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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

General Elections Coming Up in November

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 October issue of the *Informer* will be dedicated primarily to the municipal election. It will include one page of information from each Council and Mayoral candidate, as well as valuable voting information, including District maps.

You can also find out which District you live in on the City's Web site (click on Residents & Visitors, then Maps and select the City Council Wards & Districts Map) or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 303-384-8015.

The City of Golden will hold a general municipal election Nov. 6, 2007. It will be a mail ballot election coordinated with Jefferson County. The Mayor and Councilors for Districts 1 and 2 will be elected.

Nomination petitions to run for City Council had to be turned in by Aug. 27, as reported in the August *Informer*. Official candidates' names will be posted online at www.cityofgolden.net as their petitions are verified by the City Clerk's Office.

Jefferson County will mail ballots to registered voters between Oct. 12 and 22. If you will be out of town and unable to receive your ballot, you may apply for a mail ballot (absentee) from Jefferson County. The form is on line at www.co.jefferson.co.us.

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 1 election is Tuesday, Oct. 9. Voter registration information is available at www.co.jefferson.co.us or by calling 303-271-8111. Don't wait until the last minute!

To register to vote, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen,
- at least 18 years old on or before Election Day,
- a resident of Colorado and at your present address at least 30 days prior to the election.

If you do not meet all of the requirements outlined above you cannot register to vote.

You must meet the following additional requirements to be eligible to vote in City of Golden elections. You must:

- reside within the city limits of the City of Golden,
- be registered at your current address, and
- you must register at least 29 days prior to the election.

If your Jefferson County voter registration is current and you live within the city limits of Golden, further registration is not necessary. If you are not sure if you are registered at your current residence, contact the Jefferson County Election Department at 303-271-8111.

Voter registration forms are available at the Jefferson County Elections Office, the Golden City Clerk's Office, and Driver's License Offices. Registration forms are also available online at www.co.jefferson.co.us.



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.

Sept. 6
No Study Session

Sept. 13
REGULAR MEETING

Sept. 20
Study Session

Sept. 27
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.



Activities and Awards Were Abundant in July

By Mayor Chuck Barock

This month I am going to discuss the many activities that occurred in Golden in July, not just entertainment, but a whole host of issues that again contribute to our great city.

One of the highlights was the reports by the seven different groups on Sustainability for Golden. Over 60 individuals were involved in these studies and 8 people were selected to make presentations to City Council with their findings and recommendations. The reports were excellent and provided considerable food for thought for City Council as they will deliberate on which recommendations to implement. We had Dan Burden, a renowned authority on walkable communities, review our City's walkability and he was very complimentary of Golden. Dan called Golden "America's Newest Walkable Community." He also provided some suggestions on how it can be improved further.

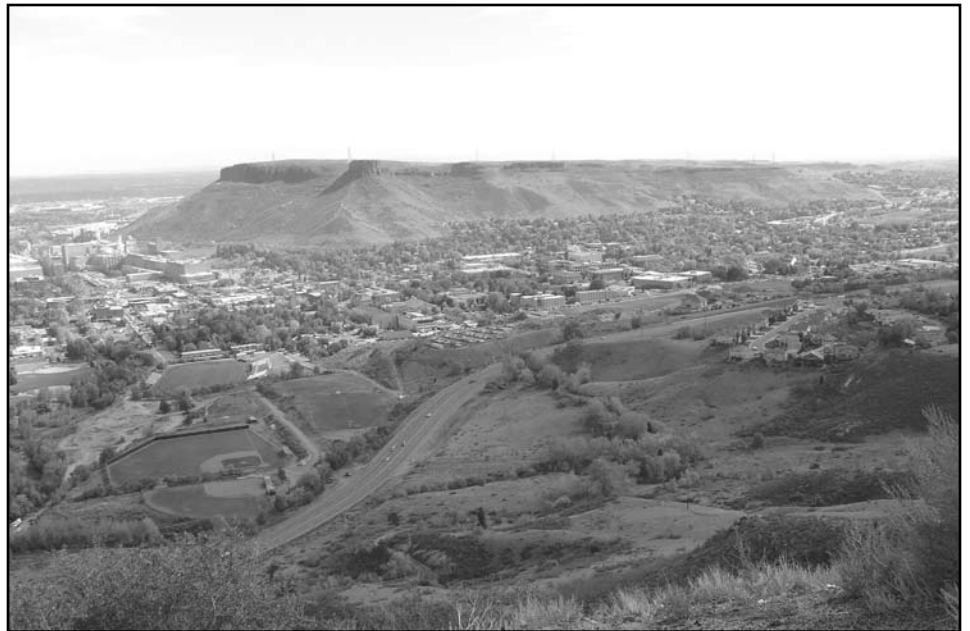
July 5th was the 30th anniversary of founding of NREL. The event was celebrated at the Fairgrounds on July 26 at an excellent picnic for employees and invited guests. Awards were presented to four individuals for their contribution to NREL and its activities. On July 25, 14 White House Fellows visited NREL and Mines to review their work on solving energy problems. These 14 fellows were a very select group of individuals between 25 and 45 years of age from all different professions who spend a year studying all aspects of how our government works. It is a credit to NREL and CSM to have these distinguished individuals visit our City and to review the work these two organizations are doing to address the energy solutions.

On July 28, Paul Reeves was honored at his 91st birthday here in Golden. Paul was a commercial artist for Coors who designed the Golden arch that was erected in 1950. At the same event we also celebrated Bill Coors 91st birthday and honored him for his many contributions to the City and the Coors company.

During July we had the Lions Club 4th of July celebration and on July 25 – 29, was Buffalo Bill Days celebrations. Both events were highly successful and drew large crowds from Golden and surrounding areas to our great City. These events wouldn't occur without the many volunteers who put in countless hours throughout the year to plan, schedule and manage the events.

Throughout the year there are many other individuals that contribute to the betterment of the City through the Chamber, Churches, social organizations and other organizations. There are also those who work for our Boards and Commissions, the police and volunteer fire departments and other City operations. Golden is certainly blessed to have so many talented people who value their community and devote time to making it the place it is. Remember to thank these volunteers when you see them when they are tending booths, serving food or refreshments, setting up booths, doing code enforcement or volunteering as a firefighter. Without these people Golden would not be the City that is. I am proud to be Mayor of this great City.

CJ Barock



Foss Closing Serves to Renew Focus on Shopping Locally



The announcement that Foss will close this year after 94 years of business is certainly a shock to this tight-knit community. Golden will miss the history, convenience and community leadership that were so much a part of the Foss legacy. But Golden can also gain from this change, both from a new, dynamic business in the Foss space, and from a renewed appreciation and focus on buying locally.

Downtown Golden is the heart and soul of our city. The arch, the historic buildings, the new Washington Avenue Bridge and creek-scape are major points of pride for Golden. We also have a variety of unique, locally-owned shops that are interested in your business. Many of these shops have begun to carry items formerly available at Foss.

Perhaps one lesson from Foss closing is how important it is to shop locally, especially in a small community at the edge of Denver metro, such as ours.

Here are just a few reasons why we should try to shop locally:

1. Your money stays in Golden

When you buy from a locally-based business, more of your dollar re-circulates in Golden among other businesses and charities than if you make purchases in non-local businesses or out of the city.

2. Your tax money stays in Golden

Golden has terrific city services and amenities. These are available to citizens thanks to the sales taxes collected on purchases made within the city limits. When a purchase is made out of the city, we lose the chance to fund and support these services and amenities.

3. They know you

Isn't it fun to walk into a local shop and be welcomed by your friend, the owner? These kinds of small town, personal relationships are possible only when a local business can stand the test of time. They need you to shop with them, and in return they will provide you services and goods that you can get nowhere else.

4. They support the community

Similarly, these downtown businesses are tremendous supporters of the community. It is a win-win relationship that is possible only when these independent shops are doing enough business to share back. They want to share back, but they need your business first.

5. They are right here and they want your business

In this time of higher gas prices, hectic lives and traffic jams, why drive farther than you need to? A walk, bike or very short drive to a Golden store, will get you most of what you need. The more we shop locally, the better able our merchants will become at providing the goods and prices we want.

5. They are unique

This is a no-brainer. Many of our merchants are one-of-a-kind. Golden gets its small town character from these shops and their owners.

Golden's Infrastructure In Great Shape



With the news of the devastating bridge collapse in Minnesota, many people wondered about the condition of Golden's infrastructure. Citizens should be proud to know that Golden's infrastructure is in good condition or is in the process of being replaced, and the City has plans that will keep it well maintained over time.

The City's Bridges

The Colorado Department of Transportation contracts with an engineering firm called Lonco to inspect all of the bridges throughout the state that are not part of the CDOT system. These include municipal bridges like those in Golden that do not cross state highways.

Lonco has a set inspection procedure it uses for rating the sufficiency of each structure on a scale of 0-100. The scale is intended to help determine which bridges most need to be reconstructed, not to determine likelihood of potential failure or collapse. The bridge that collapsed in Minneapolis was rated 50, but the Brooklyn Bridge is rated 2 and still has regular vehicular traffic.

The inspection also lists any urgent or "program" (routine maintenance) repairs it finds necessary. The inspections are done every other year.

Golden has eight bridges and one pedestrian bridge that are not part of the CDOT system. All received rat-

ings from Lonco of 80-97 and there were no urgent repairs reported. None of Golden's bridges were recommended to be posted for load (weight) restrictions.

Bridge Location	Sufficiency Rating	Year Built
Ford Street over Clear Creek	80.0	1999
1st Street over Tucker Gulch	87.0	1978
Joseph Circle over Tucker Gulch	91.8	2005
Illinois Street over Kenney Run	92.3	2004
10th Street over Tucker Gulch	93.2	1966
7th Place over Tucker Gulch	94.7	1966
Washington Avenue over Clear Creek	96.1	2003
Wyoming Street over Cressmans Gulch	97.0	1992
Pedestrian Bridge over Heritage Road	N/A	1999

Golden's two oldest bridges, built in 1966, both span Tucker Gulch—one at 10th Street and the other at 7th Place—and they received ratings of 93.2 and 94.7, respectively.

The programmed repairs listed in Golden's report included items like patching asphalt cracks on bridge decks,

cleaning debris away, and priming and painting bridge rails – all fairly typical maintenance items the City handles routinely.

CDOT's Bridges in Golden

After the Minnesota bridge collapse, CDOT compiled a list of its 10 worst-rated bridges in the Denver metro area, of which two are located in or near Golden.

The bridge where State Highway 58 crosses over the railroad tracks near Golden is already in the early stages of construction and will cost \$8.5 million to complete.

The bridge where Washington crosses over State Highway 58 in Golden is also in great need of repair. The City has been working closely with CDOT over the past couple of years to ensure that this project is budgeted and completed. You may recall from previous Informer articles that the City has even pitched in additional funds to improve the design of the bridge to include better pedestrian and bicycle access and create a more visually appealing gateway to town. This project is currently in the final design phases and will go to bid this fall. It is estimated to cost \$6 million.

Pavement Replacement Plan

Keeping Golden's infrastructure in good repair is not only a matter of public safety, but also saves taxpayers money. Golden has 230 lane miles of street paving that would cost \$15 million to replace all at once. Since pavements last about 20 years, if you assume that all of those 230 lane miles must be repaved on a rolling schedule every 20 years, then the City will need about \$750,000 every year for street paving.

So how does the City choose the streets

it's going to pave in any given year? Golden's philosophy is to invest the majority of its funds in improving and maintaining streets before they become seriously deteriorated, while at the same time tackling the inventory of failed streets.

Therefore, each year, Golden compiles a list of street segments that will either be milled and overlaid, or fully reconstructed, based upon their condition and the pavement deterioration curve (see graphic). Golden does not choose the roads it replaces based on a simple "worst first" criteria.

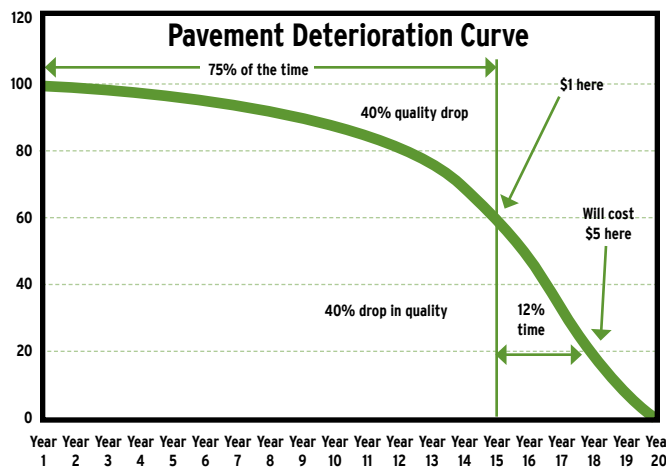
Once the list is established, it is compared with the utility replacement schedule. If any of the segments on the street list coincide with those on the utility list, they

are scheduled to be improved after the utility replacement is complete. Occasionally, this results in a street segment improvement being "bumped" to the following year's street program, to

enable the utilities to be done first. By doing so, the City helps prevent unnecessary multiple construction projects that can create inconvenience for citizens.

Golden also tries to spend the majority of its street improvement budget on milling and overlaying streets with Overall Condition Indices (OCI) between 70 and 80 (the range is 0 to 100), enabling the City to catch them before they deteriorate further and require a full reconstruction. The City does recognize, however, that it has to spend a portion of the budget on reconstructing streets that have OCIs of less than 55.

If you would like more information about Golden's infrastructure, call the Public Works at 303-384-8152.



I-70/ SH-58 INTERCHANGE UPDATE

As of mid-August, the Colorado Department of Transportation was well underway with construction of the new State Highway 58 and Interstate 70 interchange. The deck had been poured for the new I-70 bridge over Clear Creek. Earthwork for the reconfiguration of SH 58 was underway, and foundations and columns for the flyover bridge were visible.

The ramp from westbound I-70 to westbound SH 58 has been switched to a temporary alignment with a reduced speed limit of 45 mph. Westbound I-70 has also been temporarily aligned toward the median with a reduced speed limit of 55 mph, and will remain in this configuration for approximately two months.

Intermittent single lane closures can be expected from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. In addition, single and/or double lane closures may take place on I-70 from Ward Road to 32nd Avenue from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. weekdays.

A permanent detour has been constructed on the pedestrian/bike path.

Call the project hotline at 303-279-1935 for weekly updates on this construction project.

New Start with New Name in 2008 for Youth Leadership Program



The Leadership Golden Alumni Association Board of Directors announced the continuation of the leadership program for high school students in 2008. The program, known as Youth Leadership Golden (formerly Junior Leadership Golden), was first held in 2003.

This year's program will run from January to April 2008 with seven sessions, running from 6 to about 8:15 p.m. There will also be a tour of City facilities lasting about 3 hours on the Saturday after the first session in January.

The program is an extension of the adult Leadership Golden program, which began in 1984 and boasts more than 400 graduates. The youth-oriented program is designed to educate emerging young leaders and volunteers to the realities, opportunities and challenges in Golden.

Youth Leadership Golden will mimic the adult program in that sessions will be held in the evenings at various lo-

cations, but each session will be shorter in length given the workload of high school students when school is in session. The topics, however, are the same as the regular leadership program, the speakers are typically the same and, of course, the program will be free of cost to the students.

The program can accommodate up to 20 students. Students must attend all sessions in order to complete the program and if you don't think that is possible, please don't apply. Although most of the program's graduates were Golden High School students, the program is open to any high school student who lives in Golden.

The program is coordinated through Golden High School, where applications can be picked up and returned to the main office by no later than Dec. 1, 2007. Any inquiries about the program can be directed to Andrea Evans at 303-271-0890 or andreaevans2@gmail.com, or GHS Principal Mike Murphy.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get Involved: Apply for the Economic Development Commission by Sept. 5

Golden City Council is looking for citizens interested in making Golden a more vibrant city to serve in two seats on the Golden Economic Development Commission (EDComm) beginning in September 2007.

EDComm was formed in 1999. There are eight members: five members are appointed by Golden City Council, and the remaining three members are selected, one each, from the Golden Urban Renewal

Authority (GURA), Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce's retail committee and visitors and convention council.

EDComm meets at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Applicants must be a resident of Golden, a property owner within the City, or own a business in Golden.

Application forms are available from the City Clerk's Office and online at www.cityofgolden.net,

and will be accepted until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, by the City Clerk's Office, 911 10th St.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council study session the evening of Thursday, Sept. 20 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

For more information about EDComm, contact Golden Planning and Development Director Steve Glueck at 303-384-8095 or sglueck@cityofgolden.net.

GoldenFest Keeps Tradition of Fall Festivals Alive in Golden

In 1978, Art Owens started the annual Oktoberfest in Golden as a fund-raiser for the Golden Chamber of Commerce. That first year, the event was held in the empty Hested's building at 13th and Washington. In following years, the event occurred along Washington Avenue each fall or in parking lots nearby.

The scope of Oktoberfest grew with each succeeding year. It became so successful that, for several years, Coors Brewery subsidized the rental of a huge red and white striped tent that was erected in the parking lot behind what is now the Golden Library. In the mid-'80s, the expenses of renting the tent, paying the bands and German schuleplatter dancers forced Oktoberfest to be discontinued.

At that time, Donna Owens scaled back the scope of the event and organized what she dubbed "GoldenFest." She arranged for a carnival to come to town and be set up on the Mitchell School playground each September. Various bands were hired for dancing in the streets, and beer and brats were served.

In 1998, the Golden Landmarks Association in conjunction with The Golden City Brewery, the second largest brewery in Golden, reintroduced the fall GoldenFest, closing off Cheyenne Street near the brewery one Saturday in September. The profits each year have been put to use by GLA in promoting historic preservation projects in Golden.

This year, the tradition continues with the 9th annual fall Goldenfest from noon to 7 p.m. Sept. 8 in Lions



Golden Oktoberfest 1979.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ART AND DONNA OWENS

Park at 10th and Maple streets.

Come enjoy music, Golden City Brewery beer and brats in Lions Park with your neighbors. The entertainment will include Barbershop chorus music from

noon to 1:30 p.m., BluJazz Dixieland band from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and Wendy Woo from 4 to 6 p.m. Bring your folding chairs and spend the afternoon enjoying Golden's fall festival tradition.

GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Free Homework Help

Members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at the Colorado School of Mines offer free homework help in any subject to students in grades 1 through 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Golden Public Library, 1019 10th St. Call 303-279-4585.

SATURDAYS THROUGH OCT. 6

Golden Farmers' Market

The Farmers Market runs until 1 p.m. in the parking lot west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St.

SEPT. 1 & OCT. 6

Golden Supercruise

The Golden Super Cruise brings several hundred car enthusiasts with cars of all types to South Golden Road on the first Saturday evening of the month through October. Cruisers meet at 6 p.m., park, eat, socialize and listen to tunes by DJ Van Jeffries before cruising as a group at 7:30 p.m. down Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden. Spectators are encouraged. Visit www.goldensupercruise.com.

SEPT. 2, 15 & 23

Bears – Getting Ready for Winter

Stop by the park kiosk at Lookout Mountain Nature Center and find out what bears are doing to prepare for their long sleep through the winter.

Naturalists will be on-hand with pelts, skulls and loads of information to share. This drop-in program is free and appropriate for



all ages, and no registration is required. Call 720-497-7600 for directions or more information.

SEPT. 3

Labor Day

City administrative offices closed.

SEPT. 4

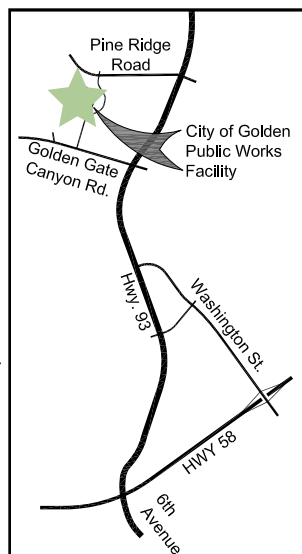
Titanic Through Time

Travel through time on the Titanic with Knott's Kids, Jefferson County Public Library's interactive children's literacy program designed for children ages 8 through 12, at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Golden Public Library, 1019 10th St. Rebecca Salomonsson, a performer with the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, will portray Molly Brown, Denver's unsinkable heroine. Kids can act as Titanic time-travelers while learning about the ill-fated ship. The program is presented in collaboration with the Denver Museum of Nature & Science's exhibition Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition, which runs through Jan. 6. Free tickets are available at the library.

SEPT. 6

City Shops Grand Opening

Citizens are invited to come and help celebrate the opening of the new City Shops facility with City Council and staff at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6. See www.cityofgolden.net or call 303-384-8152 for a map and more detailed information.



SEPT. 7

First Friday

See Page 20.

SEPT. 8

GoldenFest

See Page 9.

Movies & Music in the Park

The City of Golden and GREAT (Golden Resource for Education, Arts and Theater) have rescheduled the feature film "Nanny McPhee," originally scheduled for Aug. 3 but cancelled due to weather, for dusk (around 8 p.m.) Saturday, Sept. 8 in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Visit www.goldengreat.org for details.

SEPT. 8 THROUGH NOV. 4

Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibit

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.

SEPT. 9

Early Morning Wildlife

Rise with the sun to listen and see how our wild neighbors greet the day. Explore a 3-mile loop trail through this beautiful southern park while a Lookout Mountain Nature Center guide identifies signs and sounds of the multiple species of mammals, reptiles and birds that live here. This program is free and appropriate for ages 10 and older based on trail difficulty, which includes some spots of rocky terrain. Call 720-497-7600 or 720-497-7601 to register.



SEPT. 10

Golden Concert Choir Audition

No audition or experience is necessary to join the Golden Concert Choir, just so long as you can match pitch and love to sing. Stop by the Applewood Valley United Methodist Church on Sept. 10. For more information, contact Judy Denison at judy_d@prodigy.net or 303-279-5177.

SEPT. 12

Free Internet Basics Class

The Golden Public Library will offer a free Internet Basics class at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the library, 1019 10th St. Call 303-279-4585 to register.

SEPT. 14

Explore the Night Sky

Join Astronomy Team members from Lookout Mountain Nature Center for a night sky discussion and exploration. Learn about planets, constellations and more while you practice using star-wheels, peek through a telescope and take part in hands-on activities. Bring binoculars, a flashlight and something to sit on. This program is free and appropriate for ages 12 and older. Call 720-497-7600 to register.

SEPT. 15

Hike for Youth

Join the Colorado Mountain Club and 500 hikers in raising funds to support local programs that connect youth to the outdoors. Visit <http://www.cmc.org> and <http://www.hikeforyouth.org> for details.

SEPT. 15 & 22

Scrapbooking 101

Preserve your family's history. Bring photos, mementos, anything "book worthy" and come enjoy learning how to put all those pictures and papers together to tell your family's story from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 15 and 22 at the Golden Pioneer Museum. A cost of \$20 includes supplies and a memory album. For more information, call Brenda Messner at 303-278-7151 or goldenpm@comcast.net.



SEPT. 23

Myths and Tails

Come learn about the natural history and mythological world of animals and gain insight into why some of them have undeserved reputations. Enjoy tales and mysteries of bats, owls and others. This program is free and appropriate for all ages. Call the Lookout Mountain Nature Center at 720-497-7600 to register.

SEPT. 24

ASL Storytime

Join the Golden Public Library for a special American Sign Language storytime at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24 at the library, 1019 10th St. Call 303-279-4585.

Tuesday Night Books

Join us for a discussion of "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Call 303-279-4585.

SEPT. 28

Evening Storytelling

Tired of spending the evening watching TV? Come to the Lookout Mountain Nature Center for some old-fashioned entertainment. Grab some popcorn and hear stories and legends of Front Range plants, animals and places. New stories are featured each quarter in this fun and educational free program for all ages. Call the Lookout Mountain Nature Center at 720-497-7600 to register.

SEPT. 28 & 29

Mystery History Tour

Join friends and family for a 2-day Mystery History getaway. Stay in a historic hotel in a town filled with history, dine on good high-country cuisine, tour three historic sites and enjoy an evening program. The aspen should be changing colors as well. Space is limited, so make your reservation early by contacting the Golden Pioneer Museum at goldenpm@comcast.net or 303-278-7151.



To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:

Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to sdagosta@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month *prior* to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue).

Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.

**For more things to
do in Golden, visit
www.2HourVacation.com.**



SEX OFFENDER FLIERS A HOAX: TWO ARRESTED

On July 19, residents throughout the City of Golden received small white fliers at their homes advising that a sex offender had moved into the area. The fliers were posted as an advertisement gimmick for a paid website listing sex offender registrations.

Several people who were distributing the fliers were contacted by police and two supervisors were charged with distributing handbills without a permit.

The Golden Police Department has not received any recent new sex offender registrations within the City. Police recommend anyone looking for local sex offender registrations visit the Colorado Bureau of Investigations' website at www.cbi.state.co.us, which provides the information for no cost. Citizens can also contact the Golden Police Records Division at 303-384-8035 for information.

If citizens see additional people distributing these handbills, they are asked to report it immediately to the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.

National Night Out • 2007



Another National Night Out and Another community success !! The Golden Police Department would like to thank all our valued sponsors for this annual event A success that would have been Impossible without your generous support and valued contributions. Thanks to you all!!

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Briarwood INN
Bridgewater Grill
Buffalo Rose
Burger King
Canyon Point Liquors
Carpet Exchange
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Golden City Chinese Restaurant
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Golden Detectors
Golden Frames
Golden Liquor Store
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US Army
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US Marine Recruiting
US Post Office
Vincenza's Italian Cafe
Wells Fargo Bank
Windy Saddle Café
Woody's Woodfired Pizza

Fire Department Moves to New Temporary Quarters

For the first time in 46 years, Golden Fire Department apparatus has been moved from Fire Station No. 1, 911 10th St. The Golden Fire Department moved the last week of July in preparation for the demolition and building of a new Headquarters Fire Station. Temporary offices and quarters were set up in the former city shops complex at 1465 10th St. after the shops moved to new facilities on the north side of the City.

The Fire Department currently occupies three buildings at the temporary site. All administrative offices, fire and life safety personnel, the training division and Station No. 1 were relocated.

"It was no small task" said Fire Chief John Bales, who reported that all staff personnel and volunteer firefighters participated in the move. Employees and members cleaned and painted offices, while fire mechanics moved and reattached functional work areas, such as the air filling station for the breathing apparatus bottles. The moving of all offices and furniture was completed by department personnel, as well. "It was a total team effort by our

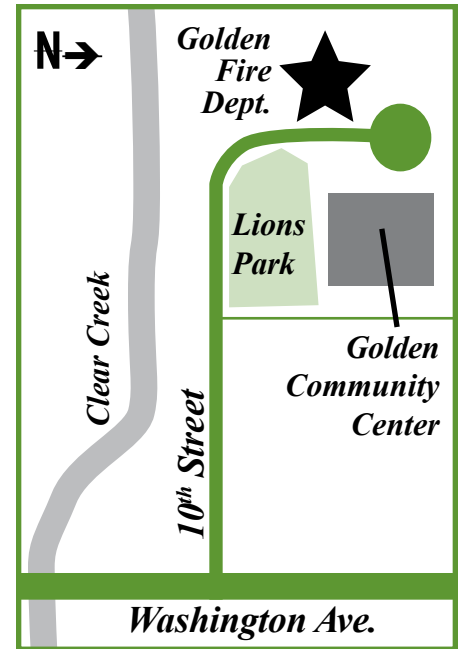
personnel to make this happen as quickly as it did" according to Chief Bales.

The final send off of the old station was the annual "Pancake Breakfast" on Saturday, July 28, in conjunction with Buffalo Bill Days.

"There are a lot of memories in this old station where a lot of great people served the community," said Chief Bales.

The new fire station will take approximately one year to build and will incorporate many energy efficient concepts in conjunction with the City of Golden's sustainability initiative. The new station will include administrative offices, crew quarters for eight firefighters and an expanded training classroom that will house the City's computer training center.

For updates on construction of the new station or to see a virtual tour of the old station, visit www.cityofgolden.net, click on Departments, and then Fire Department.



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.

City's Budgeting Process Begins in the Fall

It's Fall, and that means it's budget season once again. 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. Once the Budget and CIP have been updated, they're submitted to the City Manager for review and approval.

The City Manager then presents the Budget and CIP to City Council for its recommendations and final approval.

As Council reviews the Budget and CIP as presented by the City Manager, two separate public hearings are held. During these public hearings, citizens are encouraged to comment on the proposed Budget to City Council. Immediately following the second public hearing, the Budget is formally amended and 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. Or, contact Assistant Finance Director Don Warn at dwarn@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8021.

HELP YOUR CHILD GET A HEAD START

Jefferson County Head Start is a comprehensive, no cost preschool program for children ages 3 to 5 years old and their families.

In addition to a high quality, innovative early childhood education curriculum ("Tools of the Mind"), Head Start also has staff specialists in the areas of family support, health, nutrition, education, mental health and disabilities to work with children and their families. Transportation and full-day child care are also available at some Head Start locations.

Jefferson County Head Start has 11 centers throughout Jefferson, Park, Gilpin and Clear Creek counties with administrative offices located in Jefferson County's Human Services Building.

To get your child into the Head Start program, call 303-271-4693 for an enrollment application. Children of families that income qualify, children with disabilities and children who are 4 and 5 years old have enrollment priority. Call today for more information.

Emergency Preparedness - *It's Everyone's Responsibility*

We all hope it never happens, but in the event of a major emergency event or disaster in Golden, the City government's mission is to ensure that our community has the operational capability to survive a disaster, and to manage and conduct essential emergency functions.

In order to do so, City of Golden staff in all departments have undergone Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Colorado Division of Fire Safety trainings and certifications in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This system provides the national standard for coordinating emergency operations within jurisdictions in cooperation with other local, state and federal government liaisons. In a survivable crisis, it provides City of Golden staff the framework by which to direct, control, manage and coordinate our emergency operations plans. In a major disaster, the City of Golden would use NIMS to coordinate and work closely with County, State and potentially Federal officials.

Citizens should be aware that in uncertain times, emergency planning is everyone's responsibility. While the City of Golden is prepared to deal with a crisis, citizens can and should take personal responsibility for themselves, their families and even for helping your neighbors.

There is a wealth of important emergency preparedness information posted on the City's web site at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on Residents & Visitors, and then on Emergency Preparedness. From there, you can visit the State of Colorado's Emergency Management page. The City has also provided links to the following information that can help you plan, prepare and take action during an emergency situation:

- Emergency Operations Plan
- Family Disaster Plan



- Family Emergency Preparedness Guide
- Flash Flooding
- Lightning
- Terrorism Fact Sheet
- Tornadoes
- Watches & Warnings
- Winter Storms
- Web Links

In an emergency situation, the City of Golden would attempt to communicate with citizens through a number of venues, depending on which were most readily accessible and available to the public. The City's Dispatch Center can use reverse 9-1-1 to play a recorded message to residents who have home phones in a selected area. The City would also likely utilize Comcast Cable Channel 8 and its website at www.cityofgolden.net. Our Communications Office would also work with local media to get important messages to citizens via television and online news sources.

For more information, contact the City of Golden's Communications Office at sdagosta@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8132.

Are you planning to buy a home?

If you are first time homebuyer in metro Denver, you may qualify for low rate mortgage and down payment assistance through a program Golden is participating in through the Metro Mayors Caucus.

Metro Mortgage Assistance provides qualified buyers with a low 30-year fixed rate mortgage at 6.59% and a grant of 4% of their loan amount to use toward a down payment or as closing cost assistance.

This exclusive program, available only through participating lenders, is available in 22 cities, including Arvada, Aurora, Bennett, Brighton, Broomfield, Centennial, Dacono, Edgewater, Erie, Federal Heights, Frederick, Golden, Greenwood Village, Lafayette, Littleton, Lone Tree, Longmont, Louisville, Northglenn, Sheridan, Superior and Westminster.

To qualify, your income cannot exceed \$71,700 for a 1- or 2-person household, or \$82,455 for 3 or more persons. Eligible homes include single-family homes, condominiums, townhomes, duplexes, Planned Unit Developments or manufactured homes priced under \$365,175.

Unlock the door to homeownership. Visit www.milehigh.com/housing for a list of the participating lenders and call one to begin the application process.



NEED HELP WITH HOME REPAIRS?

Jefferson County Housing Authority's Housing Rehab Program has been helping citizens throughout Golden and the County to fix up their homes by providing technical and financial assistance since 1994. If you are a homeowner and have a limited income (call for details), and need work done on your home, such as furnace, electrical or plumbing, roof, insulation, windows, etc. – call the Jeffco Housing Authority at 303-422-8600 to see if you are eligible for assistance.

It's Time for Flu Shots, Others Also Offered

It's the time of year to be thinking about getting your flu shot. The City of Golden offers flu shots to the public for just \$26 from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 in the Bear Creek Room upstairs at the Golden Community Center, 1445 10th St.

During those times, you can also get a pneumonia shot for \$40 and the Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis immunization for \$50.

There is no charge for these for Medicare Part B, Secure Horizons or Rocky Mountain Healthcare card holders (although you must have your card with you).

You must be at least 4 years old to take part and children under 18 years old must have a parent with them.



WOMEN'S CLUB SEEKS MEMBERS

The Golden Fortnightly Club, the oldest continuously active women's club in Colorado, recently celebrated its 120th year with a luncheon at the historic El Rancho restaurant, where club president Ann Camy read selections about Golden's history.

Founded in 1886, the organization's purpose is to promote the intellectual and cultural growth of its members. Programs at the meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons each month, autumn through spring, promote that purpose through book reviews and occasional visits to art or history museums or other stimulating cultural programs.

For more information about the Golden Fortnightly Club, call Ann Camy at 303-986-9666.

Project Measures Benefits of Trees



City Forester Dave High measures a tree's approximate height.

PHOTO COURTESY OF IES

The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) and the City of Golden organized volunteers to measure tree and landscape characteristics at more than 100 sites throughout the City for The Tree Project in June. The measurements included data for determining the environmental benefits of trees, and for water and energy conservation studies.

The goal of each of these analyses is to quantify the environmental costs and benefits of trees. For example, in the energy analysis, IES is studying trees' impact on buildings' energy use.

Trees can be both helpful and detrimental to a building's energy use. They can be helpful by shading the building – requiring less air conditioning in the summer. Yet, they can be detrimental if the trees shade the building in the winter – causing the residents to turn the heat on sooner.

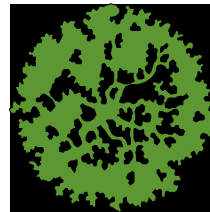
To study trees and energy conservation, IES took building measurements, including window size and placement, along with tree measurements of a small sample of buildings in Golden. The buildings being studied

include five homes, one apartment building, three commercial and two institutional buildings. All of this data is entered into a computer program called DesignBuilder. DesignBuilder is a building design software tool that uses EnergyPlus – a calculation engine created by the Department of Energy and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory – to simulate the building's energy use.

Three simulations will be run for each building studied in Golden: one with the actual trees found around the building, one with no trees, and

one with ideal tree cover. This will allow IES to discover what effect trees have on energy use. Once the simulations are completed and the results interpreted, IES will make recommendations to Golden residents on the best ways to plant trees to conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas pollution. Energy conservation means that you save money while fighting climate change!

For more information about the Golden Tree Project, visit www.I4ES.org or send an email to Solutions@I4ES.org.



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Parks and Rec Master Plan Underway



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.

The primary purpose of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to create a clear and concise set of goals, policies and objectives that will provide direction to City staff, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the City Council for future development, redevelopment and enhancement of the City's parks system, open space, trails, recreation facilities, recreation programs and services.

An open house was held July 10, and another is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Citizens are also encouraged to send ideas, comments and suggestions to parksmasterplan@cityofgolden.net. The project is scheduled for completion and expected to be adopted by City Council in November.

COORS CAN RECYCLING NEEDS YOU!

The Golden Community Center recycling volunteers, in partnership with the Coors Recyclers Program, run a unique recycling program in the Golden area.

Participating volunteers take vans maintained by Coors Recyclers to pick up aluminum products from several locations around the Coors Industrial Park and transport these recyclables to a recycling center. Half the proceeds go back to Coors and the other half are donated to the Golden Community Center Front Porch donation account.

The donation account supports everything from senior recreation programs to supplies for the Golden Community Center Front Porch. Recycling volunteers enjoy awards luncheons, prizes and "many thanks" from Golden Front Porch regulars.

It's time to train additional volunteers and keep moving this wonderful program forward. If you are interested in becoming a recycling volunteer, call the Front Porch at 303-384-8130 for more information.

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Registration is Now Open!

Young Rembrandts Drawing

Young Rembrandts Drawing classes are being offered at the Golden Community Center for ages 3 ½ through 12 years old. Age appropriate curriculum is designed to teach basic drawing and coloring skills while inspiring children to expand their imaginations and creativity. New lessons are taught each week and for each new session. Cartooning classes are also available for ages 6 to 12 years old.

Beginning Guitar

Does your child want to learn how to play the guitar? If so, the Golden Community Center is now offering a Beginning Guitar program for ages 12 and older. Children will learn the proper technique for playing open string chords, sight read melodies and 12-bar blues. Child must bring an acoustic guitar. Beginning and intermediate private lessons are available, as well.

For more information, call 303-384-8191 or visit www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec.

A Beautiful Place for Your Special Event



Imagine your special event in an elegant, yet contemporary room with vaulted ceilings, chandeliers and a private terrace with magnificent views of Lookout Mountain. This is the venue for brides and grooms, corporations large and small, and graduates from throughout Colorado who hold their special event in the Community Room at the Golden Community Center.

The Golden Community Center is the perfect oasis for weddings, graduations, conferences, meetings and training sessions. The Community Room offers comfort for one-on-one meetings or meeting ranging up to theater-style seating for 250. The room may be divided into three sections: rent one or all three – each comes with the view! On-site audio/visual rentals and additional business services are also available.

Make your event extra special with the support of

professional staff, plenty of pre-event setup time, and the convenience of an adjoining caterer's kitchen. To suit your tastes, you may bring in your own caterer, cater yourself, or the Community Center will provide you with a list of reputable caterers.

Other rooms available for rent at the Golden Community Center include the Windy Saddle and Beaver Brook rooms on the first floor. Each is well-suited for small meetings of up to 25 people.

Now is the best time to book your 2008 spring or summer wedding. The Golden Community Center Community Room is often booked 10- to 12-months in advance, so book your reservation today. For more information on City of Golden rentals, tours, prices and availability, call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 or visit www.cityofgolden.net.



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Lucky you, you're living smack dab in someone else's vacation. People from all over the state come to your neck of the woods to hike, bike, paraglide, or hang out at one of our unique events. So why not do the same? Sneak away for a couple hours of pure enjoyment. There's two hours of fun, two minutes from home. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.

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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.



This month, Friday, Sept. 7...

American jam rock band TapWater from San Diego will entertain visitors from 5 to 8 p.m. on 12th Street just west of Washington Avenue with their blend of rock, funk, Latin, jazz, bluegrass, country, blues and pop. While their influences range from Pink Floyd and Willie Nelson to Tito Puente and Stevie Wonder, TapWater's sound captures the smooth sophistication of Steely Dan, the vibrant color of the Grateful Dead, and the feelgood flavor of the Doobie Brothers. With an energetic electric show and a cozy acoustic set that features upright bass, banjo and accordion, TapWater has a limitless versatility that pleases people of all ages and backgrounds.

