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City of Golden Department Managers

The Golden Informer
HELP PROTECT
OUR RECYCLING CENTER

Yikes! Look at all the trash that has ended up at our community recycling center that isn’t recyclable! And these are all items that were left over the course of just one evening!

The City of Golden provides, in partnership with Coors Brewing Co. and Ball Corp., a free facility for residents to drop off recyclable materials rather than having to pay for curbside pickup at home. The program has been so tremendously successful that the City has increased pickups of the bins to a daily basis during the week to help keep them from overflowing.

Unfortunately, some irresponsible folks are leaving items outside of the bins when they are overfilled, and worse still, dropping off items that cannot be recycled and must then be hauled to the dump at the City’s expense — that’s your tax dollars paying for someone else’s trash to be hauled off appropriately instead of going toward further enhancements of our recycling program. As a result, the facility will only open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Please, don’t jeopardize our recycling program: don’t leave materials that are not approved. You can easily find the labels showing which items are recyclable on the bins. Carpet, carpet pad, irrigation lines, wood pallets, desk drawers and a Chevy pickup grill have all been left at the site and none are recyclable. Help us keep this public service viable and don’t drop off non-recyclable items. And please call the Police Department’s non-emergency line at 303-384-8045 to report anyone you see illegally dumping at the site. You can ask to remain anonymous.

Did you know that you can subscribe to the City’s website to receive email notification of news items? Visit www.cityofgolden.net and click on Subscribe.

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

July 3
NO MEETING – Independence Day

July 10
Regular business meeting

July 17
Regular study session

July 24
Regular business meeting

July 31
NO MEETING – fifth Thursday of the month

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net.

Public comment is welcomed and on the agenda at all regular meetings.
The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) projects that the Denver Metro region will grow by another 1.5 million people — a city of the size of Phoenix — by 2035. Although Golden’s 1% growth limit restricts the amount of new residential units in town, it does nothing to shape the character of the growth we do experience, nor does it help us manage the exploding growth occurring all around Golden.

Golden will also be affected by other important regional changes. FasTracks, the Denver Metro region’s ambitious transit system project approved by voters in 2004, is one of those. The project includes the West Corridor Line ending in Golden at the Jefferson County building. The Gold Line will extend to Ward Road only a few miles from Golden’s eastern border. In addition, the Colorado Department of Transportation recently announced a compromise plan for the I-70 corridor that will include some sort of transit system connecting Denver International Airport with mountain towns. That means Golden may have the opportunity for another major transit line either connecting to the West Corridor Line or something entirely separate along the State Highway 58 corridor.

Other changes on the horizon include highway construction costs at extraordinary levels, gasoline at record prices, and a growing awareness of climate change and its potential impacts. Not only does this call into question the feasibility and utility of new highway projects, but we may also see significant changes in driving behavior. Traffic on State Highway 93 is down from last year, which may be a result of increasing gasoline prices.

DRCOG also projects that the percentage of residents in the region over age 60 will double by 2030 to nearly one quarter of the population. The better we do planning for and anticipating these changes, the better able we will be to ensure they add to the strengths and richness of our community.

Since we last updated our Comprehensive Plan, nearly a decade ago, Golden has experienced a lot of change within our community. Our downtown has new buildings and new businesses. We have continued to grow our system of trails, parks, and open space — some critical nearby open space, including most of South Table Mountain, is now protected. We have restored some historic buildings but lost others, and some of our older residential neighborhoods have begun to experience significant changes in their character. We’ve also experienced continued sprawl on the edges of town, some within Golden but most in surrounding areas.

Golden and the City Council have begun taking steps to plan for the next couple of decades. We completed one neighborhood plan and have three more underway, we recently updated our Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and we are nearly finished with a new Downtown Character Plan. Community task forces are working on updating our Bicycle Master Plan and improving walkability in Golden, and another task force is tackling the difficult issue of housing affordability. We also launched the Golden Sustainability Initiative, establishing ambitious 10-year goals for energy efficiency, renewable energy use, improved water conservation, and other priorities.

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The Colorado Department of Transportation released a white paper June 9 ending the Northwest Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The City of Golden said the announcement is a credit to Gov. Bill Ritter and CDOT Executive Director Russ George, who have consistently shown tremendous leadership by prioritizing the State’s pressing transportation needs with the current lack of funding, seeking a comprehensive transportation funding approach and searching for consensus solutions on transportation planning for specific projects.

In September 2000, the City of Golden, along with other Jeffco cities, backed the results of a comprehensive study by CH2M Hill, which said the best way to handle traffic in the northwest corridor was to improve arterial roads. Golden set out making plans to improve the roads traversing its city and remains ready to implement real transportation solutions in and through Golden and for the full length of State Highway 93 (visit www.cityofgolden.net/muller).

In April 2003, then Gov. Bill Owens’ administration initiated the EIS with a predetermined outcome in mind, charging CDOT to “proceed with planning of this final beltway segment” (Denver Post “Owens: Beltway’s Missing Link on the Way” April 16, 2003). Despite a biased direction, Golden continued to participate in the EIS process in good faith in an effort to help find the best traffic solution for the region.

Because of CDOT’s decision not to build the beltway with public money, beltway proponents have now crafted a scheme to seek private investors to build the toll highway instead. Arvada, Broomfield and Jefferson County created a Public Highway Authority with taxing authority and the ability to condemn private land in the hopes that they can draw private sector funding for the project. CDOT’s own studies concluded that tolling this section of the beltway could not cover all of the needed improvements and that real tax dollars would be required.

Worse yet, all of the studies show a toll highway will do nothing to fix congestion in Arvada or other nearby cities. Instead of collaborating on effective and cost-efficient transportation solutions, this new privatization scheme will waste precious time and resources pursuing an antiquated and flawed beltway idea. If CDOT could not find a way to make tolls cover the cost of the beltway, there’s no reason to believe a Public Highway Authority will be able to either. A privatized toll highway will only give rise to a variety of other unintended consequences, such as gridlock guarantees.

“The beltway proponents have a new plan for building their toll highway. What they aren’t telling anyone is that in order to attract private investment dollars, they will have to commit to keeping their roads so congested that their own residents will be forced to drive out-of-direction and pay tolls to get where they need to go,” said Golden Mayor Jacob Smith. “While we share our neighbors’ desire for transportation improvements in the region, Golden is committed to pursuing a better way than building a billion dollar tolled beltway.”

Watch www.cityofgolden.net for updates under News Items.
On June 12, construction signage went up and detours went into effect for building the new roundabout on South Golden Road in front of Golden High School.

In conjunction with the planning of the new high school, the City of Golden reevaluated the intersection where Jackson and Ford Streets meet South Golden Road and prepared design alternatives for the community to consider. After multiple public hearings and an open house at the high school, City Council voted to construct a new roundabout at the location.

The design includes two lanes in each direction where Jackson and Ford streets merge into South Golden Road and will also incorporate the entrance into the school’s new parking lot. Enhanced pedestrian crossings will provide safer walking routes across the corridor for high school students.

Construction of the 24th and Jackson Streets roundabout requires a number of closures. As shown in the adjacent map, northbound traffic on South Golden Road will have to merge onto East Street in the far left lane and turn left onto 24th Street back to Ford Street. Southbound traffic on Jackson Street will have to turn left onto 24th Street, right on East Street and right onto Grand Court to get to South Golden Road.

Brannan Sand and Gravel Company is under contract with the City to complete this project. They anticipate construction will take 8 weeks, with the roundabout opening just in time for the school year to begin the week of Aug. 11.

For construction updates, visit www.cityofgolden.net.
As the City of Golden begins construction of the fifth roundabout on South Golden Road, it is a good opportunity to remind the community that – while admittedly some don’t particularly like driving in them – roundabouts actually increase pedestrian safety and decrease the number and severity of vehicular accidents compared to traditional stoplight intersections.

Roundabouts are specifically designed to slow down traffic as it approaches the intersection with speeds between 15 and 20 mph. Numerous studies both in the United States and abroad, where roundabouts are much more widely used, have shown that they do result in lower speeds. This reduction in speed serves to make these intersections safer for pedestrians entering them and reduces the severity of the accidents that do happen in them. The average reduction in accidents after a roundabout replaces a traffic signal is 35% to 60%. On South Golden Road, there has been an accident reduction of 66%, and an injury reduction of 95%.

However, there is a dangerous and incorrect perception that pedestrians always have the right-of-way when entering a road. The Colorado Model Traffic Code specifically provides in Section 802 (1) that drivers must yield the right-of-way, slowing or stopping if necessary, if a pedestrian is in a crosswalk. However, it further states in Section 802 (3) that no pedestrian should leave a curb or place of safety and walk in to the path of a moving vehicle which is so close as to cause an immediate hazard.

“Crosswalk is not a traffic control device that allows pedestrians to stop oncoming traffic,” explains Public Works Director Dan Hartman. “They are intended to protect pedestrians from approaching traffic, but only if the pedestrian enters with a safe gap in traffic.”

Articles published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Transportation Research Board and the U.S. Department of Transportation illustrate that pedestrians are actually safer in roundabouts than in traditional stoplight intersections with crosswalks. This is partly due to the lack of “conflict points” – in other words, there are less points from which a pedestrian could be hit by traffic because in roundabouts the traffic is only approaching a pedestrian from one direction, while in a traffic signaled intersection there is direct oncoming traffic, as well as traffic approaching from left turns and right turns on red. Increased pedestrian safety in roundabouts is also the result of lower speeds, as discussed above.

Additionally, pedestrians in roundabouts have a much shorter distance to cross in traffic: typically about 25-feet in a double-lane roundabout or 12-feet in a single-lane roundabout compared to 74-feet at a traffic signal with two through lanes, a left turn lane and a right turn lane.

There have been no pedestrian injuries in the roundabouts on South Golden Road since they were installed in 2000.

Golden will participate in a research test to evaluate safety for vision impaired pedestrians this summer. Research will be conducted by North Carolina State University Engineering Department and funded by the National Transportation Safety Institute and the Transportation Research Board. This summer, you will see testing of a device referred to as a Hawk Signal at the Johnson Road/South Golden Road intersection to assist blind pedestrians.

If you have questions or concerns about roundabouts, contact Public Works Director Dan Hartman at 303-384-8150 or dhartman@cityofgolden.net.
Make plans to celebrate the July 4th Independence Day holiday with your neighbors and friends at the 37th Annual Golden Lions Club Fourth of July Festival in Lions Park, 10th and Maple streets. This day-long event will feature food, entertainment, live bands and will culminate with a spectacular fireworks show around 9:30 p.m.

The Golden Lions Club is giving back to the community again this year with **FREE RIDES** for all the kids. The Fourth of July Raffle, starting at 1 p.m. this year, will have more than 200 prizes valued at more than $15,000 and will feature a **$1,000 grand prize**. Raffle tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club member for $1 each, or a book of 10 for $5, and you do not need to be present to win. To buy your raffle tickets, look for Lions Club members at local supermarkets, the Foss building, the Farmers Market, Meyer’s Hardware, or the Buffalo Rose from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings.

The Fourth of July Festival Raffle is a major fund-raiser for the Golden Lions and all proceeds from this family event go toward the Club’s Community Betterment Fund. This fund has been used to finance numerous construction projects around town that Golden residents enjoy every day. The concession building at Ulysses Park; the restrooms at 12th and Arapahoe streets; the pavilions in Lions, Norman D, Beverley Heights and Southridge parks; and picnic tables and benches all around Golden have all been funded by the Community Betterment Fund. All proceeds are reinvested in projects all around Golden. Your generous raffle ticket purchases help make all this happen.

Come out and celebrate the holiday, show your community spirit, and help support a very good cause: the Golden Lions Club’s Community Betterment Fund. For more information on this day-long event and a map to the park, visit the Club’s website at www.GoldenLionsClub.org.
ALL fireworks use is prohibited within the Golden city limits. Violators face a minimum $200 fine.

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. 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.

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, 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 at 303-215-8095. The Golden Fire Department encourages you to have a safe Independence Day celebration by attending a City-permitted fireworks display.
Saturdays
Golden Farmers Market
The Golden Farmers Market runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 4, except the weekend of Buffalo Bill Days, July 26. 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 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.spiritsinthewindgallery.com or call 303-279-1192 to obtain entry forms.

Through July 6
Foothills Art Center Artists in Residence
Foothills Art Center is presenting works by members of its talented staff through July 6. Artists include Doug Casebeer, K Rhynus Cesark, Matt Christie, Susanne Clark, Holly Curcio, Erin Dinsmoor, Charlotte Delay, Kate Fisher, Regula Franz, Jennifer Ghorne, Kim Henkel, Rachel Herman, Andrea Jensen, Ji Yong Kim, Kathleen Lo, Ashley Lyon, Susan Muenchen, Rick Parsons, Ralph Scala, and Susan Working.

Anderson Ranch Arts Center is a visual arts learning community on five scenic acres in Snowmass Village, Colo., near Aspen. The Anderson Ranch Artist Residency Program is designed to foster creative, intellectual and personal growth for emerging and established visual artists. Artists live and work at Anderson Ranch for 10- or 12-weeks and are encouraged to pursue their unique vision amidst a group of artistic peers.

Through August
Summer Rock Climbing and Adventure Courses for Youth and Families
The Colorado Mountain Club’s Youth Education Program offers weekly instructional courses designed for youth, and Saturday outings for families. Join us for an adventure in the foothills and learn new skills. Summer rock climbing and adventure courses are offered Mondays through Fridays in June, July and August. All courses and classes are based out of the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. For details, call 303-996-2747, email javork@cmc.org or visit www.cmc.org/yep.

Through Aug. 1
Hands-On History Summer Camp
Sign up your 6- to 10-year-olds to spend a week at Clear Creek History Park in historic downtown Golden exploring pioneer life this summer. There are seven weeklong sessions from June 9 to Aug. 1. To register, call 303-278-3557 or visit www.astorhousemuseum.org. Weekly session prices are $160 for members and $195 for non-members for this very fun day-camp.

July 4
Independence Day
City administrative offices are closed.
Golden Lions Club Fourth of July Festival and Fireworks
See article on Pages 8 and 9.

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.
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See article on Page12 and schedule on Page 13.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

2HOURVACATION.COM
For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.2HourVacation.com.

The Golden Police Department is pleased to announce 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.

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:

Aug. 1: Rob Drabkin, Over the Hedge
Aug. 8: Eddie Clendening & the Blue Ribbon Boys, American Graffiti
Aug. 15: Flock of Beagles, Karate Kid
Aug. 22: Loose Cannon Bluegrass, Secondhand Lions

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.

MOVIES & MUSIC IN THE PARK:
FOUR FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY FRIDAY NIGHTS
IN PARFET PARK
It’s that time of the year again! Golden’s annual Buffalo Bill Days festival brings the rip-roaring Wild West back to historic downtown for a weekend of fun, fun and more fun. Western history buffs, families (especially the “youngsters”) and visitors alike will all enjoy the entertainment, the unique Best of the West parade, an authentic Wild West Show, music, arts and crafts, kids games and rides and, of course, plenty of good food and beverages. And let’s not forget the kickoff events which include the Golf Tournament featuring a 1:30 p.m. shotgun (what else) start at Fossil Trace Golf Club. Thursday will have the Golden Chamber of Commerce hosting its annual Buffalo Bill Days Luncheon at the Buffalo Rose Events Center.

The weekend is the main event and kicks off 5 p.m. Friday, July 25 with a night of music on the main stage in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Featured bands Chris Daniels and the Kings will play at 7 p.m. Friday, the Eleven Hundred Springs country and western band will play at 7 p.m. Saturday, and the Indulgers and Runaway Express will play Sunday afternoon. There will also be local entertainment, including adult and children dancers, and local bands Son of the Burbs, Pairadeux, Blu Jazz and Route 66.

The continuous events in the park will include music and entertainment on the main stage, arts and crafts vendors, food and beverage vendors, and rides and games for the kids. Free children’s train rides are available from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. And don’t forget the American Legion duck race at 1 p.m. Sunday. Buy your duck anytime before then for a chance to win one of a multitude of prizes.

Saturday features the Golden Fire Department’s annual Pancake Breakfast for the first time in the new Station No. 1, followed by the famous Best of the West Parade down historic main street Washington Avenue. Around high noon, you might just catch a Wild West Show in the middle of Washington Avenue, or maybe stop by afterward for an Orphan Car Show.

Sunday morning begins with a Community Worship Service in Parfet Park followed by Mutton Bustin’ for the kids in the Lions Park ballfields and a Classic Car Show on Washington Avenue.

Other Golden cultural organizations like the Astor House Museum, Clear Creek History Park and the Golden Pioneer Museum will hold concurrent events as part of the celebrations throughout the weekend.

For more information, visit www.buffalobilldays.com or call the Buffalo Bill Days Committee at 303-384-0003.

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FIREFIGHTERS FLIPPIN’ FLAPJACKS PRIOR TO PARADE

The Golden Fire Department’s volunteer firefighters will be proudly flippin’ flapjacks for the 34th consecutive year before the Buffalo Bill Days parade Saturday, July 26. This year will be extra special because they’ll be doing it from the newly constructed Fire Station No. 1 (in the same location as the old fire station at 911 10th St.).

The all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with silent auction bidding is from 5 to 10 a.m. All the proceeds from the event help fund the volunteer firefighters’ needs.

You can purchase tickets in advance from any volunteer member or at Station No. 1 in the administrative offices. The suggested donation is $5 for adults and $3 for kids 12 and younger.

For Firefighters Flippin’ Flapjacks prior to Parade.
Please be advised that Washington Avenue will be closed just south of the on/off ramps on State Highway 58 due to bridge construction. All traffic entering the City from SH58 will be detoured north to 5th Street, east to Ford Street and south into downtown. Visitors are encouraged to park in the public parking structures available between Ford and Washington Avenue at 12th and 13th streets.

### 2008 Schedule of Events

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Getting to Know Your Utilities Division

It’s one of those things you don’t think about much until there’s a problem – how does your water get to your tap and where does it go when you flush the toilet? Both of those things are the daily concerns of the City of Golden’s Utilities Division.

Part of the Public Works Department, the Utilities Division is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the City’s water distribution and wastewater collection systems. The Utilities Division’s goal is to reduce system failures (water main breaks, sewer backups, etc.) and customer complaints by following a preventative maintenance program for all parts of the system.

You may not know it, but Golden’s system begins as far away as the Continental Divide, where the City owns and maintains a raw water collection system located on the west side of Argentine Pass. The City diverts some water from the western slope through the Viddler Tunnel for delivery to our three reservoirs (Guanella, and the Upper and Lower Urad reservoirs), Fossil Trace Golf Course, Coors and other municipalities who purchase water rights from the City. Water is also collected from the Clear Creek drainage.

Water is released from the reservoirs when it is needed and delivered to the City’s Water Treatment Plant by way of Clear Creek to the City’s diversion point, about ½ mile west of U.S. Highway 6. From the head gates, water flows to the City’s detention ponds, which are located just west of the Public Works building on 10th Street near Lions Park.

From the headgates off of Clear Creek, the City’s water flows into the detention ponds where it settles a while before entering the water treatment plant.

The ponds are used for short-term storage and they allow for some silt and other particulate matter in the water to settle out before the treatment process begins.

The water in the ponds goes either into the plant for treatment, or it can be pumped directly to Lions Park, Fossil Trace Golf Course, Ulysses Park, Golden High School, Lookout Mountain School or the 1200 Johnson Road athletic fields for irrigation purposes. Golden uses “raw water,” or water that has not yet been treated at the plant, to irrigate these locations because it saves us energy, time and resources used in the treatment process.

Water that gets treated in the treatment plant is pumped from the plant into the distribution system. The water is pumped to storage tanks and is then gravity-fed to consumers in their homes and businesses. The potable (drinking) water system has:

- 106 miles of pipe in sizes from 2- to 24-inches;
- 2,571 valves;
- 838 fire hydrants;
- 9 water storage tanks;
- 5 pump stations;
- 8 pressure zones; and
- 5,611 meters in sizes from 5/8- to 6-inches.

All parts of the system – valves, hydrants, tanks, pump stations, etc. – are on a scheduled preventative maintenance program with inspections ranging from weekly to every 3- to 5-years. Replacement of existing facilities is prioritized by age, increased maintenance and the need for better flow for fire responses. Over the past 15 years, the City’s capital replacement program has decreased the amount of overtime the Utilities Division must work because of unexpected emergencies and increased system reliability.

The average household use for all of Golden is approximately 2.5 mgd (million gallons a day). In the summer, the average demand increases to 7 mgd due to irrigation and outside use.

All of that used water must be re-collected and treated: whether it’s through your home sink or toilet or the street sewer system.
**Public Works Re-Accredited by APWA**

The Golden Public Works Department was recently reaccredited through the American Public Works Association.

The Department was initially awarded accreditation by the APWA on March 5, 2004. Golden was the 13th Public Works agency in all of North America to be awarded this distinction, thus earning the moniker “Lucky 13.” Golden was the second city in Colorado (after Greeley) to achieve accredited status. There remain only 50 accredited Public Works agencies in all of North America to date.

The APWA accreditation program recognizes those Public Works agencies that exceed the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the Public Works industry. The re-accreditation process included an evaluation of Golden’s compliance with 529 management practices during a site audit.

Special thanks to all of the Public Works staff for their commitment to excellence in their industry and especially to the re-accreditation team: Vince Auriemma, Anne Beierle, Dan Hartman, Joe King, Steve Kurtz and Quint Pertszch.

To learn more about APWA or accreditation for Public Works agencies, visit [www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net).

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Fortunately, Golden’s topography makes collection easier because it is downhill from anywhere in the City to the Coors wastewater treatment plant, just east of town. With gravity working in our favor, there are no lift stations to be maintained. The City’s collection system varies in age from 100-year-old clay pipe to brand new PVC, and in size from 6- to 18-inch pipe. The system has 75 miles of pipe and 1,963 manholes.

The main focus of the Utilities Division’s preventative maintenance program for sewers is pipe cleaning and vacuum removal of debris, which is accomplished by a high pressure water jet. The two biggest problems in sewer mains are tree roots (plenty of moisture and nutrients) and grease. Both of these can cause backups and unhappy customers. Other problems can result from failed pipe that allows debris to collect inside, intentional vandalism (removal of manhole covers) and the dumping of miscellaneous materials into the system (such as rocks, toys, tennis shoes, rugs, sheets, etc.).

As part of the overall maintenance program, the Utilities Division has video of 90% of the sewer mains. The video allows crews to identify problem pipes and repair failures before they cause a backup.

The Utilities Division is also responsible for conducting locates for a number of other utilities, as well as for testing the City’s fire hydrants (which is why you’ll occasionally see them spraying into the road). The Division has two employees on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, working to ensure Golden citizens the best in utility services.

For more information about the Utilities Division, call Utilities Superintendent Les Major at 303-384-8170 or email lmajor@cityofgolden.net.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE/XCEL FRANCHISE UP FOR RENEGOTIATION**

The City of Golden is in the final year of a 20-year franchise agreement with the Public Service Co. (now Xcel Energy). City staff are currently negotiating a new franchise agreement to propose to City Council, and then to you, the voters, for final approval on the November ballot. This franchise is a non-exclusive agreement to use City streets and rights-of-way to:

1) provide utility service to the City and its residents;
2) acquire, purchase, construct, install, locate, maintain, operate, and extend into, within and through the City all company facilities reasonably necessary for the generation, production, manufacture, sale, storage, purchase, exchange, transmission, transportation and distribution of utility service within and through the City, and
3) provide street lighting and traffic signal lighting service.

The City has no control over rates or rate structures under the franchise as that power is reserved to the state Public Utilities Commission. However, the City is asking for extensive support of our Sustainability Initiative.

Watch for a public hearing on the proposed agreement in August.
Skyhawks Sports Programs Underway

The Golden Parks and Recreation Department partners with Skyhawks Sports Programs every summer to provide a wide variety of camps for youth in Golden. Every Skyhawks coach must pass a coach’s license test and is certified in first aid. Programs run for ages 4- to 14-years from June through August. It’s not too late to register: many camps kick-off in July and August.

For more information on Skyhawks sports programs, coaches, safety and equipment, visit www.skyhawks.com. Always register a minimum of one week prior to camp commencement online at www.goldenrec.com.

Camps Available in July and August:

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Mini-Hawk (Soccer, Baseball and Basketball)
- Multi-Sport (Soccer, Baseball and Basketball)
- Flag Football
- Lacrosse
- Parent and Me Indoor Soccer
- Parent and Me Multi-Sport (Soccer & Basketball)

Register online at www.goldenrec.com.

Community Center Offers Wealth of Summer Fitness Opportunities

Beat the heat and get a workout while you’re at it. The Golden Community Center offers a wide range of wellness classes this summer. Check out the new class schedule offered at noon daily.

Start your week of fitness with Monday’s Body Power, a weight training class that will bring up your heart rate. Wednesdays offer Cardio Sculpt which combines non-impact cardiovascular exercise and weight training for a unique total body workout. On Thursdays, Total Body Fitness works the muscles in your whole body by using a variety of strength and aerobic training equipment. And wrap up the week with Friday’s ½ & ½ Body Power interval training.

If you prefer to “get your groove on” while working your body, hustle your way into the new Hip Hop Hustle class on Monday evenings or kick-start a great day with Turbo Kick at 6 a.m. Wednesdays.

For more information on fitness classes offered at the Golden Community Center and a current class schedule, visit www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrecre then click on Community Center and Fitness Class Schedule.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

The Golden Parks and Recreation Department present the first annual “Re•create 5k” focused specifically on community, families and fun. The 10 a.m. start will be at Lions Park with breakfast goodies provided by Windy Saddle Cafe. This fun run/walk will wrap-up at Lions as well, with an opportunity to purchase a pre-made picnic from D’Deli. Stay tuned as more information becomes available or contact Angela Shea at ashea@cityofgolden.net. The Golden Parks & Recreation Department looks forward to celebrating health and the Golden community spirit in September with you.
Celebrate Health!
The first Friday of each month, we offer the following treatments and healthy refreshments.
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 11:
Free Blood Pressure Screening
Chair Massage, $13 for 15 minutes*
Reflexology, $13 for 15 minutes*
Foot Care with Chalyce, $15 per pedicure*
*Appointments necessary for treatments.
Call 303-384-8130 to set one up.

Athletics & Wellness
For a complete schedule of exercise programs, stop in at the front desk and ask for information. You can also view classes online at www.goldenrec.com.

Games, Classes and Clubs
All week long, the Front Porch offers a variety of activities, including Book Club, Bridge, Pinochle, Dominoes, Mah Jongg and Billiards, Quilting, Pottery and lots more.

Volunteer Activities
Whether you want to sew, collect cans, provide administrative duties, or converse with School of Mines international students – we have people who could use your help.

TRIPS & TOURS
The GCC Celebrates 5 Years of SilverSneakers®
12 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8
Class registration #25016 - Free
Potluck and cake! Last names beginning with, Please bring:
A-E – dessert; F-K – salad; L-P – main dish; Q-Z – veggie.

Breakfast at Davie’s Chuck Wagon
9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 11
Class registration #25017 - $3
(bring money for breakfast)

Cherish the Ladies – Chautauqua, Boulder
6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15
Class registration #25018 - $45 (van, admission)
Celtic superstars Cherish the Ladies have been a leading Irish-American ensemble for more than a decade.

Bocce at Belmar
9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July
Class registration #25019 - $8
(bring money for lunch and shopping)
Plan ahead for this new event:

For more information:
• stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Community Center, 1470 10th St.,
• call 303-384-8130,
• sign up for the Front Porch Newsletter,
• check out the Recreation brochure, or
• visit www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=334

There is always something fun happening here!
We offer respite or entertainment - depending on when you arrive. You will always be greeted with a smile from our gracious volunteers and staff, and asked to help yourself to a cup of coffee, tea and various goodies - all provided by our Coors Can Recycling Volunteers.
We have a full schedule of card games including bridge, dominoes and mah jong. You can shoot some pool, surf the net, catch up on your reading, volunteer your creative skills to the sewing club, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class! Check out the announcement board or the Front Porch Newsletter for events, trips, travel and other newsworthy items. Register for volleyball, hiking, cycling, softball and other sports.
Here’s what’s on for this month for the 50+ crowd:
Fossil Trace Golf Course offers many types of golf lessons that will accommodate all levels of golfers from youth beginners to adults looking to fine tune their short game. Led by PGA (Professional Golf Association) Golf Professionals, golf schools and clinics offered include Full Day, Short Game, Women Only, Adult Introduction, Junior Golf, as well as private and semi-private instruction.

A new school offered in 2008, Full Day Golf School is tailored for experienced golfers who want to better understand or get a refresher on all parts of the game. The school will cover full swing with video analysis in the morning session, and short game, putting and bunker play in the afternoon session. Also included in Full Day Golf School is club fitting for woods, irons and putters. The student will walk away with a clear understanding of what they need to work on and a gift package, video CD of their swing, written materials, lunch and refreshments. Schools have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 students. The fee for Full Day Golf School is $325 per person with sessions available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 9, July 16 and Aug. 1.

PGA 1st Assistant Golf Professional and Tournament Director Adam Finch is the newest addition to the Fossil Trace staff. Adam has been with the City of Golden since June 2006. Adam relocated to Denver from his native Minnesota and was most recently employed as the tournament director at The Pines, an award-winning resort facility in Nisswa, Minn. In addition, Adam brings a wealth of experience and great enthusiasm for the game of golf. He looks forward to helping your family or group with any part of the golf game.

Register your family for golf instruction at Fossil Trace Golf Course and enhance golf skills with the guidance of professional staff. More information on Fossil Trace Golf Schools and Clinics are available by calling Adam Finch at 303-277-8755 or online at www.fossiltrace.com, or register online at www.goldenrec.com.

FOSSIL TRACE OPENS WEDDING TERRACE

Fossil Trace Golf Club has long been a popular location for wedding receptions, but with the opening of the new wedding terrace, it’s now available for wedding ceremonies as well. The wedding terrace can seat up to 220 people with an amazing picturesque backdrop of the course, the Golden valley and the table mountains. Fossil Trace is now taking reservations for 2009 and 2010, so book your wedding today. Call 303-277-8755 or visit www.fossiltrace.com.
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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.