

2017 Annual Report

Vision:

Golden will be recognized as a national leader in the provision of high quality parks, trails and recreation facilities.

Mission:

To promote and provide safe and comprehensive community facilities, programs and services that will enrich the quality of life for all residents and visitors.



Parks and recreation facilities and the programs, activities, and services that occur within them, contribute greatly to the overall quality of life in Golden. The award-winning Golden Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for maintaining open spaces, for providing a quality system of parks and recreational facilities and for providing positive leisure opportunities for the community. Golden is home to many unique recreational amenities for a town of its size including 253 acres of parkland, 402 acres of open space, 25 miles of trails, 10,000 trees, Fossil Trace Golf Club, Splash Aquatic Park, Golden History Museums and the Golden Community Center. The Parks and Recreation Department includes the Municipal Facilities

Division, Recreation Division, Parks, Forestry, and Cemetery Division, Golden Museums Division, Golf Maintenance Division and Golf Clubhouse Division.

Parks, Recreation and Museums Advisory Board

In order to increase community involvement, a Parks, Recreation, and Museums Advisory Board was created in 1982. Board members are appointed by City Council and represent Golden citizens. The Parks, Recreation and Museums Advisory Board, consisting of seven members and one alternate which serve four-year terms, makes suggestions about policies and procedures, fees and charges, acceptance of park land, design

of parks and other projects relating to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Advisory Board Meetings

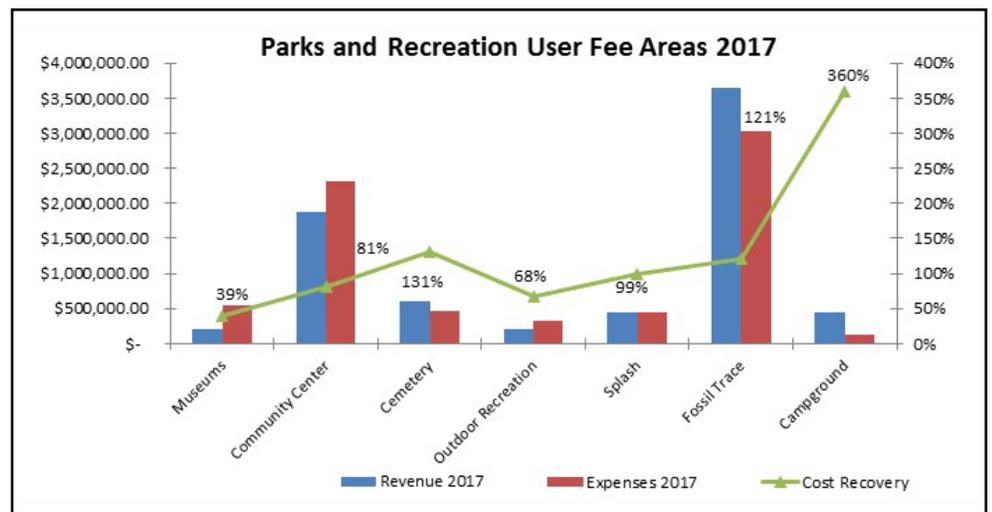
The Parks, Recreation and Museums Advisory Board meet on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. The third Tuesday is the regular meeting date. These meetings take place in the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th Street, Golden, 80401, at 7 p.m. For more information and to view meeting minutes or listen to audio of the minutes, visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/boards-commissions/parks-recreation-advisory-board/.

2017 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

- Jennifer Trout - Chair
- Cynthia Szymanski - Vice Chair
- Torsten Lyon
- Paul Haseman
- Scott Peabody
- Amirah Shahid
- Pam Loebig - Alternate



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DeLong Neighborhood Park

The City of Golden purchased a new property in anticipation of eventually adding a neighborhood park to its inventory. The DeLong property is .91 acres and is located at 395 23rd Street, approximately 23rd and East Street. It is one of three locations identified in the 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan having unmet park needs. As funding becomes available, planning and development of the park will take place. This is a priority for the Parks, Recreation, and Museums Advisory Board in response to the 2016 Master Plan addressing level of service and identified gap areas. The project also responds to the City's goals identified in Vision 2030 related to Community Values.

For the present, staff will provide baseline maintenance to the property and plan for removal of existing structures.



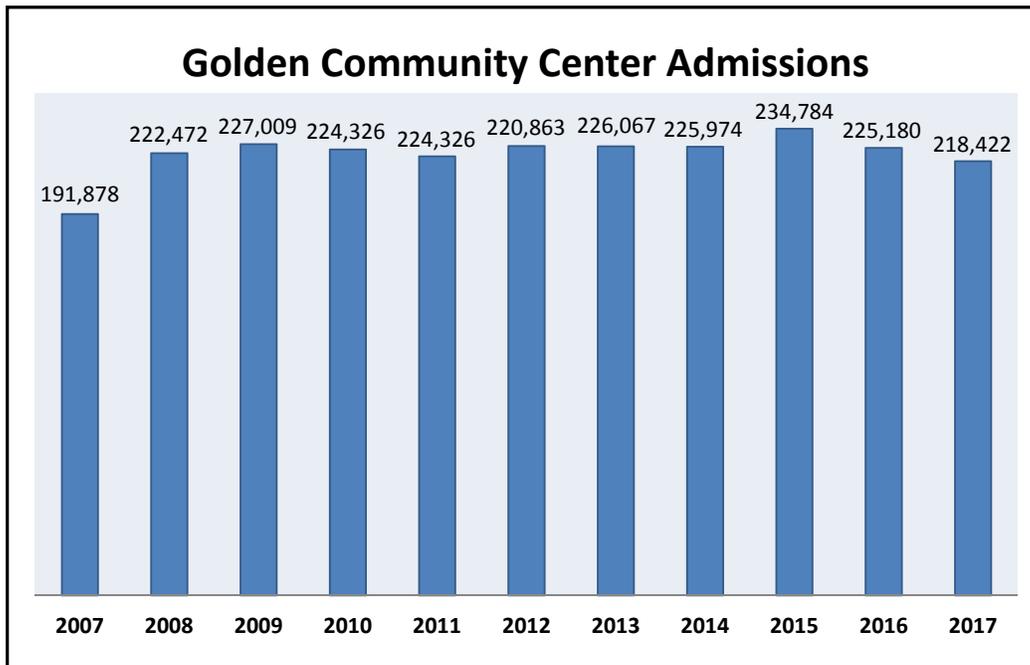
Volunteer archaeologists work to unearth artifacts at Golden's Magic Mountain site. Photos ©Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

Magic Mountain Archeology Dig

Golden History Museums was honored to partner with the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to offer tours of the excavation of the Magic Mountain Archaeological Site, located on City Open Space near the eastern trailhead of Apex Park. Named for the short-lived amusement park built in 1959 a few dozen yards away, Magic Mountain is arguably

the most important archaeological site on the Front Range. Anglo settlers first recognized the large quantity of artifacts in the area as early as the 1860s. It was so popular that the local newspaper promoted the area as the perfect location for a picnic and treasure hunting. The first scientific excavations of the

site happened in the 1950s. The 2017 dig at Magic Mountain is the first excavation at the site for more than 20 years. It provided the public to see work in progress through guided general site tours and help professional archaeologists with hands-on tours. Look for additional opportunities in 2018.



*Includes Daily Admission, Punch Cards, Annual Passes, and Promotional Passes

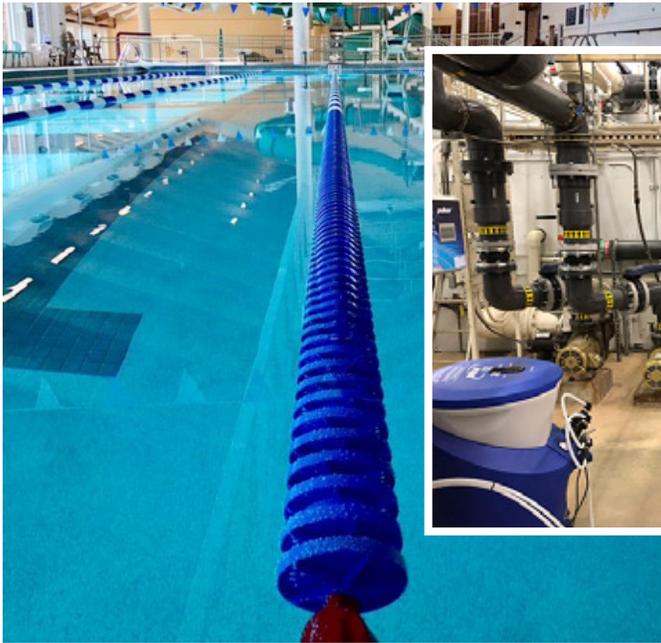
Golden Parks and Recreation Facts

- 10,000 trees maintained
- 25 miles of trails
- 253 acres of parkland
- 402 acres of open space
- 14 acres of parkland per 1,000 population, meeting Gold Medal Community standards of 12 acres
- Number of part-time/seasonal = 361
- Number of full-time employees = 46
- Number of volunteers = 289



6th and 19 Lid Park

The Parks and Recreation Department helped celebrate the development of the new park located above Highway 6 and 19th Street, providing residents a safe connection over Highway 6. The Lid Park has approximately 100 new trees, two public art pieces, a shade pavilion with benches and numerous water efficient plants. The park also introduced residents to the first single track sidewalk in the area. This effort was made possible by the City of Golden, CDOT, and School of Mines. Parks staff will assume maintenance of the area from the contractor in late 2018.

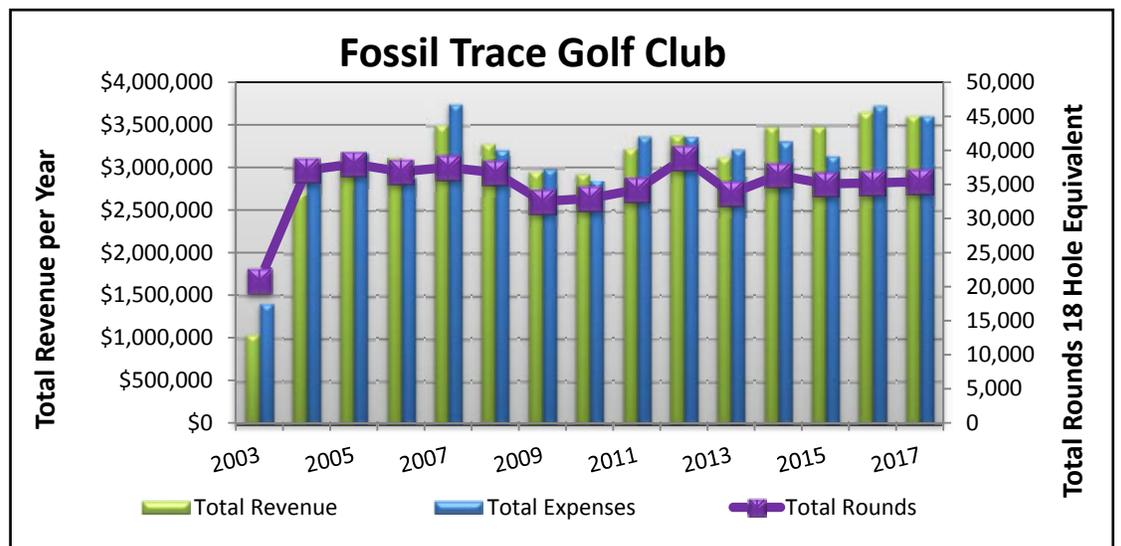


Golden Community Center Pool Pump Room Update

The “behind the scenes” filtration and water treatment systems that ensure clean water for the Golden Community Center pools was replaced in 2017. After 23 years of service, it was time for an upgrade for the steel filters that were original to the facility. New decontamination units (Pulsar) were replaced and secondary decontamination systems were added in the form of ultraviolet purification systems (UV). This puts us ahead of current Health Code requirements. All of this equipment is vital to the continued operation of the pools at the Golden Community Center.

2017 Parks and Recreation Department Awards

- Tree City USA for **28** consecutive years
- Fossil Trace Wins 2017 Best Golf Course in Denver - *Denver A-List*





Fourth Grader students playing Building Colorado.



Fossil Trace Golf Course in the morning light.

Did You Know That in 2017...

- The City of Golden purchased the old Golden Transcript building for the new City Hall Annex Building in 2017. The Facilities Division, part of Parks and Recreation, helped with improvements and facilitated the move for several employees. The Division now maintains 23 buildings.
- Facility improvements for the Parks and Recreation Department included a refinished gym floor at Tony Grampas Gymnasium, new shower and stall partitions at the Golden Community Center locker rooms and restrooms, renovated pump room at the Golden Community Center including adding secondary decontamination units.
- Golden History Museum received regional recognition for quality educational programming. Received Josephine Miles Award for Building Colorado and Golden Transcript's Best of the Best Summer Camp for Hands on History.
- The game-based program *Building Colorado*, offered through the Golden History Museum, continued to grow in fourth-grade classrooms all over the metro area. They reached 304 classes and over 8,160 students.
- The *Golden City Trading Post* became the do-not-miss field trip for museum staff in 2017. More than 1,200 K-5 students participated in hands-on activities provided by more than two dozen cultural partners. Activities included music, games, art, roping, live animal interactions and more.
- SCFD funds helped jumpstart the design of new galleries as part of the *Discovery Awaits* initiative. This initiative will activate indoor public spaces and enable a museum transformation for a grand reopening in 2018.
- Golf Maintenance removed a failed large filter by the pump station. To have a contractor remove it would have been an unexpected \$3,000 expense. Staff creatively found a way to do it, saving thousands of dollars.
- Schnepf's became the new food and beverage provider at Fossil Trace Golf Course. They made great strides to service Golden residents and the golfing public. Weddings and receptions will return in 2018 as well as continued refining of the menu and dining experience.
- The Forestry Division received a \$6,000 Xcel Grant in cooperation with the Colorado Tree Coalition for much needed shade trees at Ulysses Park.
- 136 trees were planted, nearly double from 2016.
- Over 20,000 flower bulbs were planted in the fall.
- The Lions Club donated a new pavilion at Vanover Park. Parks staff facilitated the project, completed the site preparation and installed a picnic table.
- The skateboard park at Ulysses Park opened with a ribbon cutting in April. Parks staff provided additional landscape, irrigation, and concrete to redesign the pathways.
- The GCC replaced four Life Fitness Treadmills and four Life Fitness upright bikes.
- Pottery is booming, hitting max capacity numbers in classes. Additional classes were added to relieve the waitlist - and they still continue to reach capacity.
- Splash hosted the State Summer League Swimming Championships, hosting 8,500-9k visitors throughout the weekend.
- Learn to Swim programs served over 1,500 participants.
- The Front Porch at the Golden Community Center reached over **3,250** SilverSneakers® registered members.
- Overall, Golden Community Center welcomed over **218,422** patrons in 2017. **Come see us in 2018!**



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