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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items



CHANGES TO PET LICENSING FEES

Starting Nov. 1, 2015, annual pet licensing fees will shift from \$15 for altered pets and \$30 for unaltered pets to a \$20 flat rate (altered or unaltered). This fee was decided in hopes that more unaltered, lost dogs can get back home safely.

This is the first adjustment in pet licensing fees in seven years. Foothills Animal Shelter (FAS) became the beneficiary of the county-wide licensing program in 2013. Licensing fees go to not only help get lost pets home safely, but now also to help provide life-saving care to the 9,300+ homeless pets that enter FAS each year from the community.

The advantages to licensing your pet(s) include discounted microchip services at FAS and avoiding fines for having an unlicensed dog (it is the law). More importantly, you will be contacted immediately if your missing pet is found. Notices will be mailed throughout the next year to all pet owners who currently have their dogs licensed. For more information, visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/License.



FAMILY HEALTHY FAIR IS BACK

The Golden Family of Churches Health Ministries along with the 9 Health Fair will host the 16th annual Family Healthy Fair from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Bell Middle School, 1001

Ulysses St. Bring the entire family for free health screenings and access to medical professionals. Flu shots and blood work are also available for a small fee. No ID is required and credit cards are accepted. For information on costs, screenings, volunteer opportunities or to pre-register visit www.9healthfair.org.



GOLDEN SOLAR TOUR PARTICIPATES IN WORLD'S LARGEST SOLAR EVENT

For the fourth year in a row, the Golden Solar Tour of Homes will showcase 13 selected homes that have solar installations around the Golden area. Come learn about solar and sustainable projects your neighbors are using to reduce energy bills, lower harmful emissions, lessen dependence on foreign oil, receive tax credits and improve property values. The self-guided tour is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3. If you are biking the tour, it is free! Begin at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. and then circle back to AMC from 4 to 6 p.m. for a reception and green expo. For more information visit GoldenSolarTour.org or call 303-279-1446.

This is part of the 20th Annual 2015 National Solar Tour where more than 200,000 participants will visit some 5,500 buildings in 3,200 communities across the U.S.



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.

- Oct. 1**
No meeting
- Oct. 8**
Regular business meeting
- Oct. 15**
Regular study session
- Oct. 22**
Regular business meeting
- Oct. 29**
No meeting

Council's upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net.

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



Perspective on Our Process

By Councilor Marcia Claxton

Recently, I returned to my Midwestern hometown to see if I could assist in removing some roadblocks preventing the sale of a family business building and property. While there I met with a number of City officials including aldermen (like our councilors), City staff, and attended a Code and Regulation committee meeting, as well as a regular business meeting of the City Council. This is a much larger city with a different form of government (mayor/council vs. council/manager like we have); so although I expected differences, I was still surprised by the contrasts in governing style and communication between Golden and my hometown.

My then 87 year old mother and I attended the meeting of the Code and Regulation committee which we were told was open to the public. The committee meetings are held just before the start of the regular business meeting. We were the only non-aldermen and staff attendees in the small conference room. We were not acknowledged in any way, and after a half hour, we were abruptly told to leave as they went into executive session.

We then went into council chambers to await the start of the meeting that started 45 minutes late. I looked for a copy of the agenda and asked if I could sign up for public comment. I was told that I would have had to do that the week before, be approved, and that there is a limit of five comments per meeting. Eventually, a staff member handed me a 27 page agenda that showed proceedings from previous meetings with many items being continued to this meeting, being sent back to committee, etc.

When they were seated, the Mayor was on the dais facing the audience and the council sat with their backs to us. During the meeting, some council members occasionally swiveled in their chairs to look at the people in the audience. After about an hour, we left because if it was difficult for me to understand, it was impossible for my mother who is somewhat hard of hearing.

Never was I so happy to return to Golden to council procedures that I previously had taken for granted. We receive our agenda packet the week before, and our citizens have access to the very same agenda and materials that we have. Our meetings start on time and anyone can come and comment on general items at the beginning of the meeting and during the meeting when specific policy items are being discussed. The mayor and council welcome, thank, and respond to the public. We can never do enough communication, it seems. We now record all boards and commissions meetings and offer a weekly e-newsletter to anyone who wants to subscribe (www.cityofgolden.net/links/newsletter).

Not everyone will feel that our Council listens to them, because people will always want different things and only one path can be chosen at a time. But I am proud to say our Council has often changed course based on citizens' opinions and recommendations. We listen and we put a lot of thought into our decisions which we hope will always benefit the majority. This is our community as well and we quite literally live with the decisions we make. We hope that overall, Goldenites know we have their best interests at heart.

Marcia Claxton

Mail Ballot Election Scheduled for Nov. 3

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election, through a Voter Registration Drive, is Monday, Oct. 12. The deadline to register online (www.govotecolorado.com) or to mail an application to vote is Oct. 26. After that date, if you are not registered but have lived in the state for 22 days before the election, you must go to the Jefferson County Election Department, 3500 Illinois St., Suite 1100, to register. You can also register on Election Day and receive your ballot at the same place. More information can be found at www.jeffco.us/elections.

To be eligible to register to vote in this election you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, a resident of Colorado and at your present address for 22 days prior to the election. If your Jefferson County voter registration is current and you live within the city limits of Golden, further registration is not necessary. If you are not sure if you are registered at your current residence go to www.govotecolorado.com.

All registered voters will be mailed a ballot from Jefferson County the week of Oct. 12. Your ballot must be returned to Jefferson County, or placed in a ballot drop-off box, no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 3. Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., has a drop-off box or you may drop off your ballot at Jefferson County Elections, 3500 Illinois St., Suite 1100, Golden.



This ballot box is just inside the doors of City Hall, 911 10th St.

NEW BALLOT DROP BOX AT CITY HALL

This year Jefferson County Elections Department installed a new ballot drop box right inside the front door of Golden's City Hall, 911 10th St. Now you can drop off your ballot any time. The box is securely locked and Jefferson County Election Department employees will pick up ballots from it every day.

Before you bring your ballot to be dropped in the ballot box check and be sure you have your ballot in your envelope, (husbands and wives often get theirs mixed up), sign the back of the envelope and include all required information. Seal the envelope and bring it for drop off.

MARCH TO THE BALLOT BOX

Golden Votes, a non-partisan volunteer group formed to increase voter participation, invites everyone to attend the March to the Ballot Box event beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. The event will take place, rain or shine, on the west side of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St.

There will be two free showings of the critically acclaimed film "Iron-Jawed Angels" about the struggle in the early 1900's led by Alice Paul and Lucy Burns to give women the right to vote. Viewings will be at the Golden Library at 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

There will be entertainment for kids and adults from 1 to 2 p.m. followed by a March to the Ballot Box inside Golden City Hall, where people can place their completed ballots. Join in - be heard, register and vote!

Your Introduction to the City Council Candidates

In order to help voters make educated decisions in the upcoming mail ballot election, the City publishes candidate profiles in each of the races. In this election, citizens will vote for the positions of Mayor and Council members for Districts One and Two. If you are not sure which District you live in, check out the map on the opposite page. If you are still unsure, call the City Clerk's office at 303-384-8014.

Each candidate was offered the opportunity to submit a profile and a photo for free publication in the Informer. Candidates were not provided with any set of guidelines (other than approximate word count) and candidate profiles were not edited by the City for content, grammar or style. Their submissions are on the next few pages. The candidates are listed starting with Mayor, then Districts One and Two and the candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name.

Please note: Staff members for the City of Golden do not endorse any particular candidate(s).

We hope this will encourage you to get to know your candidates, contact them with questions or concerns, and ultimately vote for who you think will best represent you. For more information on the upcoming election, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/Elections.

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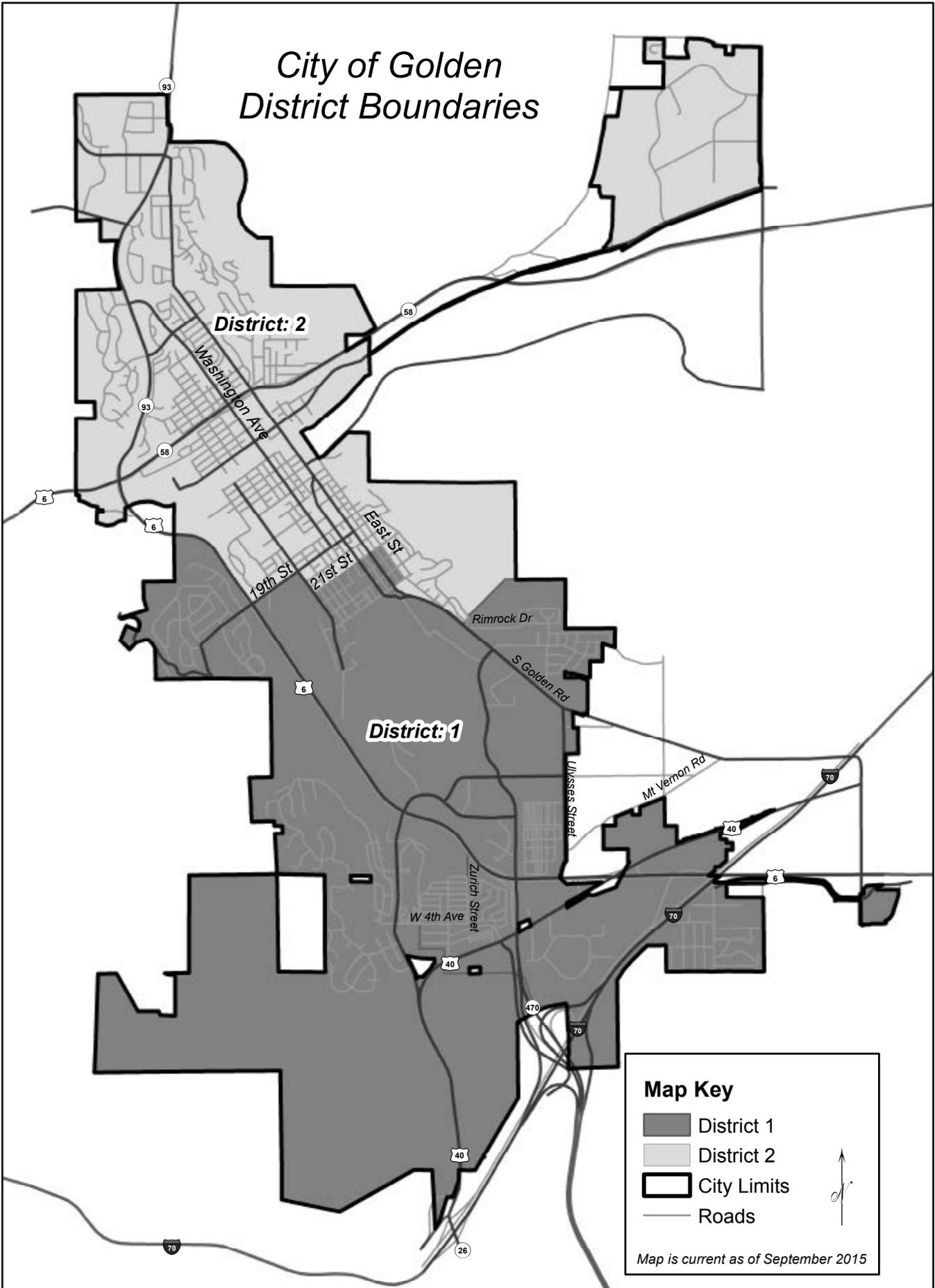
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MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The Leadership Golden Alumni Association (LGAA) is hosting a Candidates Forum in connection with this year's Golden election of City Councilors. The forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6 in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

The forum will follow the same format used in the past with candidates making opening and closing statements and in between, responding to questions developed by the LGAA membership and the public. For more information, contact Ed Dorsey, Past President of LGAA, who will be the Forum Moderator, at 303-829-5195 or via email at dorsey38@comast.net. The Candidates Forum will also be broadcast live and rebroadcast on Cable Channel 8 and available on the city website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/Agendas.

City of Golden District Boundaries





Mayoral Candidate

Caleb J. Barcus

My wife and I have had the distinct pleasure of living in Downtown Golden since 2012, and to us, this is home. After living in Durango and Eagle-Vail, we were pleasantly surprised to find a town so close to Denver that still maintained a small town feel, with its own rich history and culture. The City of Golden is a truly special place, and to my wife and I, it has become a great place filled with the best of friends.

As a former owner of an outdoor sports publication headquartered on Washington Avenue, I gained true appreciation for what Golden has to offer. Not only is Golden an outdoor sports paradise, but also a dynamic city with the capability of easily achieving sustainable and responsible growth with the right leadership. My goal, if elected Mayor, is to maintain healthy growth while also striving for balance in our thriving neighborhoods. To encourage tourism while being unwavering when putting the best interests of our historic city, its people, its natural attributes and its businesses first. I will always put local interests before external.

I believe in working side by side with the people of this city, and I will be a Mayor for the people. I will work to prevent paid parking downtown. I will continue to work toward the construction of an updated skate park and other outdoor sites to promote healthy activities for our children and residents, I will work tirelessly to ensure that Golden does not lose sight of its history and culture during the next four years of its growth, and I will work with City Council on a plan to make sure that our teachers, firefighters, police officers, and paramedics can afford to live in the city that they protect and serve.

This city has become my home, and the people in it my friends. I support local business everyday and know most business owners by name, and I know them as friends as well. I am a true Golden resident, in title and in my actions. I am active in our community, frequenting local restaurants and shops regularly and will always be available for listening to what residents and business owners have to say. It is paramount to keep Golden a unique and beautiful place and If elected, I would be proud to humbly serve this great town and its residents, while preserving our rich history and responsibly protecting our beloved city.

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Mayoral Candidate

Chris Darr

Our family has lived in Golden for almost 3 years though my wife grew up in the JeffCo foothills and we've spent many years climbing in Clear Creek Canyon, playing with Colorado Mountain Club and biking the amazing trails and roads. Our decision to move to Golden was to not only enjoy the natural beauty, but for our kids to grow up in a special community with great schools, events and camaraderie. It took us some time to get to Golden, not because it's exclusive, but because people arrive and want to stay and invest in the community. Golden has a great entrepreneurial spirit which has been in place since its inception as a city. The City's history pervades through the activities today and hopefully will not be lost in the future.

My motivation to seek the candidacy of Mayor is in effort to maintain the strong and positive things the City is currently doing; assist in improvements in its divisions and departments and be an active part in the day to day and long term vision.

- Golden has a great community and plenty of activities year round. I would love to see more collaboration and involvement from all residents. Everyone has a unique and important perspective that should be heard and considered.
- I love the small town feel and I'm sure you do too. How do we improve the infrastructure that will ensure that feel with the inevitable increased tourism and population?
- Communication among departments and residents can always use improvement. The City works for its residents to keep them safe and productive. Let's incorporate better methods to improve communication and responsiveness.
- We live within a beautiful natural setting, and it deserves an intelligent and sensible approach to sustainable methods, water conservation and preservation of our parks and open spaces.

I am a licensed professional engineer, which means that I ask unique, critical and logistical questions. I also possess the creativity to strive for solutions that do more than simply satisfy the function. I have worked for many years on commercial construction projects of various complexities and have been directly responsible for communication, coordination and planning to ensure the projects are on time, on budget and that every person working on it is safe. An error on any part can delay the project, cost money, or at its worst cost a life. Whether it be a small project or complex strategic initiative to advance the City's vision, I understand the complexities and steps that it takes to see things through and implemented successfully.

Please take the time to consider me for your next Mayor. I can be reached via email at DarrforMayor2015@gmail.com or visit www.DarrforMayor2015.com for more information. I would love to know what you love about Golden as well as your thoughts on improvements, vision or other topics.

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Mayoral Candidate

Marjorie Sloan

Running for re-election as Golden Mayor is like re-applying for my dream job. Mayoral candidates undergo a demanding, three-month-long application process with a group interview (the candidate forum) and thousands of separate interviews (encounters during door-knocking and chance meetings). In the end, as in any important job search, the chosen applicant's advantages stand out.

Golden resident-interviewers have varied interests, but the same goal: electing a mayor committed to our vision of a family-friendly, historic small town with safe neighborhoods, a vital downtown, and thriving local businesses. Given this objective, residents' interview questions usually fall into two main categories: (1) "*Can you do the job of leading and preserving Golden into the future?*" and (2) "*Do you have the right characteristics for the job of encouraging residents, councilors, and staff to work together toward our shared goals?*" My answers are "Yes" and "Yes."

The capacity to be a good mayor is a composite of experience, education, relationships, and skills. Over 40 years of Golden living, I have been mayor, councilor, planning commission chair, GURA board member, volunteer, working parent, neighbor, and patron. Along the way, I became a lawyer, sharpening my analytical and decision-making skills. And I have polished the important ability to communicate orally and in writing from the council dais, podiums, and meeting tables, as well as in columns, responsive emails, and posts.

I have made it a priority to hear, understand, and respond to concerns relating to every Golden neighborhood and commercial area. I have also earned positive relationships with regional and national leaders. To these ends, I regularly attend and enjoy local events; represent Golden with pride at regional and national occasions or meetings; and play leadership roles in mayors' organizations. This broad network of communication and collaboration serves Golden well.

Many good things have happened in Golden during my tenure as mayor. For instance, we've seen the opening of Light Rail, with a pedestrian bridge to access the station; broad regional agreement on the Golden Plan for the 6/93 corridor (quietly ending a decades-long dispute); funding of our 6/19th intersection; construction of "complete streets"; an improved Clear Creek experience, and more sustainable City practices and facilities. And, of course, Golden has continued its tradition of maintaining sound infrastructure, great services, a balanced budget, and a healthy reserve.

Desirable *personal characteristics* for Golden mayor are dictated by our open community culture. Residents will look for qualities such as dedication to Golden values, friendliness, responsiveness, creativity, work ethic, steady demeanor, credible record, and a sense of humor. During campaign season, residents will have an opportunity to assess the candidates' personal qualifications. Voters are discerning bosses and I am confident they will make the right hiring decision on November 3.

In the meantime, I ask for your vote. We know we will face many challenges in the next chapter of our shared history. Together, we will respect Golden's past, cherish its present, and ensure its future as a small-town gem. I welcome your ideas at 303-279-0088, Marjorie.Sloan@me.com, or <http://democracy.com/MarjorieforMayor>.

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District 1 Candidate

Saoirse Charis-Graves

Serving on City Council has been both an honor and a privilege. I have acquired a deep understanding of how governance works in our town, how projects move forward, how the budget cycle is administered, the role each department plays in the overall operation of the city, and how to work within the framework of Council's particular relationship to the City Manager. I am excited about the opportunity that a new City Manager brings to our city, and hope to help facilitate a smooth transition moving forward.

In the past four years, City Council has accomplished much, including: formal acceptance of the Golden Plan for the Highway 6 and 93 corridor, obtaining funds for construction of the 6/19 interchange, improvement of the Clear Creek corridor, establishing goals for a healthy, connected community, completion of the Central, South Golden, and Golden Hills/

Heights Neighborhood Plans, continued progress on the walkability and bikeability task force recommendations, improvement of the Colfax Corridor, arrival of light rail and a new community bus, upgrades to several neighborhood parks, making downtown Golden and city parks and events smoke- and vapor-free, instituting a study and ongoing evaluation of parking in downtown, installing solar panels on several municipal structures, and establishing a new, resident-friendly process for filling vacancies on our all-important citizen boards/commissions.

Looking forward, I plan to maintain my focus on the following:

Continue to improve public engagement/outreach

- Opportunities for citizens to interact with me and with one another through monthly Coffee with a Councilor and weekly Office Hours
- Promote timely communication tools for the city to reach out to citizens, e.g., weekly email newsletter, online engagement tools for citizen input
- Communications plan to enhance shared understanding among staff, council and boards/commissions around consistent and continued improvement in effective public engagement/outreach
- Seek best practices in strategic communication as a city, e.g., stronger communication network between the city and our HOAs

Support Golden Vision 2030 / Neighborhood Plans

- Adhere to the map set out for Golden by its citizens in Golden Vision 2030
- Check policy discussions within Council against our guiding principles and core community values
- Advocate for neighborhood goals as identified by citizens within each neighborhood

Exercise leadership for a stronger community

- Continue to build important jurisdictional connections in the region, through my active participation on the Board and committees of the Denver Regional Council of Governments
- Seek out continuous improvement in council processes to enhance citizen participation in our small town government
- Advocate for best practices in leadership and governance, both personally and as a city, as modeled by state and national experts in the field

Service, community, connection ... these are the values that led me to run for Council four years ago and the values that stay with me today. I would be honored to continue in my service to you and to Golden.

I'd love to hear from you about what you love about Golden and want Council to protect. To contact me: SaoirseCG@gmail.com / (303) 709-7529 / www.SaoirseForSouthGolden.com.

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District 1 Candidate

Paul Haseman

Hello! I'm Paul Haseman, your candidate for City Council – District 1.

My wife, Vivian and I love Golden – a wonderful, unique place to live and contribute. Upon graduating from West Point, we were told to embark on a lifetime of service. You would honor me by allowing me to continue that service on your behalf.

As background, after West Point, my service began with the Army Corps of Engineers, including service in Vietnam and later as a JAG attorney serving in the General Counsel's for the Secretary of Defense. While in the Army, I earned my Ranger tab, recently made more meaningful by the graduation of the first women. Equal opportunity is a foundation

value whether in the Army, the Corporate world or in Golden, where my two daughters also live, having always believed they were equal (or better!).

Since military service, my work has been in corporate industry, currently as Vice President & General Counsel of a \$2B Aerospace unit. In parallel, my Community service includes 17 years as Board member and president of a 44,000-student School District, with a budget the same size as Golden's. I'm strong on education and, with six grandchildren in Golden, I want to see Golden help make our good schools even better. Also, I serve as president of a large Golden HOA and participate in the Leadership Golden program.

Initially an engineer, you can imagine me feeling right at home talking with students at the School of Mines. Mines is a good neighbor and a major part of our Golden culture. The City needs to form stronger ties with Mines and I have several good ideas on how the City can strengthen this relationship.

Golden's economic health underpins its ability to deliver the City services we enjoy now and to match our future vision set forth in Golden's "Vision 2030." The City's finances are in pretty good shape and in the next few years they will be even better with the reduction in the City's current debt burden. My executive experience at the Federal and Community level can be brought to bear in helping to make good decisions for Golden's future.

Serving on a Council requires good communications, good relationships and cooperation in reaching good decisions; all of which are in my "skill set." Half of communication is good listening. I am a good listener . . . and having a sense of humor also helps. Forging good relationships is already underway, having met with and listened to other Council members and City Staff, to include Bill Kilpatrick, Police Chief; Jeff Hansen, Finance Director, and Jason Slowinski, our new City Manger. Jason will give a welcome "new start" to City leadership – a new start in which I would like to be part.

Bottom line, I want to continue my Community service by representing you on the City Council and, in doing so, enhancing the special spirit of Golden. For more thoughts (and family pictures) please see my website, at Paul4Golden.com.

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District 2 Candidate

Casey L. Brown

For nearly a decade, I have served our community on many boards, commissions, and civic groups, including the Golden Planning Commission, Campaign Election Board, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. In doing so, I have worked to preserve and enhance what makes Golden great—its historic character, unique neighborhoods, strong public schools, and engaged citizens actively participating in the strategic direction of the town we cherish. Now I hope for the opportunity to bring my experience and vision to help manage this time of transition by representing you on Golden City Council.

My wife, Gina, and I have been privileged to live in Golden for the past 11 years with our two sons who attend our neighborhood schools here in Golden. Through my volunteer experiences with the City, I have had the opportunity to traverse every neighborhood and gain an appreciation of the unique challenges facing each different corner of our town. As I have been visiting your neighborhood again over the past month, walking door-to-door throughout District 2, I have enjoyed getting to meet with friends and neighbors both old and new. Moreover, I am constantly impressed by the many extraordinary people who call Golden their home and what we can accomplish when we work together.

From the Golden Sustainability Initiative to Vision 2030 and numerous neighborhood plans, by working together we have created a strong framework for guiding the future of Golden. However, there is always room for improvement and we should seek to do more to control and direct change and mitigate the impacts on our City. Further, Golden faces challenges implementing these plans and maintaining our quality of life and small town charm. I will work tirelessly to ensure we follow through on our shared plans, realize the vision we created, and facilitate addressing difficult issues. Among other things, we must:

- Create a new Transportation Plan that develops a long-term strategy for completing the Golden (or “Muller”) Plan to improve safety and traffic flow for the Highway 6 and 93 corridor; integrates our sustainability goals for reducing emissions; and proactively works to mitigate impacts from road closures and construction and better communicate with our residents.
- Ensure Golden residents are not unduly burdened by the success of our tourism industry and its impacts on parking, city parks, and the Clear Creek corridor
- Analyze and address the gap between our current revenues and the budget that we need to implement the goals in our plans and fully fund repairs and maintenance to our cherished parks and recreation amenities

I welcome your input on how to best address our shared challenges and look forward to learning about the issues that are most important to you. Please visit www.BrownForGolden.com, email me at Casey@BrownForGolden.com, or call me at 303-900-2003. I would like to earn your support and vote this election.

Thank you,
Casey Brown

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District 2 Candidate

Mikey Sheridan

We call this town Golden!

Hello Golden, to those of you who don't know me, my name is Michael Frank Sheridan (Mikey). I was born and raised in Conifer, Colorado. My mother grew up here in this great town we call Golden, where she met my father who attended the Colorado School of Mines for his mining engineering degree. As a child, my mother would ride her horse from my grandparent's house, up and over South Table Mesa into downtown Golden. Both of my parents have a great appreciation and love for this town. My love and appreciation for Golden grows daily as I continue to call this community home.

As a child I loved playing with my brothers here in town. I have countless memories playing in Lyons Park, hiking around Lookout Mountain, watching my mother fly her paraglider off of the top, enjoying the river, and indulging in treats at the old Foss Drugstore. There has always been a sense of magic and community in this town. Throughout my time here, I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you that grew up here and those of you who came here to enjoy the aspects of our wonderful community. The collective community is what makes this place unique. We reach out to each other for help when needed and rise to success through this community's support. Exceptional care must be made for this community to retain its incredible uniqueness as Colorado grows and changes. From our teachers and local merchants to our EMT's, fire fighters, and local police, we need to continue that support and care.

We must grow responsibly and promote the conservation of our town's history. We thrive on the unique aspects that make Golden "Golden". This environment is very important. I am a skier, climber, biker, hiker, fisherman, and steward to our outdoors. I frequently volunteer to make a positive impact in our community and see this from many of you as well. I see how much you love this place and the care you give it. It's your love and respect of this town that makes it so enjoyable to live in.

Going forward, as our town develops and grows, I am here to listen to your concerns, comments, and input on how we shall achieve this responsibly. Growth, Preservation, Community Bonding, and Fiscal Responsibility are some of the items I would like to focus on. I am here to listen to you and implement your feedback directly into how Golden functions. I have been here for 31 years with no intention to leave. I've traveled the world from South East Asia, to South America, and almost every state. There is one town I will always come back to, and that town is here in Golden, Colorado! I pledge to do my best, to represent you, and to move forward without losing the precious qualities that make Golden "GOLDEN". Thank you, and enjoy the lovely fall weather of October!

Sincerely: Michael Frank Sheridan

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District 2 Candidate

Lauree Valverde

I am honored to be a candidate for Golden City Council in District 2 in November 2015. Golden is my childhood home, having moved here in 1980 with my mom and my brother and moving back with my husband and two children in 2007.

Golden is special. Our city has the small town charm that other places try to emulate and a sense of community that results from years of strong citizen engagement. Golden citizens united to revive our dying downtown in the late 1980s, tired of boarded windows and empty storefronts. We later shared stories and ideas to create our plan for the future in Vision 2030. We take pride in our vibrant businesses, thriving schools and strong

infrastructure, all fruits from years of thoughtful collaboration and careful implementation.

Golden is now in a unique position. We've accomplished so much and yet we see more changes ahead. Colorado's population is growing and we have more traffic congestion in and around our city. We welcome visitors and tourists, but know parking is a challenge downtown. We have good sales tax revenues and a solid financial base as the result of careful planning. Like any household, we will make important choices between immediate needs, long-term plans and what we best can afford and what makes sense for our citizens.

Golden is worth the effort it takes to tackle these issues. Our community unites for important causes, to support neighbors, and to simply have fun at the parks, along Clear Creek, or in downtown.

I'm running for City Council because my passions are community and education. I like to bring friends and neighbors together for a cause or to simply have fun. I believe that as a Councilor, I can continue to work on your behalf.

Since returning to Colorado in 2007, I have advocated for better school funding, organized neighborhood meetings, parties, and kids bike parades. I've participated in Jeffco Schools' Citizen Leadership Academy and in Leadership Golden. I've started Brownie troops at Mitchell and coached youth soccer. My community activism directly affects and helps neighbors and Golden.

My previous career also involved outreach and working with business. As an International Trade Specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce in Chicago and Washington, D.C., I helped U.S. small manufacturers find international buyers and grow their business through exporting.

As your City Councilor, I commit to:

- Reaching out to all neighbors and citizens of Golden
- Preserving our small town charm and strong community while supporting thoughtful growth and planning
- Careful implementation of our Vision 2030 plans, focusing on strong neighborhoods that are walkable and connected.

If we haven't yet met in Golden, I look forward to hearing your thoughts about our home. Please send me an email at lauree@laureevalverde.com, visit laureevalverde.com or on Facebook at Lauree Valverde for Golden City Council. Thank you for considering me as your voice in Golden.

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Oct. 3

Golden Farmers Market

The final one of the season. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot just west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St.

Oct. 10

Chili Cook-Off & Beer Tasting

The Golden Chamber's Eighth Annual Knock Your Boots Off Chili Cook-Off and Beer Tasting, sponsored by Coors Distributing Company, will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10 in downtown Golden. For tickets and info, call 303-279-3113.

Oct. 10

JSO Concert

The Jefferson Symphony welcomes world-class guitarist Masa Ito to the stage for its season opening concert. 7 p.m. at the Green Center on the CSM Campus, 1500 Illinois St. For info and tickets call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

Oct. 19 to Nov. 27

Boot Camp Challenge

The affordability of group exercise with the accountability of personal training. For every fitness level. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For info call 720-628-2901 or email kim@completefitnessdenver.com.

Oct. 30

Downtown Trick-or-Treat

Local school children are invited to dress up and trick-or-treat along Washington Avenue from 3 to 5 p.m.

Oct. 31

Trick or Treat Train

It's full steam ahead for tricks, treats and trains from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. For details call 303-279-4591 or visit coloradorailroadmuseum.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, 923 10th St. For details, hours and tickets call 303-278-3557 or visit www.GoldenHistory.org.

Through Oct. 18

My Name is Asher Lev

This play follows the journey of a young Jewish painter torn between his Hassidic upbringing and his desperate need to fulfill his artistic promise. He will have to make a difficult choice between art and

faith. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and times, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through Oct. 25

Rocky Mountain National Watermedia

The goal of this exhibition is to reach beyond the tradition of pure watercolor and embrace innovation in water-based media that now includes acrylic, casein, gouache, egg tempera and mixed media. Featured will be approximately 70 works of art by national artists working in watermedia. For hours and ticket prices, visit www.FoothillsArtCenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

Through Oct. 27

It's What We Do: 25 Years of Collecting

The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum celebrates its 25th anniversary and this exhibit highlights the special, but seldom seen, areas of collecting. 1213 Washington Ave. For information on tickets and times, call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.



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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 ktlilly@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.

2015 Fall PAYT Yard Waste Collection

Week of Nov. 2

For residents who participate in the Pay as You Throw (PAYT) program, take note. Yard waste collections are changing! Say goodbye to the rotating schedule of Saturday collections. Starting this fall, the semi-annual yard waste collection will occur on your **normal** service day. This year, the semi-annual fall collection is scheduled for the week of Nov. 2. Yard wastes should be placed at or near where your trash is collected by **7 a.m. on your designated day**. Material may be placed in reusable containers of your choice or in compostable bags available for purchase at Meyers Hardware, The Home Depot and other home improvement stores. Yard waste for this collection includes grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, weeds, branches, sawdust, ground or chipped wood.

SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- Branches must be less than 4 inches in diameter and bundled

with natural fiber string, yarn or rope like cotton or sisal.

- Do not use **wires, nylon, polyethylene, or other synthetic materials** for bundling.
- Bundles should be 4 feet in length or less, and no more than 2 feet in diameter.
- Yard waste will be limited to 3 cubic yards per resident which is equivalent to:
 - an area that is approximately 4 feet x 4 feet x 4 feet.; or
 - 21 **compostable** 30 gallon bags
- This yard waste will be recycled! Please do not contaminate this material with any of the following:
 - NO plastics, dirt, cactus, tree stumps, branches greater than

4 inches in diameter, ashes, animal waste, treated lumber, logs, old garden hoses or broken flower pots.

- No construction material is allowed for this service. Plastic bags are also not allowed.
 - Material that is not bundled, not in reusable containers or in non-compostable plastic bags **will not be picked up**.
 - Look for this label on products that can be commercially composted!
- For more information, please contact Alpine Waste and Recycling at 303-277-8727, golden@alpinewaste.com, or visit Alpine's website at <http://alpinewaste.com/city-of-golden/>.

ALPINE RECYCLES ALL ORGANICS, KITCHEN WASTES INCLUDED!

Try subscribing to Alpine Waste and Recycling's subscription Organics Recycling program. Alpine's program accepts all organic materials and recycles it into compost. The Organics Recycling Program is available year-round and includes every other week pick up of your organic waste cart at your curb. It's convenient and reasonably priced. Call Alpine Waste and Recycling today at 303-277-8727 to subscribe.

Meet your 'Nextdoor' Neighbors!

For the last few years, Golden neighborhoods have successfully kept in touch with their neighbors and communicated with the City regarding issues directly affecting them using the service i-Neighbors. On July 4 of this year, however, the service abruptly stopped.

Since then, the City has been researching effective alternatives, and is now an agency partner of Nextdoor.com.

The Nextdoor platform organizes

posts into different categories including Classifieds, Crime & Safety, Recommendations, and more. You can keep your communications within the confines of your immediate neighborhood, or reach out to neighboring areas if you need a wider audience.

The City's role as an agency partner is simply to support you when you need us and update you on important issues. The posts you share with your neighbors remain

private so you can say what you like without worrying that the City or any other local agency will see it. But if you do need to report something to us (not emergencies - call 9-1-1 for those!), you have that option, and we'll be there to respond to your post. As a Nextdoor agency partner, we can also share important updates with you and request information/action when appropriate.

If you would like to join your *Nextdoor* neighborhood, visit www.nextdoor.com.

40 Year “Loan” Becomes Official Donation

The First Baptist Church quilt (also known to some as the Seth Lake quilt) currently on display in *Show & Tell* at the Golden History Center was recently donated to the museum. It’s exciting news, since the quilt has been on loan for over 40 years! Seth Lake’s great great granddaughter, Janet Livesay Robinson, and her family recently finalized the donation stating, “...the quilt belongs at the museum with the Golden community.” Robinson’s parents, Jim and Trudy Livesay (now deceased) first loaned the family’s heirloom quilt to Golden Landmarks Association and the fledgling Astor House Museum sometime around 1973.

The quilt was pieced by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church of Golden and presented to Seth Lake, the oldest living deacon at the time, in 1887. The

Lakes were active church members and prominent Golden residents for many years.

For a quilt that’s at least 128 years old, it’s in remarkable condition. The sunburst signature quilt is composed of 30 red squares about 14” to each side. In the center of each square is a white circle surrounded by 17 white diamonds. Key events in church history are written onto the center of each circle while church member names are written on the diamonds. On one square is written, *Seth Lake was elected deacon August 18, 1866*. While in the 17 white diamonds surrounding that circle are Lake family names. All together, over 500 names appear on the quilt.



Above: Janet Livesay Robinson in front of her great great grandfather’s quilt at the Golden History Center.

Left: Golden’s first bell in front of the First Baptist Church of Golden.

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Golden history is literally written into this quilt. Another square records Golden’s first bell: *The church built a tower for the bell presented by William Austin Hamilton Loveland in 1865*. While the date is slightly off (it should be 1867), Loveland offered to give the Baptists a bell if

they’d build a tower to house it. The Baptists met the challenge whole-heartedly and the bell finally swung into place on June 17, 1868. As the only bell in town it was put to other uses such as signaling town meetings and fires. Some accounts say it was intended to be used to warn of Indian raids too, although none occurred. The church’s first bell ringer was John H. Lake, the son of Seth Lake. Loveland was equally generous to Golden’s other faith communities, donating land to the Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Methodist, Swedish Lutheran, and Presbyterian congregations.

The quilt is on display for a limited time only. Stop by the Golden History Center to see it for yourself.

CSM Sports Complex Opens

In early September, Colorado School of Mines (CSM) students, alumni, friends, family and VIPs gathered to officially cut the ribbon and open the doors of the new Clear Creek Athletics Complex (CCAC).

No doubt you saw the construction of the massive stadium built on the northwest side of the campus. It is now a source of pride for CSM which houses nine different sports and includes the Korell Athletic Center, Crouch Field Events Complex, Stermole Track, Stermole Soccer Stadium, Darden Baseball Field and of course, Marv Kay Stadium.

The stadium honors Marv Kay for his commitment to Mines athletics and the City of Golden. He started as a football player at CSM in the 60's then eventually was the head football coach followed by Mines' director of athletics. Marv still helps raise money for the school



Marv Kay spoke at the ribbon cutting to officially open the stadium that bears his name. Photo and information courtesy of CSM.

and continues to inspire those around him to set high goals for Mines.

Marv Kay's former players funded a plaque to honor their coach for all that he has done for both Mines and the Golden

community. "(Marv) has been a great resource, and he's helped school me and my staff," said athletic director David Hansburg. "He knows so many people and is so well-connected and has meant so much to the Golden community and campus. He's given us insights, he's given me a sense of perspective, of how we got to where we are today."

The CCAC grand opening weekend was capped off by a resounding football win over South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, 63-28.



Homesteaders' Day

Clear Creek History Park
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