

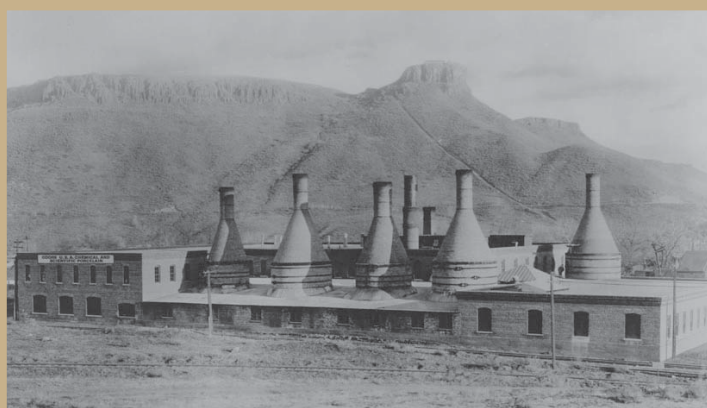


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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

The City of Golden will swear-in three new Council members at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, during the City Council meeting in Council Chambers, 911 10th St. The newly elected members include Mayor-elect Marjorie Sloan, Councilor-elect Saoirse Charis-Graves for District 1 and Councilor-elect Marcie Miller for District 2. Once the new members take the oath of office, they will begin their four year terms. They will also elect a Mayor Pro Tem, who serves when the Mayor is absent.

If you cannot come to the meeting, you can watch it live streamed on the City of Golden website at www.cityofgolden.net. It will also be broadcast live and re-broadcast on Cable Channel 8.

HELP PLAN FOR GOLDEN

Four appointments to the Planning Commission expire in January 2012. City Council will be conducting interviews of interested citizens at the Jan. 19 Council meeting, at City Hall Council Chambers, 911 10th St.

The Planning Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. If you are interested in applying, attend the Planning Commission meeting on Dec. 7 or Jan. 4 and get a feel for how the Commission functions.

Applications are available on the City's web site, www.cityofgolden.net/government/boards-commissions/planning-commission/, under Boards and Commissions, on Planning Commission's page. They are due to the City Clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 11. They may be mailed to City Clerk, 911 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401, faxed to City Clerk, 303-384-8001, or emailed, Clerks@cityofgolden.net.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Golden. These appointments

will expire January, 2016.

Direct any questions to the Planning and Development Department: 303-384-8097 or Planning and Development Director Steve Glueck, sglueck@cityofgolden.net.

A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN SUSTAINABILITY

The Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) has 4 appointments that will expire February, 2012. These are 4 year appointments. The CSAB meets twice monthly; the second Monday and the fourth Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Applications are available on the City's web site, www.cityofgolden.net/government/boards-commissions/community-sustainability-advisory-board/, under Boards and Commissions, on CSAB's page. They are due to the City Clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 25, 2012. They may be mailed to City Clerk, 911 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401, faxed to City Clerk, 303-384-8001, or emailed, Clerks@cityofgolden.net.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Golden. These terms will expire February, 2016.

Direct any questions to the Golden Sustainability Coordinator, Theresa Worsham, at 303-384-8117 or by email, Goldensustainability@cityofgolden.net

CITY HOLIDAY HOURS

The City of Golden's administrative offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan 2.

The Golden Community Center will close at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24 and will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 25. The GCC will also close at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31 and will be open for modified hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1.



Below is the Golden City Council's calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

Dec. 1

Regular Study Session and Rescheduled Business Meeting

Dec. 8

Regular Business Meeting

Dec. 15 No meeting

Dec. 22 No meeting

Jan. 5 No meeting

Jan. 12

Regular Business Meeting

Jan. 19

Regular Study Session

Jan. 26

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.



Passing the Gavel

By Mayor Jacob Smith

On Jan. 12, the City Clerk will swear in Marjorie Sloan as Golden's 47th mayor. I am honored to pass the gavel in a tradition of transferring community leadership that goes back as far as the earliest democracies.

I ran for mayor because I believed we needed to adjust course. We had tackled how much growth was appropriate through our growth limit, but we hadn't addressed the character of that growth. Development and change were happening to us, instead of our community guiding those changes to fit our community vision. Over the past four years we've made that course correction. Through Golden Vision 2030, the comprehensive plan, neighborhood plans, eliminating loopholes in city code, and new height limits downtown, our neighborhoods and our community now have more control over what happens in Golden. City staff, community members, and City Council, including Mayor-elect Sloan, deserve credit. This is a work in progress, and future city councils will have to remain thoughtful and vigilant, but we now have the tools to shape our own future.

I'm proud of two other major accomplishments. We committed to setting the bar for government accessibility and transparency, which we've done. And we weathered the country's worst economic crisis since the Great Depression in extremely strong fashion.

I'm also proud of many other achievements: the new neighborhood grant program; light rail and the community bus launching in 2013; connecting our southernmost neighborhoods to the rest of Golden with a bike/pedestrian path; completing key bike lane and trail projects like the Jackson Street Corridor, the Washington Avenue bridge, and the 6th Avenue path; pedestrian safety improvements at Golden's schools; killing CDOT's beltway plan and keeping it out of Golden; strengthening our historic preservation code; restoring the Cambria Lime Kiln; supporting the First Friday Street Fairs; increasing recycling and making our building code more sustainable; hosting the USA Pro Cycling Challenge; water quality and fish habitat improvements on Clear Creek; reducing fees for downtown business owners; implementing the Housing Affordability Task Force recommendations; renovating the Community Center; new master plans for Clear Creek and the Parks and Recreation system; updating our economic vitality strategy; improving water quality and radon standards; reducing youth access to tobacco; providing regional leadership on sprawl and transportation issues; increasing the number of our community members participating in local government; earning national awards for many of Golden's programs and departments; increasing support for local manufacturers; producing our first-ever Community Accountability Reports; and protecting key open space areas.

By any measure, Golden is in great shape, and as this most recent election demonstrated, residents are pleased with the community's direction.

Golden does face some major challenges in the years ahead, including continued population growth across the region; sustaining our economic vitality; and protecting and improving our schools.

To tackle these challenges, we all need to remain engaged in shaping the future of our community, and I encourage everyone in Golden to participate. Run for elected office or serve on a board or commission. Participate in community land use and master plan decisions. Support our schools or volunteer with community organizations. Our community is as strong and healthy as it is precisely because so many people choose to contribute.

I offer my deepest gratitude to my colleagues on City Council, our exceptional city staff, and everyone who is a part of this remarkable community. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve. I also offer Mayor-elect Sloan and the new City Council my congratulations and best wishes in their important roles. I have every confidence that Golden will continue to thrive in the decades ahead.

Respectfully,
Jacob

Libraries Expected to Re-Open on Mondays

Like many companies and organizations, the Jefferson County Public Library system is in a budget crunch. The Jefferson County Library Board of Trustees and Library staff were tasked with trimming an additional \$2 million from the budget, after already making many cuts. They've worked hard to make the necessary cuts while still providing the best service possible to their customers. The Board and Staff believe they've come up with a way to reopen on Mondays, keep all of the libraries open and still balance the budget.

The effects of the budget cuts will



not go unnoticed, however. In order to keep the libraries open, the hours of operation will be reduced, the investment in materials and resources will be trimmed and 16 full-time positions will have to be eliminated.

"We recognize that these changes will be painful to our patrons and employees, and we are working hard to implement these changes as efficiently and effectively as we can," said Library spokesperson Rebecca Winning. "The good news is that we believe we now have a sustainable budget that will take us through the next couple of years while we wait for the economy to improve."

The Library's proposed 2012 budget has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval on Dec. 6. For details on the new library schedules or more information, visit jeffcolibrary.org.

Help with Heating Bills

Colorado's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is accepting applications for residents struggling to pay their heating bills. LEAP began accepting applications on Nov. 1 and will continue to accept them until April 30, 2012. LEAP is a federally funded program that provides cash assistance to help families and individuals pay a portion of winter home heating costs.

Due to a recent decrease in federal funding, the income criteria for the LEAP program has been reduced from 185 percent to 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For a household of four people, the maximum household income may not exceed \$2,794 per month; previously that amount was \$3,400. The anticipated average LEAP benefit for 2011-2012 is estimated to be \$325 per household.

To qualify for LEAP, applicants must be responsible for paying heating costs directly to an energy

provider, fuel dealer or as a part of rent. Applicants must be a permanent, legal resident of the United States and Colorado, or have household members that are U.S. citizens.

Applicants must provide a copy of valid identification and a completed affidavit indicating that they are lawfully present in the United States. Valid forms of identification include, but are not limited to:

- Colorado Driver's License or Colorado Identification card; or
- United States Military Identification card or Military Dependent's card; or
- United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card; or
- Native American Tribal document.

Other forms of identification may be required as well.

Completed applications can be faxed, mailed or delivered to the appropriate county office. To obtain an application:

- Call 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) to have an application mailed to you.
- Apply at Jefferson County Human Services, Suite 110, 900 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401.
- Download an application from www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap. Mail or deliver completed applications to Jefferson County Human Services, Attn: LEAP Department, 900 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401; or fax applications to 303-271-4315.
- Applications are also available at all Jefferson County Public Library branches and at local food banks.

For more information about LEAP, or information on additional resources that may be available if you do not meet LEAP requirements, call 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) or visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap.

Fire and Life Safety Tips for Winter

Cold weather has arrived and the holidays are just around the corner. Here are some fire and life safety tips to help all in our community enjoy a safe and happy winter and holiday season.

During the winter, we use our furnaces and fireplaces and maybe even warm up our cars by idling them in the garage (which you should never do!). Cold weather raises our risk for carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. If you have solid or gas fuel burning appliances or fireplaces in your home, or have an attached garage, the fire department recommends installing a listed CO detector on each level of your home near sleeping areas. CO has been dubbed the “Silent Killer.” It is a colorless and odorless gas that can be deadly in elevated concentrations. CO detectors are designed to detect and audibly warn occupants of the presence of CO before it can reach levels that can make you sick or become lethal, particularly when sleeping. CO has a density slightly lighter than air, so it will rise and disperse throughout your home. Unlike smoke alarms, many CO detectors operate on normal household electrical power with a battery backup and simply plug into a normal electrical wall outlet.

CO detectors are just as important as smoke detectors in the home. When you change your clocks twice a year, you should change the batteries in your CO and smoke detectors, and remember to test each one in your home monthly.

Do not rely on CO detectors alone. Be aware of common signs or symptoms of CO exposure, which can include headaches, dizziness, nausea, weakness, irritability and eventually unconsciousness. If you have any of these symptoms and/or your CO detector has sounded, remove yourself and others to fresh air immediately. Call 911 from a cell phone or a neighbor’s phone. If possible try to ventilate your home by leaving the door or window open when exiting. CO has a relatively wide flammable range. While an explosion involving CO in normal household settings is rare, it is possible in the right conditions, so ventilation is key. If your CO detector sounds an alarm and won’t reset, it may be time to replace your detector.



Here are a few other winter and holiday tips:

- Avoid obstructing fire hydrants with piles of snow, and clear fallen snow from around hydrants on your property.
- Make sure that snow does not obstruct combustion air inlets or exhausts for your fuel burning appliances. Blockages may lead to improper operation and/or carbon monoxide problems.
- Be sure to shovel snow away from all exits from your home to allow for emergency egress.
- Make sure your home address remains visible to emergency responders and is not covered by snow.
- Inspect holiday lighting before installing. Check for damaged wire insulation, exposed wire conductors or signs of previous overheating. Replace any damaged lighting.
- Avoid staples or nails that can penetrate wiring and cause electrical shorting and fire.
- If you enjoy fresh holiday trees, water them often to avoid having a dry tree, which is a serious fire hazard. Check for dryness often and remove the tree before it is too dry.
- Keep candles and other heat sources well away from natural cut holiday trees.
- Extinguish candles and turn off holiday lighting when you go to bed or leave home.

The Golden Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and happy winter and holiday season.

Attention to Detail Pays Off in Police Investigations

Unlike what you see on television, real police investigations can take weeks, months or even years. Patience is key and so is an ability to connect the dots. Recently, the Golden Police Department (GPD) proved those skills very useful when a series of investigations came full circle.

On Oct. 4, 2009, the City of Golden's Smart Car had been moved from its parking place, onto the sidewalk and both drivers' side tires had been slashed. The responding officer noticed what he believed to be smudges of dried blood in various places on the exterior of the car. A Criminalist from GPD collected the blood and it was eventually submitted to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for DNA examination.

Months later, on Jan. 20, 2010, Golden Police responded when a car parked in one of the downtown parking garages had been broken into and the stereo was removed from the dash. Once again, the responding officer noticed what he thought was a smudge of dried blood on the dash of the car. The officer collected the blood and submitted it as evidence.

At about the same time, the Colorado School of Mines had been experiencing several car break-ins in one of the freshman



Top: Criminalist Amanda Cordova in the Police Evidence Lab. Left: The City of Golden Smart Car. Right: Dusting for fingerprints.

parking lots. Although they had not made an arrest, they did have a suspect in mind. Golden Police got the suspect to voluntarily submit a sample of DNA.

The DNA from the CSM suspect and the blood from the stereo theft were submitted to CBI for examination. It turns out the blood from the suspect was not from the stereo theft, but from the damaged

Smart Car incident. The same lab examiner at CBI worked both cases and recognized the match.

A GPD detective spoke to the CSM suspect in reference to the Smart Car case and he did eventually confess. The other case in the downtown parking lot was not forgotten. The blood sample was entered into the state DNA system and a suspect was identified. An arrest in that case is imminent.

Golden's New "Green" Neighbors

A company which makes its money from the consumption of electricity has decided to go energy-efficient as it moves into Golden. Electrical Technologies is relocating to the Coors Technology Center near 44th Avenue and McIntyre Street. The company, which engineers utility scale electrical transformers, is going above the "green" standards set by the City of Golden as it builds its new headquarters.

The 11,439 square foot office and warehouse building is one of the first projects in Golden to comply with the City's new sustainability guidelines in the land use code. For the past year, applicants for commercial and multifamily projects have been required to achieve a minimum of 25 points from a broad menu of sustainable options. They include energy efficiency choices, preservation of existing structures and even potential innovation points for creative ways



Left to Right: City Councilor Marcia Claxton, Electrical Technologies CEO Gerry Suman, Mayor Pro Tem Karen Oxman and Planning Commissioner Jim Dale at the groundbreaking ceremony.

to approach sustainability.

Electrical Technologies committed to 25 points with choices such as rooftop solar and amenities for bicycle commuters. But CEO Gerry Suman decided to go beyond the minimum requirements, because he views energy efficiency in particular as an investment that will pay off financially in just a few years. The irony, as he points out, is that

Electrical Technologies makes its profits from increases in demand for electricity.

Some of the extra energy efficiency investments that will go into the new building include a construction method called Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF). This approach creates a much tighter building envelope than traditional construction techniques to keep the building warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. The second new investment involves the installation of a geothermal heat pump system to use the relatively

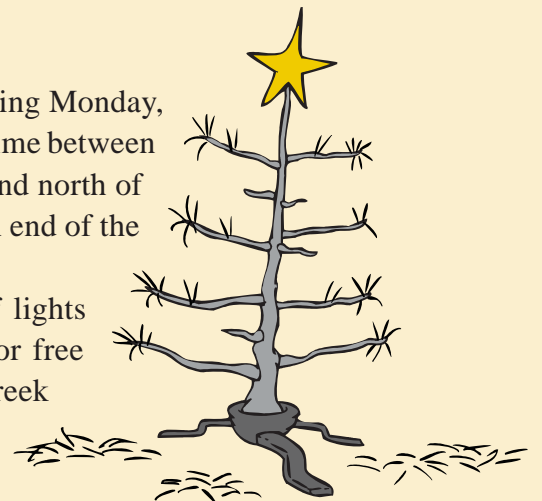
constant temperature below ground to help heat or cool the building, depending on the season, rather than pulling in the more extreme outside air temperatures.

The City of Golden happily welcomed Electrical Technologies to the City during a ground-breaking ceremony in October. The new building is expected to be complete in the Spring of 2012.

HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

The City of Golden will accept holiday trees for recycling beginning Monday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 29. Trees may be dropped off at any time between these dates at the Golden Recycle site, just west of Highway 93 and north of Golden Gate Canyon Road. Please leave holiday trees at the south end of the site where a sign announcing the recycling will be visible.

Trees must be stripped of all ornaments, hardware, strings of lights and tinsel. Mulch from the chipping process will be available for free at the public pickup site on 11th Street, just west of the Clear Creek History Park. For further information, contact the City of Golden Forestry office at 303-384-8141.



6 Tips for Sustainable Holidays

With the busy holiday season, don't forget to take sustainability into account as you celebrate. Act on these simple tips to enjoy a greener holiday:

- If you replace old holiday lights, switch to LED lights. They will last longer and consume a fraction of the energy that incandescent string lights use.
- When making your purchases, look for those with minimal packaging, or items packed in recycled or recyclable materials.
- When planning your holiday meals, buy local. A traditional dinner that uses seasonal produce or meats from a local farm helps reduce "food miles" - the distance food travels to reach your plate.

- Surprise the chef on your list with a share to a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm. CSA shares are a popular way for residents to buy seasonal, local food directly from farmers. Typically, consumers purchase a share or "subscription" and in return receive a box of produce each week throughout the farming season. For more information, visit www.coloradocsas.info or www.localsustainability.net.
- If you decorate with a tree, consider a live-potted tree that you can replant in the spring or buy a locally grown tree and remember to recycle it after the holidays.
- Give "battery-free" gifts. According to the EPA, about 40 percent of

all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Discarded batteries, especially rechargeable ones, should be disposed of in an appropriate facility such as the Rooney Road Household Hazardous Waste facility.

DID YOU KNOW?

All of that holiday wrapping paper is largely to blame for a 25 percent increase in trash during late December. Instead try recyclable alternatives such as comics, kids' artwork, or reusable bags. Free old maps are also available at the USGS map store at the Federal Center.

New Energy Advisor Program Launches in January 2012



The City of Golden Community Sustainability Advisory Board and the International Center for Appropriate & Sustainable Technology (iCAST) have created a new community-wide energy efficiency program – ResourceSmart Golden – that aims to simplify the process of choosing energy efficiency upgrades for both homeowners and businesses in the Golden community. The new city initiative offers simple cash flow-positive solutions to help residents start saving money immediately while improving their property value and reducing energy costs.

Beginning in January 2012, ResourceSmart Golden will first provide owners with an energy audit that will include a comprehensive report on suggested

improvements for all areas of the home or business. Once the resident decides what upgrades to implement, approved subcontractors will complete the work and perform quality checks during and after all work has been completed. The program also provides rebates, incentives, and low-interest loans to help members see savings from day one and watch those savings grow as energy prices rise.

"In keeping with its nonprofit mission, iCAST brings a unique and innovative approach to ResourceSmart Golden," said Ravi Malhotra, Founder and President of iCAST. "We aim to help residents of Golden access immediate savings on their energy costs as well as bring health, safety and comfort benefits while creating new local green jobs and increasing economic development for the community."

For more information, visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/departments-divisions/sustainability/resourcesmart-golden/.

GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Through Dec. 22

A Rocky Mountain Holiday

An evening of storytelling and song to delight one and all this holiday season. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and information, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through Dec. 13

North Pole Golden:

U.S. Postal Box for Santa

Bring your letters to Santa's mailbox and Santa will answer them. Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. For information call 303-279-3113.

Through Dec. 16

Golden Library Closed

The Golden Library is temporarily closed in order to replace the building's heating, ventilating and air conditioning system. For details and locations of other libraries in Jefferson County, visit jeffcolibrary.org.

Through Dec. 31

A Christmas Tradition

Comedy, dance and all of your favorite songs of the season to put you in the spirit. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For information call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

Santa's Nutcracker

Heritage Square Music Hall Children's Theatre presents a fun-filled hour of entertainment for younger patrons. Shows are targeted for ages 2-12. Saturdays, 1:30-3 p.m. Reservations recommended. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For information call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

Through Jan. 21

Out of This World:

Contemporary Star Quilts

The exhibit showcases pieces inspired by tradition, inspired by science and space travel, and some that are just "out there." Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For hours and details, contact 303-277-0377 or www.rmqm.org.

Dec. 1

GHS Concert

Golden High School's Percussion Ensemble and Drum line will present a concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School auditorium, 701 24th St. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, contact Dr. William Graves at wgraves@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Dec. 2

Candlelight Walk

Gather at 6 p.m. at the Foothills Art Center, 15th and Arapahoe streets, for caroling. The Golden Chamber of Commerce will sell candles for 50 cents each. The walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. The walk ends at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave., where there will be a stage show with a variety of performances. For more information call 303-279-3113.

Photos with Santa

Get your picture with Santa and enjoy a holiday bake sale. 5 to 6 p.m. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

CSM Seasonal Sing

The Colorado School of Mines Chamber Singers, Orchestra and Concert Band present their annual Seasonal Sing at 7:30 p.m. on the Bunker Auditorium Stage in the Green Center, 924 16th St. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 303-384-2073 for more information.

Dec. 2, 3, 4

Golden Holiday Open House

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Historic Downtown Golden. These merchants will be extending hours until 6 p.m., offering sales, refreshments and entertainment. Call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldenochamber.org for information.

- Ace Hi Tavern Co.
- Art on the Brix
- Avenue Gifts
- Baby Doe's Clothing
- Chelsea's of London
- Creekside Jewelers
- Foothills Art Center
- Golden Sweets
- Heart of Oneness Center
- Red Wagon
- Spirits in the Wind Gallery
- The Clothes Mine
- Vidal Outdoors
- Wild West Traders, LLC
- Golden's museums and cultural groups will participate as well

Dec. 3, 10, 17

Daytime Holiday Open House

Cookies, candy and refreshments from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. Call 303-279-3113 for details.

Olde Golden Christmas on Parade

Come see a true olde fashioned

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hometown parade with floats, clowns, Christmas characters, music and Santa. 11 to 11:30 a.m. on Washington Avenue. Call 303-279-3113 for details.

Newfoundland Dog Cart Rides

Free for children. Pick up at 12th and Jackson streets across from the Golden Diner. Noon to 3 p.m. Donations benefit Newfoundland Dog Rescue Fund.

Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18

Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

Pick up your ride on 12th Street between Washington Avenue and Arapahoe Street. Noon to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Call 303-279-3113 for details.

Dec. 3, 10, 11, 17

Santa Claus Special at the Colorado Railroad Museum

Santa replaces his sleigh and reindeer for a locomotive and a team of historic passenger cars all decked out for the holidays. The train departs every 30 minutes between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. For information call 303-279-4591 or visit www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org.

Dec. 10

Golden Tones Big Band Concert

Treat yourself to the swinging sounds of the season from the 40s and 50s. Regular admission fees apply; stay late or come early to tour the museum. 1 to 2 p.m. at Golden History Center, 923 10th St. For details call 303-278-3557 or visit GoldenHistory.org.

Dec. 10 and 11

Christmas Concert

Golden Concert Choir and Denver Pops perform at 4 p.m. at Golden High School, 701 24th Street on Saturday. The Sunday performance is at 4 p.m. at 216 S. Grant in Denver. For information call 303-279-5177.

Dec. 11

Holiday Concert

The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra presents Rimsky-Korsakov's Christmas Eve Suite and arias from Puccini's La Boheme. Silent auction and wine reception follow. 3 p.m. at the Green Center, Colorado School of Mines campus, 924 16th St. For tickets and information call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

Dec. 13 and 14

GHS Holiday Concert

Golden High School's Music Department will present its Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School auditorium, 701 24th St. Tickets are \$3 at the door. For more information, contact Ms. Angela Becker at abecker@jeffco.k12.co.us or Dr. William Graves at wgraves@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Dec. 21

Winter Begins

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve

Jan. 9 through Feb. 17

Boot Camp Challenge

Get and stay on track for your 2012 fitness goals with this 6-week session geared for every fitness level. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays. Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information call 303-800-5606 or email info@BCCDenver.com.

Jan. 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 27

Rich Cope Tuba Concert

Rich Cope, principal horn of the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra, will present the history and development of the tuba with antique instruments and demonstrations using his personal collection. 7 to 8 p.m. at Golden History Center, 923 10th St. \$15 non-members, \$10 members. For details call 303-278-3557 or visit GoldenHistory.org.

**Tell them you read about them
in the Golden Informer!**



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**For more up to date information
or other things to do in Golden,
visit www.2HourVacation.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 ktlilly@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.



City of
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911 10TH ST. GOLDEN, CO 80401

2012 Claim Form for 2011 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 2011 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person's tax return.

The refund amount for 2011 is \$50. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden.

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 2011? _____ 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, 2012.

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:

Account #013031-6190 STR Vendor # _____ Received _____ Payable _____

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;
- Subscribe to the Front Porch Newsletter (\$8/year);
- Check out the Recreation brochure; or
- Visit www.cityofgolden.net/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:

Celebrate Health!

Fridays, Dec. 2 and Jan. 6

Celebrate Health! is held upstairs at the Front Porch of the Golden Community Center. For more information, please call 303-384-8130.

Chair massages.....\$13 for 15 minutes

Reflexology sessions\$13 for 15 minutes

Footcare with Chalyce\$20 per 15 minutes

Receive the Front Porch News Online!

Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net (Active Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Northglenn Film Series - #15105-1

Wales Land of Song

www.northglenn.org/travelfilms

Join us as we travel to Northglenn to see filmmaking musicians Monty and Marsh narrate their journey through Wales. Hear their tales and listen to their songs about their adventures while watching a beautiful film on the four coasts of Wales. Discover this small country with its own language and large personality.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$16 (van and admission included;

refreshments provided at 15 minute intermission. We will go to lunch after the film.)

Exertion Level: 1

Register/Cancel by Jan. 4.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Governor's Mansion Holiday Tour - #35019-01

Governor John Hickenlooper and First Lady Helen Thorpe encourage you to come visit this elegant house, known fondly as "Colorado's Home." The mansion will be decorated with elegantly appointed holiday décor. We will stop for lunch along the way.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$9 (van and admission included; Bring money for lunch.)

Exertion Level: 3

Register/Cancel by Dec. 12.

Denver Mint Tour - #15107-01 www.usmint.gov

Tours cover both the present state of coin manufacturing as well as the history of the Mint. This trip will have security requirements which prohibit purses, bags, fanny packs, sharp objects, lighters. Any specific questions please ask the front porch desk staff. We will stop for lunch along the way and then go to the Mint for the tour.

Thursday, Jan. 12, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$9 (van and tour included; Bring money for lunch.)

Exertion Level: 2

Register/Cancel by Jan. 8.

Breckenridge Snow Sculptures - #15106-01

In its 21st year, artists will carve huge 12-foot blocks of snow into expressive pieces of art using only their own two hands, creative vision, and approved hand tools. Dress warmly, and wear sturdy boots as the walking can get snow packed. Also, be prepared for inclement weather.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$24 (van, bring money for lunch)

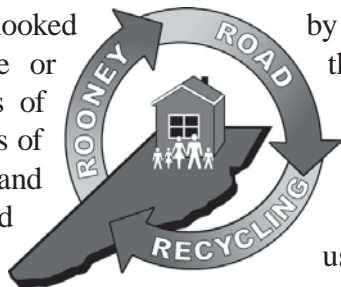
Exertion Level: 4. Register/Cancel by Jan. 27.

Need to Dispose of Household Chemicals? Rooney Road Recycling Makes it Easy!

Have you ever looked in your garage or shed at shelves of old, half used containers of paints, stains, pesticides and fertilizers and wondered what you could do with all of that stuff? It can't go in the garbage, most of it is no longer useable and dumping it down the drain or on the ground isn't legal. Many people just sigh, wish for a miraculous solution and then ignore the collection of half used bottles, cans and bags.

There is a solution! The City of Golden is an active partner at the Rooney Road Recycling Center. The Rooney Road Recycling Center provides recycling and disposal services to most Jefferson County residents for common household chemicals. This collaborative facility has been providing recycling and disposal services for household hazardous chemicals since 1993, and it is right in Golden's backyard at 151 S. Rooney Rd.

Using the services offered by the Rooney Road Recycling Center is easy and convenient. Simply call the Center at 303-316-6262 and select the option that meets your needs. When you call the facility, a representative is happy to answer any questions about what items and quantities the facility accepts for responsible recycling and disposal. The facility is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Residential pick-up is also available if you cannot make it out to the facility. Material drop offs are scheduled



Household Hazardous Waste

by appointment to protect the safety of residents visiting the facility as well as the employees collecting the material. Appointments are usually plentiful as they are scheduled approximately every five minutes. The cost to the resident for a drop off is \$20 per visit. This \$20 co-pay is further supplemented by an additional \$70 that is paid by the jurisdictions contributing funds to operate the facility. This is a 77 percent savings that is enjoyed by each resident who uses the facility's services.

In 2010, the Rooney Road Recycling Center collected approximately 382,000 lbs. of household chemicals, paints and electronics from residents from all over Jefferson County. Nearly 86 percent of all materials collected were responsibly recycled and about 13 percent were used for their BTU value as a fuel. Less than one percent of the material collected by the Rooney Road Recycling Center was placed in a landfill and nothing was shipped overseas for processing or disposal. This facility is responsible for diverting millions of pounds of toxic and hazardous materials from landfills and from polluting our local environment.

If you would like more information about the Rooney Road Recycling Center, please visit www.rooneyroadrecycling.org, call the facility at 303-316-6262 or call the City of Golden at 303-384-8183.

FREE Sales and Use Tax Workshop

The City of Golden is hosting a **FREE** Sales and Use Tax workshop 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.**

December 7, 2011..... 9 to 11 a.m.

January 4, 2012..... 9 to 10 a.m.

March 7, 2012..... 9 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. Classes are 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.**

February 1, 2012..... 9 to 10 a.m.

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

Buy Local This Holiday Season

When you patronize Golden's businesses you make a positive impact on our community. Here's just a sample of the benefits of supporting local businesses.

1. **Local Economy:** Spending money in Golden keeps your tax dollars in Golden. Every purchase you make supports the amenities we enjoy in Golden, such as parks, walking trails, snow-plowing, and of course preserving our museums and historical sites.
2. **Community Care:** Local entrepreneurs and franchise owners are connected to our community. They support our efforts, donate goods and volunteer their time.
3. **Environment:** Golden offers abundant free parking spaces on our streets and in the parking structures. There's no need to waste time or gas driving anywhere else. Plus, you'll see **Buy Local** logos on all the recycling bins on Washington Avenue too.



restaurants, museums, and stores for clothing, jewelry, kayaking and outdoor gear all within a few miles of each other. So please, get out there this holiday season and support our local economy by spending your dollars with our local businesses.

4. **Golden merchants value and reward you for having fun:** Take the Coors Brewery tour, or attend one of Golden's numerous special events where you can snag a **Golden Ticket**; good for cash prizes or discounts up to 20 percent. Just ask the recent \$500 winners how exciting it is to scratch a winning **Golden Ticket**! Do you have a **Golden Ticket**? For a complete listing of where to scratch and win, visit our tourism website at www.2hourvacation.com/deals.html.
5. **Local flavor:** Golden offers a wide variety of art galleries,

The **Buy Local** campaign is sponsored by GURA and the City of Golden, and is supported by a dynamic group of local volunteers. Included in the marketing materials are Buy Local lapel buttons, small window decals for your car, and larger window decals for local merchants. Once you step inside one of those local businesses, you can pick up your own window decal for your car.

If you're more inclined to support the **Buy Local** efforts electronically, you can subscribe to the Buy Local business blog and "Daily Deals" at www.golden.com/BuyLocal/ or "Like" us on Facebook.

LUNCH FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you or someone you know is unemployed, under-employed, homeless or just struggling financially, the First United Methodist Church would like to invite you to lunch.

Beginning Thursday, Dec. 1, First United Methodist Church of Golden will host a noon-time meal each Thursday for those in the community who are truly in need of nourishment. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church,

located at 1500 Ford St. in the Fellowship Hall, which is downstairs in the Sanctuary building. The entry is through the northwest door off the parking lot.

If you have a passion for feeding those in need, the Church is looking for partners in the community who would like to join the effort. If you are interested in helping, contact Ross Kershaw at 303-279-3484 or email communitylunches@goldenfirstumc.org.

Golden Community Center

activities calendar

For more information and to register for Golden Community Center Programs, visit us online at rec.cityofgolden.net

Holiday Sing-along

Sing popular family carols and songs about the season while playing along with a variety of instruments and moving to the music. Infants under 6 months are free.

Age: 6 months- 8 years,
Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

(1) Dec. 14

Thursday, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

(2) Dec. 15

\$20 per family of up to 4

(\$3 per addt'l)

Advanced Care

CPR and First Aid

This course gives you the knowledge and confidence to step forward if needed in an emergency. Certification issued and fulfills all State, OSHA and Social Service requirements. Manuals are included in fee. Bring a sack lunch to class. No refunds for no shows.

Age: 14 years and older
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dec. 3

\$60 Resident, \$65 Non-resident

Mini Doodler Holiday Art Camp

Spend your school break creating holiday and winter themed artwork with Abrakadoodle! We'll explore cultures around the world along with their traditions, celebrations and art. Sign up for one day, or all five.

Age: 4 - 7 years
Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - noon
Dec. 19 - 23

\$32 per class/\$145 for whole week

Doodler Holiday Art Camp

Abrakadoodle for the older kids. Campers will explore a variety of media and projects during this camp. Sign up for one day, or all five.

Age: 8 - 13 years
Monday - Friday, 1 - 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 - 23

\$42 per single day/

\$195 for whole week

Holiday Family Art Night

Families will create unique artwork using a variety of different art materials and techniques. All ages are welcome.

Age: 1 year and older
Wednesday, 5 - 7 p.m.
Dec. 7

\$25 Resident, \$29 Non-resident
- per family of up to 4 (\$4
additional family members)

Volleyball Training (Grades 5 - 8)

This class is designed to keep players in 5th through 8th grade in volleyball mode during the off season. The focus of the training is on conditioning and skill work.

Age: 5th thru 8th grade

Tony Gramsas Gym,
44th Ave. & Salvia St.
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
3:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Jan. 10 - Feb. 23

\$60 Resident, 65 Non-resident

C.A.R.A. Youth Volleyball

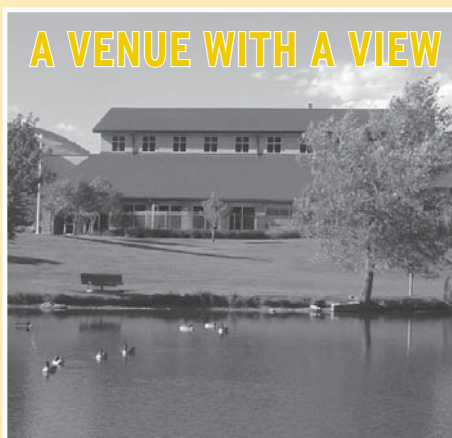
This Co-Recreation program is offered to youth in grades 12 and under. Teams will participate in weekend tournaments against other metro-area recreation agency teams. A state tournament will conclude the season.

Age: 3rd thru 8th grade
Tony Gramsas Gym,
44th Ave. & Salvia St.
March 6 - May 19

(1) Grades 8 and under
Wednesdays and Fridays
4:45 - 6 p.m.

(2) Grades 5 and under
Tuesdays and Thursdays
4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

- Practice is optional the week
of Spring Break, March 26 - 30
\$80 Resident, \$85 Non-resident



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 Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates. **Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.**

JSO Needs Host Families

The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra is looking for volunteer host families in January 2012 for up to 12 instrumental (mostly violin) finalists and some of their piano accompanists for the 53rd International Young Artists Competition. Hosts with pianos – or with neighbors or a nearby church willing to let a finalist use their pianos – are preferred, but a piano is not required.

Most finalists are expected to arrive on Thursday, Jan. 5, and leave on Sunday, Jan 8. Most are in conservatory, college or graduate school, and several were born in other countries. The final round takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd. in

Arvada. The top three finalists will perform again that evening at 7:30 p.m.

Hosting is fun and exciting and the host family plays an important role. When possible, host families meet their guests at the airport, provide transportation during their visit, and provide meals and lodging as well as moral support. Finalists may need transportation to one or two practice sessions, as well as to the competition itself. If you can provide meals, lodging, and moral support, others may be able help with transportation.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact Frani Bickart at 303-277-0125, or by email at fbickart@mines.edu. Please provide your name, address,



telephone number, email address, information on any pets at home, other family members at home, whether or not you have a piano, and number of people you can host in what bed/bedroom configuration. (For example, two people in a room with two twin beds; one person or one couple in a room with one queen bed.) If there's anything else you think would be helpful to know to ensure the best possible match with a finalist or accompanist, please communicate it.

Cycling Moves Indoors

Indoor cycling offers a great alternative for avid outdoor cyclists during inclement weather. The Golden Community Center offers multiple classes to keep cycling enthusiasts' wheels turning all year in the comfort of a controlled climate.

The Center offers excellent instructors, a motivating environment and a group setting that will power you up hills that once seemed too steep to climb. Instructors will take you through the rigors of an all-terrain workout with music that begs your legs to pedal.

Indoor Cycling burns as many as 500 calories per 40 minute ride and is one of the most popular group fitness classes. A cycling program is a great way to make your fitness goals a reality. Classes will suit all levels ages



16 and older, run one hour and are offered daily Monday through Saturday.

Staff and patrons at the Golden Community Center have been testing new cycling bikes which provide a power output. A cyclist can gauge power output or "work" so they can be sure they are getting what they expect out

of their exercise routine. Look for new cycling bikes which measure power output in watts coming soon!

A Golden Community Center fitness schedule is available online at www.cityofgolden.net/play/recreation-attractions/community-center/fitness-wellness/. All cycling classes are included with paid center admission. For information, contact Angela Shea, Wellness Coordinator, at ashea@cityofgolden.net.

A New Fence Comes to CCHP

Over the summer the old buck-and-rail fence that surrounded Clear Creek History Park (CCHP) was removed. Our plan at Golden History Museums was to come up with a new and better way to fence the area and still meet our programming needs.

The frequency of programs at CCHP will ramp up in 2012, and we'll offer a greater range of family activities. From blacksmith demonstrations and food tasting to interactions with animals and schoolhouse lessons, the history park will be alive with energy next year. As such, we realized that we would need to fence in at least part of the park to create a safe and effective programming area.

It's hard to think about ranching life without also thinking about fences; they are useful not only as property boundaries, but also to keep livestock from escaping. One of our goals is to maintain historical accuracy whenever possible, so we made sure that the new fence would look like those on ranches in Golden Gate Canyon in the late 1800s—the specific place and time period we interpret at CCHP. After a research trip to History Colorado and using books like *John Gregory Country and*



Colorado: A History in Photographs, we confirmed that continuing with the buck-and-rail style would not only echo the common local use, but would also be durable and pleasing to the eye.

These “buck fences” typically have two posts per run that are set in the ground. Two rails are then attached between the posts

with nails. This fence style was popular with ranchers in the 1800s due to the simplicity of construction. We will use stripped bark beetle-kill wood to construct the fence, which will make good use of that type of lumber.

Installation of the CCHP fence is scheduled to already be underway at the time of this printing. The “runs” for the rails will be shorter than on the previous fence, so it shouldn't bow in the middle quite as much as on the old one. Gates will be installed on the north, east, and west sides of the park, and folks will have access to stroll through at most times of the day. As has been the case in recent years, CCHP is open every day from dawn to dusk. Please read our blog at goldenhistory.wordpress.com to learn more about the process. We look forward to seeing you on your next visit.



Holidays at the Astor House

Nov. 23 to Dec. 31 (excluding Thanksgiving)

Wednesdays - Fridays: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 (ending at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve)

Regular admission fees apply: \$3 per person; members free

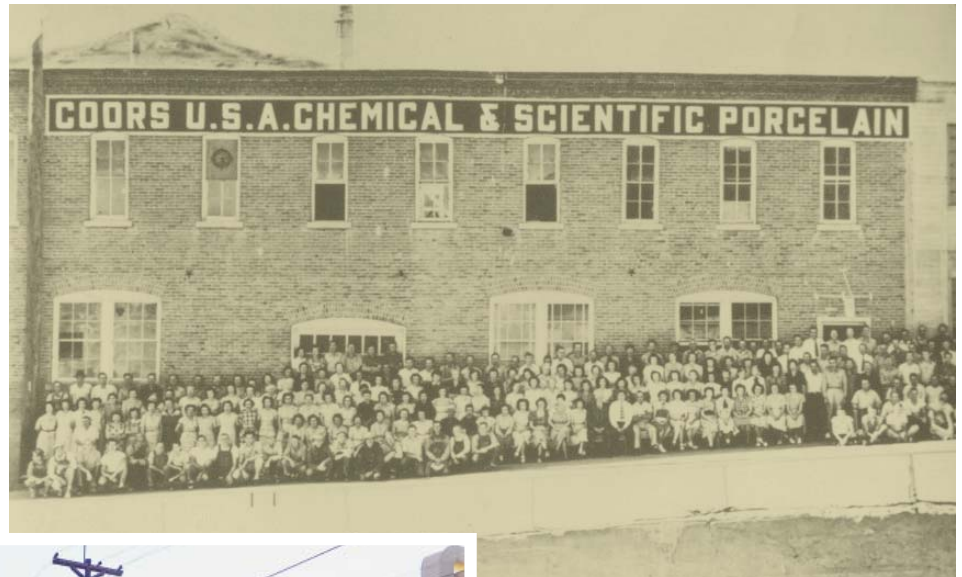
Golden's Economy Fired Up by Historic Ceramics Plant

At 600 9th St. stands one of the oldest – and most industrious – buildings in Golden. Originally built in 1875 as a glass bottling plant, today, CoorsTek creates an astonishingly diverse range of technical ceramics products within the walls of the 136 year old building.

The historic plant has gone through several changes of name and use. Most notably, in 1910, Adolph Coors partnered with the Herold China and Pottery Company to manufacture oven-safe porcelain there and in the 1940's, the plant began producing cost-efficient large ceramic parts. Who would have known then that ceramics would become the cornerstone of a worldwide company and play a vital role in today's modern technology?

The origins of ceramic materials go back thousands of years, when someone... somewhere put a piece of clay next to a fire and discovered that it hardened into a very useful material. The process of making ceramics hasn't changed. Although much more technical these days, in essence, the clay is still put into a kiln and hardened with fire. What you may not know, is just how widespread ceramics materials are used.

No doubt you've used a product which has parts made by CoorsTek. With over 10,000 customers, the company serves virtually every industry in the global economy. Everything from soda dispensers in



Above: Vintage employee photo at 600 9th St. Left: 600 9th St. (corner of 9th and Ford streets) today.

restaurants to igniters for gas stoves, automotive parts like components for ABS brakes, hip and knee replacements, pistons, plungers and ball bearings, computer parts, satellite communications and the list goes on. One of the most important functions of CoorsTek ceramics is making body armor and panels for armored vehicles in the military. Ceramics are just as strong as metal in stopping bullets... but it is lighter weight.

With over three million square feet of manufacturing space in 40 facilities worldwide, CoorsTek is the world's largest technical

ceramic company. The company has offices and plants in Sweden, Germany, England, Scotland and Massachusetts. But the headquarters remain in Golden and CoorsTek is a major local employer. Additionally, the company doesn't have to look far to find skilled employees for its more technical jobs. Many graduates from the Colorado School of Mines are employed by CoorsTek.

Although the plant has gone through many hands over its 100+ year history, it is now back in the hands of the Coors family, which has no plans of moving out of Golden. The company continues to evolve... inventing, researching and creating new products for its customers. So when you drive by the corner of 9th and Ford streets, know you're driving by one of the most historic and productive places in the City of Golden.

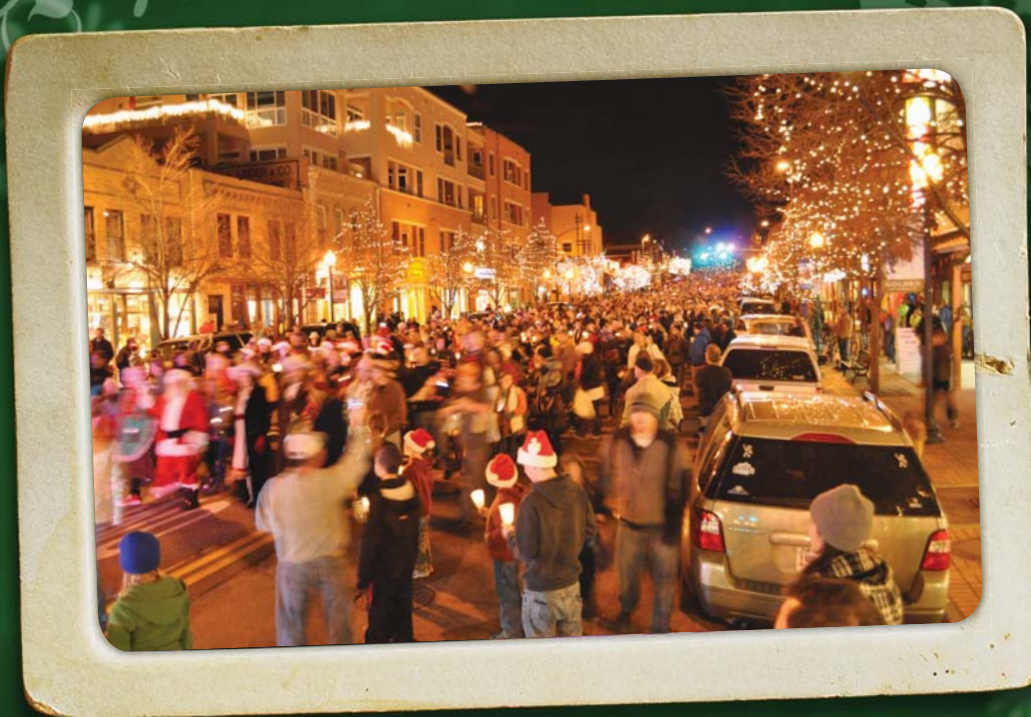


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Celebrate the holiday season in a place that's as close to your home as it is to your heart. Golden offers unique shopping experiences, friendly entertainment, and more holiday ambiance than you can imagine. Find your holiday spirit, a listing of shops and restaurants, and a complete calendar of events at www.2hourvacation.com.

December 3, 10 and 17, come to Washington Avenue at 11 a.m. to enjoy a true hometown Christmas parade complete with floats, holiday characters, Santa Claus, live music, and much more.



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