Demolition of Golden Fire Station No. 1 began Sept. 4 and was completed Sept. 7. A new station with sleeping quarters for volunteer firefighters will be built on the same site at 911 10th St. and is expected to be open within a year.
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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

Beware of Mountain Lion in Area

A mountain lion was reported to have lunged at a large picture window of a home on Cliff Line Road, near Peery Parkway and Partridge Circle on the western edge of North Table Mountain, shortly after dark Aug. 30.

Citizens are asked to be especially vigilant given the unusually aggressive incident, and to call 9-1-1 if they see a mountain lion in the area.

It is best if citizens do not take part in outdoor activities such as hiking, biking or jogging alone or during dusk and dawn, when mountain lions are most active. Don’t leave pets or pet food outside, and don’t feed other wildlife (such as raccoons or deer) as the food may attract mountain lions.

For more information on mountain lions or what to do if you encounter one, visit http://wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/Profiles/Mammals/MountainLion.htm.

Budget Process Underway

Even though the City creates a biennial budget, City Council is still required by law to adopt the budget annually. Since this is the second year of the Biennial Budget, the Finance Department will only update the existing 2008 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for any changes in revenue and expenditure projections.

As Council reviews the Budget and CIP as presented by the City Manager, public hearings are held in which citizens are encouraged to comment on the proposed Budget to City Council. Those hearings are scheduled for shortly after 7 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 18, Oct. 25 and Nov. 8

Immediately following the second public hearing, the Budget is formally adopted by resolution and the funds are appropriated for the coming budget year.

You can view the Budget on the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net. Go to Departments, then click on Finance and then on Budget.
In 2006, City Council identified over a dozen studies or projects that they felt should be undertaken by City staff, Council or a Board. The list was reduced to the top six activities for action in 2007 or early 2008. This is a status report on these six activities.

**Review/Modify Historic Preservation Ordinances:** There is desire by a number of citizens to strengthen the guidelines concerning preservation of historic building sites. This was the result of losing some significant historic buildings. City Council asked the Historic Preservation Board to review the guidelines and determine what modification might be needed. The Board spent considerable effort on the revision and discussed some of their ideas with Council. The Board will submit their second draft of recommendations to council in September.

**Transit-Oriented Development:** The end of line station of FastTracks at the County Complex is a possible site for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). Council and staff have discussed some possible options for this area. Nothing concrete has developed thus far. However, early next year, Council may resume its studies for this site. There are organizations that specialize in the design of TODs and Council might decide to engage such an organization.

**Walkable Communities:** This has been an ongoing project for several years and Council reaffirmed its desire to keep it a high priority. In August at a public input meeting, improving the walkability and bicycle usage on North Washington and South Jackson streets was held. At about the same time, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board presented a draft master plan for the City’s parks, trails, etc., that includes additional walking and bicycle trails. The needs are fairly significant and City staff and Council will need to prioritize the options according to the available funding.

**Sustainability:** There are two parts of this activity. Part 1 is the activity that can be undertaken by the City staff. In this effort, the City was scheduled to select an energy service company (ESCO) in September to do an audit of the City’s energy usage and make recommendations on how the usage can be reduced. Part 2 is the effort undertaken by seven citizen groups of over 60 individuals. They spent many hours and made over 45 recommendations to City Council that include energy efficiency, waste recycling, alternate energy, water conservation, etc. City Council selected 13 items for more detailed studies and costing by City staff. The City staff will present its findings to Council in October. Additional recommendations will be selected for more detailed studies after the first 13 are well underway.

**Inclusive Cities:** The City has applied to the National League of Cities to be listed as an Inclusive City. The application was approved. City Council and staff must now prepare a plan for making the City more inclusive, i.e., way of listening to everyone and factoring their needs in the City’s operations and services.

**Affordable Housing:** Various members of staff and City Council have held discussions with land owners, designers and builders of affordable housing to learn what it will take to get affordable houses in Golden. Discussions have also been held with organizations, including the Jefferson County Housing Authority, that financially assist affordable housing projects. While nothing concrete has yet come of these discussions, I am hopeful it won’t be too long before an affordable housing project gets started in Golden. Including “green” elements should be a priority with any potential development.
Council Adopts Sustainability Goals, Directs Staff to Work on 15 Items to Start

Capping nearly a year of work by more than 70 citizens and City staff, Golden City Council adopted a series of sustainability goals under seven categories. These goals are the foundation of the Golden Sustainability Initiative, and will guide the City’s and the community’s actions over the next 10 years. These goals are a significant step towards ensuring Golden remains a vibrant, competitive and healthy community into the future.

Following last winter’s Council discussion of a preliminary set of goals, seven citizen working groups and a City staff working group have devoted a great deal of time and effort to review those early goals and to develop a companion set of recommendations to achieve the goals.

After presentations by each of the community working groups, an independent researcher Natural Capitalism Solutions, and a lengthy debate among themselves, Council adopted the goals as revised by the working groups. The final goals are available for your review at www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability.

Council also referred 15 out of the dozens of working group recommendations to staff for further review of the potential work load and costs. Included among the 15 are recommendations to form a permanent sustainability board or commission and to hire a dedicated sustainability staff person. The remaining 13 recommendations are summarized and posted online at www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability.

Staff’s review of these recommendations will be presented this fall in time for Council to make any needed budget adjustments. The remainder of the recommendations will be addressed following the decisions on this first set.

Council and staff are also moving forward on an energy efficiency and sustainability audit of the City’s operations and facilities. This month, Council is scheduled to authorize Staff to begin negotiations to retain an energy services company, or ESCo, to take a hard look at how the City can become more efficient and sustainable. The audit will be comprehensive and take several months to complete. It will highlight areas to improve upon, and then decisions will need to be made about what changes to implement, at what cost and over what period of time.

In less than a year, thanks to the leadership of City Council and hard work by many of Golden’s citizens, the Golden Sustainability Initiative is moving forward.

No Need to Wait for Spring to Plant Native Grass Seed

Native grasses are adapted to our natural conditions and don’t require additional irrigation, fertilizer or maintenance. The grass seed mixes found at many stores contain introduced species, many of which are aggressive and can displace native vegetation and disrupt the ecological balance.

Seeding native grasses can be performed in the fall, until the ground freezes. The grass seed lies dormant over the winter. You can purchase a drought-tolerant native grass seed mix that works well in Golden, from the Jefferson Conservation District. For more information, call 720-544-2870.

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.
If you have lived or played in Golden since the mid 1980s, you know just how much has been accomplished in Golden’s parks and recreational opportunities over the last two decades.

Having completed the goals set out in the former Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Parks and Recreation Department and Advisory Board are embarking on creation of a new parks plan.

In order to create goals for the new Master Plan, research was conducted to see how Golden compares with neighboring Front Range cities. This comparative analysis will help identify preliminary needs throughout the City in the areas of general park improvements, unique park and recreation resources, underserved areas, and key missing trails, connections and extensions.

Front Range communities surveyed included Westminster, Arvada, Loveland, Greeley, Englewood, Broomfield, Thornton, Wheat Ridge, Parker and Castle Rock. We have included graphics here visually depicting how Golden compares to the average of those Front Range communities listed above.

Golden also compared very well to the average of the top 1/3 of the communities providing facilities, as well as the average of national Gold Medal Communities, which include Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale, Ind.; Herdon, Va.; Vernon Hills, Ill.; Frankfort Square Park District and North Platte, Neb.

The complete comparison chart was presented to City Council in August and is available through the Parks Department by emailing parksmasterplan@cityofgolden.net. The master plan is scheduled for completion and is expected to be adopted by City Council in November.
FREE SALES AND USE TAX WORKSHOPS

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. Oct. 16 and Dec. 4 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.

ADOPT-A-SPOT OR -STREET

The City is looking for volunteers to adopt-a-spot or adopt-a-street. A number of locations throughout the City are in need of either one-time or regular help cleaning up litter. If you are interested in volunteering as an individual or as a service project for a group, contact Streets Superintendent Ron Reavis at 303-384-8155 or rreavis@cityofgolden.net.

LOCAL (LIQUOR) LICENSING 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 shall not have any financial interest in the operation of any business holding a liquor license pursuant to CRS 12-46-101 et seq. and CRS 12-47-101 et seq. The appointments will be for 4-year terms. The Authority meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The Local Licensing Authority Board was formed by Ordinance No. 1501, adopted by the City Council on June 8, 2000. The board holds public hearings on new license applications; considers transfers of ownership; holds show-cause hearings to determine if a liquor violation has occurred; takes action on various other matters; and has all powers and duties granted to local liquor license authorities by the Colorado Beer Code, Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) 12-46-101 et seq. as amended, Colorado Liquor Code C.R.S. 12-47-101 et seq. as amended, Colorado Special Events Code, C.R.S. 12-48-101 et seq. as amended and the Colorado Code of Regulations (1-C.C.R. 203-2) et seq. as amended.

Applications, on forms provided by the City Clerk or from the City of Golden web site, www.cityofgolden.net, will be accepted until 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, 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, Oct. 18 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.
The City of Golden is committed to operating a proactive Stormwater Program to improve the quality of runoff entering the storm sewer system and receiving streams. The Stormwater Program is regulated by the Clean Water Act under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and is administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The City has been a consistent leader in the implementation of its Stormwater Program under Phase II of the NPDES regulations, understanding the benefits of improving the quality of stormwater runoff beyond the basic level of regulatory compliance.

There are many components to the Stormwater Program, including public education, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction stormwater management, and pollution prevention for municipal operations. This article highlights some of the activities occurring under the post-construction stormwater management program to ensure the long-term operation and maintenance of stormwater facilities and to protect water quality.

Within the City’s Streets Division, there is a Stormwater Supervisor who oversees the Drainage Maintenance Program. Through this program, the following City-owned storm sewer infrastructure is inspected twice a year and maintained as necessary:

- more than 800 inlets,
- more than 400 manholes,
- nearly 50 detention ponds (inspected annually and after major storms),
- more than 300 outfalls,
- about 20 miles of pipe, and
- 11 miles of channels.

To ensure the entire storm sewer system is operable, the City began inspecting 127 privately-owned detention ponds in 2004. These inspections are also conducted annually. When the need for maintenance is evident, the City notifies the property owner and works closely with them to see that maintenance activities occur in a timely manner. Thus far, the City has received 100% compliance on all maintenance requests, ensuring the system is functional by eliminating nuisance conditions and minimizing the risk of flooding due to improperly maintained infrastructure.

In 2008, the goal of the program is to expand inspections to the entire privately-owned system, which is comprised of:

- 1,137 inlets,
- 327 manholes,
- 127 detention ponds,
- 535 outfalls,
- 23 miles of pipe, and
- 6.5 miles of open channel.

Upon completion of these inspections, letters will be sent to the property owners requiring that any necessary maintenance be performed. In addition to expanding infrastructure inspections, the City has retained a contractor to cut additional inlet access holes at existing inlet boxes that are greater than 10-feet in length. This enables the maintenance to be performed safely and more efficiently. All new inlets are being constructed in this manner.

Since 2005, in conjunction with capital infrastructure improvements, the City has incorporated sumped manholes. These provide containment within the drainage system where debris can be easily and efficiently removed from the system. This prevents the material from entering local streams where clean-up would be more costly and water quality would be compromised. It is estimated this simple and low-cost approach will prevent 3,000-cubic-yards of sand, sediment, trash and other debris from entering Clear Creek. The City intends to retrofit additional key areas in the future to maximize the benefit to water quality.

The City, using GPS technology, developed and maintains a GIS-based map of the entire storm sewer system. The map is integrated into an asset management system that the City relies upon heavily for tracking maintenance activities, infrastructure replacement and prioritizing budget needs.

This year, the City, in conjunction with volunteer efforts, has cut, cleared and removed more than 12,000-cubic-feet of debris, brush and trees that were restricting storm flows in Golden’s drainage ways. These important efforts minimize the risk of flooding.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer or have questions about the Drainage Maintenance Program, contact Dave Ackley at dackley@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8165. You may view the Drainage Maintenance Plan online at http://www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=491.
The Leadership Golden Alumni Association is hosting a candidates forum at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 in Council Chambers at Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., sponsored by the Golden Transcript and Golden Good Government League. The forum will be televised live on Comcast Channel 8 and rebroadcast until the Nov. 6 election thanks to the generous support of the City of Golden. For a Channel 8 programming schedule, visit www.cityofgolden.net/channel8. For more information on the candidates forum, visit www.leadership-golden.org.

Candidate Profiles Help Educate Voters

In order to help voters make educated decisions in the upcoming general election, the City publishes candidate profiles in each of the races.

This election, citizens will vote for both the Mayor (at large) and their District Councilor. District 1 is made up of Wards 1 and 2, and District 2 is Wards 3 and 4. The Ward map is printed here, a zoomable version is available online at www.cityofgolden.net, or you can call the City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014 to determine which Ward and District you live in.

Each candidate was offered the opportunity to submit up to 550 words and a photo for free publication in the Informer. Candidates were not provided with any set questions. Candidate profiles were not edited by the City for content or style.

We hope you find this information helpful when you make your voting decisions.
I am seeking a second four year term as Mayor. My qualifications include considerable experience in city and regional politics and a strong commitment to Golden. I have developed excellent working relations with many other mayors through the Metro Mayors Caucus and have worked with the, R-1 School District, RTD, CDOT, NREL, CSM and the JEC. My wife and I own a home and have lived in Golden for 16 years.

I have proven myself a leader in many facets of my professional career. I am a registered professional engineer in mining research, environmental controls, construction and power generation. My professional career spans everything from being an individual contributor to senior management positions, including a division vice president, chief executive officer and chairman of the Board of an environmental company. I have spent over 30 years in the power generation business including alternate power generation technologies. I do not have a full time job and can devote whatever time is needed to be an effective mayor.

During my term as mayor, many significant projects were completed including the Splash Aquatic Park, the Fossil Trace Golf Course, upgrades to the Grampsas and Community Centers, rebuilding of the Ford and Washington Street bridges, expansion of the kayak course and many others. I encouraged R-1 to build the new Golden High School in Golden and encouraged RTD to have Fast Tracks come to Golden. The Guanella Reservoir was completed, thus ensuring a reliable water source for Golden even in droughts. I helped in the establishment of the Colorado Energy Coalition and was selected for the NREL Executive Course on Energy, and several other energy related organizations. I am a member of the Corridor Consensus Committee for the EIS study for the Northwest Quadrant (including closure of the beltway). I have questioned the need for completing the beltway, challenged the purpose and need, encouraged CDOT to adopt the Muller Study for any highway coming through Golden and continue to question CDOT’s plan to issue a record of decision when the source of funding hasn’t been identified.

My goals for the next four years include working with CDOT to ensure that any expansion of the highway through Golden meets the desires of the Golden citizens. Ensuring that the city continues to operate in a fiscally sound manner. Maintenance of the city’s infrastructures (water, sewers, roads, sidewalks, etc.) continues to be a high priority for me. I will work to bring some affordable housing for low income and needy families to Golden. I will support a meaningful sustainable program that is cost effective and does not impose mandates on the citizens. I will encourage economic development while preserving our small town historic character. My vision for Golden has always been one of working with the citizens and maintaining the attributes that make Golden the wonderful city that it is.

I welcome your input. My email address is cjbaroch@aol.com and my phone and fax are 303-278-9697. My web site is www.onlinegolden.com/chuckbaroch.
Mary Weaver, Mayoral candidate the City of Golden

I was born in Los Angeles, the third of four children. After high school I joined the Navy and served as a storekeeper. In 1970 I moved to Pueblo Colorado. I attended the University of Southern Colorado earning a Bachelor of Science/Business Administration-Accounting. I have three children and five grandchildren. I moved to Golden in 2003 after the death on my husband.

In 2005 I was elected City Councilor ward one. Since taking office my principles have not waivered while my stance on some issues has. As a candidate I advocated fighting the issue of a super tower on Lookout Mountain. A number of my constituents questioned my stance but I continued to support fighting the Tower. In the end council was left with no options when the federal government stepped in and made the final decision. Could council have saved thousands of dollars and had a better outcome with better negotiations? I believe so!

Another issue I adamantly opposed in my last campaign was the expansion of highway 6 and 93. Again, my constituents questioned my position. If council has learned anything from the towers it should be a willingness to negotiate. The bulldog stance of refusing to compromise on issues has not served anyone in Golden well.

My principles and my determination to protect the right’s of Golden citizens will never change. This May I brought legal action against the City Council, City Clerk, City Manager and City attorney for failure to comply with the State’s open meetings law. This is not a claim for damages but rather to require the city to comply with the law. The citizens of golden have a right to lawful leadership and open government. To date the defendants have refused to settle.

You may be wondering why I am running for Mayor. I see good things in the horizon for Golden. Last spring I met with a group of City plant directors from the Ukraine. Each city had all formed partnerships with banks and specialist in energy conservation. They had retrofitted their city operations with energy conserving equipment. The projections were that they would pay for the capital outlay within seven years from just the savings in the cost of energy. What could we accomplish in Golden? The possibilities are endless in energy conservation, and use of alternative energy. The city operations needs to have a through energy audit, and were needed up date to energy efficient equipment. The cost verses benefits of alternative sources of energy. (solar, wind, geothermal and hydro-electric) needs to be calculated and were benefit is greater than cost that source of alternative energy should be employed.

The other issues that need to be addressed are walkable sidewalks, equal distribution of parks, bike paths that are connected and streets that are mended throughout all of Golden.

My goal as Mayor will continue to be to work for the rights of all the citizens of Golden.
Jacob Smith: Leadership. Results.

Over the years I’ve had the opportunity to meet many of you through my work with the Historic Preservation Board, as a City Councilor, a neighbor, and now a candidate for Mayor. As I’ve knocked on doors across Golden I have enjoyed sharing my vision for our city and hearing your thoughts and concerns.

More of you have expressed concern about growth than any other issue. As a community, we should have our own vision for growth. While we have answered the question of how much – and I strongly support the 1% growth limit – we don’t have leadership on the other critical questions: where it happens, what it looks like, and how to make sure it fits. Without this vision and leadership, growth seems to happen to us. I believe we can and should chart our own course.

I also strongly support neighborhood planning as a way of giving neighborhoods a clear voice in shaping their own future. I began promoting these plans while on city council and we are now nearly finished with one, have two others queued up, and I will strongly support any other neighborhood that wants to develop its own plan.

Another critical issue is the beltway. I continue to say absolutely not to any kind of deal that would allow a superhighway through our city. I am committed to securing real transportation solutions that improve congestion and reduce noise and pollution, and I will continue to vigorously oppose a beltway cutting through Golden.

Delivering concrete results is important to me. I helped secure federal funding to construct a bike and pedestrian path connecting the southern part of Golden with the rest of the community, and another grant allowing the city and the Colorado School of Mines to begin planning for a new local bus system. For years we’ve had radioactive waste along the south side of Clear Creek waiting to be cleaned up. After working with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as I write this in early September the waste is now nearly entirely cleaned up. I have also supported – and we have passed – improved water quality protections, formal recognition for important historic buildings, and the creation of an historic preservation fund for the city.

Last fall I proposed to city council and the community that we launch a Golden Sustainability Initiative to help shape our future. I am thrilled that in August the initiative was formally adopted by the city council with overwhelming public support. More than 200 people participated in the community forum and dozens were actively involved in community working groups.

Finally, I am deeply committed to an open and accountable city government. I successfully pushed for televising city council meetings, putting all of our city council meeting materials on the web, and making agendas more understandable. Through my community newsletter, I work hard to inform everyone about important issues and remain as accessible as possible. I also believe that our evaluation of the city manager’s job performance should be thorough and transparent. Both of my opponents voted against doing this.

I welcome your thoughts and concerns about Golden’s future and thank you for considering supporting me. Feel free to contact me at 303-216-1680 or jacobzsmith@gmail.com or visit www.SmithForGolden.com.
My name is Francis (Frank) H. Oldham and I am a candidate for District One. I have been a licensed and practicing attorney in Colorado for over 34 years. The good news is that I was a prosecuting attorney throughout my legal career. In that capacity I represented the interests of the People of the State of Colorado in the prosecution of criminal activities. I have, most recently, served as a staff attorney in the Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office for nineteen plus years. Prior to that, I served in the office of the Colorado Attorney General as a First Assistant Attorney General supervising the Special Prosecutions Unit and as a staff attorney in the office of the District Attorney for Larimer County Colorado.

I am a native Coloradoan. I was born in Denver’s Porter Hospital in 1948. Most of my primary and secondary education was received in the Denver public school system. I attended Colorado State University graduating with a B.S. degree in 1970. Subsequently, I attended the College of Law at the University of Denver graduating and passing the state bar examination in 1973.

I have been a resident/owner at Golden Ridge Condominiums since 2002. My three adult children are college graduates and reside in different areas of the metropolitan area. My oldest daughter has presented me with a beautiful granddaughter and is due to repeat the performance in February of next year.

Prior to the onset of my degenerating eyesight, I enjoyed being a sports official for junior college and high school and recreation program sports: football, basketball, baseball, and softball.

Presently, I serve in many community service volunteer positions. I am a member of the City of Golden Liquor Licensing Authority, the Jefferson County Juvenile Review Board, and the Board of Managers for the Golden Ridge Home Owners Association. I also assist the counseling staff at the Jefferson County Detention Facility.

Golden citizens pay significant taxes and fees. In return, citizens have a right to expect that City government will provide services that citizens cannot provide for themselves. These services would include: police and fire protection, water for homes and businesses, sanitation services, and the construction and maintenance of streets and sidewalks. The citizenry should also expect that City government will appropriately provide for parks and recreational services for all citizens in all areas of the City. The City government should serve as a check and balance to maintain the compatibility of our various neighborhoods as they currently exist. Emphasis should be given to the historical aspects of our city. The City should also be willing to appropriately support the interests of long standing partners in our community such as the Colorado School of Mines.

My entire working career has been devoted to making decisions involving significant issues. Often, the decision process and the sifting of information to arrive at an appropriate solution involved difficult choices. I am committed to resolving the issues facing our city by utilizing legal guidelines, fairness, integrity, and common sense.
District 1 Candidate

Marjorie Sloan

My family starts with my mother Rita Nilson, who is a 92-year-old resident at Westland Meridian. My husband Dendy (a chemical-engineering professor at Colorado School of Mines) and I have been married 39 years and have lived in Golden for most of those years. Together, we have two married sons, talented daughters-in-law, and a beautiful granddaughter. Our entire family has long appreciated Golden’s many advantages: the Clear Creek Corridor, the small-town atmosphere, the historic downtown and distinctive neighborhoods, as well as the convenient recreational, cultural, and natural facilities. We’ve seen Golden change. Though we regret losing some pieces of Golden’s past, we believe that, as a whole, the city is a better place to live, work, and visit than it used to be.

In my work life, I am a lawyer at the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. The job requires me to review trial-court records, perform legal research, and draft written material for federal appellate judges in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, and Wyoming. As a lawyer, I approach issues in an informed and analytical way, but my days in private practice taught me that there are very few black-and-white answers to policy questions. I understand the importance of listening with respect to varying positions and balancing competing concerns.

Right now, Golden is faced with dozens of issues and many more will arise. A very important question is how we can take advantage of the light-rail station for the benefit of nearby neighbors, other Golden residents, and Golden businesses (including the downtown merchants). Defeating the proposed high-speed beltway extension is also essential. As a community, Golden has begun to address other concerns related to environmental sustainability, diverse and affordable housing, our historic downtown, and our neighborhoods. While confronting these pressing issues, we can’t let go of the things Golden already does right, such as adhering to a balanced budget, providing basic services, maintaining infrastructure, and addressing recreational and cultural needs.

On City Council, I would work hard, carefully study the issues, and act always for the Good of Golden. I welcome your asking more about my ideas and principles by talking to me when I’m in your neighborhood, calling me at home (303-279-0088), e-mailing me at Marjorie_Sloan@comcast.net, or visiting the website at onlinegolden.com/marjoriesloan.

I ask for your vote for Golden City Council, District One.
My name is Lynne Timpeiro. I have the honor of serving as District One’s City Councilor. In addition to City Council, I currently serve on CML’s Training Needs Committee.

I moved to Golden in 2002 from outside of Cleveland, Ohio. Before moving to Golden, I worked for twenty (20) years as a paralegal/legal assistant/legal secretary – which is why I question and research everything. Since moving to Golden I worked as a cashier and doing in-home care for seniors with disabilities. I am divorced; have two sons and a daughter. I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration/Paralegal Education, graduating in the top 5% of my class.

When I campaigned back in 2003 for the District One seat, I promised one thing, and one thing only: to fairly represent the residents of this community. I am now seeking to retain my seat on Council in order to continue that representation. I am not affiliated with any group, individual or entity; and, in that respect, my campaign is completely self-funded and managed. It is my intention to get out and meet with as many of you as I can and do what I’ve done for the past 3-1/2 years: LISTEN to YOU, your concerns, your visions, and try to answer your questions. Working part-time allows me the flexibility to set my own hours; it allows me ample time to do necessary research; and, it allows me to be accessible to the residents at all hours of the day and night.

I have a number of priorities that I would like to see accomplished if I’m re-elected; and, those are:

1. Keeping Golden the same, neat small town that it is. In that respect, I will again be asking Council to look into a possible moratorium on building for at least one year. I don’t believe we need to “super size” or keep up with the larger communities.
2. Open Space. I would like to see Council take whatever steps are necessary to purchase as much open space as possible. Enjoyment of our open space is a primary reason people come here, whether for a weekend or week.
3. Affordable Housing. This has been a primary goal of mine since I was first elected. Councils have discussed a variety of ideas and suggested methods of “getting there,” but then for some reason we tend to lose pace. In order to accomplish various other goals, we truly must strive to bring affordable housing into Golden – not just talk and then walk.
4. Downtown Businesses. I would like to see Council work on making downtown more affordable so our businesses don’t have to leave or close their doors permanently.
5. Historic Preservation. We have lost so much over the past years that if we don’t watch, we will end up with nothing left to preserve. Having said that, there is a fine line between historic preservation and a property owner’s rights. Council needs to define just where that line comes into play.

I want to take this time to thank every one of you for your support, faith, patience and kindness over these past years. They have been a wonderful learning experience for me; and, I’ve met so many great residents! I do appreciate your having given me this opportunity of a lifetime.
**District 2 Candidate**

**Don Parker**

**RECORD**

Co-founder and President of Save the Mesas, which defended South Table Mountain from a Nike development. Many officials favored and promoted the development and even dangled subsidies. We turned them around and now all of North Table and most of South Table are Open Space.

**Authored subsidy limitation amendment** and defended it against “limited exception” changes that would have weakened it. And yes, I sued the city government, asking that $5 million in ongoing subsidies be put to the voters. The city government argued the developers had a constitutional right to have subsidies “considered” by the council, without risk voters might disapprove. I won unanimously in the Court of Appeals, but the Colorado Supreme Court judges decided against me by 5-2. It’s over. You win some, lose some, and move on. The charter limits on developer subsidies remain in force and new retail and other businesses continue to come to Golden without subsidies.

**Authored charter amendment allowing Golden voters to elect their mayor,** which is why we are having an election for mayor.

**Co-founder of Golden Resource for Education Art and Theater (GREAT),** which started the movies in the park series and put on film festivals in Golden.

**Member of the Jefferson County Open Space Advisory Committee (1994-1997)**

**Moderated Economic Health Subcommittee for the Sustainability Initiative.** Our recommendations include to reduce or eliminate permit fees for energy conservation and alternative energy projects, investigate starting a business incubator, and find more ways to work with the National Renewable Energy Lab and School of Mines.

**ISSUES DISTINGUISHING ME FROM MY COMPETITORS**

1) I would be very selective about which developments to support,
2) I usually oppose using public money for private developments (subsidies), and
3) I strongly favor continuing the Open Space Program and having more Open Space in and around Golden.

**PRIORITIES AND VIEWS**

**Favor 1% growth or less** and make sure growth we do have pays its way. I like Golden the size it is now. Growth is not inevitable. No growth rate can be sustainable for the long run.

**Defend Golden against a high speed beltway or tollway**

**Oppose more city debt without voter approval**

**Support reasonable sustainability efforts.** The City can help reduce impacts upon the environment, help our economy, and save some money too.

**Separate political disagreement from personal relationships.** I like and respect most people and I believe in our system – even when it doesn’t produce the results I want.

**BACKGROUND**

- Grew-up on a ranch and farm near Sedgwick, Colorado
- Bachelors degree in Environmental Biology, Masters in Environmental Engineering, Doctorate in Law
- Worked as an engineer and lawyer for Environmental Protection Agency and many other jobs.

If you have any questions, thoughts, suggestions, snide remarks, or comments or want to help please call or email me - 303-279-4549, maryndon@comcast.net. I’m not going to have any yard signs. They are just trash added to landfills the day after the election.

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I fell in love with Golden the first time I passed through town almost 20 years ago. I lived in Denver at the time and I was taking a circuitous route to the mountains when I saw a city with a unique combination of history, character, and charm.

After getting my degree from the University of Denver, I went on to work in journalism in Arizona. After that, I moved to Washington, D.C. to obtain a Master’s degree from Georgetown University. I lived and worked in D.C. for seven years before moving back to Colorado in 1999. Six years ago, I began the search for a home. I saw many homes throughout the foothills and mountains, but I kept coming back to Golden for its natural beauty and small-town feel. I finally found a home here in September of 2001.

I am running for the District Two City Council seat to help preserve the singular organic character of this city. In contrast to the myriad developments surrounding Denver, Golden has a historic downtown and a mixed-use vitality. These are elements that are constantly under threat and which I hope to protect.

I would like to shift the city government’s focus from statues to sidewalks and from corporate chain stores and big developers to existing local businesses and aspiring mom-and-pop shops. The council has spent enough on statues and fanciful downtown bridge design. It is time to upgrade critical and aged infrastructure elements in our neighborhoods—sidewalks, streets and secondary bridges. The council has also spent enough time wooing chain stores and condo developers. It is time to pay attention to the downtown businesses that have stayed in Golden for years, even decades.

Another significant threat to Golden’s character is the beltway. I oppose the beltway, but if it cannot be stopped I intend to do everything possible to minimize its impact on the city and to protect the property rights of those who live in proximity to the proposed pathway.

Most of all, I intend to make sure that your city government is representative and responsive to your concerns. I will work to make our government more open, more honest and more equitable, so I can do my best to represent you, the citizens of Golden.
**District 2 Candidate**

Karen Oxman

RE-ELECT KAREN OXMAN FOR DISTRICT 2..... REASONABLE, RELIABLE, AND RESPONSIBLE

WHO: I am a retired Registered Nurse who has lived in Golden for 33 years. My husband and I share 4 adult children and 6 grandchildren. My mother, Margaret, resides at Clear Creek Commons. My husband is a Psychiatrist with the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. Until 2000, I worked at North Suburban Medical Center, in charge of the Neonatal and Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery. Currently, I am serving Golden as a City Councilor, District 2.

WHAT: I believe that Golden is a wonderful small community with a family-friendly focus. We preserve our history while embracing the changes that are necessary for economic stability. Golden has managed to utilize its lovely natural setting into a place for active sports and quiet meditation. Residents and visitors to Golden are comfortable within the small town character.

WHY: I am running for a second term because I have a strong desire to continue to serve the City of Golden. I have learned a great deal about city government, land use, zoning, planning, and budget. I feel that I bring a BALANCE and REASON in making difficult decisions. I prepare for all meetings by studying the issues, making site visits, and asking questions. When it is time to vote, I listen to the public and weigh the pros and cons with respect and concern for all sides of the issue.

WHERE are the biggest issues facing Golden today? Continued support of improvements to Highways 96 and 6, and fighting the beltway, would be top on the list. Growth management, strictly within the 1% growth limit, is important, although it is often difficult to explain to folks that the 1% growth amendment did NOT ever include commercial growth in Golden. Property rights are important to me. This means home owners and land owners need to be respectful and work together for the greater good of every neighborhood. Downtown economics poses its own set of issues......local business balanced with non-local businesses? What is worse than an empty store front? With more residents in the downtown, what are the checks and balances of our mini-urban setting? The sales taxes provides the amenities for our residents as well as maintenance of our infrastructure. We are engaging neighbors in the process of deciding what they want for their neighborhoods. Sustainability in Golden is not a truly new concept. City Staff and residents have been moving in the direction of energy saving for a long time. It now has a ‘title’ and some ‘press’ that makes it more visible. That is a great thing, as long as we do not mandate to citizens, but instead offer education and options. Historic preservation is important. The balance there is that taxpayer monies should be spent on historic projects that have public access and public purpose.

WHEN: You can visit with me Sat Oct 6 from 9A-1P along the Creek near the Farmers Market, or Sun Oct 7 12N-2P along the Creek by the Visitor Center.

HOW: You can help by attending the Candidate Forum on Wed Oct 10 at City Hall, 6:30 PM, registering to vote ASAP, and voting with enthusiasm for the Candidate of your choosing. I am hoping, of course, that I meet your needs as a Councilor and will have your vote.
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