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# DOWNTOWN DIALOGUE

*What's Up Downtown*




In this month's Downtown Dialogue:


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# It’s Holiday Season!

November is upon us and downtown is gearing up for the holiday season! The days may be shorter, and the colorful autumn leaves gone, but soon the streets will sparkle with the magic of holidays lights. Though budgets have been tighter this year, and while we know that not every gift can be found at a local, independent shop, we do highly encourage you to Shop Local when you can this holiday season! All the shops and restaurants appreciate your support! Happy Holidays!




## First Friday!

**November 6th, 5-8pm**

Join us downtown for the last official First Friday of 2026! Get a head start on your holiday shopping, check out who's hosting featured artists, and enjoy complimentary drinks, and snacks. Grab a seasonal meal and then wander into the participating businesses to fill out your punch card! Thanks for a great First Friday season and we look forward to seeing you next year!






# Old Town Skate & Carriage Rides!

We are excited to welcome back two wonderful winter traditions to downtown Louisville this holiday season! Old Town Skate is scheduled to open on November 20th (pending weather) and Carriage Rides begins November 27th!

For Old Town Skate information visit www.skatelouisville.com.
For the Carraige Ride schedule visit www.downtownlouisvilleco.com

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NEIGHBORHOODS

# SHOP EAT PLAY

IN OUR OWN FESTIVE HOMETOWN!

## Saturday November 28

Maker's Market outside of Moxie

Free gift wrapping for purchases
from any downtown business at Eleanor

Hot cocoa and chai outside of Zucca

Visit with Santa at The Birdie Bar

Ice skating at Old Town Skate

Horse-drawn carriage rides

Carolers and holiday music

Small business specials from various businesses

## Shop Small  Support Local!

Every Purchase Supports a Neighbor.

# SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

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## *Small Business Saturday*

**November 28th**

**Downtown Louisville**

Small Business Saturday is all about shopping small and shopping local for your holiday gifts! Small, independent businesses are what make downtown so special and we encourage you to please check your local shops before buying on Amazon or at big box stores. Wander into a shop you've never been in, pick up a gift card at a restaurant for your favorite foodie, or treat someone to some self-care at one of our wonderful spas or studios.

We'll have live carolers, an opportunity to visit Santa and take your own photo for FREE, hot cocoa and chai, FREE gift wrapping at Eleanor, ice skating, and Horse-drawn carriage rides!

Support your favorite local businesses on Small Business Saturday or any day!

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# From The Chamber

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*Parade of Lights 2026*

**Friday, December 4th 5:30pm**

**Main Street**

The Louisville Chamber Parade of Lights returns Friday, December 4, 2026! Join us downtown to kick off the holiday season with a visit from Santa, live music and performances, complimentary hot chocolate, and of course, the Parade that begins at 7pm!

Visit the shops for some holiday shopping and grab a meal or drink at one of the restaurants before or after the Parade!

Want to be IN the Parade? It's FREE to participate, and all are welcome: APPLY TO JOIN THE PARADE




## *Cookie Crawl — Save the Date!*

**Saturday, December 12th 11–3pm**

Last year's Cookie Crawl was a big hit so we are bringing it back again this holiday season! Pre-purchase* your tin and then follow the Cookie Trail to fill it with holiday cookies from each participating business. There will only be 100 tins available this year, so stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks as we finalize details.

*Tins MUST be pre-purchased from The Huckleberry website prior to the event*

# Downtown Restaurant News

## *Support our Downtown Restaurants!*

Whether it's take-out or dine-in, our fantastic restaurants are ready to serve up scrumptious meals! Below are direct links to our downtown restaurants and cafes for information on take-out, reservations, menus, etc.

12 Degree Brewing
740 Front
Azul Fuego
Bob's Diner
Crystal Springs Brewing
Double D's Sourdough Pizza
Double Happy
Gravity Brewing
Huckleberry
Lucky Pie
Lulu's BBQ
The Melting Pot
Moxie Bread Co.
Pica's Taqueria
Por
Punch Buggy Shave Ice
Rocket Dogs
Rocky Mountain Tap & Garden
Shin Yuu Izayaka
South Street Market
Sweet Cow
Verde
Waterloo
Zucca




*The Melting Pot*

**St. Jude Thanks & Giving Campaign**

**November - December 27, 2026**

**732 Main Street**

Melting Pot of Louisville is fundraising for St. Jude, where families never pay for treatment, travel, housing or food. Every tier earns a thank-you. Let's do it for the kids! Donate in-restaurant.

- **$950+:** In-home cheese & chocolate party for 12 + 6 bottles, OR private dinner for 8 + 4 bottles. Plus 10 cards, 4 spins, 2 basket entries.
- **$550:** Dinner for four, beverages & retail package, 6 cards, 3 spins, 1 basket entry.
- **$300:** Dinner for two (specific month), 5 cards, 3 spins.
- **$175:** $50 Dip Certificate, 2 cards, 2 spins.
- **$60:** 2 cards, 1 spin.

Cards = $30 Donate & Dine cards. Exclusions apply.

meltingpot.com/louisville-co FB: @TheMeltingPotofLouisvilleCO
IG: @meltingpotlouisvilleco 303-666-7777




## *Sweet Cow*

**Pumpkin Pie is Coming to Town!**

**637 Front St.**

November just got a whole lot sweeter! Sweet Cow is serving up a little slice of fall

with our Pumpkin Pie Ice Cream! Made with pumpkin-spiced ice cream and real pumpkin pies blended right in, it's like enjoying pumpkin pie à la mode in every bite. All the cozy flavors of Thanksgiving, no fork required! Swing by for a scoop (or two) before this seasonal favorite disappears! www.sweetcow.com




## *Gravity Brewing*

**D&D, Guesstronauts Trivia & Game Nights!**

**Every Week in November**

**1150 Pine St, Unit B**

As the nights get colder, things are heating up at Gravity Brewing! Something is on most nights at Gravity this November, all free, no sign-up. Happy Hour is weekdays 3 to 5pm.

- **Mondays:** Vinyl Night, 5 to 9pm. Bring a record. If we play it, your next beer is BOGO. Commander Night for Magic players, 5:30pm.
- **Tuesdays**, Nov 10 and 17: Battles & Brews D&D, 5:30pm. Professional Game Masters, no experience needed.
- **Wednesdays:** Geeks Who Drink trivia, 6:30pm
- **Thursdays:** Guesstronauts trivia, 6:30pm. A trivia and betting game we wrote: answer the questions, or bet on the table that knows.
- **Fridays:** Bike Night, 6 to 9pm
- **Sundays:** NFL from 11am, plus Broncos watch parties Nov 1, 8, 22 and Fri 27

thegravitybrewing.com · IG @thegravitybrewing · (303) 544-0746




*The Huckleberry*

**Holiday Pies and Holiday Tea!**

**700 Main St.**

Make your holiday gathering a little sweeter with a delicious pie from The Huckleberry! Give us a call at 303-862-8584 to place your holiday pie order by November 22nd and let us take care of dessert.

Celebrate the season with Holiday Tea at The Huckleberry from November 16th through January 10th featuring freshly baked pastries, savory tea sandwiches, and premium tea in a warm, inviting setting. Gather your loved ones for a festive afternoon and reserve your table by calling 303-666-8020.




*The Rush Coffee*

**Book Us for Your Fall Event!**

**(415) 595-2780**

www.therushcoffee.com

MAKE YOUR FALL EVENT EXTRA COZY WITH THE RUSH COFFEE! ☕ 🍂

Planning a fall festival, school event, corporate gathering, neighborhood party, team celebration, or holiday event? Let The Rush Coffee bring the coffeehouse experience right to you!

🚚 Our mobile coffee truck serves up HAPPINESS DELIVERED with a delicious menu of:

☕ Specialty espresso drinks & lattes
🍁 Seasonal fall favorites
🍫 Hot chocolate & chai
🧋 Iced coffees, matcha & more
🥤 Smoothies, frappes & fun specialty drinks

Whether you're hosting a business event, school fundraiser, employee appreciation day, or community celebration, we make it easy to treat your guests to something special!

Why book The Rush Coffee?
✔ A fun, memorable experience for your guests
✔ A full menu with something for everyone
✔ Great for corporate events, schools, HOAs, and private parties
✔ An all-electric, battery-powered coffee truck — no generator exhaust!

🍂 Fall dates are here! If you're planning an upcoming event, now is a great time to get on our calendar.

📩 Message us for availability and catering details!

📍 Proudly serving Boulder County and surrounding Colorado communities.

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# Downtown Retail News





## *My Saving Grace*

**Shop Early for the Holiday Season!**

**909 Main St.**

It's November and it's never too soon to start thinking about holiday gifts. Shop early for the very best selection of the perfect gift for friends and family. We'll be

open for **First Friday** on November 6th from 5-8pm and we will have extended hours during Thanksgiving weekend so you can support small businesses all weekend long. Stay tuned for lots of special events in December!
www.mysavinggrace.net www.twosolesisters.com




## *Old Friends*

**Small Business Saturday**

**November 28th**

**706 Front St.**

It's that time of year! Ornaments are out, the games and puzzle section has doubled, the sock wall is full of new laughs, and jewelry is gleaming! The official kick-off to the local shopping season is Small Business Saturday, the day after black Friday, but the real winners are the early birds! The worm in this here analogy is Jellycats! Restocking is limited so come see the shelves now while they are super packed with joy. Stay tuned for all the fun that Small Business Saturday will have in store by following on IG: @oldfriendslouisville

**Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28th 10-6pm**
Raffle for gift basket
Santa, carolers, ice skating, carriage rides...




*The Singing Cook*

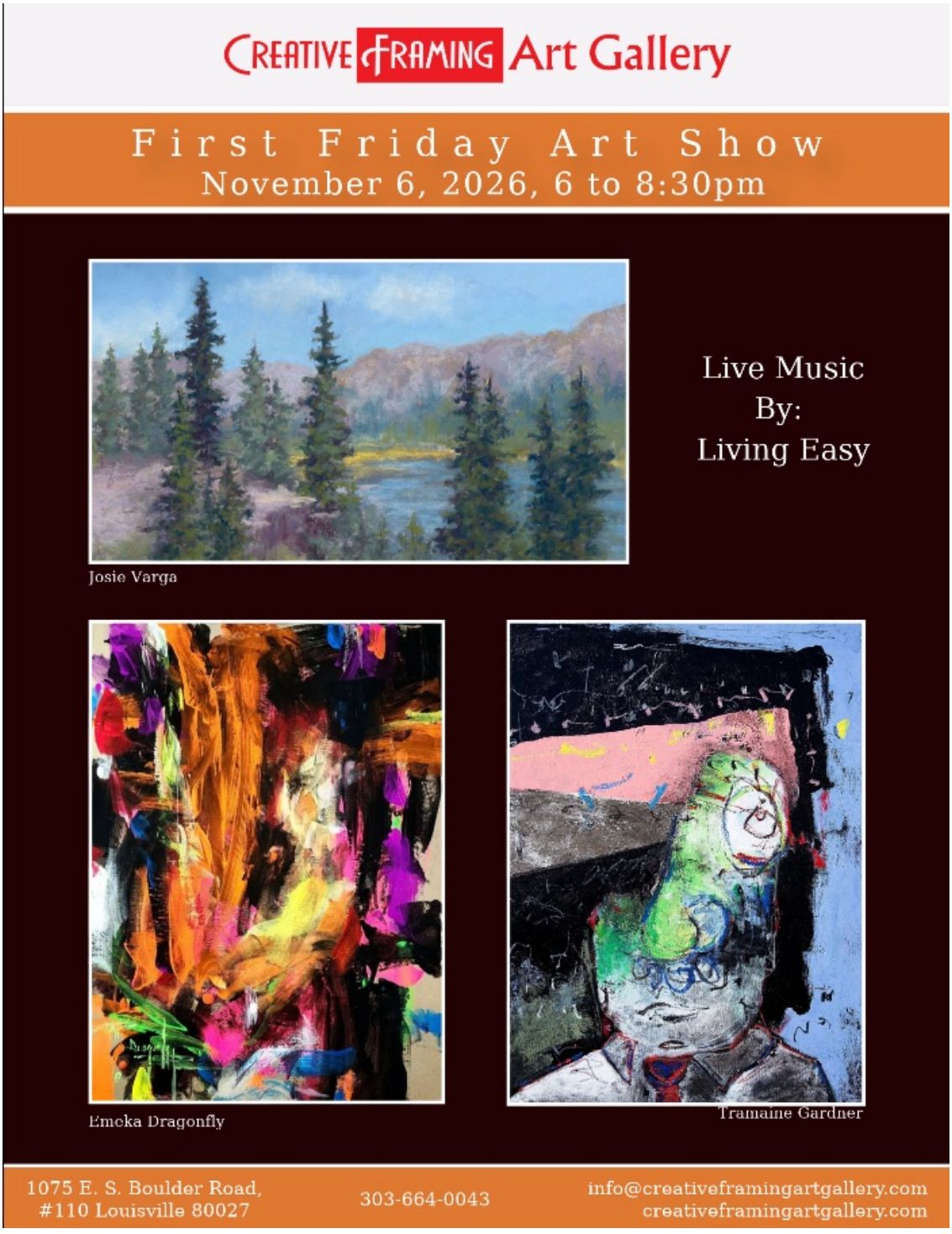
**Holiday Open House**
**November 14th & 15th**
**728 Main St.**

**First Friday:** Stop by for First Friday on Nov. 6th from 5-8pm for a special SALE plus Shop, Sip & Snack!

**Holiday Open House** - Join us for our annual Holiday Open House on Nov. 14th and 15th! Get in the holiday spirit with holiday treats and cider while you shop, and enjoy special discounts on select mrchandise. We hope to see you there!

**Knife Sharpening** – November 7 & 21 – From 10-2pm in our parking lot, bring your knives, scissors, garden tools, etc. to get them ship shape! This service is first come, first serve, so we highly recommend you come at early! Service is cash or check only paid directly to Honed Edges Sharpening Services. Shop while you wait! For future dates please visit the Services page on our website at https://www.singingcookstore.com/new-page-1

Remember to follow us on FB and IG for more new items, or sign up for our newsletter at www.singingcookstore.com and keep up on all the latest news.




## *Creative Framing Art Gallery*

**Join Us for Something Beautiful!**

**November 6th 6-8:30pm**

**1075 E. So. Boulder Rd., Ste. 110**

This November, we're delighted to bring together two emerging artists and a celebrated artist whose work and friendship have been part of our gallery's story for years.

Please join us in welcoming Josie and Tremaine, two new voices we're excited to introduce to our community. Sharing their work is one of the great pleasures of what we do, and we look forward to helping you discover it.

Joining them is Emeka, a world-class artist, longtime exhibiting artist, and dear friend of the gallery. His presence anchors this exhibition, bringing the depth and distinction that have made his work a meaningful part of our program over the years.

Together, these three artists offer an occasion to celebrate both new discoveries and lasting connections.

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# Arts & Entertainment News

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LIVE AT
The Louisville Underground
NOVEMBER
MUSIC, COMEDY & MORE
FRIDAY NOV 6TH
RION EVANS TV GAME SHOW
SATURDAY NOV 7TH
NO MORE POTENTIAL COMEDY SHOW
FRIDAY NOV 13TH
COMEDY ALL-STARS
SATURDAY NOV 14TH
LIVE-WIRE: A TRIBUTE TO AC/DC
FRIDAY NOV 20TH
IMPROVARAMA!
FRIDAY NOV 27TH
COMEDY UNDERGROUND
The Louisville Underground
The Corner 640 Main Street, Louisville, CO
303-997-9548

## *The Louisville Underground*

**November Line up!**

**640 Main St.**

November at the LU is packed with games, comedy and music! Get those much needed laughs with **No More Potential Comedy Show**, **Comedy All-Stars**, and **Comedy Underground**! Plus, don't miss a rockin' good time with **Live-Wire: A Tribute to AC/DC**! All the cool kids know that the Underground is the place to be! Check out the full line up and get your tickets at https://www.thelouisvilleunderground.com/




*Pitch Karaoke*

**Host Your Party at Pitch!**

**640 Main St. Unit C**

**Let us host your holiday party this year!** We'll provide the holiday vibe, you bring the cheer.

Pitch Karaoke offers a gorgeous space and entertainment guaranteed to create magical holiday memories for your corporate, family or friend gathering.

From Burl Ives to Mariah Carey—we have the tunes to keep the party going!

Visit www.pitchkaraoke.com to request your date.

THE BIRDIE BAR

## *The Birdie Bar*

**Book Your Party at The Birdie Bar!**

**947 Pine St.**

**YOUR NEXT PARTY DESERVES BETTER THAN A CONFERENCE ROOM.**
Holiday parties, team outings, birthday celebrations, client happy hours… whatever you're planning, let's make it a little more fun.

At The Birdie Bar, your group can tee it up in our golf simulators, battle it out on our MultiSport arcade games, grab a cocktail, and enjoy some friendly competition. And no, you don't have to be a golfer to have a good time.

🎯 A few reasons to bring your people to Birdie:

🏌️ Golf simulators for the competitive ones in the group

🎮 Arcade games for anyone who'd rather skip the golf clubs

🍹 Drinks, food, and plenty of reasons to stick around

🎉 Private event options for groups looking to do something different

From your annual office holiday party to a birthday bash or a much-needed team happy hour, we'll help you put together a gathering that actually feels like a good time — not just another event on the calendar

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🎄 NOW BOOKING HOLIDAY PARTIES! The busy season will be here before you know it, so if you're looking for a spot to get your crew together, now's the time to start planning.

📩 Want the details? Reach out to Marissa at mweaver@thebirdie.bar and let's talk dates, food, drinks, and event options.

The Birdie Bar — Come for the competition. Stay for the cocktails. 🍻⛳
Main website: thebirdie.bar  IG - @thebirdie.bar




## *Louisville Art Association*

**Fine Art & Craft Show and Sale**

**November 19-22**

**801 Grant St.**

Members of the Louisville Art Association are showcasing their finest work in this year's exhibition, judged by the talented Diane Fechenbach. Come experience an inspiring collection of paintings, photography, and fine crafts - just in time for Christmas!  Enjoy playing the Scavenger Hunt for your chance to win a prize and don't forget to cast your vote for the People's Choice Award!  See you there!

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# Services News

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## *Lyons Gaddis Attorneys & Counselors*

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# *Radiance Medspa*

**Three Gold Awards!**

**916 Main St.**

**Three Gold Awards. One Wonderful Community. Thank You, Louisville!**

We're honored that you voted Radiance Medspa **Best Medical Spa, Best Woman-Owned Business, and Best Facial & Skin Care** in the 2026 Louisville Gold Awards! Your trust and support mean so much to our team, and we're grateful to be part of this wonderful downtown community.

**Looking for a holiday glow-up?** From BOTOX and fillers to Sculptra, microneedling, and facials, we'll help you find the right treatment plan to look refreshed and feel confident this holiday season. Every service is performed by licensed, experienced professionals and backed by Radiance's 20 years of trusted aesthetic care.

Not sure what you need?  Book a complimentary consultation with one of our skin care experts!

Call 303-900-6644 of check out our website or book online at: www.radiancemedspalouisville.com

Visit us on Historic Main Street to plan your holiday glow. We'd love to welcome you!




*Contrology Studio*

**Pilates Teacher Training**

**Now Enrolling for January**

**920 Main St. B**

Pilates Teacher Training is Here! The Pilates Movement is a 550 hour Comprehensive Pilates Teacher Training Program, held at Contrology Studio in downtown Louisville, and led by studio owner and school director, Whitney Shea, PTA, CPT, RYT.

Enrollment for the program is NOW OPEN, and there are only 2 spots left. Contact Whitney at info@contrologystudioco.com to schedule a Teacher Training Discovery Session to learn more or to sign up!

https://contrologystudioco.com/teacher-training/ Email : thepilatesmovement@contrologystudioco.com

Phone (call or text) : (970) 627-7742

IG: @thepilatesmovement_tt FB: contrologystudioco

# City News




## *Transgender Day of Remembrance*

**November 20th 6pm**

**Louisville Public Library, 1st Floor Meeting Room**

We invite members of the transgender community and their allies to join us in an annual observance to honor the memory of the lives that were lost this year in acts of anti-transgender violence. We are privileged to have Rev. Nicole Garcia — pastor, therapist and Motus Theater monologist — join us for this year's event. Thank you to Motus Theater for their partnership.

https://events.louisvilleco.gov/citycalendar/Detail/2026-11-20-1800-Transgender-Day-of-Remembrance

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## *From the Louisville Public Library*

**Closure Alert**

The Library will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, for Veterans Day, and on November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

Police Officer Storytime

Kids and Families (Ages 3+)

Monday, 11/9 | 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Louisville Public Library

Queer Book Club for Teens

Teens (Grades 6–12)

Monday, 11/16 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Louisville Public Library – The Hollow

Active Minds: Native Americans of Colorado

Adults

Thursday, 11/19 | 7 – 8 p.m.

Virtual - Register

Places & Spaces – Meet the Artists

Everyone
Saturday, 11/21 | 2 – 4 p.m.
Louisville Public Library

## *From the Louisville History Museum*

**Closure Alert**
The Museum will be closed on Tuesday, November 10, for staff development; Wednesday, November 11, for Veterans Day; and on November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

Louisville During the Great War Walking Tour
Adults
Sunday, 11/8 | 10 – 11 a.m.
Kerr Gardens, 100 Courtesy Rd.
Register

Who She Is Film Screening
Adults
Tuesday, 11/17 | 6 – 8 p.m.
Louisville Center for the Arts, 801 Grant Ave.
Register

# Tidbits




# *Historic Property*

**Stecker Kerr & Koci Houses**

**1201 Lincoln Ave. - Koci House**

**633 Lafarge Ave. - Stecker Kerr House**

The Stecker Kerr House, located at 633 Lafarge Ave, was one of 3 lots owned by Joseph and Agatha Stecker, who immigrated from Austria in 1881. Joe Stecker was a miner and a dairy man. Their daughter Annie and her husband Robert Kerr then lived in the home with their daughters, Alma and Bertha. Alma lived in the home until her death in 1999.

The Koci house at 1201 Lafarge Ave was built in 1907 in the Nicola Di Giacoma addition by George W. Admire who sold it in 1919 to Joe Tartaglio. In 1921, Joseph and Anna Koci, who were Austria-Hungary immigrants, bought the house. Joseph worked as a coal miner and died in 1928 leaving Anna and her daughter Anna. The Koci family occupied this home for 80 years.

In October of 2020, the home at 1201 Lincoln was relocated across the downtown neighborhood to sit next to 633 Lafarge Ave. This creative plan saved it from a demolition request that had been presented earlier that year. The move also coincides with the history of homes moved into and within Louisville.

For more information about Louisville's Historic Preservation Program contact Jess Daniels at jdaniels@louisvilleco.gov or 303-335-4595.

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## *DBA News*

**Check out our recently updated website!** New features include an interactive map to help visitors find downtown businesses, new categories, events calendar, and more!

Take a peek here: https://www.downtownlouisvilleco.com/

**Want your business event/info in this Newsletter?**

As DBA members you have the opportunity to have information or events included in this very newsletter! If you are not receiving an email every month asking for any information you'd like to include, please contact Jenni at jenni@singingcookstore.com to get on our email list. Also, Jenni is an admin on the DBA Facebook page, so please send her any events you'd like us to post, or ask her to share your post. We want to make sure we are

doing as much for your business as we can and the DD and FB page are two ways we can help spread the word about all the great happenings downtown!



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**Subject:** Make it stop - continuous flight over homes

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The planes fly over our homes NON-STOP from 7 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. it’s not every 10, 15, 30 or 60 minutes. It’s CONTINUOUS! we can’t concentrate on work, we can’t get our kids to nap, and we can’t enjoy being in our yard or the parks due to the air and noise pollution.

Make it stop!! It wasn’t like this a year ago or even 6 years ago.

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Commuting Solutions



# Community Partners Support a More Connected Front Range

Support for Ballot Measure 7A is growing, and Commuting Solutions is proud to stand alongside regional organizations and communities that recognize the value of a more connected Front Range.

Audrey DeBarros teamed up with John Tayer, President and CEO from the Boulder Chamber to prepare this Boulder Daily Camera opinion piece recently.
Boulder Daily Camera

In addition to Commuting Solutions, the following organizations and local governments have voiced their support for Ballot Measure 7A, which would provide funding for expanded passenger rail service along Colorado's Front Range:


City of
Lafayette


SWEEP
SOUTHWEST ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT


Boulder
County


BOULDER CHAMBER


CITY OF BOULDER


WESTMINSTER
COLORADO


Town of
Superior
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Commuting
Solutions

These supporters represent a range of perspectives, from local government and business to energy efficiency and regional collaboration. Together, they reflect a shared interest in exploring transportation options that better connect our communities and serve the needs of a growing region.

## Why Regional Rail Matters

People travel across the Northwest Metro Region every day for work, school, health care, recreation and more. As our region grows, we need a transportation network that offers flexibility and more ways to get where we need to go.

The Colorado Connector (CoCo) is a proposed regional passenger rail service that could eventually connect communities from Fort Collins to Pueblo. Ballot Measure 7A would fund the southern portion of the proposed system between Denver and Pueblo, increased service on the northern route, station improvements and connections to local transportation options.

Regional rail would complement existing transportation choices and give people another option for longer trips across the Front Range.

## A More Connected Future Starts Here

At Commuting Solutions, we believe there isn’t one transportation solution that works for everyone. Building a stronger regional network means supporting a variety of options that help people connect with jobs, services and communities.

We’re encouraged to see organizations and local governments joining the conversation about the future of Front Range transportation.

Ballot Measure 7A will appear on the November 2026 ballot for voters within the Front Range Passenger Rail District. We encourage you to learn more about the measure, explore what it would fund and consider what expanded regional rail could mean for our region.

Visit the Commuting Solutions Rail Webpage to learn more.

**YES on 7A**



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**To:** City Council; Planning
**Subject:** Closed Montessori school property

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Residents of the Sundance II neighborhood are  wondering what is likely to happen, and what could happen, with the closed Montessori school property at 461 Tyler Ave.

The Zillow listing (below) states "This property will be perfect for a pre-school and/or daycare, single family residence, or subdivide it into 5 single family lots. Please contact the planning department of the city of Louisville with any further questions regarding potential uses and to verify this information."

https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/461-Tyler-Ave-Louisville-CO-80027/402600166_zpid/

We're wondering if the city might be able and willing to get involved, financially and/or otherwise, to ensure the property is an asset to the neighborhood and if residents should get involved.

We wonder if the property could be used as some sort of community center either long-term or until the property is sold.

Another idea is for the property to be used as offices including perhaps physical therapists, etc.

Finally, since there is no playground in or near the Sundance II neighborhood, could the playground on the property be made available to residents and the public?

Thank you,
Don
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**From:** Peter Stewart
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**To:** City Council
**Cc:** Jess Daniels
**Subject:** Joint meeting with the Historic Preservation Commission

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Mayor, City Council Members, and Members of the HPC,

I would like to offer a few quick observations of our Historic Preservation program and offer a few suggestions to improve its effectiveness and public engagement. I hope this will assist in starting , a policy & legislation discussion between the Council and the Commission.

1. The program is too narrowly focused on "incentivizing landmark designations". Historic preservation is more than just landmarking. Revisit the Council's grant funding resolutions to address the broader mission of historic preservation – preserving our cultural resources. (The Grain Elevator is a good example of project funding outside of designation incentives.)

2. Remember its about our people, our culture – tying our current community to the past. This should include more interpretation such as interpretive signs and other engaging activities. Encourage more collaboration with the museum and museum services.

3. Historic preservation is not zoning! While very important, our preservation planner should be able to focus on more than "landmark incentives" and grant paperwork. The HP Planner should be encouraged to engage with the community in all aspects of its cultural history. Consider shifting the HP Planner's position to the Cultural Services Department to enable a seamless integration.

4. Rehabilitate the City owned Austin-Niehoff property! This building on Main Street should be a shining example of the City's stewardship of historic properties.

I appreciate your consideration of these items.

Thank you for all your work and accomplishments of our evolving historic preservation program.

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing in advance of the joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting to encourage both bodies to make the upcoming Development Code Update a defining priority for 2027 (and 2028). I also believe this presents an important opportunity to reconsider the relationship between Planning Commission and City Council, and to establish a more meaningful role for the Commission in shaping Louisville's land-use policies.

First, I want to recognize again the tremendous work undertaken by City Council, Planning Commission, staff, and the community in developing Louisville's updated Comprehensive Plan. The process established a thoughtful, forward-looking vision for our city. However, a Comprehensive Plan is only as effective as the zoning regulations and decision-making processes that allow it to be implemented.

Louisville's zoning system has its origins in the early 1960's, a period when American land-use regulations were frequently rooted in exclusion, separation of uses, and the preservation of established development patterns. The racial and economic exclusion associated with twentieth-century zoning is a history we should acknowledge as we reconsider the assumptions underlying our current regulations. More importantly, we should ask whether a system originating in that era remains appropriate for the community we aspire to become. We should not confuse the longevity of a regulation with its effectiveness.

As an architect practicing in Louisville, I regularly encounter the inefficiencies and unnecessary complexities of our development review process. Our regulations are difficult to understand, time-consuming to administer, and too often create obstacles to the very outcomes our Comprehensive Plan encourages. Even modest improvements to our built environment can require disproportionate amounts of time, money, and procedural effort. The resulting uncertainty discourages investment, incremental development, and creative solutions to our community's evolving needs.

Perhaps most concerning is the effect this system has on our Planning staff. Louisville is fortunate to have intelligent, capable, and dedicated planning professionals. Yet we have created a regulatory environment that consumes much of their time administering complicated and somewhat Byzantine zoning requirements rather than allowing them to focus on the more meaningful work of planning. Planning should be about shaping the future of our community, not simply managing the limitations of its past.

The Development Code Update should therefore be much more than an administrative exercise in reorganizing chapters, updating definitions, or simplifying isolated procedures. It should fundamentally reconsider our zoning districts, permitted uses, development standards, and approval processes. Without getting into the granular details, we should strive for a regulatory framework that encourages incremental growth, supports diverse housing choices, promotes walkable neighborhoods, and allows our community to evolve thoughtfully over time.

Our goal should be straightforward: **Create a system where good development is the easiest development to accomplish**. That means clear and understandable regulations, predictable outcomes, greater opportunities for by-right development, and a streamlined review process that allows staff to focus their expertise where it provides the greatest public benefit.

Equally important is the opportunity to reconsider how Planning Commission participates in shaping Louisville's land-use policies. I find it somewhat ironic that we have a commission of dedicated residents who volunteer their time specifically to focus on land use and planning, yet their influence on consequential land-use decisions often appears limited to forwarding recommendations to City Council. Too often, Council's subsequent deliberations do not appear to meaningfully build upon the discussions, analysis, and conclusions developed by Planning Commission.

I want to emphasize that this observation is not directed at our current Council. Rather, it reflects an institutional habit that has developed over many years and through multiple Councils. Councilmembers run for office to provide leadership, establish priorities, and make important policy decisions on behalf of our community. They are not expected to become land-use professionals. Planning Commission exists, in part, to provide the sustained attention, deliberation, and specialized focus that these complex issues deserve. Yet we do not appear to fully capitalize on that resource.

Planning Commission should have more skin in the game than simply forwarding a recommendation to Council. Its work should meaningfully shape policy, inform decisions, and contribute to the long-term direction of our community. Council should be able to demonstrate how the Commission's deliberations influenced its decisions, even when Council ultimately reaches a different conclusion.

I would encourage two specific changes as part of the Development Code Update:

1. Give Planning Commission a leadership role in establishing the direction of the Development Code Update.

Planning Commission should be actively involved in defining the fundamental objectives, principles, and measures of success before staff and consultants begin drafting regulations. The Commission should not simply be asked to react to a substantially completed document. It should help establish what the new zoning system is intended to accomplish, identify the shortcomings of our current approach, and evaluate whether proposed changes genuinely advance the Comprehensive Plan. This would make Planning Commission a meaningful participant in shaping the reform rather than simply another step in the review process.

2. Establish a stronger relationship between Planning Commission recommendations and Council decisions.

Council should give substantive consideration to the Commission's deliberations, not merely receive its recommendations as a procedural requirement. When Council reaches a different conclusion on a significant land-use matter, there should be an expectation that the reasons for that departure are clearly articulated, including acknowledgment of the Commission's analysis and the policy considerations that led Council to a different decision. This would not diminish Council's authority or responsibility. Rather, it would strengthen the decision-making process, provide greater transparency, and reinforce the value of the Commission's work. If we ask residents to volunteer their time and energy to serve on Planning Commission, we should ensure their contributions genuinely matter.

The Development Code Update may be one of the most consequential planning initiatives Louisville undertakes in a generation. It deserves the time, resources, and ambition necessary to produce meaningful reform. I encourage Council and Planning Commission to make this work a central priority of their 2027–2028 agendas, with clear objectives, an established schedule, and a collaborative process that meaningfully engages the Commission, staff, residents, and professionals who regularly work within our development regulations.

Success should not be measured simply by how many sections of code are rewritten or how efficiently the project is completed. It should be measured by whether the resulting system makes Louisville a better place to live, work, invest, and build. We should emerge with a development framework that is simpler, more predictable, more equitable, and better aligned with the aspirations of our community, along with a stronger Planning Commission whose contributions are meaningfully reflected in the decisions that shape Louisville's future.

Louisville has already articulated a compelling vision through its updated Comprehensive Plan. Now we need the courage to change both the regulations and the decision-making processes that will determine whether that vision becomes reality.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor, Council Members, and Historic Preservation Commissioners,

Ahead of tonight's joint meeting, I wanted to share a few thoughts about Louisville's historic preservation program, where we've been successful, and where I believe we have an opportunity to do something even more meaningful.

First, I want to recognize the remarkable program Louisville has built. Our preservation incentives, landmark designation process, and commitment to Historic Structure Assessments represent a substantial investment in the history and character of our community. The HPC, City staff, and successive Councils deserve considerable credit for this accomplishment.

As an architect who has worked on Historic Structure Assessments, Landmark applications, restoration projects, and preservation incentives in Louisville, I've seen firsthand what this program makes possible. I can also attest that much of its success is directly tied to its community-first approach: preservation is voluntary, participation is encouraged through meaningful financial incentives, and the overall process is welcoming, collaborative, and supportive of property owners. Rather than relying primarily on regulation or restrictions, Louisville has created a program that encourages people to see preservation as an opportunity. I believe this key approach has been fundamental to earning community trust and encouraging participation, and it is something we should be especially careful to preserve as the program evolves.

Through this work, I've also come to appreciate that the most interesting part of a historic building isn't always its architecture. Often, it's the people who lived there, the lives they led, and the ways the building has changed alongside the community. This is where I see an opportunity to build upon the program's existing strengths by engaging more residents in understanding and sharing Louisville's history.

I believe Louisville has a preservation program worth celebrating. But even the best programs cannot sustain themselves on autopilot. They need fresh ideas, continued engagement, and a continued willingness to evolve. My hope is that tonight's meeting will be more than a review of accomplishments and will instead begin a conversation about what the next chapter of historic preservation in Louisville might look like.

I recently read “The Relevancy Guidebook: How We Can Transform the Future of Preservation,” by Bonnie McDonald of Landmarks Illinois. It's an insightful examination of how preservation organizations can become more relevant to the communities they serve. One of its most compelling ideas is that historic preservation should be about people first, and buildings second. That perspective raises a question I think we should be asking more often: Who gets to decide what history is important enough to preserve?

Traditionally, preservation has emphasized architectural significance, prominent individuals, and buildings that retain much of their original character. Those considerations are important, but they tell only part of Louisville's story. Our history is also found in the modest homes of mining families, neighborhood businesses, gathering places, and buildings that have changed and adapted over generations. Some of the most meaningful places in our community may not be architecturally remarkable at all.

I would like to see us broaden the conversation about what makes a place historically significant and invite more residents to participate in telling those stories. This doesn't mean abandoning preservation standards or professional expertise. It means recognizing that the people of Louisville hold a great deal of historical knowledge that deserves to be part of the process.
I also believe there's an important distinction between saving history and preserving history. Saving a historic building generally means preventing it from being lost. That's essential work, but preservation should go further. Preservation is about carrying history forward. It means allowing historic buildings to remain useful, accommodate new generations, and continue contributing to our community while retaining the qualities and stories that make them significant.

Louisville's history didn't stop when the coal mines closed, when businesses changed hands, or when families modified their homes to meet new needs. Each generation has added another layer to our story. Our preservation program should recognize that history is ongoing rather than treating historic buildings as artifacts frozen in amber.

With these ideas in mind, I'd like to suggest ten opportunities for the HPC and Council to consider. Some are straightforward improvements, while others would require additional collaboration or longer-term planning.

1. Improve the City's historic preservation website. Make information about landmark designation, preservation grants, eligibility, and application procedures easier to find and understand. The website should also serve residents who simply want to learn about Louisville's historic places, not just those applying for grants.
2. Strengthen the relationship between the HPC and Historical Museum. The HPC focuses on preserving physical structures, while the Museum documents the people and stories associated with them. These missions are inseparable, and closer coordination could enrich both preservation decisions and public education.
3. Create a publicly accessible historic landmark register. Each landmark could have a dedicated webpage containing photographs, designation information, Historic Structure Assessments, architectural surveys, and available Museum social histories. We've invested substantial public resources in producing this information, and it should be more accessible, subject to appropriate privacy considerations.
4. Restore historic property information to the City's GIS mapping system. An interactive map linked to the landmark register would allow residents to discover the history of buildings in their neighborhoods and could support walking tours and other interpretive activities.
5. Better connect residents with state and national preservation resources. The City could provide clearer information and links to History Colorado, the State Historic Preservation Office, the National Park Service, and applicable grants, technical assistance, and tax incentives.
6. Proactively identify and engage owners of significant historic properties. Rather than relying exclusively on property owners to initiate landmark applications, the HPC could work with the Museum and interested residents to identify important buildings, review existing surveys, and reach out to owners about voluntary preservation opportunities.
7. Introduce public-facing interpretive plaques. In addition to Louisville's existing landmark plaques, consider a second bronze plaque near the sidewalk that briefly tells the story of the building and the people associated with it. Imagine how much more meaningful a walk through Old Town could become if these stories were readily available.
8. Connect preservation with housing affordability. I've previously proposed a Market-to-Affordable Acquisition Program that would acquire existing homes and establish long-term affordability protections. There may be an opportunity to combine affordable housing resources with preservation grants to rehabilitate eligible historic homes while creating permanently affordable housing. This would require careful review of funding eligibility, but it could advance two important City priorities simultaneously.
9. Better celebrate Louisville's preservation program. I suspect many residents don't realize how substantial our preservation incentives are or understand what the program has accomplished. Sharing restoration stories, before-and-after photographs, and the history behind landmark designations could help demonstrate the broader public value of this investment. A broader celebration and recognition of

the program could include guest speaker opportunities at historic preservation and/or planning conferences.

10. Broaden how we define and communicate preservation. Preservation should not be understood simply as preventing change. It should help historic places remain relevant as Louisville evolves, recognize stories that may have been overlooked, and encourage compatible adaptation. Our goal shouldn't be to preserve a single, fixed image of the past, but to carry the many layers of Louisville's history into the future.

I recognize that the HPC is a volunteer commission with considerable responsibilities. I don't believe these recommendations should simply become more work for commissioners or City staff. In fact, I think one of our greatest opportunities is to invite more residents to help.

There are many people in Louisville who care deeply about our history, architecture, and preservation efforts. Some have lived here for generations and carry stories that may never have been formally documented. Others bring experience in architecture, research, photography, mapping, writing, or community outreach. I suspect many would gladly contribute their time if given a meaningful opportunity.

I'd like to propose a Historic Preservation Community Working Group consisting of one or two HPC commissioners and approximately eight to twelve interested Louisville residents. This wouldn't be another regulatory board or decision-making body. It would be a volunteer group working in support of the HPC, providing additional ideas, perspectives, and the extra horsepower needed to pursue some of these initiatives.

The group could begin with a few manageable projects, such as helping organize the online landmark register, researching the stories associated with historic buildings, developing interpretive plaque content, or identifying places that deserve additional historical research. It could work alongside the Museum and City staff while leaving the HPC's formal responsibilities and authority unchanged. The exact structure would need to fit the City's procedures, but I would favor a practical, project-oriented approach rather than creating another layer of bureaucracy.

Just as importantly, this group could bring more voices into the discussion about what history deserves recognition. The HPC brings valuable expertise, but the community itself holds an enormous amount of knowledge about the people and places that have shaped Louisville. Giving residents a meaningful role in this work would make preservation more inclusive and help build a stronger sense of shared ownership.

I hope tonight's discussion can move beyond the annual list of accomplishments and consider a few achievable priorities for the coming year. Establishing a community working group, beginning a publicly accessible landmark register, and strengthening collaboration with the Historical Museum would be meaningful first steps. Council can play an important role by supporting these priorities, encouraging coordination, and helping create opportunities for residents to participate.

Louisville has already demonstrated its commitment to historic preservation through substantial financial incentives and the dedication of its commissioners, staff, and property owners. We have a strong foundation, and I believe we're ready to build on it.
Ultimately, I would like to see preservation become something more residents feel connected to and take part in. Historic preservation shouldn't simply be something the City does for the community. It should be something the community does together, with the City's support.

I support Ballot Question 2B along side fellow local architect, Peter Stewart. Let's continue saving the historic buildings that make Louisville special, but let's also make sure we're preserving the stories, the people, and the living history that make those buildings worth saving in the first place.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to Louisville's historic preservation program.

Sincerely,

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Hello,

I'd like to offer some information specific to your agenda item 3: *A presentation from Louisville Police Department on staff's unified response to concerns about E-Bikes, and discussion/direction on future strategies for traffic safety in Louisville.*

Traffic safety in Louisville specifically on Tamarisk Drive in front of Coal Creek Elementary has been a shared concern by families and community members for several years. Unfortunately our worst fear came true - a second grade student was hit by a car last Wednesday. Fortunately, he is ok.

I received support and quick responses by the following 3 community members : Commander Kurt with the police department, Marla Olson with Parks and Recreation, and Cameron at the City Hall Engineering Department. You three were kind, empathetic, and I truly appreciate your support.

As a representative of the Coal Creek Elementary community of parents who are currently working with the Boulder Valley School District, this conversation will make its way to all of you. We will be exploring putting a bike rack on the east side of the school and who owns the land, cost, etc will come up.

My ask for your meeting this evening is to give me the best point of contact from the city council to work alongside our Coal Creek parent group as questions arise, etc.

Thank you,

Jennifer Garfield