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Citizens Form Working Groups on Sustainability

Golden City Council has made an aggressive sustainability initiative its top priority for 2007. As part of that endeavor, citizens are being asked to engage in a broader community-wide discussion to establish sustainability goals.

About 200 citizens showed up to a public meeting Feb. 28 to help guide community efforts for Sustaining Golden’s Future. They were asked to review suggested goals under six areas of sustainability: renewable energy, economic development, green building, water, transportation, and recycling.

City Council and staff were available to answer questions and take comments. After citizens had time to review and comment on the goals, a community discussion was led by Hillary Mizia of Prizm Sustainability (See article on Page 5) about how to define sustainability, how each of the areas’ goals were rated, and how to best move forward toward achieving the goals.

Hillary walked through the ratings the public gave to of each of the goal areas and asked for discussion of them. The overwhelming trend throughout the evening was that the public felt the goals outlined were not ambitious enough, mainly because the timeframes were too long (mostly 10 years) and the percentages were too low. The evening’s dialogue is captured in notes available on the City’s web site, www.CityOfGolden.net, under News Items.

Finally, citizens were asked to get involved in working groups to study each of the areas identified and make recommendations for consideration by City Council. These working groups convened for the first time in a meeting on March 21. During the meeting, the groups viewed a video of Salt Lake City’s sustainability program, laid the ground rules for the working groups, and chose their team leaders.

If you would like to comment on Golden’s sustainability initiative or sign up for a working group, email Mark Heller at mark@gura.com. Watch for more information and updates in coming issues of the Informer and online at www.CityOfGolden.net.

Citizens Invited to An Evening in the Park

Citizens are invited to come out and enjoy An Evening in the Park from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19 at Kafadar Commons outside the Green Center on Colorado School of Mines campus.

The event is a prelude to a panel discussion April 20 at the Denver West Marriot, where Mayor Chuck Baroch, Golden Chamber of Commerce President Gary Wink and Colorado School of Mines Director of Athletics Tom Spicer will share with 120 NCAA officials their insights into the symbiotic relationship of business, government and university life. Golden is one of only five cities nationwide to receive this opportunity to shine.

Some of the activities planned for An Evening in the Park include free train and horse-drawn carriage rides, a giant basketball challenge, volleyball, a climbing wall and panning for real gold. The free event will also serve as a fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with donation boxes available throughout the Commons area.

For more information, call 303-279-3113.
In the February *Informer*, I mentioned the six activities that Council selected to address in 2007. These include sustainability, affordable housing, transit-oriented development, a walkable community, revisiting historic preservation regulations, and becoming an inclusive city. The sustainability and affordable housing efforts were selected as the first to be addressed. Some work has started on affordable housing, however this article will focus on sustainability.

There are many different definitions of sustainability. The definition used by Golden in this effort is related to conservation of water, recycling usable wastes and reducing energy usage while maintaining our quality of life and economic vitality. The program is divided into two parts.

Part 1 addresses how the City can implement the sustainability issue for City properties. This program is headed by Mark Heller, Director of the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA), and involves City employees and outside consultants. This group has met several times and is proposing to hire an energy service company (ESCO) to audit the energy demands of the City and recommend how to reduce energy needs, including fuels for the vehicles.

Part 2 was started with a meeting of about 200 citizens on Feb. 28. It will focus on what businesses, homes and individuals can do in the area of sustainability. Prior to the meeting, six areas of study were identified with specific goals. These included solid waste reduction and recycling, building energy improvements, water conservation, vehicle miles traveled, economic health of the community, and overall energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The lively and informative meeting was facilitated by Hillary Mizia and many suggestions were made that can be applicable to both parts of the program. Some of the suggestions will be easy to implement. Others will be much more difficult.

Many citizens volunteered to participate in a more detailed study of each of these six selected areas. These working groups will make recommendations to City Staff and Council on how some of the issues might be addressed. The outcome of these groups is still being developed. However, they might possibly define how we can develop buy-in from our citizens and businesses. The groups should also identify what their recommendations might cost the City.

The goal of both efforts is to complete their studies by late summer so that any costs associated with their recommendations can be considered for inclusion in the City budget for 2008 and later years. Sustainability will be a multiyear project and it is not intended to be implemented at a significant expense to other services provided by the City. We do recognize that some of the sustainability efforts will pay for themselves, thus not requiring any long-term investments by the City, businesses and individuals. City staff and City Council will need to prioritize the efforts and will determine what funds might be available in 2008 and subsequent years.

We are still interested in your input on how the City and citizens might implement the sustainability effort. We are also welcoming additional people to the working groups. Please email Mark Heller at mark@gura.com with your input and interest. Through the *Informer* and the City’s web site, www.cityofgolden.net, we will keep you informed about the progress in this activity.

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*Mayor’s Message*

*Citizens Sound Off on Sustainability*

*By Mayor Chuck Baroch*
Have you ever been in a meeting or a conversation where someone uses a word, and as the dialogue continues, you realize that your definition or understanding of that word is different from theirs? Sometimes when this happens, it can be hysterical, and sometimes it can be devastating. Regardless of the impact, it is always eye opening, and can change the focus of what needs to be said.

On Feb. 28, a group of Golden citizens, City Council and City staff gathered to discuss a topic that often leaves whole crowds grasping for their own definition: sustainability. As Golden moves forward in its exploration of sustainability, it is important that we all have a basic definition of this word. Sharing the same basic definition ensures we all start at the same place of understanding.

The word “sustainability” first came into use (for topics other than finances) through the 1987 United Nation’s Brundtland Commission report, “Our Common Future.” The report supplied this definition for the term sustainable development: “Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” Since that time, this definition has been used to describe an entire sustainability movement, paraphrased as such: “Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future.”

While this definition has very solid, well-documented roots, most people are unaware of it. In fact, when discussing sustainability, many people immediately think about the environment: solar power, carbon emissions, environmental stewardship, and one or all of the “three R’s” (reduce, reuse, recycle). Still others use this word to discuss finances, or building a structure that will last 100 years. All of these things are related to sustainability, yet none of them are the single definition of it.

This is because sustainability itself is not a single goal. It’s not a predetermined set of actions to be taken, and it’s not an end point. Sustainability is a lens through which we see our businesses, our lives, our buildings — the world around us. It’s a way of thinking that shapes all decisions for every kind of bottom line you can think of: profit, people or planet.

Often times, acting in a sustainable way is the most simple, straightforward action. Choosing a step while wearing the sustainability lens directs you to the place of least impact for the planet and people, which has a direct correlation to the impact on your wallet. Because of its inherent simplicity, sustainability truly can reduce costs and increase quality of life.

Recently the international furniture store Ikea announced it would start charging shoppers for plastic bags. Money raised will be donated, and plastic bag use is expected to decrease as much as 90% by 2008. With less to purchase, Ikea does well financially and does environmental good.

That said, sustainability is dynamic by nature. This means that every situation presents its own challenges, some are more complex than others, thus the sustainable choice for each situation is different. For example, having to remodel an existing infrastructure can be vastly more complex than creating a new one . . . but not always.

As Golden moves forward with sustainability in mind, it is critical that every citizen, every Council member, every staff person, begins to wear the lens of sustainability. Test it out with something small, like a new purchase you need to make, or the plan for your spring landscape. Think about giving equal weight to the people involved (from creating the product to the end user), the overall impact on the environment, and the complete cost (think about where it came from, if it will save money on your bills, longevity, disposal, etc.). Keep that lens with you always, and slowly we will start to see Golden in a new light.

Sustainability is meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future.
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**Open Space Hosts Review of Concept Plan for South Table Mountain Park**

The public is invited to review a trail alignment and parking concept plan for South Table Mountain Park involving the recently acquired Coors Brewing Co. interests from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. The Park Management Plan Team, a representative group of professional Open Space staff, developed this concept plan following an open house on Oct. 24, comment period and multiple meetings with stakeholders.

Until the acquisition of the Coors Brewing Co. interests in late 2004, South Table Mountain Park consisted of 81-acres on the extreme eastern edge of the mesa and a 25-acre parcel at Quaker Street on the south side of the mesa. Open Space holds conservation and trail easements over the properties held by the State of Colorado and the U.S. Department of Energy.

With the addition of 735-acres in the center, north and west faces of the mesa, an inclusive plan update for the park was undertaken. Private holdings and existing constraints within the park will require specific management efforts to effectively manage public use.

South Table Mountain was one of many lands identified for preservation during the campaign to create the Open Space Fund in Jefferson County. Public support allowed the one-half cent sales tax to pass and, since 1972, Open Space has acquired more than 50,000 acres for the benefit of present and future generations.

For more information, contact Thea Rock at 303-271-5902.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR GOLDEN COMMUNITY PRIDE DAYS**

The City’s annual Community Pride Days will be held May 5 and 6 this year. The event allows Golden citizens the opportunity to properly dispose of items that may be gathering in their yards, garages, basements and other areas of their homes because they are too large or cannot be properly disposed of in regular trash pick up. Mark your calendars and start gathering items you need to dispose of properly. More information and this year’s valuable coupons will be in the May issue of The Informer.

**Help Renew the Downtown District**

The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) is looking for a few good volunteers. GURA has one appointment that will expire in June 2007, and a vacancy for a term that will expire in June 2011.

GURA commissioners provide policy direction and oversight to staff on a variety of downtown redevelopment issues, ranging from light pole banners to major construction projects. GURA meets publicly on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month.

For more information on the responsibilities and activities of a GURA commissioner, call 303-279-4162 or visit www.gura.com. Applications are available online at www.CityOfGolden.net under the Boards and Commissions link in the left-hand navigation bar or through the City Clerk’s Office. The City Clerk will accept applications in person or by mail to City Hall, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, by email to sbrooks@cityofgolden.net, or by fax to 303-384-8001 until 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 25.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council study session the evening of Thursday, May 3 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.
The City’s Environmental Services Division, in partnership with the Jefferson County Public Library and the Colorado Mountain Club, presents the annual April art show in celebration of Earth Day. The artwork on display is created by first through sixth grade students from Shelton Elementary. The works are inspired by nature, use recycled materials or otherwise represent an environmental theme.

Please visit the Golden Library Children’s Room, the Colorado Mountain Club and the Golden Community Center Front Porch (upstairs) to view artwork throughout the month of April.

An opening night, meet-the-artist event is being organized as of press time, so please visit www.CityOfGolden.net for more details.

Earth Day Art Show Throughout April

Native grass seed mix for sale

Native grasses are adapted to our natural conditions and don’t require additional irrigation, fertilizer or maintenance. The grass seed mixes you find at many stores contain introduced species, many of which are aggressive and can displace native vegetation and disrupt the ecological balance. Use caution when buying grass and wildflower seed mixes. Make sure all species are listed and native to Colorado.

You can purchase a drought-tolerant native grass seed mix that works well in the Golden area from the Jefferson Conservation District. The Jefferson Conservation District sells drought-tolerant native seed mix in small quantities for revegetation of natural areas that are not subject to frequent mowing. For more information, call the District at 720-544-2870.
As part of the City’s sustainability initiative, the Golden Forestry Division plans multiple activities in 2007 designed to support sustainability and improve the environmental quality of Golden.

**Annual Tree and Shrub Sale**

The City’s annual Tree and Shrub Sale runs through April 7 and is designed to afford citizens an inexpensive and convenient way to purchase small trees and shrubs for residential yards. This year, the City is offering plants to citizens at a 50% discount off our wholesale price. The selection includes a diverse mix of both deciduous and coniferous trees and flowering shrubs well adapted to our climate. This program will likely provide 100 new tree plantings and 650 shrub placements in Golden.

**Planting of Trees in Public Areas**

The Forestry Division will have 25 to 30 2.5-inch-diameter trees planted and accompanying drip irrigation line installed in the planting strip along the west side of Earl Johnson Road, beginning at the entrance road to the Lookout Mountain Youth Services Center and proceeding up Johnson Road. The size and number of trees will have a positive impact on this public space and the environment.

**Participating in a Research Study on Golden’s Urban Forest**

The Forestry Division has partnered with the Institute for Environmental Solutions and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to identify how Golden’s trees can be used to optimize carbon sequestration, energy and water conservation, and air quality.

The overarching purpose of this project is to assess how the urban greenscape can be enhanced through optimal tree selection and increased tree plantings to achieve significant improvements for environmental quality.

This project includes tree analysis, cost/benefit analysis, a technical report, scientific study on selected test sites in Golden, creation of a model environmental tree ordinance, and recommendations for environmental quality improvements through trees.

**Organic Recycling**

Golden’s Forestry Division also will continue operation of the limb collection and mulch distribution site, located in the Splash parking lot.

For more information about the Forestry Division, contact Golden City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net.

**Arbor Day Celebration**

The City of Golden Forestry Division will host its annual Arbor Day tree planting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 19 at the entrance to the Splash aquatics park. Shelton Elementary School students will attend, and the public is invited to join the festivities, as well. Golden Mayor Chuck Baroch will proclaim Arbor Day as Friday, April 20, the same day as the State observance.
One of nature’s beautiful images is the “V” formation of Canada Geese migrating north. But the droppings these geese leave behind in public parks makes for a less than enjoyable recreational experience. The summer of 2006 was an especially active period for Canada Geese occupying Lions Park, leaving the park quite unusable for families with small children (who may handle the droppings), pavilion rental customers or anyone who did not want to collect droppings on their shoes.

Lions Park has a number of features that make the park particularly attractive to Canada Geese. The open turf areas surrounding the pond provide the geese with a sense of security, as they can see potential predators from a far distance and have the safety of the water nearby. The turf surrounding the pond also provide a plentiful food source for the geese, so much so that the geese have practically eliminated the need for mowing the park.

Another significant attraction the geese have to Lions Park is the nearby proximity to the Water treatment Plant’s settling ponds, just west of the park. What started as a single nesting by one pair of geese at the settling ponds has grown over the past 20 years to a brooding area of 15 to 20 nesting sites, capable of producing 120 goslings per year. Because of the proximity to the Water Treatment Plant, the City was able to obtain a permit from the Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) allowing for the oiling of eggs, which has proven very effective in reducing the number of hatchlings. However, oiling was not effective in 2006, allowing numerous successful geese families to survive and inundate Lions Park.

In late January, City staff met with the DOW to develop a plan for humanely reducing the number of geese occupying Lions Park. The DOW provided education concerning geese habitation and practical advice on population control. It was determined that the Parks Division should utilize cultural techniques to make life uncomfortable for the geese, thereby encouraging them to go elsewhere, in addition to continuing the egg oiling currently allowed by permit. The basis of these techniques will be to make available food sources (turf grass) unpalatable and (bread crumbs provided by visitors) unavailable, install physical barriers limiting access to open water, and creating an environment where geese feel unsafe from potential predators.

One important part of this plan is for visitors to stop what may seem like the innocent act of feeding geese bread crumbs, chips, popcorn and other food items. This action reduced the geese’s fear of humans and draws them away from their natural food sources. In order to eliminate the geese waste problem at Lions Park, the City needs visitors’ help. Signs will be placed throughout the park that remind visitors, “Feeding the Fowl is Foul.” While reducing the number of geese in Lions Park may take years, the public can help the City provide a more usable park site for us all to enjoy.

If you have questions about the plan to reduce the geese in Lions Park, contact Parks Superintendent Steve Lingenfelter at 303-384-8140 or slingenfelter@cityofgolden.net.
GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOW THROUGH APRIL 6
Tree and Shrub Sale
Golden’s huge tree and shrub sale ends April 6, so get your orders in now. Visit www.CityOfGolden.net or drop by the Community Center for information and an order form.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 28
Cindy Vermillion
Hamilton: Medallion Quilts
Since 1974, Cindy Vermillion Hamilton has been creating exquisite medallion quilts. Her hand-pieced, hand-appliqued, and hand-quilted work is an anomaly in an age of quick reward. Her authenticity of design, fabric selection and construction is an art few have mastered, and she executes it flawlessly. This exhibit is a retrospective of her work in medallion quilts spanning the past 30 years, now through April 28 at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave. Call 303-277-0377 for hours and admission.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 28
Gingham Dogs & Calico Cats
Dogs and Cats appear everywhere: on fire trucks, high in a tree, and even in our prized flower gardens. Why should quilts be any exception? All of the quilts in this exhibit will feature dogs and cats, our best friends and family members, now through April 28 at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave. Call 303-277-0377 for hours and admission.

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS IN APRIL
Homework Help
Volunteers from the Colorado School of Mines offer help on homework from 3-5 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Call 303-279-4585.

APRIL 3 AND APRIL 17
Intercambio/Language Exchange at Golden Library
Join us at 7 p.m. April 3 and 17 at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St., to practice English or Spanish and to help others in a friendly atmosphere. Participants speak half the time in English and half in Spanish. Beginners are welcome and there is no need to register. Call 303-279-4585.

APRIL 5
Community Wildfire Protection Plan meeting
See article on Page 12.

APRIL 8
Easter

APRIL 9 THROUGH 14
National Telecommunications Week

APRIL 12 AND APRIL 26
Writers’ Workshop Series
Join the Golden Library, 1019 10th St., for Turning Your Feelings into Poetry at 7 p.m. April 12 and for Writing about Nature and the Environment at 7 p.m. April 26. These workshops are the third and fourth in a series of six workshops designed for beginning writers presented by the Colorado Authors’ League. Reservations are required by emailing friends@jefferson.lib.co.us, calling 303-275-2240 or sign up at the Golden Library.
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 sdagosta@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.

APRIL 19
An Evening in the Park
See Page 3.

APRIL 20
Arbor Day

APRIL 21
Fabric & Friends – A FUNdraiser for the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum
This special event, designed especially for quilters and quilt lovers, is a major fundraiser that supports the general operations of the museum, including exhibits and education programs. This year’s Fabric & Friends event – STARS OF THE ROCKIES – will be held at 11:30 a.m. April 21 at Mount Vernon Country Club. Dinner will be followed by a silent auction. Tickets are $35. Call 303-277-0377 to reserve your place.

APRIL 22
Earth Day
See article on Page 7.

APRIL 24
Tuesday Night Books
Join Tuesday Night Books for a discussion of “Anne of Green Gables” by L.M. Montgomery at 7 p.m. April 24 at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Call 303-279-4585.

APRIL 25
Work on Unfinished Objects
Join the Golden Library, 1019 10th St., to work on and talk about your UFOs – unfinished objects – at 6:30 p.m. April 25. Crafters of all types are welcome. Participants may stay the entire time or come and go as they please. Call 303-279-4585.

MAY 12 THROUGH JULY 8
Masterpieces of Colorado: A Rich Legacy of Landscape Painting
A statewide touring exhibition features paintings by prominent Colorado artists from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as celebrated contemporary landscape painters at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org for admission fees and hours.

JUNE 1
Golden Rotary’s 6th Annual Golf Tournament
Golden Rotary’s 6th Annual Golf Tournament will be held June 1 at Fossil Trace Golf Club. The event includes dinner and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the charitable programs of the Rotary Club of Golden. For information and to sign-up, call Tom Hughes at 303-278-2823.

For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.2HourVacation.com.
Wildfire Planning Underway, Second Public Meeting April 5

The development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is underway and citizens are urged to attend a public meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in the Coal Creek room at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St., to give their input on this important fire management tool.

A draft of the Golden CWPP is available for review at www.jeffco.us/sheriff/sheriff_T62_R191.htm and will be discussed in more detail at the April 5 meeting. Community input on the draft is essential in order to write and implement the best plan possible. The Golden Fire Department is especially urging citizens living in wildland urban interface areas of the City, such as North Table Mountain (Mesa Meadows, Mountain Ridge), South Table Mountain (Rimrock, Southridge) and Lookout Mountain (Beverly Heights, Stonebridge, Heritage Dells) to get involved and attend the meeting.

The Jefferson County Division of Emergency Management has secured grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to write CWPPs for nine Jefferson County fire agencies. These plans are being written in accordance with the provisions of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. Partners in this project include Jefferson County Emergency Management, Colorado State Forest Service, Denver Water, U.S. Forest Service, Jefferson County Open Space, private landowners and homeowners associations. In addition to the Golden Fire Department, other Jeffco fire agencies involved in this process include Coal Creek, Evergreen, Fairmount, Foot hills, Genesee, Indian Hills, Inter-Canyon and West Metro fire protection districts.

For more information or if you are interested in volunteering to be on the core team developing the Golden CWPP, contact Public Information Officer Sabrina D’Agosta at 303-384-8132 or sdagosta@cityofgolden.net.
Walsh Environmental Scientists and Engineers, LLC, under contract with Jefferson County Emergency Management and in collaboration with Colorado State Forest Service and U.S. Forest Service, is developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans for mountainous, rural fire protection districts, including Golden. You can help by providing information and suggestions on your perceptions of wildland fire and potential mitigation projects by responding to the following questions:

What community do you live in or closest to? (Please write in) ____________________________

How great a risk does wildfire pose to your community?  □ Extreme risk  □ Moderate risk  □ Low risk  □ No risk

What areas are extreme fire hazards and pose a risk to homes or property?

□ Forestlands  □ Grasslands  □ Shrublands  □ Juniper Stands  □ Other areas: _______________________________________ Location: __________________________

What is the best way to mitigate or reduce wildfire hazards?

□ Reduce vegetation (grasses, trees, etc.) on public lands by controlled burns
□ Reduce vegetation (grasses, trees, etc.) on public lands by mechanical treatments
□ Increase firefighting equipment (more trucks, water tenders, etc.)
□ Increase number of fire department volunteers
□ Increase water availability
□ Encourage private landowners to reduce fuels and develop defensible spaces around structures

What recent actions have been taken to reduce the risk of wildfire to your community?

□ None that I am aware of  □ If you know of actions that have been taken, please explain: __________________________

What fire education programs have occurred in your community?

□ None that I am aware of  □ If you know of actions that have been taken, please explain: __________________________

Is the community prepared to combat wildfire?

□ No. If not, why: ____________________________
□ Yes. If so, why: ____________________________
□ I don’t know.

What actions do you think need to be taken to reduce the risk of wildland fire?

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Additional Comments:

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Please provide contact information in case we have further questions:

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Please complete this survey and mail, fax or email your response by no later than April 20 to:

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jbarker@walshenv.com

Jeffco Emergency Management
Rocco Snart
303-271-4905 (fax)
800 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, CO 80419
rsnart@jeffco.us

Would you like to be part of a core team to further study and make recommendations on Golden’s wildfire protection plan?

□ Yes  □ No
A License is a Ticket Home

Requiring dogs to be registered will also accomplish the following:

- It will expedite reuniting lost pets with owners. The database contains owner information, vet information and important medical concerns.
- Dog tags can be traced 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by all participating jurisdictions, leading to fewer impounds.
- The database will allow jurisdictions to flag dangerous dogs or animals with special circumstances.
- Fewer impounds at the Table Mountain Animal Center will save staff time and resources. Since 1994, when Jefferson County first adopted a dog registration ordinance in unincorporated parts of the county, impounds have been reduced by 20% despite the increase in population.

Mandatory Registration Will Help TMAC

Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC) serves as a facility for lost animals, those impounded by animal control officers and for pets relinquished by their owners. It also serves as Jefferson County’s pet adoption agency.

While TMAC receives the third largest volume of animals of all shelters in Colorado, it has the smallest budget of any major animal shelter in the state. All revenues (over administrative costs) generated by dog licensing moving forward in Arvada, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and Westminster will go to TMAC for operations and ultimately for construction of a much needed new facility.

To license your dog, ask your veterinarian for Jefferson County’s form or call 303-271-5070 or email animal-control@jeffco.us.
Colorado’s most popular outdoor team sport is about to get under way for another season in Golden. After smashing success last summer, the athletics staff is ready to make the 2007 softball season the best yet. Once again, Golden is offering a variety of different leagues and divisions at the most affordable rates in the area. Affordability combined with top notch fields and facilities are just a few of the reasons why the City of Golden Softball Program is growing and bringing in more teams for a fun and exciting summer of softball.

Golden offers a league for every team, regardless of skill level or competition. With Men’s, Women’s and Co-Recreational division leagues offered each night of the week, every team can be accommodated.

Registration is currently open and divisions are expected to fill quickly. Registration will remain open until the April 23 deadline or until the division is filled. Don’t have a team? The athletics staff can help you find one. Contact Becky at 303-384-8194, or fill out the online “free agent” form on the website to add your name to a list of players looking for a team.

Our website is an outlet for teams to find up-to-date information on schedules, statistics, scores and standings, in addition to rules, rosters and free agent lists. Come see what all the fuss is about.

Sign your team up today for the best value, competition and overall softball experience in the metro area.

For more information on softball or other adult athletic programs, such as kickball, dodgeball or beach volleyball, visit www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec or call Becky at 303-384-8194.
The Golden Fire held its annual awards banquet Jan. 27 at Fossil Trace Golf Club. The awards banquet honors staff and members of the fire department for outstanding performance and contributions to the mission of the Fire Department and the City of Golden during 2006. This year, a citizen was honored as well for life-saving efforts in the rescue of a 9-year-old boy from Clear Creek. The following awards were presented:

**Length of Service Awards**
- Firefighter Rex Engstrom for 20 Years of Service
- Firefighter Craig Weimer for 15 Years of Service
- Captain Kent McCreary for 15 Years of Service
- Asst. Chief Kevin Ferry for 15 Years of Service
- Firefighter Joe Anderson II for 5 Years of Service

**Appreciation Awards**
- Firefighter Shane McClellan for his leadership in coordinating the Muscular Dystrophy Fund Drive
- Communications Manager Sabrina D’Agosta for her outstanding service to the Department as Public Information Officer

**Safety Awards**
- Fire Mechanics Ralph Jacques and John Kellenbenz for their commitment to Firefighter Safety with the recent installation of communications and safety equipment in fire apparatus

**State Association Presidential Award**
- Division Chief Kevin Milan for his service to the Colorado Fire Training Officers Association as President

**Executive Fire Officer Ribbon**
- Division Chief Kevin Milan for his successful completion of a four year academic program for senior fire and command officers at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md.

**Distinguished Citizen Award**
- Presented to Robert Tapley for his life-saving rescue of a 9-year-old boy from Clear Creek on June 6

**Unit Citations**
- The 2006 Strategic Planning Committee for its work in the development of a volunteer shift program and the recruitment of non-resident volunteer firefighters
- For a most difficult and challenging mission in Clear Creek Canyon on May 16 in a 450-foot high angle rescue of a 19-year-old female hiker

**Award of Merit** (presented to individuals who have performed their duties in an outstanding or superior manner)
- Firefighter Valerie Hastings for her service as Chairperson of the Volunteer Pension Board and her fund-raising leadership for the volunteer association

**Firefighter of the Year**
- Captain Aaron Giesick for his demonstrated commitment through participation, leadership and involvement in a variety of fire department activities and the high quality of his actions, going above and beyond when performing those assigned duties

**The Recruit Firefighter of the Year**
- Firefighter Trevor Williamson for an outstanding first year as a volunteer firefighter

**The Jack Harvey Award** (for commitment demonstrated outside the normal duties of the fire department)
- Division Chief Kevin Milan for his efforts with outside fire organizations and his work with training program administration through the Colorado Fire Training Officers Association
Golden Police Honor Finest in 4th Annual Awards Ceremony

The Golden Police Department honored its finest employees during its 4th annual employee awards ceremony Feb. 6. Seventeen awards were presented to officers, employees and volunteers for the department. The ceremony was closed by Chief Bill Kilpatrick presenting the Jefferson County Combined SWAT Team with a plaque in appreciation of their dedication to protecting the communities they serve. The SWAT team is comprised of members of the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, Arvada Police Department and Golden Police Department.

One private citizen, Eric Chamberlain, was honored with a Citizen’s Commendation for his heroic acts in helping a driver and passenger stuck in a rolled-over vehicle accident on icy roads. Chamberlain was the only motorist who stopped to assist the driver and passenger in the vehicle after the accident. Although the police department received several 9-1-1 calls about the accident, all the people reporting the accident provided incorrect locations and did not stop. Chamberlain not only helped the driver, but risked his own safety by standing on the side of the icy road and flagging down an officer responding to where the accident was reported. The passenger in the vehicle was transported and underwent emergency surgery for a head injury. If Chamberlain had not stopped, there is a good possibility the passenger could have died.

Officer Chris Kolin was honored as the department’s Employee of the Year for his dedication to the department and the community. Officer Kolin has been a sworn officer with the department since 1995 and was a volunteer Police Explorer for four years prior. Officer Kolin is currently assigned as a School Resource Officer (SRO) for Golden High School, and is frequently seen helping or teaching in Golden’s other four schools. Officer Kolin’s other duties include recruitment, hiring, firearms training, community events and support services. Officer Kolin’s dedication to the community is apparent in his daily activities at the high school, surrounding communities and within the department.

The following is a list of the awards and recipients from the ceremony:

Chief’s Commendation
- Dispatcher Bess Joyce
- Officer Rick Pearson
- Officer Marcus Williams

Chief’s Star
- Reserve Officer James “Doc” Barron
- Detective Courtland Kloberdance

Citizen Commendation
- Citizen Eric Chamberlain
- Volunteers Bev and Wiley Eaton
- Volunteer Dawn Kapustka
- Volunteer Vicki Wagner
- Volunteer Lena “Teddy” Ziegler

Professional Conduct Award
- Officer Dave Galbraith

Meritious Service
- Detective Douglas Allen
- Senior Team Leader Bob Wilson

Distinguished Service Medal
- Officer Gary Bristow
- Sergeant Bob Tortora

Employee of the Year
- Officer Chris Kolin

Appreciation for Years of Service
- City Attorney Bill Hyashi
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2007 Claim Form for 2006 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 2006 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return.

The refund amount for 2006 is $40. 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 Form 104PTC
  • 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 Form 104PTC
  • 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: ___________

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Age: ___________ Date of Birth: ___________

Address: ___________________________ Golden, CO ZIP: ______

Phone: ____________________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2006? _____ 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, 2007.

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): __________________________

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**RECREATION**
- Batting Cage Attendants
  - $6.85 - $11/hr
- Climbing Wall Attendants
  - $6.85 - $11/hr
- Day Camp Leaders
- Youth Program Leaders
- Field/Gym Supervisors
  - $7.50 - $14/hr
- Fitness Instructors
  - $12.50 - $20/hr
- Specialty Instructors
  - (Yoga, Pilates, Dance)
  - $15+/hr

**MAINTENANCE**
- Cemetery, Parks, and Forestry
  - Seasonal Maintenance Workers
  - 20-40 hours/wk
  - $7.50 to $14/hr
- **THE SPLASH AQUATIC PARK**
  - Lifeguards & Swim Instructors
  - Customer Service Reps
  - Concession Workers
  - $6.85 - $11/hr
- Aquatic Park Manager
  - $9 - $16/hr

**FOSSIL TRACE GOLF CLUB**
- Guest Services
  - (Including: Starter, Player Asst, Range/Cart Attendant)
  - $6.85 - $11/hr
- Seasonal Maintenance Workers
  - $7.50 - $14/hr

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