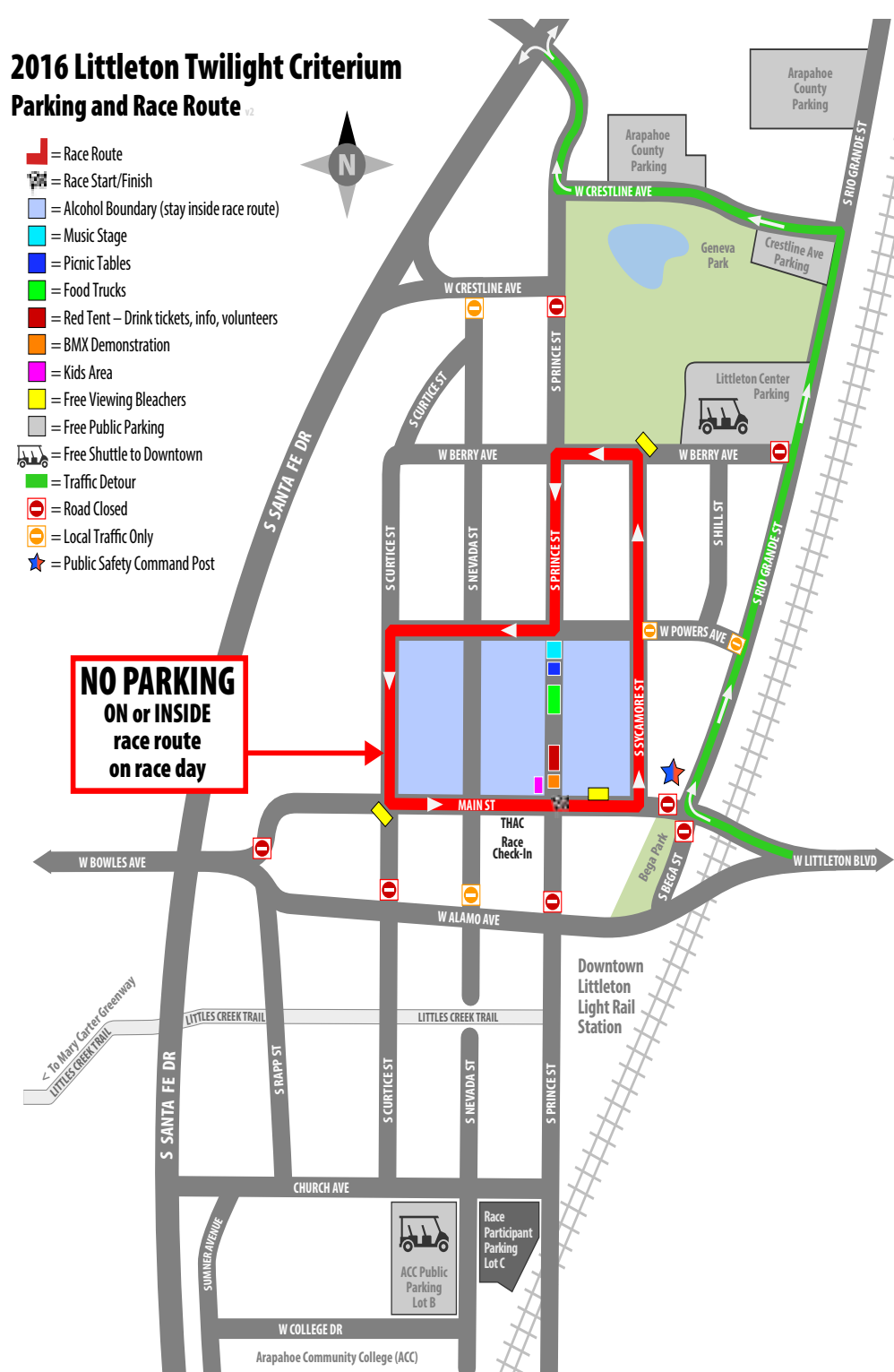
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MUSIC!

5:30 – 8 p.m. — FACE 8 – 10:30 — Thumpin'

2016 Littleton Twilight Criterium Parking and Race Route

- Race Route
- Race Start/Finish
- Alcohol Boundary (stay inside race route)
- Music Stage
- Picnic Tables
- Food Trucks
- Red Tent – Drink tickets, info, volunteers
- BMX Demonstration
- Kids Area
- Free Viewing Bleachers
- Free Public Parking
- Free Shuttle to Downtown
- Traffic Detour
- Road Closed
- Local Traffic Only
- Public Safety Command Post



KING BMX STUNT SHOWS



King BMX Stunt Show riders have amazed crowds all over the United States! High-flying aerial stunts, back flips and tail whips, and mind-boggling technical maneuvers are executed on the ground and ramps. King BMX riders have competed at the X Games, Gravity Games and Dew Action Sports Tour. They have been featured on Fox Sports, NBC's America's Got Talent, the History Channel's American Restoration and Monday Night Football, and are sure to be a crowd-stopper at the Littleton Twilight Criterium! For more information, visit kingbmx.com.

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2 to 5 p.m. CRAFT BEER

FOOD TRUCKS + MUSIC + GAMES MORE THAN 40 BREWERIES

Tickets are \$25 (\$30 at the door)
\$5 for non-drinkers

VIP tickets are \$55 (includes an extra hour of tasting, commemorative glass and t-shirt)

100% of the profits from the non-drinker tickets will go to the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley. Tickets: altitudetickets.com.



Dive into Littleton history with free tours



Littleton has over 125 years of history and a lot of it started right on Main Street by Richard Little.

For anyone interested in learning more about the history of the buildings, people and events of Main Street, join the Historical Preservation Board during Western Welcome Week for a free walking tour.

Tours will be on Thursday, August 18 at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Reservations are not required, and anyone interested should meet on the Littleton Courthouse steps prior to the tour.

For more information about tours email garesh@gmail.com.

Registration for National Night Out is open

The Littleton Police Department is getting ready for National Night Out (NNO). Littleton neighbors and business owners are encouraged to organize block parties to strengthen neighborhood spirit and develop partnerships with other members of the community and the police department.

The event helps increase awareness of police programs and encourages neighbors to get to know each other. The Littleton Police Department will have numerous officers participating in the event, including the SWAT team, the Special Enforcement Team, McGruff the crime dog, the K-9 unit, patrol officers and detectives.

This year's event will be Tuesday, August 2. For more information or to register for a party contact Sergeant Rob Eich at reich@littletongov.org or 303-795-3901. More information and a party registration form can be found at littletonno.com.



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ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAIR
JULY 28 - 31, 2016

The Arapahoe County Fair starts July 28 and continues through July 31. Admission includes unlimited carnival rides, fireworks on Friday and Saturday, 4-H shows, the rodeo, concerts, motor sports, heritage activities, the petting farm, Mutton Bustin' and more. Tickets at the gate will be \$15, parking is \$5 per vehicle and kids less than 36" tall get in free. To purchase online tickets for only \$10, visit arapahoecountyfair.com.

Score! Kids golf for free at Littleton Golf Course!

Kids can golf for free on Saturday and Sunday after 5 p.m. at South Suburban's Littleton Golf Course, 5800 South Federal Boulevard. The offer applies to kids age 17 and under. Call 303-794-5838 to make a tee time a couple days in advance.



"Nite Golf" at Littleton Golf Course

Experience the fun of Nite Golf with glow-in-the-dark golf balls at South Suburban's Littleton Golf Course, 5800 South Federal Boulevard. Nite Golf is offered on special Fridays and on Saturdays by request throughout the summer. Call the golf shop at 303-794-5838 one week in advance to make a reservation. Dates are July 8 and 22; August 5 and 19; and September 2.

Xcel installing LED streetlights throughout Littleton

Notice something different about your street at night lately? Do things seem a little brighter? That's because Xcel Energy is installing LED streetlights along streets throughout Littleton.

Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights are more durable, long-lasting and more cost-effective than the previously-used High Pressure Sodium Vapor (HPSV) lights. LED fixtures use up to 60 percent less electricity than HPSV lights and have a longer life, resulting in fewer replacements, less maintenance and brighter streets. In pilot projects, LED streetlights have been linked to enhanced public safety because they deliver more visible light. Additionally, they provide an environmental advantage by using less energy. These new lights alone will help avoid almost one million pounds of CO2 emissions per month. That's the equivalent of removing more than 1,400 cars from the road.

Littleton is one of the first communities in the Denver-metro area to move forward with Xcel Energy's LED streetlight program. By the end of 2016, Xcel Energy expects to have replaced more than 15,000 lights, saving 48 communities more than \$175,000 annually.

So if the streetlights look a little different, it's not your eyes playing tricks on you - it's Xcel Energy and Littleton decreasing energy use and saving money.



Littleton congratulates ACMCYA award winners



The Arapahoe County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award (ACMCYA) recognizes youth who have overcome difficult situations in their lives by making positive changes and exhibiting strength in the face of adversity. The young people recognized have had a positive influence on others and have created positive change in their own lives. Congratulations to three ACMCYA nominees from Littleton Public Schools: Fabricia Pineda and Kirstyn Smith-LeCavalier from Heritage High School, and Nazario Caceres from Goddard Middle School.

The Aging Well Resource Center has new hours!
 Monday – Thursday • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Located inside Bemis Public Library
 6014 South Datura Street

303-795-3980

littletongov.org/awrc

We look forward to meeting you during Western Welcome Week!



City fills 10 dumpsters on spring Clean Up Day



In May, the City of Littleton hosted a Clean Up Day to help residents dispose of large household items and in a matter of hours, 10 dumpsters were filled. The city collected a little over 100,000 pounds of large household items, yard waste and metal recycling. Overall about 200 vehicles came to the event.

Mineral Avenue Station Area Master Plan continues

Progress continues on the Mineral Avenue Light Rail Station Area Master Plan (STAMP), the first of two plans for the areas surrounding the city's two light rail stations. The plan for the Mineral station will be completed this year; the Downtown Littleton STAMP will be done afterwards.

To address both community aspirations and market reality, the process for the two plans combines public engagement and professional expertise. The STAMPs will provide both short- and long-term recommendations. The goal for each plan will be to retain, grow and attract high-quality development, investment and new businesses near the light rail stations. In both cases, the study area will be the immediate station areas, which are owned by RTD and the areas adjacent to them.

The project team has conducted several important and well-attended meetings, with hundreds of participants offering input on the purpose and vision. Participants used key pad polling devices to share their preferences on building uses and types. The comments and voting results will be considered as the plan is drafted and reviewed.

The draft vision for the Mineral Avenue Light Rail STAMP has five key elements:

The River - Celebrate the major open space resource of South Platte Park by providing balanced pedestrian and bicycle access while preserving and protecting this unique regional resource.

The Train - Leverage the underlying real estate investment and asset of the RTD Park-n-Ride by encouraging high-quality, mixed-use development near light rail.

The Town Brand - Preserve and enhance the dynamic character and brand identity of Littleton while improving the city's competitive advantage within the region.

The Connections - Improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access to and from the Park-n-Ride and light rail station while minimizing congestion.

Value Capture - Partner with adjacent land owners to create a special place that leverages the environmental qualities of the area with unique, Colorado-focused outdoor recreation, food and health and wellness business opportunities.

There is still plenty of time to get involved. A community meeting will be held July 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Inn at Hudson Gardens. A draft plan based on community, staff and project team input is expected in August with a final plan to be presented to city council for consideration.

A new website devoted to planning processes in Littleton has been created where visitors can get updates, review documents and interact with the project team. Visit littletonplans.org for more information.

BEYOND BOOKS... WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | Web Catalog: bemis.ent.sirsi.net

TEEN PROGRAMS...

Teen Movie—July 2, 2 p.m.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, PG-13

Minecraft Tech—Makey Makey & More

July 7, 2-3:30 p.m.*

Come to an experimental technology event combining a Minecraft game with a Makey Makey board to create a life-sized, interactive Minecraft game on the giant movie screen! Don't miss a random prize drawing for a gift card to SparkFun Electronics.

Red Cross Babysitting Class—July 9, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*

Attend an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course at Bemis. Class is limited to 10 participants ages 11-15. Course fee is \$85. To register for a class, visit Redcross.org/takeaclass or call 1-800-Red-Cross.

Giant Jenga® & Life-sized PAC-MAN

July 11, 2-3:30 p.m.*

Just like it sounds... two classic games turned into life-sized, interactive versions. For Jenga®, bring engineering skills and a steady hand to keep the tower from crashing down. For PAC-MAN, navigate the maze to pick up dots, all while eluding the other players who are ghosts.



LEGO® Building Contest

Win cash in the first LEGO® Building Contest! Use LEGO® bricks to create a character from a book and submit the creation to the library anytime from July 5-31. Winners will be announced August 6 at 10 a.m., at the LEGO® city event in Sophie's Place. Nine cash prizes will be given to winners in three age categories: adult (age 19+), teen (age 12-18), and children (age 6-11). Fifty dollars will be awarded to the first place winner in each age category, and \$10 each to the second and third place winners. Judges from the Colorado/Wyoming LEGO® Users' Group and the Denver LEGO® Users' Group will review all entries and select the winners.

Do you have a cookbook you are no longer using? Bring it to the library anytime from July 11-31 and exchange it for a different cookbook. Go to the main floor information desk to find a cart of cookbooks for the exchange. Bon appétit!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS...

July Family Entertainment

All shows begin at 2 p.m. For families with children ages three and up.

July 12—Magical Delights with Doc Murdock

Magic, comedy, puppets and lots of surprises.

July 19—Old Town Puppet Company presents

The 3 Little Pigs and *The Lion & the Mouse*

Puppets, songs, fairy tales and humor combine for a fun-filled performance by Mike Walsh.

July 26—Wag that Tale! Stories that make you bark, leap, and beg for more!

Denise Gard and her smart Border Collies explore tales from around the world.

July 31—The Beauty of the Mountain Dulcimer

Mike Anderson, The Dulcimer Guy, combines music, story-telling and humor while making traditional and modern music come alive on this uniquely American instrument. This entertaining and educational program provides the grand finale to Summer Reading 2016.



July School Age Programs*

Every Wednesday at 2 p.m. For kids entering grades 1-5.

July 6—Totally Insane Kid Olympics

Local favorite Bryce Jackman provides a variety of wacky obstacle course challenges.

July 13—Outdoor Games-Water Fun

Enjoy wet and wild fun on the lawn at Bemis.

July 20—Marine Biology

CU Science Discovery Center presents the watery world of jellyfish, seahorses, sharks and other ocean creatures.

July 27—Movie Matinee: Zootopia

Rated PG. Length: 108 minutes.

Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego® Club—July 2, 2 p.m.*

The library provides the Legos®. For kids in Grades 1-5.

Paws to Read—July 9, 10 a.m.-noon*

Kids in grades 1-5 can practice reading to a furry friend.

Teddy Blue: True

Adventures of a Wild

West Cowboy

July 12, 7-8 p.m.

Hear the story of "Teddy Blue" Abbott, a cowboy who led a life of adventure, from speaker and performer Kurtis Kelly. Teddy Blue was just a boy when he found himself on his first ride with cowpunchers, driving cattle to the rail-roads. It began a lifetime of exciting adventures highlighted by encounters with Buffalo Bill Cody, Calamity Jane, and others. Abbott's experiences, retold in his memoir *We Pointed Them North: Recollections of a Cowpuncher*, were the inspiration for the book *Lonesome Dove*, by Larry McMurtry.



Self-Publishing 101: A Beginner's Guide to Self-Publishing a Book—July 16, 9 a.m.-noon

Learn how to get a book published in easy-to-follow steps from an expert in the publishing industry. Speaker Polly Letofsky is a publishing consultant with the company Self-Publishing Experts and the author of an award-winning book. In this workshop, Letofsky will cover options in self-publishing, steps to publish a book, the length of time it will take to get a title published and the cost of self-publishing.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

July 16, 2-3 p.m. The Denver Brass



Senior Book Club—July 18, 2 p.m.

The Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro

Monday Evening Book Discussion Group—July 18, 7 p.m.

Homeland by Barbara Hambly

The Legendary Ladies Present Energetic Women of the West—July 23, 2-3 p.m.

Enjoy a dramatic presentation by seven actresses portraying energetic women in the history of the West. Characters portrayed will include: Songwriter Katharine Lee Bates; patroness of fire fighters Lillie Hitchcock Coit; frontier Physician "Doc" Susie Anderson; Francis Wisebart Jacobs, known as the "mother of charities" and founder of an organization that later became the United Way; benefactress Rae Wilson; Miriam Davis Colt, member of a vegetarian organization that planned a utopian colony in Kansas; and suffragist Julia Holmes, who climbed Pikes Peak.

52 Rivers: A Woman's Fly-fishing Journey—

July 25, 2-3 p.m.

Fly fishing a river a week for a year was a dream fulfilled by author and photographer Shelley Walchak. Hear about her unique experiences and view her stunning photographs from this angling journey. Walchak is the author of the award-winning book, *52 Rivers: A Woman's Fly-fishing Journey*. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing.

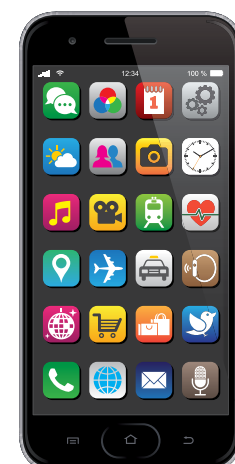


Saturday Movie Matinee: My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2—

July 30, 2-4 p.m. Rated PG-13

*Registration required. To register for an event, call the library at 303-795-3961.

GENERAL PROGRAMS...



Secrets to iPhone/Android

Photos—July 9, 2-4 p.m.

Those who own an iPhone or Android phone have a powerful tool for taking amazing photos. Well-known Travel Photojournalist Ron Stern will share tips for taking terrific photos. Learn nine picture-taking secrets and the most useful photo apps. Discover how to properly compose and take panoramas and time-lapse videos. At the end of the program Stern will take participants outside to practice what they have learned.



COMMUNITY BUSINESS REVIEW



Come in We're
OPEN

*fab'rik offers
"high style
with heart"*



For 18 months, a boutique in Aspen Grove has been doing more than inspiring fashion in young women. Since it opened, fab'rik clothing store has been a resource to help those in need, a place where young women are mentored and a business that believes in supporting and connecting with Littleton's community members.

In December 2014, Leslie Clay made the move to open the first fab'rik store outside of the southeast, right here in Littleton. Like any other boutique, fab'rik offers unique, trendy clothes, but Clay believes that fashion shouldn't come at a high price. Everything in the store is under \$100.

Its motto is "high style with heart," which is where the store's non-profit, free fab'rik, comes into play. Through its non-profit, fab'rik offers free shopping sprees to women in need. In the past fab'rik has worked with an organization called Streets Hope to help victims of sex trafficking regain confidence. Volunteers took a pop-up boutique to Streets Hope and stylists then helped young women pick out new outfits.

For Clay, opening fab'rik was about more than just drawing in customers. The business owner says she wanted to create an environment where she could teach women to support other women. It was a goal she set not just with her customers, but within her staff as well. For more information about fab'rik or free fab'rik, visit fabrikstyle.com.

SPOTLIGHT:

GraceFull Café in Downtown Littleton



A three-year journey in the making, GraceFull café opened its doors in Downtown Littleton on May 24. Owner Heather Greenwood has a background in business, but after teaching at Arapahoe High School for 12 years, she decided it was time for a change. Greenwood and her family moved to Uganda and did service work for a year. That year changed her life. After returning home, she wanted to give back to the community by using her love of food to connect people.

GraceFull Café is located inside a 1912 home and the fabrics and linens all reflect Greenwood's time in Uganda. The modern, yet comfortable décor gives the restaurant a homey feel. The café is open for breakfast and lunch and features a few healthy staple items, with at least one special menu item. The breakfast burritos and the lunch salad have proven to be some community favorites so far, along with GraceFull's coffee bar.

What sets Gracefull café apart from other businesses is that the restaurant offers meals for those who can't afford them through the GraceFull Foundation. Paying customers also have the option to leave a few extra dollars for their meal that will be donated directly to the foundation. Additionally, volunteer opportunities are available for anyone hoping to get involved. There are three positions available including front of house, food prep and cleaning. Those volunteers help keep prices low.

To apply or to find more information, visit gracefullcafe.com.

Courtyard by Marriott construction continues



Construction has been moving along at South Erickson and County Line Road and Marriott loyalty members should be excited.

The four-story building on the south side of County Line will soon be a new Courtyard by Marriott. The 122-room hotel will offer free high-speed internet, a pool, meeting event space and a fitness center. There is also a bistro offering healthy snacks, as well as an evening bar and Starbucks coffee.

The hotel is scheduled to be open in late August. For more information, visit marriott.com/hotels/travel/denlt-courtyard-denver-southwest-littleton.