

HISTORIC LITTLETON INC.

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Downtown Landmark District is Proposed

Littleton's Historical Preservation Board is applying for local landmark designation for a section of downtown Littleton that includes commercial, residential and industrial buildings. The proposed district stretches from Santa Fe Drive on the west to Rio Grande Street on the east and from Main Street to Little's Creek on the south.

The City Council will vote on the designation after a public hearing is held. The hearing has not yet been scheduled.

Two and one half blocks of Main Street are already part of the Littleton Main Street National Register Historic District, but this designation does not provide Littleton property tax rebate or façade protection. A local

landmark district will offer both.

The district includes approximately 81 buildings, of which six are non-contributing structures.

According to the proposal by the Historical Preservation Board, "What is so attractive about downtown Littleton is the proximity of the industrial, residential and commercial properties to one another. This inter-mixing of uses reflects the organic growth of a town as it responded to the different economic drivers that spurred its development over time."

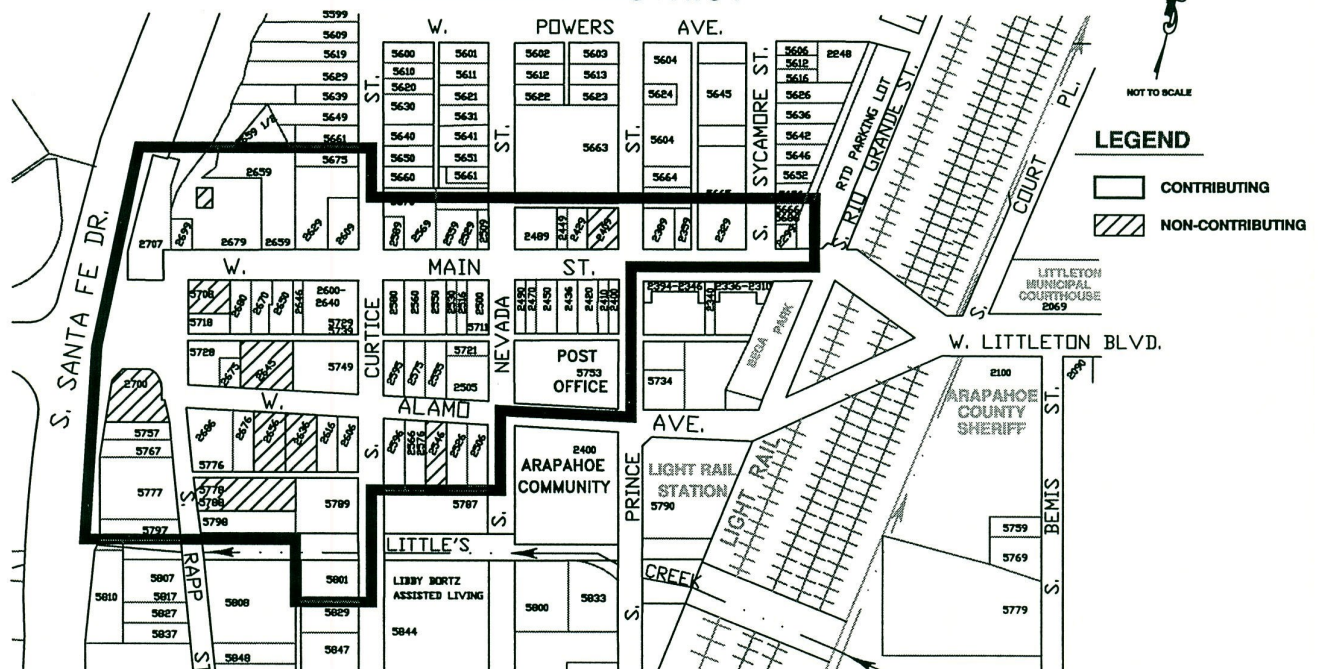
The proposed district includes three buildings that represent the industrial roots of Littleton: the Coleman Motors building, Columbine Mill, and an industrial building on Curtice Street next to the Coleman Motors

building. Residential development is represented by homes on Alamo Street and the few significant historic houses remaining that are scattered in the downtown area. The commercial blocks of Main Street represent the third sector of the proposed district.

According to the proposal, "Downtown Littleton is the heart of Littleton and retains a nucleus of buildings that are distinctive representations of the different life cycles of the city. ...It is this evolutionary story, and maintaining the links of the story, that is of significance to the community."

For more information, contact the City of Littleton Community Development Department at 303-795-3748.

PROPOSED DOWNTOWN LITTLETON HISTORIC LANDMARK DISTRICT



Museum Day Features Louthan Street Tour

Historic Littleton Inc. is offering a unique opportunity to tour five homes in the Louthan Street Historic District as part of the celebration of Museum Day, May 18, and of Historic Preservation Month.

The bus tours will begin at the Littleton Historical Museum at 1:15 p.m. and will continue at 2:30 and 3:45. Members of Historic Littleton Inc. will receive free admission to the tours. Tickets for non-members are \$3 per person or \$5 for two. The tour is limited to persons age 12 and older.

The Louthan Street District became the first locally landmarked neighborhood in Littleton last November. All 17 houses in the district are Craftsman style bungalows, built between 1921 and 1929. The tour will include information on Charles Louthan, a former mayor of Littleton, who built the majority of the homes in the district.

Don't miss this opportunity for a rare peek inside some of Littleton's most interesting and historic homes!

Other Museum Day activities include a vintage baseball game by Littleton's Rough and Readies at 1:30 p.m. and band concerts from the Littleton Community Music Association's Festival Band and the Rootin' Tootin' Dixieland Band. Popcorn, cookies and lemonade are part of the celebration.

The Museum Day activities are sponsored by Historic Littleton, Friends of the Little-



ton Library and Museum, and the Colorado Business Bank. Museum Day is an Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month Event that is also supported in part by a grant from the Colorado Historical Society and the State Historical Fund.

Volunteers are needed for the tours and to help serve refreshments at Museum Day. Please call Margene at 303-795-3950 to volunteer.

Castle Marne Visit

Eighteen members of HLI enjoyed high tea served in elegant style at Castle Marne in Denver on April 6.

The afternoon included a tour of the Romanesque stone building led by owner Jim Peiker, who now operates the building as a bed and breakfast inn.

At one time Castle Marne was divided into a series of apartments, and Betty Mulvey told the HLI

tour group that she lived in one of the apartments in the early 1950's. Betty gave birth to her daughter Diana Holland, Littleton Public Schools Board of Education member, in the very room where we had tea! (Betty showed us where there had been a Murphy bed in the room at the time.) Another interesting Littleton connection!

Time to Renew Your Membership!

Have you renewed your membership for 2003? If not, it's that time of year again! Memberships are \$25 per year. Please send your check to:

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City, Zip _____
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CALENDAR

April 30 — Rescheduled Lecture on J. J. B. Benedict at Bemis Library, 7 p.m.

May 18—Museum Day, 1-5 p.m.

Tours of Louthan Street Historic District, 1:15,