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# HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

## **GOLDEN COMMUNITY PRIDE DAYS: MAY 3-4**

Golden residents, get rid of your junk and bring it to the City Shops at 1300 Catamount Dr. from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4. You must be able to prove you live within the city limits of Golden. To find out, enter your address here: [www.co.jefferson.co.us/awiz/](http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/awiz/).

### **Accepted:**

- Household trash
- Electronic Waste
- Paper shredding (SATURDAY ONLY)
- Mattresses & box springs
- Metal recycling
- Tires
- Tree brush

### **Items NOT ACCEPTED:**

- Propane tanks
- Batteries
- Pharmaceuticals
- Hazardous Waste

## **CURBSIDE APPLIANCE PICK UP**

Curbside appliance recycling will be available for one week only: Monday through Friday, May 4-8. To arrange for a pickup, contact Paul Burkholder at [pburkholder@cityofgolden.net](mailto:pburkholder@cityofgolden.net) or 303-384-8142. You will need to provide the following information: name, address, phone number, item to be picked up, date on which item will be left curbside.

## **HELP STAMP OUT HUNGER**

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) is holding its annual *Stamp Out Hunger* food drive on May 9.

Put a sack full of non-perishable food items out by your mailbox on Saturday, May 9. The Golden Postal Carriers will take the donated food back to the post

office, where members of the Golden Lions Club will collect it and take it to the Christian Action Guild (the food bank in Golden). It will then be given to those in need right here in our community.

The Christian Action Guild is a non-denominational, all volunteer group that is supported by many local businesses, churches, schools and civic groups. It is located at 1401 Ford St. For details, call CAG at 303-279-5674.

## **CURE YOUR CURIOSITY**

What is Public Works? When do people notice Public Works? Answers to these questions and more will be answered at the 3rd Annual Public Works Citizens' Academy beginning Tuesday Sept. 1, 2015. Learn how Golden's water is treated and how we maintain and repair our infrastructure. We also map and track water, sewer and street-related assets within the city.

This is a free 20-hour program which is geared toward adults. Activities include interactive hands-on training activities, tours of City facilities and presentations by Public Works staff. Participants receive all necessary safety equipment and will have the opportunity to experience simulated Public Works working conditions. There will also be a Saturday fieldtrip to Guanella Reservoir.

Graduates of the Academy will be awarded Certificates of Completion at a City Council Meeting.

For more information, visit [www.cityofgolden.net/links/PWCitizensAcademy](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/PWCitizensAcademy).

The registration deadline is Aug. 17. Class size is limited so register early. If you have specific questions about the program contact Joe Dolance at [jdolance@cityofgolden.net](mailto:jdolance@cityofgolden.net) or 303-384-8151.



Below is Golden City Council's monthly calendar. Meetings are held on Thursdays and begin at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

**May 7**

**No meeting**

**May 14**

**Regular business meeting**

**May 21**

**No meeting**

**May 28**

**Regular business meeting**

**Council's upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available** online under the City Council link at [www.CityofGolden.net](http://www.CityofGolden.net).

Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.



## *No Longer Just Passin' Through*

*By Councilor Joe Behm*

When I was a student at CU Boulder in the early eighties, we regarded Golden primarily as the birthplace of Coors and secondarily as the speed trap between Red Rocks (or skiing) and home. As college students, we had no emotional or otherwise connection to Golden, the name of the city meant little, other than three free beers and a chance at a speeding ticket.

Times have changed, partly because it's no longer the eighties, Joe Strummer passed away and The Clash will never again play Red Rocks, but primarily because Golden has really come of age as one of Colorado's most desirable communities. As the Mayor pointed out in her last *Informer* article, a lot of that successful maturation has to do with the city leadership under Mike Bestor. And, a lot of our success has also come because Golden has molded the feelings and experiences of both residents and visitors into a brand.

These emotional connections have helped shaped Golden's identity, along with 150+ years of history.

Communities organically grow and mature but many times their intangibles, all summed up, don't ever develop into anything meaningful. Golden, on the other hand, has an image and continues to refine and promote itself in a positive manner. As Lisa Gansky pointed out, "your brand is your public identity, what you're trusted for. And for your brand to endure, it has to be tested, redefined, managed, and expanded as markets evolve. Brands either learn or disappear."

We've learned a lot in the thirty plus years since the eighties. We've further developed who we are; listening to what residents want and learning why visitors keep coming back. We've learned to slow people down through town, not by mannequin traffic cops in staged cars but through innovative traffic solutions including roundabouts and traffic calming. That old Ford Street route we used to use as college students is pretty much used by the residents as their street. We've learned to develop and better manage Clear Creek's resources. We've learned that our downtown and outlying businesses, CSM campus, inventory of museums and cultural attractions are important contributors, and along with the intangibles, help to develop that emotional connection to our town.

Golden has an enviable position. We've been able to thoughtfully grow over the years; we've kept our small-town charm and fostered an authentic community while adding a host of welcoming amenities and attractions. We've done it right, our residents are proud and visitors encourage others to try out Golden. We have a true identity, not via a tag line or jingle, but something that you feel when you walk into a retailer on Washington Avenue or even the local grocery store, you can't name but you know it is meaningful.

I'm sure there are lots of CU Boulder students still just passin' through, except now you may just see, on hot summer days, Ralphie stickers outnumbering the AU's in the parking lots surrounding Clear Creek and Washington Avenue. The name Golden really does mean something, although it seems to still have a strong connection to beer and with five breweries instead of one, it should.

# Stay On Top of Road Construction

This summer Heritage Road between Highways 6 and 40 is getting a significant makeover. In the end, it will provide significant opportunity for all forms of transportation – pedestrian, bike and auto. It is part of a city-wide effort to meet goals for “complete streets” set by City Council.

In this case, the road will have improved sidewalks from Berthoud Road to Eagle Ridge Drive. Raised bike lanes will be added to allow a safer barrier between cars and bicycles. In addition, two roundabouts will be added to the one recently completed at Kimball. They will be located at Eagle Ridge Drive and West 4th Avenue. The main functions of the roundabouts are to slow traffic and allow safe entry from the side streets.

Construction began in April and is expected to be complete by October. Unfortunately, travelers through the area are going to experience some significant closures and detours. The City will keep you updated on the latest projects and conditions as they progress. Details on the projects, maps of the area and the detours, and any changes or updates can be found at [www.cityofgolden.net/links/construction](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/construction). You can also follow us on Twitter @GoldenPW where we will post last minute changes.



*This is an example of the diagrams you will find at [www.cityofgolden.net/links/construction](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/construction). Go there to see all of the phase maps.*

**Here is the timeline for various parts of the project. Please note that all dates listed are subject to change due to weather or site conditions.**

**PHASE 1** – in progress, estimated completion May 18. Heritage Road between Eagle Ridge Drive and 4th Avenue. No more than one intersection will be closed along Heritage at any one time.

**PHASE 1A** – estimated May 14 - Aug. 11. Intersection at Heritage Road and Eagle Ridge Drive will be closed.

**PHASE 2** – in progress, estimated completion June 16. Heritage Road between Kimball Avenue and Berthoud Way. Stretch of road will be closed.

**PHASE 3** – estimated June 17 - Aug. 14. Road closed on Heritage Road between 4th Avenue and Kimball Avenue. The roundabout at Kimball will remain open.

**PHASE 4** – estimated Aug. 24 - Sept. 29. Entire intersection of Heritage Road and 4th Avenue will be closed. Actual barricades will be at Eagle Ridge and Kimball.

# 2015 Spring Yard Waste Collection on May 9, 16 and 23

Are the bags of yard waste mounting as you clean up in preparation for summer? Golden Pay-as-You-Throw (PAYT) customers are eligible to participate in the semi-annual curbside yard waste collection later this month. This collection service is an included benefit of the PAYT program, and all materials collected are delivered to a facility for recycling into mulch and compost.

Eligible customers may place up to three cubic yards of yard waste (that's about 4ft. x 4ft. x 4ft. or 21 large compostable paper bags) out for collection on their designated day. All items must be in compostable bags, reusable containers, or tied into bundles no longer than 4ft. long and 2ft. in diameter. Bundles should be tied with compostable string, yarn, or rope. Reusable containers filled with compostable yard wastes will be emptied and left at the residence. Yard waste in loose piles or in black

COLLECTION SCHEDULE	
Collection Date	Areas Serviced
May 9	Section 3. Wednesday and Thursday Routes.
May 16	Section 1. Upper half of Tuesday's Route, North of Highway 58 and Monday's Route
May 23	Section 2. Lower half of Tuesday's Route, South of Highway 58 and Friday's Route.

plastic bags will **not** be picked-up. Combinations of bundled items and material in bags or reusable containers should not exceed a total volume of three cubic yards.

What NOT to put out for collection? Food waste (fruits, vegetables, etc.), plastic, dirt, cactus, ashes, animal waste, treated lumber, logs, old garden hoses and broken flower pots are contaminants, and should be placed in the regular trash. While tree stumps and branches greater than 4 inches in diameter are recyclable, they are too large for this collection and may damage the collection equipment. For more

information, please contact Waste Management directly at 303-278-8600 or visit [www.cityofgolden.net/links/YardWaste](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/YardWaste).

**Remember** – Would you like your yard waste picked-up regularly through the summer and into the fall? By subscribing to the Green Waste Collection Program for a small monthly fee, your compostable yard wastes will be picked up for composting every other week through the end of November. It's a convenient disposal option for grass clippings and fall leaves. Call Waste Management at 303-278-8600 to enroll!

## LIVING LANDMARKS DINNER TO HONOR GOLDEN'S FINEST

Golden Landmarks Association (GLA) is proud to announce the Living Landmark honorees for 2015. This year, Golden Landmarks has selected four honorees who exemplify dedication to improving the community.

2015 marks the 14th year GLA will host its Living Landmarks Dinner. The event recognizes individuals or organizations whose actions have had a positive impact on Golden and the greater community. This year GLA is honored to recognize Charlie and Janine Sturdavant, Carole Lomond, Mike Bestor and the Golden Civic Foundation.

Honorees will be recognized on Friday, May 29,



in the Canyon Room at Mount Vernon Country Club, 24933 Club House Cir.

For more information about Golden Landmarks

Association or to purchase tickets to the Living Landmarks Dinner, email [gold@goldenlandmarks.com](mailto:gold@goldenlandmarks.com), call 303-279-1236 or visit <http://goldenlandmarks.com/>.

As the second oldest non-profit historic preservation organization in Colorado, GLA is dedicated to preserving Golden's history and historic places and educating residents and visitors alike about the Golden area.



*A more detailed rendering of 19th Street crossing over US 6 after construction of the interchange and lid.*

## US 6 and 19th Street Interchange Moving Forward

Plans for the major transformation of the intersection of US 6 and 19th Street are now far enough through the design phase, that we are able to share updated plans with the community. We invite you to attend a public information meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

Last year, the City gathered all sorts of feedback from the community about the transformation of the interchange of US 6 and 19th Street. City officials held three public input meetings regarding design and a design concept was chosen. In short, US 6 will be lowered, 19th Street will stay at-grade, and a “lid” will be put over the highway, complete with bike and walking paths, a park and an improved 19th Street.

Since the public meetings, it may seem as though nothing has happened. We’ve received questions like “has the project been dropped?” The answer is no. The project is moving forward, and even at an accelerated speed. The usual period for the design and environmental approvals for this kind of major interchange project is three to five years. With the help of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the City will be able to go from funding to construction within just 18 months.

So what has been happening over the past six months? The design team has been very busy with technical issues like drainage, soil conditions, retaining wall selections, pavement design, right of way and easement documentation, utility relocations and environmental documentation.

While not the type of things that are of general interest to the public, they are necessary to complete the project. The project, which we’ve named “Linking Lookout” remains on schedule to begin construction in November or December.

The design of the preferred alternative remains the same as last presented, but specific items have been refined. During the meeting on May 20, we will show how the retaining walls will look as you drive on US 6, which were generalized in previous presentations. Height and scale of walls will also be much clearer. In addition, schedule updates, phasing and detours are better defined. We hope you will join us on May 20 for the update on this very exciting project.

# Flood Protection Information Everyone Should Know

Several severe floods have been recorded in Golden since 1864, the most recent of which occurred on June 27, 2004. The most serious flooding around here resulted from cloudbursts occurring from May through September.

Floods are dangerous. Even though they appear to move slowly, floodwaters only six inches deep moving at three feet per second can knock a person off their feet. For reference, the 100-year flood on Clear Creek at Ford Street can flow as fast as 11 feet per second.

Your property may not have flooded in the past but the next flood could be worse, as not all storms are the same. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. If your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area, there is a 26 percent chance that you will experience flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage.

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Golden participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy at a 15 percent discount. This insurance is backed by the Federal Government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded, and no matter where they are located. Remember that there is a 30-day waiting period before the flood policy becomes effective.

Before you begin any construction (new development, additions, remodels, filling, grading, etc.) on your property, contact the City of Golden's Engineering Division at 303-384-8115 for specific floodplain requirements.

Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Golden Public Library (once it re-opens in June). You can also visit the Engineering or Building Divisions at 1445 10th St. to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. If so, they can give you more information, such as flood zone, depth of flooding, etc. The Engineering Division will review flood information on file and produce a **FREE** written Floodplain Determination for your property upon request.

Flood protection information is posted on the Engineering page of the City's website, [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net), and is also available at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

## BEFORE A FLOOD

- Know the sources of potential flooding at your home.
- Inventory and photograph the contents of your home.
- Put important documents and insurance policies in a safe place.
- Ensure all members of the household understand what to do in the event of a flood, especially children.
- Minimize the impact of localized flooding by ensuring that the ground is sloped away from your home and down spouts are directed away from your home.
- Preserve the natural function of streams and floodplains. Do not dump debris into the storm inlets or natural drainage ways.
- Call the City at 303-384-8115 to request removal of large debris.

## DURING A FLOOD

- Do not walk through flowing water.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.  
TURN AROUND – DON'T DROWN!
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Report downed power lines to Xcel Energy or City of Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.
- Have your electricity turned off.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes.
- Look before you step.
- Stay clear of unstable stream banks.
- Be alert for gas leaks.

## AFTER A FLOOD

- Listen for news reports to learn whether the community's water supply is safe to drink.
- Avoid floodwaters.
- Avoid moving water.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- Stay out of any building if it is surrounded by floodwaters.
- Avoid damaged sewage systems, they are serious health hazards.

# Riding for Honor and Unity

On May 10th, three Golden Police officers will represent our city and county in an amazing nationwide bike ride to honor fallen officers. The Police Unity Tour brings together law enforcement from all over the country to embark on a 250 mile bike ride that ends at the Fallen Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. The ride began in 1997 with just 18 riders and has grown to include over 1,800.

Golden Officers Dan Hyde and Shawn Henslee decided to ride in the event for the first time last year to honor the memory of Det. Jeremy Bitner, an Englewood Police officer who was struck and killed by a drunk driver. They thought it would be a great one-time experience. But last year, tragedy hit closer to home.

Jefferson County Sheriff Sgt. Dave Baldwin, a motorcycle officer, was killed by a careless driver.

Golden Police and the Jeffco Sheriff's Department work very closely with each other and Sgt. Baldwin was well known. So they decided to ride again this year in his memory. Golden Officer Adam Lanning also signed up to ride. "I feel it is an honor and a privilege to ride in honor of Sgt. Baldwin," said Ofc. Lanning. "Not only will Shawn, Dan and I be riding for the Golden Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, we will be riding and paying tribute to a deputy who died doing the two things he loved; riding his motorcycle and being a cop."

The officers will fly to Sommerset, NJ where the ride begins. The event

ends with all of the riders gathering together for a memorial event. "It's such a tough ride," recalls Ofc. Hyde. "About 250 miles over three days. When we rode into the memorial all of that pain and suffering went away. Such a minor sacrifice compared to what Bitner or Baldwin gave."

Each rider is responsible for raising \$1,800 to cover their hotel and food, but is encouraged to raise even more money to be donated to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. The riders must also pay for getting themselves and their bikes over to the ride. To donate, visit <http://socalput.com/donations/>. Put your donation in the Amount box and then select a rider who you want to help sponsor. For Golden, choose Shawn Henslee, Dan Hyde or Adam Lanning.

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## *Teens Don't Miss Out! Youth Citizens' Police Academy*

Do you know a young adult who is considering a career in Law Enforcement or who watches law enforcement themed TV shows and movies? Believe it or not, it's not really like it is on TV or in the movies. It's even better.

For one week in June, young adults who are accepted for the academy will learn what real police officers and police employees do in the performance of their duties, and the rules and laws that guide them.

This academy is full of action and fun. Here's a summary of what takes place:

- Conduct a building search to look for suspects.
- Tour the Jefferson County Jail.
- Go to the firearms range with firearms instructors to learn firearms safety and fire a gun.
- Learn from Detectives and Criminalists how to investigate a major crime.
- Look for evidence and process a mock crime scene.
- Learn about SWAT operations.
- Conduct a traffic crash investigation.



To apply, you must be between the ages of 13 to 17 (13 year olds must have completed 7th grade). The Academy is one week long, from June 8 through 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You must be able to attend all five days. It is preferred that applicants are enrolled in schools within the Golden city limits. Applications must be submitted online by 2 p.m. on May 11. Find them at [www.cityofgolden.net/links/volunteer](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/volunteer).

# GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**May 2**

## ***Evening at the Opera***

A unique collaboration of the Golden Community Choir and Opera on Tap concert. 7:30 p.m. at Golden High School, 701 24th St. The silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at [www.goldencommunitychoirs.org](http://www.goldencommunitychoirs.org).

**May 5 *Cinco de Mayo***

**May 9**

## ***GHS Dance Team Show***

The Golden High School Dance Team is celebrating its 15th year anniversary at their Spring Show. There will be about 90 alumni returning to perform and Mayor Marjorie Sloan will speak. Two shows, noon and 4 p.m. in the Golden High School Auditorium, 701 24th St. Tickets are \$5 for children and students, \$10 for adults.

**May 10 *Mother's Day***

**May 22 through June 28**

## ***Brighton Beach Memoirs***

A Neil Simon classic about Eugene Jerome and his family, fighting the hard times and sometimes each other, with laughter, tears and love in 1937 Brooklyn, during the heart of the Depression. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For details and tickets call 303-935-3044 or visit [www.minersalley.com](http://www.minersalley.com).

**May 25 *Memorial Day***

**May 26**

## ***Golden Bicycle Cruise***

Last Tuesday of every month from May thru October. Gather at 5:30 p.m. in Golden Library



*The Golden High School Dance Team.*

parking lot. Ride begins at 7 p.m. For more information visit [www.GoldenCivicFoundation.org](http://www.GoldenCivicFoundation.org).

**Through July 28**

## ***Gwen Marston: Contemporary Quilts***

If there's such a thing as quilt royalty, Gwen Marston is it. Although her quilts have been shown across the country and around the world, this is the first time a significant exhibition of Gwen's work will appear in the Rocky Mountain region. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details call 303-277-0377 or visit [www.rmqm.org](http://www.rmqm.org).

**Through Oct. 11**

## ***Calendar Girls to Cowboys***

Coors released its first illustrated ads in 1893 in the form of calendars, and that was the beginning of a long history of advertising for the native Golden company. Check out the evolution in Calendar Girls to Cowboys: The Art of Selling Coors. Golden History Center,

## **COMING SOON: SUMMER READING 2015**

Jefferson County Public Library is excited to share the 2015 Summer Reading program. It's new and better than ever. This summer, Jefferson County residents are being challenged to read for 1,000,001 minutes. The program is simple – Read. Log minutes. Win prizes. Mark your calendar and attend the free Launch Party and Celebrity Read-a-thon from 3 to 6 pm. on Friday, May 29 at the Jefferson County Courts & Administration Building, 100 Jefferson County Parkway. Visit [jeffcolibrary.org](http://jeffcolibrary.org) for more information. Registration opens May 29.

923 10th St. For details, hours and tickets call 303-278-3557 or visit [www.GoldenHistory.org](http://www.GoldenHistory.org).



## *Colorado Creates Glass: Glass work on display from talented local artists through May 15*

This exhibition at the Foothills Art Center (FAC) highlights the skills and accomplishments of Colorado glass artists. The art of blowing, lampworking, cold working or casting glass requires not only skill, but many years of apprenticeship and practice to perfect. The artists presented here represent many, but certainly not all, the outstanding glass artists in Colorado.

For instance, Denver native Paul Lockwood first learned the art of glass blowing while studying physics at Hastings College in Nebraska. He took a glass blowing course to fulfill an art credit. Lockwood's two glass installation pieces—one in the community gallery, the other installed in the Dickinson Sculpture Garden — demonstrate Lockwood's interest in large scale installations and chandeliers pioneered by artists such as Dale Chihuly.

Experience his story and many more between now and May 15 at the Colorado Creates Glass exhibit at the FAC. For more information, visit [foothillsartcenter.org](http://foothillsartcenter.org).

# FREE Sales and Use Tax Workshops

The City of Golden is hosting **FREE** Sales and Use Tax workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors and geared toward individuals who need to learn sales and use tax concepts on an in-depth level.

The workshops will be held in the  
**Golden City Hall Conference Room,  
City Hall, 911 10<sup>th</sup> St.**

June 3, 2015..... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

July 1, 2015..... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

**Although these classes are free,  
space is limited.**

**Please call 303-384-8024  
for your reservation.**

# FREE Building Use Tax Workshop

The City of Golden is hosting a **FREE** Building Use Tax Workshop taught by our professional staff of auditors. Class is geared toward individuals who need to learn about building use tax concepts on an in-depth basis.

The workshop will be held in the  
**Golden City Hall Conference Room,  
City Hall, 911 10<sup>th</sup> St.**

May 6, 2015..... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

**Class is free,  
but space is limited.  
Please call 303-384-8024  
for your reservation.**

**GOLDEN CEMETERY**

Please call 303-279-1435,  
for more information.

**VisitGolden.com**

**Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:**

Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to [ktilley@cityofgolden.net](mailto:ktilley@cityofgolden.net). Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month *prior* to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.

# More than Just Pretty Flowers: Garden In A Box Beautifies While Saving Water



The City of Golden and the Center for ReSource Conservation offer an easy, fun and affordable way to create beautiful, water-conserving gardens through the purchase of a Garden In A Box kit. Each garden features locally grown plants chosen for their xeric properties, professionally designed plant by number layouts, and a Plant and Care Guide that makes you an instant planting pro. Gardens fit into a 50-100 square foot area and feature full sun, shade, and delicious edible designs. Golden residents will receive an additional \$25 off at checkout on select gardens while supplies last.

Replacing turf? You'll increase your water savings by up to 50 percent! With thousands of Gardens In A Box planted every year, your purchase helps save up to two million gallons each watering season! Your



perennial plants will deliver beauty and savings for years to come.

Five gardens will be offered, all with the "plant by number" design. Three xeric gardens for full sun will be available, one of which will attract pollinators, and one that showcases native plants. Another garden is designed for partial shade, and the last selection is a colorful

vegetable garden. In addition, for the first time ever this year, the *Greatest Hits of Xeriscape* will be available for purchase. This garden selection includes the most popular xeric plants from previous years.

To order your garden, visit [ConservationCenter.org/Gardens](http://ConservationCenter.org/Gardens) or call 303-999-3820 ext. 222.

## FREE SPRINKLER INSPECTIONS

The Center for ReSource Conservation is partnering with Golden to put conservation into action, and we need your help. If you have an in-ground sprinkler system for your lawn, you will save water and money by scheduling a no cost Slow the Flow Consultation. Simply schedule an appointment to meet with a Water Conservation Technician at your home. The service usually takes 90 minutes and involves a visual inspection, data collection,



landscapes and lawns healthy.

Slow the Flow saves an average of 5,000 gallons of water per outdoor watering season for each resident. Collectively, Slow the Flow saved 12.5 million gallons in 2014. That is enough to fill about nineteen Olympic-sized swimming pools!

and in-depth evaluation. The technician will deliver a clear and actionable list of suggestions to reduce water use and runoff at each property, while keeping

## Join Us for a Greener Golden Event

**P**lease join the City of Golden for our 6th Annual Greener Golden celebration to kick-off the growing season!

**When:** Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to noon

**Where:** The City of Golden Public Works Administrative building and the Golden Community Garden. Parking is available at 1445 10th St.



### What:

- Pick up your pre-ordered Garden In A Box. Individual xeric plants and water-wise products will also be available for sale.
- Tour the Golden Community Garden and learn about opportunities to participate.
- Have your questions answered by CSU Extension Master Gardeners and Master Composter experts.
- Learn about the City's Environmental Services programs, including water conservation and free sprinkler inspections.
- Check out different varieties of xeric grasses, including a new "Dog Tuff" species that is resistant to pet impacts.
- Find out how to deal with your green waste and how best to divert these materials from the landfill.
- Pick up free compost to amend your garden soil. Bring your own container to fill – buckets, trash cans, old potting mix bags, etc.

### A PLAN FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Colorado has seen its share of extreme weather such as drought and tornadoes, and disaster events including fires and floods. Check out how Golden is planning for such events in the new City of Golden Climate Resilience Plan. Input from citizens is welcome and encouraged before this draft is reviewed by City Council this summer. Visit [www.cityofgolden.net/links/climate](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/climate) for more details.

# Golden Library: Cleared Out and Under Construction

Instead of cars filling the Golden Library parking lot, there are construction crews working hard to transform the inside of the building into a modern and inviting library. In order to get underway, library employees had to remove all of the books, materials and shelves for safekeeping.

Before the building was a library, it was a community center that housed various things over the years including a basketball court, a swimming pool and a roller skating rink. “With all of the shelves removed, it looks like we could bring roller skating back!” said Golden Library Manager Carrol Mannino.

Library officials are eagerly anticipating the opening date in June. “It’s amazing to see concepts drawn on a floor plan come to life,” added Mannino, “as old walls are removed, new ones are added and the structure begins to take shape.”

In the meantime, the bookmobile stops on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and library programs are



being held at various places in the Golden area. For interim updates on the construction and information on where to find alternative services and programs, visit [jeffcolibrary.org/goldenremodel](http://jeffcolibrary.org/goldenremodel).

## Golden’s Community Bike Program

The Golden Optimists Bicycle Recycle Program has been serving the community of greater Golden for more than 30 years. They receive donated bicycles, volunteers repair them at the shop near Heritage Square, and then they provide bicycles to students, families, kids, and anyone who needs a bicycle. Parts and supplies are purchased with funds from the Optimist’s annual Christmas tree sales and other donations. More than 400 bicycles were repaired and provided to people who needed them in 2014, including homeless people, veterans, and students who need transportation; kids who have outgrown their bicycles; and Christmas Santa programs at the Christian Action Guild and the



*CSM students receiving bicycles from Optimist volunteers.*

Jeffco Action Center. The shop has a world map marked with many pins representing the home countries of the Colorado School of Mines international students who have received bicycles.

Volunteers are a vital part of the program and include Optimists, high school students, scouts, and other people in the community. Bicycle

recipients are encouraged to help get their bike ready and learn about bike maintenance. The Optimists also provide helmets for no charge and encourage bicycle safety.

The future of Heritage Square and the bike shop is uncertain at this time. This is an opportunity for the Optimists to become an even stronger community

bike program through working with greater Golden to imagine the future, and possibly identify and move to a new location.

The Optimists welcome ideas, please contact them at [goldenoptimists@gmail.com](mailto:goldenoptimists@gmail.com). Learn more about getting a bike, volunteering, and donating at [goldenoptimists.org](http://goldenoptimists.org).

The Golden Community Center

# FRONT PORCH

## NEWS

**For more information:**

- Stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Community Center, 1470 10th St.;
- Call 303-384-8130;
- Subscribe to the Front Porch Newsletter (\$8/year);
- Check out the Recreation brochure; or
- Visit [www.cityofgolden.net/links/frontporch](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/frontporch).

Check out the Golden Community Center's Front Porch - designed specifically for people 50 and older.

The Front Porch offers respite and entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, sports, social events, trips and volunteer activities. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.

### Here's what's happening this month:

#### Summer Front Porch Hours!

We will be adjusting our hours of operation for the summer season beginning Tuesday, May 26 through Monday, Sept. 7. Our new hours will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Celebrate Health!

*Friday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.*

Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. The first Friday of each month we offer healthy refreshments and presentations on a variety of wellness topics. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.

**Chair massages.....\$13 for 15 minutes**  
**Reflexology sessions .....\$13 for 15 minutes**

#### Golden Book Club

This group meets in the Front Porch the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

The book list is as follows:

May: *Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis

\*future titles TBA.

If you are interested in joining, please email Jan Bradbury, [bobjanbradbury@comcast.net](mailto:bobjanbradbury@comcast.net)

#### UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

##### Dinosaur Ridge and Lunch at the Morrison Inn #25012-01

Explore and see what Dinosaur Ridge has to offer! The 1½ hour tour

is designed to allow us to explore ancient Colorado and the creatures that once lived here.

*Wednesday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

*Tour starts at 1 p.m.*

*\$15 (Transportation and admission included.*

*Bring money for lunch.)*

*Exertion Level: 3*

**Register/Cancel by May 1.**

##### Miner's Alley Playhouse #25003-1 Brighton Beach Memoirs

The first in Neil Simon's "Eugene Trilogy" (followed by *Biloxi Blues & Broadway Bound*). Meet Eugene Jerome and his family, fighting the hard times and sometimes each other—with laughter, tears, and love. It is 1937 in Brooklyn, during the heart of the Depression.

*Sunday, May 31, 6 p.m.*

*Meet at the Miner's Alley Playhouse.*

*\$20 for show only*

*Exertion Level: 2*

**Register/Cancel by May 18.**

##### Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum #25004-1

The Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum, home to one of the state's two Goodwill moon rocks collected during the Apollo 17 mission, was started in 1874 and displays mineral, fossil, gemstone, meteorite and historic mining artifact exhibits on two floors.

*Wednesday, June 10, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

*Tour begins at 10 a.m.*

*\$10 (Admission and tour included. Meet at museum.*

*Bring money for lunch. Location TBD.*

*Transportation not included.)*

*Exertion Level: 3/4*

**Register/Cancel by May 28.**

# Golden Community Center activities calendar

For more information and to register, visit <https://rec.cityofgolden.net>.

## Splash Aquatic Park Opens May 23!

Enjoy 10% off Splash Annual Passes and 10 Visit Cards when you purchase between May 1 - 22 online at [rec.cityofgolden.net](https://rec.cityofgolden.net).

## Frozen Princess Camp

Join us on a Frozen adventure featuring songs and dance from the original Frozen score. The program includes a ballet class, crafts and a snack as well as a performance on Friday to show off all our chilly new moves. No prior dance experience required. Leather ballet shoes are required.

Age: 6 - 10 years

July 20 - 24, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

\$100 Resident, \$110 Non-resident

## 2015 Teen Adventure Camp

This will be the best summer yet! Teen adventures include: Horseback riding and Splash; Laser tag at American Paintball Coliseum; Sweet Tomatoes Lunch and a Movie; Heritage Square Alpine Slide; Ice Cream and Splash; Waterworld. For more information and to register, visit [rec.cityofgolden.net](https://rec.cityofgolden.net)!

## Fossil Trace Golf Clinics - Get Golf Ready Level I Adult Clinic

The Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic is designed to teach the beginner golfer everything needed to play golf in just a few lessons. The clinic will be three sessions over a one week period combining fun, fitness and a no-pressure on-course experience. Each session will feature basic swing mechanics including grip, alignment and posture. Basic rules, etiquette



Fossil Trace Golf Club

and tips with an emphasis on having fun will help improve your overall comfort level on the course.

### All Adult Get Golf Ready Clinics

Monday - Wednesday

\$100 per student (5 hours)

May 11, 12 & 13

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Day 1)

5:30 to 7 p.m. (Days 2&3)

8:1 Student Instructor Ratio

Min/Max: 5/8 students

### All Women's Get Golf Ready Clinics

Monday - Wednesday

\$100 per student (5 hours)

May 18, 19 & 20

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Day 1)

5:30 to 7 p.m. (Days 2&3)

8:1 Student Instructor Ratio

Min/Max: 5/8 students

### Fossil Trace Private and Semi-Private (Group) Instruction

All private lessons are tailored to each student's ability and goals. Students and instructors work together on a lesson plan, including short game or on-course lessons.

To sign up for Fossil Trace camps and clinics, visit [rec.cityofgolden.net](https://rec.cityofgolden.net) or stop by the City of Golden Community Center. All clinics and

camps will take place at Fossil Trace Golf Club.

## Skyhawks Sports Camps

The City of Golden continues to offer Skyhawks Sports Camps for children ages 3 to 12 in a variety of sports. Camps are held Monday-Friday at local parks. Check out the Skyhawks Sports Camp Schedule at [rec.cityofgolden.net](https://rec.cityofgolden.net) or [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com).

## Challenger Soccer Camps

The City of Golden is partnering with Challenger Soccer this year and offering camps for the soccer player in the family. Camp will be held July 20 - 24 at Lions Park. Camps are open to players ages 3 to 16 years of age. For more specific information and to register visit [rec.cityofgolden.net](https://rec.cityofgolden.net) or [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com).

Other offerings from the City of Golden for youth sports include:

- CARA Tennis and tennis camps
- CARA Track
- Youth Volleyball Training
- Lacrosse Camps

Visit [rec.cityofgolden.net](https://rec.cityofgolden.net) for more information, pricing and to register!

# Golden Bike Park, Ready to Ride

The Golden Parks Division has been working diligently to improve the Golden Bike Park for the 2015 riding season. Taking advantage of an unseasonably dry March, the Parks Division worked with professional trail designers, Momentum Trail Concepts, with a goal to restore the gravity-fed flow park to its opening day glory and provide new opportunities for riders of all skill levels.

The first step included refreshing the downhill flow trail through the park. Jumps were widened and stabilized, increasing both safety and quality of experience. In some locations smaller jumps were added to provide less experienced riders an equal opportunity to find some air!

Following the flow trail work, attention was moved to the pump track. The beauty of working with dirt is it can be moved and rebuilt as needed. The original pump track served as an introduction to the possibilities of a pump track. Unfortunately, the existing pump track and dirt available was not up to the demands of the sharp turns and flow of the original design. The solution was a redesigned pump track with wider radiuses and longer trails. Golden Parks encourages riders to check it out, they won't be disappointed.

Golden Bike Park was developed through a partnership between the City of Golden, Colorado



Mountain Bike Association (COMBA), International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), and a group of dedicated local volunteers, the Golden Bike Park Group. For more information, visit <http://comba.org/projects/golden-bike-park> and Like the Golden Bike Park Page on Facebook.

## JSO FINAL CONCERT OF THE SEASON

The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra (JSO) will wrap up its 62nd concert season at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 17 with a performance of Brahms' masterpiece Ein deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem) featuring The Evergreen Chorale. The Evergreen Chorale, directed by Christine Gaudreau, is one of Colorado's largest and most active choral ensembles with close to 100 singers. In addition, guest artists for this special performance will be Kara Guggenmos, lyric soprano, and Steven Taylor, bass baritone.

JSO is currently celebrating its 62nd Anniversary Concert Season. What began as a small chamber ensemble in 1953 has grown to one of the most well regarded community symphonic orchestras in Colorado comprised of over 75 members from across the Front Range area. Under the leadership of Maestro William Morse, Music Director and Principal Conductor, the orchestra continues to bring innovative musical programming to the community.

For more information: [www.jeffsymphony.org](http://www.jeffsymphony.org), email: [office@jeffsymphony.org](mailto:office@jeffsymphony.org) or call 303-278-4237.



**Season Finale Concert**

**May 17, 2015 • 3p.m.**

Colorado School of Mines  
Green Center, 924 16th St.

## *Most Wanted List: How does the museum decide what to research?*

By Mark Dodge, Golden History Museums Curator

Every year museum staff undertakes new research areas. Sometimes this means identifying undocumented items already in the collection and deliberately fleshing out their local significance, if any (such as finding an 1858 Gold Rush-era map of Golden City in off-site storage last summer). Sometimes it means researching an unknown or underappreciated aspect of Golden's history. (There are many: What was Golden's first pizza joint? Where was the red light district?) Sometimes we're on a crusade to verify information that already exists and challenge assumptions. (Is Golden really named for Tom Golden?) Sometimes we're driven by external factors to record community change. A beloved Golden business is closing (Heritage Square) or a landmark is slated for demolition, for example. And sometimes, we're pursuing a personal curatorial interest (I love old Westerns, so I'm fascinated with Golden's role in the nascent silent film industry).

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Review the list of priorities below. Do you have information to share? Do you have a good story, a dusty photograph, a rare artifact, or the name of someone the museum should contact? Please contact me at [MDodge@GoldenHistory.org](mailto:MDodge@GoldenHistory.org).

### **2015 PRIORITIES**

- **Heritage Square, Magic Mountain, and Magic Mountain Ski Area** – This Victorian-themed entertainment village is scheduled to close at the end of 2015. It opened in 1971, but its history dates back to the 1950s as a failed Disney-inspired theme park named Magic Mountain.
- **Sena's Pizzeria** – I've heard numerous fond recollections about this place and nothing exists in the collection, so I decided it was time to research



*Crowds gather for a July 4th celebration at Heritage Square, 1971. Golden History Museums, City of Golden Collection.*

it. I believe this was Golden's first pizza joint. It was located at 226 9th St. in Goosetown, Golden's original German quarter.

- **Goosetown neighborhood** – Interest arose while digging into the history of the Goosetown Tavern, which is currently highlighted in the exhibit, *Calendar Girls to Cowboys: The Art of Selling Coors*.
- **Son family** – This year we received a box of photographs from a family friend of Rhoda (Son) Pagliano in Anchorage, Alaska. Rhoda passed away without any immediate family. The family friend knew Rhoda was from an old Golden family so he reached out to the museum. A boxful of photographs arrived, but unfortunately many are unidentified.
- **Golden Waffle Inn** – The museum accepted a stove believed to have come from the Golden Waffle Inn which stood on South Golden Road at Mt. Vernon Canyon. It was across the street from the Rock Rest and was known for its waffles and fried chicken.



# Opens May 23

10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

With two body tube water slides, a leisure pool complete with play structure, small water slides, spray fountains, and a 500 gallon dump-bucket, Splash is the largest water park in Jefferson County and 4th largest in Colorado! Enjoy a beach-like sand area or a gentle spray fountain play area for young children ages 1-100. Also included is a lap pool with diving board. Stay the day with our lounge chairs, picnic tables and shaded structures that surround the pool area.



## Entrance Fees:

**Infants under 2 are free**

**Tots 2-5 years**

\$3.50 Golden Res \$4 Jeffco Res \$4.50 Non Res

**Youth 6-18 years**

\$5.50 Golden Res \$6.50 Jeffco Res \$7.50 Non Res

**Adults 19-59 years**

\$7 Golden Res \$8 Jeffco Res \$9 Non Res

**Senior 60+**

\$5 Golden Res \$6 Jeffco Res \$7 Non Res

*\*Seniors are free when accompanied by a paying guest*

**303-277-8700**

**splashinggolden.com**



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