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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

In the March edition of the Informer, we told you about a great new memorial service program at the Golden Cemetery. The Memorial Ledger provides a location to memorialize a loved one who has been cremated and has chosen to spread their ashes elsewhere. It’s also a way to archive the life and death of the deceased into the permanent Cemetery records. Unfortunately, we provided you the wrong phone number. The correct phone number for the Golden Cemetery is 303-279-1435.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AND TREE SALE

In honor of Arbor Day, the City of Golden will be planting a tree at Shelton Elementary with the help of the school’s 4th grade class at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 18. For the 23rd consecutive year, Golden is recognized as a Tree City USA. You can do your part by participating in Golden’s annual tree sale. For details on the tree sale, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/TreeSale. Or you can contact City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net.

IMPROVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Golden’s i-Golden Neighborhood Grants can help you improve your neighborhood, or just have some fun with your neighbors. City Council funds both small grants, $500 or less, and the large matching grants of up to $2,500. The small grants are intended for block parties, neighborhood clean-up days and other small neighborhood events and projects. Matching grants are for larger projects and a match by the neighborhood is required. The match must be met with cash; pro bono and in kind contributions or sweat equity. For information visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/NeighborhoodGrants or contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.

HELP PLAN GOLDEN’S FUTURE

The GURA Board has one appointment expiring in June. Applications will be accepted until April 25. The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) is a volunteer board that provides policy directions and oversight to staff on a variety of redevelopment issues. For details visit www.gura.com or call 303-279-4162. Interviews are May 2 in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. Applications will be accepted by the City Clerk until 5 p.m. on April 25. Drop them off or mail them to 911 10th St., email to clerks@cityofgolden.net or fax to the City Clerk at 303-384-8001.

VACANCY ON SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

If you are interested in joining the Community Sustainability Advisory Board, see the details in the News section at www.cityofgolden.net.

Below is the Golden City Council’s calendar. Regular Council meetings are usually scheduled for the first and third Thursdays of the month. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

April 4
No Meeting

April 11
Regular business meeting

April 18
Rescheduled Regular Business Meeting

April 25
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.
Help Us Decide on a Transportation Solution

By Mayor Marjorie Sloan

After many years of intense and expensive battles against a proposed beltway extension, Golden last fall posed a question to its residents. When it comes to the proposed Jefferson Parkway and other efforts to build new roads in the area, should the city: 1. Continue to “just say no”; 2. Quit funding the fight; or 3. Fight for Golden in negotiations?

The vast majority of residents who participated in two open houses and an online forum opted for the third option. Based on that feedback, Golden since then has worked constructively with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to identify collaborative solutions to the region’s transportation challenges.

Golden is now evaluating a plan, hammered out by city and CDOT staff, to minimize the impact of a potential new road through Golden and recognizing that our segment would be costlier because it is the only part of road that would go through an existing community.

Starting with the proposed Muller Plan, created by Golden with the input of its citizens, CDOT and Golden staff reached a design that includes most of the improvements Golden residents have been wanting for years:

- Increasing safety and connectivity at the 19th Street and 6th Avenue intersection and between the Village at Mountain Ridge and Mitchell Elementary with the addition of a park-like bridge and tunnel;
- Taking traffic and noise away from north Golden neighborhoods through the realignment of Highway 93 and sound mitigation; and;
- Encouraging traffic to move smoothly through the five-mile corridor in Golden by constructing grade-separated interchanges at established bottlenecks.

Both CDOT and Golden staff made concessions concerning speed limits and number of lanes. Golden wanted a 45 MPH speed limit through town; CDOT wanted 55. The compromise was to keep the current speed limits: 45 MPH except for the 55 MPH stretch between Heritage Road and 19th Street.

Golden wanted four lanes; CDOT wanted six. A compromise was that the corridor will be four lanes, but improvements at intersections will be built to accommodate six at a later date. Conceivably, the road could be widened after traffic counts reach 75,000 vehicles a day. Projections show that we won’t get to that number in the foreseeable future (we’re talking decades) and, if we do, there would be so much congestion that six lanes could be needed.

The next concession involves tolling, a topic of widespread and heated debate. Colorado roads need a major infusion of money for maintenance and improvements. As a result, CDOT recently adopted a policy that no new roads or lanes will be constructed without serious consideration of so-called “managed lanes,” which can include tolls that vary depending on the time of day or level of traffic. But federal and state policies discourage the imposition of a toll on existing lanes.

Any agreements reached between Golden and CDOT staff would need to be endorsed by Golden’s City Council. For now, the Council needs to decide if the discussions are worth continuing. If the answer is “yes,” we soon need to get more specific in our analysis of total costs and Golden’s share. And before we answer “no,” we need to take into account the risk that Golden’s rejection of this plan could lead to construction of a concrete slab through our town without any of the negotiated improvements and mitigation.

During the City Council meeting on May 9, we will have a public hearing to get your feedback and decide our next steps. We invite you to attend that. In the meantime, I encourage you to visit GetthefactsGolden.org for drawings and details of the proposed plan.
Community Pride Days
Sat. May 4 & Sun. May 5; 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
1300 Catamount Drive

The City of Golden is proud to bring back Community Pride Days, a free service for residents who want to get rid of all of that junk you’ve collected in your basement, garage, back yard or around the house. All services are for Golden residents only.

Proof of Golden residency (a current driver’s license or your most recent Golden water bill) is required in order to participate in this event. Remember that many Golden mailing addresses are not within the City limits. To determine if you are a Golden resident, use the Jefferson County Address Wizard at www.co.jefferson.co.us/awiz/.

NEW THIS YEAR
The City of Golden will come to your home and pick up appliances left out at the curb, for a limited time. Curbside appliance recycling will be available for two weeks: Monday through Friday, May 6-10 and May 13-17. To arrange for a pickup, contact Paul Burkholder at pburkholder@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8142. You will need to provide the following information:
Name
Address
Phone Number
Item to be picked up
Date item(s) will be left curbside

ACCEPTED ITEMS:
- Household trash
- Electronic waste
- Unlimited paper shredding
- Metal recycling
- Tires & Tree brush

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:
- Propane tanks
- Batteries
- Pharmaceuticals
- Hazardous Waste

Clean Up and Clear Out
Golden’s Community Pride Days provides a great opportunity to reduce your home’s potential exposure to wildfire. This winter has been extremely dry. Wildfire danger is extremely high. So as you plan your spring clean up, do it with an eye toward wildfire safety. Create a 30 to 50 foot safety zone around your home. Here are some steps you can take.

- Clean your roof and gutters. Clear flammable vegetation and rubbish. Rake leaves, dead limbs and twigs. Remove leaves and rubbish from under structures like decks. Juniper bushes close to the house should be removed. They are ember catchers waiting to burn. Thin out trees so there is a 15 foot space between crowns. Remove limbs from trees within four feet of the ground. Remove dead branches that extend over the roof. Ask the power company to clear branches from power lines. Mow your grass regularly. Stack firewood at least 30 feet away and uphill from your home.

- All of the above suggestions are about removing fuel around your home. Spring cleaning not only makes our city more beautiful it makes our city safer.

If you would like to learn more about wildfire and the City of Golden you can read the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) by going to the www.cityofgolden.net and searching for CWPP. You can also visit www.firewise.org/dayofservice for project ideas to make your property safer from wildfires.
Golden is just weeks away from opening day of the West Rail Line and the new Community Call-n-Ride bus system. The new 12.1 mile light rail line will connect Denver’s Union Station to Golden’s new end-of-line station at the Jefferson County campus, with stops in Denver and Lakewood. The frequency of service will be every 15 minutes at the Golden station.

CHECK IT OUT FOR FREE
To celebrate, RTD will offer free rides all along the West Rail Line on Friday, April 26. Then on Saturday, April 27, ALL rail lines in the RTD service will be free for the entire day. You can also enjoy community parties at each station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on that Saturday. And Golden will debut its new Community Call-n-Ride bus system so you can check out the new flexible route that links the Golden end-of-line rail station to downtown Golden (see map on p. 9).

Check out the Community Bus for free on the 27th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A bus will leave the station every 15 minutes to give residents and other transit riders an introduction to the new system.

GARAGE AND BIKE PARKING
There’s a new parking garage adjacent to the Golden end-of-line station that has 700 garage spaces designated for West Rail Line passengers. There are pedestrian links from the station to Jefferson County campus sidewalks and the Highway 6 and C 470 shared use paths. There are bike racks adjacent to the platform as well as covered racks inside the parking garage and more secure bike lockers just outside the garage.

OTHER TRANSIT ROUTES
With the launch of the West Rail Line and the Community Call-n-Ride bus, two other transit services will be altered. The 16L (limited) bus will be discontinued, but the 16 bus will continue to operate from Golden to downtown Denver. There have been concerns expressed related to the Community Call-n-Ride bus not running late night and early morning service to the Golden station. While this is true, the 16 bus will stop at the Oak Street rail station in Lakewood and link up with the train for faster service to and from Denver during early morning and late night hours.

The GS bus service will continue to operate in its current form, but the 17 bus will now go no further west than Red Rocks Community College, with the intention that the West Rail Line plus the new Community Call-n-Ride bus with flexible route will serve this need.

RTD will also add to Golden’s transit options in the form of a weekday morning SkyRide bus to Denver International Airport (DIA). The early morning SkyRide bus will leave Golden each weekday at 2:58 a.m. and arrive at DIA at 4:22 a.m. Return trips would be provided by SkyRide buses from DIA to Union Station, with a transfer to the West Rail Line.

TRANSIT FARES
The West Rail Line between Golden and Denver’s Union Station will pass through three fare zones. Transfers are available and help reduce the overall cost of a trip. For example, for those taking the train from downtown Denver to the Golden station, the purchase of a $4 one-way ticket will include a transfer that allows them to continue their journey on the Community Call-n-Ride bus in Golden at no added cost; and vice-versa from Golden to Denver.

The fare for a one-way ticket on Golden’s Community bus without the train is $2.25. For those who will ride transit more regularly there are a number of different passes available to reduce the cost, such as monthly passes and ticket books. The options are listed online at http://www.rtd-denver.com/Fares.shtml.
The Golden Fire Department has been preparing for several months for the arrival of the West Rail Line and potential safety hazards. The best solution to avoid light rail accidents is education and prevention. In Golden, there is the large station at the Jefferson County campus at 6th Avenue and Johnson Road. When you first visit the station, check the markings on the platform, noting where it is safe to stand. Adults should hold the hands of small children at all times. Don’t ever run for a train; another one will come along shortly. Allow other passengers to exit the train before trying to board and always use the handrails when boarding.

Light rail trains are quiet, so look for the flashing headlights and listen for warning bells and horns. Stay alert and never walk on the tracks or in front of a moving train. In Golden, the Light Rail crosses at 6th Avenue and Johnson Road and Ulysses Street. A common light rail accident includes cars turning left or right and crossing illegally in front of trains or on red lights. Notice the stopping areas at the intersections; they look different than at other intersections in the city.

Never stop on the tracks, never try to beat a train through an intersection and be patient. The trains are fast and the intersection will open up quickly.

**IMPORTANT RESOURCE LINKS**

- City of Golden Information Page: [www.cityofgolden.net/links/GoldenTransit](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/GoldenTransit)
- RTD Fare Options for Bus and Rail: [http://www.rtd-denver.com/Fares.shtml](http://www.rtd-denver.com/Fares.shtml)
- West Rail Line Current Updates: [http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_1](http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_1)
TD’s Call-n-Ride division has two types of service, and Golden will use a hybrid of both, called the “Community Call-n-Ride Bus,” to best serve the community.

A typical Call-n-Ride program is a reservation-based service that requires passengers to call two or more hours ahead to schedule a trip, and service is generally curb to curb. While this type of service works for some, this alone would likely not serve all the community’s needs. So, in addition to offering the traditional reservation based service, there will be a flexible route with bus stops (also called “checkpoints”) to provide regular service during peak hours to the most popular destinations. This flexible route will be arranged to make a loop with buses arriving every 30 minutes during peak hours. This hybrid Call-n-Ride system will allow the service area to broaden and cover most of Golden, but also provide more frequent and scheduled stops in the core area of town where the greatest demand is projected. On the next page you will see a map showing the entire bus coverage area for the Call-n-Ride program (the route in dark gray) and the established flex route (seen in yellow on the map).

For now, the budget allows for two buses at peak times for the flexible route plus Call-n-Ride (morning and afternoons on weekdays) and one bus for off-peak hours for just Call-n-Ride, though the bus will stop at the end-of-line Golden station every hour to meet the train. (See the schedule below.) If the bus is successful after the first year, a third bus will be added to the service.

DEMAND DRIVEN

The flexible route is just that… flexible. That means it can change and evolve to meet the needs of the community. The buses are smaller 12-seat passenger vehicles (with room to stand as well) and because it works in a smaller geographical area, the driver often gets to know regular passengers and their needs. Informal arrangements and unscheduled stops are common because there’s no fixed route… just fixed stops at designated times.

So the driver has greater flexibility to personalize your bus service in between those scheduled stops. This also means that some areas that do not have a stop may get one in the future if the demand is there.

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Community Call-n-Ride Boundary and Flex Route
Through April 27
**Surface Explorations**

**April 1**
*April Fools’ Day*

**April 2**
*Cleveland Creek Public Workshop*
The City of Golden is hosting a public workshop to talk about the future of the Clear Creek Corridor and get public feedback. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/CCMP for details.

**April 4 and 18**
**MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers**
MOPS is a support group for mothers and children from birth to kindergarten. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1805 Washington Ave. For information call 303-279-4605 or visit www.fbcgolden.org under Families.

**April 6**
**Freshly Brewed History: Historic House Hunters**
Peek inside the former residences of three notable Golden women. Advanced tickets required for this walking tour that takes about two hours but only covers a few city blocks. Tours begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Astor House Museum, 822 12th St. For tickets and information call 303-278-3557.

**April 7**
*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.

**April 13**
**JSO Recital Concert**
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra recital will showcase the talents of the JSO musicians performing in small ensembles. 7 p.m. at Golden First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. Tickets are $10 and available at the door. For details visit www.jeffsymphony.org or call 303-278-4237.

**April 15**
**Tax Deadline**
Final day to submit your taxes for 2012.

**April 15 through May 24**
**Boot Camp Challenge**
This is a session-based program for every fitness level. All of motivation and affordability of group exercise with the accountability and results of personal training. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday OR 5:30 to 7 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information call Kim at 720-628-2901 or email info@BCCDenver.com.

**April 18**
**Arbor Day Celebration**
The City of Golden will mark the 23rd consecutive Arbor Day observance in Golden with a tree planting ceremony at Shelton Elementary School, 420 Crawford St. The City’s Forestry division will plant a tree with help from the school’s 4th grade class. For details call Dave High at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net.

**April 19**
**Ethics in Business Awards Luncheon**
Celebrate the best in business ethics. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Denver West Marriott, 1717 Denver West Blvd. Tickets are $35 and reservations required by April 12. Visit www.goldenrotaryethics.org.

**April 19 through May 26**
**The Memory of Water**

**April 20**
**Tea Time: Rosie the Riveter**
Enjoy a luncheon or just-desserts tea with “Rosie the Riveter” portrayed by Gail Beaton. “Rosie the Riveter” was the name given to women war workers during WWII, and Gail will tell the stories of these women.
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 workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.

April 3, 2013: 8:30 to 10 a.m.
June 5: 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.

May 1, 2013: 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

Kick off the growing season by joining the City of Golden from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 11 for the fourth annual Greener Golden celebration.

Take part in fun activities that will delight your green thumb. The event will take place at the City of Golden Public Works Administrative building and the Golden Community Garden.

Parking is available at 1445 10th Street. Among the activities: Pick up your pre-ordered Garden in a Box. If you missed the chance to order a kit, individual xeric plants and water wise products will be available for sale.

Tour the Golden Community Garden and learn about opportunities to participate.

Have your questions answered by CSU Extension Master Gardeners and meet members of our local garden clubs.

Take a tour of Golden’s Water Treatment Plant and learn about backflow preventers and their proper maintenance.

Learn about the City’s Environmental Services programs, including water conservation and our partnership with the Center for ReSource Conservation to offer free sprinkler inspections.

Order Garden-In-A-Box Kits

A limited number of low-water garden kits are on sale at a discount for Golden residents. Each garden kit comes with 15-28 plants; an easy to follow professionally designed ‘plant-by-number’ design and a care and maintenance guide. This year’s garden selection includes three perennial xeric garden kits - two for full sun and one suited for partial shade. Perennials come ready for planting in 4” pots that will bloom beautifully throughout the growing season. A ‘Spaghetti Dinner’ vegetable garden is also available. Garden kits can be viewed and ordered at GardenStore. GardenStore.ConservationCenter.org. For any garden kit questions call 303-999-3820 x222. Garden kits, along with easy to install drip kits and other water conservation products, must be pre-purchased by May 7. Garden kits will be available for pick-up at the Greener Golden event on May 11 (see above for event details).

Free Waterwise Gardening Seminar – Register Now!

The City of Golden is partnering with the Center for ReSource Conservation to provide a free seminar on the must have plants for your Xeriscape Garden and other water-wise landscape practices. The seminar, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, is FREE and open to anyone. It will be held at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. in the Bear Creek South room upstairs. For more information and to register visit GardenStore.ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x217.
The City’s Environmental Services Division is pleased to present the annual April art show in celebration of Earth Day. The artwork on display is created by first through sixth grade students from Mitchell and Shelton elementary schools. The work is inspired by nature, uses recycled materials or otherwise represents an environmental theme. Please visit the Children’s Room at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. to view artwork through the month of April.

Earth Day Art Show

Get Ready for Spring Yard Waste Collection

The 2013 Spring Yard Waste Collection is scheduled for May 11, 18 and 25. Residences covered by the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program will be divided into three areas with each area scheduled for collection on a separate Saturday. The dates will coincide with specific locations. To find out the specific date for your location, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash. We will also post the specific locations and dates in the May Informer.

Yard waste is considered to be grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, weeds and branches that are no longer than four feet and no larger than four inches in diameter; untreated and unpainted lumber, sawdust, ground or chipped wood. Branches may be bundled with string, yarn or rope.

Do not use wire for bundling. Bundles should be four feet in length and no more than two feet in diameter. Yard waste will be limited to three cubic yards per resident (an area that is approximately 4ft. x 4ft. x 4ft). Material that is not bundled, not in reusable containers or in non-compostable plastic bags will not be picked up.

Yard waste is recyclable, so do not contaminate with any of the following:

- No food waste (ex: fruits and vegetables)
- No plastics or plastic bags
- No dirt
- No cactus
- No tree stumps
- No branches greater than four inches in diameter
- No street sweepings
- No ashes
- No animal waste
- No treated lumber
- No logs
- No large tree limbs
- No old garden hoses
- No broken flower pots
2013 Claim Form for 2012 Sales Tax Refund

The sales tax refund is limited to senior, low-income or disabled individuals who have lived within the city limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2012 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return. The refund amount for 2012 is $50. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden and partial year at age 65.

Please check one box only:

- Senior Refund (must be 65 years or older)
- Low Income Refund
  Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
  - State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
  - Proof of Medicaid benefits
  - Proof of LEAP eligibility
  - Proof of eligibility for food stamps

- Disabled Refund
  Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
  - State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
  - Proof of full benefits from Social Security Disability Income, SSI or the Department of Human Services
  - Proof of total disability from a public or private insurance plan

Please print or type:

Name: Mr(s). ______________________________________________________
Age: ________________ Date of Birth: ________________________________
Name: Mr(s). ______________________________________________________
Age: ________________ Date of Birth: ________________________________
Address: __________________________________________ Golden, CO ZIP: _________
Phone: ____________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2012? _____ months
Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person’s income tax form?  yes  no
Signature: ________________________  Signature: ________________________

This form must be submitted by no later than April 15, 2013.

Refund Donation Option:
You have the option to donate your refund to a City of Golden program or department by checking one of the boxes below:
- Golden Volunteer Fire Department
- Golden Cemetery
- Golden Senior Front Porch
- Other City program or department (please identify): ____________________________

Office Use Only:
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2013 Claim Form for 2012 Sales Tax Refund

The sales tax refund is limited to senior, low-income or disabled individuals who have lived within the city limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2012 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return.

The refund amount for 2012 is $50. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden and partial year at age 65.

Please check one box only:

q Senior Refund (must be 65 years or older)
q Low Income Refund

Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
• State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
• Proof of Medicaid benefits
• Proof of LEAP eligibility
• Proof of eligibility for food stamps

q Disabled Refund

Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
• State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
• Proof of full benefits from Social Security Disability Income, SSI or the Department of Human Services
• Proof of total disability from a public or private insurance plan

Please print or type:

Name: Mr(s). Age: Date of Birth: Name: Mr(s). Age: Date of Birth:
Address: Golden, CO ZIP: Phone:

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2012? months

Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person’s income tax form? q yes q no

Signature: Signature:

This form must be submitted by no later than April 15, 2013.

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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:**

**CELEBRATE HEALTH!**
**Friday, April 5 & May 3**
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. 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

**RECEIVE THE FRONT PORCH NEWS ONLINE!**
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events.
http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

**FREE SEMINARS AVAILABLE! SIGN UP IN THE FRONT PORCH.**

**ANGELS EVERYWHERE**
**Thursday, April 11, 1 to 3 p.m.**
We welcome Sister Georgeann Quinlan, BVM, for “Angels Everywhere,” an hour-long program created to raise awareness of the many ways in which angels touch our everyday lives. Sign up in the Front Porch.

**GENERATIVITY: PASSING ON YOUR LEGACY**
**Tuesday, April 18, 1 to 3 p.m.**
Sign up in the Front Porch.

**UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS**

**The Polite Jazz Quartet #15009-1**
Bring your own sack lunch and enjoy a concert featuring The Polite Jazz Quartet. After the concert we will go for frozen yogurt and stroll the shopping district.
Tuesday, April 9, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
$9 (van, concert, bring your sack lunch and money for frozen yogurt) Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by April 5

**Georgia O’Keefe – Denver Art Museum - #15010-1**
Visit the temporary Georgia O’Keefe exhibit on a docent led tour. We will stop for lunch prior to the tour.
Wednesday, April 17, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
$17 (van, entrance into museum) Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by April 11

**Fiesta Colorado at the Broomfield Auditorium - #15012-1**
http://www.attheaudi.com Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Culture Feast in Broomfield. We will stop for dinner at a Mexican restaurant prior to the show.
Wednesday, May 1, 4:30 to 9 p.m.
$11 (van, show bring money for dinner) Exertion Level: 1
Register/Cancel by April 25
For more information and to register, visit http://rec.cityofgolden.net

GOLDEN SUN PRESCHOOL CAMP
Your child will enjoy a variety of activities, including arts/crafts, circle time, stories, interactive play and outdoor play. Each week will be a different theme your child is sure to enjoy. Snacks are provided.
Ages 3-5 years
Registration begins Monday, April 1

TEEN ADVENTURE FRIDAYS
Ages 13-15 years
Field trips include Wings over the Rockies, Glacier Ice Cream tour, Chautauqua Park hike, Family Sports Center, Adventure Golf & Raceway, horseback riding and the Splash water park.

SUMMER CAMPS
Are you still looking for summer camp options for your 5-12 year olds? Our state licensed day camps are available during most Jefferson County holiday breaks, including winter break, spring break and summer break. Drop off is from 8-9:30 a.m. and pick up is from 4-6 p.m. Campers will enjoy weekly field trips, swimming, climbing, gym/sports, cooking, arts/crafts and much more. Daily registration is available.
Jr. Summer Day Camp (ages 5-8 years) and Adventure Summer Camp (ages 9-12 years) still have openings.
Registration will remain open until all days are full.

SUMMER SWIM
Summer swim lesson registration opens the first week in May for all swim levels, mark your calendars!
Residents: Monday, May 6
Non-Residents: Tuesday, May 7

SPLASH OPENS SATURDAY, MAY 25!
Ready for a splash’n’ good time? The Splash Aquatic Park opens for the 2013 season Saturday, May 25th.

GEAR UP FOR SUMMER YOUTH ATHLETICS
CARA Track begins June 1 for ages 5-16 years
CARA Tennis begins June 11 for ages 8-18 years
Tennis lessons: the first of five sessions begins May 14 for ages 4-18. Tennis lessons are available for all skill levels.
Skyhawks Sports Camps: first camp begins June 3. Skyhawks offer a variety of camps for ages 4-12.
Volleyball Training begins June 4 for grades 4-8.

Attention Kids (and Parents):
Public Meeting April 16 for Norman D. Park
Do you love Norman D. Park? What is your favorite part of the playground? What fun new play features would you like to add? Join the Golden Parks and Rec Advisory Board for a public meeting on April 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Golden Community Center to share your thoughts and ideas. Your input will help shape the future of the park for generations to come!

What: Norman D. Park Public Meeting
When: April 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Where: Golden Community Center
1470 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401
Who: Golden Residents
Why: To give input on future improvements
Pet Vaccination and Licensing Clinic

Dog licensing is one of the most effective ways to be reunited with your dog should he or she ever go missing. In addition, you can help thousands of pets find their forever homes. Your licensing fee goes toward the care and sheltering of nearly 8,000 orphaned animals during their temporary stay at Foothills Animal Shelter each year.

No appointment necessary! Please bring your pet’s vaccination records to help us serve you better. Microchips will also be offered. Dog licenses are required for all dogs four months and older. All dog owners must provide proof of a current rabies vaccination to obtain a license. For details visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/Clinic or call 303-271-5070.

WHEN: Saturday, April 27
2 to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Lions Park, 1300 10th St.

DOG LICENSING FEES:
$15 – if your dog is spayed or neutered
$30 – if your dog is still intact

Community Generosity Helps Kids Discover Science

Eight months ago, dusty boxes full of long forgotten and obsolete classroom equipment cluttered an unused classroom at Shelton Elementary School. Now, after two years of fundraising, the room has been transformed into a Discovery Science Lab that demonstrates how exciting science can be.

Thanks to two grants, the final touches to the Discovery Lab are ahead of schedule. A grant for $2,000 was received from a generous community member who read about the lab in the Golden Informer. Choosing to remain anonymous, the donor wrote, “We would like to applaud and support the Shelton community for increasing hands-on science curriculum for their students.” The grant money allowed for the purchase of eight new microscopes in addition to the eight already purchased through money raised from Coyote 5K Classic - the school’s annual technology fundraiser held in September.

While still celebrating the ability to purchase the new microscopes, Shelton received word from the Lowe’s Toolbox for Education foundation about the award of a $4,500 grant. This second grant allowed the lab to be completed ahead of schedule with the purchase of a refrigerator, additional storage shelves, new ceiling electrical units, and technology.

A year ago the lab was an idea put forth by Shelton’s principal Peggy Griebenow. It has now surpassed all expectations. Shelton Elementary staff, students, and parents would like to extend appreciation to the Golden community, to the generous anonymous donor, and to Lowe’s for supporting the quest to improve the science experience for Shelton students.
Some people think bees are just pesky insects with painful stingers and don’t realize the incredible benefits of bees to our environment or the steeped history of beekeeping. This summer, Golden History Museums is working with local beekeeping experts at the Clear Creek History Park (CCHP) to educate the public about the necessity of insect pollination and the methods pioneers used to keep bees.

The art of beekeeping has developed slowly over thousands of years into the commercial beekeeping which occurs today. The earliest evidence of honey extraction dates back 15,000 years. Early rock paintings depict humans stealing honey from naturally occurring beehives. Historians have proven that ancient societies like the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Chinese, and Mayans kept domesticated bees for honey production. These beekeepers used clay pots, straw baskets, wooden frames and top bar hives to hold the bees and extract honey.

In 1853, L.L. Langstroth helped advance American beekeeping by writing *The Hive and Honey-bee*. His newly designed hive allowed beekeepers to tend the bees with greater ease and higher efficiency. With this new invention, beekeeping grew in popularity and hives began to pop up in both urban and rural settings. Many women began to keep bees because it was one of the few profitable industries that women could do from their homes.

Bees face many challenges today. They are threatened by disease, dangerous mites, habitat loss, colony collapse disorder, and pollution. A decline in the number of hives and beekeepers in the United States creates a serious long-term problem with pollinating crops and the growth of affordable fresh food.

This summer at CCHP come see our knowledgeable beekeepers during *Summer on the Homestead*. Learn about beekeeping, blacksmithing, and life on the Colorado frontier from costumed interpreters on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. The cost is only $3 per person and is free for museum members and children 6 and under. For more details visit GoldenHistory.org.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Bees are the only insects that create food eaten by humans.
- Locally produced honey can improve your allergies, immune system, brain function, and overall health. The average beehive produces 40-100 pounds of honey each year.
- Bees are responsible for 80 percent of the world’s insect pollination.
- A colony of bees consists of 40,000 to 60,000 honeybees but has only one queen that lays eggs.
Noticeably the Best Around

Fossil Trace Golf Club is coming off of one of its most successful years in the Club’s history. Fossil Trace saw record numbers of golfers in 2012 and the popularity was noticed by the entire state. The Club looks forward to another great year as we get into warmer months, although most avid golfers know that this is a sport you can enjoy year around in Colorado. Even if you’re not a golfer, but like to enjoy a great meal with a spectacular view, you can dine at the newly remodeled Three Tomatoes Steakhouse inside the Fossil Trace clubhouse. For a look at Fossil Trace Golf Club, visit www.fossiltrace.com. Check out how Fossil Trace ranked in the spring issue of *Colorado Avid Golfer Magazine*:

**Ranked #1 in People’s Choice:**
- Best Denver/Front Range Course
- Best Service
- Best Charity Tournament Venue
- Best Bet-Settler (18th hole)
- Best Food

**Ranked #2 in People’s Choice:**
- Best Après-Golf Experience
- Best Course for Women
- Best Course for Seniors

**Ranked #3 in People’s Choice:**
- Best Wedding/Party Venue
- Best On-Course Views

From the Spring Issue of *Colorado Avid Golfer Magazine*
2013 Summer Employment Opportunities

The City of Golden will soon be accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, the Splash Aquatic Park and Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Be sure to check out our website at http://sitetools.cityofgolden.net/employment.asp for job availability.

Opportunities include:

- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors
- Batting Cage Attendants
- Field Crew
- Day Camp Leaders
- Youth Program Leaders
- Parks
- Cemetery and Golf Maintenance
- Pro-Shop Guest Services at Fossil Trace
- Cashiers and Food & Beverage Workers at The Splash