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NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING CONTINUES

Golden Planning Commission has done a great deal of work on the Neighborhood Plans it is developing for several key areas within the City.

The North Neighborhoods Plan draft was presented to citizens at a community meeting May 21. Staff incorporated feedback received at that meeting into the final draft, which is now available for review.

The Planning Commission will also hold two neighborhood input meetings and two “walkabout” tours of the South Neighborhoods. All neighborhood residents living in the south area are invited to attend. The meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows;

• A neighborhood input meeting at 7 p.m. July 30 at either Fire Station No. 4 or Shelton Elementary School;
• A neighborhood input meeting at 7 p.m. Aug. 20 also planned for a location in the south area;
• A walkabout tour from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 23 to walk the south neighborhood area and view specific concerns of the residents; and
• A walkabout tour from 9 to 11 a.m. Sept. 6 to walk south neighborhood areas not covered during the previous walkabout to view specific concerns of residents.

A June 18 open house was well attended by East Street area residents and a draft plan for the East Street Neighborhood is likely to be released for review this fall.

PUBLIC HEARING ON DOWNTOWN DESIGN GUIDELINES

Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the Downtown Design Guidelines at its meeting at 7 p.m. July 16 in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. Public notice of the hearing is being sent to all landowners, business owners and residents of the downtown design area.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Golden City Council is hosting a joint dinner with Planning Commission from 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 17 in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., to discuss the existing Comprehensive Plan and areas of opportunity for revisions.

For more information on any of this month’s Heads Up items, visit www.cityofgolden.net and view the Planning Department’s home page or call 303-384-8097.
The I-70 Corridor has long been recognized as one of Colorado’s most congested. Anyone in Golden who has traveled to the mountains to ski, hike, or spend time in Summit or Eagle County has probably experienced the gridlock at least once if not often. After years of disagreements, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the many communities along the Corridor recently agreed on a transportation vision.

Their proposal includes three elements. First, it incorporates a number of strategic highway improvements to reduce bottlenecks and improve safety. These include adding passing lanes in particularly congested areas, adding truck pullouts and chain stations, and safety and interchange improvements all across the corridor. Second, it includes non-infrastructure efforts like increasing speed limit and chain law enforcement, promoting carpooling and buses, and working to spread out travel demand to different hours of the day and different days of the week. Finally, it includes the installation of a high speed rail transit and freight system known as an Advanced Guideway System. Although expensive, a rail system like this runs efficiently regardless of weather conditions and accidents, it can provide shorter travel times than driving, and it can be easily expanded by adding cars or increasing the frequency of trains.

What does this mean for Golden? For one thing, at some point in the next decade or two, we can expect to see a major transit line connecting DIA and the mountain towns running through Golden. Golden citizens will be able to enjoy easy, car-free transportation to downtown Denver, the airport and many of the mountain resort towns. More importantly, we may also have the opportunity to build a transit stop in or near downtown Golden. Although the light rail stop at the Jefferson County building will be a terrific addition to the community, it will still require many to take a bus, bike or drive to or from that location. A transit stop downtown would allow everyone who lives within walking distance to much more easily access the Denver region’s transit system. It will make it especially easy for Coors visitors and other tourists to get to our downtown without driving, improving access and reducing the costs and problems associated with cars, such as parking, pollution, and wear and tear on the streets.

The I-70 Coalition is in the earliest stages of planning this transit system. In other words, the time is right to begin talking here in Golden about our long-term transportation vision. Adding a transit stop near downtown fits in well with our commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability. The easier it is for folks to get to, from and around Golden without driving, the less driving we’ll see, and with gasoline expected to hit $7 a gallon by 2012, I suspect more and more folks will love being able to leave their cars at home.

This I-70 transit system will probably integrate with the Denver Metro FasTracks system, expected to be complete within the next decade or so. FasTracks will provide excellent mobility for many in the Denver region to travel between home, work and play without driving. Moreover, both the I-70 system and the FasTracks system will probably be integrated with an even more ambitious vision of building a high-speed railroad system connecting Denver with Cheyenne to the north and Albuquerque to the south. And don’t forget that we’ve already begun planning for our own new circulator bus system connecting downtown Golden, student housing, the light rail station at the Taj, and other parts of town.

In coming months, City Council and the community will be briefed on all of these plans and have an opportunity to weigh in. In addition, as we prepare for and launch our Golden Vision 2030 process late this year or early in 2009, everyone in Golden will have an opportunity to contribute to crafting our community transportation vision. In the meantime, feel free to send your thoughts, questions or concerns to me at jsmith@cityofgolden.net.
Downtown is Full of New Life

The construction downtown is nearly over and the place is looking great. After about a decade of street closures, cranes, barricades and detours, downtown is full of new life with more than 150 new residential condos, nearly 600 new spaces in two parking structures, and many new businesses.

In just this past year, at least a dozen new businesses have moved into downtown or plan to open soon. They offer a wide range of goods and services and include a bookstore, coffee shop, several new eateries at every price point, clothing, and professional services.

Many of these new business owners are your neighbors, too. It is likely that your increased patronage of downtown has encouraged these businesses to open here, and the combined effect is that downtown sales tax receipts are about where they were this time last year. Considering that Foss has been closed for a year and the economy has been teetering in and out of recession, this is terrific news.

And more new businesses are hopefully on the way. At the corner of 13th Street and Washington Avenue, Gateway Station has several retail spaces available, the renovation of the old Foss building has resulted in three very attractive vacancies, and the renovations at the southeast corner will resume any day. There are a variety of additional spaces off the Avenue as well.

If you or someone you know is interested in opening a business downtown, there is a complete listing of all commercial space available downtown, as well as descriptions of funding and business assistance programs at www.gura.com. For business information on other areas of Golden, visit www.cityofgolden.biz.

With summer in full swing, downtown is the place to be, whether you are playing, shopping, eating, or running a business.
First Lady Designates Golden a Preserve America Community

The City of Golden was recently honored when First Lady Laura Bush, Honorary Chair of the Preserve America initiative, designated it as one of the nation’s newest Preserve America Communities.

“Preserve America Communities demonstrate that they are committed to preserving America’s heritage while ensuring a future filled with opportunities for learning and enjoyment,” Mrs. Bush said. “This community designation program, combined with the Preserve America Grant Program, Preserve America Presidential Awards, and other federal support, provides strong incentives for continued preservation of our cultural and natural heritage resources. I commend you for your commitment to preserving an important part of our nation’s historic past for visitors, neighbors, and, most importantly, for children.”

Golden Mayor Jacob Smith received a letter dated May 30 addressed to the Citizens of Golden and will receive a certificate of designation signed by Mrs. Bush announcing Golden is now a Preserve America Community. Communities designated through the program receive national recognition for their efforts. Benefits include the right to use the Preserve America logo on signs and promotional materials; eligibility for Preserve America Grants; notification to state tourism offices; and listing in a Web-based directory that showcases Golden’s preservation efforts and heritage tourism destinations. Preserve America Communities are also featured in National Register Travel Itineraries and in “Teaching With Historic Places” curricular materials created by the National Park Service.

In 2006, Preserve America Grants totaling nearly $5 million were awarded to 68 projects around the country. In 2007, $4.9 million was awarded to 72 projects. In 2008, $10 million is available. Grants of $20,000 to $150,000 are awarded on a competitive, matching fund basis to help communities develop sustainable management strategies and sound business practices for the continued preservation and use of their heritage assets. The grants support research, planning, marketing, interpretation, and training efforts.

The Preserve America initiative is an Administration effort to encourage and support community efforts to preserve and enjoy America’s priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the nation’s past; strengthened regional identities and local pride; increased local participation in preserving the country’s cultural and natural heritage assets; and support for the economic vitality of our communities.

“Sustainable historic preservation is a wise investment in the future, not a cost for maintaining the past. Communities and the nation receive significant economic, educational, and cultural benefits, including heritage tourism, in return for their preservation efforts,” said John L. Nau, III, chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which administers Preserve America programs for the White House in cooperation with the Department of the Interior.

The White House is working with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, and Transportation, the General Services Administration, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the President’s Council on Environmental Quality, and the President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities to implement Preserve America. For more information about the initiative and its programs, visit www.preserveamerica.gov.
What will Golden be like in 20 years? Will it be the place it is today? The Orton Family Foundation awarded the City of Golden a $100,000 grant, extensive staff support and technical assistance to invite the citizens of Golden to answer that question — to envision a future and ensure that the future becomes the vision.

The Foundation is working with Golden to develop and adopt a “Heart & Soul” approach to land use planning. In Heart & Soul Community Planning, the qualities that make Golden a great place to live are identified, recognized, and used to make decisions and steer change. Golden City Council gave preliminary approval to the partnership with the Orton Family Foundation at its meeting July 10.

“The Orton Family Foundation approach is unique in its recognition of and focus on a community’s strengths in order to plan for its future,” said Mayor Jacob Smith. “This method dovetails extremely well with the grassroots community visioning process the City has already begun with its neighborhood planning process and citizen task forces, and we are very excited to have the opportunity to work with the Foundation.”

Golden’s citizens have the answers to what matters most to them and the know-how to ensure sustainable economic, environmental and social well being for their own city. That is why Heart & Soul Planning engages a broad base of local people to help shape the future. The full participation of those who live and work in Golden helps them find common cause, direct the forces of growth and change, and protect the elements that citizens treasure and that connect them to one another and to their community — their heart and soul.

“Golden is an ideal community for Heart & Soul work,” said Bill Roper, President and CEO of the Orton Family Foundation. “The City has a distinct identity despite its proximity to Denver and Boulder and it enjoys a high level of citizen participation. Golden’s citizen-led task forces and work groups will be a springboard for involving as many people as possible to learn what matters most as residents face the pressures of growth and change.”

Ultimately, Golden’s Heart & Soul Planning work will generate community support and understanding of a shared, values-based vision to be presented in a Golden Vision 2030 Plan, supplemental code, policy and capital investment amendments that directly support the 2030 Vision.

This week, the Foundation also announced partnerships with three other towns — Victor, Idaho; Damariscotta, Maine; and Biddeford, Maine — each of which was also awarded $100,000 and other Foundation resources for 2- to 3-year projects.

The Orton Family Foundation, based in Middlebury, Vermont, and with an office in Denver, seeks to help small cities and towns discover and describe their Heart & Soul and build on those attributes in planning toward a vibrant, enduring future. The Foundation serves cities and towns with populations of less than 50,000 people in the Northeast and Rocky Mountain regions, and was created in 1995 by Lyman Orton, owner of the Vermont Country Store. For more information and news about the Orton Family Foundation go to www.orton.org.
Did you know that the land and facilities of the Clear Creek History Park, Astor House Museum and the Golden Pioneer Museum are all owned by you – the City of Golden taxpayers? It’s true. These incredible community assets are owned by the City. For the past decade, the City has contracted out to two independent nonprofit organizations to operate the facilities: Friends of the Astor House and Clear Creek History Park and the Golden Pioneer Museum Board. The collections are owned by the City, the Golden Landmarks Association, the Daughters of the American Revolution Lookout Mountain Chapter and the two operational boards.

Because the contracts with the nonprofits will be ending at the end of 2008, the Golden City Council directed that an independent audit of the current museum operations be conducted and that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for operating the museums be drafted.

The audit report was completed and given to City staff in July. The current nonprofit operators were given a chance to review the report and comment on its findings before its scheduled presentation to City Council on Aug. 7.

The RFP was drafted so that proposals could be submitted for operating any combination of one, two or all three museums. Proposals were due July 7. Friends of the Astor House and Clear Creek History Park, the City of Golden, and the Golden Pioneer museum submitted proposals. City Council selected a board of experts to review and comment on the technical aspects of the proposals.

The proposals will be posted online at www.cityofgolden.net and the public is encouraged to review them. Comments on the proposals can be sent to citycouncil@cityofgolden.net or citizens can speak during the public comment period at any regular business meeting. Council was scheduled to have an initial discussion at its Aug. 7 meeting.

It is anticipated that City Council will take decisive action regarding the museums before it enters the 2009-2010 budget discussions this fall so that transitions, if any, can occur smoothly this winter.
The City of Golden and GREAT (Golden Resource for Education, Arts and Theater) have joined forces again this year to produce the combined Movies & Music in the Park series. This year’s free series is the first four Friday nights in August in Parfet Park, at 10th Street and Washington Avenue in picturesque downtown Golden.

The series features free, family-friendly music and a movie each night. Bands begin performing at 7 p.m. and the featured movie of the night begins at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner and settle into your spot early! Enjoy live bands playing music selected expressly to gear up for the evening’s outdoor movie on a giant inflatable screen under the stars.

The schedule is as follows:

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More information on these artists and movies is available online at www.goldengreat.org or www.cityofgolden.net. Cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted at the park, on the web sites and on the voice mail at 303-384-8132 by 6:30 p.m.
**Saturdays**

**Golden Farmers Market**
The Golden Farmers Market runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 4. Located in the parking lot just west of the Golden Public Library at 1019 10th St., the market features live music, free horse-drawn carriage rides, an antique John Deere tractor, garden décor, specialty treats, flowers and plants, and other hard-to-find items. Enjoy and purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen fish and meats, fresh breads, canned condiments and sweets, locally-made wines, plus wonderful pasta and unique cooking ingredients.

**First Fridays and Every Saturday**

**Golden Avenue Artists**
Every First Friday and every Saturday through Sept. 5, Golden artists of every age and background are given an opportunity to promote, share and exercise their artistic abilities by Plein Aire painting from 5 to 8 p.m. the first Friday of each month and from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturdays on Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden. The event is not a juried affair or a selling venue, but a “People’s Choice” $50 cash award will be selected weekly by the public. Local artists are encouraged to visit www.spiritsinthewind.gallery.com or call 303-279-1192 to obtain entry forms.

**Through Aug. 22**

**Foothills Founders: A Retrospective**
Featuring artwork by the founders of Foothills Art Center, as well as historical photos, artifacts and videotaped accounts from the early years, this exhibition in Gallery II will offer a look back at the early days and key figures in the establishment of Foothills Art Center. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for seniors and free for members, students and children. Foothills Art Center is located at 809 15th St. Visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

**Aug. 1 through Sept. 26**

**Hay Fever**
Miners Alley Playhouse is celebrating five years in historic downtown Golden at 13th and Washington, above the former Foss location. Visit the playhouse to see “Hay Fever,” written by Noel Coward and directed by Richard H. Pegg, this production invites you to the English country house of the Bliss family for one of the most popular and hilarious comedies of all time. Trysts are arranged, flirtations exchanged, passions unleashed and ultimatums pronounced-in this dizzying, dazzling portrait of self-absorption, volatility, and the quest for personal fulfillment. Hay Fever shows at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and at 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $20. Visit www.minersalley.com or call 303-935-3044.

**Aug. 3**

**Grammar & Me: Puppet Show**
In this one day class designed for 4- to 8-year-olds to have fun with their parents, grandparents or other caregivers, attendees will create puppets using gloves, socks, and many mixed media objects. Use your imagination to create fun and interesting characters, and then put on a class play at the end of the workshop. Class is $50 for a child/adult pair and is from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Aug. 3 at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

**Aug. 4 through 8**

**Mountain Masters: An Outdoor Endeavor**
Revel in the wonder of the great outdoors in this outdoor day camp with Golden Independent School as you hike, fish, climb, explore and enjoy our mountainous region from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 4 through 8. Cost is $150 and attendees are invited to also join in on an optional Family Camping Trip the following week, Aug. 8 through 10.

**Aug. 5**

**A Golden Night in the Park**
The Golden Police Department will host its 11th annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 5 in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. The night will include free food, live music, games, demos, giveaways and special guest appearances by CBS Channel 4 reporter Karlyn Tilley and Investigator Mike Harris from the Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office. Tilley will be the MC for the night and Harris will give a special presentation called “Stranger Danger: internet strangers and keeping your children safe while surfing the net.” Come out and meet your neighbors and your local police officers while enjoying a fun-filled night out in the park. For more information or to make a donation, call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031.

**Aug. 5 through 7**

**Summer Art Camp for Kids: Session VIII Worldly Wonders: Nature’s Art**
Join Foothills Art Center for a very fun workshop and explore your imagination to create anything and everything from 3-D bugs to turtle tambourines. Attendees will paint rocks and sculpt animals out of Fimo clay. The class will use the environment around us as an inspiration for our creations and have a blast with all sorts of media. The camp is for kids ages 5 to 8 and is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 5 through 7 at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Cost is $110.

**Aug. 16 & 17**

**Golden Fine Arts Festival**
Now in its 20th year, this juried festival is an open-air art gallery from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17 in the gorgeous foothills setting adjacent to the Clear Creek in historic downtown Golden. More than 140 artists in a variety of media including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography and sculpture display their creations. Free horse-drawn carriage rides, music, artists demonstrations and a Kids Art Zone provide a fun family atmosphere. There is no admission fee. Visit www.goldenfineartsfestival.org.

**Aug. 16 & 17**

**Clear Creek History Park Free Days**
In conjunction with the Golden Fine Arts Festival, Clear Creek History Park is free from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17. See demonstrations.
like lace making, spinning, blacksmithing, and more. Taste what’s cooking on the woodstove and say hello to the chickens. Clear Creek History Park is located on 11th Street just west of Washington Avenue. Visit www.clearcreekhistorypark.org.

Aug. 16
SCFD Free Day
at Golden Pioneer Museum

Aug. 17
JSO Concert in the Park
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra will perform Symphony No. 9 by Dvořák, Prairie Night And Celebration by Copland, Piccadilly Polka and Scottish Overture by Ackerman, the Polka from the Bartered Bride by Smetana, The Shadow of Your Smile, Don’t Get Around Much Anymore and others. The Vocal Quartet “Infinity” will join the Jefferson Symphony to perform Somethings Gotta Give, Apple Blossom Time, Mr. Sandman and the Star Spangled Banner. The free concert is at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17 in Parfet Park at 10th Street and Washington Avenue in downtown Golden and concludes Golden’s Fine Arts Festival. Visit www.jeffersonsymphonyorchestra.org.

Aug. 22
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Aug. 23
Garden Tour
Visit some of the most attractive residential yards in Golden. The Golden Pioneer Museum has arranged with the owners of several homes to volunteer for a benefit tour of their lawns and gardens. Cost is $10 and the tour is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit www.goldenpioneermuseum.com.

Through Aug. 31
XL: Forty Years on the Frontier of Art
For 40 years, Foothills Art Center has served as the creative center for the greater Golden community. What began as a gathering place for artists and enthusiasts has grown into Golden’s premier art resource. With diverse exhibitions including local, national and international artists, FAC has inspired generations of artists and art lovers. FAC would not exist without the determined effort of countless individuals and this exhibition will honor the past, present and future of Foothills Art Center. Artists Marc Berghaus, Lui Ferreyra, Gwen Laine, and Dave Seiler have been invited to create works that express the momentous occasion of Foothills Art Center’s 40th year in Golden. An SCFD Family Free Day is Aug. 3 with a 1 p.m. Founder’s Day Talk and youth activities from 1 to 3 p.m. The 40th Anniversary Sidewalk Art Sale will be held in conjunction with the Golden Fine Arts Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 17. The public is invited to enjoy a free celebration including an extensive art sale, cake-cutting, balloons, activities for kids, and more. Foothills Art Center is located at 809 15th St. Visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.
The foothills around Golden are natural mountain lion habitat and the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) would like to remind residents near open space to be especially aware of their surroundings and to take precautions to avoid an encounter. Most sightings occur during times when lions are most active (dusk to dawn) and in areas adjacent to open space.

Residents in lion country are strongly encouraged to:
- Protect pets at all times, or keep them in a completely enclosed kennel.
- Monitor children.
- Do not feed wildlife, especially deer, in this area. Discourage deer, elk and other mountain lion prey from staying on your property.
- When stepping outdoors, turn on lights, make noise and be alert.

If you encounter a lion:
- Stay calm. Talk calmly yet firmly to it.
- Stop or back away slowly if you can do so safely. Don’t run!
- Do all you can to appear larger—raise your arms, open your jacket if wearing one.
- Pick up small children so that they won’t panic and run.
- If you are attacked, fight back.

If any resident has a lion encounter involving unusual or aggressive lion behavior, they should call 9-1-1 immediately. If caches (deer carcasses on which a lion might be feeding) are located in or near residential areas, or if you want to report a mountain lion sighting, please call Golden’s non-emergency dispatch center at 303-384-8045 or report them directly to the CDOW by calling 303-291-7227. After business hours wildlife officers in the Denver area are dispatched by the Colorado State Patrol at 303-239-4501. Wildlife officers are available 24/7.

For more information on living in lion country, visit http://wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/LivingWithWildlife/Mammals/LionCountry1.htm

Golden Police Department Investigator Obtains Prestigious Certification

Golden Police Department Technical Investigator John Evans obtained a highly sought after advanced computer forensic certification in May. Since early 2007, Evans has been on a collateral assignment with the Rocky Mountain Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory (RMCFL) located in the City of Centennial. The RMCFL program is a national network of FBI-sponsored, full-service digital forensics laboratories and training centers that utilize the assistance of state and local agencies. The RMCFL is devoted entirely to the examination of digital evidence in support of criminal investigations, such as terrorism, murder, crimes of violence, child pornography, the theft or destruction of intellectual property, Internet crimes, and fraud. The RMCFL is nationally accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors.

“Investigator John Evans’ accomplishment through obtaining his certification as a Forensic Examiner has placed both him and the Golden Police Department among the best,” said Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick. “The Department will now be able to utilize cutting edge technology to solve some of the most problematic and substantial crimes being committed today.”

Evans joins the ranks of fewer than 600 people who have obtained this certification worldwide. Additionally, Evans has obtained his Top Secret security clearance, enabling him to investigate high profile cases.

Chief Kilpatrick and the members of the Golden Police Department congratulate Evans for his hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence through this achievement. Evans has set an exceptional standard for the Department and has aided in the future development of the department to better serve and protect the citizens of Golden.
The Golden Fire Department dedicated the new Fire Station No. 1 on June 28. Pictured right, Fire Chief John Bales (on right) and Deputy Chief / Fire Marshal Jerry Stricker unveiled a dedication plaque during the ceremony. The public was invited to tour the new station, which is now able to house volunteer firefighters who work shifts. Visitors were able to look down the fire pole, pictured at bottom right, and test out how it feels to sit behind the wheel of one of Golden’s fire trucks. The public had another opportunity to see the new station at the Fire Department’s annual Pancake Breakfast, held before the Buffalo Bill Days parade.

Golden Fire Department Dedication

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GOLDEN FIREFIGHTER RECEIVES NATIONAL HEROISM AWARD

Volunteer Firefighter Engineer Doug Holschbach recently received Firehouse Magazine’s Heroism and Community Service Award for his actions in a lifesaving effort regarding the rescue of a 16-year-old victim who nearly drowned in Clear Creek on July 2, 2007.

Holschbach spotted the victim in Clear Creek as he was responding to the Fire Station and entered the water without benefit of any personal protective equipment. Holschbach pulled the unconscious victim out of the swift water and performed resuscitative measures, saving his life.

Golden Fire Chief John Bales nominated Holschbach for the award.

“Doug’s actions are an example of going above and beyond in a situation where a life is on the line,” said Bales.

For his act of heroism, Holschbach also received the Golden Fire Department’s Medal of Honor and an award from the Aurora Fire Department where he is employed full-time. The Firehouse Magazine Heroism and Community Service awards program takes pride in honoring and highlighting outstanding firefighters across the nation for their acts of bravery and wishes to commend them for putting their lives on the line everyday.
In 2007, the City of Golden resolved to work toward community sustainability in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency, among other benefits. As a result of the City’s Sustainability Initiative, City Council established several goals. One such goal is to reduce overall community energy usage by 20% and to increase the use of renewable energy sources by 20% within 10 years. Achieving such a goal will require the cooperation of the entire Golden community.

As Golden citizens work toward sustainability in their personal lives, the question has arisen of how Home Owners Associations (HOAs) might affect the addition of renewable energy devices to Golden homes. Can HOAs legally restrict households from installing various types of renewable energy devices?

On Aug. 6, 2008, House Bill 08-1270, which amends Colorado Revised Statute Title 38, will take effect. This means that according to state law, “any covenant, restriction, or condition contained in any deed, contract, security instrument or other instrument affecting the transfer or sale of, or any interest in, real property that affectively prohibits or restricts the installation or use of a Renewable Energy Generation Device is void and unenforceable.” In other words, HOAs cannot effectively prohibit renewable energy generation devices, which by definition includes solar devices and wind electric generators.

HOAs may still impose reasonable aesthetic provisions that pertain to the dimensions, placement or external appearance of renewable energy devices, as long as they do not significantly decrease performance or energy. Other restrictions considered to be within reason include material and color requirements and schemes. Restrictions must not significantly increase the cost of the device. Wind generators must be located and operated in such a way as to minimize sound associated with operations.

HOAs also cannot restrict the installation of other energy-efficiency measures, such as awnings, shutters, attic fans, swamp coolers, retractable clotheslines and fluorescent light bulbs, except under the same provisions which apply to solar and wind generators. Renewable Energy Devices and Energy Efficiency Measures must comply with any safety regulations and building codes.

The City’s involvement with this is limited, to include only building and zoning code compliance, including height and setback limitations. If the City were to make any attempts to revise the state statutory scheme to impose lesser or stricter controls, HOAs or individual homeowners could potentially challenge the City’s home rule as it applies to adding renewable energy devices to homes. Currently, the City is not working toward increasing its involvement and recommends that HOAs work to develop reasonable standards and apply them on a case by case basis. As HOAs begin this process, there are three major concerns to keep in mind: the impact of the purchase price and operating costs of Energy Efficiency Measures, the impact on the performance of the Energy Efficiency Measures, and the criteria contained within the governing documents of the HOA. Citizens interested in making Renewable Energy additions to their homes should check with the City for building and zoning codes and with their HOA to ensure that they meet codes and aesthetic restrictions. For more information, contact the City’s Planning Department at 303-384-8097.
Visualizing Golden in the Future: 
CSM Collaborates with Planning to Create 3D Models

Like many cities and counties throughout the country, the City of Golden has struggled with the pressures of population growth and has attempted to manage this growth by enacting forward-thinking zoning and building regulations.

What will our downtown look like in the future if it is completely built out using previously adopted building guidelines? Does it satisfy both the needs and wants of our citizens?

In order to help the public better understand and visualize just what a specific area might come to be if it were totally built out using current zoning guidelines, the Planning Department partnered with Colorado School of Mines to construct a creative solution.

Commissioned and directed by Golden City Planner Theresa Worsham, a team of engineering students from the Colorado School of Mines EPICS Program created 3D models of several blocks of downtown Golden and north Golden in an attempt to help us understand the future and how with coordination, collaboration and communication we can control the outcome.

The goal of the downtown project was to deliver to the City’s Planning Commission a build-out scenario according to both existing codes and a set of proposed new Downtown Design Guidelines, and to anticipate and mitigate conflict between developers and the Golden citizens.

One model shows the commercial property as it is today, with additional models depicting what this same block could look like if built out to the fullest extent allowed by the City’s current and potential guidelines. By using these models, modifications to the building guidelines can be seen with accuracy and clarity.

The students started the process by visiting the site and taking 20 to 40 photos of each of the individual buildings from all angles. The dimensions of the buildings were measured using standard civil engineering surveyor techniques. Then the models were placed on a simulated earth surface using latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates.

Details, such as signage, were added to give the models realism and give the viewer a sense of accuracy and spatial authentication. The student team then used the photos in conjunction with GIS and Google SketchUp software to build the 3D models.

Upon completion of the modeling, each design was exported into Google Earth. This allows for visualization on a grand scale exposing the design to all interested members of the community.

In Google Earth, you can “fly” around the models and view the site from any angle. You can simulate a drive down Washington Avenue and experience the potential massing of the buildings to get a sense of what it could be like in the future.

If you have Google Earth and broadband you can view the models online at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on the Planning Department.
Advanced Care Babysitting Certification
This course is designed for the pre-teen (11- to 13-years-old) and helps prepare for those first babysitting opportunities. Students will learn to identify their own responsibilities, such as routine child care duties (feeding, bathing and diapering). They will also understand basic child development and be able to provide activities for the developmental stages. The course will stress home and fire safety, infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures. Each student will receive a Babysitting Certificate upon passing the test.

Ages 11 years and older
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30
$65 Residents,
$70 Non-residents

Golden Climbing Club
Golden Climbing Club offers something for everyone. Club members will:
• Learn respect for self and others;
• Enhance self-confidence;
• Build strength and fitness;
• Develop relationships; and
• Set goals.
Best of all, club members enjoy climbing free during supervised climbing hours, friendly competitions and a cool T-shirt.

Ages 6 to 18 years
Practice: Mondays

Rent the Climbing Wall
Share an exciting climbing experience with your favorite group: camps, scout troops, school groups, or a birthday party. If you provide the group, the Golden Community Center will provide the climbing wall time and one instructor/belayer. Please be aware the climbing wall is not available for rent during open/supervised hours. To schedule a climbing wall rental, contact Tracy Hagelund at 303-384-8124 or thagelund@cityofgolden.net.

Fall Softball Leagues
Can’t get enough softball before the winter hits? There’s still one more chance to get in on the action. The City of Golden offers adult softball leagues for men, women and co-ed teams from recreational to competitive. The fall season will run from mid-August through October. The registration deadline for all fall softball leagues is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8. All leagues are first-come, first-served; so sign up today. Don’t have a team? Contact us; we’ll help you find one. All fall softball leagues will begin the week of Aug. 18. Leagues will play at Ulysses Park, W. 10th Avenue and Ulysses Street, and Tony Grampsas Memorial Sports Complex, 4471 Salvia St. Complete information, including team fees and league descriptions can be found at www.cityofgolden.net/adultsports or by calling Athletics Coordinator Becky Richmond at 303-384-8194.
The most important element of swimming for kids is fun; the most important element of swimming for lifeguards is safety. Swimming lessons teach children how to execute strokes and kicks effectively and efficiently, become familiar with water, learn safety skills and enjoy numerous health and physical benefits. Parents must remember young children should always be supervised in the water, even if they know how to swim and have participated in lessons.

Most parents are not aware of the importance of keeping children in swimming lessons as a regular part of their routine. Swimming lessons are commonly reserved as a summertime activity due to changes in the weather and school activities; however, a long break in lessons that stretches over many months will often result in a loss of skills gained the previous summer. Regular lessons ensure proper development of aquatic skills and, like any physical activity, a regular and consistent routine yields the most results. Unlike other physical activities, swimming lessons provide a life-saving and life-preserving skill. Lessons play a large part in developing layers of protection for children and need constant reinforcement. Safety risks in water do not go away in different parts of the year.

Safety is not the only benefit of learning to swim; swimming can improve a child’s development, performance, confidence and coordination, and is a wonderful activity for all abilities that will last a lifetime.

All swim instructors at the Golden Community Center are required to maintain current certifications in American Red Cross Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED), First Aid, First Responder and Lifeguard Training. The Golden Community Center also offers courses to encourage potential lifeguards and instructors in the community to become certified.

Cassie Phillips, a five year veteran private and group swim instructor at the Golden Community Center, enjoys the variety of skills she teaches in classes for group Family Fins for tykes up to private lessons for ages 80 plus.

“The best part of my job is witnessing the excitement on the kids’ faces when they realize they now know how to swim and can demonstrate to their parents what they can do,” she said. “Swimming is not related to anything else, it is a specific learned skill. People tend to backpeddle if they are not actively advancing their lessons. Swimming is also a great way to keep active in the colder months of the year.”

Enroll your child in fall swimming lessons at the Golden Community Center to build new skills and reinforce existing skills developed over the summer. The Golden Community Center offers classes for ages six months to adult, from entering the water to diving and water safety, and most importantly, its fun.

If your child needs additional help learning a stroke or refining a skill, private or semi-private lessons could be the answer. The fee for private lessons is $77 for one or two participants (semi-private) and includes a 30-minute lesson once a week for four consecutive weeks. Inquire at the Golden Community Center Front Desk for more information.

For skill requirements for each swim level and to register for swimming lessons offered this fall, visit www.goldenrec.com. Swimming lessons have specific registration dates and registrations will not be taken after the registration dates have closed for the session.

The Golden Community Center indoor leisure and lap pools will be closed for maintenance Aug. 11 through 17. The Splash Water Park will be open regular hours during this time. For more information, visit www.splashingolden.com.
Have you heard about the Golden Community Center’s Front Porch? Designed specifically for people 50 and older, the Front Porch offers respite and entertainment for the older adult community. Stop by and help yourself to a cup of coffee or tea, and healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of card games, including bridge, dominoes and mah jong. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, catch up on your reading, volunteer your skills in the sewing club, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class. Register for volleyball, hiking, cycling, softball and other sports for the 50+ crowd. Check out the announcement board or sign up for the Front Porch newsletter to learn more about the many exciting trips, travels and other newsworthy events planned. In August, don’t miss the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, the Rockies game, fishing at Bear Creek Lake and Bocce at Belmar, to name just a few. The Front Porch is located upstairs at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Get more information at 303-384-8130 or visit Active Older Adults at www.cityofgoldene.net/page.asp?navid=334.

Golden’s Employees Make A Difference

The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make The Difference” awards handed out at quarterly employee meetings. Employees are nominated by their coworkers for consistent demonstration of higher productivity in their daily work performance; willingness to go above and beyond to provide extra assistance to fellow employees and/or citizens; ability to think “outside” the parameters of their daily duties for creative solutions to issues; commitment to their regular duties and willingness to work with other departments to achieve the best results for all; genuine enthusiasm for day-to-day tasks and special projects; ability to motivate others and encourage a positive work environment; and consistent demonstration of higher productivity. The most recent award recipient is Rachel Hudson, Police Records Supervisor.

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Rachael has been with the City of Golden since 1998, starting in the dispatch center. She has been the City’s Records Supervisor for the past four years. Rachael has been heavily involved in the Police Department’s accreditation project for the past 3 years, requiring a number of periodic and ongoing tweaks to the Department’s internal processes. This also involved working with the computer aided dispatching and records management software vendor two to three times a week.

Along the way, the Department’s records clerk left to pursue other opportunities. Concurrently, the Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI) called to inform the Department that the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) was rejecting the Department’s reports. There was a recurring problem that the software’s vendor believed to be fixed. As luck would have it, the call from CBI brought with a very tight response window.

NIBRS information is used by agencies throughout the country for research and comparison purposes. Generally, such data is a mandatory inclusion for federal and state grant applications and is often used by companies in relocation consideration.

By altering her schedule to work longer hours and weekends, and with some help from CBI, Rachael was able to get the NIBRS to accept the Department’s data through manual entry of each rejected piece.

The Golden Police Department and the City of Golden thank Rachel for all she did to complete this critically important project.
Shelton Piece Graces Gateway Garage

Stop by the new Gateway Station public parking garage, located on Jackson Street between 12th and 13th streets, to view the giant banner that has been added to the northern wall. The Golden Urban Renewal Authority recently constructed this garage to provide hundreds of new, free, all-day parking spaces just a half block off Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden. GURA is actively seeking to redevelop the parcels at either end of the garage but, until then, the garage’s northern wall will host banners showcasing Golden artists and other interesting images. The first installation is called “Movin’ ’em up” by Golden’s own Hal Shelton. “We are grateful to the Shelton family for allowing the use of this image, and hope you enjoy Hal’s painting,” said GURA Director Mark Heller.

Hal Shelton was a celebrated Golden resident and artist who painted inspiring depictions of the mountains and the people who lived and worked there. This piece, “Movin’ ’em up” was enlarged and is now on display on the side of the three story public parking garage on 12th Street, just west of the Post Office in downtown Golden. The banner is courtesy of the Golden Urban Renewal Authority, which also has plans in the works to hang another artwork prominently on the side of the garage.

Golden Rotary Club Peach Sale Deadline Aug. 11

The Rotary Club of Golden is once again selling its famous Colorado Western Slope peaches for $35 per 25 pound box – that’s about 50 delicious Freestone peaches! These are the freshest peaches in town and the tree-ripened peach falls right away from the pit.

Order forms are available from any Golden Rotarian, in the Golden Transcript, online at www.goldenrotaryclub.org/peaches.htm, or at the following locations:

- The Hair Place, 2001 Youngfield;
- Dru Short State Farm, 1320 Simms St., #104;
- Foss Building Wine & Spirits, 1224 Washington Ave.;
- The Golden Transcript, 110 N. Rubey Drive;
- Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave.; and
- The Artful Framer, 2600 Willow Lane in Lakewood.

If you’ve purchased peaches from the Golden Rotary Club before, you should receive an order form in the mail.

Peaches must be ordered by Aug. 11. Once you’ve ordered your peaches, you need to plan to pick them up between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. Sixth Ave. Peaches not picked up during this time are donated to Golden charity food distribution needs.

Proceeds from the peach sale help support the charitable activities of the Rotary Club of Golden.

For more information, call Tom Hughes at 303-278-2823.
Lucky you, you’re living smack dab in someone else’s vacation. People from all over the state come to your neck of the woods to hike, bike, parasail, or hang out at one of our unique events. So why not do the same? Sneak away for a couple hours of pure enjoyment. There’s two hours of fun, two minutes from home. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.