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Envision Littleton – Building a Future For Everyone

In a unanimous vote, the Littleton City Council adopted a new Vision 2040 for the city on December 18. Envision Littleton is a community-driven process to plan for the next 10 to 20 years and was launched during the spring of 2018.

More than 3,000 people shaped this plan at 100 events providing their time, ideas, and passion for Littleton. Envision Littleton identified five guiding principles.

The city staff will incorporate the vision and guiding principles into its strategic planning and routine operations to ensure values-based and priorities-driven decision making.

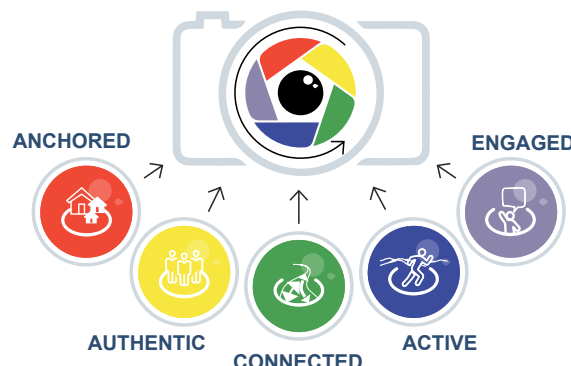
What's next?

The staff will prepare a new Comprehensive Plan to better reflect current conditions, issues, and opportunities while undertaking the development of the first Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Both plans have an adoption target for fall of 2019. The combined planning efforts will emphasize the critical link between land use and an effective transportation system.

The Five Phases of Envision Littleton in 2019

The Comprehensive Plan is a municipality's road map for the future. It is a document that provides long-range policy direction for land use, transportation, economic development, housing, public facilities, preservation, conservation and natural resources. It serves as a guide for elected and appointed officials by providing a framework that can be used to evaluate and direct responsible community growth.

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Upgrades Coming for the Rio Grande Bridge

Often times Littleton residents don't even realize it is a bridge, but if you drive on Rio Grande Street in front of Fire Station 11, you cross the Rio Grande Bridge over Slaughterhouse Gulch and it is in need of major repair.

In November 2018, the city council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for replacement of the bridge at Rio Grande Street over Slaughterhouse Gulch. Staff will be soliciting proposals from qualified engineering firms to complete the project design. The total cost will be \$805,000 with a \$406,400 grant from CDOT to be used for structural improvements. Design and permitting are expected to be completed by the fall of 2019, with construction slated for the winter of 2019/2020.

TABOR Projects Update

The city's Public Works Department successfully completed \$3 million of improvements on its 2018 Pavement Management Program. The budget for the program included \$1.4 million in excess TABOR funds approved by voters in November 2017 for street improvement projects. This recognition of the value of investing in infrastructure resulted in successful completion of mill and overlay projects on Windermere Street, as well as three residential streets in the SouthPark neighborhood. The life of another 2.5 miles of roadways was extended by chip sealing.

Additionally, \$550,000 of the TABOR funds were allocated for safety improvements at the Federal and Bowles intersection. The city and its partnering consultants are developing an Alternatives Analysis for this intersection to determine the best future improvements to address traffic congestion and pedestrian/bicycle safety. This analysis has looked at existing conditions, modeled future forecasted traffic, and explored a variety of geometric configurations to improve safety at this intersection. Potential interim safety improvements and long-term solutions have been identified, and will be available to the public in early 2019 for comment.



Envision Littleton

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The Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is a sub-plan of the Comprehensive Plan. The TMP will take the essential components of the Comprehensive Plan and connect them to the transportation system and how it needs to operate to support the adopted unifying vision. The end goal of a TMP is defining the level of service the community expects from the transportation system and what it will take to make that happen over a timeline of 25-30 years. A great transportation plan will incorporate all modes of travel including cars, bicycles, pedestrians, transit, light rail, and infrastructure that are accessible to all. The TMP identifies what is needed, the projected costs of building out that plan, and laying out the priority of the projects and programs.

Envision Littleton Starts with YOU

The Envision Team will have targeted outreach efforts throughout 2019, with a goal of leveraging community input. For more information visit envisionlittleton.org.



SAVE THE DATE Envision Littleton Speaker Series

- February 27 - 6:30 p.m. — Littleton Museum
- April 23 - 7:30 a.m. — Littleton Museum
- May 22 - 6:30 p.m. — Littleton Museum
- September 12 - 7:30 a.m. — Location TBD

For updates and more information
visit envisionlittleton.org

2018 Pavement Projects

Over \$3 million was spent on managing and improving pavement across the City of Littleton as part of the 2018 Pavement Management Program, touching over 11 miles of city streets. A variety of pavement preservation techniques were used including crack, slurry, and chip sealing; curb and gutter repairs; and mill and overlay. These preservation projects are critical to maintaining the condition of streets to slow the rate of deterioration.

The city continues to face a significant challenge in maintaining and improving the condition of its street infrastructure. Historical funding for pavement management has been around \$1.4 million per year. In order to sustain and improve the city's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) from a current 63 to a desired goal of 71, the city needs approximately \$3.5 to \$4 million annually for the next 10 years, and then \$2.5 million annually thereafter. In 2019 the city will have \$1.4 million from the gas tax, and as a result of the Fire Inclusion that voters approved in November, the Public Works Department will have another \$3.1 million per year beginning in 2020 to work towards this PCI goal, but it will take time.

Throughout the winter months, Public Works staff will evaluate all 161 miles of city streets and develop a five-year plan (2019-2023) for pavement management projects. A map of the anticipated projects will be published in the spring of 2019.

Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group

The cities of Englewood, Littleton and Sheridan (referred to as the Tri-Cities) have formed the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group (TCHPG) with the mission to promote coordination amongst and between the cities. The goals of this group are: 1.) to understand the homelessness situation in the Tri-Cities; 2.) work proactively to ensure legislation is supportive and consistent in each of the Tri-Cities; 3.) collaboratively work across jurisdictions to create a coordinated approach with all stakeholders, encouraging and supporting coordination of resources between the cities and supporting organizations, such as Change the Trend; and 4.) support community education initiatives that provide two-way communication and learning.

The Tri-Cities share physical borders and often collaborate on municipal and regional issues. Currently, a community initiative called Change the Trend Network has come together to discuss broad community involvement to address homelessness. A key part of addressing homelessness will be to educate the public on the topic.

Change the Trend is an innovative collaboration between local government, faith communities and local non-profits. The TCHPG have been exploring how, by collaborating with Change the Trend, they can mobilize community members through public education and outreach, strengthen partnerships with congregations and nonprofits to better address local needs, and leverage funds from the region, county, state and federal governments.

Literature on addressing homelessness identifies data as an important first step for communities to understand the nature of homelessness. TCHPG is considering a proposal from the University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work, Burnes Center on Poverty and Homelessness, to interview persons experiencing homelessness in these communities in order to understand the underlying causes of homelessness and barriers which prevent individuals and families from exiting homelessness.

The second phase of this proposal is to work in partnership with TCHPG, nonprofit and faith providers, key stakeholders and those who have experienced homelessness to develop a collaborative plan focused on solutions in the region.

Littleton Loves Its Neighbors

One of the greatest things about living in Littleton is the strength of the city's neighborhoods. Each one is special and unique. However, these great neighborhoods just don't happen, they are the result of a city that actively works to preserve and improve them. Here are some examples the city is taking to keep Littleton's neighborhoods special.

1. Create and implement a new Comprehensive Plan with specific standards and policies that will form the basis for improved zoning.
2. Create the city's first Transportation Master Plan that will design and classify streets. Managing traffic flow is critical to preserving neighborhoods.
3. Develop regulations governing Short Term Rentals. This can be a good lodging option, but only if compatible with neighbors.
4. Develop regulations governing recreational uses. Some uses like gun ranges need special regulations to protect neighbors.
5. Include a provision for early publication and evaluation of proposed projects.
6. Removed the use of the Planned Development Overlay in residential areas that permitted projects to avoid development standards.
7. Developing plans to prioritize the use of Open Space monies the city receives to ensure that neighborhoods benefit.
8. Supporting public safety by providing more resources to police and submitting to the citizens the inclusion with South Metro Fire Protection District.
9. Using monies previously dedicated to fire services on street maintenance.
10. Adopted the Belleview Corridor Vision and Downtown Littleton Design standards to provide stronger standards for future development.

Littleton City Attorney Recognized as Local Government Fellow

Littleton City Attorney Steve Kemp received a prestigious recognition as being recertified as a Local Government Fellow by the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA). Since the inception of the organization in 1935, only 84 attorneys have received the esteemed designation. Eight attorneys represented the 2018 Class of IMLA Fellows, including Colorado Springs City Attorney Wynetta Massey. The City of Littleton congratulates Kemp on his outstanding achievement.



Cost of Service Study

The City of Littleton has evaluated costs related to development review services and other fees throughout the city in hopes of better aligning the fees with the true cost of the service provided.

In 2017 and 2018, the city established planning and engineering development review fees to help offset costs related to these services. Following the establishment of the fees, the city engaged a consultant for a Cost of Services Study. Based on information from the study, staff recommended fee changes for development review services. The new fees were adopted by city council in November 2018 and were effective January 1, 2019. The cost of services model utilized in this study provides the opportunity for staff to review costs and fees periodically and recommend adjustments as needed.



Sock It Out Challenge

The City of Littleton accepted the challenge to Sock-It-Out against other neighboring cities in a competition to see who could collect the most socks. During the month of December, Littleton joined Greenwood Village, Lone Tree, Englewood and Centennial collecting new socks to donate to the homeless. Boxes were set up at Bemis Library, the Littleton Museum and the Littleton Center and a total of 1,025 pairs were collected. Greenwood Village won the challenge by 50, collecting 1,075 pairs! The real winners are all those who will receive new socks made possible by the generous donations of residents across the South Metro area.

Police Department to Acquire New Records Management System

The Littleton Police Department will soon have improved access to records and the ability to share information with neighboring agencies. At its December 18 meeting, the Littleton City Council approved the purchase of a new records management system in partnership with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department. The system will build upon the current Computer Aided Dispatch system and allow the ability to share data with surrounding agencies including Englewood, Sheridan, Cherry Hills Village, Greenwood Village and Arapahoe County. There is a substantial savings of an estimated \$360,000 to the City of Littleton due to the shared nature of the program. The agreement is with TriTech Software Systems and will replace the current system that has served Littleton for the past 20 years.

Littleton is One of the Top 10 Most Visited Cities in Colorado

The City of Littleton is one popular place to visit. That is according to the *Denver Business Journal*, who reported that when it came to prevalent visitor locations across Colorado, Littleton ranked seventh. Littleton now has almost 600 hotel rooms and many attractions for visitors to enjoy. According to studies released by Visit Denver and the Colorado Tourism Office, Colorado set record numbers for tourism and visitor spending in 2017 with over 3 million people visiting the Centennial State. Across the U.S., Colorado saw the most visitors from Texas, Florida and California. And from across the world, Colorado was the most popular with Mexico, Canada, the U.K. and Australia.

Transportation and Mobility Advisory Board

The city council has created a new advisory board focused on aiding staff and council to define the role and future of transportation mobility in Littleton and the region. The new Transportation and Mobility Board (TMB) will target understanding, reviewing, and providing feedback on such topics as the citywide road system, how transit operates in the city, how the city's bicycle and pedestrian system function, and traffic management. The timing for the creation of the TMB is crucial to the forthcoming development of the city's first Transportation Master Plan.

The TMB will meet monthly to review staff presented projects and programs, provide a forum for public discussion on mobility issues, and understand how Littleton can succeed in developing the transportation future for citizens and businesses.

The board will have seven regular members and two alternates over staggered terms. One unique feature of this board is that up to two positions can be non-Littleton citizens who have a vital transportation interest in the city such as a Littleton-based business that relies on transportation for success. One of the key goals in this approach is to provide an avenue to discuss issues related to regional transportation opportunities. The city does not sit on an island, and many of the mobility challenges come as a result of the interplay of local transportation needs with broader regional influences.

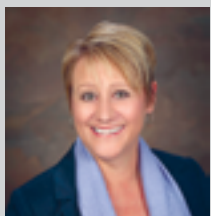


Littleton Police Officers Gifted Tactical Gear

In November 48 of Littleton's finest were gifted tactical gear from Mission Hills Church and Shield 616. The officers were given kits that included ballistic vests and other necessities. Mission Hills Church Pastor Rick Derbyshire spearheaded the effort in partnership with Shield 616, a faith-based program that donates needed equipment to police officers as well as provides support groups and prayer for first responders. After working with the Littleton Police Department, Pastor Derbyshire said, "They are obviously one of the best trained forces in Colorado. I have worked with multiple departments in the state and I was so impressed." Mission Hills also matched officers with individuals who would support, encourage and pray for them on a regular basis. Derbyshire said donating these vests was personal to him. "Douglas County Deputy Zach Parrish was a member of the church and I was at his wedding. I was called out to the hospital on the day he died and I was called out as a Littleton chaplain and participated in Zach's funeral."

But it was not just Pastor Derbyshire who made the donations possible, the entire body of Mission Hills took up donations to purchase the 48 kits costing \$1,200 each. Derbyshire went on to say, "We want to be a good neighbor to them and support them. We see their heart and the way that they want to help people and we wanted to express our gratitude for what they do for our community."

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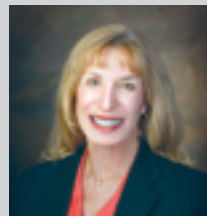
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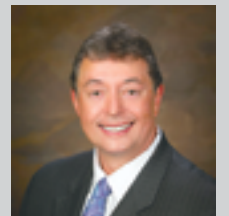
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Littleton's Unsung Heroes

There are flashing lights on their cars, they wear a uniform and they are out to help any and all in need, but they are not paid police officers, in fact they are volunteers. The Community Safety Volunteer (CSV) program began in 2015 with a group of graduates from the Littleton Police Citizens Academy Alumni Association (LPCAAA). There are 17 active CSV members. "The education I received during the academy fortified my respect and admiration for police officers, dispatchers, and fire and rescue. Being a CSV is my opportunity to give back," said CSV Becky Woods, who just completed one year as a volunteer. Each CSV completes a 20 hour academy where they learn officer safety techniques, City of Littleton geography, police department radio procedures, traffic control techniques, as well as many other functions, but volunteer Jessica Martin says it is worth every minute. "The sense of belonging and making an impact has been very satisfying and is fulfilling the initial goal of participating in the program."

CSV's perform a variety of duties including: patrolling areas with a high concentration of criminal activity, assisting officers by helping control traffic at accident scenes, waiting for tow trucks so officers can be freed up to handle calls for service, vacation checks of houses when the home owner is away, documenting new graffiti, assisting code enforcement with some code violations, and most importantly, serving as police department ambassadors to the community. "Our efforts are in support of the LPD and to extend their reach in the community in their continuous efforts to protect and serve," said volunteer James Crain. To find more information about the CSV program or the Littleton Police Citizens Academy go to littletongov.org.



Free Dog Training at the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley

A grant from the City of Littleton has allowed pet owners access to free obedience classes at the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley (HSSPV). Since 2009, the HSSPV has served the Littleton area by caring for stray, lost, or abandoned pets as well as finding homes for them. HSSPV is now offering accessible behavior and training resources to Littleton residents in hopes of setting pet owners up for success. In January, HSSPV is offering affordable group obedience training classes for dogs allowing them the opportunity to practice ignoring distractions, sitting politely for a greeting, learning commands such as come, focus, leave it, heel, sit, down, and stay. There were 30 available free spaces in the six-week training course for residents of Littleton. If interested and to see if classes are still available, email behaviorandtraining@hsspv.org or call the shelter directly at 303-703-2938. To have the enrollment fee waived, provide proof of address within the Littleton city limits at the time of registration. "HSSPV is grateful to Mayor Debbie Brinkman and the members of city council for making these opportunities possible, and most of all for shaping Littleton into a dog friendly paradise," said Kelsey Kennelly, the marketing and community outreach manager at the shelter. For more information visit hsspv.org.

Littleton is One of the Best Small Cities in America

The accolades keep coming! Littleton is ranked the 8th Best Small City in America according to the website WalletHub.com. The financial services site reviewed more than 1,200 cities with populations between 25,000 and 100,000. Littleton ranked eighth overall compared to other small cities across the United States when evaluating 40 indicators of livability. The criteria involved areas such as housing costs, school systems and restaurants per capita. Littleton was ranked in the 99th percentile with high scores in the categories of Quality of Life, Economic Health and Education Health. To view the entire article go to LittletonReport.com.

Denver Water Rates to Increase in 2019

The cost to operate and maintain Denver Water's complex system of water collection, treatment and distribution facilities continues to rise while the organization improves its ability to react to changing weather patterns. As a result, Denver Water will increase rates for customers in 2019 to cover the need for \$8 million more dollars to operate. Denver Water says it will keep rates as low as possible while using \$53 million from its reserve fund. "It's our goal to have slow and steady rate increases with even, annual adjustments that allow our customers to plan ahead and avoid rate shocks," said Fletcher Davis, rates manager for Denver Water.



Denver Water's charter mandates that suburban customers pay the full cost to serve them, plus an additional amount. Suburban lots also are larger compared to Denver, with larger lawns and gardens that require more water and infrastructure support compared to customers living in Denver. Typical single-family customers who live outside Denver and use 102,000 gallons per year are expected to see their 2019 annual water bill rise between \$23 and \$41, depending on what type of service they get from Denver Water. The increase includes a 55-cent increase in the monthly service fee as well as rate increases on the amount of water used.

Denver Water's five-year capital plan includes construction of the state-of-the-art Northwater Treatment Plant near Highway 93, an 8.5-mile pipeline to carry drinking water from the new plant to customers, the expansion of Gross Reservoir, and construction of a new water quality lab to ensure Denver Water maintains the highest water quality standards. Denver Water serves 1.4 million people in Denver and surrounding suburbs.



Littleton Channel 8 Now Live Streaming

Littleton's Cable Channel 8 has gone through a major upgrade! The city replaced its aging server with a Tightrope Flex video server. This new hardware controls what goes out to cable subscribers and now integrates this channel into the Littletongov.org website. Channel 8 has programming produced by the city such as live meeting coverage and informational shows, concerts from venues including Red Rocks and Levitt Pavilion, South Metro Fire Rescue's *Unscripted* program, as well as nationally produced programming from NASA and the National Science Foundation. The new system also includes a Carousel Bulletin Board which displays upcoming events, news, weather, and traffic cameras. Channel 8 is available on Comcast channel 880 for high definition and channel 8 for standard definition. Channel 8 is also available through CenturyLink Prism on channel 8003. Visit www.littletongov.org/channel8 to watch 24/7 and view upcoming show and meeting schedules.

Changes to RTD

With the beginning of a new year, new changes were implemented by the Regional Transportation District (RTD). The City of Littleton features the South Jeffco Call-n-Ride that will be re-named the FlexRide. And with the new name, there will be a new look as it transitions from green busses to white. Riders will also see changes in fares and passes. RTD's new full-price fares are \$3 for Local rides, \$5.25 for Regional rides, and \$10.50 for a trip to or from Denver International Airport. Half-price discount fares will be available to seniors 65 and older, individuals with disabilities and Medicare recipients. The youth discount, offered to riders between 6 and 19 years old, will increase to 70 percent and a new low-income program is scheduled to be implemented in the summer of 2019. This program will provide a 40 percent discount to qualifying riders whose household incomes are at or below the federal poverty level. Another new product is the three-hour pass, enabling riders to travel for up to three hours in any direction within the fare category for which they have paid (e.g., Local, Regional), replacing the current one-way transfer or ticket. For more information visit RTD-denver.com.





2019 Tree Planting Program

TREE INFORMATION

TREE SPECIES/ BOTANICAL NAME	SIZE/ PRICE	NOTES	MATURE HEIGHT	MATURE SPREAD	FALL COLOR
LARGE SHADE TREES					
Green Mountain Sugar Maple <i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Green Mountain'	¾-1" Cal. bare root/ \$40	hardy, great fall color	40-50'	30-40'	red/ orange/ yellow
Skyline Honeylocust <i>Gleditsia triacanthos in.</i> 'Skycole'	¾-1" Cal. bare root/ \$40	thornless, podless, xeric	40-50'	30-40'	bright yellow
Glenleven Linden <i>Tilia cordata</i> 'Glenleven'	¾-1" Cal. bare root/ \$40	fragrant June flowers	40-45'	30-35'	yellow
Western Catalpa <i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	white flowers, long pods, xeric	50-60'	30-40'	yellow/ brown
Turkish Filbert <i>Corylus colurna</i>	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	edible ½" nuts in fall, xeric	35-45'	20-30'	yellow
Kentucky Coffeetree <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	white flowers, seedpods, xeric	40-60'	30-50'	yellow/ brown
Bur Oak <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	long lived, rugged, xeric	50-70'	40-50'	yellow/ brown
Chinkapin Oak <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	shiny dark green leaves	40-50'	40-50'	red/ yellow/ brown
Shumard Oak <i>Quercus shumardii</i>	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	more tolerant of high pH soils	40-60'	40-50'	red/ orange
English Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	long lived, glossy leaves	40-60'	40-50'	brown
SMALL ORNAMENTAL TREES					
Hot Wings Tatarian Maple <i>Acer tataricum</i> 'GarAnn'	¾-1" Cal. bare root/ \$40	red samaras in summer, xeric	20-25'	15-20'	yellow/ red/ orange
Spring Snow Crabapple <i>Malus</i> 'Spring Snow'	¾-1" Cal. bare root/ \$40	white flowers in May, no fruit	20-25'	15-20'	yellow
China Snow Tree Lilac <i>Syringa pekinensis</i> 'Morton'	¾-1" Cal. bare root/ \$40	creamy white flowers, xeric	15-20'	12-15'	yellow
Sensation Boxelder <i>Acer negundo</i> 'Sensation'	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	seedless male cultivar, tough	25-30'	20-25'	red/ orange
Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i>	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	white flowers, black berries	15-25'	15-20'	yellow/ red/ orange
Eastern Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	early dark pink flowers	15-20'	15-20'	yellow
American Yellowwood <i>Cladrastus kentukea</i>	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	fragrant white flowers in June	25-35'	25-35'	yellow
Chanticleer Pear <i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Chanticleer'	¾-1" Cal. #7 cont./ \$60	white flowers, glossy leaves	30-40'	15-20'	purple/ red

The City of Littleton is celebrating Arbor Day by continuing its annual tree planting program with 18 species of trees available this year. The goal is to increase the canopy area and diversity of Littleton's urban forest. On Saturday, April 20, staff and volunteers will distribute 220 trees. Program participants will pay \$40 for bare root trees and \$60 for #7 container trees. These trees must be planted within the Littleton city limits.

Six types of trees will be provided in bare-root form. Bare-root trees are light and easy to handle but require immediate planting. Twelve types of trees are provided in #7 air-pruned pots, a patented container about the size of a 5-gallon bucket, usually weighing 20-30 pounds. All of the trees will initially be five to ten feet in height, with initial trunk calipers and mature sizes as indicated on the order form. They may be planted in the public right-of-way (tree lawns) or on private property in the city, with an initial limit of six trees per single-family residential property. School PTOs and homeowner's associations are encouraged to purchase larger quantities.

Participants must pick up and plant their own trees and are responsible for all maintenance, pruning and watering. The trees must be picked up on Saturday, April 20, between 8 a.m. and noon at the Belleview Service Center at 1800 West Belleview Avenue. Planting instructions will be provided. Volunteers will plant trees for those who are physically unable.

Interested citizens should fill out the application and return it with a check payable to the City of Littleton. The trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis with a March 18 application deadline. After this deadline call 303-795-3766 to check on tree availability or for more information.

2019 TREE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name:	Phone:
	Email:

Address:

	1st Tree	2nd Tree
First Choice		
Alternate Choice		

	3rd Tree	4th Tree
First Choice		
Alternate Choice		

Total # of trees ordered: _____ (Attach additional sheet if more than four ordered).

Enclose check and make payable to *City of Littleton*: \$40 per bare root tree
\$60 per air pruned #7 container tree

Send application and check to: **City of Littleton - Tree Program**
2255 West Berry Avenue
Littleton, CO 80120

Return by March 18, 2019
(After March 18 call 303-795-3766 to check on availability.)

- I can help pick up and deliver trees in my neighborhood on April 20
- I can help plant trees for others
- I am requesting help planting my tree(s)

Comments/Suggested species for future programs:

Call 303-795-3766 with any questions.



New Improvements to Bowles Grove Park

The City of Littleton, in partnership with South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) matched funds from a grant provided by Arapahoe County Open Space to install new improvements at Bowles Grove Park. The park is located across from Littleton Golf and Tennis Club, and visitors will see a new pond and improvements to the ballfield. Work began with selective thinning and removal of dead trees in the park. An aeration system and fountain were installed in the pond to increase oxygen and improve water quality, and crews restored the pond banks with native seeding to help establish native vegetation.

The existing ballfield was upgraded with a new backstop, covered dugouts, infield mix and warning track, port-o-let enclosure, storage shed, sideline fencing, fresh sod, foul poles and bleachers. The asphalt trail from the parking lot to the ballfield was replaced with a new concrete loop trail around the ballfield.

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center Seeks Volunteers

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC) is seeking volunteers. Opportunities include working as a Language Partner to help people who want to improve their English. Other openings include Citizenship Mentors, who must have one year of teaching or tutoring experience and be able to work with students for three hours a week to prepare them for a citizenship interview. Teaching materials are provided by the center and there is a minimum commitment of one hour per week. For information, email libgmr@littletongov.org or libeb@littletongov.org.

Health Clinic Partnership with Phil Long Dealerships

The City of Littleton is partnering with Phil Long Dealerships to maintain a CareHere health clinic for employees. In 2017, the city saved an estimated \$154,332 by using the clinic for items such as lab work, medication and office visits, versus the cost of a traditional doctor visit. Similar cost savings were seen in 2018 and the City of Littleton is expecting to see even more savings due to this collaboration between a private and public entity. The partnership will support the employees of both entities while incorporating best practices for the use of tax dollars. "This partnership will also reflect savings in the form of hours spent away from work, early diagnoses and maintaining wellness with low cost annual check ups," said Littleton City Manager Mark Relph.

For seven years, Phil Long Dealerships contracted with CareHere to maintain a health clinic for its employees in the Colorado Springs area and were looking to expand that benefit for its Denver employees. Scott Arnold, chief administrative officer for Phil Long Dealerships said, "It's unusual for a public entity like the City of Littleton to partner with a private corporation such as Phil Long, so this collaboration is welcome to keep costs low while offering the very best in health care service to our employees."

Littleton Resident Honored

At its December 4 meeting, city council recognized Bobbie Sheffield as a Guest Citizen for her tireless work on behalf of parks and open spaces. Sheffield has been a citizen of Littleton for many years and spent much of her time serving on the South Metro Land Conservancy (SMLC). She dedicated countless hours to Littleton open spaces as well as parks and recreation centers. She was a founding member of the conservancy and served on the board since its inception in 1993. Concerned with the loss of open space in the south metro area, Bobbie and others obtained 501-c-3 status, wrote by-laws, elected officers and wrote a mission statement: to acquire and preserve open space lands and enhance the quality of life for present and future generations. "When my world is crazy, I go to an open space to set it right again. I find peace, comfort and serenity there seeing what God has provided," said Sheffield.



The South Metro Land Conservancy's accomplishments are too numerous to mention but a few include: acquiring land to buffer South Platte Park, advocating for the Railroad Spur Trail north of Mineral Avenue, working on the 2.8-acre Oxbow property purchase and the 5.5-acre Lee Gulch Open Space purchase and Master Plan, serving on the Littleton Open Space Tax Force, and making a significant contribution to the Environmental Pool to set aside additional water in Chatfield Reservoir to provide water-quality benefits in the South Platte River downstream from the dam.

After 25 years of passionate service, Sheffield announced her retirement from the conservancy. The Littleton City Council extended its sincere appreciation for her dedication acquiring, preserving and enhancing the beautiful open spaces in Littleton and gifted Sheffield a framed photograph. There is no doubt that the impact of her advocacy will be felt by generations to come.



Littleton Leadership Academy Class of 2018

The Littleton Leadership Academy is excited to announce the graduation of 25 participants for the 2018 academy year. A graduation ceremony was held at Hudson Gardens on November 15, with a keynote address from Andrew Hancock, the regional president of FirstBank. After nine months of hard work, each graduate outlined an action plan for the future that was illustrated by recording artist, Kriss Wittmann. This is the second class to complete the program. The 2019 Littleton Leadership Academy began in January with a class of 28.

City Employee Agile Scrum Training



To provide more agile, responsive, and value-adding services to Littleton residents, the IT Department recently hosted a two-day "Agile Scrum Immersion" training class. Twenty-five employees participated in the hands-on sessions. The training focused on the Agile Scrum approach to software and project delivery that embraces iterative and incremental practices to help deliver results more frequently. The city plans to use this approach to help prioritize work that matters the most and break it down into manageable chunks. The Scrum methodology is about collaborating and communicating, both with the people who are doing the work and the people who need the work done. It's about delivering often, providing and

responding to constant feedback, and ultimately increasing value by ensuring that customers actually get what they want. Using Scrum will help ensure that the city's teams are both building the right thing and building the thing right.

Multiple hands-on collaboration opportunities for team networking and bonding were involved over the two days, including using Agile Scrum methodologies to build a city from scratch! Check out the creative Lego cities that the multi-talented employees built!

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

Bemis Public Library is Joining the Marmot Library Network

Bemis patrons will see big changes and improvements in service and access to materials in 2019 when Bemis joins the Marmot Library Network in late February. Marmot is a library consortium made up of 28 library systems across Colorado. Membership in Marmot will mean access to over 4 million items for Bemis library patrons, an expanded collection of ebooks and eaudiobooks, a newly enhanced library catalog and eventual access to Prospector, a unified catalog of libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. Get more information about the Marmot Library Network at Bemis.



Clean Slate at Bemis
Bemis Library is extending a gift to anyone with overdue books: our Clean Slate program. When you return an overdue item,

all overdue fines will be waived through the end of February. The library will also waive 50 percent of charges for lost or damaged items, on the condition that the other 50 percent is paid in full.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club
February 2 and March 2, 3 p.m.*
For kids in grades K-5.

Paws to Read
February 9 and March 9, 10 a.m.-noon.*
For kids in grades K-5. Read to a furry friend.

Hop, Chop & Read!—February 10, 3 p.m.*
Play a ninja game and visit a variety of ninja activity stations when author Todd Tuell visits Bemis. Auto-graphed copies of *Ninja, Ninja, Never Stop* will be available for purchase. For children ages three and up.



Read Across America with Inspector Magic's Super Hero Show—March 3, 3 p.m.
KAPOW! Inspector Magic uses fun, magic and illusions that are all about reading and super heroes. This interactive performance features historical heroes while promoting self-esteem and positive attitudes. For children of all ages.

McTeggart Irish Dancers—March 10, 3-3:30 p.m.
McTeggart, Colorado's Premier Irish Dance Academy, will "kick" off St. Patrick's Day celebrations at Bemis. The young dancers will perform a variety of routines in colorful costumes accompanied by rousing traditional Irish music. For families with children of all ages.

May the Force (of Static Electricity) Be with You!
March 26, 2 p.m.
Learn how to harness electricity to levitate and repel objects, power light tubes, propel space-craft and generate lightning in this Star Wars themed exploration. For families with kids of all ages.



Movie Matinée:
Ralph Breaks the Internet
March 28, 3 p.m.*

For ages three and up. Children under eight must attend with an adult. PG. Length: 112 minutes.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Family Board Game Night: February 8, 5-7:30 p.m.
Families of all ages are invited for board games and pizza in the library after-hours. Participants not accompanied by an adult parent/guardian must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m.

The Chocolate Games—February 15, 5-7 p.m.*
Happy Chocolate Games and may the sweets be ever in your favor. Join us for a host of hilarious games celebrating all things chocolate. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7 p.m.

Board Game Night—2nd Friday of Every Month
March 8, 5-7:30 p.m.
Play board games and enjoy snacks in the library after-hours. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)—4th Saturday of Every Month—February 23 and March 23, 12-1:30 p.m.
TAG, you're it! Enjoy fun and games while earning community service credit by helping make the library better.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Winter Reading Program: A Blizzard of Books
Through February 28
Chase the winter blues away with the adult winter reading program, *Blizzard of Books*. Pick up a book bingo card at the library to compete for chances to win great prizes.

Tech It Out: Technology Fair
February 2, 12-4 p.m.
Demo Spheros, Ozobots, Bloxels, Virtual Reality and more at Bemis Library's Tech It Out Technology Fair! Try the latest technologies on the lower level in the Art Gallery and visit booths from local businesses such as Young Engineers.



Santeria and the Hispanic Caribbean
February 4, 2 p.m.
Hear how the Santeria or Yoruba theology became part of the Hispanic Caribbean culture through Africans brought to these islands as slaves. The slaves continued practicing their beliefs masking their demigods with the many saints introduced by the Catholic missionaries. The practice continues today through the Hispanic Caribbean islands and in other countries.

Musical Performance: Jam Key Jam
February 9, 2 p.m.
Jam Key Jam features two talented musicians from Nepal, Nabin and Bijay. Hear their contemporary spin on classical ragas and traditional Nepali folk music.

Enhancing Micro-Circulation—February 11, 2 p.m.
Learn about the current science regarding micro-circulation and the various modalities that improve micro-circulation, including food and exercise. Presenter Zita Easton is a Certified Nutrition Therapy Practitioner and Dementia Specialist.

Documentary Film: Turning Point
February 13, 2-4 p.m.
Filmmaker James Keach takes us inside the quest for the first medication that could treat the underlying process of Alzheimer's disease. Meet the people and scientists behind these grand experiments. Sponsored by Highline Place Memory Care and Willowbrook Place Memory Care.

Love Your Local Author Showcase
February 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Littleton and Colorado authors will be on hand to discuss their work, sign and sell books.

Black History Live: Maya Angelou
February 21, 2 p.m.
Join renowned storyteller Becky Stone as she portrays Maya Angelou. This living history portrayal will give insight into Angelou's philosophy of life, which included a strong belief in the power of words.



Pope Francis with Active Minds
February 22, 2 p.m.
Join Active Minds to understand why Catholics and much of the non-Catholic world find Pope Francis so appealing. Topics to be discussed include the Pope's background, his impact since becoming Pope in 2013 and what the future may hold for the Catholic Church under his leadership.

Movie Matinée: The Old Man & The Gun
February 23, 2-4 p.m.

Racism in America with OLLI—February 26, 2 p.m.
Why do we have so much trouble talking about race? Join an instructor from OLLI, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Denver, to explore the history of racism and learn about the varying perceptions of racism in this country.

Golda Meir: Choices and Chances
March 11, 2-3 p.m.
Meet Golda Meir, former Prime Minister of the State of Israel, during this live portrayal by scholar Helen Trencher. Learn about the early years of her storied career from 1914-1948.



Musical Performance: Four Shillings Short
A Celebration of Ireland
March 16, 2-3 p.m.
This husband and wife duo perform traditional and original music from the Celtic Lands, Medieval and Renaissance Europe, India and the Americas.

European Union: Brexit with Active Minds
March 18, 2 p.m.
In 2016, British voters elected to exit the European Union, sending global stock markets sharply down and provoking global reactions running the gamut from horror to congratulations. Join Active Minds as it places this pivotal event in its historic context not only for the UK, but also the EU and the rest of the world.

Movie Matinée: Green Book
March 23, 2-4 p.m.



Roads Scholar—March 25, 2 p.m.
Lifelong learning and travel are natural partners on a Road Scholar Elderhostel adventure. Hear about new programs and opportunities for travel, including single travel, from volunteer ambassador, Jean Adams.

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



COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Come in We're **OPEN**



Jackass Hill Brewery

The newest brewery has arrived in Downtown Littleton, located at 2409 West Main Street, and is officially open for business. The creation of Jackass Hill Brewery began with a beer on the front porch and a joke amongst friends. Pat Somers is the owner and creator of the brewery. Often he would invite friends to his home near Jackass Hill Road. The group would relax on the front porch with a beer to watch the sunset, and soon it became an inside joke as he started to refer to his front porch as the 'Jackass Hill Brewery.' The group even went as far as to create t-shirts sporting the name. Inspired by the thought, Somers opened the newest brewery in Downtown Littleton. Jackass Hill Brewery specializes in American style ales and lagers and features over 20 taps. Ten taps will serve Jackass beers that have been brewed on site, and ten will feature other local beers. Jackass Hill Brewery is classified as a brewpub, complete with a food menu that offers items such as nachos, chips with salsa, and a charcuterie board. For more information go to Jackass Hill Brewery on FaceBook or call 720-242-7492. "We look forward to the opportunity to serve the Littleton community."



Elite Hydration

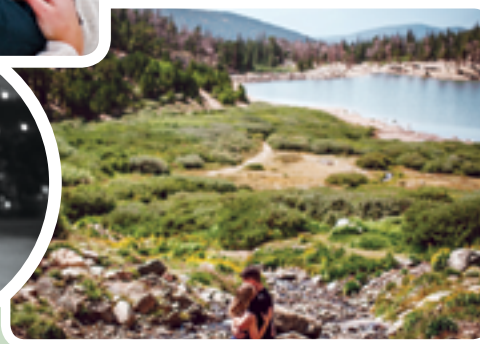
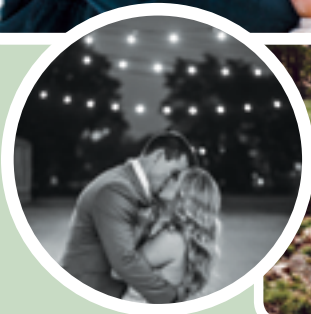
Elite Hydration is one of the newest small businesses to hit the Littleton area, located at 2579 W. Main St. Suite 203. Their licensed clinical staff provides walk-in clients and members with a fast and efficient way to hydrate as well as vitamin infusions that will help to maintain health and wellness. IV hydration is one of the fastest growing natural wellness enhancements to support a healthy lifestyle. Their water soluble ingredients are additive and preservative free allowing for 100% absorption that are not found through daily oral supplements. Elite Hydration focus heavily on professional athletes, corporate individuals, travelers, and busy parents. Get your body balanced, combat brain fog, fight daily stressors, increase energy, improve sleep and mood, boost immunity, and recover faster with their customized bags.

In addition to their Downtown Littleton lounge they provide mobile services to hydration to your home, hotel or other venues. For larger events their 31 foot vintage airstream can be booked and is equipped to treat 10 individuals inside. For additional information or more detailed questions call 833-383-5483 or visit elite-hydration.com.



Rise Images

Rise Images is a local company that focuses on capturing families, weddings, engagements and all of life's other little moments. Chelsey Murphy is owner and photographer behind Rise Images, and works out of a small space in Littleton. Murphy moved to Littleton from North Dakota and says she prefers to shoot most of her work outdoors, stating, "Colorado is an exquisite state that offers a beautiful backdrop as I capture memories." Rise Images was created in 2014 and has been growing since. "Always tremendous photographs! Chelsey is great with our kids, and even gets me to smile once and awhile!" said Jon, a satisfied customer. For more information on pricing or to book a photography shoot go to riseimagesart.com.



The Littleton Market

There is a new addition in Downtown Littleton! The Littleton Market recently opened and features farm-to-table, locally-sourced meats, dairy, produce, novelty items and more. It is located in Downtown Littleton at 2692 West Alamo Avenue Owner Hanna King said, "Downtown Littleton had formerly been classified as a food desert, so I opened the market to address this need." Prior to Colorado, King lived in Washington D.C. where she worked at farmers markets. She says that experience gave her an appreciation for local vendors, as well as a pedestrian-friendly lifestyle. For more information, visit www.littletonmarket.com or call 303-305-3721. You can also follow the Littleton Market on Instagram @littletonmarket.



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