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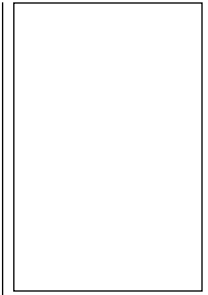
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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items



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

April Informer to Arrive Late

The April issue of the *Golden Informer* will likely arrive several days later than its typical first-of-the-month mailing date. As always, the City will dedicate space in the Informer to educate voters on their choices in the upcoming Ward 4 Special Election. All candidates will be offered a free full page profile, which will be published in the April issue of the *Informer* along with other important election information. Please expect your *Informer* to arrive a few days late (by April 7) so that we can include this very important information. For more on the Special Election, see Page 5.

Neighborhood Planning Meetings Scheduled

The City of Golden Planning Commission is working on a number of projects for 2008 to help support City Council's annual goals. One of the main programs is the neighborhood planning program, in which Planning Commission hopes to complete three studies this year. These neighborhood plans include the North Neighborhoods Plan started in 2007 (covering the area north of State Highway 58), and two plans to be started this year in the

East Street area (near downtown), and the South Area (bounded by U.S. Highway 6 on the north, C-470 on the east, Colfax Avenue on the south and the mountain backdrop on the west).

Each of these planning efforts has a public participation focus tailored to the area and the residents' needs. Over the next few months, Planning Commission has scheduled the following meetings:

- 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 – South Areas Neighborhood Plan open house and formal project kickoff in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.;
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21 – North Neighborhoods Plan open house to review the draft document with residents and owners of this area in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.; and
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 18 – East Street Neighborhood Plan open house and formal project kickoff in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Watch for more information on all of these meeting and neighborhood planning efforts in upcoming editions of the *Informer*, online at www.cityofgolden.net and in the mail, and email PlanningCommission@cityofgolden.net for more information.



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.

March 6
RESCHEDULED REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
followed by Study Session

March 20
RESCHEDULED REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
followed by Study Session

April 3
Regular Study Session

April 10
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

April 16
Regular Study Session

April 24
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

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



Ozone: A Less than Obvious, but Important Challenge

By Mayor Jacob Smith

Some of our important challenges here in Golden are obvious: sustaining the health of our downtown and other commercial districts, keeping the Billion Dollar Boondoggle out of Golden, managing our growth. Other challenges, like our ozone pollution problem, are less obvious and just as complicated.

Golden suffers from some of the highest ozone pollution levels in the state. Ozone – which forms when pollution from smokestacks and tailpipes reacts with sunlight – is the key ingredient of smog. Up high in the atmosphere, ozone keeps us safe from ultraviolet radiation, but down low, it corrodes our lungs. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, ozone is linked to asthma attacks, missed work and school days, and even premature death.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, a monitor in Golden exceeded federal health standards on eight days last year. In fact, the ozone pollution in the Denver Metro area is so severe that the entire region is in violation of the Clean Air Act.

Why should we care? While ozone can harm anyone, it's especially harmful to children, seniors, those with asthma and other respiratory conditions, and active adults. In the summertime, when our families are most active, is when ozone is the most dangerous. With ozone on the rise, Golden citizens' health and quality-of-life is squarely at risk.

Golden's ozone pollution problem is a perfect example of a challenge that is fundamentally regional. For the most part, our problems are caused by things outside of Golden over which we have very little control. Some of the major sources include vehicle emissions across the Denver Metro region, new oil and gas drilling in nearby Weld County, and coal-fired power plants. Our air quality challenges are exacerbated by our geography. On the days when our air quality is the worst, the winds tend to blow lightly to the west, trapping the pollution in the Golden valley. So what can we do about it?

For one thing, we are committed to continuing to improve our pedestrian- and bike-friendliness. The easier it is for folks to walk and bike, the fewer cars we'll have on the road. City Council will be taking up both of these issues in the coming months. Implementing a new local circulator bus will also help for the same reasons. The City and the Colorado School of Mines received a grant last year to begin planning for a bus system that could potentially connect the new light rail station, downtown, CSM student housing and other parts of town. In addition, through our Golden Sustainability Initiative, we have committed to ambitious 10-year goals to increase our energy efficiency and use of renewable energy. By using less energy, and ensuring that more of our energy consumption relies on solar, wind and other renewable sources, we will help reduce at least our share of the air pollution.

Solving the ozone pollution problem will require strong collaboration with our neighbors across the Metro region. One of the very first official acts of the Golden City Council this year was the adoption of a resolution supporting state and regional ozone reduction efforts. Through our participation in the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the Metro Mayors Caucus and other regional entities, we will demonstrate our commitment to solve the problem by working with our neighbors to craft a regional ozone reduction plan.

Every Vote Counts

On Feb. 5, I joined many of my neighbors at the Colorado Presidential Caucus. My caucus location, at Golden High School, was jam-packed, but despite the hot, crowded room, the hundreds of people participating were incredibly excited to be there and to be part of selecting our next President. My hat is off to everyone who participated in the caucus process – democracy at work.

The caucus process in my precinct also underscored the importance of every single vote. One presidential candidate in my precinct received exactly the minimum number of votes required to send any delegates to the convention. Had any one of that candidate's supporters not attended, the candidate wouldn't have received any delegates. Every single vote matters.

Every vote will matter on April 22, as well, in our special election to fill the vacant Ward 4 City Council seat. The election will be entirely by mail, but you can drop your ballot off on Election Day at City Hall. For more information, see the story on Page 5. Every vote counts and, if you live in Ward 4, I hope you'll participate in selecting your next City Council representative.

Ward 4 Special Election April 22



In the November 2007 election, Golden voters elected then Ward 4 Councilor Jacob Smith to serve as the new Mayor. On Jan. 10, Smith resigned his Ward 4 seat to be sworn in as Mayor, leaving the Ward 4 seat open and requiring a special election be held to fill the vacancy.

The City Clerk will hold a mail ballot election, with ballots to be mailed to all active registered voters in Ward 4 around April 7. Ballots must be returned to the City Clerk's Office at Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401 by no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, April 22, 2008. (Postmarks do not count.) City Hall will be the only ballot drop off location.

To check your voter registration status or to register, call the Jefferson County Elections Office at 303-271-8111. The last day to register to vote in the April 22 Special Election is March 24.

A map of the Council Wards and Districts is available online at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on Residents & Visitors and then on Maps. You can zoom in on the map to determine whether you live in Ward 4. Or, you can also visit the web site and click on Golden ezMaps in the Hot Topics bar on the right of the page. There you can click on the Jefferson County Address Wizard and enter your address for a complete overview of all your political jurisdictions.

Interested in Serving on Council?

If you're interesting in serving as the Ward 4 representative on City Council, you must be a resident of Golden living in Ward 4. You can pick up and begin circulating the required nomination petitions from the City Clerk's Office on March 3. Further instructions will be given to you at that time. The last day to file nomination petitions with the City Clerk is March 21. The Clerk will validate petition signatures and declare the official candidates in the Special Election.

Special Election Information in the April Informer

As always, the Golden Informer will dedicate space to educate voters on their choices in the upcoming election. All candidates will be offered a free full page profile which will be published in the April issue of the Informer along with other important election information. Please expect your Informer to arrive a few days late (by April 7) so that we can include this very important information.

For more information about the Special Election, call the City Clerk's Office at 303-384-8014 or 303-384-8015.

ELECTION FORUM APRIL 1 AT MITCHELL

Leadership Golden and the Golden Transcript are hosting a candidate forum at 6:30 p.m. April 1 in the Mitchell Elementary School gymnasium. All of the Ward 4 candidates will be invited to participate. If you have questions about the forum or would like to suggest questions for the candidates, contact LouAnne Dale at 303-273-0091 or LatDale@aol.com.

ARE YOU WATCHING?

Golden City Council meetings are now available on Comcast Channel 8 live at 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Rebroadcasts are available at various times throughout the week – check online at www.cityofgolden.net/Channel8 for the rebroadcast schedule.

You can also view streaming video online! VHS and DVD recordings can be checked out at the Golden Public Library.

Let us know what you think by calling 303-384-8197 or email citycouncil@cityofgolden.net

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The City of Golden is hosting free sales and use tax workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors and geared toward individuals who need to learn sales and use tax concepts on an in-depth level. We'll address your questions and provide hands-on experience on topics such as tax rates, return preparation, use tax, exemptions, interest and penalties, record keeping and the audit process. The workshops will be held from **8 to 10 a.m. March 11, May 6 and July 15** in the Golden City Hall conference room, 911 10th St. Although these classes are free, space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for a reservation.

Golden Welcomes New Officers



Officer Jeff Marr



Officer Daniel Hyde



Officer David Hart



Officer Ryan Beale

The Golden Police Department welcomes its newest Officers Jeff Marr, Daniel Hyde, Ryan Beale and David Hart, who were recently sworn into the professional ranks by City Clerk Susan Brooks. These officers bring forward years of experience from other agencies and are a welcome addition to the department.

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Police Recognize 2007 Achievements

The Golden Police Department recognized 18 employees and private citizens for their accomplishments in 2007 at its annual awards banquet Feb. 6 at the Golden Community Center.

Two citizens received awards: Teri Melton was recognized for her assistance giving lifesaving CPR to a collapsed co-worker, and Kenneth Kuck was recognized for assisting an officer with subduing a combative suspect.

The night was capped off with the presentation of the Employee of the Year award, which was given to Administrative Assistant Jodie Marquez, who has been with the department for 5 years.

Other award recipients include:

Citizen Commendation

- Dana Gonzales
- Teri Melton (in connection with Life Saving Award)

Certificate of Commendation

- Dispatcher Brooke Merkel

Leadership Excellence Award

- Sergeant Al Joyce

Life Saving Award

- Officer David Galbraith
- Officer Rick Pearson
- Officer James Mershon
- Officer Melissa Manzanares

Chief's Star

- Officer Denise Mehnert
- Officer Jeff Kreutzer
- Crossing Guard Marie Simon-Connaly

Professional Conduct

- Dispatcher Jennifer Lepro
- Officer C.J. "Corky" Kloberdance
- Evidence Technician Amanda Montano
- Sergeant Al Joyce
- Officer Drew Williams

Distinguished Citizen

- Kenneth Kuck

Employee of the Year

- Administrative Assistant Jodie Marquez



Professional Conduct
Amanda Montano



Distinguished Citizen
Kenneth Kuck



Employee of the Year
Jodie Marquez



Chief's Star
Jeff Kreutzer

Golden Fire Honors its Finest



City Manager Mike Bestor (left) and Fire Chief John Bales (right) present Firefighter Matt Finley with his 30-year length of service award.

The Golden Fire Department held its annual awards banquet Jan. 26 at Fossil Trace Golf Club. Awards and honors were presented to staff and volunteer members of the fire department for outstanding performances and contributions to the mission of the Fire Department and the City of Golden throughout 2007.

The following firefighters received **length-of-service awards**:

- Firefighter/Engineer Matt Finley for 30 Years of Service
- Captain Tom Young for 25 Years of Service
- Captain Joe Nelson for 15 Years of Service
- Captain Wes Polk for 15 Years of Service
- Asst. Chief Rocco Snart for 15 Years of Service



Unit Citation was given for a swift water rescue in Clear Creek Canyon on July 4, 2007.

- Firefighter Steve Oliveri for 5 Years of Service

The **Honor Guard Award** was presented to Firefighters Eric Gettenberg and Trevor Williamson.

Firefighter Adam Simpkins received an Appreciation Award for his planning and preparation of the annual awards banquets for 2006 and 2007.

The Unit Citation is awarded to any group of two or more Department members who make up a company, team or employee work group

that has performed in a manner worthy of recognition and merit.

A **Unit Citation** was awarded to the following for customer service in the care and transport of two mentally disadvantaged persons to their home after their primary caretaker had been injured and transported to a medical facility on May 23, 2007:

- Firefighter Joe Gross
- Firefighter JJ Risch
- Fire Chaplain Kevin Kirby



The Unit Citation for Community Service Award was given to the 2007-2 Recruit Class for their participation with patients at Children's Hospital on Halloween.

A second **Unit Citation** was awarded to the following for the July 4, 2007, rescue of two victims of a vehicle accident where the vehicle went into Clear Creek, ejecting both occupants who were located floating downstream:

- Asst. Chief Bob Burrell
- Firefighter Kent McCreary
- Captain Wes Polk
- Firefighter Tucker Smith
- Firefighter Sarah Stetson
- Firefighter Nathan Muller
- Captain Rex Engstrom
- Firefighter Eric Gettenberg
- Firefighter Sean Sands
- Firefighter Doug Holschbach
- Firefighter Rick Pretz
- Firefighter Valerie Hastings
- Firefighter JJ Risch
- Firefighter Joe Gross
- Fire Inspector Mike Dittman

And a third **Unit Citation** was awarded to the 2007-2 recruit class listed below, which provided a special Hallow-

een party and activities to the patients of Children's Hospital as a community service project on Oct. 31:

- Recruit Firefighter Jonathan Ashford
- Recruit Firefighter John Beach
- Recruit Firefighter Neild Broome
- Recruit Firefighter Jason Flickner
- Recruit Firefighter Daniel Glynn
- Recruit Firefighter John O'Connor
- Recruit Firefighter Doug Schnell
- Recruit Firefighter Chris Myers
- Lieutenant Gene Quador

An **Award of Merit** was presented to Lieutenant Gene Quador for the successful recruitment and completion of two recruit academies in 2007, and for his excellence in the start up and coordination of the volunteer shift program.

Firefighters Neil Hutton and Noah Creaven were honored with the **Recruit Firefighter of the Year Award** for an outstanding first year as a volunteer firefighters.

Deputy Chief / Fire Marshal Jerry Stricker was presented with the **Jack Harvey Award** for demonstrated

commitment outside the normal duties of the fire department for his efforts with outside fire organizations and his work with the State School Inspection Program.

Asst. Chief Bob Burrell received the **Firefighter of the Year Award** for his demonstrated commitment through participation, leadership and involvement in a variety of fire department activities, the high quality of his actions and going above-and -beyond when performing assigned duties.

Finally, Firefighter/Engineer Doug Holschbach was honored with the **Award of Valor**, which was presented for his act of heroism in the swift-water rescue and resuscitation of an unconscious 16-year-old from Clear Creek on July 2, 2007. This award is the highest decoration awarded by the Golden Fire Department. The uniform insignia is a red/white/blue ribbon and is worn next to or below the American Fire Service Ribbon. It is only awarded for a conspicuous act of valor and heroism by a Department member under hazardous conditions in which the person is placed in a life-threatening position to save the life of another.



The Award of Valor was presented to Doug Holschbach for his part in a swift water rescue and resuscitation of an unconscious victim on July 2, 2007.

Golden Receives FEMA Grant *for Firefighter Fitness Equipment*



PHOTO BY SABRINA D'AGOSTA

From left to right, Fire Chief John Bales watches as Congressman Ed Perlmutter presents Capt. Tina Gustafson with a check for \$13,252 to be spent on fitness equipment for Golden volunteer firefighters.

Congressman Ed Perlmutter presented the Golden Fire Department with a check Feb. 11 in the amount of \$13,252 on behalf of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to purchase fitness equipment for the Department's staff and volunteers to use at Station No. 4. The 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant is administered through the DHS Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Preparedness Directorate in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

Golden Fire Capt. Tina Gustafson wrote the grant application asking for funds for fitness equipment that would be available to help encourage firefighters to achieve and maintain fitness.

"Since all of the 55 frontline firefighters [in Golden] are volunteers, finding time to workout can be challenging," states the application. "By having equipment at the station, firefighters will have more opportunity to squeeze a workout into their already busy schedules of family, work, and department responsibilities."

Through the grant funds, the Department has ordered cardiovascular exercise machines, including an elliptical and an exercise bicycle, and strength training equipment, including weights, a cable pulley system and a variety of exercise balls.

The equipment is expected to be installed and ready for use by March. The Department decided to install the equipment at Station No. 4 (near Heritage Square) because the Department's shift program is currently housed at that

station, where firefighters will have the opportunity to use the equipment during their 12-hour shifts. Other firefighters can workout as their schedules bring them to the station, such as after work detail and training sessions. Furthermore, firefighters already have access to the Golden Community Center's equipment while working out of Fire Station No. 1 (next to City Hall on 10th Street).

Having exercise equipment at the fire station will allow firefighters to workout as their schedules permit. If firefighters are working out at the station, they are also available for calls. Firefighters sometimes are reluctant to go to a gym to workout, especially at times when staffing is light, since they are not able to respond to calls. This arrangement would solve that dilemma.

Having a common workout facility will encourage fitness among the volunteers by its availability. Additionally, firefighters are often competitive in nature. Through their interaction, some Department members may find themselves beginning a workout program because their colleagues have started one. The Fire Officers will promote and encourage all firefighters to take advantage of the equipment. Finally, providing exercise equipment demonstrates that the Department values the wellness of its membership as it develops a healthier group of volunteer firefighters.

With medical costs increasing all the time, less than \$15,000 is a small investment in helping prevent injury or other medical issues for more than 55 people. The cost of this equipment is less than \$230 per firefighter!

GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 7

Fight for Hunger Silent Benefit Art Auction

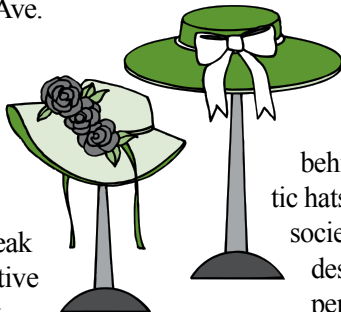
So many people are in need of housing and food. The Christian Action Guild's food bank is low. On the next First Friday Art Walk, Spirits in the Wind Gallery is offering a Silent Benefit Auction where a portion of the proceeds are donated directly to the Christian Action Guild. A large array of fine artwork by national and emerging artists will be auctioned, including pottery, paintings, home decor, jewelry and more. Christian Action Guild's president and volunteers will be present to accept direct donations, as well. Place your bid or purchase immediately at 20% over minimum bid from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., when the auction closes. Refreshments will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. and the evening includes a wine tasting by Turquoise Mesa Winery. Call 303-279-1192 or visit www.spiritsinthewindgallery.com for additional information. Spirits in the Wind Gallery is located at 1211 Washington Ave.



MARCH 24-28

"Spring Endeavors" Spring Break Camp

"Spring Endeavors" spring break camp offers parents an alternative to putting their children in day-care with this interactive learning camp designed for children ages 8- to 12-years-old. The camp focuses on hands-on experiences, art, literature, music and fun, and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily March 24 through March 28 at Golden Independent School, 1280 Golden Circle. Cost is \$15 per child. Call 303-279-3708.



MARCH 26 & 27

Carrie Newcomer CD Release Concert

Join Acoustic Alley as Carrie Newcomer celebrates the release of her new CD, "Regulars and Refugees." Newcomer is an internationally-known musician, songwriter and storyteller (www.carrienewcomer.com). Tickets for this historic show are only \$18 in advance or \$21 the day of the show at Miner's Alley Playhouse, above the old Foss Drug. Acoustic Alley is like going to a concert in your living room (no seat is more than 4 rows from the stage). Check us out at www.acousticalley.org or call 720-870-0397 for tickets. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.



a full meal of scones, finger sandwiches, salad and desserts at 11:30 a.m. for just \$25. Just Desserts treats you to scones and desserts at 3 p.m. for just \$15. Tea served at the Astor House Museum, 822 12th St. Members receive a discount. Paid reservations are required by calling 303-278-3557.

MARCH 29

Bonnets & Top Hats

There's more to 1800s headwear than you know. Find out how what was worn on the head reflected the 19th century industrialization of America.

Beverly Chico will fascinate you with design, function and social implications behind a variety of authentic hats from pioneers to high society. Enjoy a luncheon or dessert tea with a dramatic performance. Luncheon is



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happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:

Golden City Hall, Citycommunications 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.



Golden Community Center

activities calendar



Easter Bake Sale

The Golden Community Center Front Porch and Celebrate Health will sponsor the Annual Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, March 7. Special goodies home-made by the "expert chefs" in the Front Porch will be on sale. All proceeds are donated to the Front Porch for supplies.

Ladies Basketball

If you're a woman who is 50+, or will turn 50 this year, PLEASE join us! Play 3-on-3 half-court basketball. No experience or skill needed – it's for fun! We offer a 45-minute skills clinic on Sunday mornings. Teams are arranged by 5-year age groups. For those who

are interested, we attend out-of-state basketball tournaments several times a year. For more information, call Janis Hayes at 303-234-0667 or Joy Kaylor at 303-582-5815. Drop-ins are welcome.

Practice sessions run from:
7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays
9 to 11 a.m. Fridays
9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Sundays

Opera for Beginners - for the Culture Vulture at Any Age

If you wish to explore the world of opera without making the investment, this class is for you! Tom Powers will present the most melodic and moving operas ever written and expose the musical

highlights, plots, composers, backgrounds and translations of each opera. Powers was the Opera Colorado Guild Speakers' Bureau chairman and an opera performer himself. Don't miss this chance to delve into this rewarding musical experience. Register at the Golden Community Center.

Age: 25+

7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

April 2 – La Traviata

April 9 – Rigoletto

**April 16 – Lucia di
 Lammermoor**

April 23 – Faust

Fee: \$35 Residents /

\$40 Non Residents

\$12 drop-in fee

A VENUE WITH A VIEW



Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!

Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer's kitchen.



Call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates.
Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.

Orientation is the Key to Fitness Success

Consistency is key in gaining results with any fitness goal. Consistently utilizing weight and cardiovascular equipment incorrectly wastes time and energy. While the benefits of weight lifting include loss of pain, increased energy and bone density, and decreased fat, an estimated 8,000 people ages 35 to 54 had injuries caused by weightlifting which required emergency room treatment in the United States in 1998 (U.S. Consumer Product Safety, 2000). Orientation to new fitness equipment is important even if you are seasoned in weight training.

With the completion of the 5,000-square-foot weight and cardiovascular addition in 2007, the Golden Community Center made the decision to hire weight room attendants. A weight room attendant's role is to ensure users of the fitness room a safe, clean environment. The attendants are trained to act as teachers by demonstrating the correct use of weight and cardiovascular equipment in Weight Room Orientations. Orientations are taught at specific times on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for the regular daily admission fee. Sign up to get to know the equipment and the friendly faces of weight room attendants Jack, Mike, Mitch and Karla.

Due to equipment size and safety, orientations are for ages 14 and older. Children under 16 are not allowed in the weight room unless they have completed an orientation. Orientation will allow teens to feel confident, learn gym etiquette and safe practice. After completion, the teen will be given a certification card that is required for weight room admittance until the teen reaches the age of 16.

Weight room attendants are not personal trainers and do not provide fitness programs. For personal exercise guidance, the Golden Community Center offers personal trainers certified by professionally recognized agencies. If you are interested in reaching the next level in fitness or searching for a personally tailored program, request a trainer at the front desk. A Health History and Par Q may be picked up and are required with any trainer request. This information allows the Wellness Coordinator to decide which trainer best suits your needs. The Community Center offers a variety of training



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packages, as well as reduced rates for “Train with a Friend” packages.

Golden Community Center personal trainers offer a variety of specialties to accommodate all ages and skill levels. Kevin Mills, a certified trainer, recently received the National Academy of Sports Medicine Corrective Exercise Specialist Certification. Learn more about the trainers by visiting our website, www.cityofgolden.net, or the new personal training biography board at the weight room entrance.

For more information on weight room orientation times and personal training packages, call a guest services representative at 303-384-8100. This year, keep injury at bay, meet friends and gain confidence at the Golden Community Center!

rĕc'-rĕ-āte': To impart fresh life to; refresh mentally or physically

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Approved by City Council

The development process of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan came to an end with adoption by Golden City Council on Jan. 24. The plan is the first step in the ambitious effort by Parks and Recreation staff to become the best park and recreation system in the country. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is intended to be a guiding document for this vision in the future as it relates to parks, trails and recreation within the City of Golden.

Parks and Recreation has always been an integral part of the Golden community, one which citizens have made a commitment to support. The City retained EDAW/AECOM Inc. to develop a park and recreation master plan that defines a 15- to 20-year vision. An involved public process, master planning began in May 2007 with a series of meetings with several groups, all of which provided insight, advice and guidance. These groups included the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a Technical Advisory Committee that consisted of representatives and leaders from various city-, county- and nonprofit-agencies, Golden City Council, park user groups, local sports clubs, cultural and civic organizations. Additionally, two public open houses were held to solicit general community input.

The focus of the plan was to develop a detailed inventory of all parklands, assess conditions of parks, trails and recreation facilities, analyze community needs, identify underserved areas, define goals and objectives and develop a plan for implementation. The plan is to be used by elected and appointed officials to discuss and evaluate potential actions and priorities.

The public process allowed EDAW to identify levels of satisfaction, perceptions, use patterns and priorities

in a needs analysis. The needs analysis, in association with existing inventory of parks, trails and facilities, highlights potential areas of shortfall or oversupply, which also helps to guide future recommendations.

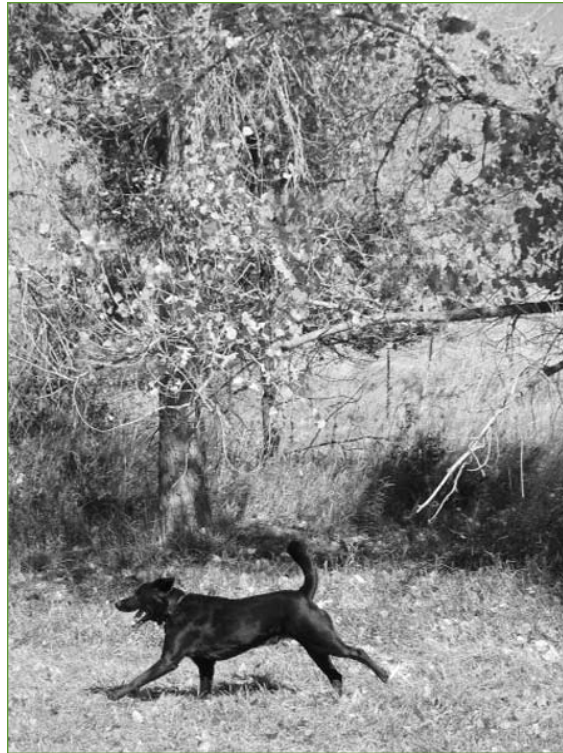
Examples of recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan include a system-wide ADA audit, providing park space to underserved neighborhoods, completion of key trail connections, developing Clear Creek Corridor and Tony Grampsas Park plans for redesign.

Recommendations of the plan are intended to be updated periodically to reflect future needs of the community. A list of criteria was developed that should be considered when prioritizing the many projects recommended in the plan along with future opportunities that become available. The criterion includes health, safety, welfare and code compliance, creating partnerships for funding and satisfying urgent needs.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is already working diligently to prioritize the recommendations of the

Master Plan. Any prioritization includes reviewing existing capital project funding sources to determine which projects are feasible and when. City Parks and Recreation capital improvement projects are funded by several sources, including the Sales and Use Tax Capital Improvement Fund (SUT), the Open Space Capital Projects Fund and the Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery Program). The Master Plan also encourages finding additional funding sources, such as grants.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is available in its entirety at www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec. For more information contact ParksMasterPlan@cityofgolden.net.



Tony Grampsas Dog Park, 44th & Salvia

City of Golden 2008 Tree Sale

The City of Golden's annual Tree Sale begins March 1. Purchases can be made through April 7 via forms available at the Golden Community Center, 1460 10th St., and online at www.cityofgolden.net.

Quantities of deciduous trees are limited, so early orders are encouraged. Prices for the trees range from \$43 for any of the selection of 11 different deciduous trees to \$125 for a 4- to 5-foot Colorado Spruce. In addition to the Colorado Spruce, the City will offer a selection of coniferous trees, although shrubs will not be available this year. Changes to the annual tree sale centers on the City's efforts to make the best use of resources in providing the most beneficial service to the community.

Take advantage of these wholesale prices and the many benefits trees provide, including shade, improved air quality, cooling, storm water control, aesthetics and carbon storage.

The sale is restricted to Golden residents only and proof of residency – your City of Golden water bill or driver's license – is required at the time of purchase.

Trees purchased will be distributed the week of April 21. For more information, contact City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141 or dhhigh@cityofgolden.net, or Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amber Speedy at 303-384-8191 or aspeedy@cityofgolden.net.

Deciduous

- Tatarian Maple "Pattern Perfect" * \$43
- Ohio Buckeye (\$43)
- Horsechestnut "Ruby Red" * \$43
- Serviceberry "Robin Hill" * \$43
- Northern Catalpa * \$43
- Hackberry * \$43
- Thornless Cockspur Hawthorne * \$43
- Kentucky Coffeetree * \$43
- Cleveland Select Pear * \$43
- Bur Oak * \$43
- Red Oak \$43

Conifers

- Austrian Pine * \$115
- Colorado Blue Spruce \$125
- Pinon Pine * \$50
- Ponderosa Pine * \$50

** indicates low water-use species*



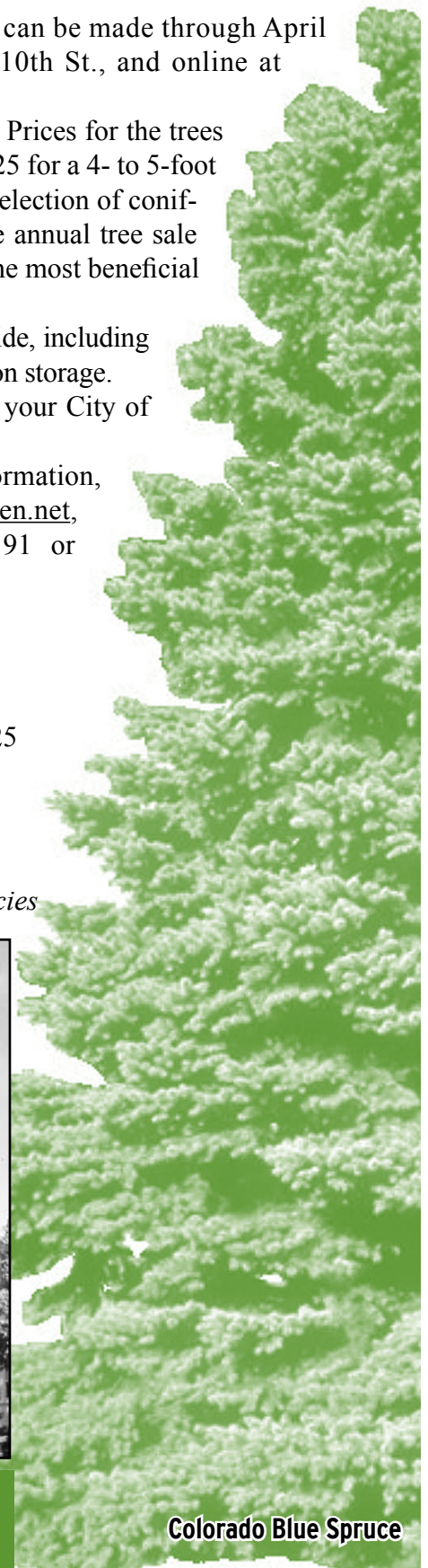
Pinon Pine Needles



Cleveland Select Pear



Kentucky Coffeetree



Colorado Blue Spruce

For more detailed species descriptions and photos, visit www.cityofgolden.net/Page.asp?NavID=580

GURA and EDComm *2008 Business Programs Underway*

The City of Golden's Economic Development Commission (EDComm) and the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) have launched several exciting programs for businesses to take advantage of in 2008.

Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA)

GURA will continue the energy efficiency and web development pilot grant programs it launched last year. GURA has also announced a major push to fund improvements to the awnings in downtown, many of which have fallen into disrepair. GURA hopes to have all funding committed by March, but encourages interested applicants to contact the office at 303-279-4162 or mark@gura.com for additional information.

Façade Renovations

The coming 150th anniversary of Golden in June 2009 has inspired GURA to make façade renovations its major program focus of 2008. GURA has budgeted \$100,000 toward upgrading the façades throughout downtown. GURA will fund 100% for the removal of any awning and will provide a 50% match up to \$12,000 for design and construction of eight new façades, including awnings. The façade improvements must be pre-approved by GURA, consistent with the recommendations of the Downtown Character Plan (www.gura.com/downtownchar), and substantially completed in 2008 to be eligible for the program.

Web Site Development Program

With the success of the 2007 web site development pilot program, GURA will provide up to \$7,500 in total to promote web-based commerce for five downtown merchants.

Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy

GURA's 2007 energy efficiency pilot program helped eight downtown businesses and properties save money by improving their use of energy. The pilot program was created to fill a gap created by the absence of the kind of audit programs that Xcel Energy has for large businesses and residents. However, Xcel recently announced a new small

business audit program. GURA will supplement the new Xcel program for a second round of downtown businesses in 2008, adding water efficiency into the analysis. GURA will provide up to \$10,000 total for four implementations.

Public Improvement Grant Program

GURA has budgeted \$30,000 toward grant requests for innovative projects other than those already covered by the programs summarized above.

Economic Development Commission (EDComm)

For 2008, EDComm also has a number of business assistance programs available.

Xcel Energy Assessment Reimbursement

In order to support the City's ongoing sustainability efforts, the main program for the first half of the year is a reimbursement program available to any small business in Golden that takes advantage of Xcel Energy's On-Site Energy Assessment Program. Under this program, Xcel will send an energy engineer to your site to conduct an on-site energy audit of your facility and energy use. Xcel's charge is \$200 for up to a 25,000-square-foot building. Any small business in Golden (not including home based businesses) can simply complete and pay for the Xcel energy assessment, and EDComm will reimburse the \$200 fee. The program will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 40 Golden businesses that apply. For more information about the Xcel program, go to www.xcelenergy.com and click on Business.

Small Business Capital Grant

EDComm's other ongoing program for the year is the small business capital grant program for small retail businesses. Under this program, EDComm accepts grant applications a few times a year for small matching grants for capital improvements for retail businesses.

For more information from EDComm about either program, email EDComm@cityofgolden.net or call 303-384-8097.

Volunteers Needed: Fire Pension and Historic Boards Need Members

It is often said that the spirit of volunteerism in this small community is what so distinguishes Golden from its metro area neighbors. Historic Preservation Board member William Kistler embodies that spirit when talking about why he joined the board.

"When I first came to Colorado 20 odd years ago, I visited Golden and thought that it represented the ideal Colorado community. I now live here in an 1890s Edwardian style house and enjoy the many benefits Golden has to offer," Kistler said. "A firm believer in giving back to a community that offers so much to me, I applied to sit on the Golden Historic Preservation Board. Protecting the historic nature of our city is important, as it is one thing that makes us so unique."

He's not alone in this sentiment. Roger Mattson has served on HPB for eight years now. He said he first learned about the board through the Leadership Golden course and couldn't help but get involved.

"I have done these things as part of an integral life style that includes service to the community that serves our family," Mattson said.

The City's boards and commissions are always looking for new people from the community who are interested in giving back and helping to build Golden's bright future. Currently, both the Historic Preservation Board and the Golden Fire Pension Board are seeking applicants.

Historic Preservation Board

HPB is looking for five applicants: four whose 4-year terms will

expire in April 2012 and another that expires in April 2010. Regular meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month, and study sessions are generally held the evening of the third Monday of each month. HPB applicants must live in the City of Golden and applications must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 911 10th St. Interviews with City Council are tentatively set for the evening of Thursday, April 3. Questions about HPB can be directed to the Planning and Development Department at 303-384-8097 or HPB@cityofgolden.net.

Fire Pension Board

The Golden Fire Department Pension Board is also looking for a Golden citizen to fill a vacancy for a 2-year term that expires in April 2010. The Golden Fire Department Pension Board includes three fire department members, two citizen members, the Finance Director and Mayor. Members participate in quarterly meetings and occasional planning sessions as required to listen to volunteer firefighters' pension program issues, evaluate options, make recommendations and vote accordingly. Information discussed at the board's meetings is considered confidential. Applicants must be residents of the City of Golden and have a demonstrated interest in the fire department. Prior pension or financial experience is helpful. Applications must be received by 5 p.m., April 3 in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 911 10th St. Interviews with City Council are tentatively

scheduled for the evening of April 17. Questions about the board can be directed to the Golden Fire Department at 303-384-8094, Fire Chief John Bales at jbales@cityofgolden.net or Finance Director Jeff Hansen at jhanzen@cityofgolden.net.

To Apply

Applications for the City's boards and commissions are provided by the City Clerk either online at www.cityofgolden.net (click on Boards and Commissions) or at City Hall, 911 10th St. You can return them to the Clerk's Office at City Hall in person or by mail, by fax to 303-384-8001 or via email to sbrooks@cityofgolden.net.

WHAT IF YOU WERE MAYOR???

CML Launches Essay Contest For 7th Graders

In an effort to educate the general community about the importance of Colorado's cities and towns, the Colorado Municipal League (CML) launched the "If I Were Mayor..." essay contest, sponsored by CO-LOTRUST. The contest is open to 7th graders statewide including home-schooled students.

This year's topic is "If you were Mayor, how would you explain the importance of municipal government to kids in your community?" Winners will be recognized at the 2008 CML annual conference in June 2008 in Steamboat Springs.

Entry forms can be found at CML's website at www.cml.org by scrolling to the bottom of the "What's New" box or by calling CML at 303-831-6411. Entries are due to CML by April 15, 2008.

Our Employees Make The Difference

The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make The Difference” awards handed out at quarterly employee meetings. Employees are nominated by their coworkers for consistent demonstration of higher productivity in their daily work per-

formance; 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:

Tye Garner, Senior Parks Maintenance Worker

Tye Garner has been a senior park works maintenance worker and lead irrigation worker in the Parks Division for 8 years. He was nominated for the YMD award for having used his skills to creatively repair two drinking fountains in Southridge and Golden Heights and installing a new fountain over the summer, saving the City at least \$3,000. The two modifications involved using unorthodox tools to create access panels to the obstructed lines, allowing the repairs to be performed and negating the need to purchase two new fountains. Garner then followed up the repairs by improvising the creation of steel access panels that will allow for future repairs to be made easily. Garner also improvised the connection of a new fountain line at Norman D Park, reducing damage to the site significantly. “Tye consistently exhibits this type of work ethic and deserves to be recognized for his long-standing record of excellent work,” said Parks Supervisor Shawn Sprenger.



Steve Kurtz, Streets Supervisor

Steve Kurtz is the Streets Supervisor in the Public Works Department. He started with the Streets Division 23 years ago as an equipment operator. This winter, an elderly widow in Golden called the City to report that ice in front of her home was so thick that she practically had to get on her hands and knees to go get the mail without slipping. She didn't have the money to pay someone to remove the ice. The message was passed along and ultimately Steve Kurtz responded and solved the ice problem. “This is just one incident of many,” said City Receptionist Geri King. “Steve is a very compassionate person, always willing to go the extra mile. He is an exceptional team player and helps our employees, as well.”



Pam Heimbach, Human Resource Analyst

Pam Heimbach is the City's Human Resource Analyst and has been with the City for 5 years. She was nominated for her extraordinary customer service in helping an employee resolve multiple significant problems related to hospital and medical charges and reimbursement of funds. Heimbach spent many hours pouring over the hospital and doctors' records trying to resolve the discrepancies and was able to help resolve the problem. The employee was sure the problem would not have been resolved without Heimbach's help.





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2008 Claim Form for 2007 Sales Tax Refund

The sales tax refund is limited to senior, low-income or disabled individuals who have lived within the city limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2007 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person's tax return.

The refund amount for 2007 is \$40. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden.

Please check one box only:

☐ **Senior Refund** (must be 65 years or older)

☐ **Low Income Refund**

Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:

- State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
- Proof of Medicaid benefits
- Proof of LEAP eligibility
- Proof of eligibility for food stamps

☐ **Disabled Refund**

Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:

- State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
- Proof of full benefits from Social Security Disability Income, SSI or the Department of Human Services
- Proof of total disability from a public or private insurance plan

Please print or type:

Name: Mr(s).

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Golden, CO ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2007? _____ months

Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person's income tax form? ☐yes ☐no

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

This form must be submitted by no later than April 15, 2008.

Refund Donation Option:

You have the option to donate your refund to a City of Golden program or department by checking one of the boxes below:

☐Golden Volunteer Fire Department ☐Golden Cemetery ☐Golden Senior Front Porch

☐Other City program or department (please identify): _____

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2008 Summer Employment Opportunities

The City of Golden will soon be accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, The Splash Aquatic Park, and Fossil Trace Golf Club. Opportunities include Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, Field Crew, Day Camp Leaders, Youth Program Leaders, Parks, Cemetery and Golf Maintenance, Pro-Shop Guest Services, and Cashiers and Food and Beverage Workers at The Splash.

Be sure to watch our website at <http://www.cityofgolden.net/Employment.asp> for job availability

OR

subscribe to our website at <http://www.cityofgolden.net/Login.asp> where you can enter your email address and ask to be notified each time a new job is posted.



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