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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

FIREWORKS SHOW RESCHEDULED

The City of Golden will hold its fireworks show in conjunction with the Candlelight Walk in Golden on Friday, Dec. 4. The show had to be cancelled at the last minute on July 4th due to unsafe wind gusts.

The City is excited to partner with the Golden Chamber of Commerce for a holiday celebration that includes a candlelight walk, the official lighting of the lights in Golden, and now a fireworks show.

We appreciate the understanding of our residents and visitors for the disappointment on July 4th and your patience as we tried to find the best possible date for rescheduling.



Oct. 1 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

Payment can be by cash, check or participating insurance including Medicare Part B (as primary insurance).

You must be at least four years old to take part and children under 18 years old must have a parent with them. Vaccination is still the best way to prevent getting influenza and vaccination is recommended for almost everyone.

EVENT SURVEY UPDATE

Thank you Golden for your overwhelming response to the Citizen's Event Survey! Results are being tabulated and we hope to have a great line-up of events in 2016 based on your input.

Initial results indicate that a variety of events are valued by citizens and participants alike, and are part of what makes Golden special. This busy summer event season provided a lot of opportunities for evaluation and conversations with many of the stakeholders in the process, including event organizers, merchants and City of Golden staff.

Watch for an update and policy recommendations to City Council in the early fall, and a lifting of the moratorium on new events.

FLU SHOTS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The City of Golden will offer flu shots to the public (price to be determined) from 7 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday,



VIN INSPECTIONS DISCONTINUED

The Golden Police Department has discontinued its Certified VIN Inspection program. After careful consideration, the department determined our community will be better served by obtaining these certifications through the Colorado State Patrol.

Citizens seeking a Certified VIN Inspection are encouraged to contact the Colorado State Patrol Investigative Services Unit or any of the other identified agencies at www.colorado.gov/pacific/csp/get-vin-inspection.



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.

Sept. 3

No meeting

Sept. 10

Regular Business Meeting

Sept. 17

Study Session

Sept. 24

Regular Business 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.



Celebrating the Layers of Community

By Mayor Marjorie Sloan

Golden residents are accustomed to wearing layers of clothing to be prepared for changes in the weather and activity levels. They add or remove layers to maintain a not-too-hot, not-too-cold comfort zone.

Residents also use the layering concept to adjust the degree of their involvement in community life. The ebb and flow of schedules, family responsibilities, job obligations, and the immediacy of issues affect the temperature of their engagement. But information, insights, and actions naturally cascade from one layer to another.

Those in the outer levels remain cool and live here with only infrequent participation in a public forum. Nevertheless, they are immersed in our community life. Even brief exchanges along our sidewalks and trails reinforce the feeling that Golden is a friendly small town. During everyday encounters with friends and neighbors, they can share stories and occasionally connect private concerns with public issues. Our many special events also spark community spirit by forging collective, light-hearted memories.

Still other residents proceed to deeper layers of involvement. They select a community challenge and roll up their sleeves to tackle it. Some assume formal responsibilities within governmental, civic, or faith-based groups. They get involved in specific neighborhood, sport, or school organizations. With their focused agendas, they share ideas through in-person and on-line contacts and then work toward common goals. These are the people the community relies on to recognize and solve problems.

The final, base layer is made up of the many Golden residents who are catalysts, fully engaged in shaping our community. They are always willing to take active roles in organizing events, taking the lead in solving important issues, and single-handedly motivating community improvement. Without them, Golden would not maintain its distinctive and cohesive identity as a family-friendly small town.

The Third Annual Mayor's Community Event, to be held in the Community Center on Sept. 22, is an opportunity to celebrate the layered contributions of Golden residents. We will gather and enjoy each other's company. And we will make a point of honoring the Goldenites who have made such significant contributions to community life that they have been selected to receive a 2015 Mayor's Award of Excellence. We will also have an opportunity to listen to an engaging talk by David Wann, a nationally-known author, speaker, and filmmaker who happens to live here in Golden. Dave will inspire us with his own dedication to community and share tested ways to make our town and neighborhoods more socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable.

We already recognize how fortunate we are to call Golden our home. Energized by the meaningful volunteerism of the award winners and Dave's thoughtful ideas, we can leave the Mayor's Community Event resolved to make our town an even better place to live, work, and play. Please put Sept. 22 down as a red-letter evening on your calendar – and consider nominating one of your personal heroes for an Award of Excellence. Details are on the next page.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Sloan".

Sustaining Golden's Greatness

Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan is hosting the 6th annual Mayor's 2015 Community Event at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. You are invited to help honor people and companies who have made a difference in Golden over the past year. The honorees will receive a Mayor's Award of Excellence. You'll also be treated to an inspiring speaker who will help you re-think what it means to contribute to a sustainable future.

Writer, speaker and filmmaker David Wann has spent over 25 years exploring and promoting opportunities for making our way of life less destructive, more affordable and more satisfying. As a researcher, practitioner and "traveling salesperson" for a more sustainable lifestyle, he's examined the way we eat; what policies we support; what we manufacture and buy; how we take care of our health; what we do in our spare time; where we choose to live. And after all of that research, he calls Golden home. That should make residents and visitors feel great!

According to Wann, sustainability is about much more than using a recycling bin or not drinking bottled water. Although those are good steps to take, there is much more each of us can do to make our own lives healthier and happier while also making a difference in our community. "My goal is to create a future scenario in which Americans can experience twice the satisfaction for half the resources," says Wann.

David Wann has written 10 books and produced a handful of TV programs about sustainable communities, agriculture, transportation, restoration of nature, consumerism, energy... all things sustainable. Here is an excerpt from Wann's website:

In our times, we seem trapped between two very powerful forces: institution and intuition. A harnessed, institutional mindset says, "Full speed ahead – look what we've created!" But our intuition — with the full force of evolution behind it — cautions, "Slow down – look what we are destroying!" Intuition counsels us to rewrite the instructions — reprogram our cultural software — so our world can be more secure, stable, and sustainable.

Come hear Wann and find your own personal inspirations to better your life and your lifestyle. The Mayor's 2015 Community Event is sure to put a smile on your face and give you ideas on how to sustain Golden's greatness!



Writer, speaker and filmmaker David Wann will speak at the Mayor's 2015 Community Event on Sept. 22.

KNOW SOMEONE WORTHY OF A MAYOR'S AWARD?

There's still time to nominate your favorite Goldenite! The Mayor's Awards for Excellence go to residents and businesses in Golden or who contribute to the City in an extraordinary way.

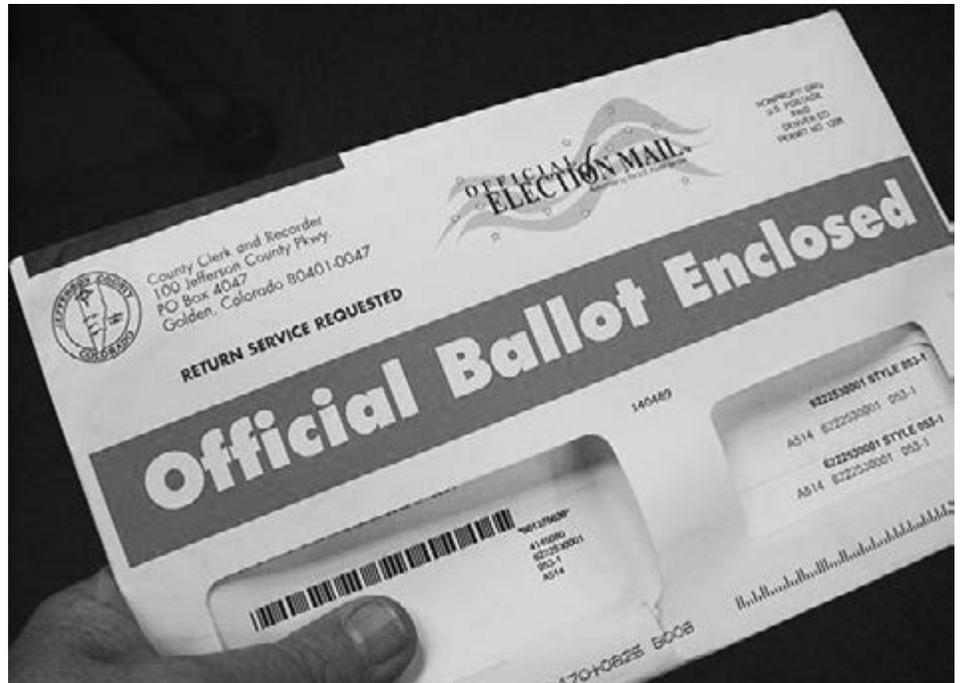
The nomination deadline has been extended to Tuesday, Sept. 8. Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. The submission should explain the contributions the nominee makes to the Golden community and why these contributions are exceptional. You may download a nomination form from www.cityofgolden.net/links/MayorsAwards, return to Denise Hish at dhish@cityofgolden.net, or deliver to City Hall, 911 10th St. The awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Mayor's 2015 Community Event on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Mail Ballot Election Scheduled for Nov. 3

The last day to register BY MAIL, to vote in the Nov. 3 election is Monday, Oct. 26. The deadline to register online is also Oct. 26 and you can do that at www.govotecolorado.com. After that date, if you are not registered but have lived in the state for 22 days before the election, you can 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. More information can be found at www.jeffco.us/elections.

To be eligible to register to vote in this election you must be a US 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., will have a drop off box or you may drop off your ballot at Jefferson County Elections, 3500 Illinois St., Suite 1100, Golden.

The October issue of the *Informer* will have information on all the official candidates who are running for office in Golden.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE!
www.govotecolorado.com

Golden School Forum Sept. 15

You're invited to join an impressive panel of local educators for the third annual Golden School Forum, which will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15 in Golden City Council Chambers, 911 10th St.

The panel and others will discuss matters of interest to the community relevant to our schools.

Panel members include:

- Dan McMinimee, Jeffco Schools superintendent
- Brian Conroy, Golden High School principal
- Bridget Jones, Bell Middle School principal
- Samantha Hollman, Mitchell Elementary principal
- Michelle Applegate, Welchester Elementary PTA president

- Kim Brock, Golden Schools Foundation chair
- Marjorie Sloan, Golden mayor

The panel will discuss matters such as the quality of education our students receive, areas needing improvement, and how the public can help ensure our children will continue to receive the kind of education they need.

The forum is open to the public, and attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions to the panel. Please note that the forum will **not** deal with topics related to the Jeffco Board of Education.

The forum is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Golden.

Meet Firefighters, Learn Fire Safety

Fire Safety & Preparedness Day offers the community an annual reminder of the importance of planning ahead to keep themselves and their families safe. Citizens and visitors of Golden have a chance to interact directly with their first responders, and get important information and updates on community safety best practices. By proactively focusing on fire and life safety awareness, the Golden Fire Department hopes to limit the potential damages and injuries that our citizens and their property may experience each year.

The 6th Annual Safety Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Golden Fire Station #1, 911 10th St. It's a great event for all ages, covering topics such as exit drills in the home, texting and driving, fire extinguisher use, and safe cooking practices; there's also a car seat check station, fun activities for the little ones, free refreshments and prize drawings. This is a great opportunity to meet your Golden Firefighters! Safety Day is a family-oriented event hosted by the Golden Fire Department and the University of Colorado Health Burn Center.

Join your community to help your neighbors at Golden's annual day of service! Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed for the family-friendly event on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Neighborhood Rehab Project (NRP) focuses on assisting elderly, disabled, and those who just need some extra help, all within the Golden community. Some of the projects will include roof repairs, painting, replacing fencing, weatherizing homes, weeding, planting flowers, and much more. In the past, this event included around 40 to 50 projects and 300 to 400 volunteers. They are looking for volunteers of all skill levels and can use your help; bring the whole family! This is the perfect event to give back to your community, meet new people, and help those in need.

Register by Sept. 7 for a free "I'm A Tool" t-shirt. NRP would also appreciate any donations towards the purchase of materials needed for this day of service. Go to www.beatool.org to register, donate, and to learn more about The Neighborhood Rehab Project. We look forward to seeing you there!

ARE YOU A TOOL?



People of all ages and abilities can "Be a Tool" at Golden's Neighborhood Rehab Project on Sept. 12.

Boot Camp Helps Prep Kids for School Year

Many Bell Middle School students are entering 7th grade better prepared for the challenges that lie ahead of them. It's thanks to a first ever boot camp held in August, funded by the Golden Schools Foundation (GSF).

The Summer Science Boot Camp launched in August 2015 for students entering 7th grade at Bell Middle School. This free four-day comprehensive academic enhancement program focused on communicating the joy and excitement of learning science through a problem-based approach. Students experienced a unique opportunity to gain confidence in their own ability to work as "scientists and mathematicians"

in a classroom setting. The staff was comprised of Bell science teachers and community volunteers. This unique program and the highly skilled instructors created innovative learning experiences through a broad range of concepts. Students were invited to explore and learn in a classroom setting that combines both real world and hands on experiences. The goal was to increase participating student's interest and enjoyment of science before the school year begins.

For the GSF, this was just the beginning. In 2016 GSF plans to launch three additional programs:

- The Kindergarten Summer Boot Camp for incoming Kindergartners.

- The 3rd Grade Summer Reading Boot Camp for incoming 3rd graders.
- The High School Prep Boot Camp for incoming 9th graders.

The Student Academic Summer Boot Camps are a series of supplemental education programs that provide academic exposure in a fun, hands-on learning environment. The programs were developed to encourage successful academic experiences at key transition points in K-12 learning. For more information on the Student Academic Boot Camps visit: <http://goldenschoolsfoundation.org/academic-summer-boot-camp/>.

GOLDEN GALLOP HELPS FUND IMPORTANT SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) continues to deliver innovative solutions to promote improvements in student achievements in the Golden community. The Academic Boot Camp in the article above is just one of many educational programs funded by the GSF. The Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year is the Golden Gallop. This year the event will be on Sunday, Sept. 27 and includes a 5k, 10k and a Kids Fun Run. The event starts under the famous "Welcome to Golden" arch in the center of downtown Golden. For more information and to register, visit www.goldengallop.com.

The Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) is a volunteer run non-profit. Its mission is to ensure Golden articulation schools offer our children an outstanding education. They work in partnership with Golden schools, public education stakeholders and our community to promote improvements in student achievements and teaching excellence through collaboration, innovation and strategic investment. For more information visit www.goldenschoolsfoundation.org.



10th Annual Golden Gallop

Sunday, Sept. 27 • 5k, 10k & Kids Fun Run

For more information and to register, visit goldengallop.com.

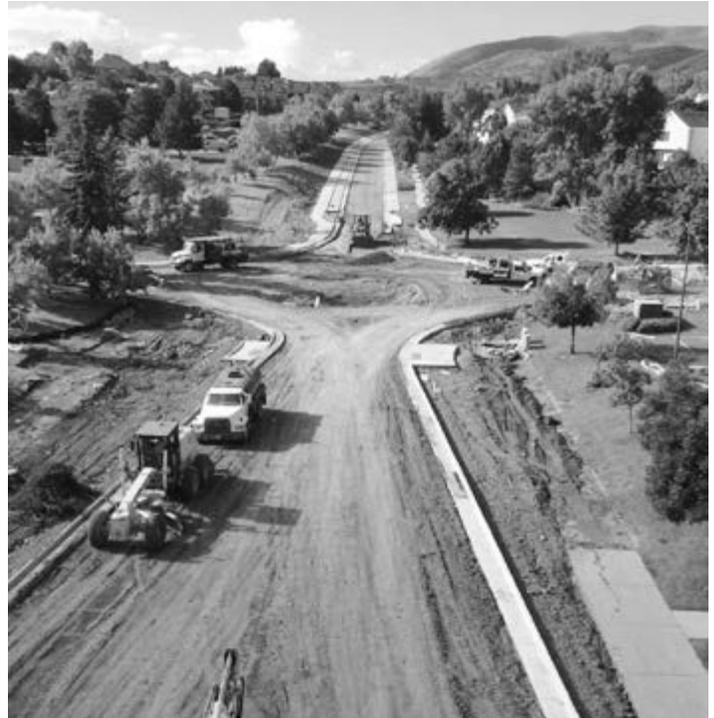


Suffering Through Heritage Road Construction

The end is now in sight for the completion of the Heritage Road project. But the City recognizes that this summer has been trying for residents who had to deal with the construction on Heritage Road. The City had many complaints and questions regarding detours, closures and why we didn't add additional crews and longer hours to complete it faster. The City did have significant discussions regarding inconvenience, and how to minimize it. In addition to looking at residents' access from Heritage Road and the inconvenience that detours cause, we also needed to be considerate of the residents that live adjacent to the road. Those residents experience the noise and dust from construction. The people who drive through to their home experience the construction as they pass by, and for the period of time they have to take an alternate route. Those who live next to the project are affected during construction, and longer hours stretch construction and noise into their mornings, evenings and weekends.

This project includes 2,000 feet of conduit, 2,000 feet of stormdrain line, 650 feet of water line, with additional manholes and stormwater inlets. This pipe has to be laid from one direction to the other, and additional crews don't help. Cast in place storm inlets have to cure for seven days prior to backfill; tops can't be formed and poured until the bottom has cured. While it may seem that just putting more people out there will speed things up, that unfortunately is not true. There is not sufficient space to provide for both traffic and construction at Eagle Ridge Drive and W. 4th so directing traffic through the construction was not an option.

Communication about closures and detours has been difficult. The neighbors were invited to a pre-construction meeting at Shelton Elementary School prior to the beginning of construction where the contractor explained the schedule, closures and detours. We also discussed communication with residents. We have a webpage set up with information that was (and still is) updated weekly, tweeted out changes in real time and used the city e-newsletter to provide subscribers information. Our primary method of providing information was the variable message boards (the giant signs that flash electronic messages) and other signage. It was clear that as the project progressed and signs had been in place for a while, they became less effective. When we closed the intersection at Eagle Ridge the number of calls and e-mails we received, clearly showed that the message signage had lost its



**For the latest updates
on construction projects:**

www.cityofgolden.net/links/Construction

Sign up for the City's weekly e-newsletter:

www.cityofgolden.net/links/Newsletter

effectiveness. Going forward we will move the signs to different locations where they previously had not been to see if that improves communication. We will also ask the HOAs to use any e-mail list that they have to pass out information.

Despite the inconvenience of construction, the final product should improve the corridor and achieve many goals of the neighborhood plan as well as the City's Vision 2030 plan. There will be much better sidewalks and bike lanes that are raised from traffic to be more comfortable for riders. The three traffic signals between Eagle Ridge and Kimball are being replaced with roundabouts so there will be no signal delays. The roundabouts will keep speeds lower, reducing noise. It is critical to remember that these community improvements will effectively reduce delays and noise long after the construction interruptions have been completed. The target date for completion is late October.

GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 4

First Friday Street Fair

The Street Fair includes entertainment, food, drinks and fun activities for the kids. On Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. For details call the Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113 or visit <http://goldenco chamber.org>.

Sept. 5

Coffee with a Councilor

Join City Councilors to talk about topics concerning Golden. 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.



Sept. 7

Labor Day

Sept. 11 through Oct. 18

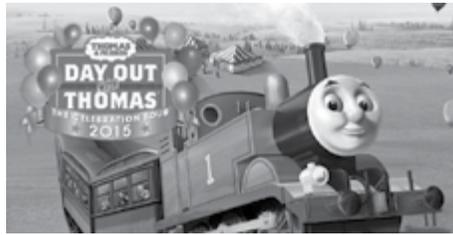
My Name is Asher Lev

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.

Sept. 12

Safety and Preparedness Day

The Golden Fire Department hosts the 6th annual event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 911 10th St. More details on p. 7.



Sept. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27

Day Out with Thomas

Thomas the Tank Engine will make his yearly stop at the Colorado Railroad Museum and all Thomas fans are invited to come spend the day with the No. 1 engine. 17155 W. 44th Ave. More details on p. 19. For times and tickets call 303-279-4591 or visit <http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org>.

Sept. 19 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.

Sept. 20

Coyote 5k Classic

This is the 6th annual 5k race and 1 mile fun run benefiting Shelton Elementary. More details on p. 17. To register, visit www.coyote5kclassic.com.

Sept. 23

First Day of Autumn

Sept. 27

Golden Gallop

This 10th annual event features a 5k, 10k and a kid's fun run. More details on p. 8. For more information and to register, visit goldengallop.com.



Through Oct. 3

Golden Farmers Market

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

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. 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.

TREE DONATION

City Forester Dave High guided volunteers who donated and planted two trees in Golden. The volunteers were from the Golden-based company SourceGas. They wanted to give something back to the community, and giving trees is a great way to do so, according to High. "We were extremely pleased with the donation since we have lost many trees around the city to the strange weather last fall and this spring."



One of the trees, a Common hackberry, now stands next to the east pavilion in Lions Park. The tree seen in the picture is a Swamp white oak and is a nice addition to the parking lot planter just outside the Golden Community Center. The oak was chosen for its ability to grow in poor clay soils, which will be necessary in the parking lot. The hackberry was chosen because it is a very successful city tree and we had none in Lions Park until now.

If you or your company is interested in donating trees to the city, contact the Golden Forestry Division at 303-384-8141 or email dhigh@cityofgolden.net.

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 10th St.**

September 2, 2015... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

October 7, 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 10th St.**

November 4, 2015.... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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



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. 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.

Golden Community Center

activities calendar

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

Nutcracker Ballet

Join the Golden Community Center Ballet Teacher, Ms. Tighe, for the second annual production of The Nutcracker Ballet! Students ages three and up must attend at least one regular dance class at the Golden Community Center to be eligible for the performance. Rehearsals are on Saturday afternoons starting in October until the performance Dec. 5 at Golden High School.

Nutcracker Auditions are

Saturday, Sept. 12

1 to 1:45 p.m. for ages 5-8

2 to 3 p.m. for ages 9 and up

Children ages 3-4 do not need to audition. Please email Ms. Tighe for more information including fees at tigheburgler@gmail.com.

Courthouse Hill and School of Mines Walking Tour

Learn about the early industries of Golden, the history of the Colorado School of Mines (CSM), the Courthouse Hill mansions and the fascinating stories of Adolph Coors and Goosetown. Historian Ed Weising will guide you through some of the buildings on the CSM campus and near some of the historic mines in Golden.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

10 a.m. to noon

Members \$10; Non-members \$15

**Walking tours leave from the Golden History Center.*

Register at www.goldenhistory.org/learn-do/events



Wood Stove Cooking: Hearty Harvest Meal

Learn to cook on a wood stove from historian Priscilla Marshall as you make a meal of squash soup, hot biscuits and bread pudding from 19th century recipes and hear about the farming and gardening challenges of homestead settlers. All supplies are provided. All ingredients will be historical (i.e. lard and butter for fats, gluten flours and dairy products) and may not accommodate individual dietary restrictions.

Sunday, Sept. 27

11 a.m. to 4 or 5 p.m.

Members \$45; non-members \$50

Recommended for adults. Youth ages 12 to 17 may participate when accompanied by a paid participating adult.

**Meet at the Pearce/Helps Cabin in the Clear Creek History Park. Register at www.goldenhistory.org/learn-do/events*

Gold Rush Days Walking Tour

Visit historic sites along Clear Creek in Golden as well as the downtown historic buildings and Victorian cottages. Historian and storyteller Ed Weising will guide you through Golden's history and take you inside the historic buildings at the Clear Creek History Park.

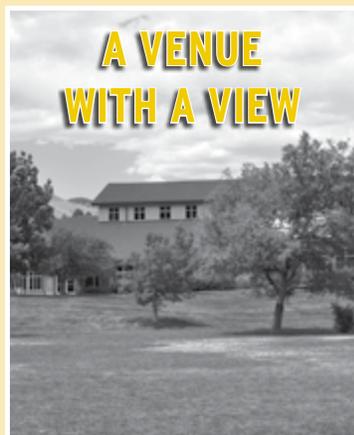
Saturday, Sept. 19

10 a.m. to noon

Members \$10; Non-members \$15

**Walking tours leave from the Golden History Center.*

Register at www.goldenhistory.org/learn-do/events



Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!

Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer's kitchen.

Call Bryan Smith at 303-384-8133 or email bsmith@cityofgolden.net for availability, facility tours and rates. *Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.*

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;
- Check out the Recreation brochure; or
- Visit 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:

Holiday Closure:

The Golden Community Center will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day.

Celebrate Health!

Friday, Sept. 4, 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.

This month's book is:

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

If you are interested in joining, please email Jan Bradbury at bobjanbradbury@comcast.net.

Can Recycling at the Front Porch

Remember to bring your aluminum cans in and drop them off in the recycling bins outside the main entrance to the Front Porch. We do not accept glass, tin cans or plastic bottles. These proceeds go to supporting our coffee and snack service.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Garden of the Gods #25006-01

Explore Colorado Springs' paradise in one magical stop. Garden of the Gods Park is a registered National Natural Landmark. Experience dramatic views, 300-foot towering sandstone rock formations against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies.

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$35 (Includes transportation and tour.)

Bring money for lunch, location TBD)

Exertion Level: 3/4

Register/Cancel by Sept. 4

Cheyenne Mtn. Zoo #25007-1

The Cheyenne Mountain Zoological Society was founded in 1926 by philanthropist Spencer Penrose to house his growing collection of exotic animals. In 1938, after substantial development, Mr. Penrose incorporated the Zoo as a non-profit public trust for the people of Colorado Springs. After visiting the zoo, the group will go to the Broadmoor Hotel for lunch.



Wednesday, Sept. 23, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

\$35 (Includes transportation and tour.)

Bring money for lunch)

Exertion Level: 3/4

Register/Cancel by Sept. 11

Safely Get Rid of Your Prescription Drugs

This is your chance to clean out your medicine cabinet and get rid of your unused medications. The Golden Police Department is teaming up with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and other area law enforcement agencies to participate in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 in the lobby of City Hall, 911 10th St.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the



U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or

DRUG TAKE-BACK

Items accepted:

- Prescription medication
- Over the counter medication
- Vitamins

Items not accepted:

- Chemo therapy medication
- Mercury thermometers
- Needles
- Syringes
- Illegal drugs

throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

In the previous nine Take-Back events nationwide from 2010-2014, 4,823,251 pounds, or 2,411 tons of drugs were collected.



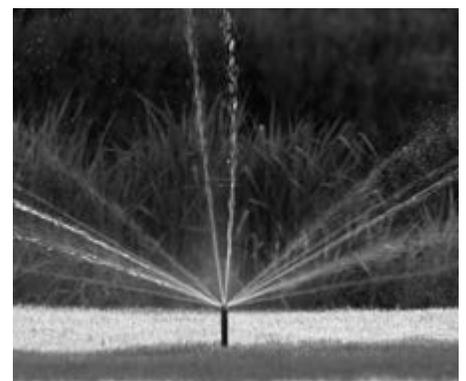
FREE PROGRAM HELPS RESIDENTS SAVE MONEY ON WATER

Last chance to take advantage this season!

A free program is helping homeowners protect themselves against rising water bills. The Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC) is offering no-cost inspections of outdoor sprinkler systems to help homeowners identify hidden leaks and fix wasteful watering. The program, called 'Slow the Flow' has helped homeowners conserve more than 285 million gallons of water during the past decade – saving families thousands of dollars in lower water bills.

The Slow the Flow program is in partnership with the City of Golden as well as 24 other communities throughout the metro region and beyond. The program educates community members on simple fixes to help conserve water. In partnership with Front Range water providers, CRC offers a highly effective, water-saving sprinkler consultation service at no cost to residents.

To sign up for a FREE water consultation visit: www.conservationcenter.org or call 303-999-3824.





Social, Economic & Environmental Issues

Changes to City's Waste & Recycling Collection Program

If your household subscribes to the City's waste & recycling program, you'll now see new trucks in your neighborhood starting the week of Aug. 31. Alpine Waste & Recycling took over as the hauler for the City's residential program on Aug. 31. They were chosen for their low prices and ability to provide current and future services required by the Golden community. The new hauler will offer the same collection services on the same day of each week that residents currently expect. At their meeting on July 23, City Council approved the new five-year contract and pricing for Golden residents. Starting in September, households will see these new rates included in the quarterly water bills.



QUESTIONS?

Please call 303-277-TRASH (303-277-8727) or email Alpine Waste & Recycling at golden@alpinewaste.com.

Alpine's Resources Conserved in 2014

- Landfill Space: 191,481 cubic yards
- Gasoline: 1,283,671 gallons
- Electricity: 226,974,378 kWh
- Trees: 909,267
- Water: 374,403,960 gallons
- Oil: 24,764,148 gallons

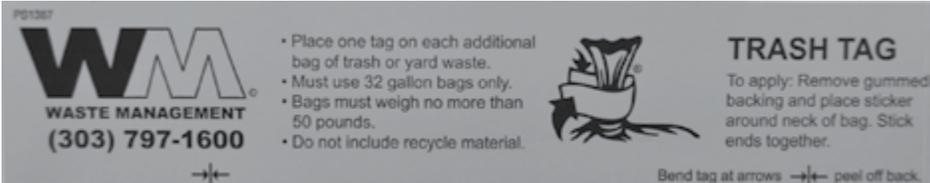
Waste Container Size	Monthly Price
32-gallon super saver service	\$6.20
32-gallon service	\$7.50
64-gallon service	\$12.60
96-gallon service	\$19.25
Additional 96-gallon service	\$10.85

Extra trash stickers can be purchased through City Hall for \$2.00 each, a decrease from the current price of \$2.65. If you have an old trash sticker, please exchange it for Alpine's new sticker, available for free at City Hall.



Left: Make sure to get your new Alpine trash tag.

Below: The old Waste Management tags will no longer be accepted.



Residents who may desire additional services may choose from the following, which are charged from Alpine directly to the household via a separate bill.

Additional Services	Price to Household
In-drive pickup	\$4.00
Carryout and Carryback	\$8.50
Carryout only	\$4.25
Carryback only	\$4.25
Cart exchange after 60 days	\$25.00

The Golden Family-Friendly Bicycle Cruise!

Join friends and family on the last Tuesday of each month through October to ride the beautiful bike paths of Golden! This month, *Cavemen* is the theme, so grab Pebbles and Bam-Bam and prepare to peddle back to the Stone Ages – this is why they invented the wheel in the first place!

On Sept. 29, the ride itself starts at 7 p.m., but come early to enjoy music, food, and a brew from New Belgium Brewing Company. Kegs tap at 6 p.m. with Fat Tire Amber Ale and one other summer brew. A local band will be serving up great music just right for dancing (good way to warm up for a bike ride)! As always, there will be prize drawings after every ride (kids'



prize drawings before), so be sure to get your drawing tickets! As part of their “Inspiring Health” campaign, St. Anthony’s Hospital will be sponsoring a drawing for both a cruiser bike and a kid’s bike during the event, so don’t miss your chance to score a sweet new ride!

To be eligible for the drawing, adults need to buy either food or beer. Kids have three different ways

to earn a ticket: 1) Show up! 2) Wear a costume! (A little harder, but more fun!) And 3) Bring a can or box of nonperishable food for the Christian Action Guild (CAG) Foodbank. Be generous. Help others!

Under the auspices of the Golden Civic Foundation, volunteers from a Golden nonprofit organization will be helping with set-up, tear down, and manning the beer garden in exchange for a cut of the beer proceeds. Volunteers from the CAG will be acting as course marshals, and will also receive a share. This is a great chance to support all the fine folks doing wonderful things in our town.

For more info, call Marcie Miller at 720-326-8636.

FOOD, FUN AND A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING AT THE GOLDEN FARMERS MARKET

The parking lot just west of the Golden Library is usually a quiet slab of asphalt no more interesting than any other. But every Saturday in the summer, the space comes alive as a colorful collage, bustling with the activity of vendors selling locally produced vegetables and fruits, fish and meats, prepared foods, and items for the home and garden. It’s a weekend tradition in Golden – and one not to be missed!



Now in its 13th season, the Golden Farmers Market offers a unique place for the community to gather, shop, and enjoy the bounty of the region. The Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. each Saturday until October 3. It’s right off the Clear Creek path, so biking or walking there is easy. If you do need to drive though, consider parking on 11th Street next to the Clear Creek History Park, and crossing the Billy Drew Bridge over to the Market lot.

First Friday, Last Chance!

If you haven’t experienced the fun that is a First Friday Street Fair in downtown Golden yet, you’re missing out! But don’t worry – you have one more opportunity to join in the fun before it goes away again until summer 2016.

On the First Friday of each month, June through September, Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden is blocked off to cars and comes alive with live music, a beer garden, and street entertainers. Retailers stay open late, often offering discounts, as do many of the restaurants and taverns in the area with extended happy hours. It’s a great place to gather with friends and family, dance in the streets, and celebrate the long, warm evenings of summer.

The fun kicks off at 5 p.m. and doesn’t stop until around 8 p.m. For more information, email info@goldenochamber.org.

Expanded Hours for Golden History Center

The Golden History Center is expanding its hours of operation to include more holidays. In an effort to better serve its visitors, GHC will now be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. year round. Additionally, effective Labor Day weekend, GHC is switching its closed day from Mondays to Tuesdays. This means the museum will now be open most national holidays. For more information, visit www.GoldenHistory.org.



FAMILY FUN RUN IN GOLDEN - SEPT. 20

Looking for a fun run for the entire family? Don't miss the 6th annual Coyote 5K Classic and 1 mile fun run in Golden beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20. This event promotes a healthy and active lifestyle for the kids in our



community (half the participants in the 5K are under the age of 12)! This event helps raise funds for the science and technology fund at Shelton Elementary.

Thanks to generous sponsors, this is one of the most affordable 5k events in the area. There will be fun activities, food/drinks, music and a basket raffle happening during and following the race. All kids that finish the 5k or 1 mile receive a medal. Also, everyone receives a great commemorative t-shirt from the race.

The top three male and female runners receive a free pair of running shoes from Vital Outdoors and there are great age group prizes as well. Prices are \$15 for the 1 mile, \$20 for the 5k (under 18) and \$25 for adults. For all the details regarding how to register and more information, visit www.coyote5kclassic.com.



Make It, Taste It, or Both!

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. There are three ways to participate:

1. Cook! Share your best recipe for red, green or white chili. The Early-Bird discount deadline is Oct. 1. All applications must be submitted by Oct. 5.
2. Volunteer! The Chamber is looking for people to help set up, take tickets, help with voting and more.
3. Attend the event! Tickets will be on sale soon.

Learn more at www.GoldenCOChamber.org. Please direct questions to Levi at 303-279-3113 or GoldenChamberLevi@gmail.com.

Golden History Museums

Astor House Museum (822 12th St.) and Golden History Center (923 10th St.)

Call ahead or check website for hours and special event details.

Clear Creek History Park (11th and Arapahoe) ~ Open daily sunrise to sunset

Tel: 303-278-3557 • www.GoldenHistory.org



(left) The Astor House as it looks today. Photo by Scott Dressel-Martin. (above) The Astor House circa 1910.

Astor House to Close for Rehabilitation

When entrepreneur Seth Lake purchased property at 12th and Arapahoe Streets in 1867, the lot was occupied by a wooden hotel and outbuildings. Golden by that time already had a number of lodgings, but nothing of substance or significance. Seeking to set his establishment a cut above the others, Lake tore down the wooden hotel and replaced it with a new edifice built of locally quarried, hand-hewn stone. To indicate to potential guests the refinement of his accommodations, he appropriated for his own establishment the name Astor House from the famed New York hotel.

While the luxuriousness of the frontier establishment is debatable,

the longevity of the nearly century-and-a-half old building is not. And, like all that ages, time and the elements take a toll. In 2014, Golden History Museums was awarded a prestigious \$200,000 grant from the Colorado State Historical Fund to undertake a much needed preservation project. Golden City Council voted the same year to match the grant and made the restoration possible. Beginning Sept. 8, the Astor House Museum will be temporarily closed to the public to begin preparation and construction.

The Astor House Rehabilitation Project includes four major structural interventions:

1. Pour concrete retaining walls in the north and south basements.
2. Replace outdated synthetic beams (installed in previous rehabilitation in 1990s) with sturdier steel beams.
3. Install an east-west steel support beam and columns between second and third floors.
4. Re-grade backyard and install drainage to prevent further water intrusion.

Project completion is anticipated by late spring 2016. So, what's going to happen at the Astor House after construction? Those exciting details are forthcoming! But, you can track the progress of the project by visiting GoldenHistory.org/AstorHouse. From there, read the museum blog, see construction photos, watch videos, and get a teaser of what's in store for the future Astor House experience.

Day Out With Thomas

The Celebration Tour 2015

September 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27 • 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thomas the Tank Engine™ will be visiting the Colorado Railroad Museum this September for a Day Out With Thomas: The Celebration Tour 2015.

EVENT ACTIVITIES

Ride behind Thomas the Tank Engine, star of the popular Thomas & Friends™, around the Colorado Railroad Museum's grounds. Meet Sir Topham Hatt, controller of the railway and participate in activities for the whole family, including arts and crafts, storytelling, video viewing, petting zoo, live music and magic shows.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for Day Out With Thomas: The Celebration Tour 2015 are on sale now and available by calling TicketWeb at 866-468-7630, by calling the Colorado Railroad Museum at 800-365-6263 or by visiting TicketWeb.com/DOWT.

Ticket prices for ages 2 and up are \$25 during Peak Train Times (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and \$20 for Off-Peak Train Times (8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and 1:45 to 4:45 p.m.).

Tickets usually sell out, so get yours right away. For more information, visit ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL
2015 Watermedia

Exhibition Dates
Sept. 19 through Oct. 25

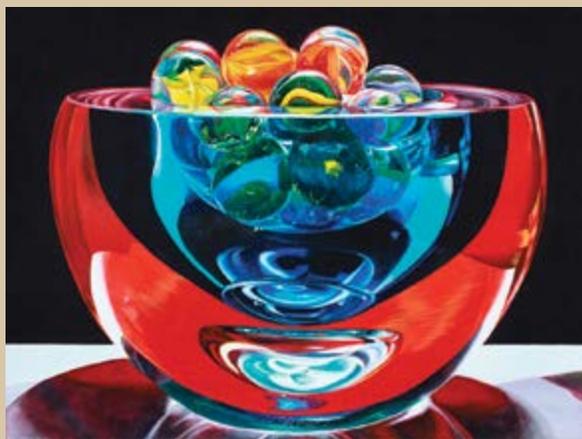
Exhibition Hours
Tuesday-Saturday,
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sundays,
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed on Mondays

Admission

Members: free
Non-members:
• Adults: \$8
• Seniors, students
(with valid ID): \$5
• Youth under 10 years
old are free

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL WATERMEDIA

Since 1974, when community watercolor artists approached then Director Marion Metsopoulos with the idea of a national watercolor show, Foothills Art Center has established its own interpretation of this exhibition by introducing “watermedia” as its emphasis. The goal was, and still is, to reach beyond



Art by Soon Warren.

the tradition of pure watercolor and embrace innovation in water-based media that now includes acrylic, casein, gouache, egg tempera, and mixed media. This exhibition will feature approximately 70 works of art by national artists working in watermedia.



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