2011 Golden City Council

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The Golden Informer
HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION
The 2011 Spring Yard Waste Collection is scheduled for May 7, 14, and 21. Residences covered by the Pay-As-You Throw (PAYT) program will be divided into three areas with each area scheduled for collection on a separate Saturday.

Here are the yard waste pick-up dates by location:
- **May 7** – Residents with Monday and Tuesday regular trash service days that are located north of Hwy 58.
- **May 14** – Residents with Monday and Tuesday regular trash service days that are located south of Hwy 58 and residents with Friday’s trash route.
- **May 21** – Residents with Wednesday and Thursday regular trash service days.

Please have your yard waste out at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day. Please use compostable bags if you choose to bag your yard waste. **Yard waste in non-compostable plastic bags will not be picked-up.**

The program runs from May through October. This includes every other week pick-up of yard waste cart at your curb. More details will be available in the May edition of the Informer and in the EDS “Beyond Green” e-newsletter. Additional information and a map are available online at www.cityofgolden.net/trash or you may contact EDS Waste Solutions at 303-278-8600 or cityofgolden@edswaste.com.

SUMMER JOB APPLICATION DEADLINE
Application deadlines are approaching for summer employment opportunities with the City of Golden. There are seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, the Splash Aquatic Park and Fossil Trace Golf Club. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/Employment.asp for job availability. You can also subscribe to our website at www.cityofgolden.net/Login.asp to receive job notifications.

YOUR FEEDBACK NEEDED
Following the successful completion of the Golden Vision 2030 process, the Planning Commission and City staff have been working on updating the Comprehensive Plan, which is a guide for Golden’s future. This draft plan is based on the community values that came out of a two year outreach process. Now is the time to hear from citizens before the plan goes to City Council for approval. Please download the plan at www.cityofgolden.net/planning or call the Planning Department at 303-384-8097 for a hard copy, and let us know what you think!

PARTICIPATE IN GOLDEN’S URBAN RENEWAL
The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) has two appointments that will expire in June. GURA commissioners provide policy direction and oversight to staff on a variety of downtown redevelopment issues ranging from light pole banners to major construction projects. GURA meets publicly on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month. Commissioners terms are for five years. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 5, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. For more information on the position, call 303-279-4162 or visit www.gura.com.

Applications can be found online at www.cityofgolden.net, under Boards and Commissions or at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th St. Applications must be turned in to the City Clerk by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, either in person, by mail, email to clerks@cityofgolden.net or fax to the attention of the City Clerk at 303-384-8001.

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 7
Regular Study Session

April 14
Regular Business Meeting

April 21
Regular Study Session (off-site)

April 28
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 welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
The good news: Colorado has some of the lowest obesity and highest physical activity rates in the country. The bad news: we are starting to slip.

That is motivation for a rejuvenated effort in the Denver Metro region to support healthy living and healthy communities. The Metro Mayors Caucus, composed of forty mayors (I serve on the executive committee) and LiveWell Colorado are taking the lead here in the region to encourage healthy eating, increasing opportunities for physical activity, and making our schools as healthy as they can be. The First Lady’s “Let’s Move” program, a national effort with similar goals, is another partner in the effort.

Why is this such an important issue? The cost of health care is one obvious but important answer. Ensuring that our kids grow up healthy and learn the eating and exercise habits that make for a healthy adulthood is another. Our efforts to promote health and wellness tend to enhance our quality of life. It turns out that the Denver region’s economic health is in play as well; health care costs are an important factor guiding employer decisions in regards to adding jobs or relocating. The healthier our residents, the more likely it is that jobs will continue coming here and staying here.

The City of Golden has its own energetic wellness efforts, offering employees health screening and participation in a wellness program that gives them discounts on health care premiums. Employees can also participate in fun exercise team challenges. The result: healthier and happier City employees with lower health care costs, less time lost to illness and higher productivity.

The City also supports healthy eating programs like the Farmer’s Market, the Golden Community Garden, and our Backpack Program (which helps low-income kids stay well-fed). We actively invest in and support recreational activities, including the Community Center, the Splash, the bike skills park, events like the School Miler program at Mitchell Elementary, the whitewater park, and our extensive system of parks and trails. In fact, the City of Golden was recognized as the top in the nation last year when it received the National Gold Medal Award for running an exceptional parks and recreation system.

We are also partners with the national Safe Routes to School Program, working to make sure every kid in Golden has the option of biking or walking to school. In recent years, we’ve made improvements at Shelton and Bell, including widening sidewalks, improving crosswalks, and adding bicycle lanes. We are nearly complete with the Jackson Street Corridor project to widen sidewalks and add a bike lane on a major Golden High School access route.

I’m enthused about how much we do already, but we are always open to ideas for doing an even better job of promoting a healthy Golden. And I know that health begins with individuals making choices, which is why I’ve made my own commitment to exercise at least four times a week this year. See you on the trails and at the gym!
Colfax Corridor to be an Economic Development Focus

Plan to hear more about the Colfax Corridor area in Golden as the City, GURA, and the City Economic Development Commission work with our Planning Commission to map out a land use and economic strategy for this important contributor to the City’s fiscal health.

The area in the City along both sides of Colfax Avenue stretches from the auto dealerships at Sixth Avenue west to Heritage Square and the proposed Gateway Village shopping area up at I-70. This corridor already represents about one-third of all sales tax collections generated in the City limits. This area also includes the Home Depot and Kohls stores that alone have generated in excess of $14.5 million in net sales tax revenues to Golden since 2000, after subtracting the short term tax sharing economic incentive granted by City Council to facilitate the project.

Over the next few years, the City wants to look very closely at this area to answer several questions:

• How can Colfax Avenue and the streets and trails that tie into it be improved to carry vehicular traffic, while improving pedestrian, bike, and transit opportunities for residents, employees, and visitors?

• How should land uses, buildings, and public and private spaces be arranged and designed to meet our community needs, and to support our Golden Vision 2030 values?

• What should we do to help this commercial corridor remain economically viable, and to continue to provide products and services for residents and much needed City revenues for high quality municipal services such as police and fire, parks, bike and walking trails, and recreational amenities?

In order to achieve our community goals for this corridor, Planning Commission will be working on a neighborhood level land use and design plan for the corridor, while GURA and EDComm partner with City Council to develop an economic development strategy. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 303-384-8097 or email Planningcommission@cityofgolden.net.

Got Potholes?

The City of Golden Streets Division is running its 22nd annual Pothole Hotline Contest. Each week, the caller who reports the largest pothole will win a prize.

This is a fun, but efficient way for citizens to help the Streets Division find and repair potholes in a timely manner. The City repairs each pothole reported as soon as weather allows, which is typically within 48 hours.

To report a pothole, call 303-384-8151 or visit www.cityofgolden.net and look under City News for details. Remember to give the location of the pothole, your name, phone number and address in order to be eligible for the contest.

The program began on March 28 and runs for five weeks. You must be a Golden resident to win.

Don’t forget to use the City of Golden’s YourGOV application, which allows you to report non-emergency issues directly to the City via the Web or iPhone. You can submit an issue, track its progress and find out when the problem is solved. YourGOV can be found at www.cityofgolden.net/YourGOV.
Spring Cleaning Made Easy

It’s time to clean out your garage, basement, back and front yard. Golden Community Pride Days will take place at the end of this month. This popular event is provided by the City of Golden each year for citizens as an opportunity to get rid of unwanted items and debris. Many of these items would normally have to be hauled off to a landfill at residents’ expense.

Simply drop off these items from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1 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
- VCRs
- Circuit Boards
- Hard Drives

DO NOT BRING:

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

Untreated lumber, tree limbs and brush can be brought in for grinding. On-site paper shredding is also available to help you prevent identity theft.

You can use the coupon on the next page for help with appliance recycling. The City will not be providing any free hazardous materials drop off locations this year. To arrange proper disposal of your hazardous waste, call the Rooney Road Recycling Center appointment line at 303-316-6262.

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 event. Remember that many Golden mailing addresses are not within Golden city limits. To determine if you are a Golden resident, use 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 coupon, good for one free curb-side appliance pick up from Complete Recycling. The City will not offer free hazardous chemical drop off this year. For more information call 303-384-8140.

**Appliances and Items accepted include:**
- Washers
- Microwaves
- Air conditioners
- Stoves
- Dryers
- Grills
- Water heaters
- Ovens
- Dishwashers
- Refrigerators
- Scrap metal
- Propane Tanks
- Compactors
- Freezers
- Barbeques
- Batteries
- Air conditioners
- Water heaters
- Stoves
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Call Complete Recycling for details at 720-219-9604  
(You may have to leave a message.)

**PICKUP MUST TAKE PLACE BY MAY 15, 2011**

Golden’s third annual Pharmaceutical Round Up will take place in conjunction with Pride Days. Bring your unused or expired drugs to the Golden Pride Days clean up event at 1300 Catamount Drive from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., where members of the Golden Police Department will be on hand to collect. It is recommended that you remove or scratch out any personal information on the label.

Why is it important to properly dispose of unwanted pharmaceutical drugs?
- Reduce opportunities for theft. Many prescription drug abusers obtain drugs from a friend or relative.
- Prevent accidental poisonings. Clean out medicine cabinets to reduce the risk of accidental misuse or exposure to children.
- Protect our water. Medications flushed down toilets or placed in garbage can leach into our water supply.

In past years, the city’s Round Up collected over 100 pounds of unwanted drugs. Start your spring cleaning now and participate in our secure, convenient, and environmentally-sound option for medication disposal.

**We WILL accept:**
- Prescription Drugs  
  (including controlled substances)
- Non-Prescription Drugs and Over-the-Counter Medications in all forms
- Aerosols or Sharps (syringes or needles) of any kind
- Broken Mercury Thermometers

**GOT DRUGS? TURN IN YOUR UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATION FOR SAFE DISPOSAL**
Golden’s New Neighborhood Grant Program, I-Golden Neighborhood Grants is ready to go! Applications are now being accepted for the two levels of grants that are available.

Small grants are available for up to $500 and are intended for block parties, neighborhood clean-up days and other small neighborhood events and projects. These grants do not require a match but must be a benefit to the neighborhood community. You can apply anytime during the year until funds for that year run out.

Matching grants, up to $2,500, are available for larger projects, and a match by the neighborhood is required. Neighborhood matches should be in the form of sweat equity, donations of materials and money for your project. The match will be 2:1, meaning that the City contributes one third of the cost of the project up to the maximum amount. These projects should build a more vibrant neighborhood and benefit the community, as well. Half of the total funding allocation will go to the first cycle of applications, which are due April 14, with awards made by May 15. The remaining funds will be available for the second cycle, with applications due by July 7. Staff will evaluate the matching grant applications before forwarding recommendations for funding to City Council for final approval.

All grants need to support Golden Vision 2030 neighborhood values, and take into consideration Golden’s sustainability goals. Golden businesses should be used for professional services and materials.

For detailed information and a grant application, go to www.cityofgolden.net/grants, or contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.

Granting Wishes

Honoring Ethics in Business

The Golden Ethics in Business Awards are a Golden Rotary Club tradition of honoring two local organizations, one profit and one non-profit, for leading the way in business ethics. You are invited to help honor this year’s winners at the 6th annual awards luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 22 at the Denver West Marriott, 1717 Denver West Boulevard.

The Keynote Speaker for this event will be Pete Coors, the Chairman of Molson Coors Brewing Company and Chairman of MillerCoors. The Master of Ceremonies will be CBS4 Weather Forecaster Ed Greene.

Seating is limited for the event, so be sure to sign up early. Reservations will be taken until April 12. For more information, contact Brian Quarnstrom at 303-946-1403 or thegoldenhome@gmail.com.
SMOKE/CO DETECTORS

The time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors is typically the same time you change your clocks for daylight savings. But if you didn’t do that in March, your time is now.

While you are changing the battery in your smoke detector, look at the overall condition of the device. Make sure it is free of dirt and dust and look at the date on the back. If your detectors are more than ten years old, replace them. If your detector “chirps” at you, it could mean you need a new battery or it needs to be replaced.

CO detectors are just as important in the warmer months as they are in the winter. Similar to smoke detectors, you should change the batteries about twice a year. CO detectors should be replaced every five years.

OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

Outdoor recreational fires are allowed, but restricted to areas no greater than three feet in diameter and two feet high. They must be placed no closer than 15 feet to a structure or combustible material(s), be constantly attended and you must have a way to put the fire out, such as a garden hose. Let your neighbors know that you are going to have an outdoor fire, to reduce calls to 911. If you have any questions, you can call the Golden Fire Department (GFD) at 303-384-8094.

GFD follows all county and statewide burning bans, which can limit the use of outdoor fireplaces. Open burning outside of recreational purposes is not allowed in the city limits of Golden, so a good way to get rid of tree branches and other natural material is to drop them off during Golden Pride Days, or use the county recycling site on Rooney Road.

911 Dispatchers in the Community

By Carrie Lorea
Golden Police/Fire/EMS Dispatcher

Last month, we introduced ourselves to you as the voices on the other side of those critical 911 calls. But Golden’s dispatchers service more than the phone lines, they service our community.

Golden has its own dispatch center, dedicated solely to the City of Golden which means our staff is extremely knowledgeable about municipal geography, events, ordinances, functions and services. We are also community oriented and enjoy being involved in various outreach services.

Two of our dispatchers are involved in a nationally recognized self-defense program for women called Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.). We offer R.A.D. classes approximately once a month for a $30 fee for female residents of Golden, ages 16 and up. If you, your friends or family members are interested in signing up for a R.A.D. class, please contact Dispatcher Shanyn Cascia at 303-384-8045 or at scascia@cityofgolden.net.

A few of our dispatchers are involved in 911 Public Education Outreach Programs. These include presentations for elementary through high school aged children, neighborhood watch programs, HOA meetings, elderly and business communities, Adult and Youth Citizen’s Academies and National Night Out. To schedule a 911 Public Education Presentation, please contact Dispatcher Carrie Lorea at 303-384-8045 or at clorea@cityofgolden.net.

Other dispatchers are involved in anything from SWAT dispatch to Critical Incident Dispatching Teams (CIDT). These dispatchers are extensively trained and specialize in handling high stress and technically difficult situations.

April 10 through 16 is National Public Safety Telecommunications week. Join me in taking a moment to thank the City of Golden’s hard-working, dedicated 911 Dispatch Team!

Fire Safety Reminders
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Through April 17**

**Colorado Watercolor Exhibition**
The Colorado Watercolor Society’s 20th annual state juried exhibition is on display at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. This prestigious showcase was open to all artists living in Colorado and encompasses about 80 paintings. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

**Through May 22**

**Buffalo Bill & Annie Oakley**
This comedy will tell a part of the story of William F. Cody, the legendary western figure who founded the world famous Wild West Show, and one of the most popular stars of that show, Annie Oakley. Plays Wednesday through Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons at Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. Ticket prices vary. For tickets and information call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

As of April 1

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

Through April 24

**Fiction**
A married couple, both writers, decide to read each other’s diaries and quickly find out that no life is an open book. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 6 p.m. For tickets and information call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

As of April 7

**How Buffalo Bill Impacted Golden**
Local author and history expert Steve Friesen will discuss the life of Buffalo Bill Cody at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7 at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St. Non-members - $3, Members - free. Tickets available at the door. For more information call Golden History Museums at 303-278-3557 or visit www.goldenhistorymuseums.org.

As of April 10

**Pi Mile Fun Run**
Join the Colorado School of Mines Math Club as it hosts its second annual Pi Mile Run. Race distance is 3.14159 miles. Runners and walkers of all ages welcome. Race begins at 10 a.m. at Brooks Field, 12th and Maple streets. For more information and to register, visit www.pi-mile.org.

As of April 15

**Tax Deadline**
Final day to submit your taxes for 2010.

As of April 16

**Children’s Choir of Golden Performance**
The 29-voice Children’s Choir of Golden will perform a Gregorian melody, and Old Gaelic melody, traditional Spirituals and other fun pieces. 7:30 p.m. at Applewood Valley United Methodist Church, 2035 Ellis. For more information contact Judy at 303-279-5177 or visit www.goldencommunitychoirs.org.

As of April 22

**Earth Day**

**Through April 30**

**Over Here: Quilts that Saw the U.S. through World War II**
Quilts collected by historian Sue Reich are on display at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information, call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

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**April 2**

**CSM E-Days**
Colorado School of Mines “Engineering Days” celebrations are free and open to the public.
- 10 a.m. – Cardboard Boat Race on Clear Creek
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Car Show at CTLM Lot, 18th and Arapahoe streets
- Noon to 3 p.m. – Carnival. Events include boxcar derby, burrow races, carnival and food on the North IM Field, Elm Street & West Campus Road
- 9 to 9:30 p.m. – Fireworks Show on the North IM Field

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**April 22**

**Earth Day**
April 23

**Bunny Express Train**
All aboard the Bunny Express at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance! 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., no reservations required. For more information and tickets call 303-279-4591 or visit www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.

**Easter Egg Hunt**
The Kiwanis Club/Downtown Merchants Easter Egg Hunt is for the children of Golden. A free event in Parfet Park, 10th St. and Washington Ave. It starts promptly at 10 a.m. so get there a little early to participate.

Above: The Easter Bunny greets a young visitor at the Colorado Railroad Museum.

Left: Hundreds of Golden's youngsters gather in Parfet Park to fill their Easter baskets with eggs.

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Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

**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.

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room,
City Hall, 911 10th St.
April 6, 2011..............  9 to 11 a.m.
June 1, 2011..............  9 to 11 a.m.
July 6, 2011 ..............  9 to 11 a.m.
September 7, 2011 ..  9 to 11 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 Workshops**
The City of Golden is hosting FREE Building Use Tax Workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors. 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 4, 2011..............  9 to 11 a.m.
August 3, 2011........... 9 to 11 a.m.

Classes are free, but space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make the Difference” awards which are handed out at quarterly employee meetings. Four employees were recently honored with the award.

Brandon Vail, Aquatics Coordinator & Becky Richmond, Guest Services Supervisor

After a recent car theft at the Golden Community Center, the entire GCC community including staff and patrons, felt victimized. Becky put staff on alert for two suspicious individuals who were seen on surveillance tape. Three days later, working only from grainy surveillance photos, Brandon spotted these individuals back at the Center and sprung into action. He called 911 Dispatch and stayed on the phone with them to provide details as Becky discretely followed their movements in and around the building. Golden Police arrested the suspects and the stolen vehicle was found. Brandon and Becky were an integral part of catching the alleged thieves and helping the Golden community feel safer knowing the suspects were behind bars.

Steve Kurtz & Dave Ackley, Streets Supervisors

On a below-zero New Year’s Eve, an elderly resident’s heating pipes froze because the pipes had been exposed due to some foundation repair work. After finishing up a 12-hour shift of snow plowing, Steve and Dave were asked to locate concrete blankets that would cover the exposed foundation and protect the pipes. Without hesitation, Steve and Dave loaded up a truck with the blankets and went to the home to cover the foundation. It took several hours on top of an already long holiday day. By going above and beyond their required duties, they showed dedication to their job and a high level of commitment to the citizens of Golden.

Employees Making the Difference

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Garden-in-a-Box

Gardens available:

- **Cool Connections** - Shades of violet-blues and rich pinks that will be enjoyed from mid-spring through fall. This beautifully combines grasses and ground covers with showy, prolific bloomers inviting hummingbirds and butterflies.

- **Sunset Garden** - Golden sunbursts emanate from this garden throughout the year. The floral display will dazzle from spring through fall. Yellows are punctuated with cheerful oranges and contrasted by shades of purple, blue and lavender.

Gardens must be pre-ordered. Please visit www.ConservationCenter.org to view the three gardens available this year and to place your order.
CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WEEK
Have you ever wondered where your recyclables go? Take a tour of one of Denver’s material recovery facilities (MRF) on Wednesday, April 20 to see the sorting process in action and learn where your household recyclable materials travel to be processed. For more information, visit www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability or call 303-384-8117.

EARTH DAY ART SHOW
The City’s Environmental Services Division, in partnership with the Jefferson County Public Library, presents the annual April art show in celebration of Earth Day. The artwork on display is created by first through sixth grade students from Mitchell and Shelton elementary schools. The work is inspired by nature, uses recycled materials or otherwise represents an environmental theme. Please visit the Golden Library Children’s Room and the Golden Community Center Front Porch (upstairs) to view artwork through the month of April.

FREE WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE SEMINAR
The City of Golden is partnering with the Center for ReSource Conservation to provide a free seminar as part of their Water-wise Landscape Seminar Series. You will learn how to transform non-functional areas of your landscapes into stunning areas that you can enjoy. You’ll also learn valuable tools for the do-it-yourselfer on how to renovate your landscape within your budget.

The seminar is FREE and open to anyone. It is from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, at the Golden Community Center, Bear Creek Room, 1470 10th St. For more information and to register visit www.ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x217.

2011 Sustainability Awards To Be Announced
On Thursday, April 28, City Council will present awards to Golden individuals and organizations that embody the principles of the City’s social, economic, and environmental goals. Council will recognize students, individuals, businesses and community groups who have demonstrated a commitment to sustainability through their lifestyle, work operations, or through an effective community program. Previous winners include the Golden Community Garden, Woody’s Wood-Fired Pizza, and a downtown glass recycling program.

Is a CSA for You?
Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA), allows residents to have direct access to high quality, fresh produce grown locally by regional farmers. Residents may purchase a crop-share from any number of farms in Colorado and receive produce straight from the farm each week throughout summer and fall. Most have weekly deliveries to a central location in or around Golden for easy pickup. CSAs help support local farming and reduce pollution through fewer vehicle miles traveled. Check out a number of local CSAs online as well as the weekly Farmer’s Market downtown on Saturdays starting June 5th.

Did You Know?
Kentucky Bluegrass uses 18 gallons of water per square foot each year. Tall fescue and wheatgrasses use 10 and 7 gallons of water per square foot each year, respectively.
Celebrate Health!
**Friday, April 1 and May 6**
We'll have free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies.
Chair massages...............$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions.......$13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce ......$15 per 15 minutes
Call 303-384-8130 to make your appointment.

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net (Active Older Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Nutrition For Older Adults With Chalyce
Join our good friend and Registered Medical Assistant, Chalyce Macoskey as she helps you navigate the nutritional guidelines to help you live healthier, happier and with more flavor! We’ll have new recipes for everyone to collect including some free samples for all to try. Sign up in the Front Porch for this FREE event.
#27003-01
**Thursday, April 21**
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Golden Cycling Seniors
Bicycle enthusiasts, please! This group of dedicated bicyclists travel an average of 25 miles each trip! Most rides are on paved bike paths in the Denver metro area; rides are one or two times per week throughout the summer and fall. Call Don McCullogh at 303-421-4879 to put your name on the mailing list for a schedule.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS
**Sunset Stroll at the Butterfly Pavilion - #25001-01**
Participants will enjoy a guided walk through the conservatory at dusk and have the opportunity to observe butterfly behavior not normally seen during regular operating hours.
**Wednesday, April 13 – Register/Cancel by April 11**
4:45 to 8:30 p.m.
$20 (van, admission included; bring money for dinner)
Exertion Level: 3

**Colorado History Lecture - #25002-01**
Representation and Rebellion: The Rockefeller Plan at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, 1914-1942. Dr. Jonathan Rees of Colorado State University at Pueblo explains both the successes and failures of this attempt to create industrial democracy over the course of its history between the two world wars.
**Tuesday, April 19 – Register/Cancel by April 14**
11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
$10 (van only; bring $8.50 for admission and money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 1

**Golden Pacers Hiking Trip - #15220-3**
Nature lovers and groups enjoy environmental diversity on several hiking trails at Castlewood Canyon State Park. All hikers should be sure to have appropriate clothing as the weather is unpredictable.
**Tuesday, April 26 – Register/Cancel by April 25**
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$9 (van provided; bring a sack lunch, plenty of water plus money for refreshment stops)
Exertion Level: 5
The most serious flooding in Golden resulted from short but extreme rains, called cloudbursts, which occur from May through September.

Floods are dangerous. Even though they appear to move slowly, floodwaters only six inches deep moving at three feet per second can knock a person off their feet. For example, a 100-year flood on Clear Creek at Ford Street can flow as fast as 11 feet per second. Several severe floods have been recorded in Golden since 1864, most recently on June 27, 2004.

Your property may not have flooded in the past but the next flood could be worse, as not all storms are the same. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. If your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area, there is a 26 percent chance that you will experience flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage.

Homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Golden participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy at a 5 percent discount. This insurance is backed by the Federal Government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded no matter where they are located. Remember that there is a 30-day waiting period before the flood policy becomes effective.

Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Golden Public Library, 1019 10th St. You can also visit the City Engineering or Building Divisions at 1445 10th St., to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. If so, they can give you more information, such as flood zone, depth of flooding, etc. The Engineering Division will review flood information on file and produce a FREE written Floodplain Determination for your property upon request.

For more information, call 303-384-8115 or visit www.cityofgolden.net/flooding. Information is also available at www.floodsmart.gov or www.fema.gov.

Did you know that you are responsible for repairs to your water and wastewater service lines? In Golden, the city is responsible for maintenance and repair of water and sewer mains throughout the city. Property owners are responsible for service lines leading to, and inside, homes or businesses. This includes all pipe, fittings and valves, but does not include the water meter which is maintained by the city.

If you are concerned about the possibility of having to repair or replace your service line, which can run into the thousands of dollars, insurance coverage may be available as an additional rider on your homeowner’s insurance policy. There are also companies that specialize in utility line service plans or warranty programs.

Before you commit to the fees associated with such coverage, please keep in mind that you may never need to replace or repair your service line. If you live in an older neighborhood, you may be able to gauge your risk by talking to neighbors to see if they ever had to make repairs. Or, you can pay to get a video of your sewer service line (but not your water service line) to evaluate its condition. Also keep in mind that the coverage you purchase may have exclusions based on pre-existing conditions, caps on coverage or limit your choice of contractor to complete repairs. Do your homework before deciding to purchase insurance or warranty coverage.
For more information and to register for Golden Community Center Programs, visit us online at rec.cityofgolden.net

Early Bird Pricing at the Splash
Buy your Splash Season Pass at the Golden Community Center by May 1 and receive a 10 percent discount!

Golden Sun Preschool Camp
Come join us for weekly summer camp fun! Your child will enjoy a variety of activities, including arts/crafts, circle time, stories, interactive play and outdoor play. Each week will be a different theme your child is sure to enjoy. Snacks are provided. Registration is open first come, first served, and continues until the program is completely full. This activity is not available for online registration. Registration Form and Emergency Forms are available on-line at www.cityofgolden.net/preschool. Turn in registration form, full payment, immunization record and Emergency Packet in order to be processed. Please note: the Health Statement page within the Emergency Packet must be signed by the child’s pediatrician. Registrations will not be processed without all of the appropriate forms. The lottery is Monday, April 25. Call Tracy at 303-384-8124 after deadline to check availability.

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Up! With Rockets & Hot Air Balloons
Kids research, design, build, paint and take home their own Rockets. The rockets are safe, water-propelled and shoot 300 to 500 feet in the air!

Age: 6 to 8 years
Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Age: 9 to 14 years
Thursdays, 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.
April 7 - 28
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Digital Moviemaking & Storytelling
Preschoolers will sing songs, tell stories and learn how to use digital cameras as they create a masterpiece.

Age: 3 to 5 years
Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
April 7 - 28
$45 Resident, $50 Non-resident

Virtual Amusement Park
Participate in building miniature amusement park games and rides using LEGO® and k’Nex®.
Age: 4 to 6 years
Thursdays, 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.
April 7 - 28
$45 Resident, $50 Non-resident

Advanced Care CPR and First Aid
Certification issued and fulfills all State, OSHA and Social Service requirements. No refunds for no shows.
Age: 14 years and older
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
April 9
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

My First Art Class
This special series of “My Firsts” includes collage, 3D art, hand printing, beginning paper cutting and musical art.
Age: 1½ to 3 years
Tuesday, 9:30 to10:15 a.m.
April 5 - 26
$55 Resident, $60 Non-resident

Abrakadoodle Art for Mini Doodlers
Activities are designed to provide opportunities to help prepare children for school, explore new materials, learn about artists and art techniques and nurture creativity.
Age: 3½ to 6 years
Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
April 5 - 26
$55 Resident, $60 Non-resident
Nestled next to the foothills of the Rocky Mountain Front Range, Fossil Trace Golf Club is one of Colorado’s premier public golf courses.

Fossil Trace opened in July of 2003, 64 million years after the first dinosaurs walked on the land where holes 11 through 15 now rest. The fossils of prehistoric creatures, including Triceratops footprints, can be seen near the 12th green. Located just inside the clubhouse is an exhibit that details the rich history of the property and shares information about the dinosaur tracks and other impressive fossils unrecovered on the golf course.

Designed by Jim Engh; 2003 Golf Digest Architect of the Year, Fossil Trace offers players a unique and rewarding experience. Every level of player will find each hole a challenge; from the simplicity of a 100-yard par 3 to the cruelty of the 659-yard par 5.

Both Golf Digest and Golf Magazine voted Fossil Trace as one of the Top 10 New Golf Courses to Play in the Country in 2003. Westword Newsweekly named Fossil Trace the Best Golf Course in Denver in 2008. Ask anyone who has experienced the course and you’ll see why it is the buzz of the Denver area, beginning with a bang on the first hole; voted best starting hole in Colorado four of the last five years. Most recently Fossil Trace Golf Club has been awarded Golf Digest Magazine 4½ Stars Best Places to Play and Best Golf Course in Denver by ESPN.com.

If you haven’t visited Fossil Trace, now is the time. For more information and to book a tee time, visit www.fossiltrace.com.

The Golden Parks and Recreation Department is offering new and exciting summer opportunities for teens ages 13 to 15 years! Adventure Fridays will include paint ball, horseback riding, X-Treme Challenge, Dave & Busters, Water World, Family Sports Center’s new Exergames, Elitches, Pirates Cove and White Water Rafting. The registration fee is $20 for residents and $25 for non-residents and covers transportation and supervision. Teens are responsible for bringing cash to pay for the field trip activity. All registrants should bring a cold lunch and drink. Look for more details in the Summer Recreate Brochure.

The Emergency Packet and waivers are available online at www.cityofgolden.net/teencamp. Packets must be turned in to Tracy Hagelund immediately after registration via fax at 303-384-8104, emailed to thagelund@cityofgolden.net or dropped off at the Golden Community Center.
The sales tax refund is limited to senior, low-income or disabled individuals who have lived within the city limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2010 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return.

The refund amount for 2010 is $50. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden.

Please check one box only:

- **Senior Refund** (must be 65 years or older)
- **Low Income Refund**
  
  **Proof required.** Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
  
  - State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
  - Proof of Medicaid benefits
  - Proof of LEAP eligibility
  - Proof of eligibility for food stamps

- **Disabled Refund**
  
  **Proof required.** Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
  
  - State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
  - Proof of full benefits from Social Security Disability Income, SSI or the Department of Human Services
  - Proof of total disability from a public or private insurance plan

Please print or type:

Name: Mr(s).  
Age:         Date of Birth: 

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Address: Golden, CO  ZIP: 
Phone: 

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2010? _____ months
Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person’s income tax form? yes  no 

Signature:  Signature: 

**This form must be submitted by no later than April 15, 2011.**

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

- Golden Volunteer Fire Department
- Golden Cemetery
- Golden Senior Front Porch
- Other City program or department (please identify):

**Office Use Only:**
Account #013031-6190  STR  Vendor # Received Payable
New Stop Light Designed to Lower Number of Accidents

If you have been through the intersection at 19th Street and Hwy 6, you probably noticed a strange new turn signal with a fourth arrow hanging from the wires. The new light has a fourth, flashing yellow arrow with the purpose of reminding drivers to yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. The flashing yellow arrow appears immediately following the green turn arrow. The light then cycles to solid yellow, indicating the light will soon turn red.

The intersection at Hwy 6 and 19th Street has an unfortunate and frustrating history of frequent traffic accidents, often caused by drivers attempting to hurry through the light when making a left hand turn that do not yield to traffic traveling the other direction. The light was placed in part due to the frequent accidents and the number of complaints received by the Golden Police Department.

The Colorado Department of Transportation and several other jurisdictions are the first to install these new flashing yellow turn signal lights. Although it is still too early to tell, the police department is hoping the new light system will help dramatically reduce the number of left turn accidents in the intersection.

WHAT DO THE LIGHTS MEAN?

• Red – Drivers turning left must stop and wait
• Steady yellow arrow – The left-turn signal is about to turn red. Do not enter the intersection if you can stop safely. Vehicles already in the intersection should complete their turn when safe to do so.
• Flashing yellow arrow – Oncoming traffic has a green light but drivers are permitted to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic, bicycles and pedestrians.
• Steady green arrow – Drivers making a left-hand turn have the right-of-way.

The History Behind the Legend of Buffalo Bill

Join local author and history expert Steve Friesen as he discusses the life of Buffalo Bill Cody at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7 at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St. Friesen’s talk will address how Buffalo Bill influenced Golden, and will be of particular interest to enthusiasts of local history.

Friesen, director of the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave, is the author of “Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary.” Midwest Book Review characterized the book as "a captivating, reader-friendly biography of William F. 'Buffalo Bill' Cody." The title was published by Fulcrum Press in 2010. Raised in Kansas like Buffalo Bill, Friesen has a master’s degree in American folk culture. His decades of museum experience have contributed to his success as an author. His abiding historical interest is in the American frontier, beginning with colonization of the eastern seaboard and continuing through Buffalo Bill's period.

Members can attend free. Tickets are $3 for non-members. For more information call Golden History Museums at 303-278-3557 or visit goldenhistorymuseums.org.
When you live in Golden, there's two hours of fun, two minutes from home. So we suggest getting away by staying right here. Get a double scoop of ice cream and meander down Washington Avenue. Stroll through our amazing art galleries or museums. Shop in one of our unique stores. You'll be surprised at all there is to do right here under your nose. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.