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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

BIGGEST POTHOLE WINS!
The City of Golden Streets Division is running its 23rd annual Pothole Hotline Contest. Each week, the caller who reports the largest pothole within Golden city limits, will win a prize from one of our local merchants.

This is a fun way for you to help us help you. The City wants our streets to be healthy, so each pothole reported will be fixed as soon as the weather allows, which is typically within 48 hours.

To participate in the contest, you must be a Golden resident. Call 303-384-8151 with the location of the pothole, your name, phone number and address. You can also submit the information on our website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/yourgov.

The program began on March 26 and runs for five weeks. Good luck and may the largest pothole win!

COFFEE WITH A COUNCILOR
Sip your favorite morning beverage and chat with a City Council representative about Golden at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 14 at Read, Write and Brew, 720 Golden Ridge Rd., Unit D. The format is informal and determined by your questions and your priorities. Councilors will bring information about the South Neighborhoods Plan and upcoming decisions for City Council. All of your ideas and thoughts about Golden are welcome. For more information, contact Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

PRESERVING GOLDEN’S HISTORY
Three Historic Preservation Board regular member appointments and one alternate appointment are expiring this month. The Board works to protect the integrity of Golden’s historic places. To apply for an open position, you must be a resident of the City of Golden and fill out an application form available on the City’s website, www.cityofgolden.net, under Boards and Commissions, Historic Preservation Board, or by contacting the City Clerk’s Office at clerks@cityofgolden.net or calling 303-384-8014.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for the City Council study session on May 3. Appointments are for four years. Applications are due to the City Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on April 25. More information can be found on the website or by contacting the Planning and Development Department at 303-384-8097.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORHOODS
Don’t miss out on an opportunity to improve your neighborhood. The i-Golden Neighborhood Grant program is once again providing money for projects.

Small grants up to $500 are intended for block parties, neighborhood clean-up days and other small events and projects. These grants do no require a match but must benefit the neighborhood community. You may apply anytime during the year, until funds run out.

Matching grants up to $2,500 are for larger projects and a match by the neighborhood is required. These will be evaluated by staff with recommendations forwarded to the City Council for final approval. These projects should help build a more vibrant neighborhood and benefit the community. City Council will consider matching grants submitted by April 30, at the May 17 council meeting.

For detailed information go to the City’s website, www.cityofgolden.net, or contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.
In Golden's Vision 2030 process, residents said that they valued excellence at all educational levels, lifelong learning through our public library, and being a kid-supportive community. To champion these values, City Council is placing support of our community schools and library high on its workplan agenda. Even though city government does not have direct authority over either Jefferson County Public Schools or the Jefferson County Public Library, it is an essential partner in making these institutions work for all learners.

The long-term prospects of Golden are closely linked to the quality of our schools and library. These institutions can keep our community stable and shape our perception of the quality of life here. Good educational opportunities also mean business: innovative companies locate in areas with these advantages. In fact, a strong education system is one of the most effective strategies for promoting economic development.

The Jefferson County school system has much to be proud of. It is Colorado's largest school district and it has been preparing school children for a successful future for over sixty years. Similarly, the library has long dedicated itself to providing Jefferson County residents with resources for information, education, and recreation. But neither is specifically focused on the needs of Golden residents and their children. And they are both faced with funding challenges.

An increased emphasis on Golden's schools and library will further our community’s values and vision. City Council's intention, however, is not to supplement existing operational dollars. Rather, it intends to provide true support, with actions additive to their budgets. Possible examples include furnishing and maintaining school playground equipment, cooperating on grant applications, giving priority to events sponsored by school or library supporters, and celebrating positive performance by teachers and students. City Council may also evaluate school or library board proposals for funding or reorganization and take positions in favor of well-conceived plans. Additionally, the city can forge a closer working relationship with the businesses and faith and civic-based organizations already committed to assisting Golden's learning environment.

There is also guidance in the strategies of other communities. Nashville, TN holds an annual First Day Festival to celebrate the beginning of a new school year – with free educational activities, entertainment, and school supplies. Fort Lauderdale, FL appoints an Education Advisory Board that serves as a conduit between the community and the school system. Martinsville, VA, schedules a retreat to facilitate communication and teamwork between school board members and city councilors. San Antonio has put together a partnership with corporations, colleges and universities, and community organizations to provide scholarship money and support services.

Golden's engaged and committed residents will have their own ideas. Our shared vision is for a well-lighted pathway from preschool to kindergarten to college and beyond. Together, we create and maintain this vision for ourselves, our children, and generations to come.

By Mayor Marjorie Sloan

Making Education in Golden a Priority
Recent studies have shown that one out of every five families in America is struggling with hunger, often facing difficult decisions such as buying food or paying the electric bill. Due to a variety of circumstances, many families are not able to provide regular access to food for their children.

Childhood hunger is known as the silent epidemic, because many kids who are forced to skip meals suffer silently and are too embarrassed to ask for help. Hungry kids may not only suffer from poor health, they also can exhibit symptoms such as fatigue, irritability, headaches, and mood swings. The American Society of Pediatrics recently released a study stating that childhood hunger not only inhibits students ability to learn and grow, but has lifelong effects such as anxiety and depression.

Currently there are over 1,100 students in Golden who are enrolled in the free and/or reduced lunch program at their school. For many of these students, these lunches serve as their main source of nourishment throughout the week. Weekends are often a painful time with little or no nourishment available.

The Golden Backpack Program (GBP) helps these students by providing a backpack full of food to feed a child for the entire weekend.

Currently, the GBP provides assistance to over 600 students in eight local schools, including Mitchell, Shelton, Pleasant View, Welchester and Kyffin Elementaries, Connections Learning Center, Bell Middle School and Golden High School.

Peggy Halderman of the Golden Rotary Club started the program seven years ago. What started as a small program feeding 65 students has grown into a community effort involving a partnership with the Food Bank of the Rockies and the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center.

“Golden is a community that will not let our kids go hungry,” said Halderman. “The support of our city government, schools, faith-based groups, local business leaders, philanthropists and volunteers is what sustains this program.”

While the stories are often heartbreaking, response from the program has fueled the efforts of all those involved. “It helps because when we don't have much, my son feels really great when he brings home the food. He feels like he is helping out,” wrote one mother of a backpack recipient. “Thank you so much for your help. It means a great deal to us.”

The GBP is managing increasing numbers of students in need by recruiting new volunteers, marketing the program for greater visibility within the community, and providing education and partnership opportunities with others in order to provide additional resources to students in need such as a summer food program and dental care. The GBP is also looking for corporate sponsors and businesses that would like to get involved.

“We can provide a backpack full of food for less than $4,” Halderman said. “And students can know that they will not go hungry over the weekend.”

If you would like to make a donation, send it to the Golden Backpack Program, c/o Golden Rotary Foundation, PO Box 18024, Golden, CO 80402. For more information, contact Reagan at 720-255-5816 or email reagans@gmail.com.
Time to Clean Up

The City of Golden wants to make it easy for you to do all of your spring cleaning, by helping you clear out the junk you’ve collected in your basement, garage, back yard or around the house. Golden Community Pride Days will take place the first weekend in May. 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.

You can use the coupon on the next page for help with appliance recycling. The City is no longer providing a drop-off for hazardous materials. (If you have hazardous materials, you can use the Rooney Road Recycling Center for a small cost. The facility is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. To schedule an appointment or ask questions, call 303-316-6262 or visit www.roonevroadrecycling.org.

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/

Simply drop off these items from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and May 6 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

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

DO NOT BRING:

- Appliances
- Hazardous waste
- Household chemicals
- Paint
- Batteries
COMMUNITY PRIDE DAYS
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6

As part of the City of Golden's Community Pride Days event, Golden residents may use the following coupon, good for one free curbside appliance pick up from Complete Recycling. The City no longer offers free hazardous waste disposal. For more information call 303-384-8140.

Appliances and Items accepted include:

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

PICKUP MUST TAKE PLACE BY MAY 31, 2012

2012 City of Golden
FREE APPLIANCE PICKUP
Good for one FREE curbside appliance pickup and recycling.

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

The Golden Police Department is teaming up with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to be part of a massive state-wide pharmaceutical round-up. In Golden, you can drop off unwanted medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at Golden City Hall, 911 10th St.

This National Take-Back Initiative is to give residents an opportunity to get rid of prescription drugs that are unwanted or unused, and safely dispose of them. This collection is limited to controlled, non-controlled and over-the-counter substances. All pharmaceutical products, pill and liquid form, in original containers are also accepted. Chemo-therapy drugs or radioactive substances, sharps or syringes, mercury (thermometers), oxygen containers, pressurized canisters or illicit drugs will not be accepted.

If you bring prescription medications in their original containers, you are encouraged to remove any identifying information from the prescription label.

This is an opportunity for you to clear out those medicine cabinets and remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from your home. Over the past few years, more than 17.5 tons of medications were collected in Colorado.

For more information on the National Take-Back Initiative, call CO HELP 1-877-462-2911 or visit www.DEA.gov.
GARDENING SEASON KICK-OFF
GARDEN-IN-A-BOX

The City of Golden and the Center for ReSource Conservation are offering an easy, fun and affordable way to create beautiful, water-conserving gardens through the purchase of a Garden-in-a-Box kit. Gardens can be pre-purchased now through May. Order one of six available water-wise Garden-In-A-Box kits and receive a “plant-by-number” design, 25-50 xeric perennial plants and planting and care instructions, all below retail cost. Gardens fit into a 50-100 square foot area and feature full sun, shade, a parkway strip and delicious edible designs.

Also available this year are additional tools for saving water such as drip kits and control clocks. To view all garden selections and pre-purchase gardens visit GardenStore.ConservationCenter.org. Gardens will be available for pick-up Saturday May 12 at the Golden Community Garden, 1506 8th St. Check out the May Informer for additional event details to kick-off the gardening season.

Greener Golden Event

Join us on Saturday May 12 at the Golden Community Garden for the annual Greener Golden Event and take part in fun activities to kick-off the growing season:

- Pick up your pre-ordered Garden-in-a-Box.
- Have your questions answered by CSU Extension Master Gardeners.
- Learn about Community Supported Agriculture and how to receive fresh produce all season from Colorado growers.
- Tour the Community Garden and consider signing up for a plot.
- Meet members of our local garden clubs.
- Learn about backflow preventers and their proper maintenance.
- Take a tour of Golden’s Water Treatment Plant.
- Grab some free compost. (Please bring your own container; limited quantities.)
- And much more!

Spring Yard Waste Collection

The 2012 Spring Yard Waste Collection is scheduled for May 12, 19, and 26. 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 12 – Residents with Monday and Tuesday regular trash service days that are located north of Hwy 58.

May 19 – Residents with Monday and Tuesday regular trash service days that are located south of Hwy 58 and residents with Friday’s trash route.

May 26 – 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 pickup 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.** You can avoid extra trash expenses while keeping large amounts of yard waste from going into the landfill by subscribing to the EDS subscription Green Waste program. 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. Additional information and a map are available online at www.cityofgolden.net/live/additional-resources/trash-recycling. You can also contact EDS Waste Solutions at 303-278-8600 or cityofgolden@edswaste.com.

Earth Day Art Show

The City’s Environmental Services Division, in partnership with the Golden 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 Community Center Front Porch (upstairs) to view artwork through the month of April.

2012 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS TO BE ANNOUNCED

On Thursday, April 26, 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. Past years’ winners include the Golden Community Garden, Woody’s Wood-Fired Pizza, and a downtown glass recycling program.

DID YOU KNOW?

An American family of four uses up to 260 gallons of water in the home per day. Water efficient fixtures can cut water use by 30%.
Through April 28
Male Call: Quilts Made by Men
The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum’s biennial showcase of quilts made by men continues to be one of its most anticipated and popular exhibits. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information, call 303-277-0377 or www.rmqm.org.

April 1
April Fools’ Day

April 7
Easter Egg Hunt
The Kiwanis Club/Downtown Merchants Easter Egg Hunt is for the children of Golden. A free event in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. It starts promptly at 10 a.m. so get there a little early to participate.

Bunny Express Train
The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance on an 1880’s vintage passenger coach at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., no reservations required. For more information call 303-279-4591 or visit www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.

April 7 to July 30
Dale Chihuly Glass Exhibit
This exhibition, the first by Chihuly to be shown in the Denver Metro region, can be seen at the Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

April 12
Rotary Ethics in Business Awards Luncheon
7th annual Ethics in Business Awards luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 5 at the Denver West Marriott, 1717 Denver West Blvd. The luncheon costs $35 per person, and prepaid reservations are required; please note that seating is limited. Reservations can be made at www.GoldenRotaryEthics.org.

April 13 to May 20
The Two of Us
A delightfully touching compilation of four vignette comedies, exploring the complexities of love and marriage in the modern world. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and information call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

April 14
Golden Concert Choir Event
The choir explores the history of our country and our state through song in “America, Colorado, and the Settling Years.” 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Golden, 1500 Ford St. Ticket prices vary. For more information, call Judy Denison at 303-279-5177 or visit www.GoldenCommunityChoirs.org.

Coffee with a Councilor
Chat with a City Council representative about Golden. 9 a.m. at Read, Write and Brew, 720 Golden Ridge Rd., Unit D. For more information contact Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

April 15
Tax Deadline
Final day to submit your taxes for 2011.

April 16 to May 25
Boot Camp Challenge
Time to get your body beach-ready. This session-based group personal training program is for every fitness level. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information call Kim at 720-628-2901 or info@BCCDenver.com.

April 20
Arbor Day Celebration
The City of Golden will mark the 22nd consecutive Arbor Day observance in Golden with a tree
planting ceremony at Shelton Elementary School, 420 Crawford St. The Parks and Recreation Department’s Forestry division will plant a tree with help from students and faculty. For more information, contact City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141.

April 21
*Freshly Brewed History*
A new spin on the traditional Astor House tea, with delicious local coffees, gourmet breakfast pastries, and interesting conversation about Golden history. 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Astor House Museum, 822 12th St. $9 non-members/$7 members. For more information call 303-278-3557 or visit www.GoldenHistoryMuseums.org.

*JSO Recital Concert*
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra will hold its final concert in its inaugural Recital Series. 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Golden, 1500 Ford St. Tickets are $10 and available at the door. For information, call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

April 22
*Earth Day*

April 28
*Children’s Choir of Golden Spring Concert*
Come hear the outstanding children’s choir as they perform a variety of beautiful and fun songs. 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Golden, 1500 Ford St. Ticket prices vary. For more information, call Judy Tisch at 303-279-3124 or visit www.GoldenCommunityChoirs.org.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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**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 4, 2012: 9 to 10 a.m.
- June 6, 2012: 9 to 10 a.m.
- July 11, 2012: 9 to 10 a.m.

Although these classes are free, space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

**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 2, 2012: 9 to 10 a.m.

Classes are free, but space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.2HourVacation.com.
Arbor Day comes just once a year, but the City of Golden works to take the importance of trees in our community into account all year long. Trees provide many benefits to our environment, the most obvious of which is shade. Not so apparent but equally important are energy conservation, trapping air pollution particles, and root systems which prevent soil erosion.

Increasingly, people are also realizing the importance of trees in the effort to control stormwater runoff. As cities develop, there is more and more concrete, asphalt and rooftops covering the ground... and less natural ground to soak in stormwater runoff. This can lead to flooding and it can also cause stream pollution when rain comes into contact with pollutants such as oil, trash, pet waste and lawn fertilizer as it flows into Clear Creek.

Golden is working to increase our tree canopy, which is the layer of leaves, branches and stems of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above. Because tree canopies intercept rain and snow, they mitigate the effects of urban development and help prevent excessive and erosive runoff flows which could pollute our creek. To give you an idea of the impact of a tree canopy, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies found that large evergreen trees intercepted 36 percent of rainfall and kept it from hitting the ground.

Our city has begun to map and measure its public trees so we can find out if our tree planting is effective in producing a greater overall canopy. When large, old trees need to be removed, there must be many smaller, strong and healthy trees to take their place. That’s why the City will be planting a tree at Shelton Elementary on Arbor Day and, that’s why, for many years, we have encouraged residents to plant trees in our community. You can start helping our tree canopy by participating in the annual tree sale. Details are in the article below.

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he Golden Fire Department was recently awarded two different grants that will allow them to both purchase new gear and replace worn equipment that is a necessary part of their emergency response.

“We are grateful for these grants and to our Senators and Congressmen from Colorado for supporting the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program,” said Fire Chief John Bales. “Being able to upgrade our technology and provide for enhanced safety of our firefighters is critical to our operation and these grants go a long way toward achieving this goal.”

More than $57,000 was awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). These funds will be used to replace personal protective equipment for firefighters, including 18 sets of turnout gear. This gear consists of protective coat and pants for firefighting and other related emergency responses.

The department will also be able to replace two Thermal Imaging Cameras, which allow firefighters to detect heat and aid in the search for victims within structure fires and other types of emergencies.

The department also received an additional $28,000 from a State of Colorado Local Government Limited Gaming Impact grant. The funds from this grant will be used for technical rescue equipment and replacement of communication and radio equipment.

Soon winter’s frosty breath will give way to spring’s fragrant breezes, and the hearts of Golden residents will turn to enjoying recreational outdoor fires. The Golden Fire Department (GFD) receives many questions regarding the legality and safety of recreational fires within the city. Not all outdoor fires in the City of Golden are illegal, unless there is an explicit ban on all types of fires during periods of extreme fire danger. Outside of fire bans, the GFD relies on the 2009 International Fire Code (2009 IFC), adopted by the City of Golden, to define and regulate recreational fires.

The 2009 IFC defines four kinds of outdoor fires: open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces. Open burning is the burning of materials outside of an enclosed chamber and is used for vegetation or wildfire mitigation control. Bonfires are smaller and are used for ceremonial purposes only. Both open burning and bonfires require permits and approval from the Golden Fire Department and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment Air Pollution Program.

Recreational fires are three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height, and are used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. Recreational fires need to be 25 feet from a structure or combustible material such as wood fences, storage sheds or firewood piles. Portable outdoor fireplaces, chimineas or ground pits covered with mesh screen are allowed to have the 25 foot clearance reduced to 15 feet.

The 2009 IFC requires that all outdoor fires be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is extinguished. It also requires a minimum of one portable fire extinguisher or other fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck to be available for immediate use.

While recreational fires do not require a permit, these fires may be ordered to be discontinued by a GFD officer at their discretion if wind or weather conditions suggest that such burning is too dangerous, or if the atmospheric conditions make the smoke emissions objectionable or offensive to the neighborhood, or they are not in compliance with the fire code requirements.

The GFD recommends that those who want to have a recreation fire notify dispatch at 303-384-8045 to let us know your address and that you will be using a recreational fire. This can help limit our risks of sending fire apparatus to the area when smoke odor is reported by neighbors who are unaware of your recreational fire, especially in times of elevated fire danger when citizens rightfully become more cautious.

OUTDOOR FIRE REGULATIONS
2012 Claim Form for 2011 Sales Tax Refund

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 2011 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return.

The refund amount for 2011 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: ____________________
Name: Mr(s). ______________________________
Age: _______________ Date of Birth: ____________________

Address: ______________________________ Golden, CO ZIP: __________

Phone: ______________________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2011? ______ 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, 2012.

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 ________
Celebrate Health!

**Fridays, April 6 & May 4**
Celebrate Health! is held upstairs at the Front Porch of the Golden Community Center. For more information, please call 303-384-8130.

- **Chair massages**.................$13 for 15 minutes
- **Reflexology sessions**.........$13 for 15 minutes
- **Footcare with Chalyce**.....$20 per 15 minutes

**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/links/FrontPorch](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

**Senior Tap Beginners - #24875-01**
This class will go at a slower pace and is a great class for those that want to swing with the best of them. We are looking for at least three students to keep this class going each month. Fee is $35 per month (4 classes). Other adult dance classes also available. Tap shoes required. Need shoes, call Ms. Joy at 303-795-3183.

- **Tuesdays, 2:50-3:50 p.m.**

**Abrakadoodle Art Experience - #15125**
Each class includes background information on the artist who inspires the day’s lesson, art instruction in technique and style, and all the materials needed. Sign up at the Front Desk.

- **Wednesdays, noon to 2 p.m.**
- **(4) April 11 - O’Keefe & Watercolors**

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**UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS**

**Denver Art Museum- #25026-1**
[www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)
This temporary exhibition at DAM draws from the personal collection of former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, including more than 200 pins worn by Secretary Albright during her diplomatic tenure. We will stop for lunch.

- **Wednesday, April 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **$17 (van, admission; bring money for lunch)**
- **Exertion Level: 3**
- **Register/Cancel by April 13.**

**The Drowsy Chaperone - #25027-1**
[www.bouldersdinnertheatre.com](http://www.bouldersdinnertheatre.com)
Join us for this spectacular show at the Boulder Dinner Theater! It all begins when a die-hard musical-theater fan plays his favorite cast album on his turntable, and the musical literally bursts to life in his living room. Space is limited; sign up early!

- **Sunday, April 22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- **$53 (van, admission, show, lunch, and gratuity included)**
- **Exertion Level: 1**
- **Register/Cancel by April 9.**

**History Colorado Center - #25028-1**
[www.historycolorado.org](http://www.historycolorado.org)
This new museum and hub for civic engagement creates a rich experience for visitors through exhibits and programs that will blend technology, media, environments and artifacts. We will stop for lunch.

- **Monday May 7, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **$9 (van included; bring money for museum admission and lunch)**
- **Exertion Level: 3**
- **Register/Cancel by May 4.**
Golden Sun Preschool Camp
Camp kids will enjoy a variety of activities, including arts & crafts, circle time, stories, interactive play, and outdoor play. Each week will be a different, exciting theme and snacks are provided. Registration is open first come, first served and continues until the program is at capacity.

This activity is not available for online registration. Registration Form and Emergency Forms are available online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/preschool. To register, turn in the registration form, full payment, immunization record and emergency packet. 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 appropriate forms. The lottery is Monday, April 25. Call Tracy Hagelund, General Programs Supervisor, at 303-384-8124 to check availability.

Age: 3 - 5 years
Options:
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday only
- Tuesday, Thursday only
- Monday - Friday

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Tiny Tots in Action
Enjoy creative playtime with your toddler in this interactive class for parent and child. This class offers a fun, energetic playtime in the gym utilizing tunnels, mats, low-level balance beams, hoops, sports equipment and much more. Instructor will guide parent and child in this semi-structured playtime and allow a little free time at the end of each class to go wild! Parent or guardian must assist their child.

Age: 2 - 3 years

Fit Kids
Fit Kids will include tumbling, hoops, jumping, balancing, sports, parachute play and much more! Children will enjoy a little free time near the end of the class to spread their wings. If your child is shy or has difficulty following directions, a parent or guardian must stay and assist.

A VENUE WITH A VIEW
Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!

Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen.

Call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates.

Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.

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What says “Golden” to you? Is it Castle Rock or Mount Zion? Is it the “Howdy Folks” arch over Washington Avenue? What iconic parts of Golden will stand the test of time? Figure that out and you could have the perfect design for a new city flag!

The City of Golden and the Golden History Museums are teaming up to hold a Golden Flag Design Contest. This is your opportunity to create a lasting symbol for the city that captures the history, beauty and uniqueness of our community. The contest is open to everyone, from amateurs to professional graphic designers. Winners will be honored during the Buffalo Bill Days Parade and at a special ceremony before a City Council meeting, where the flag will be raised outside City Hall.

All submissions must be received by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 30. Official contest rules can be found at www.goldenhistorymuseums.org/flag.php or email Nathan Richie at nrichie@GoldenHistory.org.

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Age: 4 - 6 years
Thursdays, 5 - 5:45 p.m.
April 5 - 26
$35 Resident, $40 Non-resident

Mud Makers
Together, parents, tots and preschoolers will explore and experiment with shape, texture and tools as they create with clay. Finished projects will be glazed. All glazes are non-toxic and food safe. All materials will be provided. An adult must attend with child.

Age: 3 - 6 years
Tuesdays, 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.
April 3 - 24
Mondays, 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.
April 2 - 23
$40 Resident, $45 Non-resident

Clay Creations
This class will give the younger generation an opportunity to experience the tactile qualities of clay. Students will learn how to hand build with clay through pinch, coil and slab construction. The finished products will be fired in an electric kiln and students will decorate with glaze which is non-toxic and food safe. All materials will be provided. Parent may need to help the child depending on the child’s ability.

Age: 7 - 12 years
Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
April 5 - 26
$45 Resident, $50 Non-resident

Summer Adult Softball Leagues
The City of Golden offers a complete line-up of summer softball leagues for teams of all levels of play. Men’s, Women’s and Co-Recreational Leagues are available. For more information visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net or contact Beau Bressler, Athletics Coordinator, at 303-384-8194.

Summer Swimming Lessons
Registration begins May 7 for residents and May 8 for non-residents. Summer lessons are offered Monday through Thursday mornings and Monday and Wednesday evenings. For more information visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.
An 1800s American boarding house was a lively, people-filled place, with comings and goings each day. Golden’s Astor House, built only a block from downtown in 1867, was no different. It operated during the peak of boarding house popularity in the United States.

So what is a boarding house, exactly? It’s similar to a hotel, but instead of just staying for a night or two, residents typically stayed for extended periods of time, and part of the fee included two meals a day. The dining room was a community space where former strangers got to know each other and talk about the day’s events. A boarding house became a community gathering place that brought everyone together.

Boarding houses were often managed by landladies, like Ida Goetze who operated the Astor House from 1897 to 1915. At a time when Victorian values defined the home as a “sacred” place for a private family that was maintained by the wife and mother, some women opened their homes as boarding houses. Running such a business was a way to make money by using the skills they had been learning since they were young girls – managing a household, cooking and cleaning.

When Ida’s husband, Henry, died, her friends encouraged her to open a boarding house as a way to support herself and her two young boys. Ida was known for her wonderful cooking and many people referred to her as Mother Goetze. She prepared and served meals for up to 50 people each day, all while maintaining her bustling business and installing many “modern” conveniences like a new kitchen, a tin bathtub, indoor plumbing, electricity, and a telephone.

Today, of course, the Astor House is a museum, with each room furnished with chamber pots, beds, derby hats, and an assortment of other goodies from the early 1900s. Students, miners, legislators, and all manner of people lived, ate, and socialized within the stone walls during its heyday, and along with some imagination, the current décor shows the differences in room types.

For more information on life in boarding houses, read The Boardinghouse in Nineteenth-Century America by historian Wendy Gamber.

In an effort to bring back the social liveliness of the Astor House, Golden History Museums is offering a new program that encourages discussion with neighbors over coffee and delicious baked goods. The first speaker is from Agriburbia, a local business that advocates for private development and redevelopment which integrates aspects of Agrarianism (agriculture in the suburbs). They will discuss the New Urbanism movement and its impact on historic preservation, modernization, and sustainability in real estate development. This event is from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 21 at the Astor House Museum, 822 12th St. There will be plenty of time after the presentation to sit and enjoy some coffee with neighbors, and participate in a structured discussion on sustainability in Golden. The cost is $8 for non-members and $5 for GHM members. For more information call 303-278-3557 or visit www.GoldenHistory.org.
The Foothills Art Center (FAC) will be the “center” of attention in Golden this spring, with the opening of an amazing exhibit of glass sculptures by world renowned artist Dale Chihuly. The exhibit, Chihuly Venetians: From the George R. Stroemple Collection, will open on April 7 and runs through July 30. It is the first by Chihuly to be shown in the Denver metro region.

There will be 47 amazing glass sculptures, including a spectacular 1,500 piece, 5-part chandelier. “We are excited,” says FAC executive director Reilly Sanborn. “Not only by the art that will be on view, but also by the incredible amount of community involvement and support the exhibition has generated in Golden.”

Chihuly has been working with glass for more than 40 years. His sculptures and installations are described as “breath-taking.” Chihuly has an international reputation as the most important and well known glass artist in the world and this exhibition promises to attract visitors from across the region to Golden.

As a result, the Golden Hotel will be offering special packages for both in and out-of-town visitors to the exhibition. In addition, the Golden History Center is presenting a complimentary exhibition, Golden Glass: Colorado Glass Works and Early Coors Bottles, that will bring a local history perspective on the art of glass blowing. (www.GoldenHistory.org).

In FAC’s community gallery, there will be an exhibition of the work of Denver glass artist, Kit Karbler of Blake Street Glass. There will be a number of lectures, tours and other public programs in conjunction with the show. For more information, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.
2012 Summer Employment Opportunities

The City of Golden will soon be accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, the Splash Aquatic Park and Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Be sure to check out our website at http://sitetools.cityofgolden.net/employment.asp for job availability.

Opportunities include:

- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors
- Batting Cage Attendants
- Field Crew
- Day Camp Leaders
- Youth Program Leaders
- Parks
- Cemetery and Golf Maintenance
- Pro-Shop Guest Services at Fossil Trace
- Cashiers and Food & Beverage Workers at The Splash