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HEARDS UP: Important Upcoming Items

Election, Citizen Survey and Budget Wrap Up 2007

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

The City’s general municipal election is a mail ballot election coordinated with Jefferson County and all ballots must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007. The Mayor and Councilors for Districts 1 and 2 will be elected. Election information is available at www.co.jefferson.co.us/elections or by calling 303-271-8111. Results will be available on the City’s website the following morning at www.cityofgolden.net.

CALLS FOR CITIZEN SURVEY THIS MONTH

The City of Golden has again contracted with Customer Connections and Innovations of Golden to conduct its annual citizen survey. If you receive a phone call, please help us get an honest assessment of our community and answer the questions. The survey shouldn’t take more than 10 minutes of your time, but it helps us become a more responsive government.

BUDGET BEING FINALIZED

One final public hearing will be held during city Council’s meeting Nov. 8 before the 2008 Budget is formally adopted by Council resolution and funds are appropriated for the coming year.

Even though the City creates a biennial budget, City Council is still required by law to adopt the budget annually.

To date, multiple public hearings have been held and the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee has reviewed and made its recommendations to City Council on the 2008 Budget.

You can view the Budget on the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net. Go to Departments, click on Finance and then on Budget.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in Liquor Licensing? Join the Authority

Golden City Council is accepting applications for two appointments to the Local (Liquor) Licensing Authority Board. Members must be residents of the City and at least 21-years-old. Additionally, members cannot have any financial interest in the operation of any business holding a liquor license. The appointments are for 4-year terms. The Authority meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The Authority holds public hearings on new license applications; considers transfers of ownership; holds hearings to determine if a liquor violation has occurred; and has all powers and duties granted to local liquor license authorities by the Colorado Beer Code.

Applications, on forms provided by the City Clerk or from the City of Golden website, www.cityofgolden.net, will be accepted until 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, 2007, at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th St. Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council Study Session in the evening, Thursday, Dec. 6 in the council chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Questions regarding the board should be directed to City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014 or sbrooks@cityofgolden.net.

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

Nov. 1
Rescheduled REGULAR MEETING and Study Session

Nov. 8
REGULAR MEETING

Nov. 15
NO MEETING

Nov. 22
NO MEETING

Dec. 6
Rescheduled REGULAR MEETING and Study Session

Dec. 13
REGULAR MEETING

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

Public comment is welcomed and on the agenda at all regular meetings.
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150th Birthday Celebrations

The 150th anniversary of the founding of Golden will occur in June 2009. A committee has formed and begun the planning process. The committee includes Golden Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Gary Wink and Administrative Assistant Krista Braton; Golden Pioneer Museum Executive Director Barbara Mills; long-time Golden resident Donna Plummer; City of Golden Communications Manager Sabrina D’Agosta; Mile High Newspapers Sales Manager John Tracy; Colorado School of Mines and Golden High School educational representative Jeannie Collopy-Bach; and myself on behalf of the Golden Civic Foundation.

Golden’s settlers first arrived here in town on June 12, but the Boston Company did not officially form until June 16. Accordingly, the committee has agreed that the sesquicentennial celebrations will extend from Friday, June 12 through Tuesday, June 16. The Mayor will kick off the event with a proclamation the evening of Thursday, June 11. The rest of the schedule will be firmed up in coming months.

The committee has met four times to discuss scheduling and the types of activities it would like to see held as part of the festivities. The committee is considering a number of exciting events including a possible parade in which participants are dressed in period costumes, fireworks (if enough funds can be raised), a firefighters bucket brigade contest, a Victorian or square dance, a beard-growing contest, window decorating contests for the merchants, and a reenactment of the settlement of Golden. The Wild West Auto Roundup is scheduled to coincide with the birthday events on Saturday and other local service organizations, museums and businesses will be invited to participate throughout the year leading up to the big events.

Nothing is definite and the committee welcomes input. Please call Sabrina D’Agosta at 303-384-8132 or email info@150goldenyears.com. As the event approaches, many volunteers and funds will be needed to implement the birthday party. You can keep an eye on new developments at www.150goldenyears.com. Thanks to Barb Warden of Table Mountain Web Design for designing and hosting the site.

Completion of the Beltway

Several events have taken place recently concerning the proposed beltway through Golden. Representatives of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), including Executive Director Russ George, have met with Golden to see if a solution can be found that meets the needs of CDOT and will satisfy Golden. Little progress has been made, and the current suggested design of the road remains unacceptable to Golden. Meetings have been held with Golden’s Representative Gwyn Green and Senator Mo Keller and Broomfield Representative Diane Primivera to see how the State Legislature can help find a solution that will not adversely impact Golden. A meeting was also held with Congressman Ed Perlmutter, who was quite enthused about the concept presented in Golden’s Muller Plan and said he has no earmarks for the project.

CDOT and its consultants are still working on the federally-required Environmental Impact Statement for the possible highway. CDOT is attempting to resolve the outstanding issues, and in the mean time, the issuance of the draft EIS has been delayed until some time in 2008.

A major threat occurred when Broomfield signed an agreement with BRISA, an international consortium. The agreement gives the operating and maintenance contract to BRISA for 99 years. BRISA also wants to extend the Northwest Parkway tollroad from Broomfield to C-470 south of Golden.

City Council, staff, our public relations personnel, legal counsel and citizen groups remain vigilant and will continue to aggressively resist any attempt to build a 6- to 8-lane high speed freeway or toll road through Golden that will destroy our quality of life.

Mayor’s Message

By Mayor Chuck Baroch

Update on Special Council Projects

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The October 2007 issue of the Voice of Golden, an independently published newsletter mailed to Golden residents, and handbills disseminated by its publisher, contain incorrect information that might needlessly scare residents of Golden’s manufactured housing communities.

The City of Golden respects the Voice of Golden’s right to publish views and opinions differing from those of elected officials and opposing the actions of this government, but not to scare innocent residents by disseminating inaccurate and misleading information.

The Voice claims that residents of the Golden Ridge condos and mobile home parks are in need of help because 800 families there are about to be displaced by local government.

Rather than repeat all of the inaccurate information, here are the facts:

**FasTracks**

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is building a 12.1-mile light rail transit corridor between the Auraria Campus in downtown Denver and the Jefferson County Government Center in Golden. This line is being called the “West Corridor” and you can learn more about it, view maps and send your comments to RTD online at [http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc](http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc). The corridor will end with a Park-N-Ride facility at the Jeffco County building, sometimes called the “Taj Mahal.”

The West Corridor will be the first corridor of the FasTracks program to be completed, opening in late 2012 or early 2013.

**Pedestrian Bridge**

In order not to cut residents who live on the other side of U.S. Highway 6 off from pedestrian access to the light rail, Golden City Council voted 6-1 to seek federal funds for a pedestrian bridge connection. Not having a bridge available would cause those residents who live nearest the light rail to have to get into their cars and drive to the Park-N-Ride, defeating much of the benefit of having light rail so close by and in direct contrast to Golden’s desire to be a more walkable community.

**Pedestrian and Bike Paths**

Golden Planning Director Steve Glueck has incorporated the community’s desire to be more pedestrian and bike friendly into maps shown to City Council and the Golden Ridge condo association in a public meeting.

A map of the Golden Ridge area shows increased pedestrian and bike trail connectivity and additional sidewalks in the area as requested by residents. This map also shows the intersection of U.S. Highway 6 and Heritage Road as a grade-separated intersection as is called for by the Muller Study, a plan that Golden citizens designed as their preferred alternative to the proposed high-speed toll road proposed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (see Page 8).

**Rezoning**

The Golden Planning Commission, in its advisory role to City Council, recommended a proposed rezoning of a 6-acre property in Golden Ridge early in 2007. The property, part of a larger parcel known as Golden Ridge Filing No. 2 PUD, is east of the Panorama Medical building in the commercial part of Golden Ridge. Under the current zoning, the property owner can build office, commercial and light industrial uses on the property. The rezoning proposal that Planning Commission had recommended to City Council would have allowed for the addition of multifamily residential uses as well, but on July 26, City Council voted 6-1 against the proposal.

It remains up to the private property owner how it chooses to develop that property within the restrictions of the current zoning. No new plans have been brought before staff or the Planning Commission. There is no way that any development of this property could displace the residents of condos or mobile homes nearby.

**RTD Study**

An RTD study conducted by a consulting firm in February 2006 looked at all the stations along the West Corridor line and recommended a possible transit-supportive development for the commercial portion of Golden Ridge. The study showed the future possibility for redevelopment in the northern portion of the Golden Ridge condominiums, as well. The RTD consultants had not visited the site and have no knowledge of City of Golden issues. They did not seek Golden’s input for this study, nor did they...
Snow and Ice Control Plan Updated
Some Routes Changed After Shops Move, Service Levels to Remain the Same

While most of us won’t be thinking too much about snow removal until the first storm of the season hits, the Public Works Streets Division has been busy updating the City’s Snow & Ice Control Plan since crews moved to the new shops facilities at 1300 Catamount Drive late this summer.

Because the Streets crews will be loading up their trucks and plows from a location further north than in years past, some modifications needed to be made to the plow routes in order to ensure continued great service throughout all areas of the City. As a citizen, you probably won’t notice the changes, but they are available for review in the updated Snow & Ice Control Plan online at http://www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=82 or by calling Streets Superintendent Ron Reavis at 303-384-8155. This special plan is 20 pages long and it is the roadmap for the Streets Division to keep all 230 lane miles (a lane mile is 10-feet wide by 1-mile long) in the City clear of hazardous conditions.

During the 2006-2007 winter season, the City had 17 storm events that totaled 149 inches of snow on our streets! During those storms, the Streets Division worked 1,234 regular hours and 614 overtime hours to apply 753 tons of salt/sand and 435 tons of IceSlicer the equivalent of 10,002 lane miles.

The Snow & Ice Control Plan prioritizes the order in which the Streets Division maintains pavement within the City limits. The Plan’s City-wide map shows which roads are plowed by the City, which are plowed by another jurisdiction and which are privately owned. The Streets Division plows and sands every City street during each storm. Alleyways, however, are not maintained for snow and ice control.

The Streets Division utilizes the National Weather Service and Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office for up-to-date weather forecast information. It also coordinates with...
the Golden Police Department to determine when snow and ice control operations should begin. Officers in the field notify the City’s dispatch center when potentially adverse road conditions exist, serving as the eyes and ears of the Streets Division.

City policy is to begin plowing once 2- to 3-inches of snow has accumulated, and to plow before sanding begins. The City’s seven snowplows are equipped with computer-controlled sanders that calibrate sand spreading. The City uses one part salt mix to five parts sand mix, and sands priority areas, such as bridges, inclines, curves, fire stations and schools before other areas.

Additional de-icing is done with a special product called Ice-Slicer as conditions dictate on specified routes. This product melts ice much faster than sand and salt, and lasts longer, requiring no sweeping of sand residue after the storms. Sand is swept after each storm as soon as conditions allow.

**Plowing in front of your driveway**

When the snowplows come through, they are not removing snow from the streets, but rather plowing it out of the driving lanes into the curb line where it is left to melt. Plowing therefore leaves what is called a “wind row” (hill or pile) of snow in the path along the curb, including in front of driveways. While snowplow operators do their best not to “plow you in,” it is recommended that citizens wait to shovel their driveways and sidewalks, if possible, until after the snow has stopped and the plows have made their final pass through your neighborhood. By waiting, you will not have to re-shovel to get out of your driveway.

**Shovel your walks: it’s the law**

The City also reminds citizens that it is the law that you must shovel your walks. Section 11.08.140 of the Municipal Code requires any owner or occupant of any property, whether private residence or business, to remove any accumulation of snow more than 1-inch no later than 24-hours after the snowfall stopped. Citizens are asked not to shovel the snow into the streets, but instead into your yard or other landscaping. To report a sidewalk that has not been cleared a day or more after a snowstorm, call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.

The City of Golden and the Front Porch are looking for volunteers to shovel snow for the elderly and physically challenged individuals in our community this winter. If you are interested in volunteering your time after snow storms, call Front Porch at 303-384-8130 to register your name and phone number onto a call list. We will call you when we receive calls from neighbors who need your assistance. Thank You!
The Northwest Parkway in Broomfield stops well short of Golden’s borders but residents may have questions about this toll road’s future and how it could impact our city.

You may have read that the Northwest Parkway’s board of directors recently agreed to lease the toll road – which was facing a financial crisis as its traffic and revenue fell far short of original projections – to foreign corporations for 99 years.

With the troubled toll road’s options quickly narrowing, some argued that the deal made the best of a bad situation. But a close look at the deal’s fine print found some troubling details.

- The foreign corporations’ goal is to complete the metro-area beltway, a plan that could drive a multi-lane, high-speed toll road through the heart of Golden.

- The deal includes a highly controversial “noncompete clause” that requires payments to the foreign operators if free roads are built near the toll road. Denver Post business columnist Al Lewis called this “practically congestion by design. Jack the tolls. Make sure nobody builds new roads.”

Is it in the public’s interest to turn over public resources to overseas companies that are focused on their profits, not what’s best for Colorado drivers?

The fact is that such deals with foreign private investors are certainly no panacea. The Washington Post reported recently that, despite a deal with investors for tolled lanes on the Washington, D.C., beltway, government will need to contribute “$409 million in public money for work that state officials originally said would be paid for by the private firms building it.”

Other states had started down this road but turned back after considering the negative consequences.

According to the federal Government Accounting Office, the Orange County (Calif.) Transportation Authority bought back express lanes that had been privatized after litigation and public outcry over a noncompete clause that prevented improvements on free lanes.

Fortune Magazine reports that New Jersey had been planning to privatize its turnpike. That created significant controversy and therefore, in June, New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine announced that the state’s “roadways will not be sold, and they will not be leased to a for-profit or foreign operator.”

Fortune Magazine also reported that Texas pulled a concession for a private company to run a new toll road there after protests.

Throughout these developments, Golden’s position has remained consistent. Beyond the damage it would do to Golden, a toll road extension is not the best solution to the area’s transportation challenges. Furthermore, a Northwest Parkway extension – which would inevitably require massive public subsidies even if it was privatized – would be a poor use of taxpayer funds.

Golden has proposed an alternative plan of local road improvements that would address congestion in a manner that is cost effective and respects our communities and quality of life. (For more, go to www.cityofgolden.net and type “Muller Study” into the search engine or call 303-384-8132 for a hardcopy.)

The Colorado Department of Transportation has pushed back the release of its draft Environmental Impact Statement, a formal review, until sometime in 2008 (see www.nwc英特尔reis.com and www.gothebetterway.org).

You can remain confident that Golden will remain vigilant in monitoring developments around the Northwest Parkway and any proposed extensions and fighting for local control and sensible transportation planning.

We will keep you posted as this situation evolves.
GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THROUGH NOV. 4

Rocky Mountain National Watermedia
Foothills Art Center’s hallmark exhibition turns 34 this year, offering a stellar selection of paintings by artists throughout the country, selected by acclaimed artist Carla O’Conner. Admission is $3 for adults, $2 for seniors, and free for members and students. For more information, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

NOV. 2

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

NOV. 1 - 3

Colorado Environmental Film Festival
The Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education is proud to present the second annual Colorado Environmental Film Festival from Nov. 1 through Nov. 3 at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden.

The Colorado Environmental Film Festival is an exciting and dynamic event that focuses on the power of film to inspire, educate and create change. This event will offer thought-provoking and entertaining local, national and international films for all ages, a forum on environmental filmmaking, an evening reception, and learning opportunities through a variety of organizations in the Expo Hall.

Throughout the event, informative and entertaining films will explore interconnected ecological, social and economic themes. Engaging audience discussion with filmmakers, producers and experts on the films’ topics will enrich the experience. The festival will feature award-winning filmmaker John de Graaf, who will present his latest film “Buyer Be Fair.”

For more information on films, speakers, exhibitors and tickets, visit http://www.ceff.net or call 303-273-9527.

NOV. 4

Daylight Savings Day

NOV. 11

Veterans Day

NOV. 22

Thanksgiving Day
City of Golden administrative offices will be closed Nov. 22 and 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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 sdragon@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.
THROUGH DEC. 14

North Pole Golden:
**P.O. Box for Santa**
Bring your letters to Santa’s mailbox at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave., and Santa will answer them. Available Nov. 10 through Dec. 14.

THROUGH DEC. 31

Visitors Center Snowflake
**Decorated Tree**
See the handmade snowflakes decorating the Golden Visitors Center tree. Esther Papenfus of the Foothills Art Center has again decorated a tree full of beautiful snowflakes.

NOV. 9 – DEC. 31

**Heritage Square Music Hall:**
**“From Rags to Riches”**
Heritage Square Music Hall presents “From Rags to Riches,” a holiday treat, this touching story of a family reunited is followed by the Music Hall’s famous Christmas comedy/musical revue. Call 303-279-7800.

**Heritage Square**

**Children’s Theater:**
**“Santa Needs a Holiday”**
Heritage Square Music Hall Children’s Theatre presents “Santa Needs A Holiday.” The Music Hall offers younger patrons a fun-filled hour of entertainment on Saturdays. Shows are targeted for ages 2 through 12 and are at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations are recommended. Call 303-279-7800.

NOV. 16 – 18

**Golden Holiday Open House**
Participating merchants will showcase their wares for this holiday season, along with refreshments, gourmet food tasting, free jewelry cleaning and inspection, gift-wrapping and more from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in historic downtown Golden. Participating merchants include:

- Avenue Gifts
- Baby Doe’s Clothing
- Blue Canyon Bar and Grill
- Chelsea of London
- Creek Side Jewelers
- D’Deli
- Golden Quilt Company
- Pickets
- Ptarmigan’s
- Spirits in the Wind Gallery

NOV. 17

**Photos with Santa**
From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, during downtown Golden’s Holiday Open House, Santa and Mrs. Claus will

NOV. 10 – NOV. 18

**Sky High Hope Camp**
**Fund-raiser for Kids with Cancer**
Sky High Hope Camp is a camp for kids with cancer and their siblings. It is west of Fort Collins and operates under the aegis of Ronald McDonald House. About 90% of the 76 kids who attend need scholarships. There are five kids from right here in Golden who attend Sky High Hope Camp. Baby Doe’s Clothing, 1116 Washington Ave., is donating 10% of all sales purchased Saturday, Nov. 10 through Sunday, Nov. 18 to the scholarship fund of Sky High Hope Camp (visit www.ronaldhouse.org/camp.html)

NOV. 8

**Holiday Business Expo**
Free to the Public, the Golden Chamber of Commerce “Holiday Business Expo” is from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Ave.
be available at Baby Doe’s Clothing, 1116 Washington Ave. Digital photos will be available with all donations going to the Camp Sky High Hope, a camp for kids with cancer (visit www.ronaldhouse.org/camp.htm). Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

**NOV. 17 & 18**

**Free Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides**

Pick up your free horse-drawn carriage ride between 12 and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 & 18 on 13th Street between Washington Avenue and Arapahoe Street.

**NOV. 16 – DEC. 23**

**Miners Alley Playhouse:**

“A Tuna Christmas”

“A Tuna Christmas,” is the hilarious sequel to the hit comedy about the citizens of Tuna, Texas, the third smallest town in the state, where the Lions Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies. Twenty-four hours before Christmas, the citizens try to cope with seasonal traumas, a disaster-prone little theatre production of “A Christmas Carol” and a yard decorating contest being sabotaged by a mysterious Christmas phantom. Bring the whole family and join in the holiday fun. Call 303-935-3044 for tickets.

**NOV. 17 – DEC. 30**

**Holiday Art Market**

Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., presents the 2007 Holiday Art Market for its 33rd art-filled year. This exhibition and sale offers a diverse range of fine arts and crafts by more than 180 artists. With a dazzling selection of ceramics, jewelry, stained glass, hand-blown glass, turned wood, paintings, fiber art and much, much more, come make your holiday selections from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturday Nov. 17 through Dec. 30 Call 303-279-3922.

**NOV. 23 & 24**

**Meet the Artist: Steve Quintera**

Hand-blown glass ornaments artist Steve Quintera will meet customers from 12 to 5 p.m. Nov. 23 & 24 at Spirits in the Wind Gallery,. 1211 Washington Ave. Call 303-279-1192.

**NOV. 30**

**Candlelight Walk**

Gather at 6 p.m. at 15th and Arapahoe streets for caroling. Hot beverages will be served by the Golden Lions Club at the top of the hill before the walk, as well as afterward at the Golden Visitors Center. The Golden Chamber of Commerce will sell candles for 50 cents. The Walk begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Live reindeer for petting will be in the parking lot, along with a puppet show by Le Chock. Hot beverages, refreshments and entertainment will be provided at several businesses and cultural facilities, as well as at the Visitors Center. Call 303-279-3113.

**Golden Visitors Center Holiday Stage** will kick off at 6:50 p.m. with the Sassy Kids of radio station 107 FM. After an intermission of 20 minutes, they will resume dancing at 7:30 p.m.

**Golden Community Center Dance Arts Christmas Fest** by Joy Eagan will perform at 7:15 p.m. in front of the Golden Visitors Center on the Holiday Stage.

**Colorado Mountain Club** will have an open house with free refreshments from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Stop by and see the annual photo exhibition featuring adventures from around the world.

**Whosville on the Creek** offers dancing by the Grinches and Whozits who stole Olde Golden Christmas from 7 to 8 p.m.

**Clear Creek History Park and Astor House Museum** offer free admission from 7 to 9 p.m. Watch traditional dancers and warm yourself with hot chocolate while enjoying our festive Victorian holiday décor. Clear Creek History Park will have a...
campfire, hot chocolate, cookies and traditional dancers. The Astor House, 822 12th St., will have Victorian carolers, Christmas gifts and décor.

Leadership Golden signed ornaments by artist Pat Conrad of Golden will be available from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. This year’s ornaments are $8, and feature Buffalo Bill Cody. Past ornaments will also be for sale for $8.

The Golden Hotel, 800 11th St., will serve complimentary hot cider and cookies in the lobby from 5 to 8 p.m. The Golden Hotel’s cozy lobby with its stone fireplace and overstuffed leather couches is the perfect place for holiday family photos.

The Golden Pioneer Museum, 923 10th St., offers free admission from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and will roast chestnuts, serve famous spiced apple cider, Christmas cookies and popcorn. The D’Evelyn High School Concert Choir will perform as well.

Pickets, 1118 Washington Ave., will have hot cider and cookies during and after the Candlelight Walk.

Spirits in the Wind Gallery, 1211 Washington Ave., will have music and refreshments from 5 to 8 p.m.

Golden Library, 1019 10th St., will have refreshments and live entertainment from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Visit the holiday book display with more than 1,000 “like new” used books.

**DEC. 1**

**Holiday Chili Cook Off**
Come enjoy a holiday chili cook off from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Golden Hotel, 800 11th St. Contestants will be from Wyoming, New Mexico, Nebraska and Colorado.

**Olde Golden Christmas on Parade**
Voted the “Best Yuletide Celebration” by Westword in 2007, come and see this true old-fashioned hometown parade with floats, clowns, Christmas characters, music and Santa from 11 to 11:30 a.m. on Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden. Pickets, 1118 Washington Ave., will have live music, artist demonstrations, hot cider and cookies after the parade. Victorian Carolers will stroll the Avenue after the parade, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Holiday storyteller “Snowflake” (a.k.a. Sharon Wheatley) will tell children’s stories from 11:30 a.m. to noon at Loveland Gardens, 1101 Washington Ave. Santa Claus will be at Avenue Gifts, 1212 Washington Ave., from noon to 3 p.m.

Free holiday Newfoundland dog cart rides will be available from noon to 4 p.m. at Miner’s Alley between 12th and 13th streets, and free horse-drawn carriage rides begin at 13th Street between Washington Avenue and Arapahoe Street from noon to 4 p.m.

**Visitors Center Holiday Open House**
The Golden Visitors Center will be hosting a Holiday Open House with cookies, Luna Gourmet coffee and punch from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This occasion is sponsored by Love and Logic Institute, Inc.

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**Colorado Railroad Museum’s Santa Claus Special**
Kids, bring your lists because you can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus in the big red caboose at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. And, you can ride the train behind an historic steam locomotive. Train rides start at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Food will be available. Call 303-279-4591 or visit [www.crrm.org](http://www.crrm.org).

**Free Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides**
Pick up your Free horse-drawn carriage ride through historic downtown Golden between noon and 4 p.m. on 13th Street between Washington Avenue and Arapahoe Street.

**The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert and Dinner**
This holiday fund-raiser featuring a concert and festive dinner at Table Mountain Inn begins at 3 p.m. Call 303-278-4237 for tickets.
Each year on Veterans Day, more than 300 U.S. Flags are carefully hoisted along what is known as the Avenue of Flags at the Golden Cemetery, 755 Ulysses St.

Many of these very special, oversized military burial flags were draped over veterans’ caskets. Each flag is donated by the family and displayed in memorial during Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day each year.

The idea was initially proposed in the mid-1980s and a committee was formed that included representatives of the Astor House Museum, the Cemetery, VFW Post 4171 and American Legion Taylor-Miller Post 21.

On Veterans Day 1987, the first Avenue of Flags, consisting of eight flags, was proudly raised at the front gates of the Golden Cemetery. Today, there are more than 300 flags on display.

The growth in the number of flags over the years has required additional volunteer help. Those interested in assisting with the project are encouraged to contact the Golden Cemetery at 303-279-1435.

The Avenue of Flags will be displayed by volunteers from VFW Post 4171 and American Legion Taylor-Miller Post 21 in observation of Veterans Day on Sunday, Nov. 11, weather permitting.

The Golden Community Center’s senior center, The Front Porch, located upstairs at the Golden Community Center, 1445 10th St., will honor Golden Veterans and their spouses with coffee and cake from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 12.

Veterans are invited to join the Front Porch for free tours of the newly remodeled Community Center and free admission to Veterans who wish to use the facility for the day.

Veterans and the general public are invited to hear a speaker discuss Medicare and the new plans coming from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

This is a great opportunity to come and meet your fellow Veterans, swap stories, exercise or just enjoy a morning out. The City of Golden thanks you for your service to our country.
Gov. Bill Ritter announced Oct. 1 that Golden Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick is among 12 appointees to the new Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. The 26-member panel was established by House Bill 07-1538 to undertake a comprehensive analysis of Colorado’s criminal code, sentencing laws, prevention programs and other aspects of the criminal-justice system.

The Commission will be composed of experts in criminal justice, corrections, mental health, drug abuse, victims’ rights, higher education, juvenile justice, local government and other pertinent disciplines. It will conduct an evidence-based review, and report annually to the Governor, Legislature and the chief justice of the state Supreme Court.

“This is an exciting opportunity to be actively involved in analyzing how the criminal-justice system is working throughout the state. It gives us all the opportunity to work together and identify best practices to continue improving in all areas of the field,” Kilpatrick said. “I’m personally honored to have been chosen to participate in this vitally important panel.”

Kilpatrick will participate in the panel at the same time that the Golden Police Department is undergoing its own comprehensive analysis for a national accreditation process.

“Bill is an excellent choice for Governor Ritter’s panel and will contribute a lot from his extensive background in law enforcement,” said Golden City Manager Mike Bestor.

Terms for the Governor’s initial 12 appointees are for two years. All subsequent terms are for three years.

Get Your Team Ready for the ScramBowl

The Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce has begun registration for the second annual ScramBowl for Lights bowling tournament to raise funds to help light the trees along South Golden Road during the holidays.

The lighting has historically been paid for by merchants along South Golden Road, along with a donation from Coors Brewing Co. Because costs for lighting continue to increase each year, the Chamber launched the ScramBowl fund-raising event last year to help defray some of the costs. The event was such a huge success that the Chamber has made it an annual event.

This year’s event will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 at the completely renovated Golden Bowling Center, 525 24th St.. The first round check-in is at 4:30 p.m. and play begins at 5:30 p.m. The second round check-in starts at 6:45 p.m. and play begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Chamber is now taking registrations and looking for event sponsors. For more information, call Jayne Byl at the Chamber at 303-279-3113 or email jayne@goldencoachamber.org.

The event is sure to sell out, so get your team registered today!
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For the City of Golden, that means testing the water quality in Clear Creek, controlling pollutants in stormwater runoff and monitoring pollutants that are discharged into the sanitary sewer.

Mercury is one pollutant of concern because it is damaging to the environment in very small quantities. Once it enters a lake or stream, mercury is readily accumulated into the food chain. For this reason, most communities monitor for mercury in the sanitary sewer prior to entering the waste treatment plant. Because wastewater treatment plants cannot remove 100% of any pollutant, the risk of discharging mercury back into a waterway may be high.

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“This award recognizes that the City of Golden has met the American Water Works Association’s Level 3 partnership for safe water for five years. Ft. Collins is the only other water treatment facility in the state to meet these stringent criteria,” said Golden Public Works Director Dan Hartman. “It is important because it recognizes that Golden has provided the highest quality water in the state and nation over a sustained period of time.”

**Be Part of the Pollution Solution**

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Mercury can come from a surprising number of commercial and domestic sources including laboratories, dental offices and schools. Additionally, mercury may be found in common household items such as thermostats, fluorescent light bulbs or tubes, some types of blood pressure cuffs, hearing aids and thermometers. Mercury is also used as a preservative in a number of ophthalmic solutions and in some types of pharmaceuticals.

You can help keep mercury out of the environment. If you need to dispose of anything that contains mercury, it cannot go down the drain or into the trash where it will end up in a landfill. Instead, most mercury containing wastes may be properly disposed of at the Rooney Road Recycling Center. For more information on the City’s environmental programs and the proper disposal of mercury wastes, call the Environmental Services Division at 303-384-8181.
Building on a productive program of field measurements undertaken in June, the Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) and the City of Golden collaborated once again in September on a groundbreaking study of the impact of trees on urban water use.

Trees need water to survive and grow. Some trees, such as cottonwoods, aspens and willows are recognized as high water users. However, trees also shade the ground, which reduces evapotranspiration (the rate at which water evaporates from soil and leaf surfaces). Property owners and professional landscape managers may be able to reduce irrigation water use by taking advantage of tree-canopy shading, though the overall effect of trees on water consumption in places like Golden remains unknown. Given the level of interest in tree planting and the many other benefits trees provide, it is vitally important to investigate their impact on water consumption. IES and the City of Golden are tackling this question by comparing soil moisture retention in landscapes with trees to those without.

Through the first week in September, IES researchers took samples at 16 sites in open, grassy places like the Colorado School of Mines campus and Ulysses Park. The amount of water added to the soil by rain and sprinklers was carefully monitored, as were other variables like temperature and cloud cover. Small bits of soil were extracted from sites with trees and without trees at certain times of the day, after which, measurements were taken in a lab to determine the water content of the samples. In addition to the sampling, IES used a device called an electrical conductivity soil moisture probe to measure tiny changes in soil moisture over time. IES is now analyzing the data to gain a better understanding of the potential to use trees for water conservation.

For more information and project updates, visit www.instituteforenvironmentalsolutions.org/treeproject.html.

Citizens Win Trees for Filling Out Survey

The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) is a Denver-based non-profit working with the City of Golden to study all aspects of its urban forest for The IES Tree Project.

IES surveyed attendees at Golden’s Movies and Music in the Park event Friday nights in August and September. IES offered a packet of free wildflower seeds and the chance to win one of three free trees to anyone who filled out the survey.

Congratulations to our tree winners, all Golden residents:

• Rick Matsumoto,
• Haleigh Brunot, and
• Cathy McDowell.

The trees were generously donated by Country Fair at Westwoods and Hardy Boy Plants. IES thanks Country Fair at Westwoods, Hardy Boy Plants, the City of Golden and GREAT for helping us make our survey a success. We collected 300 responses for The Tree Project! For more information, visit www.I4ES.org.
**Golden Welcomes Recreation Manager**

The City of Golden Parks and Recreation Department’s portrait of an ideal candidate for Recreation Manager included strong leadership skills, solid administration and managerial skills combined with excellent communication.

Chad Meinert fit that bill and, in September, began as leader of the Recreation Division of Golden Parks and Recreation. Chad manages the customer service center, facility operations and recreation programming.

Chad has enjoyed the field of recreation for 11 years, first in St. Cloud, Minn., and most recently as a Recreation Supervisor in Lakewood. Chad, his wife Carey, and children, Quinn and Lucy, moved to the great state of Colorado in 2004. He enjoys family time and the sport of cycling. He may also been seen in Clear Creek pursuing the elusive brown trout.

“It is a true privilege to work with and for such an outstanding community,” Meinert said. “I look forward to years of service in the continued development of the Division and leading the recreation team in our mission to provide memorable recreation experiences for the community.”

The Golden Community Center completed renovations in early 2007. The community is encouraged to drop by and check out the new 5,000-square-foot cardio and weight room addition along with the many programs offered for all ages.

For more information on the Golden Community Center, visit www.cityofgolden.net or call a customer service representative at 303-384-8100.

**What’s Happening on Clear Creek West of Highway 6?**

Clear Creek Canyon Park was acquired over a period of years by Jefferson County Open Space. Much of the 3,265-acre canyon centered on U.S. Highway 6 and the adjacent stream consists of steep rock cliffs that provide habitat for wildlife, such as bighorn sheep and golden eagles. Abundant in both recreation and historical resources, the canyon plays a critical role in the larger vision of completing a trail system extending from the Continental Divide to the prairie.

The first segment of development in Clear Creek Canyon Park is occurring from the mouth of the canyon to Tunnel 1. This segment will involve several elements, the first being a connection from the City of Golden’s natural surface trail on the north side of Clear Creek to the Open Space property on the south side of Clear Creek. The placement of the bridge for trail users across Clear Creek will provide public access to Grant Terry Park. The trestle-type bridge meets Open Space objectives in providing access to an existing property and provides the first major step in the development of Clear Creek Canyon Park. The bridge is similar in style to existing pedestrian bridges in the Golden area and is reminiscent of the railroad heritage of Clear Creek Canyon.

In 2005, Jefferson County Open Space, with Wenk Associates, Inc., completed a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a multi-purpose trail through Clear Creek Canyon from Golden to the Clear Creek County line. The 12.5 miles of trail identified in the feasibility study have been divided into eight segments to help determine priorities and potential phasing opportunities. On March 8, staff and consultants from Wenk Associates made a public presentation regarding the first segment of the Clear Creek Canyon Park development, and specifically discussed the relocated bridge.

For more information, call 303-271-5925 or email trrock@jeffco.us.
Holiday Crafts from the Garden
Enjoy making special gifts of lavender/rose geranium honey, Victorian pomanders with oranges and cloves, chamomile/rose petal eye bags, warming mulling spice, and soothing calendula lip balm just to name a few.

- Ages 18+
- 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 8
- $33 for Residents / $38 for Non residents

Digital Camera Basics
This class will teach you how to use your digital camera and to enhance the photos by cropping, shading and editing with Photoshop Elements®.

- 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Thursdays, Nov. 15 through Dec. 13
- $39 for Residents / $42 for Non residents

Spybots
Your child will program LEGO® Spybot robots and control their secret mission.

- Ages 6 to 9
- Thursdays, Nov. 15 through Dec. 13
- $59 for Residents / $65 for Non residents

Art of the World
Your child will explore an artist or type of art from various locations and create their own geographically diverse and environmentally friendly art projects. Related music and stories will be integrated into each class.

- Ages 2 to 6
- Tuesday mornings
- Nov. 6 through Dec. 12
- $75 for Residents / $80 for Non residents

Jump Bunch
Introduce fitness to your child in a hands-on active class that builds coordination while having fun.

- Ages 2 to 6
- Thursdays – late afternoon
- Nov. 29 through Dec. 20
- $35 for Residents / $40 for Non residents

Young Rembrandts
Your child will experience basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. All materials provided.

- Ages 6 to 12
- 4 to 5 p.m.
- Wednesdays, Nov. 7 through 28
- $32 for Residents / $37 for Non residents

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Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is perfect for weddings, parties and other events. Bring in your own caterer or we will provide a list of reputable caterers.

Contact Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for space availability, facility tours and rates