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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

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.

FINAL WARD MEETING JUNE 2

The first three Golden City Council ward meetings in May were great successes. Many of your neighbors took the opportunity to come out and meet with the Mayor, their Councilors and City staff. The Ward 4 meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday June 2 in the Foss Auditorium at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. While Ward 4 Councilor Bill Fisher will address items of particular interest in Ward 4, city-wide topics will also be on the agenda, so if you missed the meeting in your ward, you are certainly welcome to attend this one. Help the City of Golden be responsive to you—show up and voice your opinions. If you have questions, contact Communications Manager Sabrina D’Agosta at 303-384-8132 or sdagosta@cityofgolden.net.

FIRE STATION NO. 1 DEDICATION JUNE 28

Please join the Golden Fire Department for the dedication and open house celebration for Fire Station No. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at 911 10th St. A hose uncoupling ceremony and fire truck push will be held at 10 a.m. Equipment will be on display, station tours will be available and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by June 20 to Debbie Testroet at 303-384-8094.

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.
It is summertime in Golden, and while the living might not be easy (to quote the Gershwin tune), it sure is a great time to be out and about in our community.

When you receive this, the Historic Downtown Block Party on June 6 and our Farmers Market kickoff on June 7 should be just days away. The Wild West Auto Roundup is right on its heels the following weekend, and the calendar is stuffed with other favorites like the Clear Creek History Park’s Summer Solstice celebration in late June, Buffalo Bill Days in late July, and the Fine Arts Festival in August, just to name a few.

Our events are great fun in their own right, but they also represent some of the best things about Golden: the community coming together to celebrate, family-friendly fun, and community volunteers working hard to pull it all together. These are some of the rewards of being part of such an exceptional community.

Summer also means ambling, shopping and dining in downtown Golden. Downtown is hopping with tourists, Golden residents and new businesses, including a new ice cream and candy store, a new Mediterranean-style restaurant, and a new winery and wine tasting room. Later this summer, we expect to see at least two more new restaurants as well.

Other parts of Golden are going into summer mode as well, including the Super Cruise on South Golden Road, entertainment at Heritage Square, and new restaurants and other businesses all over town.

Finally, we will be dedicating our new Fire Station No. 1 on June 28, and the Golden Fire Department will host its traditional Pancake Breakfast about a month later just before the Buffalo Bill Days parade July 26. The new fire station is a terrific building and will help us continue to maintain a top-notch volunteer fire department.

Don’t forget that when you shop and dine in Golden, you are helping the community pay for the Community Center, the Splash (which opened for the season May 24), our streets and sidewalks, trails and parks, and everything else that makes Golden great. See a play or live music, enjoy a meal on the patio, take a stroll along Clear Creek, and explore the terrific events all summer long.

You’ll find more information about these and all of our summer events in the Informer, in the Golden Transcript, at www.2HourVacation.com, on the Chamber of Commerce website, and through various community email newsletters (I’m happy to fill you in on the ones I know about).

I hope your summer gets off to a terrific start and I’ll see you around.
Rest assured that a helicopter circling town between 7 and 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 3 is no cause for alarm – it will be taking aerial video footage of Fossil Trace Golf Club for a documentary expected to air later this year on the Altitude network. For more information about the golf course or to book your next game, visit www.fossiltrace.com or call 303-277-8750.

Helicopters Circling June 3

The Boyd Street exit off of westbound State Highway 58 will be closed for about four months this summer. The westbound on ramp from Boyd Street to the highway will also be closed.

The street is being closed so that the contractor working on the Washington Avenue bridge over State Highway 58 can construct the pedestrian bridges off site. Fabricating those bridges as complete pieces on Boyd Street and then moving them via State Highway 58 in to place on Washington is expected to shave about four months off of the construction schedule on the Washington Avenue bridge. Otherwise, the pedestrian bridges would have to be fabricated in smaller pieces and then put together after the main vehicle bridge over Washington is completed.

City staff had initially approached the residents who live in the Boyd Street area with a proposal to detour traffic off of Boyd through the neighborhood, but neighbors had asked to completely close the exit. Golden City staff worked with the Colorado Department of Transportation, which is responsible for the state bridge construction project, to get the complete closure to reduce neighborhood impacts.

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If you have questions about the project, contact Public Works at 303-384-8150.

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The City of Golden Walkability Task Force was established by City Council in February 2008 by Resolution No. 1837. The task force has two goals:

1. Identify the major remaining walkability barriers in the community and the major opportunities for enhancing walkability; and

2. Provide specific recommendations to the Golden City Council and staff for the 2009-2018 Capital Improvement Plan that will make it easier for citizens of all ages to walk for recreation and as an alternative method of transportation.

As a starting point, the task force was given the following priority groupings by City Council:

1. Walkability to schools; and
2. Walkability as an alternative method of transportation; and
3. Additional recreational opportunities.

Council sought members with a geographical and demographic diversity, especially including individuals who have traditionally not been active on formal City boards and commissions. The task force members selected include:

- Lloyd Athearn
- Lisa Baird
- Marcia Claxton
- Sarah Gorecki
- Michael Mason
- Katie Taylor
- Colleen Vaillancourt

The task force is scheduled to work until mid-August 2008 and terminate after Council action on the task force’s recommendations, currently scheduled for Aug. 28.

The initial meeting of the task force was April 15. Nationally-known walkability expert Dan Burden met with the task force and led them in a “rubberband planning” exercise to help them prioritize walkable routes in the City.

The Walkability Task Force is designing a community survey to help determine what things the community would like to see to make it easier to get around town on foot. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/surveys by July 1 to weigh in with your opinions.

For more information about the task force, contact Theresa Worsham at 303-384-8096 or tworsham@cityofgolden.net.
Golden Mayor Jacob Smith read an official proclamation last month recognizing June 2 as National Bicycle Greenway Day in the City of Golden. As part of the celebration, local bicycle enthusiast extraordinaire Steve Stevens, director of the Golden Oldy Cyclery bicycle museum, will arrive on bicycle at 10 a.m. June 2 with the National Bicycle Greenway's Mayor's Ride for 2008 at Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., where they will be greeted by the Mayor and City staff.

The Mayor’s proclamation cited numerous reasons for Golden’s involvement with the national event and the bicycle’s significance to Golden. Among them:

- The bicycle is one of the most sustainable forms of transportation;
- Golden has a long relationship with the bicycle, including its distinction as the site of the first recorded bicycle accident in Colorado in 1869;
- Golden has a long history of supporting bicycle use, including the Golden Bike Club of 1884, the State Championship Hill Climbs in the 1890s, and serving as a host city for the legendary Coors Classic;
- Golden and the surrounding area is a popular center of bicycling activities, with mountain biking on the surrounding trails, an extensive system of bicycle paths and lanes, and popular road biking routes;
- Golden has adopted a Bicycle Master Plan describing the City of Golden's vision for bicycle route development in the community with the goal of providing a high quality and safe bicycle system for a wide diversity of users including family-oriented recreational riders, commuters and advanced athletes;
- Promoting bicycle use can support the goals of the City of Golden's Sustainability Initiative, especially the goals related to reducing vehicle miles traveled and energy use; and
- The City of Golden supports the National Bicycle Greenway's goal of providing safe, clean, aesthetic and enjoyable places for people of all ages to ride a bicycle all year round.

BICYCLE TASK FORCE BEGINS WORK

Golden City Council also appointed a Bicycle Master Plan Update Task Force May 8 and charged it with accomplishing the following goals:

1. Review the City of Golden Bicycle Master Plan;
2. Assess any conditions that have changed since the plan was adopted in 2003, including progress made in completing the improvements identified in the plan;
3. Provide specific recommendations to City council and staff identifying any recommended updates to the plan; and
4. Provide specific recommendations to City Council and staff for the 2009 – 2018 Capital Improvement Plan that will make it easier for citizens of all ages to bicycle for recreation and for transportation.

The task force is scheduled to work until early September 2008 and make recommendations to Council in October 2008. For more information on the task force, contact Rick Muriby at 303-384-8098 or rmuriby@cityofgolden.net.
As part of the City of Golden’s sustainability effort, the City’s fleet vehicles are switching over to biodiesel fuel. City Fleet Manager Joe King considers, “reduction in oil production and slightly reducing our carbon footprint” to be the major advantages of the switch. Another advantage of the switch is that, “the price for biodiesel is now predicted to be lower than regular diesel,” which continues to set record highs, currently at an average cost of $4.119 per gallon.

Biodiesel is a form of diesel fuel manufactured from vegetable oils, animal fats and restaurant greases. It is safe, biodegradable, and produces up to 20% less tailpipe emission particulates than petroleum-based diesel. In order for the vehicle fuel systems to adjust, this type of fuel is blended with petroleum diesel fuel in varying increments, and vehicles must start with a lower grade, then gradually increase the blend.

The first order for biodiesel was placed March 12 and as the fuel systems begin to cleanse themselves with this initial B-5 blend, the fleet will work its way up to a B-20 blend. The next order will likely be for the B-10 blend, later this summer. The fleet will conduct tests to evaluate overall mileage, performance and a cost analysis resulting from the change to biodiesel.

Most of the fleet vehicles are currently using the B-5 blend, including the City’s snow plows, fire trucks and various pick-up trucks used by the City. The fleet has also tried to reduce oil dependency by using smaller vehicles. Two full size pick-up trucks were downgraded to a smaller Chevrolet Colorado model, in order to increase fuel efficiency.

In addition, the fleet now has a Smart Car (to be delivered in 2009) and two Chevrolet Cobalts for Parks and Recreation or Planning Department employees to use for site visitation purposes, rather than taking trucks out to sites.

The switch to biodiesel will become more cost-effective as oil prices continue to reach new highs, currently nearing $114 per barrel and expected to keep climbing. There is no time like the present to become more fuel efficient.
Parks and Election Boards Seek New Members

The Campaign Election Board and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board are in need of volunteers. These Council-appointed boards are a great way to get involved and make a difference in your community.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was established by the City Council in 1982 and serves in an advisory capacity to the Planning Commission and City Council regarding the development, expansion and growth of the parks and recreational facilities within the city. It is made up of seven regular members and one alternate, all must be residents of the City of Golden.

The City Council is currently looking for a volunteer to fill a vacancy for a term expiring in March 2009.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Questions regarding the board should be directed to Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf Rod Tarullo at 303-384-8120 or rtarullo@cityofgolden.net.

CAMPAIGN ELECTION BOARD

The Campaign Election Board was created by Ordinance No. 1682, and is codified in the Municipal Code as Chapter 1.05 Local Campaign Finance – Reporting Requirements, in 2005. The board is empowered to hear any alleged violation of Chapter 1.05 which may be brought before it by any resident of the City or City employee charged with duties related to the Chapter and set forth in the Chapter. The board is composed of three residents of the City of Golden who are registered electors. The City Council is currently looking for a volunteer to fill a vacancy for a term expiring in March 2011.

Questions regarding the board should be directed to City Clerk Susan Brooks at 384-8014 or sbrooks@cityofgolden.net.

TO APPLY

Applications are available online at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on Boards and Commissions and then the corresponding board.

Applications for both the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and for the Campaign Election Board will be taken until 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2008 in the office of the City Clerk, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401 or by email to clerks@cityofgolden.net.

Interviews for both boards are tentatively scheduled to be held the evening of Thursday, July 17 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Experiencing Interference from New Tower?

Lake Cedar Group’s new consolidated HDTV tower on Lookout Mountain began broadcasting in May. Citizens in the area who are experiencing interference with common household electronic devices are encouraged to report the problem at www.hdtvcolorado.com by clicking on Interference. An easy-to-use online form contains fields for name and contact information, as well as identifying the nature of suspected interference. The online form will be delivered to the program Interference Expert who will contact the homeowners for follow-up. This analysis of interference problems will only be available for one year, so report problems in a timely manner.

If the interference expert confirms that the problem is being caused by broadcast signals from the consolidated tower, depending on the device involved, reasonable efforts will be made to help eliminate or correct the interference.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SWITCH TO DIGITAL TV

1. Feb. 17, 2009 is the transition date
2. If you have cable or satellite: do nothing
3. If you have an analog TV with an antenna, you’ll need a converter box
4. There is a $40 government coupon available for the converter box
5. You don’t need a new TV, but it could be an opportunity to upgrade

For more information, visit www.dtv.gov.
While Clear Creek can be an enticing place to cool off in the hot summer months, the City of Golden would like to remind citizens that the creek is extremely dangerous and has taken lives. Currents are so fast, especially during the spring runoff season, they can easily knock a person off their feet and sweep them down the river. (You can view just how high and fast the creek is running on the U.S. Geological Survey’s website at http://waterdata.usgs.gov/co/nwis/uv?06719505.)

The Golden Fire Department’s swift water rescue team regularly pulls people innertubing and swimming in the creek to safety. When using Clear Creek for recreational purposes, citizens should take all necessary safety precautions. You should never swim or innertube in the creek, especially without proper safety devices (including a life vest and helmet). Young children should never be allowed to play near the creek’s banks.

Also, do not let dogs swim in Clear Creek, where harsh currents can pull them into the middle of the river and tire them out before they make it safely back to the shore.

If you want to use Clear Creek recreationally, please contact a professional to learn a water sport, or instead, keep it safe and attend the Splash Aquatic Park to cool off (visit www.splashingolden.com).

For safety reasons, Clear Creek should only be entered when wearing a life vest and helmet, such as those worn by the kayaker pictured here.

Trail Construction Activity Underway

Jefferson County Open Space crews began trail construction activity at South Table Mountain Park in late May. A 1.5-mile trail loop on the eastern portion of the mesa top will be upgraded to a durable, crushed granite surface that drains well and allows for wet weather use.

Please be advised that gravel trucks will be delivering crushed granite to the park and stockpiling the material for use by Open Space crews. The access road along Quaker Street will experience a high level of traffic for several days while the material is delivered. Existing roads will be utilized to the greatest extent possible. Piles of the granite material will be located across the mesa top.

Weather permitting, this trail surfacing project is expected to be completed by the end of July. Additional trail maintenance and weed control activities will also take place while crews are on site. For more information on the project, visit http://jeffco.us/openspace/openspace_T56_R30.htm.
The Golden Community Center isn’t just for kids. Check out the adult programs offered this summer:

Pancake Breakfast and Creekside Walk - Lions Park East Pavilion
In conjunction with “America On the Move,” The Front Porch is hosting this event for anyone 50+. Plan to have a good breakfast before your morning walk. Bring your pedometer and wear sturdy walking shoes for a local stroll down the creek at 10 a.m. For more information, call 303-384-8130 or 303-384-8100 to register over the phone. Please register early!

8:30 to 10 a.m. Monday, June 16
walk led by SilverSneakers
Instructor Debbie Tewell
$8 per ticket

Sensational Summer Salads
Cool down that kitchen with a hands-on class making easy, delicious salads for patio and picnic dining. We’ll make a delicious Orient Express Salad with chicken, pea pods, mangoes and water chestnuts; an exotic Chili Garlic Shrimp Salad; scrumptious Tortellini Firecracker Salad; and refreshing Garden Cornucopia Salad, all with homemade dressings. We’ll sample our culinary creations with some ginger/mint lemonade, breadsticks and dessert. Yummy! Dinner and recipes provided.

Ages: 12 years and older
6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 11
$18 Resident, $21 Non-resident
Additional $15 materials fee payable to instructor

Backyard Bounty – Common Edible and Medicinal Weeds
Step outside and be amazed at the treasure trove of wild herbs, medicinal plants and edible weeds common to every backyard. Join herbalist Susan Evans and find out how to make a blood-cleansing tea from Red Clover, a tasty, nutritious salad from lambs quarters and dandelions; how to stop bleeding with yarrow and shepherd’s purse; and much more. Discover the amazing plants you’ve been spraying and stepping on all these years. A plant list will be provided. Class will be outdoors.

Ages: 12 years and older
6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 17
$18 Resident, $21 Non-resident

Basic Computer Applications
Want just enough knowledge to get around your Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point computer software? Create a document, edit, spell check and print; or create a list, budget or inventory, sort it several ways, do calculations, and print; make a slide show to present on your favorite topic to family or friends. (Knowledge of MS-Windows is a pre-requisite for this class.)

Ages: 18 years and older
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mondays, June 2 through June 16
$45 Resident, $49 Non-resident

Ebay/Paypal
Ebay is E-asy! Do you have great-grandma’s ruby glass from the Chicago World’s fair in 1893? What’s it worth? Do you want to buy a telescope? Sell an autographed biography of Winston Churchill? In this course, you’ll learn the online auction process of ebay, and use Paypal to send/receive payment. Ebay helps you value what you have, and makes cleaning the attic fun! Going … going … GONE!

Ages: 18 years and older
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mondays, July 7 through July 21
$45 Resident, $49 Non-resident

50+ Pottery
This course will introduce basic hand building and wheel throwing. The beginning potter will learn the techniques of centering and completing wheel-thrown vessels, hand slumping, coiling and making pinch pots. Students will understand clay as a raw material and the processes involved in the completion of functional or artistic pieces. The class will also include hands-on experience in dealing with green ware, bisque ware and the glazing process. Clay provided. Note: All glazing materials are non-toxic, lead free and food safe.

Ages: 50 and older
9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays
Session 1: May 8 through July 10
(no class May 29 or June 5)
Session 2: July 17 through Sept. 4
$105 Resident, $110 Non-resident

Turbo Kick
Turbo Kick™ is an addictive workout that combines shadow boxing, kickboxing, sports drills, dancing, yoga and simple dance moves in a party atmosphere. It is an interval based class that allows participants of any fitness level to participate and custom tailor their work-out.

6 to 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays and 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Fridays
Included with facility admission
Many Golden residents have met, worked with or call themselves a friend of Larry Rock. Rock is the Rentals Coordinator for the Golden Parks and Recreation Department. A Golden resident for 30 years and retired Coors employee, Rock has spent the last 13 years satisfying customers at the Golden Community Center. His most common statement, “Who says work can’t be fun?”

Rock’s goal is to ensure everyone has a good time and a great experience so they come back and see him for all of their event needs. Whether renting a pavilion in one of Golden’s fine parks, celebrating a wedding, hosting a large meeting, or planning a sporting event on Clear Creek Whitewater Course, Rock ensures your event is worry-free.

The Golden Community Center is the perfect oasis for weddings, graduations, conferences, meetings and training sessions. Imagine an elegant yet contemporary room with vaulted ceilings and a private terrace facing magnificent views of Lookout Mountain. The Community Room offers comfort for one-on-one meetings or theater-style seating for 250. The room may be divided into three sections: Rent one or all three, each comes with the view! On-site audio and visual rentals are available in addition to business services.

Rock will ensure your event is extra special with his support as well as support of on-site staff, plenty of pre-event setup time, and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen. To suit your own personal tastes, you may bring your own caterer, cater yourself, or Rock will provide you with a list of reputable caterers.

If you are looking to plan an outdoor event in the summer months, rent one of the pavilions at a City of Golden park. Pavilions may be rented at Lions East and West (1300 10th St.), Golden Heights (West 2nd Avenue and Maple Street, west of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds) or Tony Grampsas Memorial Park (4471 Salvia St.).

The Clear Creek Whitewater Course is one of Golden’s most unique attractions. Built for recreational canoeing and kayaking, the course is a quarter-mile of good, clean fun. Rock rents the course for large events that have included the Junior Olympic Championships, Colorado School of Mines Icebreaker, and the Open Canoe Championships to name a few.

For more information on Parks and Recreation Department rentals, prices and availability, call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133. View the virtual tour of the Community Room at the Golden Community Center at www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec. Click on the Community Center link and then the facilities link.
The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) issued its Tree Project Phase 2 Report in late May, signaling completion of a comprehensive scientific study of the environmental benefits of trees in the City of Golden.

“The goal of the Tree Project is to determine how trees can enhance energy and water conservation, mitigate climate change and improve air quality throughout urban areas of Colorado’s Front Range,” said Carol Lyons, IES Executive Director. “Issuing this report represents a significant step toward enabling better decisions by developers, urban planners and homeowners about using trees to deliver the most environmental benefit for the least cost.”

The study showed that Golden’s trees are storing the same amount of carbon emitted by 10,800 cars! Each year, the trees sequester another 637 metric tons of carbon dioxide and 25 metric tons of air pollution, valued at $14,500 and $139,000 respectively. Trees can have both positive and negative effects on the environment; if not properly selected, planted and maintained, trees can increase air pollution and water consumption.

The Phase 2 work was a collaboration between IES and the City of Golden to quantify all of the environmental costs and benefits of trees on city property. Golden Parks and Recreation Director Rod Tarullo said that “IES’s work measured the environmental value our City’s trees provide. Now we can effectively improve our urban environment with the best selection and planting of more trees.”

Working with city staff, IES consulted with experts and academics in their respective fields, such as the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the Colorado State Forest Service, to design experimental studies examining the impact of trees on water and energy consumption and conservation.

Field data on trees, soil moisture, sunlight, buildings and weather for the analysis. Computer models were used to quantify environmental benefits using a variety of software applications. Based on study findings, IES is developing a Model Municipal Environmental Tree Guidelines and a Strategic Plan of tree planting for city officials to use in future urban planning projects.

The project’s next phase consists of developing public information materials and conducting outreach to property owners and residents to encourage tree selection, planting, and maintenance optimal for the Front Range environment.

Formally titled “Integrated Urban Environmental Improvement through Tree Selection and Management,” the Tree Project was conceived in 2004 in response to concern about the impacts of burgeoning Front Range communities on the environment and the need for integrated approaches to solving environmental problems.

IES’ Phase 2 work was funded through grants from the City of Golden, the Xcel Energy Foundation, the Boulder Department of Water Conservation, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Brownstein Hyatt & Farber, SmartWool Advocacy Fund, and the Considine Family Foundation.

Learn more online at www.InstituteforEnvironmentalSolutions.org/treeproject.
Celebrate Health!
The first Friday of each month we offer blood pressure screenings, healthy refreshments, chair massages, hand and foot reflexology, and medical foot care. Celebrate Health! is sponsored by our Coors Can Recycling Volunteers.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.* Friday, June 6
Special Speaker: SEC on Investment Fraud Prevention
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

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

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

TRIPS & TOURS

Burlington Carousel in Burlington
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 13
$16 (van only); bring money for lunch and carousel museum/ride

The Betty Ford Alpine Gardens in Vail
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 20
$22 (van, admission)

Colorado Rockies VS NY Mets at Coors Field
12 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 22
$26 (van, admission, parking)

Sweeney Todd at the Buell Theatre
8 to 11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26
$40 (van, admission, parking)
On April 30, the Volunteer Connection of Jefferson County held its 25th annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Copper Fields Events Chateau in Wheat Ridge. The theme for the luncheon was “Volunteers Light up our World.” The Master of Ceremonies was Jim Beneman of CBS4 Denver.

The Volunteer Connection of Jefferson County is a network of nonprofit organizations, agencies and individuals who promote and encourage volunteerism throughout Jefferson County. Twenty-one agencies from Jefferson County, including the Golden Police Department, recognized 83 volunteers for their contributions to life in Jefferson County.

The volunteers honored by the Police Department were Bev and Wyley Eaton and Bob Nelson.

The Eatons were recognized for their flexibility in taking on a variety of assignments, the largest of which is soliciting give-away gifts for the annual National Night Out event in Parfet Park. Last year alone they brought in $8,500 in prizes.

Nelson was honored for his dedication to working in the Golden Police Department’s evidence room. He is a very valuable addition to that area and his time given is greatly appreciated.
The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make The Difference” awards handed out at quarterly employee meetings. Employees are nominated by their coworkers for consistent demonstration of higher productivity in their daily work performance; willingness to go above and beyond to provide extra assistance to fellow employees and/or citizens; ability to think “outside” the parameters of their daily duties for creative solutions to issues; commitment to their regular duties and willingness to work with other departments to achieve the best results for all; genuine enthusiasm for day-to-day tasks and special projects; ability to motivate others and encourage a positive work environment; and consistent demonstration of higher productivity. The most recent award recipients are:

**Keith Isenberger, Facilities Manager**

Keith Isenberger has been the City of Golden’s Facilities Manager for 10 years. He was nominated for a You-Make-A-Difference Award by his peers for consistently going above and beyond the call of duty. Over the years, he has continually responded to calls at all hours of the night, covering the Golden Community Center and all other City buildings, ensuring that the rest of the staff can do their jobs efficiently. “As one of the leaders of the City’s sustainability initiative, Keith once again demonstrated his willingness to give time away from his daily duties to help the City’s initiative become a reality,” said Facility Rentals Coordinator Larry Rock.

**Jeff Kreutzer, Police Officer**

Jeff Kreutzer has been a Police Officer with the City of Golden since 1987. He received a You-Make-A-Difference Award for going above and beyond by assisting a citizen during a snowstorm. A stranded driver was stuck on the U.S. Highway 6 ramp to C-470 with a flat tire. After waiting for AAA to show up for over an hour and a half, and after 100 drivers passed her by, with not one stopping to help, she was relieved when Officer Kreutzer found her. Officer Kreutzer changed her tire in the snow, while insisting she stay inside the car to stay warm and dry. Officer Kreutzer remained on scene until she was able to get her vehicle moving and he was sure she could make it up the icy ramp. The driver stated what a wonderful help Officer Kreutzer was; and she was very thankful for his service. “Jeff is an example of the Golden Police Department’s commitment to excellent customer service,” said Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick.

**Scott Ota, Senior Maintenance Worker, Streets Division**

Scott Ota has worked in the Public Works Department’s Streets Division for 6 years. In February, the Public Works Department started a new program within its asset management software, CarteGraph, to use a new piece of software and hardware to perform sign inspections. The goal of this program was to increase efficiency, reduce costs, implement new technology and to reduce or eliminate paper. Scott has piloted and embraced this technology for implementing a paperless street sign inspection program. All goals have been met. Prior to this program it took about 14 minutes to inspect a sign, with a cost of about $5.75. Now it takes just over 3 minutes to inspect a sign, with a cost of just $1.50! By embracing this new technology, not only has Scott saved the City money, but time to allocate to other tasks. “Scott has taken on this responsibility full throttle and has even taken it upon himself to train others in his department on how to use this new technology,” said Public Works Director Dan Hartman.
GET YOUR 4TH OF JULY RAFFLE TICKETS

When you see the familiar bright golden vests of the Golden Lions Club in front of supermarkets, the old Foss building, Meyer’s Hardware, the Buffalo Rose, and the Farmers Market selling raffle tickets, you know the 4th of July can’t be far behind.

For the past 36 years, Golden Lions have been hosting a community celebration in Lions Park on the 4th as a way of giving back to their community and country. Starting at noon and ending with a dramatic fireworks display, the event draws thousands each year. It 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 drink, enjoy music throughout the day and let the kids enjoy the many free rides. Most of all, it is a day to join with neighbors and friends in celebration of the birth of this great country and to support our men and women in uniform who are defending our freedoms.

Why the raffle tickets? Well, an event with free rides, free music and fireworks gets to be pretty expensive, even with all of the volunteer labor of the Lions members. So the raffle ticket proceeds are used primarily to fund the event. Any excess goes back into the community by way of projects that better the community. It is also a way for the community to support the Lions and what they do to make Golden a great place to live.

The raffle is well worth the price of the tickets. For a dollar each or the real bargain of 10 tickets for $5, you get a chance to win one of nearly 200 prizes ranging from gold panning kits to the grand prize of $1,000 donated by the Lions Club. Prize winners are announced throughout the day with the grand prize winner identified just before the fireworks.

The event is truly a community get-together, supported by residents who buy raffle tickets and attend, the City which provides support, local businesses that provide the raffle prizes and the Lions Club who puts it all together. So when you see those guys in their funky vests with raffle tickets in hand, make sure you become part of the celebration by buying some tickets.

GOLDEN PROHIBITS ALL FIREWORKS

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 will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, June 7 through Oct. 4 in the parking lot just west of the Golden Library on 10th Street. Live music, free horse-drawn carriage rides through historic Golden and an antique John Deere tractor will be at the market to admire. Garden décor, specialty treats, flowers and plants, and hard to find items fill up many of the booths. 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 from June 6 to Sept. 5, Golden artists promote, share and exercise their artistic abilities. Artist paint live, or “Plein Aire,” 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 enter at www.spiritsinthewindgallery.com or call 303-279-1192.

**Through July 6**

**Artists in Residence**
Foothills Art Center presents works by 20 artists from the Anderson Ranch Artist Residency Program, as well as works by members of its talented staff through July 6. Anderson Ranch Arts Center is a visual arts learning community on five scenic acres in Snowmass Village, Colro., 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**
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. For details, call 303-996-2747, email javork@cmc.org or visit www.cmc.org/ymca.

**June 6**

**Historic Downtown Golden Block Party**
In conjunction with Golden’s monthly First Friday event, start your summer with a bang from 4 to 8 p.m. June 6 at the Historic Downtown Golden Block Party. All activities are complimentary, including entertainment in multiple locations, summertime food provided by Coors, Chipmunk Express train rides and horse-drawn carriage rides. Ribbon cutting ceremonies will be held at the new Golden Sweets candy store and Foss Building Wine and Spirits shop. Check out all the action along Washington Avenue and in the Miners Alley parking lot behind the old Foss building. Register at the Chamber booth for prizes! For more information, visit www.goldencochamber.org or call 303-279-3113.

**June 6 & 7**

**Baby Whale of a Used Book Sale**
Jefferson County Public Library’s Annual Baby Whale of a Used Book Sale, with more than 80,000 items up for grabs, is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Admission is free.

**June 9 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.

**June 14**

**Foothills Art Center SCFD Family Free Day**
An SCFD (scientific and Cultural Facilities District) Family Free Day will be hosted at Foothills Art Center on June 14. There will be youth art activities between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Anderson Ranch Arts Center President Hunter O’Hanian will discuss the reconstruction of the artist residency program in 2008 at 11 a.m.

**June 14**

**Wild West Auto Roundup**
More than 200 vintage automobiles will line Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden for the annual Wild West Auto Roundup from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14. The auto display showcases many different makes, models and years of muscle cars, vintage cars, hot rods, original stock cars, street rods, trucks and race cars. The festival will provide plenty of music, including Van Jeffries as DJ, and live music on two different stages with Hot Flash and The Holdouts. The family will find fun kids games, rides and entertainment by circus characters. Hamburgers, hot dogs, polish dogs, Italian sandwiches, soft drinks, Coors beer and other food and beverage stations will be set up throughout downtown. There will be fly fishing and kayaking demonstrations.
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 con-
tact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the
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