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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

COLFAX URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
Following on recommendations of the South Neighborhoods Plan, the City and GURA have been discussing the implementation of an urban renewal project along West Colfax Avenue to assist in construction of sidewalk, trail and street improvements, and also to assist owners with redevelopment investments when warranted. Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the plan on April 2 and City Council will hold a hearing on April 24. Both meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 911 10th St. For more information, contact Steve Glueck at sglueck@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8095.

PUBLIC INPUT ON MARIJUANA
A task force is now in place to study all reasonable possibilities for retail marijuana cultivating, testing, manufacturing and sales, including the outright prohibition of any or all such uses within the City of Golden. The task force is holding a public input meeting to hear your thoughts on the issue at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1 in the City Council Chambers, 911 10th St.

The task force will meet several times in the next few months and is scheduled to make its report and recommendations at the City Council meeting on April 24.

iGOLDEN NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS
For the fourth year now, the City of Golden is offering iGolden Neighborhood Grants, which gives residents grant money to strengthen their neighborhoods. The $500 small grants are intended for neighborhood clean up days, beautification, block parties and other small projects that help to build community within the neighborhood.

Matching grants, up to $2,500 and requiring Council approval, are for larger projects and an equal match is required by the neighborhood. The match can be met with cash, pro bono and in-kind contributions along with sweat equity. Matching grants are for neighborhood improvement projects.

Last year the $20,000 designated by City Council for the grant program was completely spent before the summer was even over. Start thinking now how you might be able to use money from this popular program. Remember, only residents of the City of Golden are eligible. Golden businesses should be used for materials and professional services. For details contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.

ETHICS IN BUSINESS AWARDS LUNCHEON
The ninth annual Ethics in Business Awards luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, April 25 at the Denver West Marriott, 1717 Denver West Blvd. Winners of the awards, one for-profit organization, one not-for-profit, will be honored for leading the way in business ethics, integrity, and civic and social responsibility.

The keynote speaker at the luncheon is Colleen Abdoulah, CEO and Chairwoman of WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone. Colleen, the only female CEO to lead a top-ten cable operating company, is widely respected for her passionate focus on customer experience and company culture.

Tickets for the event are $35 each, and reservations are required by April 18. Reserve your seat at www.goldenrotaryethics.org. The Ethics in Business Awards program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Golden, in conjunction with the Golden and West Chambers of Commerce.

Below is Golden City Council’s monthly calendar. Meetings are held on Thursdays and begin at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

April 3
Study session

April 10
Regular business meeting

April 17
No meeting

April 24
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.
It is very rewarding to be a public servant and to contribute to the good of Golden. I have learned so much in the last four years and am grateful to have another term serving as Ward 1 councilor. The following are some questions that citizens have asked me about the job:

**How much time does it take?**

It varies from week to week. In the weeks when there are regular council business meetings (two per month), more time is required. Our meetings start at 6:30 p.m. although sometimes, executive sessions or receptions are scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Meetings typically last until at least 10 p.m.; the longest meeting I’ve attended lasted until 12:45 a.m. If we have numerous public hearings on issues or something controversial, the meetings are longer. Sometimes study sessions are added to our meeting schedule on Thursdays when we don’t have a regular meeting. It probably takes at least an hour to prepare for every hour of the meeting. Attending council meetings is a relatively small part of the job. In addition, each councilor serves as liaison to other governmental entities and organizations. Currently, I represent council at South Golden Merchants meetings (once a month) and the Colorado Municipal League Policy Making Committee meetings (quarterly).

We also participate in a myriad of events in the life of the community ranging from Buffalo Bill Days to business ribbon cuttings, awards ceremonies, school events, museum receptions, various fundraisers, Leadership Golden, etc. In addition, substantial time is spent responding to emails and phone calls. My estimate is that I spend from 10 to 25 hours per week on Council matters. The City invests in us for education and training in being better elected officials. It pays for us to attend one in-state conference and one out-of-state. The interaction with other elected officials has been invaluable, not only for fresh ideas, but also for leadership training skills. We receive a monthly stipend that partially compensates us for the time we spend working on behalf of the city.

**What has been the most surprising thing about the job?**

It’s hard to go anywhere without seeing someone we know. Being visible and accessible is an important part of being a city councilor. I think twice before running to the grocery store in sweats and no make-up because I will be sure to see everyone I know! With few exceptions, people are very respectful and appreciative. We have wonderful citizens in Golden who volunteer, share their expertise and suggest improvements. I want people to bring problems to my attention; if I don’t know about it, I can’t fix it. We really listen to our citizens and frequently change our plans because of their feedback.

**What do you like most about the job?**

It is so interesting learning about how the City works. Our city staff takes great pride in their work, and I have had the opportunity to ride along with a snowplow driver, code enforcement officer, police and firefighters. Our public safety officers literally save lives throughout the year and their stories are very inspiring.

**What advice would you give?**

Be yourself, listen, cultivate humility, be patient. A sense of humor never hurts. Take the time to sit down and talk with someone; the personal touch still makes a difference. Remember to look at the big picture and think about the future. Be open to the possibilities.

I would encourage anyone who is interested to get involved – apply for a board or commission, help with events, even run for city council. You’ll be glad you did!

Marcia Claxton

Ward 1 Councilor
It’s time to do some heavy duty spring cleaning, so you can take advantage of this year’s Golden Community Pride Days. This is the annual service provided by the City as a courtesy to residents to help keep their homes, both inside and out, looking beautiful.

Community Pride Days are for residents living within the city limits only. Proof of residency (a current driver’s license or most recent Golden water bill) is required in order to participate in this event. Remember that many Golden mailing addresses are not within the city limits. To determine if you are within city limits, use the Jefferson County Address Wizard at www.co.jefferson.co.us/awiz/.

**ACCEPTED ITEMS:**
- Household trash
- Electronic waste
- Unlimited paper shredding
- Metal recycling
- Tires & tree brush

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:**
- Propane tanks
- Batteries
- Pharmaceuticals
- Hazardous Waste

**LARGE APPLIANCES**
For a limited time, the City of Golden will also provide a service to help you get rid of larger appliances. Curbside appliance recycling will be available for one week: Monday through Friday, May 5 to 9. To arrange for a pickup, contact Paul Burkholder at pburkholder@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8142. You will need to provide the following information: Name, address, phone number, item to be picked up and date item(s) will be left at curbside.

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**Golden Community Pride Days**

Saturday and Sunday, May 3 - 4 • 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. • 1300 Catamount Drive

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**Green Waste & Spring Yard Waste Schedules**

The 2014 Green Waste Program for Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) customers will start up for the 2014 summer season on April 1 and will continue through Nov. 30. This service provides curbside yard waste collection every other week. To enroll in the Green Waste Program, call Waste Management at 303-797-1600.

Utilize the Waste Management 96-gallon container for pick up and make sure the lid can be closed.

**Green Waste accepted for recycling:**
- grass clippings
- pine needles
- leaves
- weeds
- branches that are no taller than the top of the container and no larger than 3 inches in diameter
- untreated and unpainted lumber, sawdust, ground or chipped wood

**Waste NOT accepted:**
- No food waste (including fruits and vegetables)
- No plastics or plastic bags

The regular 2014 Spring Yard Waste Collection is approaching, and residences covered by the PAYT program are divided into three areas for collection on separate Saturdays.

For those who get trash service on Tuesdays South of Hwy 58 and ALL of Friday's routes, your pickup date is April 26.

All of Wednesday and Thursday routes will have a pickup day of May 10.

All of Monday's route and Tuesday's route north of Hwy 58, the pickup day is May 17.

Yard waste follows the same guidelines as Green Waste (listed to the left). In addition, branches may be bundled with string, yarn or rope. Do not use wire for bundling. Bundles should be four feet in length and no more than two feet in diameter. Yard waste will be limited to three cubic yards per resident (an area that is approximately 4ft. x 4ft. x 4ft). Material that is not bundled, not in reusable containers or in non-compostable plastic bags will not be picked up.

To find out the specific date for your location, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash.

- No dirt
- No cactus
- No tree stumps
- No branches greater than 3” in diameter
- No street sweepings
- No ashes

- No animal waste
- No treated lumber
- No logs or large tree limbs
- No old garden hoses
- No broken flower pots
The Golden Backpack Program needs volunteers to help feed hungry kids in Golden. Each week, food must be picked up, assembled into bags and delivered to schools. Volunteers are a critical part of this process.

Started in 2008, the Golden Backpack Program provides food assistance to nearly 600 students every week in eight local schools. The program was started by the Rotary Club of Golden and has grown into a community effort to provide proper weekend nutrition to students on free and reduced lunch programs in our area schools. The program has also expanded to include a mobile food pantry that operates during the summer months.

Opportunities to volunteer are available during both the day and evening, and for individuals or families. If you are able to donate some time, please visit www.goldenbackpack.org/volunteer. You can also contact Judy Maxwell at judy.maxwell23@gmail.com for more information.

eComment: A Citizen Tool

eComment is a tool attached to the City Council Agenda which allows comments on an agenda item. When council is reviewing the agenda and materials prior to and during each meeting, the eComments associated with the agenda item are attached. You are encouraged to use this tool to voice your opinion to our council.

When you go online to the Council Agenda for an upcoming meeting, you will see the eComment button next to the agenda. Click on it and enter your contact information for the record. If you do not want your contact information to be included, leave desired fields blank. Your comment will become part of the public record. To find the agenda meetings online, go to www.cityofgolden.net/links/agendas.

Now select the item that you would like to comment on, by selecting the Comment button to the right of the desired item. You are ready to leave your comment. Comments are limited to 4,000 characters, which is about equal to a full page of text. Don’t forget to check the position button to indicate if your comments are in support, opposition, or neutral on the item. Then enter the words shown in the box to prove that you are human, and not a spam message. Congratulations! You have completed an eComment that will be forwarded to the Golden City Council and become a part of the official meeting record.

eComment:
- Helps focus citizen comments to items currently on the agenda
- Provides a convenient means for citizen input for those who find it difficult to attend meetings
- Encourages more informed comments by providing a one-stop shop for viewing background information on agenda items such as staff reports and maps or photographs
- Is a convenient online system for citizens to reach all seven Council members simultaneously
- Provides a method for increased civic engagement in the democratic process through electronic media
- Allows electronic citizen comments to be part of the public record in accordance with Colorado open government laws
- Enables the City Clerk’s Office to track, maintain and archive electronic comments
- Provides the City Council with an easy-to-read, organized report of public e-Comments prior to each meeting

For more information contact City Clerk Susan Brooks, sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.
Preparing for Natural Disasters

WILDFIRES

The City of Golden is surrounded by large areas of grass and brush that provide prime fuel for wildfires. We also live in an arid environment that keeps these fuels dry and highly combustible. Because of the potential for wildfires, Golden instituted a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The complete CWPP can be downloaded from the City of Golden website.

The success of protecting our community from wildfire rests in the efforts of the home and property owners of Golden. Wildfire mitigation begins in your backyard. On Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4, the city makes it easy for you to get rid of your yard waste/fire fuel and keep our city beautiful (see p. 5 for details). Because Golden Community Pride Days come at the beginning of May, now is the time to clean up your yards.

Gone are the days where you can pile up yard waste and burn it. The 2012 International Fire Code, adopted by the city, gives us the tools to mandate the removal of weeds, grass, vines or other growth that is deemed “capable of being ignited and endangering property.” The fire code also prohibits the burning of rubbish or vegetation as a fuel for recreational fires or permitted bonfires.

Yard waste that you clean up in April can be thrown away in May at Community Pride Days, and may protect your home from wildfire in the hot, dry days of summer. Don’t miss this opportunity to keep Golden beautiful and better protected from wildfires.

FLOODS

After seeing the severe floods throughout Colorado last September, it became clear that no area is truly safe from severe weather and water damage. Although Golden saw relatively minor flood damage in that storm, our city has a history of severe floods dating back to 1864.

Several severe floods have been recorded in Golden since 1864, the most recent of which occurred on June 27, 2004. The most serious flooding in Golden has resulted from cloudbursts occurring 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 reference, a 100-year flood on Clear Creek at Ford Street can flow as fast as 11 feet per second.

Your property may not have flooded in the past but 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 15 percent discount. This insurance is backed by the Federal Government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded, and 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. 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, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/FloodPlainInfo or call 303-384-8115. Information is also available at www.floodsmart.gov or www.fema.gov.
Perry Longo’s heart stopped while he was playing in the Men’s 50+ basketball league in January at Tony Grampsas Park in Golden. He was not breathing, unconscious, and did not have a heartbeat. Perry was dead. “As soon as I saw him go down I immediately took off running for the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator),” said Golden Recreation Athletic Coordinator Beau Bressler. “That’s what we’re trained to do in our rec centers.”

While Bressler went to grab the AED, two of the other players began performing CPR on Perry. By the time Bressler returned, the two men were working on him and then the AED was applied and took care of the rest. “Compressions, early use of the AED, and then for EMS to arrive and perform the next phase of that,” said Fairmount Fire Chief Alan Fletcher. “All of those things happened, all at the right time for a very successful outcome.”

After a series of surgeries, Perry Longo walked out of the hospital about a week later and was on hand to help the Fairmount Fire Department, Golden’s Parks and Recreation Department, Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan and many others, honor the men who acted quickly to save his life. “When someone gives you back life, thank you is just not enough,” said Longo. “My family will thank you and have thoughts of you all for the rest of our lives. I just appreciate getting me on that avenue as opposed to the alternative that night. I'll spend the rest of my life making sure that my journey enhances what you guys have done for me.”

Although saving a life is nothing short of remarkable, the skills used in this case are things we should all know. “If you know nothing else about CPR, know this: do compressions hard and fast,” said Lt. Joe Hemelt, EMS Coordinator for Fairmount Fire. “So the placement for your hands is the center of the chest, one hand on top of the other, you want your arms out, not locked but slightly bent, and when you do compressions, bend from the abdomen and do the compressions very hard and fast.”

AEDs can be identified by the heart on the cover of the box, and are located in all City of Golden athletic facilities as well as many other buildings. It’s easy to use. You just turn on the AED and follow the prompts. It will tell you exactly what to do, step by step.

Even with aid, only about three percent of people who suffer this kind of heart attack will survive. But Perry Longo is proof that it’s worth knowing what to do and trying to help every single time.

**Golden Urban Renewal Gets National Award**

If you think Downtown Golden has made an amazing transformation over the years, you are not alone. The American Planning Association (APA) has awarded the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) with its award for National Achievement for the downtown renewal project.

Achievement award recipients are chosen from a pool of nationwide applicants for good planning practices based on the positive, measurable, and long-term effects of a plan and its execution in a community. GURA will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Atlanta at the end of April.

This is the latest in a long list of awards given to GURA for Golden renewal projects. It has also received the Golden Chamber of Commerce Civic and Chairman’s Awards; the Downtown Colorado, Inc. Governor’s Award for the construction of Gateway Station; and the Urban Land Institute Colorado 2013 Impact Award for Influence, just to name a few.

For a complete list of recipients of the APA National 2014 Achievement Awards, visit: [www.planning.org/awards/2014/achievement.htm](http://www.planning.org/awards/2014/achievement.htm).
While there is a lot of snow still to come to Colorado, we are heading toward spring. In Golden, that means more bicyclists will be hitting the roads to enjoy our beautiful weather. Just the thought of that can make some drivers and bicyclists anxious and angry.

But sharing the road does not have to cause such anxiety and conflict. In 2010, Golden adopted a complete streets policy, so many of our recent and future road reconstruction projects include bike lanes to prevent further bike/car conflicts. However, there are still many roads in the area where sharing is necessary. By understanding the laws and following simple rules, bicycles and vehicles can coexist quite peaceably.

THE LAW

In Colorado, bicyclists and motorists have the same rights and responsibilities when using the road. In ideal conditions, bicyclists generally ride to the right of the traffic lane, but there are times when it is absolutely legal for the bicyclist to not be on the right shoulder, or even for them to be in a completely different lane. These situations can include:

- Preparing for a left turn at an intersection or private drive
- Overtaking a slower biker
- Taking reasonably necessary precautions to avoid hazards or conditions

A bicyclist is not expected to ride over or through hazards at the edge of the roadway or ride without a reasonable margin any more than a motorist is. In such cases, the bicyclist may use the whole vehicle lane.

Colorado law requires that the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicyclist allow a three-foot separation between the right side of the driver’s vehicle, including all mirrors or other projections, and the left side of the bicyclist at all times.

With education, patience and understanding, sharing the road creates a safe environment for bicyclists and motorists to enjoy all of the activities that make Golden great!

REDUCING THE ANXIETY

Communication and predictability are key components of reducing “share the road” anxiety.

Motorists
- Signal your turns and lane changes – This allows bicyclists to adjust speed and anticipate your actions.
- Watch for bicyclists – Double check oncoming traffic when making a left turn and watch for bicyclists in your blind spot before making a right turn.
- Give bicyclists three feet when you pass… it’s the law!
- Anticipate changes in behavior – If you see a bicyclist on the road and also see a road hazard ahead, anticipate their move into traffic to avoid the hazard.

Bicyclists
- Communicate your intentions – Use hand signals for turns and make eye contact with motorists so you can help them understand your intentions.
- Understand the laws – Especially if you are new to riding on the road, understand both the laws and best practices of sharing the road. Visit http://bit.ly/LBL8ou for a great Rules of the Road summary.
- Ride with traffic – Riding in the same direction will make you most visible to motorists.
GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Through April 29
**Quilts Made by Men**
The “MANifestations” exhibit highlights the diversity and skill of men who quilt. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

Through May 4
**The Road to Mecca**
The story of an eccentric elderly artist facing pressure to give up her independent life and move into a retirement home. Miner’s Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through May 18
**Splinter! Colorado Wood Today**
Enjoy the work of some of Colorado’s most outstanding artists and artisans working with wood at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For exhibit hours and details on classes and lectures, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

April 1
**April Fools’ Day**

April 2
**Alphatraz**
Free music, food and games for the Alpha Phi sorority fundraiser at Colorado School of Mines. Get thrown in “jail” and those that know you bail you out to raise money. From 3 to 7 p.m. on Kafadar Commons, 1500 Illinois St. For more information email Stacey Dean at sdean@mymail.mines.edu.

April 3 and 17
**MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers**
MOPS is a support group for mothers and children from birth to kindergarten. First and third Thursdays of every month. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1805 Washington Ave. For details call 303-279-4605 or visit www.fbcgolden.org under Families.

April 5
**Coffee with a Councilor**
Enjoy coffee and conversation with some of your City Councilors at 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

April 12
**JSO Recital**
The talented Jefferson Symphony Orchestra showcases their talents in small ensembles. 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. Tickets are $10. For details visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

April 15
**Tax Deadline**
Final day to submit your taxes for 2013.

April 19
**Easter Egg Hunt**
The Kiwanis Club of Golden hosts this annual event for Golden's younger children. Starts promptly at 10 a.m. at Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Be early, or you'll miss out!

April 21 to May 30
**Boot Camp Challenge**
Get the personalized attention of a personal trainer and the affordability of group exercise. This 6-week class is for all levels of ability. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. at Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For details call 720-628-2901 or email Kim@BCCDenver.com.
April 22
Earth Day

April 23
SCFD Free Day
Free admission for everyone, all day from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

April 25
Arbor Day

April 26
Drug Take Back Program
The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is hosting a drug take back from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Golden City Hall, 911 10th St. The public can drop off excess, unused and expired controlled substances and other medications. Items not accepted are needles/syringes, radiation drugs and other chemo-related drugs, and illegal drugs.

April 26
Pet Licensing and Vaccination Clinic
No appointment necessary. 2 to 4 p.m. at Lions Park, 1300 10th St. Foothills Animal Shelter will provide affordable vaccine, license and microchip services. To find out what paperwork you must have with you, visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/Clinic.

May 1 through 3
Twelfth Night
Golden High School’s Stage Right Productions presents the Shakespeare classic in the GHS auditorium, 701 24th St. Showtimes are at 7 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets are $10 at the door or $8 in advance. For tickets and info visit www.goldenhighschool.com or contact Scott Hasbrouck at shasbrou@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-4200.

May 16
Save the Date
The Golden Landmarks Association is hosting a dinner for this year’s Living Landmark honorees. The dinner recognizes individuals or organizations whose efforts have made a positive impact on Golden. For details, call 303-279-1236 or email gold@goldenlandmarks.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 ktilley@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.
New Trees for Middle School

The area around Bell Middle School will be getting some new trees, thanks to a $2,000 grant. The funding will be used to plant 17 trees to beautify a barren stretch of roadside adjacent to the school along Ulysses Street. The City of Golden will assist local Eagle Scouts in planting the trees and the project should be complete by the middle of May.

The grant comes from the XCEL Energy Vegetation Management/Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC). The CTC, with support from the USDA Forest Service and the Colorado State Forest Service, has awarded 453 grants totaling over $700,000 since it was created in 1991. These grants have been matched with over $7.6 million in community money and/or time. As a result of these grants, over 69,200 trees have been planted throughout the state.

Earth Day Art Show

The City’s Environmental Services Division is pleased to present the annual April art show in celebration of Earth Day. The artwork on display was 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. Visit the Golden Library Children’s Room to view artwork through the month of April. An artists’ reception will be held on Tuesday, April 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

APRIL’S EARTH DAY EVENTS

Celebrate Earth Day by participating in various events, clean-ups and classes. Tour a recycling sorting facility, join a group to keep Golden beautiful, or watch the 2014 Sustainability Awards online at the April 24th Council meeting. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/sustainability for more information.
A Green Run for Fun

Come join in on a 5k run in conjunction with the Greener Golden event on May 10. The run is put on by the Colorado Backflow Prevention Association (CBPA) and sponsored by the City of Golden. The run will start at 9 a.m. at the Public Works/Planning office at 1445 10th St.

Registering for the run is easy. Visit Colorado Race Timing and look for the races listed for May 10 and sign up. The website is http://coloradoracetiming.com/race-calendar/cbpa-annual-5k/.

Sponsorships for the 5k are also available. Contact CBPA at www.backflow.org for further information.

Look for the new course outline and additional details in the next issue of the Informer.

SAVING WATER, BEAUTIFYING LANDSCAPES

The Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC), a nonprofit organization serving the Front Range, is offering Garden-In-A-Box (GIAB) kits again this spring. For many years, the CRC has partnered with professional landscape designers to create easy to plant xeric gardens that will flourish in our Colorado climate. The GIAB kits include everything that you will need to plant a water saving garden that provides beautiful perennial plants that are attractive from Spring-Fall. GIAB products provide a 70-100 square foot garden with professional “plant-by-number” designs, a selection of 15-29 ready to plant perennials in 4” pots, and planting and care instructions. GIAB is the perfect way to save water and beautify your landscape, all for a very low cost.

Replacing a bluegrass lawn or a high water perennial garden could save up to 50 percent of the water used in typical outdoor irrigation. The City of Golden has partnered with the CRC to help offer garden kits at a low price. Golden residents get a $25 reduction off of the full price of an approved perennial xeric garden. Efficient watering options such as drip kits and control clocks, planting services and consultations, and a vegetable garden are also available.

Garden quantities are limited so order quickly! Order by visiting CRC’s garden store at GardeninaBoxCO.org or by calling 303.999.3820 ext. 222. Pre-order your garden now and then pick it up at the Greener Golden event on Saturday, May 10.

GREENER GOLDEN EVENT

Kick-off the growing season with the City of Golden for the 5th annual Greener Golden celebration. Join us on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at the City of Golden Public Works/Planning office at 1445 10th St. to enjoy the following activities and more:

• Pick up your pre-ordered Garden in a Box. Individual xeric plants and water wise products will also be available.
• Tour the Golden Community Garden and learn about opportunities to participate.
• Have your questions answered by CSU Extension Master Gardeners, Master Composters and Native Plant Masters.
• Learn from demonstrations scheduled throughout the morning: tree pruning basics; everything you need to know about Emerald Ash Borer; and more!
• Take a tour of Golden’s Water Treatment Plant.
• Learn about backflow preventers and their proper maintenance.
• Join hands-on floodplain demonstrations with the Riparian Trailer.
• Learn about the City’s Sustainability and Environmental Services programs.
• Participate in the annual Colorado Backflow Prevention Association 5k fundraiser.
2014 Claim Form for 2013 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 2013 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return. **The refund amount for 2013 is $50.** This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden and partial year at age 65.

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 2013? _____ months

Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person’s income tax form?  
- yes  
- no

Signature: ___________________________  Signature: ___________________________

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**This form must be submitted by no later than April 15, 2014.**

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**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): __________________________

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**Office Use Only:**

Account #013031-6190  STR  Vendor # ____________  Received ____________  Payable ________
Celebrate Health!
Friday, April 4
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.
Chair massages.................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ..........$13 for 15 minutes

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Computer Training for Life-long Learning
These introductory computer classes are presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library. Each class is designed to accommodate all skill levels! Space is limited, Min/Max: 4/8. Sign up in the Front Porch or call 303-384-8130. Classes are held in the library’s book mobile in the Golden Community Center’s 8th St. parking lot.
Mondays, 2-4 p.m. on the E-Train
April 7 - Intro to using a Computer
April 14 - Intro to using the Internet
April 21 - Microsoft Word Basics
April 28 - Email Basics

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS
Trader Joe’s - #15000-1
The wait is over, go get your 2 buck chuck! Let’s make a fun day trip to explore our states’ first Trader Joe’s. The back of the van has room for grocery bags!
Monday, April 7, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
$10 (van, driver included)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by April 4.

Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed – Denver Museum of Nature & Science - #15001-1
The largest exhibition about the ancient Maya ever to be displayed in the United States. Through a combination of never-before-seen artifacts, hands-on activities, and immersive environments, visitors will explore the rise and eventual decline of this fascinating culture’s ancient cities. The café is available for a meal or snack.
Tuesday, April 15, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
$27 (van, driver, exhibit, museum entrance, food is on your own)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by April 7.

Michael Ricker Design Studio and Museum - # 15002-1
Michael established himself as an internationally recognized pewter artist and sculpturist and was regarded as one of the most collected artists in the world. We will enjoy a tour of the gallery/ museum and have lunch.
Wednesday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
$24 (Van, driver, tour; lunch is on your own)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by April 17.
Summer Camp spots are still available! Register at https://rec.cityofgolden.net.

Teen Adventure Fridays
Teen Adventure Fridays for ages 13-15 years starts June 13 and rotates every other Friday. The $20/$22 registration fee covers transportation and supervision and the teen pays for the field trip at the destination. Field trips include Fun City, bowling, go-carts, lazer tag, bowling, museums, hiking and more!

Mission: Black Hole Workshop
Are you ready for a wild ride into a Black Hole? Our Mission: Black Hole workshop takes kids on a virtual journey to the edge of a black hole and then straight into one of these amazing mysteries of the cosmos. Participants will take a fascinating ride through some of the theories surrounding these light swallowing oddities and participate in activities such as launching their own Black Hole Blasters, taking the Wormhole Challenge, testing out “extreme gravity” and more.

Age: 5 - 12 years
Saturday, April 5, 9 - 11 a.m.
$20 Resident, $25 Non-resident

Bob Ross Landscape Oil Painting
Learn landscape oil painting using the “Bob Ross Wet on Wet Technique®.” The teacher is a Certified Ross Instructor, CRI®, and at the end of each half-day class you will leave with a ready to frame, finished oil painting that you created! No materials are required – we provide everything. Questions in regards to painting call Chuck at 303-238-6847 or www.mysticmountainart.com.

Age: 14 years and older
Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
$80 Resident, $85 Non-resident

Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
This course is designed for the pre-teen and helps them to prepare for those first babysitting opportunities. Students will learn to identify their own responsibilities, such as routine child care duties (feeding, bathing, and diapering). Also stressed will be home and fire safety, infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures. Certification provided. Bring a sack lunch to class.

Age: 11 years and older
Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Save the Date: May 31 Homesteaders’ Day
Experience 19th century homesteading at the Clear Creek History Park. Try your hand at blacksmithing and cooking on a woodstove. Attend a class taught by our schoolmarm and feed our chickens. Both adults and kids can preview some of our most popular activities from Hands-on History camp. This is a free event. Stop by any time on May 31 between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

JumpBunch® Parent/Tot
Enjoy hands-on interaction with your child as they learn and grow with this highly-acclaimed program built for children 15 months to 3 years of age. Trained coaches lead parents and children through a wide variety of sports and games geared to build balance, coordination and keep your toddler moving.

Age: 15 months - 3 years
Thursdays, 4 - 4:30 p.m.
April 10 to May 15
$54 Resident, $59 Non-resident

JumpBunch® Preschoolers
JumpBunch® for preschoolers takes learning to the next level with over 75 unique lesson plans designed to stimulate your child's mind while exercising their body. In addition to learning about nutrition and healthy living habits, weekly activities enhance hand-eye coordination, color and shape recognition, fine and gross motor skill development, self-confidence and much more.

Age: 3 - 6 years
Tuesdays, 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.
April 8 to May 13
Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
April 10 to May 15
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident
Golden Applies for Grant for West 44th Avenue Trail

Golden Parks and Recreation is one of only 12 agencies eligible to apply for the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Path to Parks Grant Program. GOCO invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. GOCO created the Path to Parks Grant this year to provide funding for large scale trail and trail segments ranging from $500,000 to $1 million. A call for requests for concepts was sent out in 2013, with Golden’s West 44th Avenue Trail project selected out of 26 concepts received by the GOCO office. This means, Golden had the opportunity to submit a grant application in March for this integral trail connection which will connect Tony Grampsas Park to the rest of the incorporated city with a 10 ft. concrete trail that is independent of the traffic lanes of West 44th Avenue. Just over three quarters of a mile, the trail connection will begin just west of the Hwy 58 overpass at Clear Creek Trail and end at Salvia Street.

Golden was awarded funding from Jefferson County Open Space through their Local Parks and Recreation Grant Program. The County will match Golden’s contribution towards the West 44th Avenue Trail, which combined, will fund 50 percent of the project cost. If Golden is awarded the GOCO grant, it will provide the remaining 50 percent of the project cost.

If you have any questions regarding the West 44th Avenue Trail project please contact Amber Thill, Parks and Recreation Analyst, at 303-384-8191 or athill@cityofgolden.net.

ROCK CLIMBING AREA GUARANTEED TO STAY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A rock climbing area near North Table Mountain Park, known as the Golden Cliffs Preserve, has been a popular spot for climbers for half a century. And now it is guaranteed to remain that way for the foreseeable future.

Boulder-based nonprofit The Access Fund donated the 29 acres of land to Jeffco Open Space on the condition that the area remains open to rock climbers. Over the past ten years when the Access Fund managed the property, the group installed an access road, signage, trails and restroom facilities. Prior to 1994 it was owned by Mayford Peery, a graduate of Golden High School and the Colorado School of Mines.

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners approved the donation earlier this year. The area will remain open to climbers except for temporary closures due to natural disasters, preservation or wildlife management.
Gold History Museums is always looking for interesting recipes from your ancestors, which can be used with our historic wood stove at the Pearce Cabin in the Clear Creek History Park.

The stove now sits inside the Pearce cabin, a building that was saved from demolition in the early 1990s by experts and volunteers who moved the historic buildings from Golden Gate Canyon. People like Irma Wyhs (pictured with our wood stove) fought to preserve these buildings for future generations to enjoy.

Our wood stove is part of our education collection, which means that even though it is historic, we carefully use it to teach visitors. Our volunteers and staff who cook and bake with the stove must take a training course to learn how to properly use and care for it. Once trained, they can prepare anything they would like on the stove; biscuits, pies, and stews are the most commonly made items.

This summer, come by the Clear Creek History Park and see the wood burning stove in action. Join us for Homesteaders’ Day to experience life in the 19th century on May 31. You can use the stove and then try your hand at blacksmithing. Attend a class taught by our schoolmarm and participate in historic crafts and activities. Visitors will get to meet our locally famous chickens and help us feed them. Plus, get a chance to preview some of our most popular activities, as well as some brand new games, from Hands-on History camp. Stop by any time between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and help us gear up for summer. This is a free event.

Golden History Museums
Astor House Museum (822 12th St.) and Golden History Center (923 10th St.)
Tuesday - Saturday: 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Sunday: noon to 4:30 p.m.
Clear Creek History Park (11th and Arapahoe) ~ Open daily sunrise to sunset
Tel: 303-278-3557 • www.GoldenHistory.org

Share Your Oldest Family Recipes

Irma Wyhs at the Clear Creek History Park. Golden History Museums, City of Golden Collection.

Check out and try this historic recipe!

PEACH PANDOWDY
6 cups thickly sliced peaches
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 cup white sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons white sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1/2 cup heavy cream

1. Preheat the oven (on a normal oven set to 375 degrees; on a wood stove, just keep stoking until it feels ‘just about right’).
2. Sprinkle lemon juice over the peaches in a medium bowl. Then coat the peaches in a mixture of the 1/2 cup of sugar and cornstarch. Place into a 2 quart casserole dish.
3. Next, stir together the flour, remaining sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter with a fork until it is in fine crumbs. Make a well in the center, and pour in the cream. Stir until the dough pulls away from the sides of the bowl.
4. Roll out dough on a floured surface until it is just big enough to cover the baking dish. Cut a 2 inch cross in the center. Place over the peaches, and tuck in the dough around the sides. Turn back the corners of the cross to reveal the filling.
5. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, until filling is bubbly, and top is golden brown.
Hop Aboard!

The Bunny Express Train is back at the Colorado Railroad Museum, just in time for the Easter holiday. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, kids and adults alike will get to experience what it was like to travel more than 100 years ago in the 1880s passenger coach car.

Spend the full day exploring the 15-acre rail yard with 100 historic narrow and standard gauge locomotives and rolling stock, visiting the Easter Bunny and stopping by the Depot Museum and General Store filled with treats for those Easter baskets. The museum is located at 17155 W. 44th Avenue. For more information call 303-279-4591 or visit ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.

FREE Waterwise Seminars

Come learn the how-to’s of Xeriscaping and other water-wise landscape practices. Seminars are FREE and held at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Register at GardenInABoxCO.org or by calling 303-999-3820.

Mason Bees and Xeriscape
Monday, April 14, 6 to 8 p.m.
Joan Franson, Colorado Garden Show
This program will introduce attendees to mason bees and other solitary bees; differences between mason bees and honey bees; the growing important role in pollination; how native plants and Xeriscape aid both in attracting mason bees and in our gardening sustainability.

Low Water Tips and Tricks
Thursday, April 17, 6 to 8 p.m. • Kenton Seth, Horticulturist
Learn about plants that need little water to thrive and look beautiful. There are specific watering techniques that gardeners can use to support those plants so they are stronger, look better and live longer.
2014 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://agency.governmentjobs.com/goldenco/default.cfm for job availability.

Opportunities include:

- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors
- Batting Cage Attendants
- Field Crew
- Field Gym Supervisor
- Youth Sports Coach
- Day Camp Leader
- Day Camp Coordinator
- Parks, Forestry, Cemetery Maintenance
- Golf Maintenance
- Pro-Shop Guest Services at Fossil Trace
- Cashiers and Food & Beverage Workers at The Splash