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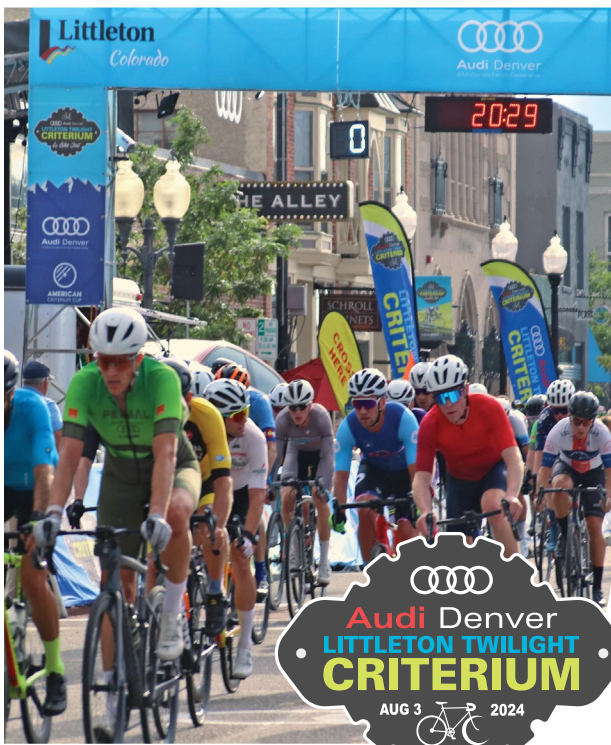
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Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium Returns August 3

Come to Historic Downtown Littleton Saturday, August 3 for a day full of free family fun and watch some of the best cyclists in the country compete at the Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium.

The day includes 11 races ranging from a junior's division in the afternoon to the men's and women's pro divisions under the lights in the evening. In total, more than 500 racers will compete on the NASCAR-style circuit through the streets of Downtown Littleton, making it the largest road cycling race in Colorado.

There will be live music by Journey tribute band *Those Crazy Nights*, food trucks, a beer garden, a "cruiser" ride through the course open to everyone, and a dedicated family area. The races run from 2:15 to 10 p.m., and the entire event is free to attend.

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Safer Streets: Pilot Projects Move Forward

Littleton's Public Works planners, engineers, and staff are installing numerous pilot projects geared toward bike and pedestrian safety citywide this summer, allowing them to test methods and materials for wider implementation going forward as part of the Safer Streets Littleton initiative. The public can now provide feedback on pilot projects via a survey available at LittletonCO.gov/SaferStreets.

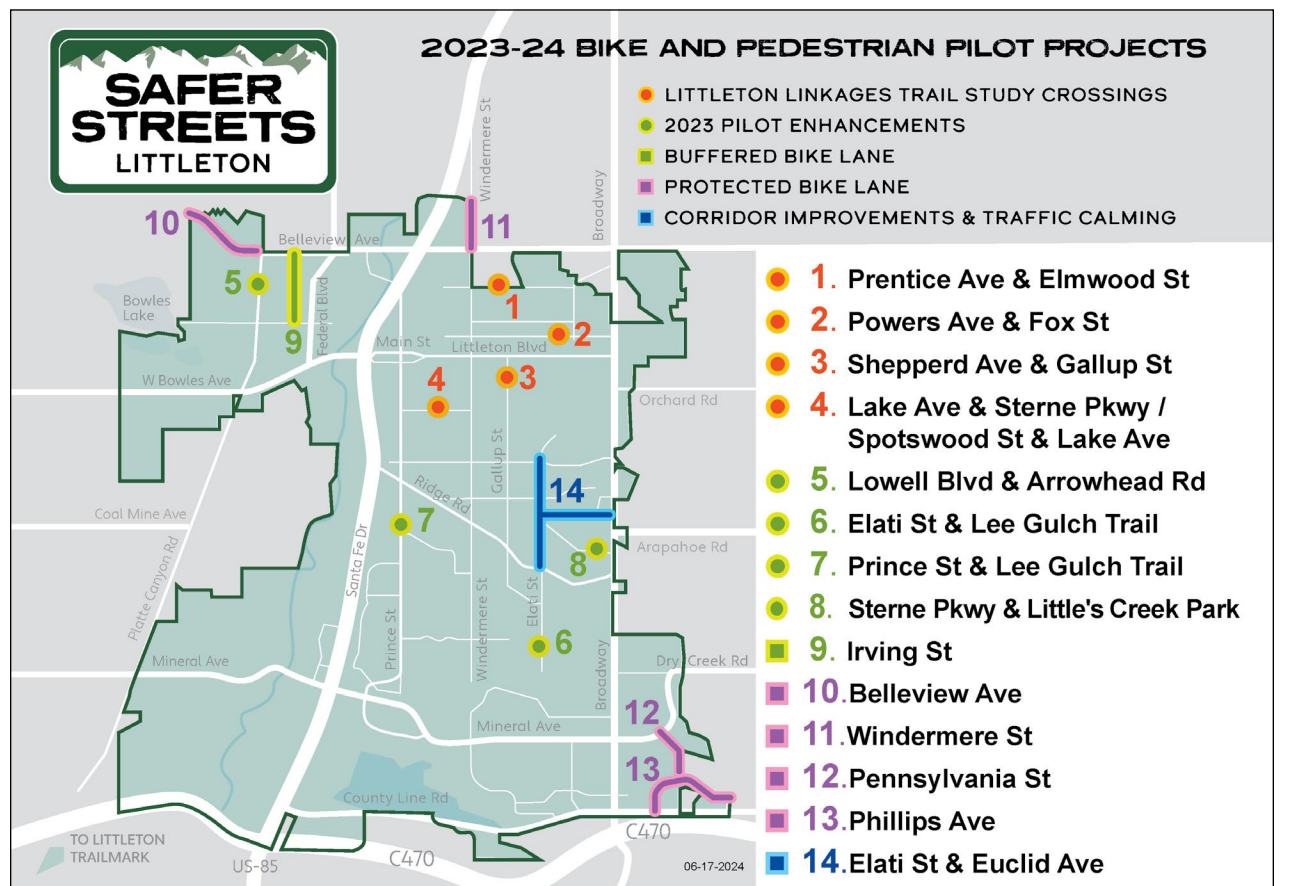
Pilot projects include:

- Four trail-crossing improvements identified by the 2023 Littleton Linkages trail study, on the borders of Cornerstone, Ketring, Powers, and Sterne Parks. Crossings feature new crosswalks and "bulb-out" areas, which extend the curb at an intersection to shorten the crossing distance and improve visibility for pedestrians.
- Four lane-miles of protected bike lanes along Bellevue

Avenue, Windermere Street, Pennsylvania Street, and Phillips Avenue. These are the first protected bike lanes in Littleton, adding physical barriers between riders and traffic – a step up from "buffered" bike lanes which demarcate a wide area between traffic lanes and bike lanes. These projects allow planners and engineers to test different types of barriers and how they impact not just rider safety but maintenance needs like street sweeping, snowplowing, and drainage.

- Reevaluation of pilot projects installed in 2023, including trail crossings, bikeway, and intersection enhancements. Existing projects will see further improvements based on data collection over the previous year, including stronger traffic calming measures in areas where

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Littleton Museum Continues Post-Pandemic Rebound

The Littleton Museum has seen a strong rebound in visitation following a plunge during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The museum, which features indoor galleries and two living history farms, welcomed more than 2.1 million visitors between 2005 and 2019. The 15-year average of more than 141,000 annual visitors made it the best attended mid-size museum in Colorado.

Pandemic restrictions beginning in March 2020 saw the museum's 2020 visitation plunge to less than 26,000, climbing to just over 78,000 in 2021 – averaging a 64% decline over the 2005-2019 average.

Many American museums suffered during the pandemic, with almost a third facing closure in the immediate aftermath. Many continue to operate at a third of their pre-pandemic visitation levels.

The Littleton Museum, however, saw attendance rebound to 87% of pre-pandemic levels in 2023, clocking in at in-person attendance of nearly 124,000.

Bolstered by strong community support, the museum is also a major draw to economically-stressed patrons thanks to its free admission.

Pandemic-era restrictions also inspired innovation at the museum, leading to the creation of virtual programming that today accounts for more than 76,000 “virtual visitors.”



While the museum's post-pandemic growth continues, the past four years have been a testament to the resilience of museum staff, the dedication of the City of Littleton, the devotion of the community, and an emblem of what makes Littleton a special place.

City Lays Out Initiatives in Horizon 2027

The City of Littleton has a new strategic plan, Horizon 2027, that will guide priorities and development through the next two to three years. City council approved the plan at its June 4 meeting.

It defines initiatives to be pursued in the coming years that align with the city's five outcomes established in the Envision Littleton long-term comprehensive plan that was developed in 2019.

Those five outcomes are to ensure that, over the next 20 years, Littleton is known as a city that is:

- A vibrant community with a rich culture
- A sustainable community with natural beauty
- A robust and resilient economy
- A safe community
- Providing high quality governance



Horizon 2027 outlines 30 priorities on which the city can focus, each categorized

under one of the five outcomes. These initiatives will drive discussions around the annual budget and projects taken on by city departments.

Each initiative includes a project timeline and performance indicators to evaluate its community impact. The plan includes an update cycle to allow city council to keep an eye on progress towards the initiatives and make any changes.

The city will publish a community dashboard on its website later this year to show progress and to solicit feedback from residents.

Creating the plan began at the city council's annual retreat in February 2023. Development continued over the next year, and at its 2024 retreat, city council agreed on the 30 initiatives as top priorities.

The plan is the foundation for the 2025 budget and department work plans for the next year. City staff will form a steering committee to refine how initiatives coming out of the plan are evaluated.

For more information, search Horizon 2027 at LittletonCO.gov.

Communications Director Kelli Narde Announces Retirement



Littleton Communications Director Kelli Narde will retire September 13 after 33 years of service to the city.

Narde joined the City of Littleton in 1991 and left her mark on the city in many ways. Initially hired as Assistant to the City Manager, Narde collaborated on many significant projects. She says she is most proud of the public education work she led on the 3A, 3K, Lodgers Tax, and other ballot questions that left the city in a strong position for the future.

She spearheaded the creation of Littleton Channel 8 which began televising city council and other board meetings in the early 1990s. She edited and wrote hundreds of stories for the *Littleton Report* and ensured the on-time production of 198 issues.

Narde helped lead transformative projects for Littleton. She was on the team who renovated the Littleton Municipal Courthouse, which sat vacant for more than a decade and was nearly demolished.

Narde helped city council lobby for construction of the RTD Southwest Light Rail into Littleton and managed the installation of public art at Littleton's two stations, including a notable mural of early Littleton by Michelle Lamb at the Downtown station.

Narde was named Littleton's Communications Director in 2005, the same year she served on the project team for the expansion of the Littleton Museum's main building.

As Communications Director, Narde grew the communications department to a staff of 7.5, a team that now produces social media, print and online newsletters, video production, and graphic design, right down to the banners over Main Street. She has been the city's Public Information Officer responding to media inquiries about the city.

Littleton's events calendar grew substantially under Narde's leadership, from little more than a pint-sized version of the Candlelight Walk in the 1990s, to a slate that now includes Meet Greet & Eats, Little Jam free concerts, the Twilight Criterium, and more.

Narde helped guide the community through tough times as well, including the 1999 Columbine High School shooting in nearby Jefferson County and the accompanying influx of international media. Narde also coordinated the city's outreach through the COVID-19 pandemic and supported Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum to increase their slate of virtual offerings. The digital newsletter, the *Littleton Report Online*, was created during this time to fulfill the need for increased communication with residents.

Recently, Narde oversaw the rollout of Visit Littleton, a tourism campaign focused on Littleton's arts and culture scene and outdoor adventures with the goal of supporting local businesses and increasing awareness of the great things the city has to offer.

In retirement, Narde looks forward to golf, travel, and spending time with her family, especially her young grandson.

"It's truly been an honor to work for the citizens of Littleton," Narde said. "People here are involved and they're also very caring. I'm grateful to have worked with the most talented people I could dream of. It's been a great ride."

Geneva Lodge to Get Facelift with Help from State Grant

Geneva Lodge will get a facelift this year after city council approved a contract to rehabilitate the exterior of the nearly century-old landmark.

The historic former farmhouse looks over Geneva Lake just steps from the Littleton Center. Built in 1926, the house was the home of the Geneva Association, a convalescent home for retired hospitality workers. The City of Littleton purchased the property in 1975, and it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1999. It now houses Littleton's



Public Works Engineering division.

Public Works staff secured a \$250,000 State Historic Fund grant to rehabilitate the exterior, including replacing wood siding and trim, masonry, wood doors, 105 historic and non-historic wood windows, and site drainage improvements. The remainder of the roughly \$700,000 project will be paid for by the voter-approved Big Things sales tax measure.

Work is expected to begin in late summer, with completion expected in summer 2025.

Littleton Advances Housing Goals

Littleton continues to advance its goals to meet housing needs by leveraging funding, regulations, and partnerships, leading to notable achievements in the first half of 2024.

Overlook at Powers Park, an affordable senior housing complex, opened in January. Built by South Metro Housing Options (SMHO), Littleton's housing authority, Overlook adds 51 affordable units to the city.

The City of Littleton committed \$1 million in federal ARPA funds and fee-in-lieu dollars collected through the inclusionary housing ordinance to support SMHO's proposed affordable housing development Montview Flats, proposed for a site on South Rapp Street north of Arapahoe Community College. Montview Flats will provide roughly 50 affordable units to those earning 30 to 70% of area median income.

Littleton opted into funding via Proposition 123, a newly-created, voter-approved affordable housing fund, which may be accessible by residents of Littleton's manufactured home parks, and can provide opportunities for down payment assistance and home rehabilitation.

Littleton's inclusionary housing ordinance, which requires multifamily housing developers to add affordable units or pay a fee-in-lieu, is working as designed, with several projects in the development pipeline that will include affordable units.

Work on the Neighborhood Housing Opportunities Unified Land Use Code update has launched, focused on reducing existing code barriers to allow more diversity in housing types, particularly for middle income housing. Achieving more variety in housing is a goal of Envision Littleton 2040 and helps the city move toward its vision of residents being able to find suitable and economic housing options at all stages of life.

Arapahoe County Shareback Funds Support Park Renovations

Numerous park improvements are coming to Littleton, supported in part by more than \$1.6 million in open space Shareback funds from Arapahoe County.

Each year, the county gives its municipalities 50% of the revenues generated by the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax. The county collected about \$43 million from May 2023 to May 2024, and the funds are distributed to cities based on population. It's the largest Shareback program in Colorado.

The funds each municipality receives must be used for projects that are open to the community such as park development, walking and biking trails, and open space maintenance.



This year, the biggest Littleton project using Shareback funds is the redevelopment of Reynolds Landing. Construction is set to begin in late summer, and once completed, the park will be transformed to include shallow wading pools along the riverbank, numerous nature play opportunities, and a terrace overlooking the river.

Another project using the Shareback money is the Ketring-Gallup Park Master Plan, which is looking at better connecting Ketring Park, Gallup Gardens, and Gallup Park.

Other projects supported by these funds include improvements to Jackass Hill Park in partnership with South Suburban Parks and Recreation and beginning design work at Ridgeview Park. In the past, the city used these funds for improvements at the Carson Nature Center, new trail way-finding signs throughout the city, and to cover operational costs at South Platte Park.

SAFER STREETS

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speeding remains an issue.

- Pedestrian improvements in the area surrounding Euclid Middle School, including new crosswalks, bulb-outs, and signage upgrades.

Safer Streets Littleton is an ambitious effort by the City of Littleton to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety through an accelerated pace of infrastructure upgrades, increased traffic enforcement, and public education. Visit LittletonCO.gov/SaferStreets for updates on bike and pedestrian projects, and for more information about pilot projects, including a full glossary of traffic calming strategies and methods.



2025 City Budget Process Underway

The 2025 city budget process is underway. Here are important dates:

- Week of August 26: proposed 2025 budget distributed to city council and the public
- September 7: city council to hold all-day budget workshop
- October 1: first reading of proposed budget before city council
- October 15: second reading and public hearing before city council
- First week of December: final budget available to the public

For more information, search City Budgets and Financial Reports at LittletonCO.gov.

City Council Approves Marijuana Regulation Changes

The Littleton City Council unanimously approved changes to rules regarding retail and medical marijuana regulations June 4.

Retail marijuana sales were approved by Littleton voters in 2020. Littleton currently has three retail marijuana dispensaries.

Council made three changes to the city's marijuana licensing provisions:

- Increased hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., to 8 a.m. to midnight.
- Allowed medical patients to purchase more than two ounces at a time as prescribed by a registered doctor in accordance with state statute.
- Increased the square-footage limit from a maximum of 2,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet.

Proponents say the changes bring Littleton's licensing requirements more in line with surrounding communities.

Last Call for 2024 Meet Greet & Eat

Join the Littleton City Council for the last of three Meet Greet & Eat events this summer!

Meet Greet & Eat brings city council members, city department leaders, and several non profit organizations to mingle with residents at Littleton parks each summer. Attendees can munch free pizza and custard (while it lasts), enjoy activities for children, and chat with city officials about local issues.

The final Meet Greet & Eat will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 7 at Harlow Park, 5151 South Lowell Boulevard.

South Suburban Parks and Recreation will celebrate recent improvements and a new playground at Harlow Park during the event.

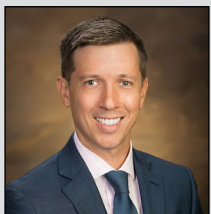


Littleton Community Retreat Returns September 13 and 14

The Littleton Community Retreat, a nonprofit annual event focused on civic engagement, returns September 13 and 14. This year's retreat will focus on water sustainability, with an agenda including bike tours of the South Platte River, a tour of the Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, lectures by experts in the field, and more. Pre-registration and a fee of \$25 are required. Visit LittletonCommunityRetreat.org for more information.

All City of Littleton facilities will be closed
Monday, September 2
in observance of the Labor Day holiday

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Littleton Increases Electric Vehicle Fleet

The City of Littleton added two more electric vehicles to its fleet this summer, making progress toward a state mandate to increase electrification of government light-duty vehicle fleets to help cut carbon emissions.

The two new Chevrolet EV Blazers join two Silverados and two Bolt vehicles purchased in recent months and used by city engineers and inspectors. The electric vehicles save the city money on fuel and maintenance, said Cal Weatherly, Littleton's fleet manager.

"No oil changes, no transmission fluid, we're saving thousands each year in gas, and we're keeping 100 tons of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere per vehicle per year," Weatherly said. "It's a win-win."

Public Works already electrified most of its small maintenance equipment like chainsaws and leaf blowers, Weatherly said.



Western Welcome Week Seeks Donors, Volunteers

Western Welcome Week (WWW), Littleton's signature community celebration, returns for its 96th year August 9 to 18 – and it's up to the community to make it great!

Founded in 1928, Western Welcome Week is a nine-day extravaganza celebrating Littleton's community spirit with dozens of family-friendly events and activities. WWW is a wonderful way to meet neighbors, have fun, and deepen appreciation for Littleton's friendly spirit.

Many events are free to attend. The festivities kick off with the Opening Night Concert and drone show at Sterne Park on Friday, August 9. Events continue throughout the week, including a kids' fishing derby, sandwich breakfast, duck race, craft fair, car show, pig roast, and art exhibits. The Grand Parade, the celebration's main event, is 10 a.m. Saturday, August 17. The delightful old-school parade down Main Street features floats, marching bands, horses, performers, and much more.

WWW is a 501(c)3 nonprofit relying on the generosity of donors and volunteers who work hard to keep Littleton's hometown spirit alive. Residents and businesses who want to see this hometown tradition continue to thrive are invited to take part!

For more information, visit WesternWelcomeWeek.org.



Shutterbugs Needed for Littleton Calendar Photo Contest



It's time again to start thinking about fun and beautiful photos for Littleton's annual calendar photo contest! Winners will see their photos included in the *2025 Littleton Calendar and Annual Report*, distributed citywide in December.

Each photographer may submit up to five photos. Winners receive \$25, 10 calendars, and publicity via news releases and distribution of approximately 8,000 calendars to the community.

The deadline is Friday, September 20. For more information, search "Annual Calendar Photo Contest" at LittletonCO.gov.

National Night Out Returns August 6

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) will participate in National Night Out (NNO) Tuesday, August 6.

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

The goal of NNO is to create a sense of community and to promote crime prevention and safety awareness. This is also a great opportunity to meet neighbors, get to know local law enforcement officers, and work together to make the Littleton community a safer place.

For more information, visit LittletonPolice.org.



Littleton Draws More Accolades

Littleton's high quality of life is drawing attention, with *USA Today*, *WorldAtlas*, and *TheTravel.com* giving the city high honors.

USA Today named Littleton one of the five Best Cities in Colorado, calling Littleton a "unique and charming city brimming with turn-of-the-century architecture and antique shops."

WorldAtlas, a website exploring global geography and culture, called Littleton one of the 7 Cutest Small Towns In Colorado to Visit In 2024. "Not only is Littleton surrounded by natural beauty, but it also boasts a vibrant culture packed with festivals, concerts, and arts events," the listing reads, citing activities like free summer concerts and historic walking tours.

TheTravel.com called Littleton the #1 Cutest Small Town near Denver, saying visitors "will be spoiled for choice by the number of restaurants and coffee shops."

Find out more about all Littleton has to offer at VisitLittleton.org.



Littleton Report Online Wins National Award

Littleton's Communications Department was honored with a 2024 Blue Pencil Award from the National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) for the *Littleton Report Online*.

The NAGC's Blue Pencil and Gold Screen awards are given out every year to government organizations across the country recognizing excellence in the field of communications. This year, NAGC peer judges reviewed more than 360 entries from all levels of government. A total of 100 winners were recognized across 33 categories.

Littleton Report Online began as a weekly communications tool during the pandemic in order to communicate more frequently with residents. It transitioned to a bi-weekly publication to keep residents informed of city programs, events, services, and job opportunities. There are more than 3,300 subscribers. To stay in the know visit littletonco.gov/subscribe-city-news.



Building Permit System Streamlined

The City of Littleton's Building Division is making changes to simplify its online eTRAKiT building permitting system.

Residents and builders have a new set of permit types to select from, although the required documents and permit approval process remain the same. The goal of these changes is to make it easier for contractors and homeowners to find the correct permit for the work they are doing.

The Building Division will issue new permit cards with each approved permit. The card must be displayed in an accessible location at the project site.

In addition, there are several changes as to whether a project requires a building permit and inspection. For questions regarding the changes, contact the division's permit technicians by calling 303-795-3751, by email at buildingpermits@littletongov.org, or by searching Permits, Review Guides, and Requirements at LittletonCO.gov.

Sewer/Stormwater Bills Due by August 15

The City of Littleton's annual 2024 Sewer and Storm Drainage Utility bills were mailed in late February.

Payment is due by August 15. Late payments will incur a 15% penalty added to the remaining balance and a past-due notice will be mailed in late September.

Cash, check, credit card, and Bill Pay are accepted.

For more information, search Sewer and Storm Drainage Payments at LittletonCO.gov or call 303-795-3772.

Senior Property Tax Refund

Since 1977, the Littleton City Council has annually renewed its Senior Refund Program, providing the city's senior residents with a partial property tax refund.

The program is available to both renters and property owners. For property owners, the refund is based on the property's assessed valuation. Refund amounts range from \$10 to \$100. Refunds for renters range from \$10 to \$30.

Property owners whose property is in a trust or other legal entity for estate planning purposes may be eligible for a property tax refund based on the property's assessed valuation.

To be eligible for a refund, applicants must be 65 years or older on or before December 31 of the previous year and resided in the Littleton city limits for the entire year.

Find an application and more information at LittletonCO.gov/senior-refund. The deadline for 2024 is October 31. To request assistance with the online application, or for other questions, call 303-795-3764.



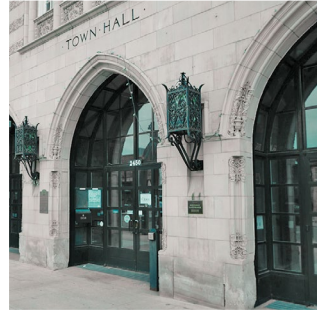
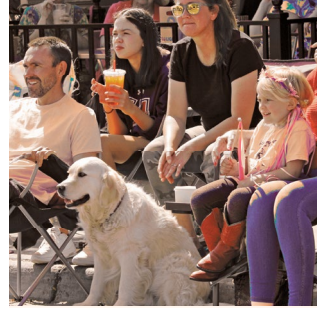
Littleton Events

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- 3** *Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium* Main St.
Downtown Littleton | 2:15 - 10 p.m.
- 3** *Paris Street Market* Aspen Grove
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 6** *National Night Out* Block Parties
LPD and local citizens
- 4,18** *Downtown Farmers Market* Main St. and Nevada
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 7** *Meet, Greet, & Eat #3* Harlow Park
Free Pizza | 4 - 6 p.m.
- 9** *Western Welcome Week Opening Concert* Sterne Park
Drone Show | Denver Municipal Band | 5 - 9:30 p.m.
- 10** *Little Jam #3* Sterne Park
Eagles Tribute Band, *The Long Run* | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 11** *Western Welcome Week Pancake Breakfast* . . . Littleton Center
2255 W. Berry Ave. | 8 - 11 a.m.
- 14** *Taste of Western Welcome Week* Littleton Center
2255 W. Berry Ave. | 6 - 8:30 p.m.
- 17** *Western Welcome Week Grand Parade* . . . Downtown Littleton
Littleton Blvd. / Main St. | 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- 24** *Ovation Gala* Town Hall Arts Center
Downtown Littleton | 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- 25** *Affordable Arts Festival* . . . Arapahoe Community College
Downtown Littleton | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 2,9,16,23,30** *August Nights* Aspen Grove
Music in the Burbs | 6 - 8 p.m.



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- 7** *On Tap with KBCO* Breckenridge Brewery
12:30 - 7 p.m.
- 7** *Paris Street Market* Aspen Grove
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 1,15** *Downtown Farmers Market* . . . Main St. and Nevada
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 9** *Hands-On History Day* Littleton Museum
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 14** *Little Jam #4* Sterne Park
Queen Tribute Band, *Fat Bottom Boyz* | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 20** *Littleton Calendar Photo Contest* Entry Deadline
LittletonCO.gov, search "photo contest" | by 5 p.m.



ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE | Find more events at visitlittleton.org



- OCT 5** *Craft Fair* Ketring Park
Friends of the Library and Museum
littletoncraftfair.org | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



SMALL TOWN
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BIG ESCAPES



South Suburban Board of Directors Update

The South Suburban Board of Directors appointed Cathie Frazzini to fill the vacant board seat due to the resignation of Susan Pye. Frazzini will serve the remainder of the vacant term which ends in May 2025. The South Suburban Board of Directors is comprised of five district residents all serving at-large, who help guide the direction of parks and recreation in the community. Public meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Learn more at ssprd.org/Board-of-Directors.

Registration Open Now for Fall 2024 Classes, Events, and Leagues

Sign up today for fall favorites! Learn something new in classes for youth and adults, have a blast at festive events, and much more. There are a variety of fall break and Thanksgiving break camps, ranging from licensed full-day camps to specialty arts, science, and sports camps. Visit register.ssprd.org to learn more and register or call the Registration Office at 303-347-5999.

Public Hearings for 2025 Budget

Get involved and learn more about South Suburban's major goals for 2025! District residents are invited to provide input on projects and priorities at public hearings for next year's budget. The public meetings will be held in the board room at the Sports Complex, 4810 East County Line Road on August 14, September 25, and October 23. For additional information, call the South Suburban Administration Office at 303-798-5131.

Annual Maintenance Closures at Buck Recreation Center

Each year, South Suburban closes its recreation centers to deep clean and make improvements. Passes and punches are eligible to be used at any of the South Suburban facilities during the weekly closures. Buck Recreation Center will be closed August 12 to 16. Improvements include new flooring, window coverings, gym lighting, cycling bikes, cabinets, and other deep cleaning and upgrades.

Fall Sale

Try something new and save money on favorite classes during South Suburban's annual Fall Sale! Score deals on recreation center admission and programs from September 16 to 29. Buy a 20-pack of Admission Punches and get five free or buy a 10-pack of personal training or private Reformer sessions and get one free. Purchase Fall Sale deals beginning September 16 at register.ssprd.org, or at any South Suburban recreation center.

Pancake Stampede 5K

Work up an appetite for a deluxe breakfast at the Pancake Stampede 5K! The race takes place on the Mary Carter Greenway along the South Platte River and is part of Western Welcome Week. Sunday, August 11.

LITTLETON MUSEUM EVENTS

The Littleton Museum is one of Littleton's premier cultural destinations. The museum features two authentic living history farm sites, with costumed interpreters portraying life in early Littleton. The museum building includes a permanent exhibit focusing on Littleton history, and two rotating galleries. The museum is at 6028 South Gallup Street. There is no charge for admission, but donations are accepted. Find out more at LittletonMuseum.org.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, August 17: Museum opens at 1 p.m. due to the Western Welcome Week Parade staging on Gallup Street.

Sunday, August 18: *Future Fabulist* exhibit closes.

Friday, September 20: *A Place for All People* exhibit opens
A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture is a commemorative poster exhibition celebrating the opening of the Smithsonian's newest museum in 2016. Based on the inaugural exhibitions of the museum, the posters highlight key artifacts that tell the rich and diverse story of the African American experience. Exhibit dates: September 20 to December 29.

Saturday, October 5: Littleton Craft Fair in Ketring Park | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Shop over 250 booths of hand-crafted items! Buy breakfast or lunch from nonprofit stands. Booth fees support the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. More information at LittletonCraftFair.org.

Saturday, October 12: Harvest Festival | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Buy Halloween pumpkins and enjoy wagon rides, 1890s carnival games, and other fun, family-friendly activities. Free admission. Enjoy musical performances and photo opportunities. Games, refreshments, and wagon rides require tickets, which can be purchased at the event.

More Local Events

Learn More About Downtown on Historic Walking Tours

Travel back in time with a walking tour of the Downtown Littleton Historic District. Tour guides from Historic Littleton, Inc. share the stories of downtown's marvelous architecture and characters from the city's past. Free, but donations are appreciated. Reservations are not required. Meet at 6 p.m. at the Depot Art Gallery, 2069 West Powers Avenue.

Tours will be held on First Fridays: August 2, September 6, and October 4. Extra tours will be held at 5 and 6 p.m. Thursday, August 15, during Western Welcome Week. For more information visit HLinc.org.

Get Groovy at Little Jam Free Concerts

Get ready to groove this summer at free Little Jam concerts at Sterne Park! Sing and dance along with some of Colorado's best bands from the comfort of a blanket or lawn chair. All ages are welcome! Food trucks, craft beer, wine, and bottled water will be available for sale.

August 10: *The Long Run* – Eagles Tribute Band

September 14: *Fat Bottom Boys* – Queen Tribute Band

All Little Jam concerts start at 5:30 p.m. on the south lawn of Sterne Park at 5800 South Spotswood Street. Outside alcohol is not allowed in the park. For more information go to VisitLittleton.org.



Try Something New During Littleton Restaurant Week | September 6 to 15

Restaurants, breweries, and more will offer special menus and discounts during the second annual Littleton Restaurant Week, hosted by the Littleton Business Chamber. Participating restaurants include The 49th, Cencalli Taqueria, Colorado Pinball Pub, Los Portales Mexican Restaurant, GraceFull Community Cafe, and many more. Visit LittletonBusinessChamber.org for more information.

Enjoy a Free Evening of Celtic Music | August 10

Enjoy music under the stars with award-winning Denver & District Pipe Band and its Highland and Irish dancers! Food trucks on site. Bring blankets or folding chairs. This free all-ages event begins at 6 p.m. at Aspen Grove, 7301 South Santa Fe Drive. Funded by a City of Littleton Arts & Culture grant.

Support Police K-9s at Two Dog Night Fundraiser | September 11

Support Friends of Littleton K-9 at a fundraiser at the Denver Beer Company, 2409 Main Street. A portion of the night's proceeds will support training, safety equipment, and medical care for the Littleton Police Department's four-legged officers. For more information visit FriendsOfLittletonK9.com.

Don't Move Firewood

Moving firewood long distances can potentially transport invasive species, like emerald ash borer. Instead of moving firewood, buy certified heat-treated wood, or as permitted, gather wood on-site.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was confirmed in Littleton in June of 2023. This devastating pest kills any untreated ash trees. Researchers believe the pest entered Littleton through the inadvertent moving of firewood from a contaminated region. It is important to burn wood locally!

For more information on EAB, visit LittletonCO.gov/EAB.



BEYOND BOOKS

EVENTS AT BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | BemisLibrary.org

FEATURED PROGRAMS

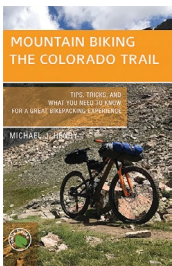


Western Welcome Week Concert: MicroGrass Band
August 15, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

MicroGrass Band is a handcrafted, Denver-based traditional American music band, playing a tasty blend of Americana and bluegrass music, infused with sweet soaring harmonies, all distilled to their high-energy, foot-stomping best. Bring a chair, bring a picnic, bring a friend!

Adult Summer Reading Social
August 24, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading by connecting with other community members and discussing the highlights of your summer reading adventures.



Mountain Biking the Colorado Trail
August 27, 6 p.m.

Colorado author Michael J. Henry shares his experience riding the Colorado Trail, and the tips and tricks he picked up along the way.



PCs for People Distribution Event
August 29, 11 a.m.

PCs for People is a national nonprofit that provides low-cost computers and internet to individuals, families, and nonprofits with eligible income. Those who qualify can sign up for \$100 laptops and \$60 Wi-Fi hotspots with \$16/month internet services. Contact the library for more information.

Right to Read Book Club
September 10, 6:30 p.m.

Join Bemis Public Library for a new book club celebrating the freedom to read, and engage in thoughtful, respectful conversations about difficult topics, censorship, and why libraries fight to protect the right to read freely. Reserve a copy of *Melissa* by Alex Gino today.

El Vaquero: The Eternal Cowboy
September 17, 6:30 p.m.

Angel Vigil presents the Spanish-Mexican origins of cowboy and ranch culture in the American West. *El Vaquero* was the embodiment of the mythic cowboy: the first to ride the open ranges and sleep under the stars, the first to tame the wild horses of the plains and deliver vast herds of cattle across great distances, and the first to master the eternal skills of riding and roping.

Banned Books Week
September 22-28

Book challenges and censorship are on the rise across the country. Celebrate the right to read freely and visit the library for activities and opportunities to learn about the fight against censorship.



SENIOR PROGRAMS

Life Savors Guided Storytelling, 1 p.m.
August 6: School memories
September 3: Stories about a best friend

Join facilitator Daniel Martinez the first Tuesday of each month to savor and share life stories in a positive environment. Find common experiences and unique perspectives with others in the community.

Estate Planning Basics
September 10, 1 p.m.

Estate planning is not just for the wealthy. It may be essential for anyone who possesses any assets or property. This class will cover actions seniors can take on their own to ensure assets are transferred according to their wishes. Topics will include the benefits of estate planning, wills and probate, setting up beneficiaries, trusts, and how to plan independently.

Active Minds, 2 p.m.
August 26: Van Gogh

Explore the life and art of Vincent Van Gogh, including his relatively short and troubled life, the mystery of his death, and the lasting impact of his art.

September 23: American Political Parties

Delve into the origins of political parties in the U.S., the development of new political parties, and why the two-party system appears to be so entrenched in American politics.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Group
August 14 and September 11, 5-6:30 p.m.

Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, and have fun while earning community service credit.

Teen Takeover

August 21: 5 to 6:30 p.m. Pool Noodle Pets*

Make a floppy floating friend. Repurpose pool noodles and paracord into giant critters inspired by pony bead keychains.

September 18: Temporary Tattoo Parlor*

Print custom designs on special paper, doodle with skin-safe markers, or build a full sleeve with a selection of provided temporary tattoos.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Touch-A-Truck

August 9, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
For families with children of all ages

Stop by the library parking lot to explore City of Littleton vehicles. Get up close and personal with a variety of trucks and heavy equipment as Public Works staff answer questions.



Family Fun Foam Fest
Monday, August 12, 11 a.m.
For families with children of all ages

Enjoy an end-of-summer foam party on the lawn with Ann Lincoln. Wear swim clothes or shorts, bring some towels, and get silly in the suds!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

September 27 drop-off 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
September 28, 10:30 a.m. pick-up and storytime

Bring a stuffed animal to the library for a sleepover. Drop off your stuffie in the Children's Room anytime on Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stuffie guardians will need to fill out a short form and checklist before tucking them in.

Come back Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for pick up and to check out the security footage of your friend's nighttime adventures! Snacks provided.

Bemis Public Library wishes to extend its gratitude to those who donated and contributed to the success of the 2024 Youth Services Summer Reading Program:

- Capitol Pizza
- Colorado Rapids Soccer Club
- Daddy's Chicken Shack
- Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakhouses
- Harley's A Hot Dog Revolution
- Pirates Cove
- Qdoba Mexican Eats
- Skate City of Littleton
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation
- Texas Roadhouse
- Wing Stop

And a special thank you to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. The Summer Reading Program wouldn't be possible without their support.

Visit BemisLibrary.org for more information about everything happening at the library including book clubs, storytimes, technology classes, and more.

* Registration required.
Call 303-795-3961 or sign up through the Events Calendar at BemisLibrary.org/calendar





COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Zoey's Place

Downtown Littleton's best spot for natural pet products made the move to a more spacious location this summer. Zoey's Place is now at 5623 South Prince Street, across the street from Devil's Cup Coffee, offering off-street parking and more space for a wider variety of natural pet foods, supplements, and eco-friendly pet accessories. The shop had been at its old location on Alamo Avenue since 2015. Zoey's Place is a locally owned pet market specializing in natural and healthy products for pets. With a focus on health, sustainability, and a whole lot of fun, Zoey's Place offers a curated selection of pet foods, treats, and accessories, along with expert advice to help pet owners make the best choices for their furry friends. For more information, visit Zoey'sPlace.net or call 303-794-6787.



Björn's Colorado Honey

Björn's Colorado Honey offers honey harvested in the Boulder and Denver areas, and bee-based skincare products featuring beeswax, honey, and propolis. The company's honey is raw and unfiltered, providing great taste plus the benefits of local pollen. Björn's is run by small-batch, local honey producers based in Boulder. Pontus, the company's beekeeper, grew up in Sweden and learned the practice from his grandfather Björn; the company namesake. Pontus proudly brings the art of beekeeping and honey-making to Colorado.



Björn's Aspen Grove location offers a wide variety of bee products, including flavored honeys like vanilla bean, sweet and spicy, cinnamon, lemon, and more. Björn's Colorado Honey is in the Aspen Grove shopping center at 7301 South Santa Fe Drive #514. For more information visit BjornsColoradoHoney.com or call 303-981-7168.



Kiln Workspace

Looking for a place to get some work done while connecting with others? Kiln Littleton is a new coworking space able to accommodate teams of one to 100 people. Building on the success of more than a dozen locations around the west, Kiln offers fully-furnished coworking areas, private offices, and large studios. Membership offers access to unique gathering spaces, an events theater, AV-equipped conference rooms, a fitness room, a podcast and recording studio, relaxation rooms, and a supportive hospitality staff that hosts a robust calendar of culture-building wellness and professional events. Temporary and long-term office space is available. Amenities include a coffee/beverage station, treadmill desks, showers, bike storage, maker space, and more. Kiln Littleton is located at 2650 West Belleview Avenue Suite D-100. For more information or to book a tour, visit Kiln.com or call 303-827-7272.



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Shop Local, Get Cash Back

Shopping and dining local comes with its own rewards – finding unique items or eating great food while supporting Littleton businesses. Now, shoppers can get cash back for shopping local with the Open Rewards app. Get 5% cash back at participating retailers and restaurants. Search Open Rewards: For Shoppers at LittletonCO.gov to sign up.



Santiago's

For those whose mouth starts watering when they hear the name Santiago's, good news: the longtime Colorado institution just opened a new location in Littleton. Taking over the spot formerly occupied by Chubby's, Santiago's offers a full menu of tacos, fajitas, enchiladas, and of course those famous breakfast burritos. Think breakfast or lunch – the hours are 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santiago's is located at 5826 South Lowell Boulevard. For more information visit EatAtSantiago's.com or call 303-955-6235.

