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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

Council to Hear Sustainability Plans

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.

The community’s sustainability initiative is preparing to bring its proposals forward to City Council later this month.

The effort began in late February when the City Council invited citizens to evaluate goals suggested in six areas of sustainability: energy, economic development, building, water, transportation, and recycling. More than 200 citizens showed up to this initial meeting, and most commented that the suggested goals should be more aggressive. The community also asked that an additional goal area be created for education and communications efforts.

Working groups were formed in each of the seven goals areas to further evaluate the goals and develop proposals for City Council to consider. The groups 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 have been drafted and reviewed by a committee of the groups’ moderators.

Each of the groups will present their proposals to City Council during study sessions scheduled the evenings of Thursday, 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 attend the meetings, or watch them broadcast on Channel 8 or online at www.cityofgolden.net/Channel8 and then send City Council any comments on the plans to citycouncil@cityofgolden.net or by calling your Councilor 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.
Mayor’s Message

Wards 3 and 4 Meetings

By Mayor Chuck Baroch

Last month, I reported on the significant highlights of the Wards 1 and 2 meetings. This month, I am reporting on the highlights of the Wards 3 and 4 meetings.

The Ward 3 meeting was held May 15 at Mitchell Elementary School and was led by Ward 3 Councilor Diane Chesbro. The Ward 4 meeting was held at the Golden Community Center on May 22 and Ward 4 Councilor Jacob Smith conducted the meeting. Three to four other Councilors, many City staff members and I attended the meetings. There were about 40 citizens at each of the meetings.

One item reported on was that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is still in the process of preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the completion of the beltway. The new CDOT administration is trying to resolve differences between various parties, and Golden has just released the results of a study that again shows no transportation need for the billion dollar boondoggle (see story on Page 8).

The construction of the supertower on Lookout Mountain is underway after the TV stations paid $220,000 lobbying to get Federal legislation passed requiring the tower to be constructed. Lake Cedar Group (the media consortium building the supertower) has filed for some permits from Jefferson County, indicating some willingness to comply with local zoning regulations.

The schedule for the Washington Bridge is being determined by CDOT, but construction is expected to begin in May 2008. Two-way traffic, one lane in each direction, will be maintained throughout the construction (see image on Page 9).

Other areas of interest were related to traffic congestion, resolving issues with parking at Colorado School of Mines and Golden High School, and motorcycle noise. Noise and traffic mitigation are very difficult problems to solve, but Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick assured citizens that the Police Department will continue to aggressively enforce traffic laws.

The student parking around Golden High and Colorado School of Mines will be reviewed by Council during the summer – we hope to develop a better solution than exists today. At Golden High, the problem will be reduced significantly when the new school opens in Fall 2008. The question City Council must address is how best to handle the problem during the 2007–2008 school year.

Mines is working with the City to address the problem in the 12th Street Historic District and on 17th and 18th streets. The completion of the new recreation center at Mines plus providing bus service from Mines Park to the campus should provide some near-term relief in parking in the residential areas. Mines is also planning on adding a parking deck by the summer of 2009. At that time, it is expected that most students will park on campus and the neighborhood problem should be reduced significantly. Council and CSM will try to find an interim solution.

As is usually the case, the feedback Council received in the Ward meetings was generally very positive, with most attendees coming to get information and ask questions. All four of the Ward meetings were very informative and the Ward Councilor and staff answered all of the concerns raised. It appeared that the answers satisfied the audience and the questioner.

I thank the Council and all of the staff for being at these meetings to interact with our citizens.
The Independence Day holiday July 4 is a wonderful celebration of our country and gateway to the summer months. Unfortunately, it can also provide ample opportunity for danger, particularly among children.

Each year, more than 12,000 Americans, half of them children, are treated in emergency rooms for firework-caused injuries. Among the children injured by fireworks each year:

- 54% were under the supervision of adults;
- 26% were simply bystanders;
- 10% suffer permanent damage;
- 29% suffer injury to their eyes; and
- 22% suffer injury to their hands.

In 2004, sparklers, fountains and fireworks novelties accounted for 40% of all emergency room fireworks injuries. Many people do not realize that the tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns. It only takes the touch of a sparkler to ignite a cotton T-shirt. Yet, many parents place a sparkler in the hands of their child, unaware of the potential dangers.

The story does not end there. Many children who are allowed to use fireworks (especially matches and lighters to ignite fireworks) continue to do so long after July 4. Once children are given the opportunity to use matches and lighters, it is very difficult to reverse that empowerment.

In addition to injuries, in 2004, fireworks started an estimated 1,600 structure fires and 600 vehicle fires that were reported to local fire departments. These fires resulted in $21 million in direct property damage. On Independence Day in a typical year, more fires are reported than on any other day in the United States, and fireworks account for half of those fires, more than any other cause of fires. Based on the amount of time and quantities in use, fireworks pose a higher risk of fire death than any other consumer product.

For all of these reasons, Golden’s Municipal Code prohibits the possession, storage, sale and use of all fireworks, including firecrackers, Roman candles, sky rockets, fountains, sparklers, snappers, party poppers, toy smoke devices and glow worms in accordance with the National Fire Protection Agency’s definition of fireworks in the International Fire Code Section 3302.

While there may be fireworks for sale in unincorporated Jefferson County (including locations with Golden mailing addresses outside of the city limits), these fireworks are still illegal to possess, use or store inside the City limits.

You can look up the more detailed information on Golden’s laws online at www.cityofgolden.net, click on Municipal Code and then see Sections 16.04.190 and 16.04.200, or contact Golden Fire Department Education Specialist Kelli Hilborne at khilborne@cityofgolden.net or 303-215-8886 for more safety information.

The Golden Fire Department encourages you to have a safe Independence Day celebration by attending a City-permitted fireworks display. Heritage Square’s fireworks display is July 3 and the Golden Lions Club’s is July 4. For more information, see story on pages 10-11.
The Golden Fire Department has been a volunteer department since its formation more than 128 years ago. When the community was smaller, it was common for downtown merchants to close up their shops to respond to a call and put out a fire in the neighborhood.

Today, the Department is still alive with that same vibrant spirit of community volunteerism, but the challenges of the 21st century are requiring the Department to reexamine itself.

Golden citizens often don’t work in town or close enough to quickly respond to calls during the day. This has required the department to come up with creative ideas to continue the volunteer tradition. Part of the solution is to allow for non-residents to volunteer if they agree to work scheduled shifts, and to begin moving local volunteers toward more scheduled shifts as well.

To do this, volunteers need a headquarters where they can spend many long hours awaiting the next call, including somewhere to stay overnight. Golden Fire Station No. 1, which was built in 1961 and underwent a major renovation in 1974, does not currently have any sleeping quarters, nor does it have accommodations for crews to spend lengthy amounts of time.

In order to continue providing exceptional fire response well into the future, Golden City Council approved the construction of a new Fire Headquarters and Station No. 1 on its current site adjacent to City Hall at 911 10th St.

As design for the new Station wraps up, the Fire Department is preparing to temporarily relocate. Since Public Works and Parks staff moved into the new City shops facilities in late June, the former shops complex just west of the Golden Community Center at 1445 10th St. is available for the Fire Department to temporarily occupy while its new Station is under construction.

The Fire Department’s administration and all Fire Station No. 1 equipment will relocate to the former shops complex in early July so demolition of the old station can begin in early August. (Don’t worry: the Department will not begin demolition until after its an-
As a result of the move, citizens can expect to temporarily see fire vehicles making emergency responses along 8th Street from Briarwood Lane to Washington Avenue. Fire Chief John Bales said the Department will hold emergency responses to a minimum on 10th Street during the department’s relocation.

Construction of the new fire department facility is expected to take 10 to 12 months. The new headquarters will house six fire apparatus, expanded administrative offices and training facilities, and crew quarters for housing up to eight volunteer firefighters on a shift program.

Questions concerning this project can be directed to Fire Chief John Bales at 303-384-8090.
Analysis Shows Proposed Jeffco Toll Road is Still the Wrong Answer


A proposed Jefferson County toll road would offer far less congestion relief and is less cost effective than a package of transportation improvements agreed to in 2002 by all the impacted communities, according to a new comprehensive analysis of traffic data.

The 65-page white paper was commissioned by the City of Golden and conducted by CRA International, a Boston-based consulting firm. The study relied on traffic data and modeling methodology from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG).

“The analysis shows definitively that the Jefferson County toll road the Colorado Department of Transportation pushed so hard for under the previous administration simply doesn’t make sense from either a financial or transportation perspective,” said Golden City Manager Mike Bestor. “We hope that the current administration uses this data to reassess this ill-conceived proposal.”

“The argument that a toll road will be easier to fund and less of a burden on taxpayers is clearly undercut by this research. The data shows that the toll road simply isn’t the best transportation solution,” Bestor added. “The failure of toll roads nationally to meet their overly optimistic traffic and revenue projections should serve as a warning that these proposals must be heavily scrutinized at the front end. It’s now clear that the new toll road proposed for Jefferson County will never pay for itself.”

The data was analyzed by Daniel Brand, vice president of CRA International. Brand is a well-known transportation expert with more than 35 years of research and consulting experience in urban and intercity transportation policy and investment analysis. Before joining CRA in 1977, Brand was undersecretary of transportation for Massachusetts and an associate professor at Harvard University.

The white paper came to the following conclusions:

• “The forecast traffic volumes on the toll road are very small.” This lack of volume “deserves considerable attention because it shows that people avoid paying tolls, and that there is little traffic through the corridor that will benefit from the toll road in the first place.” (page 6)

• The toll road would not increase traffic or revenue on the Northwest Parkway. “This means the toll road does not serve a ‘regional need’ to close the ‘gap’ in the circumferential highway around Denver.” (page 6)

• Jefferson County transportation improvements proposed in the 2002 Countywide Transportation Plan would perform “far better than the toll road…with twice the benefits in most cases.” (page 8) The Countywide Transportation Plan was created by all the local governments within Jefferson County and incorporated all proposed municipal, county and state improvements. It did not propose a toll road.

• The toll road would cost between two and six times as much as the proposed Countywide Transportation Plan for each daily minute of congested travel time saved. (page 12)

• “The toll revenues from the toll road are essentially worthless as a means of paying for the toll road.” (page 14)

• “Since toll revenues are weak in all cases, building a toll road in the Northwest Corridor will produce serious pressure to not build any competing no-tolled capacity to encourage drivers to pay tolls.” (page 14)

To view the full report, visit www.cityofgolden.net and click on News Items.
New Washington/58 Bridge Calls for Better Pedestrian and Bike Access

The bridge replacement planned for Washington Avenue over State Highway 58 will not only be a more attractive entryway to downtown, but will provide pedestrian walkways and separate bicycle lanes on both sides of the bridge. Golden is working closely with the Colorado Department of Transportation, which plans to start construction in May 2008. One lane of traffic will remain open in either direction throughout construction. For more information, call Public Works at 303-384-8152.

Help Keep Emergency and Road Workers Safe

Police officers, firefighters, other emergency personnel and road construction workers are asking motorists to slow down and give them a “safety lane,” so they can safely do their job along busy roadways.

After several close calls, the Golden Police Department has started aggressively enforcing a little known traffic law enacted in 2005. The law requires motorists approaching any emergency vehicle, which is stopped on the side of the road with their red and blue lights flashing, to move at least one lane away before passing. If an adjacent lane is not available, then motorists are required to slow to a safe speed and provide adequate distance before passing.

This law creates a safety zone or “safety lane” for police officers on traffic stops and other emergency personnel working along a roadway. Nothing rattles the nerves of emergency workers more than having to stand or kneel next on the shoulder of a major highway with traffic whizzing past at 55 MPH.

Motorists charged with failing to move or slow down, could lose four points from their driver’s license and can face a fine up to $999.

Even when providing a “safety lane,” please use caution when passing any emergency equipment and be prepared to react to any potential hazard or personnel in your path.

In addition, the City of Golden supports the Colorado Department of Transportation and Colorado State Patrol “Slow for the Cone Zone” campaign, which targets unsafe driving practices in road work zones during the busy summer construction season. In 2004 alone, 1,906 crashes occurred in Colorado work zones, resulting in 768 injuries and 14 deaths (the majority of which were the motorists). Most of these accidents are the result of careless driving and can easily be prevented.

To help improve safety on the highways for road crews as well as emergency personnel, the Slow for the Cone Zone campaign will include a major enforcement component. CDOT is providing a safety grant of $118,000 to the Colorado State Patrol and additional funding for other local agencies to target select work zones across the state for overtime law enforcement.

The Officers of the Golden Police Department, your volunteer Fire Department, and your Public Works road crews thank you for taking a moment to slow down and change lanes to help keep everyone safe.

For additional information or questions, contact a member of the Golden Police Traffic Team at 303-384-8045.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Lions Club Celebrates Fourth of July with Community**

For the past 36 years, Golden Lions have been hosting a community celebration in Lions Park on July 4 as a way of giving back to their community and country. Starting at noon and ending with a dramatic fireworks display in the evening, the event draws thousands each year.

The event is designed to be a day for families to get together at the beautiful park on 10th and Maple streets to picnic or purchase food and drinks, enjoy music throughout the day, and let the kids enjoy the many free rides provided by their hosts. Most of all, it is a day to join with neighbors and friends in celebration of the birth of this great country with its many freedoms, and this year, to support our men and women in uniform who are defending those freedoms.

**Lions Thank Community**

The Golden Lions Club would like to thank the community for its generous support of its raffle ticket sales and the Fourth of July event again this year. With more than $15,000 in prizes to award, special thanks go to all the individuals, businesses and civic organizations for their support in making this year’s raffle such a success. For a complete list of sponsors, visit www.GoldenLionsClub.org.

**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. The market will not be held on July 28 for Buffalo Bill Days.

**Through July 31**

**Summer Reading Club**

Spend the lazy days of summer with a good book. If you or your child are looking for a fascinating and exciting way to spend the long, hot days, Join Jefferson County Public Library’s Summer Reading Club. We have programs for kids, teens and adults, and you can sign up June 1 through July 31 at any JCPL location.

**July 1 through 4**

**Heritage Square Independence Day Celebration**

See sidebar below.

**July 4**

**Lions Club Fourth of July**

See sidebar to left.

**July 5**

**Free Computer Class**

Join the Golden Library, 1019 10th St., for a free class on Internet Basics at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 5. For more information or to register, call 303-279-4585.

**July 6**

**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.

**July 7**

**Golden Super Cruise**

For the third year in a row, the Golden Super Cruise brings several hundred car enthusiasts with cars of all types to celebrate Independence Day at Heritage Square with all kinds of good family fun, including fireworks at dusk July 3. July 1 through 4 will feature live entertainment, street performers and karaoke, plus all the Square’s usual attractions, including amusement rides and arcade, Alpine Slide, bumper and paddle Boats, 36 holes of miniature golf, Rio Golden Railroad, Music Hall Dinner and Children’s Theater, unique shops and gifts. For more information, visit www.heritagesquare.info or call 303-279-2789.
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.

**July 13 & 17**

**Intercambio/Language Exchange**
Practice English or Spanish and help others in a friendly atmosphere 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. This program takes place the first and third Tuesday of each month.

**July 16**

**Bonfils Blood Drive**
The Bonfils Bloodmobile will be in the Golden Library’s parking lot from 10 to 11:40 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. July 16. Call 303-363-2300 to make an appointment.

**July 24**

**Tuesday Night Books**
Join the Tuesday Night Books for a discussion of “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince” by J.K. Rowling at 7 p.m. July 24 at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Read as a family! All ages are encouraged to attend. See Golden’s related program for children and teens ages 8-13, where they can discuss the book at our “100 Pages of Harry” program. For information, call 303-279-4585.

**July 25**

**Unfinished Objects**
Work on and talk about your UFOs – unfinished objects – at 6:30 p.m. July 25 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. The group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month.

**July 25-29**

**Buffalo Bill Days**
See story and schedule on Pages 12 & 13.

**July 27-29**

**Buffalo Bill Days at the Library**
Take a cool break at the library this year and strike gold in Golden from July 27 through 29 at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. A collection of western books, movies and CDs will be available to check out from their display table. Rope ’em and read ’em! Bring your little doggies in to do a western craft in the children’s area on July 28. Please be aware that vehicular access to the Golden Library may be affected by the annual Buffalo Bill Days Parade and events throughout this weekend.

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**Farmers Market Going Strong in July**

July is the heart of the summer. Most local fruits and veggies are now ripe and ready for you at Golden’s Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday. The added bonus of shopping the market is that you will see a great many of your friends and neighbors. Enjoy a social hour and pick up your week’s produce and specialty food items. Plus, the Master Gardeners give talks each week will try to answer any gardening questions you may have.

**July 7**

Kids, come learn how to make a terrarium with Mary Kay and Nick. Parents, check out the luscious green beans and tomatoes.

**July 14**

Dan and Monte will teach the art of composting to those interested in sustainable living. Western slope peaches should be at their peak – come in for your juicy peach “fix.”

**July 21**

Hot July temps mean wonderful sweet corn to boil or roast. Sally and Barb will demonstrate how to create gorgeous hanging baskets.

**July 28**

NO FARMERS MARKET due to Buffalo Bill Days. Enjoy the parade and all the other fun in this classic Golden celebration of the old west.
Golden’s annual Buffalo Bill Days festival brings rootin’ tootin’ Wild West fun to historic downtown Golden from July 25 through 29. History buffs, families and visitors alike will enjoy this fun-filled weekend of western-style entertainment, filled with the Best of the West Parade, Mutton Bustin’ and an authentic Wild West Show.

Nine different local bands provide live music on the main stage while car displays, arts and crafts, kids games, train rides and a duck race are set up throughout the streets of historic downtown Golden.

The festival’s namesake, Buffalo Bill Cody, spent time in Golden, Denver and Central City with his famous Wild West Show, in which genuine cowboys and cowgirls demonstrated their skills. He is buried on Lookout Mountain, where he has long enjoyed the remarkable view from the top – legend has it that while alive, he often commented he could see all the way to Kansas from this Golden vantage point.

This year's festival kicks off at 5 p.m. Friday, July 27 with the Sons of the ‘Burbs, and Chris Daniels & the Kings on stage in Parfet Park at 10th Street and Washington Avenue. There will be childrens’ rides, games, arts and crafts, and food and beverage stations available until 10 p.m. Friday.

Admission to Buffalo Bill Days is free. Event hours for the rest of the weekend are:

- 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 29.

The Best of the West Parade, a highlight of the festival, begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. The parade route has been slightly altered this year, still starting at 8th Street and Washington Avenue, it will end in front of Clear Creek History Park (see map at right).

After the Parade ends, at about noon, spectators can enjoy the Wild West Show at 12th Street and Washington Avenue, complete with bullwhip demonstrations and pistol tricks.

For more information, visit www.buffalobilldays.com or www.2HourVacation.com, or call the Buffalo Bill Days Committee at 303-384-0003.
Buffalo Bill Days Best of West Parade has a new route:

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The Golden Police Department is excited to announce the upcoming 2007 Citizens Academy. The Academy is set to begin the first week of August and scheduled to last 15 weeks with a graduation ceremony Nov. 16. Participants will meet one evening each week for classroom presentations, and two weekend days for demonstrations and education in driving and firearms.

The Academy combines classroom presentations with hands-on activities that provide participants with a comprehensive experience. In addition to the skills training, participants learn about various aspects of law enforcement, including K9 patrol, drug enforcement, arrest control and self defense tactics, DUI enforcement, crime scene investigations and more.

Applications are now being accepted and are available at the Golden Police Department and online at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on the Police Department link. Applicants must be 18-years-old with a valid Colorado driver’s license and able to pass a criminal background check. There is no residency requirement.

Applications must be received at the Police Department by July 9. For additional information, contact Officer Jamie Dunaway or Officer Denise Mehnert at 303-384-8045.
Beginning July 1, pet owners throughout Jefferson County and parts of Adams County will be required to license their dogs. The program, which has been in effect in unincorporated Jefferson County since 1994, will be expanded to the municipalities, including Arvada, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and Westminster.

Many cities and counties throughout Colorado also require pet registration, including the City and County of Denver, Larimer County and Teller County. Licensing provides benefits that serve the community as a whole. Mandatory licensing can:

- Reduce the number of unwanted dogs by encouraging owners to spay and neuter dogs;
- Ensure that dogs have their rabies shots;
- Protect pet owners and their animals by tracking dangerous and aggressive dogs and habitual offenders of animal laws; and,
- Return lost pets to their owners more quickly and increase the number of pets returned to their homes.

Fees are expected to increase from current rates of $7 for spayed/neutered or $25 for unaltered dogs to $15 for spayed/neutered or $30 for unaltered dogs as of July 15. Citizens are being encouraged to take advantage of the lower fees by registering now before the rate increases go into effect July 15.

Most of the revenues generated by dog licensing will go to Table Mountain Animal Center’s capital building fund to help construct a much-needed new facility. TMAC serves as a safe haven for lost animals impounded by animal control officers and for pets relinquished by their owners. It is also the animal adoption facility within Jefferson County for the entire Rocky Mountain Region. While TMAC receives the third largest volume of animals of all shelters in Colorado, it has one of the smallest budgets of any major animal shelter in the state.

Requiring dogs to be licensed also expedites reuniting lost pets with owners. The database maintained by the County contains information on the owner and vet, important medical concerns, and can flag dangerous dogs. Dog tags can be traced around the clock by all participating jurisdictions, which will lead to fewer impounds as the animal control officer may be able to return the dog to the owner directly, eliminating the need to take the pet to the shelter. Fewer impounds at TMAC will save staff time and resources. Since 1994, when Jefferson County first adopted a dog registration ordinance, impounds have been reduced by 20% despite the increase in the County’s population.

To get a dog license, pet owners in Jefferson County will be required to provide their name, address, phone number, emergency contact information and proof of a current rabies vaccination. Licenses must be renewed on an annual basis. Licensing forms are available at http://animalcontrol.jeffco.us, at the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office Animal Control Division, Table Mountain Animal Center and through many Jefferson County veterinarians, pet stores and groomers. Forms should be mailed to Jefferson County Animal Control, 700 Jefferson County Parkway, #160, Golden, CO 80401.

For more detailed information about dog licensing, call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045 and ask for an Animal Control Officer.
GURA Pilots Small Business Energy Efficiency Program

The Golden Urban Renewal Authority is sponsoring a pilot energy audit and implementation program for businesses in the urban renewal district. GURA with invest $20,000 in the Small Business Energy Efficiency Program to help local businesses thrive by reducing overhead. GURA will help merchants reduce energy costs by assessing energy efficiency opportunities and providing implementation assistance.

In addition, the pilot program will help GURA evaluate the average performance of the downtown buildings and provide insight on what long-term services and programs should be offered in the commercial sector.

The program will provide energy audits to the first eight businesses within the GURA district that sign up. After the energy audits have been conducted, GURA will help the businesses implement the recommendations made by Active Energies, including connecting the merchant with a qualified contractor, applying for Xcel Energy rebates and paying 50% of the implementation costs up to $2,000 per business or building.

Any business or merchant within the GURA district with a current City sales tax license (if required) is eligible for an audit. Both a building owner and a tenant are eligible for an energy audit. However, if the applicant does not own the building, the building owner must authorize work as required by the lease.

Some benefits of an energy-efficient business are:

- Reduced annual operating and maintenance costs;
- Improved productivity;
- Tax benefits;
- Reduced risk;
- Increased customer/client comfort; and,
- Marketing benefits.

GURA’s overall goal for the project is to reduce energy usage by at least 20%. Active Energies will list recommendations in the most cost-effective way to reach the 20% reduction and beyond. If a program participant does not implement measures at least to the cost of the audit, the business must reimburse GURA for audit cost. Audits will likely be in the range of a few hundred dollars.

To be involved in the pilot, applicants must submit an application with utility bill information by 4 p.m. July 19 online at www.gura.com/energyaudit. The eight businesses chosen for the pilot program will be contacted by July 25 to schedule audits for July 30 and 31.

More information about applicants’ responsibilities, what is included in the audit and what to expect during the audit is available online at www.gura.com/energyaudit. If you have questions or concerns about the program or the application, contact Peter Rusin at peter@gura.com or 303-279-4162.
Golden’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan was last completed in 1985-’86, and if you have lived here that long, you know just how much has been accomplished in that timeframe. With all the new things happening in town, it is no surprise that the Golden Parks and Recreation Department and Advisory Board are embarking on creation of a new parks plan.

The primary purpose of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to create a clear and concise set of goals, policies and objectives that will provide direction to City staff, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the City Council for future development, re-development and enhancement of the City’s parks system, open space, trails, recreation facilities, recreation programs and services.

We believe strongly in the need for an effective public process. Input from residents and users of the park system provide the guidance needed for a plan that has broad community support and that embodies the goals and values of the community. There are several ways in which citizens can participate and have their ideas and thoughts heard. One of the best ways is to attend the scheduled public open houses at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 10 at the Fossil Trace Golf Club, 3050 Illinois St., and at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Citizens can also send their ideas, comments and suggestions to parksmasterplan@cityofgolden.net.

As part of the process, a comprehensive inventory, or analysis of current and forecasted needs and implementation strategies, will be created. The City recently selected EDAW, Inc. – an international planning and landscape architecture firm with more than 25 offices worldwide – as consultants for the project. The Fort Collins office will lead this project with Principal Jana McKenzie, Vice President Tom Keith and Project Manager Chad Schneckenburger as key staff team members.

The scope of work for the project includes nine task areas:
1. Start Up
2. Communication + Public Involvement
3. Inventory
4. Needs Assessment
5. Vision, Goals and Policies
6. Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan
7. Recreation Facilities and Programs
8. Implementation Strategies + Action Plan
9. Plan Production and Adoption

The project is scheduled for completion and expected to be adopted by City Council in November.

For more information, contact Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf Rod Tarullo at 303-384-8120 or rtarullo@cityofgolden.net.

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The Golden Community Center has introduced a new 10-Visit Fitness Card that may be used for any specialty fitness class, including Spinning, Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi and more! A fitness card holder may go to spinning on Monday, Pilates on Wednesday and Yoga on Thursday. If your commitments change weekly or you like to experience new classes, the 10-Visit Fitness Card is perfect for you.

One of the specialty fitness classes offered this summer is the Intro to Pilates class at 6:30 p.m. Mondays or at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Intro to Pilates teaches proper alignment and posture along with proper routine. The class is hands-on so you know what your body is doing and how to perform the moves to your advantage.

The more advanced Intermediate Pilates class is held at 7:05 p.m. Tuesdays and 4 p.m. Wednesdays. Intermediate Pilates will take you to the next level integrating more intense movements.

If you prefer Yoga, combined Yoga plus Meditation classes are now offered, in addition to the many specialty Yoga classes already available at the Golden Community Center. Yoga with Meditation is held from 5:15 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Yoga for Vitality is offered from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Thursdays. If you would like to try Yoga but are not comfortable on the floor, check out Easy Yoga or Silver Sneakers Yoga Stretch. Unlike the specialty fitness classes above, these two classes are included in admission to the facility and are a great way to learn Yoga.

For more information on Golden Community Center fitness classes and the new 10-Visit Fitness Card, call 303-384-8100. For updated fitness class schedules, visit www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrecreation then choose the Rec Division link.

During the Golden Community Center’s renovation, the existing climbing wall was removed and replaced with a bouldering wall and a new, more challenging top rope climbing wall. Climbing enthusiasts who are 6- to 17-years of age may enjoy bouldering with an adult supervisor. Those 18 and older may boulder anytime without a partner or certification. If you prefer the top rope climbing wall, inexperienced climbers 18 and older may take a climbing instruction course or a certification clinic to learn to belay and use the wall with another certified climber during unsupervised climbing hours using their own equipment.

If you are a parent, a climbing wall certification is great if you wish to belay your child during our supervised hours from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. If you just want to climb, one of our certified staff supervises the climbing wall Saturdays and can belay persons ages 6 and older. Tennis shoes or climbing shoes are required.

Climbing wall certifications are held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. June 30, July 14, July 28, Aug. 11 and Aug. 25. The fee is $15 for Golden residents and $18 for non-residents. For more information on indoor climbing or to register for a certification clinic, call 303-384-8100 or visit www.goldenrec.com. Experienced climbers may schedule a test-out certification by calling 303-384-8124.
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