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**Heads Up: Important Upcoming Items**

**Lots of Opportunities to Get Involved**

This regular column in the Golden Informer identifies some of the items of greater community interest that are likely to be scheduled for community discussion in coming weeks. For specific agendas and schedules, visit [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net).

**Weigh In on Pedestrian and Bike Improvements on Washington and Jackson**

A public meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St., to get your input on improvements to Washington Avenue north of State Highway 58 that may narrow the road to two lanes to slow traffic and provide pedestrian and bike lanes.

The City is also looking for input on eliminating one lane of Jackson Street from 14th to 24th streets for pedestrian and bike improvements.

**Parks & Rec Master Plan in the Works**

Because the City has accomplished all the projects in the former Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the City has embarked on the creation of a new parks plan. The main purpose of the plan is to create a clear set of goals, policies and objectives that provide direction to City Council and staff for future development, redevelopment and enhancement of the City’s parks system, open space, trails, and recreation facilities, programs and services.

The first public meeting was held July 10 and another is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For more information or to send your ideas, suggestions, comments or questions on the Parks Master Plan, email parksmasterplan@cityofgolden.net or call Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf Rod Tarullo at 303-384-8120.

**Come Celebrate Opening of New City Shops**

Citizens are invited to come and help celebrate the opening of the new City Shops facility with City Council and staff at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6. Mark your calendar and watch for more information in the September issue of the Informer.

Below is a copy of the Golden City Council’s calendar. Council meetings and study sessions are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Thursdays in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

**Aug. 2**

Study Session

**Aug. 9**

Regular Meeting

**Aug. 16**

Study Session

**Aug. 23**

Regular Meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at [www.CityofGolden.net](http://www.CityofGolden.net).

Public comment is welcomed and on the agenda at all regular meetings.

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Golden’s new City Shops were being moved into throughout July and staff planned to get settled in August. Citizens are invited to come and see the new facilities at a celebration Sept. 6.
Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) Executive Director Mark Heller and his staff submitted an application to the Sonoran Institute to attend the “Community Energy Features Institute” conference in Grand Junction this summer. Golden; Basalt, Colo.; Crested Butte/Gunnison, Colo.; Park City, Utah; Sun Valley, Idaho; and Jackson Hole/Teton County, Wyo. were selected to attend this inaugural conference. These cities were selected because they were small tourist mountain towns.

The Golden delegation consisted of Mark Heller, GURA intern Peter Rusin, Communications Manager Sabrina D’Agosta; and individuals from the citizen sustainability working groups, Don Cameron, Adam Stevenson and Saoirse Charis-Graves. I was pleased to be the elected official representing Golden. This was an excellent delegation having considerable knowledge, experience and interest in sustainability.

The conference was very intense and included formal presentations, question-and-answer periods and general discussions. Informal discussions continued during meals and breaks. The conference began on Wednesday evening, June 6 and continued until about 2 p.m. on Saturday. The course was designed to help small cities design, implement and monitor their energy sustainability programs. We had presentations on waste recycling, sustainable transportation, green building strategies, land use designs to reduce energy consumption, supply side and community engagement.

To me, the conference was beneficial and I came away with the following observations:

• The program that Golden has designed compared well with the model presented at the conference.

• Golden’s biggest technical challenge is to develop a baseline from which to monitor progress. Information on gas and electric consumption in Golden is not easily obtained from the utility because our data are combined with other cities near Golden.

• The Sonoran Institute is an excellent source of information and could be a source of some funding.

• There is no magic bullet for a viable sustainability program. It will take time, up front money and personnel to implement and monitor the program.

• A program should not be designed to try to do everything in parallel. Start the program with the task with greatest impact and have it underway before moving on to the next task.

• The biggest non-technical challenge for Golden will be to get buy-in from our citizens. An effective public relations program will be required and it must have broad-based appeal. It can’t focus just on one item such as global warming. It must include the conservation of resources, long-term cost savings, energy independence/security, reducing air pollution, man’s contribution to global warming and waste recycling. In this way, there should be at least one good reason for individuals to get involved.

In conclusion, Golden sent an outstanding team to the conference. If these citizens are representative of our citizens groups, I am certain Golden will have an effective and outstanding program. I encourage you to support Golden’s sustainability program.
Council Considering Sustainability Proposals

The Community Sustainability Initiative has released its proposals for review by Golden City Council. The final document, which totals 271 pages and is available online at www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability, evaluates goals in seven areas of sustainability: energy, economic development, building, water, transportation, recycling, and education and communications.

The Sustainability Initiative was officially launched in February, when City Council invited citizens to evaluate goals and develop proposals for reaching those goals. Community Working Groups in each of the seven areas met on a regular basis throughout the spring and summer and have been communicating in public Yahoo groups available at www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability. Their plans were drafted, reviewed by a committee of the groups’ moderators, revised and pulled together into one cohesive proposal document.

Each of the groups presented their proposals to City Council during study sessions July 19 and 26. The proposals include a broad range of ideas, ranging from public engagement campaigns to tiered consumption rates. The public is invited to review the meetings online at www.cityofgolden.net/Channel8 and then send City Council any comments on the plans to citycouncil@cityofgolden.net or by calling your Councillor directly (see contact information on Page 2).

City Council is expected to review and discuss the proposals at its Aug. 2 study session and will determine what further action to take at that time.

Are You Interested in Running for City Council or Mayor?

The City of Golden will hold its general municipal election Nov. 6, 2007. It will be a coordinated mail ballot election in which registered voters will elect the Mayor and Councilors for Districts One and Two.

If you are interested in running for office, you must pick up a nomination petition from the City Clerk’s Office, 911 10th St., and get signatures from 25 registered electors in the City for the Mayor or in the District in which you want to run. Nomination petitions may be taken out and circulated beginning Aug. 7 and are due back to the City Clerk by Aug. 27.

To run for office in Golden, you must:
• be a resident and registered voter in the city if you are running for mayor or in the district in which you are running,
• be a citizen of the United States for at least five years, and
• have resided in the City of Golden for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014 for more information and visit www.cityofgolden.net.

New ‘Pocket Park’ Open Downtown

The empty space between the Century 21 and the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum buildings on Washington Avenue has been converted to a “pocket park.” Called the Loveland Rest Stop because it is located in the space where the Loveland Building formerly stood, the Golden Urban Renewal Authority negotiated a lease with the land owner, Century 21, for just $1 a year. Thanks to the community partners that came forward to help fund, design and develop the park, including Table Mountain Garden Club, the City of Golden, Century 21, the Golden Civic Foundation, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the Rotary Club of Golden, and the Golden Lions Club.
Golden is America’s Newest Walkable Community

Dan Burden is the Director of Walkable Communities and Senior Urban Designer for Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, a leading community planning and design firm. Burden is commonly known as the preeminent expert in walkable communities; in fact, he coined the term “walkability” – how friendly a place is for pedestrians.

In June, Burden visited Golden and conducted an audit to identify achievements and issues throughout the community as they relate to Golden’s walkability. He presented his findings to citizens, members of City staff, and several boards and commissions June 29.

“Golden is one of the most remarkable Walkable Communities, both for size and accomplishment, that I have had a chance to investigate in my 12 years of travel,” Burden reported in his summary findings. “I am now listing Golden as one of the top walkable communities to invest or live in, visit and learn from.”

He said that Golden’s visioning, sensible investment and project completion are unique and sit a number of shining examples, including:

- trail development,
- Clear Creek whitewater park,
- main street development,
- strip corridor conversion with roundabouts,
- mixed use development,
- traffic calming,
- pedestrian mid-block crossings,
- on-street parking,
- alternative bypass proposals; and
- parks and plaza planning and development.

Golden’s vision for its historic town center, rebuilding of Washington Avenue, renewed public spaces and public art all contribute to the City’s concentration of welcoming public places and thus its walkability, Burden wrote in an article posted at www.glatting.com.

Downtown vibrancy has been created through added mixed-use developments downtown, where retail, restaurants and residences cohabitate in single buildings. Burden sites the Clear Creek Commons buildings as a “best model” for a mixed use building in the heart of a small town center. He said the City’s on- and off-street parking are both state-of-the-art, and said that on-street parking not only provides needed parking for vehicles, but also serves to calm traffic speeds in key locations.

The Clear Creek Whitewater Park and trail development has been key to Golden’s walkability. This $300,000 investment in the whitewater course has been credited with bringing in many people for a stroll down the creek. He said the interactive and friendly nature of these public spaces greatly improve the community’s walkability.

Burden also noted that the Clear Creek History Park’s “pioneer village” and the half-dozen adventure and discovery plazas throughout the community further enhance the pedestrian experience.

Finally, Burden sites South Golden Road’s continued retail and commercial growth throughout the state’s recent recession as evidence of the successful conversion of a “former ugly corridor” by constructing four roundabouts that create a sense of place. He also says the increase in safety in the corridor, with personal injury crashes down 99%, and people-friendly crossings are even more wins scored by the addition of roundabouts.

In his final report, Burden did note several remaining opportunities where Golden can further increase its walkability. He notes that there are additional areas where crossing islands and special treat-
ments to distinguish important crossings can be incorporated. He also said the City should consider prioritizing new sidewalks based on proximity to schools, transit, trails and the town center or other popular destinations.

He discouraged the City spending additional effort to create a pedestrian overpass near State Highway 6 and 19th Street because of the $2 million+ price tag, saying it would not likely be sought out and used. He instead advocated considering the use of modern “pork chop” islands to reduce crossing distances and turning speeds, countdown signals and enhanced crosswalk markings.

Finally, Burden reinforced Golden’s policy not to sign above and beyond the Manual of Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as it has been shown in national studies to be ineffective. “Motorist and pedestrian crossing behavior, comfort and safety is best provided through geometric design,” Burden said. He said that if yielding behavior is poor, other interventions besides signage are more appropriate, such as added landscaping, use of crossing islands, general speed reduction measures, night lighting and other performance designs.

Burden said he considers Golden to be “one of America’s most quintessential small towns at the very heart of the Rocky Mountain experience, and only a short drive (soon to be light rail connection) to Denver.”

Golden’s ability to continue to attract visitors and residents alike Burden suggests rests largely on retaining and maintaining its close ties to its well-preserved history and wild heritage, from whitewater to mountain trails, steep climbing walls to open spaces.

For more information on walkable communities, visit www.walkable.org.

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n June 19, Foss Company President Bob Lowry re-
leased a letter to the com-

munity announcing that Foss Drug and General Store will be closing.

“IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I MUST ANNOUNCE THAT FOSS DRUG WILL BE CLOSING,” LOWRY WROTE. “PLEASE KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT DECISION FOR BOTH THE FOSS FAMILY AND MYSELF. CLOSING A 94-YEAR-OLD BUSINESS IS MOST CERTAINLY A SAD AND EMOTIONAL EVENT.”

Lowry attributed the closure to changes in the practice of pharmacy that “have created undue hardship” on community pharmacies like Foss. Effective June 28, the pharmacy’s phone lines and prescription files were transferred to the Golden Safeway store at 17th and Jackson. Lowry encouraged Foss customers to continue to shop at local Golden businesses. He said the store will remain open only long enough to sell out of remaining merchandise.

“Our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the patronage and trust you have given us for so many years,” Lowry wrote.

In fact, the pharmacy was established 104 years ago; 10 years before it was purchased by the Foss family and renamed. Local historian Rick Gardner put together the following highlights of the Foss Company’s building in the heart of Golden.

The Foss General Store building is structurally an amalgam of three historic buildings and several additions, from basement to top. The central 25 feet is the original Foss building (1913) flanked on the north by the Hertel Building (1917) and on the south by the Safeway Building (1934).

Over time, Foss annexed the other buildings and added onto all three, building basements beneath. The building today has a facade that incorporates architectural elements of all three, with emphasis on the original Foss facade image. The inner walls of the three have been knocked out, a partial upper floor added to the north and western additions. Throughout the years, the store has seen seven expansions and six renovations.

A dated stone plaque on the building’s 13th Street wall exhibits the establishment date of the structure and Foss Drug. A metal plaque on Washington Avenue marks the 50th anniversary of Foss Drug. The building is also known for its extensive mural on 13th Street, where a great many tourists stop to take their photos, posed carefully with images of Adolph and Lisa Coors.

The northernmost portion of the Foss building, where the pharmacy and liquor department are, is actually the southernmost storefront of the Opera House Block next door. The building is an 1879 landmark and could easily be restored to its historic look, according to Gardner.

Gardner said he believes the building may be highly conducive to new retail use, as the building could easily convert back to the three original facades. All three initially featured the heavy use of plate glass display windows that could be reopened.

The City of Golden is working with the Foss Company to consider a range of options for leasing the space, in hopes of making the best use possible of the space. Miner’s Alley Playhouse has indicated its lease will remain in place, so please continue to patronize them (www.minersalley.org).
The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) is asking citizens to “chill” this summer and modify day-to-day behavior to help reduce ground-level ozone pollution.

During the summer months, hot and stagnant air leads to increases in ground-level ozone pollution, which is formed when emissions from everyday items combine with other pollutants and “cook” in the heat and sunlight. Sources of such emissions include local industry, oil and gas production, gasoline-powered vehicles and lawn equipment, and household paints, stains and solvents.

At ground level, ozone pollution is harmful to all of us – especially the young and the elderly. Ozone can trigger attacks and symptoms in individuals with pre-existing health conditions, such as asthma and respiratory infections. High levels of ozone pollution can even affect healthy people who work or exercise outdoors.

Weather plays a key role in this type of ozone formation. The highest ozone levels are usually recorded when temperatures approach the high 80s and 90s and when the wind is stagnant or light.

While weather conditions are uncontrollable, you can limit ozone formation by “chilling out” and avoiding activities – such as mowing the lawn or running errands – on hot summer days. Here are a few clean air tips that will allow all of us to breathe easier this summer:

• Inflate your vehicle’s tires – this can improve your gas mileage by more than three percent;
• Check your vehicle’s air filter – replacing a dirty air filter can improve your gas mileage by up to 10 percent;
• Carpool to work – it can save you between $500 and $2,200 each year; and
• Recycle your old lawn mower – operating a pre-1997 mower for an hour pollutes as much as driving from Denver to Fort Collins.

Denver’s ozone season runs from June through August. During this time, help take care of our summer air by taking the pledge to “chill” this summer. Visit www.OzoneAware.org. By participating in these simple ozone reduction strategies, you can help keep Golden and the metro-Denver region a healthy and clean community in which to live, work and play. To find out about current air quality conditions, visit www.CityOfGolden.net or call the 24-hour hotline at 303-758-4848.

This summer there are simple things you can do, and avoid doing to reduce ground level ozone pollution and ozone action alert days.

> drive less, walk to lunch, run errands after work
> refuel your car after 5 pm and stop at the click
> mow after 5 pm on hot summer days

Make the Pledge to Chill and find out more about what you can do. Visit our website below.

LET’S TAKE CARE OF OUR SUMMER AIR.
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Beat the heat and Reduce Ozone Pollution
SATURDAYS THROUGH OCT. 6
Golden Farmers Market
The Farmers Market runs until 1 p.m. in the parking lot west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. (See story on page 8).

AUG. 3
First Friday
Downtown Golden merchants are staying open until 8 p.m. the first Friday of each month! Golden Greeters will be all along Washington Avenue handing out “Golden Tickets” with discount offers and other giveaway items. The Golden Civic Foundation stagecoach will offer free rides through historic downtown and past the Clear Creek History Park. Musical entertainment will be on-hand, as well as face painting, balloon animals, a jumping castle, puppet shows and more! Come unwind after your workweek and take in the ambiance of downtown Golden.

AUG. 4
Golden Supercruise
The Golden Super Cruise brings several hundred car enthusiasts with cars of all types to South Golden Road on the first Saturday evening of the month through October. Cruisers meet at 6 p.m., park, eat, socialize and listen to tunes by DJ Van Jeffries before cruising as a group at 7:30 p.m. down Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden. Spectators are encouraged. Visit www.goldensupercruise.com.

AUG. 7 AND 21
Intercambio/Language Exchange
Practice English or Spanish and help others in a friendly atmosphere at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 7 and 21 at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Participants speak half the time in English and half in Spanish. Intercambio is not a class but rather an opportunity to improve Spanish/English skills through conversation. There is no need to register, and beginners are welcome.

GOLDEN FINE ARTS FESTIVAL OFFERS QUALITY, AMBIENCE
Come browse a variety of beautiful art at Colorado’s most accessible arts festival, the 17th annual Golden Fine Arts Festival, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 and Sunday, Aug. 19 on 11th Street just west of Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden.

The juried festival is an open-air art gallery in a gorgeous foothills setting adjacent to Clear Creek, welcoming more than 140 high-quality artists in a variety of media, including ceramic arts, fiber arts, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and more.

There is no admission fee to come enjoy the festival, which, as always, includes free horse-drawn carriage rides through historic downtown Golden, free musical entertainment, artists’ demonstrations, and a hands-on Kids Art Zone that is always a hit with younger art patrons and will be operated by ArtReach this year.

In addition, many other coinciding art-filled events and activities will be offered throughout the weekend at galleries and

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AUG. 7
National Night Out:
A Golden Night in the Park
The Golden Police Department is hosting its Golden Night in the Park as part of the annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7 in Parfet Park, at 10th Street and Washington Avenue. See story on Page 15.

AUG. 17
55th Annual
Golden Flower Show
Bring your entries to the Golden Gardeners’ and Table Mountain Garden Club’s 55th annual Golden Flower Show 55 Bloomin’ Years - A Tribute to Gardeners in Golden from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 16 and 8 to 11 a.m. Aug. 17 at the First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. Not restricted to Golden residents, cash prizes are offered for winners and juniors are encouraged to enter as well. The show is free and open to the public for viewing from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, with more than 300 flowers, vegetables, floral designs, potted plants and special exhibits. For more information, call Helen Damouth 303-200-0964.

AUG. 22
Unfinished Objects
at Golden Library
Work on and talk about your UFOs—unfinished objects—at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22 at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Crafters of all types are welcome. Participants may stay the entire length or come and go as they please.

GOLDENFEST
The Golden Landmarks Association is sponsoring the 9th annual fall GoldenFest from noon to 7 p.m. Sept. 8 in Lions Park, at 10th and Maple streets. Come enjoy beer, brats and music in Lions Park. All profits go to support historic preservation projects in Golden. Enjoy Barbershop music from noon to 1:30 p.m., BluJazz Dixieland band from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and Wendy Woo from 4 to 6 p.m. Bring your folding chairs and spend the afternoon relaxing in picturesque Lions Park.

SALITA, AMBIANCE
Merchants in downtown Golden, just a block from the Golden Fine Arts Festival, including free admission all weekend, the 1800s Arts and Trades Fair at Clear Creek History Park, including demonstrations of lace-making, spinning, blacksmithing, and more.

For more information about the Golden Fine Arts Festival and other goings-on in Golden, visit the Festival’s web site at www.GoldenFineArtsFestival.org.

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.
Annual Rotary Club Peach Sale on Now

The annual Rotary Club peach sale is going on now, with orders being taken by the Rotary Club of Golden until Aug. 13.

Get a 25-pound box of 60 to 70 tree-ripened Freestone peaches for just $35! Fresh-picked in Palisade, Colo., these fuzzy beauties fall right away from the pit. All proceeds from the sale benefit local community and international humanitarian projects supported by the Rotary Club of Golden.

Peach orders may be dropped off at:
- The Hair Place, 2001 Youngfield;
- Dru Short State Farm, 1320 Simms St., #104;
- Foss General Store, service desk in back;
- The Golden Transcript, 110 N. Rubey Drive, Suite 120;
- Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave.; or
- The Artful Framer, 2600 Willow Lane.

Please make checks payable to the Rotary Club of Golden. All orders must be received with payment by Aug. 13.

Prepaid peach orders must be picked up between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. Sixth Ave. Peaches not picked up during this time will be donated for Golden charity food distribution needs.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Golden, or if you wish to order your peaches online, visit www.goldenrotaryclub.org.

Knott’s Kids Program Needs Volunteers

If you’re an energetic, creative and encouraging individual interested in working with children ages 6 to 12, then volunteering for Knott’s Kids programs may be just what you’re looking for.

Opportunities include overseeing an event at a Library location, acting as a station monitor, working as a craft or art helper and being an on-site or fair volunteer. For more information or to apply, contact Program Coordinator Rene Yaws at 303-275-6181 or ryaws@jefferson.lib.co.us.

Volunteer Opportunities

Do You Have Ideas for Making Golden More Vibrant?


EDComm was formed in 1999. There are eight members: five members are appointed by Golden City Council, and the remaining three members are selected, one each, from the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA), Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce’s retail committee and visitors and convention council.

EDComm meets at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Applicants must be a resident of Golden, a property owner within the City, or own a business in Golden.

Application forms are available from the City Clerk’s Office and online at www.cityofgolden.net, and will be accepted until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, by the City Clerk’s Office, 911 10th St.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council study session the evening of Thursday, Sept. 20 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

For more information about EDComm, contact Golden Planning and Development Director Steve Glueck at 303-384-8095 or sglueck@cityofgolden.net.
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 all five 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.
The Colorado School of Mines was presented with the inaugural “Community Engagement Award of Excellence” by the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators (NACMA) at its annual convention in Florida.

NACMA created the award specifically to recognize NCAA Division II member institutions for their work in tying together the athletics department, student-athletes and the community where the school resides with an enriching program.

NACMA President Trip Durham announced that CSM had been chosen for the award for the “Evening in the Park” event held early this spring at Kadafar Commons in the center of campus.

The Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce coordinated the event with CSM Athletics. Local businesses provided food, soft drinks and entertainment. The event focused on families, faculty and students hanging out with one another. There was live music, crafts, a mini-train ride for kids, inflatable slides and games. Local businesses set up exhibits, some of which featured drawings for prizes. Throughout the park, people sat on the grass, taking the opportunity to sit in the sunshine and talk with one another.

“This is great because you can’t tell where the campus starts and the community ends, and that’s what it’s all about,” Said J.R. Smith, commissioner of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Colorado School of Mines Athletics Director Tom Spicer said he and his staff contributed about 120 hours of work, but only $1,000 of financial support. The Chamber of Commerce provided most of the volunteers to stage the event, with 69 local businesses bearing most of the financial load. Promotion was accomplished mostly through electronic media, with help from print, fliers and word of mouth.

“This was an opportunity to show Division II how the university and the city can work for the common good,” Spicer said. “This was a concept that would get the community together and not be athletic in nature. We wanted to energize toddlers and senior citizens alike.”

City of Golden Mayor Chuck Baroch, who applauded the institution’s recent efforts to become more involved in overall community planning, said the Evening in the Park was a winner. “We are proud of our community, and anything we can do to tell the world what a great place Golden is.”

Spicer and Chamber of Commerce Director Gary Wink were in attendance to accept the award.
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The Golden Police Department is hosting its Golden Night in the Park as part of the annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7 in Parfet Park, at 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Mark your calendar and plan on attending. Free food, games and giveaways are available along with free live music and other entertainment.

The night will include free food, live music, games, demos, giveaways, and special guest appearances by CBS Channel 4 reporter Karlyn Tilley and Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office investigator Mike Harris. 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 on out and meet your neighbors and your local police officers, while having some fun. For questions or donations, contact Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031.

Be Watchful for Snakes in Golden

If you have lived in Golden very long at all, you probably know that snakes are not uncommon in the area. In fact, there are six prominent species of snakes that are indigenous to the Golden valley, including the rattlesnake. These snakes live and thrive throughout the entire City, and in most cases, prefer to stay to themselves and away from humans.

However, in many cases, we unintentionally invite snakes into our yards and even our homes by creating environments that are attractive to snakes. Rock gardens and any environment that attracts mice and rats are irresistible to snakes. Citizens should keep their yards clear of debris piles and keep pet food inside so as not to attract pesky rodents and their natural predators, snakes.

Citizens should also take care not to disturb snakes when recreating outdoors. The City has had several reports of snakes along the Clear Creek trail, all of which have proven to be bull snakes to date. But there have also been several reports of rattlesnakes on North and South Table Mountains in areas where people frequently recreate. There have been no reports this year of rattlesnakes at any other park sites, and none at Fossil Trace Golf Club.

The City did discover a baby rattlesnake near the Community Center earlier this year, and there have been six rattlesnakes found during construction of the Rooney Road soccer fields.

This is about the same number of snakes the City would expect to find in a normal year.

The City does not track snake bites, as they are often not reported and there is no state requirement for reporting a snake bite. However, the Colorado Division of Wildlife often gathers and documents information regarding the population of all species of animals and reptiles in the state. You can learn more about snakes at their web site, http://wildlife.state.co.us.
Fall Activities for Everyone

As the summer season comes to a close, it is not too late to take advantage of the many outdoor recreational opportunities Golden has to offer! Kayak down the award-winning Clear Creek whitewater course, slug balls at the Ulysses batting cages, enjoy beautiful parks and trails, play 18 at Fossil Trace Golf Club, or go for a dip at The Splash water park.

Although the final days of summer are upon us, you can stay busy this fall with indoor activities at the Golden Community Center. There is something for everyone! Check your mailbox for the Fall Recreation Guide or pick one up at the Golden Community Center to browse all the activities offered from September through December.

Now Open for Registration

In-Line Hockey League

The City of Golden is partnering with the City of Lakewood to offer an inline hockey league for youth 6- to 18-years-old. This 8-week league was created to be a program with a strong recreational format. Competition has its place in the program and all participants are encouraged to do their best, however, it is emphasized that competition is of secondary importance. The development of skills and sportsmanship, while stressing participation for all and assuring each participant experience some degree of success, is the main goal of the program. Each team will practice once a week with games on Saturdays. League play will begin with practices the week of Sept. 4.

Volleyball Leagues

Can you dig it? It’s time to come in from the beach and register your volleyball team for Co-Rec “B” (lower competitive) or Co-Rec “C” (recreational) leagues. There are now two nights to choose from in our lower competitive B league. Bring your friends and have some fun! Teams will play a 10-game schedule. League awards will be given for first, second and last place teams and first place individual. Team entry fees are due at the time of registration. Leagues begin the week of Sept. 17.

Basketball Leagues

Hoop it up! It’s time to hit the hardwood. No matter if you rode the pine on the JV squad or were a starter in the Big Dance, we have a level of play that is right for you. All teams will play a 10-game schedule under current high school and Colorado Association of Recreational Athletics (CARA) rules. The top four teams will advance to the playoffs. League awards will be given for first, second and last place teams and first place individual. Teams will play 5-on-5. Leagues will start the week of Sept. 17. All games are played at the newly renovated Tony Grampsas Memorial Sports Complex.

Dodgeball Leagues

Do you want to relive those old junior high glory days? The City of Golden is offering a series of dodgeball tournament nights for anyone with the fortitude to step out on the court. Bring it on and bring your friends for music, exercise and good fun. All games will be played under current Colorado Association of Recreational Athletics (CARA) rules. Tournament awards will be given for first and second place teams and first place individual. Team award for the best costume as well! Team entry fee is due at time of registration.
Fall Activities at the Front Porch

The Front Porch at the Golden Community Center offers a special place for folks 50 and older. Located on the upper floor of the Center, the Front Porch is a perfect place to meet new people, gather with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee, relax and just enjoy being! Fall events include a variety of trips such as miniature golf, a walking tour of LoDo, lunch on the Royal Gorge Train and the Titanic Exhibition at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Also offered are wellness classes, cards, games, clubs and outdoor exercise.

Be sure to check the Front Porch Newsletter for details. Pick one up today!

Mark your calendar for Celebrate Health the first Friday of each month. Celebrate Health offers healthy goodies, free blood pressure checks and massage.

Young Rembrandts

Young Rembrandts’ drawing programs are coming to the Golden Community Center for ages 3-½- through 12-years-old. Children will learn how to draw, as well as effective coloring techniques using various media. New subjects are introduced each session, so no child will ever take the same class twice. Young Rembrandts’ drawing subjects include art history, silly cartoon characters, still life drawings, animals, detailed graphic drawings and much more. All classes are age-appropriate.

Spinning

Spinning is one of the most popular group fitness classes. A spinning program is a great way to make those fitness goals a reality. Get into the best shape of your life with a certified instructor. Many different instructors and class times are available to meet the needs of busy spinners. Classes will suit all levels ages 16 and older.

For more information on recreation in Golden, visit www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrecreation. If you are interested in joining a fall recreational activity, the Recreation Guide for Fall 2007 is available online. Online registration for fall activities is available at www.goldenrec.com or by calling 303-384-8100. If you have not been in since renovation completion, stop in to the Community Center to cool down and have a look around.

In early 2007 the Community Center finished renovations including the addition of a 5,000-square-foot weight and cardiovascular room filled with new state of the art equipment, and an indoor playground complete with a children’s climbing wall and a birthday party room for your child’s special day.

A beautifully maintained cemetery nestled at the foot of the Rocky Mountains

- Upright Monuments
- Single/Family Sites
- Cremation Garden
- Columbarium Niches
- Veterans Section
- Open to Residents & Non-residents

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Golden Joins Original Shopping Districts

On June 28, 50 members of the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Merchants Association officially joined the Original Shopping Districts of Colorado. The “Originals,” now more than 350 members strong, consists of five independent shopping districts representing Historic Littleton, Historic Olde Town Arvada, Old South Gaylord Street and Old South Pearl Street Merchant Associations, and now members of Golden’s historic entertainment, recreation and shopping districts.

The “Roll Out the Red Carpet” celebration event was July 10 at the Buffalo Rose, 1119 Washington Ave.

The Original Shopping Districts formed in December 2006 to promote the benefits of supporting community-minded merchants and the unique shopping, dining and recreation experiences offered by historic neighborhood shopping districts.

To learn more about the Original Shopping Districts, visit www.OriginalShoppingDistricts.com or call local representative, Chamber of Commerce Director Gary Wink at 303-279-3113.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENTS

Downtown Businesses Historic and High Tech

Several stores in Golden’s historic downtown are launching web sites as part of a pilot program funded by the Golden Urban Renewal Authority and managed by the Economic Development Commission. The goal of the program is to promote local businesses to a wider audience via the World Wide Web.

The initial phase of the program will create websites that convey the “feel” of the store and describe the types of merchandise in each store. In the program’s second phase, merchants may elect to offer online sales through their new web sites. The pilot program was offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

The lucky winners are:

- Avenue Gifts
- Baby Doe’s Clothing
- Creekside Jewelers
- Gene Bauer
- Ptarmigan Clothiers
- Silver Horse

In a month or so, look them up online!

A local vendor, Table Mountain Web Design, won a competitive bid process and is building the web sites. Table Mountain Web Design counts among its clients the Golden Civic Foundation, Golden Urban Renewal Authority, Jefferson Symphony Orchestra, and many other local businesses. It recently launched a site designed to help locals and tourists learn more about Golden at www.onlinegolden.com.

The pilot web site program dovetails nicely with another new marketing venture: downtown Golden is working with several other historic shopping districts in the Denver metro area to promote “Original Shopping Districts.” Brochures and a web site, www.originalshoppingdistrict.com, tell shoppers about downtown Golden, Historic Downtown Littleton, Olde Town Arvada, and the South Pearl Street and South Gaylord Street shopping districts in Denver. This new marketing venture is expected to bring large numbers of internet users to www.onlinegolden.com and Golden’s official visitor and events web site at www.2HourVacation.com, and now they’ll be able to virtually visit several more downtown merchants as well.
When you live in Golden, there’s two hours of fun, two minutes from home. So we suggest getting away by staying right here. Get a double scoop of ice cream and meander down Washington Avenue. Stroll through our amazing art galleries or museums. Shop in one of our unique stores. You’ll be surprised at all there is to do right here under your nose. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.

COME TO THE GOLDEN FINE ARTS FESTIVAL AUGUST 18-19
Enjoy a refreshing weekend full of beautiful art, shopping, and lively entertainment.
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Music begins at 7 pm
Movies start at Dusk (around 8:30 pm)

Bring a picnic and come get your spot early!

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