



# HISTORIC LITTLETON INC.

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## Preservation Awards Ceremony April 15

Historic Littleton Inc. and the City of Littleton's Historical Preservation Board will present the 2015 Historic Preservation awards on April 15 at 7 p.m. at Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura.

Join us in the sanctuary for the awards presentation and a talk on the history of LUMC, which is celebrating 125 years. A brief tour of the church and refreshments will follow.

This year's award winners include Bill Hopping, a long-time member of Littleton's HP Board, for Preservation Advocacy.

The owners of the four buildings pictured, clockwise from top right: the Weston Masonic Lodge, Ned Kelly's Irish Pub, Littleton United Methodist Church, and the Art Moderne style office building of Littleton Capital Partners, will be honored for their on-going preservation of these buildings.



### HLI Celebrates Littleton's Birthday!

A unique tour through the clothing styles and the popular dances from Littleton's past 125 years will be featured at a Historical Fashion Show at Town Hall Arts Center, 2450 W. Main Street, on Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

Historic Littleton Inc. is inviting the public to celebrate Littleton's 125th birthday and its own 25th anniversary with birthday cake and the free fashion show. Members of the Vintage Fashions Guild will model clothes from the 1880's to modern times. Dancers from age 8 to adult from Adventures in Dance will demonstrate the Charleston and Lindy Hop. Bring the kids and join the fun!

### Meeting at Depot

HLI's annual meeting will be an ice cream social at the Depot Art Center, 2069 W. Powers Ave, on Sunday, June 28 at 4 in the afternoon.

The Depot's artists will present a special art exhibit of Littleton's historic buildings and a short business meeting will follow.

*Historic Littleton Inc. is dedicated to preserving the historical and architectural heritage of the greater Littleton area through advocacy and education.*

# “City Ditch” Trail Connects Littleton History

The Littleton Community Trail, which follows the path of the City Ditch, was formally opened on March 8, 2015 as part of Littleton’s 125th birthday celebration.

Charlie Blosten, the former City of Littleton Public Works Director, shown at right, spent five years acquiring the funding and right-of-way for this connecting trail, which showcases some of the oldest structures in Littleton.

The irrigation ditch called the city ditch is what brought Richard S. Little to this area in 1861. He was hired to correct mistakes made by an earlier surveyor so that water in the ditch would flow all the way to Denver. The city ditch still carries water from the South Platte River to Englewood. Parts of the ditch are on the National Register of Historic Places.



The community trail begins at Lower Ridgewood Park, near a rhyolite railroad trestle that was built in Richard Little’s time. (This rhyolite, shown at left, is the same stone used to build the 1875 D&RG railroad depot.) The trail then parallels the ditch path north to the historic Littleton Cemetery.

Crossing Prince Street, the trail passes over Little’s Creek and follows the railroad depression to Littleton Boulevard. It passes the 1908 courthouse and the 1888 Santa Fe railroad depot on its way north to Slaughterhouse Gulch.

This 1.8 mile trail connects our community to Littleton’s oldest historic structures in a new way!



The trail passes the 1888 Santa Fe Depot, now the Depot Arts Center.

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