2018
Parks, Recreation and Museums
ANNUAL REPORT
2010 Gold Medal Award Recipient, Class V, Population 25,000 and below
Two-time CAPRA Accredited Agency since 2009
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 park land, 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.

Advisory Board

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 meets as needed on the first Tuesday of each month for study sessions, and every third Tuesday of each month for regular meetings. These meetings take place in the City of Golden Council Chambers, City Hall, 911 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/PRMAB.
Golden is home to many unique recreational amenities for a town of its size... 9 sq. miles with a population of 20,000.

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."

- Fossil Trace Golf Club
- Golden Community Center
- Golden History Museum
- The Splash Aquatic Park
- 253 acres of park land
- 402 acres of open space
- 25 miles of trails
- 10,000 trees
### Golden History Museum & Park Donors
**July 1, 2017 — June 30, 2018**

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### Parks and Recreation
In order to keep the programs running and the parks beautiful in 2018, the department had the help of:

- 234 Part-Time/Seasonal Employees
- 47 Full-time Employees
- 410 Volunteers

### Park Land Acreage
- 14 acres of park land
- per 1,000 population = exceeding Gold Medal Community standards of 12 acres

### Tree City USA
- 29 consecutive years
Fossil Trace Golf Club continues to be recognized by guests and golfers from around the world as the premier destination in Colorado golf. The Golf Club and Schnepf’s Restaurant at Fossil Trace set record numbers in 2018 with the highest revenue totals of $3,734,845 since the course opened in 2003. They hosted 35,858 18-Hole Equivalent Rounds/39,682 starts for the year. In addition to record-breaking rounds, the Fossil Trace Golf School experienced growth in numbers and a positive and welcoming player development culture for new and recreational golfers. Schnepf’s Restaurant at Fossil Trace also set new records. Food and beverage commissions to the City were higher than previous years.
Parfet Park Bank Improvements

Parks staff worked diligently to provide new access to Clear Creek and stabilize the bank. They installed a new stairway connecting the bank to Parfet Park. Crews removed the volleyball court and created new green-space, addressing drainage problems. They added a new sidewalk, which created a connection from the Jackson Street parking lot to the existing sidewalk that rises from the Creek area. Forestry staff planted new trees increasing the tree canopy in the Park. Improvements addressed drainage, bank stabilization, connectivity and beautification to the Park.

Golden History Museum Grand Re-Opening

The $350,000 renovation of the Golden History Museum was mainly comprised of private donations, and after six months of closure, the Museum reopened on June 23, with approximately 800 in attendance. Renovations included new programming spaces, a research center, a hands-on gallery for families with young children, and dynamic new exhibits that highlight the City’s collection of historic objects. With the vision of “always something new to discover,” the renovated Golden History Museum brings the behind-the-scenes practices of object discovery and preservation to the front of the house.
Two new park pavilions were installed in 2018, donated by the Lion's Club. In Vanover Park, the Lion's Club donated a pavilion, table, and benches. The ribbon cutting attracted a good crowd.

The second pavilion installed was a replacement of the old wooden structure at Golden Heights Park and enjoyed by many during sporting events and local gatherings.

The Parks division replaced 17 wooden signs with new flagstone signs. The signs received wonderful reviews and provided a face lift to all of the parks.
Have you seen these projects around town?

- Our Museums staff opened the **1968 Time Capsule** and created a new one to bury. They collaborated with City departments, Colorado School of Mines, local schools and service clubs.

- The **water slides at Splash and the Golden Community Center** were both refinished. They turned out better than our expectations. The leisure pool at Splash was also re-plastered.

- The **tube slide at White Ash Mine Park** was replaced and improved.

- The **Museum volunteer program** attracted 60 terrific **individuals** which donated **2,500 hours** of time valued at **$61,601 in 2018** (Independent Sector estimated $24.69/hr). Volunteers maintain front desk operations, special events, artifacts, gardens, chickens and more.

- A **smart city recycling program** was initiated with trash/recycling units in select parks.

- 2018 celebrated a **second year collaboration with Denver Museum of Nature and Science** on programming and exhibits around the museum’s archaeological excavations of the **Magic Mountain Site**.

- **444 trees were planted in 2018 – A record number!** 277 trees were planted in parks and around town, 100 were planted at Fossil Trace and another 67 were planted at the Golden Cemetery Arboretum.

- Building Colorado 4th grade classroom outreach program has **grown 264% in the past two years**. In 2017, the program served over 8,000 students in 304 classrooms. A new 3rd grade program launched in 2018.

- A **new entrance sign** was constructed at the Golden Cemetery.

- Pickle Ball gym time was expanded to better meet the desires of our local players.

- **7,500 flower bulbs** were planted in the fall – A record number!
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<td>• Facilities staff initiated the <strong>RV Park Office/Bathhouse renovation study.</strong></td>
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<td>• <strong>40 tree wells</strong> were widened downtown that were affecting tree growth.</td>
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<td>• Established a new east side entry at Grampsas Dog Park.</td>
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<td>• Museum staff formed partnerships with Jefferson County Archives and Colorado State Library to digitize and make accessible <strong>150 years of Golden Transcripts.</strong></td>
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<td>• The registration software system at the Golden Community Center navigated a <strong>major software upgrade,</strong> improving efficiencies and customer service on the user end and internally.</td>
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<td>• The Facilities Division secured final 2017 hail damage assessments. The claim was in excess of $856,000. In 2018 all <strong>HVAC systems were repaired.</strong> Staff will continues to facilitate repairs to roofs in 2019.</td>
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<td>• Drinking fountains were updated at Ulysses Park and Heritage Dells Park to include <strong>fill stations.</strong></td>
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<td>• The <strong>Clear Creek Whitewater course received improvements</strong> to a well known water feature, the surf hole.</td>
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<td>• Horticulture staff implemented a beautification program with <strong>giant flowerpots</strong> throughout town.</td>
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<td>• Completed the <strong>City Hall Lobby Project</strong> with glassed front desk, new ceiling and other upgrades.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Fossil Trace had another outstanding year.</strong> The club is on track to meet or exceed budget expectations.</td>
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<td>• The Community Center added rowers, replaced recumbent cycles, and <strong>replaced the entire spin bike fleet.</strong></td>
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