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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

ALL-WARD MEETING

The Golden City Council will host an all-ward meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, in the library at Golden High School, 701 24th St. This event is your opportunity to meet directly with your ward and district representatives in an open format.

The evening will begin with an introductory session lead by Mayor Jacob Smith. Ward representatives will then hold breakout sessions with their constituents in separate classrooms. District representatives will also take part in the individual ward sessions. Light refreshments will be served.

PUBLIC HEARING ON NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

The Golden City Council will conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of the North Neighborhoods Plan during their regular meeting beginning at 7 p.m. on April 9 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

This Planning Commission project was active in 2007 and 2008, and resulted in strong support for the final neighborhood plan, which was presented to the neighborhood and the Planning Commission in late 2008.

The plan is available for viewing on the Planning and Development Department page of the City Web site, www.cityofgolden.net. Hard copies are also available upon request by calling 303-384-8097 or by emailing the Planning Commission at planningcommission@cityofgolden.net.

GOLDEN PLANS FIRST ANNUAL PHARMACEUTICAL ROUND-UP

You can help protect your family, pets, community and environment by properly disposing of unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications. The City will be conducting its first annual pharmaceutical drug round-up in conjunction with Community Pride Days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, at the City Shops, 1300 Catamount Drive. A pharmacist will be on site to answer any questions. All pharmaceutical waste collected will be disposed of properly by the Golden Police Department.

We WILL accept:
- Prescription medications, including controlled substances
- Non-prescription medications & over-the-counter medications in all forms.
- All medications should come in their original containers that identify the medication, but we recommend that you remove or scratch out any personal information on the label.

We WILL NOT accept:
- Aerosols or sharps (syringes or needles) of any kind.

Please go to www.cityofgolden.net for additional information about the event. Follow the link on the homepage and you will be directed to frequently asked questions and additional information about pharmaceuticals.

Note: This program is open to Golden residents only.

Below is the Golden City Council’s calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

April 2
No study session

April 9
Regular business meeting

April 16
Study Session

April 23
Regular business 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 business meetings.
Golden has fought hard for many years against proposals for a high-speed highway plowing through town. Such a highway would devastate large portions of Golden, and because we inhabit a narrow valley nearly everyone in Golden would feel the impacts. The right improvements would have the opposite effect, however; reducing noise, congestion, and pollution and making it easier and safer for people on foot, bikes, and in cars to cross from our west neighborhoods to the main part of the Golden Valley.

We have repeatedly fought off harmful legislation and prevented efforts by the toll highway proponents to secure public funding. We also held the Colorado Department of Transportation at bay, and last summer CDOT finally threw in the towel on their plan for a high-speed highway through Golden. Simultaneously, we have protected new parks along the Highway 93/6 corridor, constructed noise berms (and will have a new North Golden sound wall up later this year), established rigorous noise standards, and have acquired the land necessary to reroute Highway 93 in north Golden to move it farther away from hundreds of homes near North Table Mountain.

The City also proactively prepared preliminary design work for improvements to Highways 93 and 6 through Golden. The design, known as the Muller Plan, would meet all the projected transportation needs in the Northwest Quadrant and all of our own community impact needs. This design probably isn’t the only way to accomplish this but it’s a good option.

Where do we stand today? The toll highway proponents created a Public Highway Authority in the hopes of raising the funding for the highway through private investment. Not much is happening now that the credit markets have crashed, but when the economy starts to recover they will probably try to help private investors build the road in exchange for the right to toll it for many decades.

We also saw a bill in the state legislature that would have allowed tolling of existing lanes – like Highway 93 – right up to our boundaries. Through our hard work with the Governor’s office, legislators, and many other folks in the Denver region, we were able to eliminate the harmful part of the bill and replaced it with a strong local protection provision that gives every affected community the right to veto any such proposal.

The City Council remains deeply committed to fighting any attempt to build a high-speed highway through our town. At the same time, however, we have real needs along Highways 6 and 93 in town – such as providing a safe crossing for pedestrians and bikes at 19th St. and reducing noise and pollution along the entire corridor – and we will continue looking for options to make these things happen.
After three months of collection inventory and renovations, the Golden Pioneer Museum will reopen to the public as the Golden History Center on April 1. Executive Director Shannon Voirol has been anticipating the opening since the management contract was awarded to Golden History Museums in September of 2008.

“I am very excited that the Golden History Center will be open on April 1,” said Voirol. “I know that the community is excited too, more than 150 community members attended our open house on Feb. 26.”

Voirol went on to say, “I invite everyone to the Golden History Center to see the changes that have already taken place and to visit often as we continue to roll out additional improvements. With Golden celebrating its 150th anniversary, it is a great time to take a closer look at Golden’s unique history.”

The History Center is located at 923 10th Street, on the west side of City Hall, and will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Golden History Museums also manage the Astor House Museum and Clear Creek History Park. For more information about all of the museums, including programs such as the Hands On History Camp and Tea Time at the Astor House, please go to www.goldenhistorymuseums.org or call 303-278-3557.

The Old is New Again
Golden History Center is Set to Open

RECALL ATTEMPT FAILS

Petitioners seeking the recall of the Mayor and five City Council members failed to submit the necessary signatures before the Feb. 23 deadline, effectively ending the recall effort.

The City Clerk’s office approved the petitions on Dec. 24, 2008. Petitioners then had to collect enough signatures to force a recall election prior to 5 p.m. on Feb. 23. The deadline came and went without any signatures being submitted to the City Clerk.

“Our community rallied to an incredible extent against the threat of a recall,” said Mayor Jacob Smith at the passing of the deadline. “The City Council will continue its focus on open government and making sure the citizens of Golden have a voice, maintaining the City’s financial health, and protecting our quality of life.”

City Manager Mike Bestor was pleased that the City and the community would not have to go through the time and expense of a recall election.

“I am glad the citizens of Golden recognize that recall petitions are intended for serious breaches of the public’s trust,” said Bestor, “not for petty disagreements about city/policy decisions.”

The petitions sought to recall Mayor Jacob Smith and City Council members Bill Fisher, Marjorie Sloan, Karen Oxman, Joe Behm and Diane Chesbro. City Councilor Mary Weaver was the only councilor not targeted by the recall effort.
GREEN BUILDING CODES

According to the U.S. Green Building Council, buildings account for almost 40 percent of our nation’s energy use and CO2 emissions, 13 percent of all potable water, 40 percent of all raw materials globally, and generate over 100 million tons of waste each year.

One of the City’s Sustainability goals is to have 90 percent of all new construction and 50 percent of all remodels adhere to a green building standard by 2017. City Council has already adopted the LEED® standard for municipal buildings and will consider additional changes later this year.

For the next several months, the Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) and the Planning Commission will be examining how green building practices might be incorporated into the City’s zoning and building codes.

For more information, please see the Boards and Commissions page on the city website, or email Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Coordinator at tworsham@cityofgolden.net.

A New Way of Thinking About Trash and Recycling

Have you ever thought about the real costs of trash collection? Have you ever hoped for an easier way to recycle? The City of Golden is researching ways to improve the current system of handling trash and recycling in the city. At an open house last October, residents came to see different alternatives and provided their own ideas of how the collection system in the City could be improved.

One of the options recommended by the Solid Waste & Recycling Group of the Sustainability Initiative was to look into a Citywide contract for residential curbside services. Subsequently, City Council issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit bids on a contract to serve more than 5,000 of Golden’s households. The results of the RFP are available on the city’s website at www.cityofgolden.net/solidwasteandrecycling and list a range of options, several of which may cost residents less than they are currently paying for curbside trash collection.

On April 16, City Council will review many options, which include keeping the current system of choice of waste haulers, expanding the City’s recycling site, creating a City department to collect waste and recycling, and considering a Citywide contract. Council is interested in input from residents on any or all of the options. To provide comments, please visit the website listed above or attend an upcoming public hearing on the proposals.

DON’T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR GARDEN-IN-A-BOX

A Garden-In-A-Box kit is a great way to plant a xeriscape or water-wise landscape without the challenge of picking the right plants.

Each kit includes a design layout, 30 or more plants, planting and maintenance instructions, and helpful tips about xeric gardening. The kits are being offered at a significantly reduced rate to City residents and range from $65 to $120.

Professional landscape designers created the three designs with the do-it-yourselfer in mind. Residents may order through the Center for ReSource Conservation website at www.conservationcenter.org or call 303-999-3820 ext. 217. Citizens will be able to pick up their garden kits at the municipal shops, 1300 Catamount Drive, on May 16.

The Center for ReSource Conservation’s objective is to provide programs and services that empower individuals to turn natural resource conservation beliefs into action in their daily lives.

Each year, the CRC empowers more than 7,500 individuals to live a more sustainable life. The CRC reaches out to and engages these individuals through programming in its energy, water, and waste divisions.
The Golden Community Center turned on the new solar hot water heating system for the swimming pool on March 2. The system relies on the energy of the sun to heat the water used in the pool.

The system was installed through a partnership with the Governor’s Energy Office and the Department of Local Affairs who provided grants to help fund the project. The solar system cost $315,000, more than half of which was paid for with grants. By using solar energy to heat pool water, the City of Golden expects to save more than $22,000 each year.

Installation of the solar system was one recommendation of an energy audit which was conducted in 2008. As a result of the audit, the City has undertaken a one-million dollar effort to increase energy efficiency in City buildings and programs.

CONSERVE WATER: GET YOUR FREE SPRINKLER INSPECTION

The City of Golden is participating in an irrigation audit program that allows residents to get a free sprinkler system inspection. Residents are encouraged to sign up to schedule an inspection between June and August. If you receive water from the City and have an underground sprinkler system that waters your lawn, you are eligible for this service. Commercial and HOA sites may also be eligible to participate.

An irrigation inspection is a series of tests performed on a sprinkler system to determine its efficiency. The tests check the application rate and uniformity, system pressure, soil type and root depth of the grass. These tests help determine how well the system is working and how it can be improved to develop the most appropriate watering schedule for the specific type of landscape. A visual inspection of the system pinpoints any flaws or repairs that need to be addressed. The entire process takes about two hours for most residential properties.

Many irrigation systems can benefit from simple changes such as fixing or adjusting sprinkler heads, ensuring correct operating pressure and implementing an appropriate watering schedule given the site characteristics.

It is recommended that turf should be watered once every four days in May, once every three days in June, July and August, once every six days in September and once every 10 days in October or until the end of the irrigation season.

Previous years of participation in the program have shown that most Golden residents should cycle their watering times to encourage deeper roots and prevent excess runoff. The term cycling, or “cycle and soak,” refers to running sprinklers repeatedly within an irrigation interval to allow for better water absorption. When a system is cycled, the total number of minutes being watered is divided into several shorter watering times, with rest periods of about an hour between each cycle. This practice allows the water to percolate deeper into the soil. As a result, the grass roots are encouraged to grow downward instead of outward to find water. Deep roots allow for better drought tolerance and disease resistance.

Sign up for your free inspection and save money on your water bill by getting the right amount of water in the right place at the right time. Improve the appearance of your landscape and help conserve one of Colorado’s most precious resources.

Contact the Center for ReSource Conservation at, 303-999-3820 ext. 217 or visit www.conservationcenter.org to sign up for your free inspection. Available appointments fill quickly.
The City of Golden will celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 17 at Mitchell Elementary School, 201 Rubey Drive. City Forester Dave High, with the assistance of at least one second-grade class, will plant a shade tree in the lawn area just south of the main entrance to the building. A representative from the Colorado State Forest Service will also be on hand to participate in the ceremony and the public is welcome to attend, as well.

As part of the festivities, the City will be presented with the National Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA award for the 19th consecutive year. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

In order to be considered for a Tree City award, a community must meet four criteria:

- Have a tree board or department;
- Establish a tree care ordinance;
- Create a comprehensive community forestry program; and
- Coordinate an Arbor Day observance.

For the 20th consecutive year, the City of Golden Streets Division is running its annual Pothole Hotline contest, a fun and efficient way to involve the citizens and to ensure the City repairs potholes in a timely manner. The City repairs each of the potholes reported as soon as weather allows, typically within 48 hours.

To enter, report a pothole as soon as you spot it to the City’s pothole hotline by phone or through the internet. Each week, the caller who reports the largest pothole will win a prize.

To report a pothole by phone, call the Golden Info service at 303-215-8882 and select option 2901. To report a pothole online, visit www.cityofgolden.net and click on Golden Info in the top navigation bar, and then select Enter Golden Info. Select Public Works and click on option 2901 – Pothole Reporting. Remember to give the location of the pothole, your name, phone number and address.

The program began March 30 and will run for 5 weeks. You must be a Golden resident to enter.
Safely driving through a traffic circle involves knowing when to yield, when to enter and how to exit. While the technique for navigating these circles has been well publicized by local jurisdictions, including Golden, the modern roundabout still leaves many confused. Add to that the fact that roundabout rules and signage vary from city to city, and a lack of observation can be an accident waiting to happen. There are ways that you can help increase your safety while making it through the circle.

YOUR APPROACH
1. When approaching the circle, know how many lanes are entering the circle. In many areas, there are two lanes entering the circle from main throughways.
2. Look for signage with clearly marked arrows that indicate the requirements for each lane and move to the correct lane for your driving needs. Unfortunately, this is where many cities differ. Some require the outside lane to exit at the first intersection, while others allow the lane to continue straight through the intersection. Generally, if you are proceeding more than halfway around the circle, you will be required to be in the inside lane.
3. Before entering the circle, yield to any vehicles already inside the circle.

INSIDE THE CIRCLE
1. Remain in the lane you entered the circle in, unless a proper lane change is required for the exit.
2. Maintain a constant but safe speed.
3. Signal your exit so that other drivers are aware of your intent.
4. Do not cut across lanes to shorten your trip around the circle. The design makes it more difficult to see vehicles in your mirrors and you may inadvertently cut someone off or cause an accident.
5. If you miss your exit, cancel your turn signal immediately. A false signal may cause merging drivers to pull out in front of you and cause a collision. Proceed around the circle again.
6. Signal again and make your exit safely.

While traffic circles are not necessarily difficult to navigate, they do require concentration and planning!

TRAFFIC CIRCLE HISTORY
Sometimes those responsible for traffic control find themselves looking for unusual solutions. Most city streets were either planned out as grids or naturally evolved along the outside perimeters of original deeded property. From those trails came paved roads, which led to the modern concept of intersections.

As cars replaced horse-drawn carriages, the idea of controlling traffic at these intersections became extremely important for public safety. In a typical intersection, both streets are controlled by traffic signals of some type. Either both streets are controlled by a traffic light, or one or both may have a stationary stop sign. These types of intersections only allow the drivers two options, go straight or turn.

Traffic circles have been around since the late 1800s, and while they may not be very common, they are gaining in popularity as traffic engineers throughout the country are challenged by increasing traffic volume. The four traffic circles along South Golden Road average more than 16,000 cars per day.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Through April

**Earth Day Art Show**
The City’s Environmental Services Division in partnership with the Jefferson County Public Library presents this art show in celebration of Earth Day. Created by first through sixth grade students at Mitchell and Shelton elementary schools, the work is inspired by nature, uses recycled materials or otherwise represents an environmental theme. Artwork displayed in the Golden Library Children’s Room, 1019 10th St, and the Community Center Front Porch (upstairs), 1470 10th St.

Through May 24

**1790’s Camden Quilt Exhibit**
This English Medallion-style children’s bed quilt is thought to have been made between 1787 and 1797 and is the oldest quilt the museum has displayed to date. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Admission: $6/adult, $4/senior, $3/children 6-12. For information go to www.rmqm.org or call 303-996-2755 for information.

Through May 24

**The Desperado**
This is one of the most popular shows from the early Music Hall years. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. show; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 p.m. meal; 8 p.m. show; Sunday Matinee, 12 p.m. meal; 2 p.m. show. Tickets are $27.50 to $40.50. Visit www.hsmusichall.com/tickets.htm for ticket information.

April 3

**Golden’s First Friday**
Enjoy extended shopping hours with Golden’s downtown merchants. 5 to 8 p.m.

April 4, 11, 18 & 25 (Weather Permitting)

**Saturday Special Train Rides**
Ride in the Goose No. 7 or a 19th century passenger coach pulled by Locomotive No. 4. Departures every 20 minutes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. Train fare $4/adults, $2/children. Call 720-253-1023 or e-mail eheintz@cahootsinc.com for information.

April 4 & 18

**Blacksmith Demo Days**
Join Matt O’Callaghan and other guest blacksmiths in our blacksmith shop, and watch them craft metal into useful, everyday items. The event is free from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clear Creek History Park, 11th and Arapahoe streets. For information call 303-278-3557 or go to www.goldenhistorymuseums.org.

April 4

**Colorado Art Open 2009 - Opening Night Celebration**
Celebrate the opening night of Colorado Art Open 2009. A free event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. The exhibit itself is on display from April 4 through May 31. Tickets are $5 for the exhibit. Call 303-279-3922 or e-mail esther@foothillsartcenter.org for information.

April 11

**Shalom Feivel & Rocky Mountain Jewgrass™ concert**
Shalom Feivel and Rocky Mountain Jewgrass™ blend traditional bluegrass-style playing with Jewish themes and roots music. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. performance. Tickets $12 in advance, $15 the day of.
of the show. Acoustic Alley is located at the Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington St. For more information visit www.acousticalley.org.

April 15

Civil War Quilters Were Men
Steve Bowley, a well known quilter and Colorado native shares his story of quiltmaking and the history behind men’s quilting. Event is $8-$10 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Mueseum, 1111 Washington Ave. Call 303-277-0377 for more information.

April 17 through May 31

Move Over Mrs. Markham
We’ve brought back the wild and zany world of British farce. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. Tickets $20. Miners Alley Playhouse is located at 1224 Washington St. Senior, student, and group rates are available. For more information please call 303-935-3044.

April 18

Denim and Diamonds - 12th Annual Fabric & Friends Fundraiser
Join the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum for the 12th annual live and silent auction luncheon. Dress up in your favorite denim and diamonds attire and join the fun! Tickets are $30 per person and group tables are available. The luncheon is from 1 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Calvary Church, 1320 Arapahoe St. Call 303-277-0377 for your reservation.

April 18 & 19

Earth Day Community Work Day
Spend Earth Day helping the environment by volunteering at Golden Independant School. Choose outdoor or indoor jobs as we work to improve the community playground, garden, building/grounds, library, science lab, and classrooms. Our improvements save energy and water! Event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Golden Independent School, 1280 Golden Circle. For information contact Erika Sueker at 303-279-3708.

April 20 through May 3

Remembrance for Columbine 10th Anniversary Quilt Display
A display of quilts made in remembrance of the tragedy at Columbine High School. Commemorating the 10th Anniversary, the kindness, support and love of the community is shown in these wonderful quilts. Admission $6/adult, $4/senior, $3/children 6-12. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For information call 303-277-0377 or go to www.rmqm.org.

April 23

Dakota Blonde in concert
Performing originals and covers that are a unique combination of folk, bluegrass, and country with a little Celtic tinge. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show. Tickets are $14 in advance and $17 the day of the show. For more information please go to www.acousticalley.org.

Through April 25

1790’s Camden Quilt Exhibit
The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum presents the oldest quilt the museum has displayed to date. This quilt, an English Medallion-style children’s bed quilt, is thought to have been made between 1787 and 1797 in Amherst County, Virginia. The museum is located at 1111 Washington Ave. and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. General admission is $6 adult, $4 senior, $3 children 6-12. For more information go to www.rmqm.org or call 303-277-0377.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

ZHOURLVACATION.COM
For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.2HourVacation.com.

Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. 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 jashford@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.
Community Pride Days Coming In Early May

It’s time to clean out that garage, basement or backyard in preparation for Golden Community Pride Days. This popular annual event is provided by the City of Golden as an opportunity for citizens to dispose of unwanted items and debris by taking them to a free drop-off location. Many of these items would normally have to be hauled off to a landfill at the citizens’ expense.

Residents can drop off these items from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 at the City Shops facility, 1300 Catamount Drive. Golden residents may dispose of the following items:

- Rubbish
- Construction materials
- Scrap metal
- Tires (maximum of four per household)
- Electronics
- Personal Computers
- Televisions
- Monitors
- Printers
- Fax machines
- Scanners
- Copiers
- Cell phones
- PDAs
- Stereo equipment
- Typewriters
- Keyboards
- Mice
- VCRs
- Circuit boards
- Hard drives

Untreated lumber, tree limbs and brush can be brought in for grinding and on-site paper shredding is also back by popular demand to help citizens prevent identity theft.

DO NOT BRING:

- Appliances
- Hazardous waste
- Household chemicals
- Paint
- Batteries
- Scrap metal

For these items, please use the valuable appliance pickup and hazardous chemical drop off coupons found on the next page. Details and reservation telephone numbers are listed on the coupons.

All services are for Golden residents only. Proof of Golden residency (a current driver’s license or your most recent Golden water bill) is required in order to participate in this community event. Remember that many Golden mailing addresses are not within Golden city limits.

Above: Residents drop off items by the truckload to be disposed of properly and for free.
Below: City employees help residents dispose of unwanted items at Community Pride Days.

Note: To determine if you are a Golden resident, you can also visit the Jefferson County address wizard at www.co.jefferson.co.us/awiz/.
As part of the City of Golden’s Community Pride Days event, Golden residents may use the following coupons, good for one free hazardous chemical drop at the Rooney Road Recycling Center, and one free curbside appliance pick up from Complete Recycling. Use the City Shops drop-off site at 1300 Catamount Drive for other rubbish. See article on previous page for details and a map.

**FREE HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL DROP**

**Good for one FREE household hazardous chemical drop.** Value of $20 for up to 10 gallons of latex, 25 gallons of oil, 5 car batteries, or 75 pounds of other material. A per-pound fee will be charged depending on material type and amount for all items over 75 pounds total – call for more information or pricing.

### You can bring:

- Antifreeze
- Automotive batteries
- Batteries
- Drain cleaner
- Furniture polish
- Floor cleaner/wax
- Lacquers/paint
- Oven cleaner
- Paint thinner/removed
- Radiator flushes
- Rodent poison
- Waste oil

Rooney Road Recycling Center, 151 S. Rooney Road
www.rooneyroadrecycling.org

NO DROP OFFS WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT • Wed. & Sat. only

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED Call 303-316-6262

No containers more than 75 pounds

DROP OFF THROUGH MAY 30, 2009

**FREE APPLIANCE PICKUP**

Good for one FREE curbside appliance pickup and recycling.

### Appliances accepted include:

- Washers
- Dryers
- Dishwashers
- Compactors
- Microwaves
- Grills
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Air conditioners
- Water heaters
- Scrap metal
- Barbeques
- Stoves
- Ovens

Call Complete Recycling at 720-219-9604
(You may have to leave a message.)

PICKUP MUST TAKE PLACE BY MAY 16, 2009
**Register Your Cell Phone for 911 Notifications**

Would emergency personnel be able to reach you if there was an emergency near your home such as a wildfire, flood or potentially dangerous police activity? Until recently, the only way to notify Jefferson County residents of an emergency was through their home phone via the 911 call back system. This left residents who rely solely on cell phone or internet phone systems out of the loop.

On March 5, the Jefferson and Broomfield County E911 Authority held a news conference to introduce a new Target Notification System that allows Jefferson and Broomfield County residents to register their cell phone and internet phone numbers for 911 emergency notifications. Numbers will be organized by address so you can register as many numbers as you want. If there is an emergency near your home, your local dispatch center will be able to call those numbers to alert you to an emergency.

The service is free and your information will not be sold to solicitors. To register, simply go to www.cityofgolden.net and click on the logo on the right or go to www.your911.net. Once you enter your information it will take approximately one week for your numbers to be entered into the database.

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**FREE**

**Sales and Use Tax Workshop**

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.

The workshops will be held in the **Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.**

- April 1, 2009 .......... 8 to 10 a.m.
- June 3, 2009 .......... 8 to 10 a.m.
- July 1, 2009 .......... 8 to 10 a.m.

Although these classes are free, space is limited.

Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

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**FREE**

**Building Use Tax Workshop**

The City of Golden is hosting **FREE** Building Use Tax workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors. These classes are geared toward individuals who need to learn about building use tax concepts on an in-depth basis.

The workshops will be held in the **Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.**

- May 6, 2009 .......... 8 to 10 a.m.

Classes are free, but space is limited.

Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

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**Calling All Female Golfers**

With spring officially upon us, Fossil Trace Golf Club is preparing for the 2009 women’s golf league. Each year the Women’s Golf League brings together ladies of all skill levels and ages to enjoy the game of golf.

All league play will take place at the Fossil Trace Golf Club, 3050 Illinois St. Play will begin the morning of Tuesday, May 5, for the 9-hole group and the afternoon of Thursday, May 7, for the 18-hole group. There will be an opening reception on Tuesday April 21 at Fossil Trace Golf Club from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Interested players are encouraged to visit www.fossiltracewomen.com or stop by and sign up at Fossil Trace. For more information regarding the Fossil Trace Women’s Golf League please contact Marilyn Baron at bk@goldenvisionclinic.com.
When word traveled to Boston that gold struck the Rocky Mountains, George West set out with a group of men known as the Boston Company. Upon arriving in Golden in 1859, West discovered that his group was not the first to arrive. Instead of panning for gold, the Boston Company decided to use their wagon train full of supplies to sell goods to the gold seekers. West had a friendly wager with W.A.H. Loveland, another Golden pioneer, as to who would construct the first permanent building in Golden. According to local legend, West completed his Boston Company building first, although he publicly denied it, saying Loveland finished first by stealing his shingles.

While West’s general supply business flourished, journalism was his calling. In 1859, West founded Golden’s first newspaper, The Western Mountaineer. The Western Mountaineer was Colorado’s second newspaper, preceded by the Rocky Mountain News. The settlers were so hungry for news they gladly paid ten cents for each copy, adjusted for inflation that calculates to approximately $35 per issue.

West was known as a “jovial kind-hearted man.” After using the Western Mountaineer to publicly chastise a Civil War Confederate sympathizer for riding through Golden loudly cursing the Yankees, West was challenged to a duel. The challenger gave West the opportunity to choose the weapons and location for the duel.

West chose bowie knives and the location of North Table Mountain for himself and South Table Mountain for the challenger. These locations would have required the knives to be thrown over a half-mile distance. Prior to the duel, however, the parties solved their differences over a “glass of Cherry bounce.”

West saw the demise of the Western Mountaineer but undeterred, later founded The Colorado Transcript in 1866. The Colorado Transcript was credited as ruining any chance of W.N. Byers, publisher of the Rocky Mountain News, of gaining the Republican nomination for governor when Colorado became a state. West, an avid Democrat, published a series of torrid love letters between the married Byers and a woman named Hattie E. Sancomb. Sancomb and Byers exchanged the letters until Mrs. Byers learned of the affair. After the affair, Sancomb took her pearl-handled pistol and unsuccessfully shot at Byers in two separate incidents near his Denver home. The salacious details of the affair were too much for West to resist and when he obtained the letters, he ran them in the Colorado Transcript, thus ending any political career of Byers.

The West family built their home in August 1871 as a new brick building complete with a large barn in the back and a garden. They frequently entertained guests and even had a visit from Buffalo Bill. West died in his home on November 15, 1906.

Author’s Note: Much thanks to the amazing publications listed below for providing the history cited in this article:

“Golden the 19th Century-A Colorado Chronicle” by Lorraine Wagenbach and Jo Ann Thistlewood, published by the Harbinger House; Littleton Colorado, in 1987 (any quotations are directly quoted from this publication);


About the Golden Historic Preservation Board: The Golden Historic Preservation Board is an advisory board made up of community members who provide guidance to residents on how improvements to properties affect the preservation of historic Golden.
ScramBowl for Lights A Success

Nearly 250 people participated in the 3rd annual ScramBowl for Lights held at the Golden Bowl on Feb. 9. The bowling competition is held as a fundraiser to help cover the cost of holiday lights displayed along South Golden Road.

This year’s event had a historical theme to it and raised several thousand dollars for the Golden Chamber of Commerce, ensuring that the lights will be back again next winter.

The City of Golden entered four teams into the competition, including a city staff team, a streets team, a Parks and Recreation team, and the Golden City Council team. While the City teams did not finish near the top, all of the participants enjoyed doing their part for a worthy cause.

Police and Fire Honored at State Capitol

Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick and Fire Chief John Bales were honored at the Colorado State Capitol on Feb. 23 for their department’s achievements in 2008.

The Police Department was honored for earning national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). To achieve accreditation, departments must go through a three-year process of evaluation and visitation which the department completed in 2008.

The Fire Department was honored for their work in receiving the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) award for Recruitment and Retention. The award was issued for the non-resident volunteer program that was developed in 2007 and has resulted in a 100 percent increase in the number of volunteer firefighters.

State Senator Mo Keller and State Representative Gwyn Green led the accolades in the Senate and the House. Mayor Jacob Smith was also in attendance.
Check out the programs offered this spring at the Community Center
To register, visit www.goldenrec.com

Fun Time Gears
More fun with simple machines taken to the second level with creative projects focusing on gears: gear wheels, worm gear housings, and crown gears.

Ages: 3 to 6 years
1 to 2 p.m., Thursdays,
April 9 to April 30
Fee: $45 Resident,
$50 Non-resident

Junior Engineering
Explore basic engineering concepts such as gears, levers, pulleys, wheels, axles and more!

Ages: 6 to 9 years
4:30 to 6 p.m., Thursdays
April 9 to April 30
Fee: $40 Resident,
$45 Non-resident

Alien Adventure Workshops
With Space Time’s Alien Adventures Workshop you will go on a virtual space mission to explore the possibilities of life on other worlds.

Ages: 5 to 12 years
4 to 6 p.m.,
Tuesday, to April 14
Fee: $17 Resident,
$20 Non-resident

Container Herb Gardens
This is a fun, hands-on class for those with limited space, who still want to enjoy the aromatic and culinary benefits of herbs.

Ages: 16 years and older
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Fee: $15 Resident,
$20 Non-resident
$18 materials fee payable to instructor

Mars Explorers Workshops
With the Space-Time Mars Explorers Workshop kids get to go on a virtual journey to our next door neighbor in space.

Ages: 5 to 12 years
1 to 3 p.m.,
Saturday, April 18
Fee: $17 Resident,
$20 Non-resident

Join Us Out At The Ballgame!
Come join the affordable fun that lasts all summer long in the City of Golden adult softball leagues! The City’s athletic staff has been hard at work all winter planning the summer softball leagues, and registrations are currently being accepted for all divisions of play for summer leagues, which begin in May. Golden is offering a variety of different leagues and divisions at the most affordable rates in the area. Affordable rates combined with top notch fields and facilities are just a few of the reasons why the City of Golden Softball Program is growing and bringing in more teams for a fun and exciting summer of softball.

Golden offers a league for every team, regardless of skill level or competition. With divisions in Men’s, Women’s and Co-Recreational leagues offered all nights of the week, every team can be accommodated.

Registration will remain open until April 22 or until a division is filled. Don’t have a team? The athletic staff can help you find one. Contact Becky at 303-384-8194, or fill out the online “free agent” form on the Web site to add your name to a list of players looking for a team. The Web site is also a way for teams to find up-to-date information on schedules, statistics, scores and standings in addition to rules, rosters and free agent lists.

Sign your team up today for the best value, competition and overall softball experience in the metro area!

For more information on softball or other summer adult athletic programs such as kickball, basketball or dodgeball visit www.cityofgolden.net/adultsports or call Becky at 303-384-8194.
Did you know if you are over 65 and have a leading Medicare or Medicare Supplement Health Plan including Kaiser Permanente, Humana, AARP Medicare Supplement or Secure Horizons, you could be eligible for a free fitness membership at the Golden Community Center and other participating centers across the nation through SilverSneakers®?

The award-winning SilverSneakers® Fitness Program offers an innovative blend of physical activity, healthy lifestyle and socially-oriented programming that allows older adults to take greater control of their health. SilverSneakers® members receive:

- A free fitness center membership at a nearby participating location with access to conditioning classes, exercise equipment, pool, sauna and other available amenities.
- Access to any participating fitness center throughout the U.S. while traveling by completing a visitor’s pass.
- Customized SilverSneakers® classes designed exclusively for older adults who want to improve their strength, flexibility, balance and endurance.

Register at the Golden Community Center Front Porch between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays, and bring your HMO card. Staff will answer your questions, discuss classes that are appropriate for you, give you a tour, and you will be eligible to enjoy classes and the facility immediately.

The Community Center has more than 1,080 SilverSneakers® members, and 650 members enjoy the center each month to achieve their fitness goals, socialize and meet new people.

For more information contact 303-384-8100, or visit www.silversneakers.com.

TRIPS & TOURS

Nunsense A-Men!, Boulder Dinner Theatre
Wednesday, April 8; 5 - 10:30 p.m.
$55 (van, admission, dinner)
Nunsense – with a twist. In this show the female parts are played by men!
Register/Cancel by April 3

Abrakadoodle Art Class!
Tuesday, April 14; 10:30 - 12 p.m.
$15 (includes art supplies)
Join us to create “Abstract Expressionist” art like Kandinsky.
Golden Community Center, Windy Saddle room.
Register/Cancel by April 9

Sunday Lunch & Concert, Estes Park - Sunday, April 19
11 - 5 p.m.
$11 (van only; bring $$ for lunch; $5.00 for concert)
By Request. Lunch first, at the hotel. Join us for a relaxing afternoon.
Register/Cancel by April 16

Lunch at Masalaa, Aurora
Thursday, April 30; 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
$7 (van only; bring $$ for lunch)
Vegetarian Indian by recommendation.
Register/Cancel by April 28
As the weather starts to turn springlike, it's time to take advantage of some of the sustainability programs and opportunities available in our community. If you have questions or comments on the below items, contact Sustainability coordinator Theresa Worsham at tworsham@cityofgolden.net.

CITY OF GOLDEN PROGRAMS

- **Residential energy audits:** Although the Citizens Sustainability Advisory Board’s program to rebate the cost of residential energy audits is currently fully subscribed, there may be more opportunities later in the year to defer the cost of this popular Xcel Energy program. However, you can still participate in the Xcel Energy program for a very reasonable cost. For $60, $90, or $120 audits, contact Xcel at 1-800-895-4999.

- **EDComm commercial energy audits:** The Golden Economic Development Commission also has a program to rebate up to $200 for any business taking advantage of Xcel Energy’s commercial energy audit program. Check out the program at www.cityofgolden.net/energy, and contact EDComm@cityofgolden.net to register for your rebate.

- **GURA energy efficiency programs:** For businesses and commercial property owners in the downtown area, the Golden Urban Renewal Authority also has programs to assist with the cost of both the energy audit, and a portion of expenses for eligible energy efficiency improvements. Check out this program at /www.gura.com/grants.htm

- **Do your own mini-audit:** Don’t have time to wait for an official audit, but want to check for energy leaks or find those phantom electricity loads? Borrow an infrared heat thermometer to find insulation gaps or a Kill-A-Watt™ meter to measure the electricity use of appliances. Residents may check out these items for up to one week through the Sustainability office. Contact tworsham@cityofgolden.net.

- **Xcel Energy Rebate Programs:** Thinking of purchasing a new water heater, furnace or adding new insulation? You can earn up to $200 in rebates through Xcel.

- **State and Federal Tax Credits for Investments:** Are you considering a new solar photovoltaic or thermal system for your home this year? New federal laws allow owners to claim up to 30 percent of the cost of a solar installation as a tax credit.

- **Other Programs** – please see the sustainability page of the City Web site for further details.

See the back cover for a Sustainability Coupon good for $2.50 off the purchase of Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) at Meyer Hardware. As a bonus you will receive a Golden Ticket good for discounts and cash prizes at several Golden businesses.

ENERGY STAR® is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy-efficient products and practices. With the help of ENERGY STAR, Americans saved enough energy in 2007 to avoid greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 27 million cars, while saving $16 billion on utility bills. Homes and household products that have earned the ENERGY STAR meet strict energy-efficiency guidelines set by the EPA and US Department of Energy.

To help consumers make energy-efficient improvements, ENERGY STAR offers a Web site with information about saving energy and ongoing special offers and rebates provided by various organizations. Visit www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=rebate.rebate_locator and follow the instructions to view available offers and requirements. The offers include:

**Xcel Energy**
- CFL Bulbs
- High Efficiency Gas Storage
- Gas Tankless Water Heaters

**ASKO Appliances**
- Dishwashers

**KitchenAid**
- Dishwashers
- Refrigerators
- Freezers

**GE**
- Clothes Washers
- Dishwashers
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
Spring Sustainability SPECIALS

Celebrate the start of spring and the City of Golden’s sustainability efforts by using this coupon and taking advantage of the offers and opportunities on the back of this page.

If each household in Golden replaced only ONE incandescent bulb with one compact fluorescent bulb, we would save:
- $6.57 per year, per household
- $51,903 per year for the entire city
- 700 pounds of CO₂ each year
- The equivalent of taking 45 cars off the street each year

Redeemable at:
Meyer Hardware
1103 Arapahoe St
303-279-3393

$2.50 OFF any package of 2 or more Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulbs

You’ll also receive a Golden Ticket good for discounts and cash prizes at several local businesses. Valid for one package per coupon. Valid until June 30, 2009.

Offer sponsored by Meyer Hardware, the City of Golden Citizen Sustainability Advisory Board and the Golden Economic Development Commission.