



City of  
Golden  
PARKS AND RECREATION

*National Gold Medal Winner*



# 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

# Department Summary

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](http://www.cityofgolden.net/PRMAB).



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### **Parks, Recreation and Museums Advisory Board**

Cynthia Szymanski (Chair)  
Amirah Shahid (Vice-Chair)  
Craig Middleton  
Jennifer Trout  
Katherine Fuller  
Scott Peabody  
Torsten Lyon  
Pam Loebig - Alternate

### **Parks and Recreation Department Staff**

Rod Tarullo, Director of Parks,  
Recreation and Golf  
  
Stacy Turner, Parks and Recreation  
Executive Assistant/Department Liaison  
  
Becky Richmond, Recreation Manager  
  
Chad Meinert, Parks, Cemetery and  
Forestry Manager  
  
Keith Isenberger, Facilities Manager  
  
Noy Sparks, Golf Course Superintendent -  
Fossil Trace Golf Club  
  
Jim Hajek, PGA Head Golf Professional -  
Fossil Trace Golf Club  
  
Nathan Richie, Executive Director -  
Golden History Museums & Park

#### **Golden Community Center**

1470 10th St. Golden, CO 80401  
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[www.cityofgolden.net/Parks&Rec](http://www.cityofgolden.net/Parks&Rec)

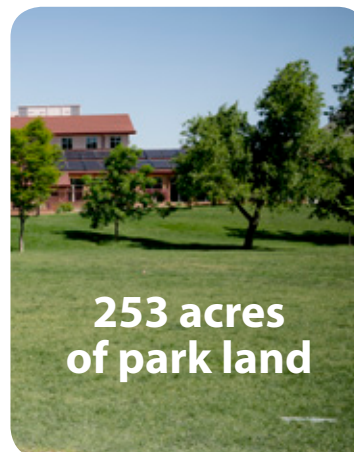


Golden is home to many  
unique recreational amenities  
for a town of its size...

**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."*

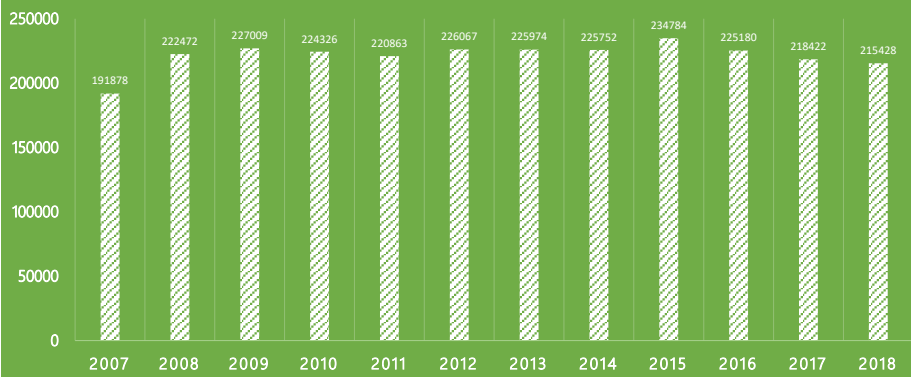


## MISSION

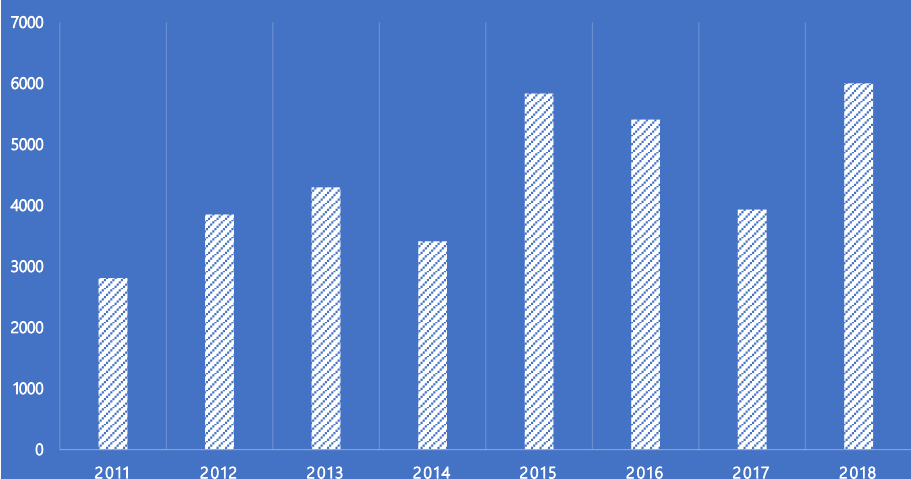
*"To promote and provide safe and comprehensive  
community facilities, programs and services  
that will enrich the quality of life  
for all residents and visitors."*

# Annual Numbers

GOLDEN COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL ADMISSIONS



GOLDEN HISTORY ANNUAL ADMISSIONS



## Golden History Museum & Park Donors July 1, 2017 — June 30, 2018

### \$5,000 +

City of Golden  
Golden Civic Foundation  
John and Andi Pearson

Scientific and Cultural Facilities District  
Pat Spieles and Carol McMurry

### \$1,000 - \$4,999

Downtown Development Authority  
Mark and Nancy Foster  
Friends of Golden History Museum & Park  
Carolyn Grenier  
Happel & Associates  
Kristi and Robert Mallow

Danielle and Louis Samuels  
Jan Shea  
Dixie Termin and Ron Miller  
Lynette and Jeffrey Vann  
Justin and Sarah Wade

### \$100 - \$999

Dale and Linda Baker  
Richard and Cynthia Bauman  
Frank and Theodore Bickart  
Shelly and Nick Bleckley  
Sarah and Joe Brenkert  
Lone Bryan  
Gene Child  
Sandra Curran  
Jim and LouAnne Dale  
Ingrid Diep  
Pat Donahue and Kevin Skeate  
Ed and Jean Dorsey  
Dressel-Martin MediaWorks, Inc.  
Mike Durall and San Daugherty-Durall  
Lisa and Scott Eldred  
Epilog Laser  
Libby Eispeth  
Sheryl A. Fassino  
Richard Flint  
William and Frances Fraser  
Ingrid Gardner  
Betty and Thomas Gleaton  
Wendy and Rick Goad  
Golden Hill  
Martha Gould  
Lynne Haigh  
Margaret B. Henderson  
Lou and Joan Henefeld

Holiday Brewing Co.  
Elaine Igenfritz  
Frank and Gaye Jacobs  
Joyce Jennings and William Cox  
Janet Johnson  
Sandra and Stuart Jones  
Paul and Karen Jones  
Justin LeVett Photography  
Diane and Mary Kay  
Sharon and Robert Kirts  
Lapis Design & Build  
Helen Leith  
Fran and Rich Loft  
Esther and Don Macalady  
Mary Anna and Walter Madden  
Pat and Judy Madison  
Leslie Markovchick  
Bill and Suzy McKee  
Helen McVey  
Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc.  
Bob Metz  
Meyer Hardware  
George and Susan Mitchell  
Jan Monnier and Mike Fehn  
Carl and Anne Mulay  
Natural Grocers  
Bob and Joyce Nelson  
Kevin and Kathleen O'Connor

Dan Orcutt  
Karen and Leon Oxman  
William and Jean Parfet  
Parfet Family  
Mark and Cathy Patridge  
Dennis and Susan Potter  
David Powers  
Mary and Charlie Ramstetter  
Christina and KC Schultz  
Sony and Theresa Shelton  
Jack and Catherine Skokan  
Alyson Stanfield and Rob Harrington  
State 38 Distilling  
Sherry and Roger Stuart  
Ginny and Dick Sugg  
Michael and Maria Tamburro  
Clare and Charlie Taylor  
The Fort Restaurant  
Jean Theobald  
Dean and Aimee Valdez  
James Wagenbach  
Barb Warden and Frank Blaha  
Larry and Betty Weaver  
Laura and Michael Weinberg  
Angela and Tom Wheaton  
Jeanne Whittaker  
Alan and Elizabeth Woodard  
Frank Young and Terre Deegan-Young

## 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 - Record Breaking Numbers!



Highest Revenue Total

**\$3,734,845**

Year End

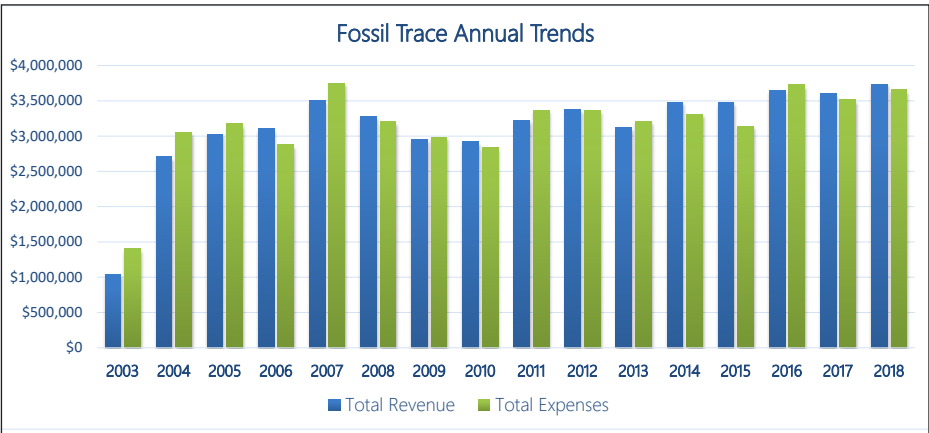
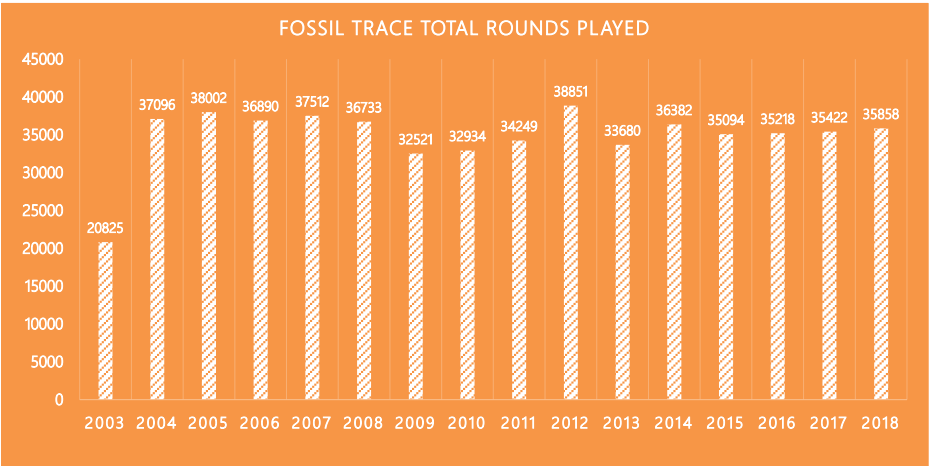
**2018**

**Best Golf Course**

**in Denver**

*Denver A-List*

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.



# New Pavilions

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.



# New Flagstone Signage



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!



*NEW spin bikes at the community center.*



*Refinished water slides at The Splash.*



*1968 Time Capsule.*



*444 Trees planted in 2018!*



# Have you seen these projects around town?



7,500 flower bulbs planted.



Fossil Trace Golf Club.



Clear Creek Whitewater course.



Hands-on History Summer Camp.

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