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Where to Find Library Services During Golden Closure

Help Plan the Future of South Golden Road
HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC PROCESS
Did you know that the City of Golden has fourteen boards and commissions that help guide city policy? Each and every meeting is open to the public and we invite you to attend. This is a good way to find out what’s going on in town without making the commitment of being a board member. The boards and commissions cover a wide variety of topics that affect the city. Everything from the budget to sustainability, city development, historic preservation, public art and parks and recreation, just to name a few. For a complete list of boards and commissions, along with the days, times and locations they meet, visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/boards-commissions/.

REMINDER – GOLF CART PATHS ARE NOT TRAILS
As attractive as the golf property appears to citizens and adjoining neighbors, there are risks associated with trespassing on this City property when not golfing. Even when the course is closed to golfers, it is also closed to the general public. Recently, a person trespassing on the course with a dog off leash broke through ice on one of the ponds. Fortunately this situation ended without serious injuries. Due to this event and other “near misses,” Park Rangers in the near future will have a greater presence in and around the golf course. They will be enforcing and ticketing for dogs off leash. For safety’s sake, everyone’s cooperation in obeying the laws relative to the golf property is appreciated.

2015 ETHICS IN BUSINESS AWARDS
The Rotary Club of Golden presents the tenth annual Ethics in Business Awards luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, April 17 at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel, 360 Union Blvd., Lakewood (Note: this is a new location). 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 Rebecca Love Kourlis, former Colorado Supreme Court justice and now Executive Director of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System at the University of Denver.

Tickets for the event are $60 each, and seating for the event is limited. For reservations and more information on the luncheon, go to 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.

STAY OFF THE ICE
With warming temperatures all ponds, lakes and Clear Creek have increased danger due to melting ice. The best advice is stay out of these areas. The ice is getting thin and the danger is increasing for people and their pets to fall through the ice. If you do have a pet fall through the ice, do not go into the water to retrieve it. You would put yourself in danger. Call 911 and the Fire Department’s ice rescue team will respond.

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 2
Study session

April 9
Regular business meeting

April 16
Study session (tentative)

April 23
Regular business meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net. Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
Under City Manager Mike Bestor’s two-decade tenure, our town became the welcoming, well-maintained, and safe community it is today. Mike has been a steady light at City Hall, a mentor to many community leaders, and a considerate neighbor. His dedicated service will be greatly missed.

Our search for a new city manager will open a new chapter in Golden civic life – and a shared understanding of the job should be on the first page. The Council-Manager form of government, as set forth in our home-rule city Charter, contemplates teamwork between elected officials and a professional city manager.

City councilors and the mayor make up the governing legislative body. Council determines policy, passes ordinances, votes on appropriations, and maintains a finger on the pulse of the community. Its deliberations and decisions are conducted in open meetings, with ample opportunity for public comment. The makeup of city council is subject to change in every election cycle.

In contrast, the city manager is a chief executive officer, hired and retained by a vote of council. The career manager is charged with administering and executing council policies. The city relies on the manager’s expertise for:

- Supervision of the day-to-day operations of city departments;
- Oversight of employee hiring, firing, and disciplinary decisions;
- Preparation of an annual proposed budget and monitoring and executing the final budget;
- Service as council’s trusted, non-voting advisor on both routine and controversial issues;
- Facilitation of communications to residents, organized groups, business interests, and other stakeholders;
- Interaction with other public officials, such as the Jefferson County Administrator, Jefferson County School Superintendent, and state personnel;

In sum, Golden’s next city manager will be expected to lead the city in an informed, skillful, and professional manner. The individual who matches Golden’s needs will embrace the friendly, small-town values expressed in the Golden Vision 2030 Plan.

Golden has high standards, but circumstances favor our attracting prime candidates. First, we have engaged residents, a strong financial position, talented employees, thriving businesses, convenient location, intriguing history, culture of wellness, and beautiful surroundings.

Second, we can seek advice from the many other jurisdictions that have recently undertaken a search, and will also hire a specialized and experienced search firm to guide us.

Third, our own community is a source of significant expertise. Golden residents, business owners and staff members will share their insights about the candidate who best fits our unique city. Moreover, we can lean on the seasoned wisdom of folks who did such a good job when they selected Mike Bestor.

The City will keep the community informed as we move step-by-step through the search process: defining the position and expectations; recruiting candidates; narrowing the field to finalists (whose names will become public, as required by Colorado law); conducting in-person, in-town interviews; and ultimately hiring the new city manager. Council recognizes that finding a worthy successor to Mike Bestor is of utmost importance to Golden’s future. We are dedicated to devoting all the time and consideration necessary to complete the task.

And, with regard to Mike, be assured that, at his retirement, he will be given an epic sendoff – with opportunities for all to express their well wishes.
As the ice melts, Clear Creek will once again invite visitors to play in the water. There are several improvements to the creek experience this year, due to some major work over the winter months.

Over the course of several weeks in January the ice flow in Clear Creek briefly receded, providing a perfect opportunity to perform major maintenance and improvements within the Golden Kayak Course. Areas of focus were the drop structures of Parfet Park, referred to as the Bingo Hole, and the Kayak slalom course and play park.

In just a week, the Bingo Hole was dropped eight inches, resulting in an approximate one foot drop in Creek elevation at the Washington Avenue Bridge. For Creek pedestrians, this means less flooding and fewer trail closures below Parfet Park due to high water. Additional Bingo Hole improvements were adjusting the large tail-water boulder, and cobble and sediment removal above the drop structure. The Bingo Hole is now deeper, cleaner and safer for all Creek users and the low water trail will be open for business more days of the year.

Within the slalom course and play park, drop structures one through four were improved by removing cobble and sediment naturally deposited through high water and ice flows. The Rodeo Hole left deflector was raised and dredging was continued between the Rodeo and Bleacher Holes.

Time also allowed for the restructuring of the Bleacher Hole. The river right deflector was raised slightly, and angled slightly inward. Again, as with the Bingo Hole, water should run much cleaner and consistent for boaters at this location.

The maintenance goal is to provide the best kayak facility possible for the residents of Golden. Spring runoff and boaters will provide the final grade of the success or failure of the maintenance efforts.

Do you have ideas for the future of South Golden Road? Golden Planning Commission and City staff members are in the beginning stages of developing the South Golden Road Neighborhood Plan and would like your input. The goal of the plan is to help implement the Value Themes created by the residents of Golden through the Golden Vision 2030 Plan. The Plan will establish parameters for types of transportation improvements, public amenities, and help guide any future land use changes in the area.

While the focus will be on the main commercial corridor of South Golden Road, the larger area (for context) will include the area east of the intersection of Rimrock Drive and S. Golden Road, and the entire area south of S. Golden Road between Johnson Road and Ulysses Street, which extends all the way to US 6.

City Staff will be holding two separate kickoff open house meetings. To better accommodate everyone, one meeting will be held in the evening and the other during the day. Please see date, time and location information above and join Planning Commission and City staff in helping to create the Plan. For questions or comments, please feel free to contact us by email at planningcommission@cityofgolden.net or by phone at 303-384-8097.
Spring is here again and it’s time for the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) semi-annual yard waste collection! This service is available to Golden’s PAYT customers only. Please note, the collection order continues to rotate, so look closely at the map to see your collection date. Yard waste should be placed where your trash is collected by 8 a.m. on your designated day. Material may be placed in reusable containers of your choice or in compostable bags available for purchase at Meyers Hardware, The Home Depot and other home improvement stores. Yard waste for this collection includes grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, weeds, branches, sawdust, ground or chipped wood.

SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- Branches must be less than 4 inches in diameter and bundled with string, yarn or rope.
  - Do not use wire for bundling.
  - Bundles should be 4 feet in length or less, and no more than 2 feet in diameter.
- Yard waste will be limited to 3 cubic yards per resident which is equivalent to:
  - an area that is approximately 4 feet x 4 feet x 4 feet; or
  - 21 compostable 30 gallon bags
- This yard waste will be recycled! Please do not contaminate this material with any of the following:
  - NO food waste (fruits, vegetables, etc.), plastic, dirt, cactus, tree stumps, branches greater than 4 inches in diameter, ashes, animal waste, treated lumber, logs, old garden hoses or broken flower pots.
  - No Construction material is allowed for this service. Plastic bags are not allowed.
- Material that is not bundled, not in reusable containers or in non-compostable plastic bags will not be picked up.

For more information, please contact Waste Management directly at 303-278-8600 or visit the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash.

Remember – Avoid extra expenses while keeping large amounts of yard waste from going into the landfill by subscribing to Waste Management’s subscription Green Waste Program. The Green Waste Program will be available beginning in early April through November 2015 which includes every other week pick up of your yard waste cart at your curb. It’s convenient and reasonably priced! Call Waste Management at 303-278-8600 to enroll.
The job of a Golden Police officer goes beyond enforcing the law. Our officers strive to be part of the community and to assist citizens with issues both big and small. In mid-February, officers were awarded for their efforts in 2014. These are a few examples of a job well done.

A CALM VOICE
In December, dispatch got a call of a suicidal female, possibly armed with a gun. At the same time, there was a multi-car accident and a welfare check keeping officers busy. Officer Bernadette Rankin, who is a trained hostage negotiator, took it upon herself to step in and help both dispatch and patrol during a time of stress and need. She quickly established a rapport over the phone with the female and helped diffuse a potentially volatile and dangerous situation.

BRINGING BACK THE BIKE
The GPD tried several times to return a bike back to its owner who had been in an accident. When the owner didn’t cooperate, the GPD had no reason to keep it. Just as soon as it was disposed of, the owner wanted the bicycle back.

Though the GPD did nothing wrong, Sgt. Jean Miller took it upon herself to help the bicyclist not only get a new bike, but a three-wheeled bike to better suit the rider’s needs. She brought the bicyclist, along with a sign language interpreter to a local Optimists Club meeting where the situation was explained. The Club immediately agreed to replace the bicycle.

Above: Above the Line of Duty

2014 GOLDEN POLICE AWARDS

Chief’s Star Awards
Ofc. Bernadette Rankin
Reserve Officer Trent John
CSM Ofc. Cody Schroeder
Officers Dan Hyde and Shawn Henslee

Life Saving Award
Officers Brian Radulovich and Melissa Manzenares

Citizen Commendation Awards
Firefighter Kevin Milan and CO Springs Retired Firefighter Kirk Schmitt
Anna Davidson and Brian Kocman

Community Oriented Policing Award
Ofc. Joe Page

Professional Conduct Awards
Ofc. Mark Donohue
Records Supervisor Kim Kinion
Code Enforcement Officers Jenny Pyler-Lepro and Jamie Segal
Criminalist Kali Aulston
Ofc. Jamie Guess
Sgt. Jean Miller
Dispatcher Bess Joyce

Leadership Excellence Award
Sgt. Denise Mehnert

Meritorious Service Medals
Dispatcher Kathy Cline
Officers Mark Donohue, Guy Garner and Ryan Beale

Employee of the Year
Communications Supervisor/Dispatcher Shanyn Cascia

Above: Above the Line of Duty
The Golden Library is undergoing a drastic remodel, which will bring to the library many technological and aesthetic updates as well as a plethora of new amenities. Unfortunately, that means a lengthy closure. The library is closed through June 11 to accommodate the construction. However, library staff members have scheduled alternative service arrangements for Golden residents.

“We hate to close the library,” Mannino added. “We’re doing our best to maintain our most popular services during the construction period, and we hope Golden residents will be patient with us as we complete the remodel.”

The following alternative services are now available:

- **BOOKMOBILE VISITS** – pick up and return books
  - Golden Library Parking Lot
    - 12-4 p.m. Sundays
    - 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **STORYTIMES** – early literacy experiences for children and caregivers
  - **Golden Community Center**
    - 1470 10th Street
    - Wednesdays and Saturdays through May 30
      - (No Storytimes on May 2)
    - 10:15 a.m., Wednesdays (Babies)
    - 11 a.m., Wednesdays (Toddlers)
    - 10:30 a.m., Saturdays (All Ages)
- **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS**
  - **Golden High School Library**
    - 701 24th Street, Golden
    - 4 p.m., second Wednesday of every month
- **DIY EXPLORERS CLUB** – for kids in grades 5-8
  - **Golden High School Library**
    - 701 24th Street, Golden
    - 4 p.m., third Thursday of every month
- **ADULT BOOK GROUP** – everyone welcome
  - **Starbuck’s**
    - 13th and Washington, Golden
    - 6 p.m., third Tuesday of every month
- **YOUNG READER’S FUN CLUB** – for kids 8-11
  - **Astor House**
    - 822 12th Street, Golden
    - 4 p.m., fourth Wednesday of every month

The cost of the remodel project is being shared by the City of Golden and Jefferson County Public Library.

The library—with a fresh, new look—is expected to reopen at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 12. For interim updates on the construction and information on where to find alternative services and programs, visit jeffcolibrary.org/goldenremodel.

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**CREATE A LASTING LEGACY AT NEWLY REMODELED LIBRARY**

You have an opportunity to be a permanent part of the updated Golden Library. The Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) and Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) are offering naming opportunities in conjunction with the remodel. Residents can help to provide 21st-century library services in the Golden community, while ensuring that their generosity will be recognized for years to come.

A range of naming opportunities are available for individuals, families, organizations, and corporations, enabling donors to pay tribute to their relationship with the Golden Library or to honor and recognize someone special in their lives.

- Naming opportunities range in value from $5,000 to $30,000 and give donors the opportunity to name major library areas and amenities.
- Name recognition opportunities range from $1,000 to $10,000 and give donors the opportunity to be recognized for providing access to updated technology in the library.
- Individual donations are welcome as well and will be recognized on a special donor wall inside the library.

Moneys raised through the naming program will offset construction costs of the remodel and support additional amenities that JCPL can’t afford to provide at this time. For more information on the naming program, contact Rebecca Winning at 303-275-2203 or Rebecca.winning@jeffcolibrary.org, or visit jeffcolibrary.org/goldenremodel.
The City of Golden is proud to bring back Golden Community Pride Days, a free service for residents who want to get rid of all of that junk you’ve collected in your basement, garage, back yard or around the house. 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 the City limits. To determine if you are a Golden resident, use the Jefferson County Address Wizard at www.co.jefferson.co.us/awiz/.

BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE CITY SHOPS FACILITY AT 1300 CATAMOUNT DRIVE:
- Household trash
- Electronic waste
- Unlimited paper shredding
- Mattresses & box springs
- Metal recycling
- Tires
- Tree brush

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

CURBSIDE APPLIANCE PICK UP:
For a limited time, The City of Golden will come to your home and pick up appliances left out at the curb. Curbside appliance recycling will be available for one week only: Monday through Friday, May 4 to 8. 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.

Clean Up and Cut Back on Fire Danger

With spring in full swing, it is time for many to think about yard work and outdoor clean up. Because our Golden Fire Code for recreational fires do not allow the burning of yard waste or any type of rubbish in general, keep in mind that you have a relatively easy option of taking your waste and rubbish to the Golden Community Pride Days drop off at the city shops complex during the first weekend in May (see above).

While you’re thinking about cleaning up your yard, don’t forget about combustible debris on the roof and in the gutters as well as about five feet out from the home foundation. Also consider keeping trees, especially the evergreen types, trimmed back from the roof edge and up from the ground in native vegetation areas. This may help prevent a home ignition from embers should a nearby wild land fire occur.

For more information, feel free to call the Fire and Life Safety Division of the Golden Fire Department at 303-384-8094.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD RIDE
As part of the Pride Days clean up, bring your unused bicycle. The Golden Optimists Bicycle Recycle Program, with the help of a Golden Boy Scout Eagle project from troop 329, will be collecting bicycles. The Golden Optimists volunteers repair donated bicycles and provide them to those in need. Bicycles go to international students from the Colorado School of Mines, teachers, kids, families, homeless and veterans who need bicycles for transportation, local Christmas giving programs, and to kids of the Navajo Nation. The Boy Scouts will also be helping to fix the bicycles donated during the May 2-3 event. To donate a bicycle at another time or get a bicycle, come out to the shop behind Heritage Square on a Tuesday or Thursday between 1 and 5 p.m. or visit goldenoptimists.org.
Through April 28

*Stories and Investigations of Quilts*
Quilter Bobbi Baugh explores quilts through story-telling and in the role of artist-as-archaeologist, digging for things unseen and unexpected. Her collaged works draw on both the traditions of hand printmaking and art quilting. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

Through May 3

*Godspell: The Revival*
A mega hit On Broadway, Off Broadway and around the world, this version of Godspell will revive the original musical while adding new arrangements and an injection of contemporary references. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For details and tickets call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through Oct. 11

*Calendar Girls to Cowboys*
Coors released its first illustrated ads in 1893 in the form of calendars, and that was the beginning of a long history of advertising for the native Golden company. Check out the evolution in Calendar Girls to Cowboys: The Art of Selling Coors. Golden History Center, 923 10th St. For details, hours and tickets call 303-278-3557 or visit www.GoldenHistory.org.

April 1

*April Fools’ Day*

April 4

*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 9

*HH and Private Tour*
Join Golden History Museums for a rare opportunity to view one of the finest collections of Coors memorabilia on the Front Range.

This is a special one-time tour of the private collection of Larry and Betty Weaver, who have amassed hundreds of rare and fascinating treasures over the past 40 years. Directions to their home will be provided upon registration. Space is limited to 12, so reserve your spot today! Tickets are $30/$25 for GHM members. For details call 303-279-3113 or visit GoldenHistory.org.

April 14

*Tax Deadline*
Final day to submit your taxes for 2014.

April 22

*Earth Day*

April 24

*Arbor Day*

May 2

*Evening at the Opera*
A unique collaboration of the Golden Community Choir and Opera on Tap concert. 7:30 p.m. at Golden High School, 701 24th St. The silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at www.goldencommunitychoirs.org.
An installation of more than 100 pieces of historic and contemporary art glass from seven Colorado glass collectors will be on display at Foot-hills Art Center beginning April 4 and continuing through May 31. Featuring objects created between 1886 and the present, A Passion for Glass: Art Glass from Colorado Collections, will be the first exhibition in the Denver metro area to highlight the depth and quality of art glass in Colorado private collections. Among the contemporary studio glass artists included in the exhibition are Dale Chihuly, Lino Tagliapietra, Harvey Littleton, William Morris, Toots Zynsky, Dan Dailey, Karen LaMonte, and Bertil Vallien. Historic factory glass will be represented by Louis Comfort Tiffany, Daum Frères, and Nancy and Loetz Witwe.

The exhibition not only offers a glimpse into the passions and interests of individual collectors; but it also tells the story of the history of art glass from the late 19th through the early 21st centuries. Visitors will gain a sense of the important developments that have occurred in the world of fine glass over the past century.

A full array of public programs will be offered in conjunction with the exhibition. For more information, visit foothillsartcenter.org. The installation will be featured on Foothills’ website, as well as on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter via the hashtags #apassionforglass.
Make Every Trip Count
everytripcounts.org

Get rewarded for your pledge to reduce two car trips per week! The City of Golden and the Regional Air Quality Council are teaming up this year to reward Golden residents for helping to make the air cleaner. In 2014, the program eliminated over one million vehicle miles traveled.

The goal of the Every Trip Counts program is to reduce auto emissions during the summer months when ground-level ozone pollution is the worst. To reward participants, the program will be providing a number of random prize drawings for transit passes during the summer ozone months. Sign up today at www.EveryTripCounts.org.

If you have questions or need more information about the Every Trip Counts program and summer air quality, email Theresa Worsham, sustainability coordinator, at goldensustainability@cityofgolden.net.

Man’s Best Friend
Not Friendly to your Grass

Your yard is home to many activities, from gardening to entertaining friends. It might be that you’re entertaining friends of other sorts too – your pets. The family dog can take a toll on healthy grass. Whether it’s repetitive use or dog urine, spots in your yard can take a long time to recover. A new grass hybrid pioneered here in Colorado might change all of that. Check out Dog Tuff™, a low-water, xeric grass species brought to you by long time Colorado horticulturist Kelly Grummons, owner of the local Timberline Gardens. Dog Tuff is a bright green, drought-tolerant grass that is more durable than Buffalo grass and grows happily in full sun. See it in action at Golden’s sixth annual A Greener Golden event on May 16.

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 2015 Sustainability Awards online at the Council meeting on April 23. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/sustainability for more information.
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Colorado State Statute 42-4-1412 (8)(a) states a cyclist has the option of either using a traffic lane to make a left hand turn under the same law as a motor vehicle does (42-4-901) or crossing the intersection as stated above under 42-4-1412 (8)(b).

One of the most common misunderstandings about lane usage for cyclists that frustrates drivers is when a cyclist continues straight through an intersection when they are riding in a designated right turn only lane. 42-4-1412(5)(III) says: Upon Approaching an intersection where right turns are permitted and there is a dedicated right turn lane, a bicyclist may ride on the left-hand portion of the right turn lane even if the bicyclist does not intend to turn right.

As with most situations, being aware of your surroundings and knowledgeable about the law can significantly reduce the risk of accidents. Drivers: take an extra second to look around for cyclists. Cyclists: ride defensively and assume vehicles do not see you and use the proper equipment and hand signals as required by law. The next Informer issue will cover what legal equipment and hand signals are, and when each needs to be used.

**Purge Your Spurge!**

The City of Golden Parks Department and Jefferson County Weed & Pest are partnering with Wildland Restoration Volunteers (WRV) to raise awareness and ensure eradication of Myrtle spurge, a Colorado List A noxious weed. A Purge Your Spurge event will be held on Saturday, April 25 when residents can bring bagged spurge to be disposed of properly. Myrtle spurge that is not bagged, or included with other yard waste cannot be accepted. The first 50 participants to bring their bags of Myrtle spurge will receive a native plant to take home for their yard. In addition, city staff and experts will be available to answer questions about noxious weeds.

**EVENT INFORMATION:**
Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 900 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden (Human Services building parking lot). For more information contact Billy Iannapollo, City of Golden Parks Department at 303-384-8142 or Alicia Doran, Jefferson County Weed & Pest at 303-271-5989 or adoran@jeffco.us.

For more information about Purge Your Spurge events, visit “Purge Your Spurge” on Facebook or contact Morgan@wlrv.org.

**HOW TO PURGE SPURGE**
1) Wear long sleeves, long pants, gloves and eye protection. Spurge contains white sap that can cause severe skin irritation including blistering.
2) Remove at least four inches of the root when pulling the spurge.
3) Bag the spurge and tie or fasten the bag closed. Never compost, since this could spread the weed when the compost is later used as mulch.
4) Tell your neighbors and friends to purge their spurge too!

**Vehicle vs. Bicycle Safety Lesson #3 - Bicycle Lane Changes**

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Fossil Trace Golf Clinics –
Get Golf Ready Level I

Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic
The Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic is designed to teach the beginner golfer everything needed to play golf in just a few lessons. The clinic will be three sessions over a one week period combining fun, fitness and a no-pressure on-course experience.

Each session will feature basic swing mechanics including grip, alignment and posture. Basic rules, etiquette, and tips with an emphasis on having FUN will help improve your overall comfort level on the course.

All Adult
Get Golf Ready Clinics
Monday - Wednesday
$100 per student (5 hours)
May 11, 12 & 13
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Day 1)
5:30 to 7 p.m. (Days 2&3)

Spanish for Preschoolers
All instructors are fluent Spanish speakers with years of experience teaching Spanish as a second language. The Spanish Institute Curriculum will be used and is broken down into three sections: circle time, story time and art time. Homework is assigned with the objective to review what they have learned and give the child an opportunity to practice. Parents are encouraged to drop off their preschooler, but may observe if they prefer.

Tuesdays
May 5 - June 2
12:45 to 1:30 p.m.
Fee: $80 Resident,
$85 Non-resident
Register at rec.cityofgolden.net.

Spanish for Preschoolers
$100 per student (5 hours)
May 18, 19 & 20
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Day 1)
5:30 to 7 p.m. (Days 2&3)

Yoga/Cycle
Enjoy a combination of 30 minutes of intense cycling followed by 30 minutes of alignment conscious flow yoga. A great way for anyone looking to maximize cardio and a rejuvenating practice in one hour!

Fridays
April 3 - 24, 6 to 7 a.m.
Fee: $27 Resident,
$32 Non-resident
Register at rec.cityofgolden.net.

Golden Community Center
Facility Rentals
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 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates. Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center!

We also rent sports fields! The City of Golden operates and maintains many lit and unlit ball and sports fields. These facilities are available for rental for tournaments and special events. Please email Brian Harris at bharris@cityofgolden.net - for rates and availability.

Pavilion Rental Reservations for park pavilions located at Lions Park, Tony Grampsas Memorial Sports Complex and Golden Heights Park may be reserved online via rec.cityofgolden.net.
Check out the Golden Community Center’s Front Porch - designed specifically for people 50 and older.

The Front Porch offers respite and entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, sports, social events, trips and volunteer activities. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.

**New Front Porch Hours!**
We will be adjusting our hours of operation for the summer season beginning Tuesday, May 26 through Monday, Sept. 7. Our new operating hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday.

**Celebrate Health!**
*Friday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.*
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. The first Friday of each month we offer healthy refreshments and presentations on a variety of wellness topics. 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

**UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS**

**AARP Driver’s Safety Program #15118-1**
Sign up at the front desk. Payment is due to the instructor the day of the class.
*Monday April 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*
Min/Max 10/25. Class is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-AARP members.

**Leinin’ Tree #15033-1**
FACTORY TOUR: Watch as flat sheets of blank paper are transformed into beautiful, full-color cards. You’ll feel the roar of printing presses, each the size of a school bus, as they crank out two sheets per second. (Tour 45 minutes).

**MUSEUM: A private collection, a public treasure.** The Leanin’ Tree Museum of Western Art in Boulder exhibits the private art collection of Ed Trumble, Founder and Chairman of Leanin’ Tree, publisher of fine art greeting cards since 1949.
*Wednesday, April 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.*
Tour starts at 10 a.m.
$10 (Transportation included. Bring money for lunch and shopping. Lunch location TBD.)
Exertion Level: 4  Register/Cancel by April 1.

**Boulder Dinner Theatre #25011-01 - Forever Plaid**
Forever Plaid is one of the most popular and successful musicals in recent memory. This deliciously goofy revue centers on four young, eager male singers killed in a car crash in the 1950s on the way to their first big concert, and now miraculously revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams.
*Sunday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.*
Show starts at 10 a.m.
$57 (Transportation, show and meal included.)
Exertion Level: 2  Register/Cancel by April 17.

**Dinosaur Ridge and Lunch at the Morrison Inn - #25012-01**
Explore and see what Dinosaur Ridge has to offer! The 1½ hour tour is designed to allow us to explore ancient Colorado and the creatures that once lived here. Walk with 90-foot, long-necked giants across a floodplain lined with streams, ponds and watering holes. Trace the ripple patterns left by Colorado’s ocean on Morrison’s sandy beaches. Dinosaur Ridge is one of the world’s most famous dinosaur fossil locations.
*Wednesday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*
Tour starts at 1 p.m.
$15 (Transportation and admission included. Bring money for lunch.)
Exertion Level: 3  Register/Cancel by April 29.
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 2014 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return. The refund amount for 2014 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: ______________

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Address: ____________________________ Golden, CO ZIP: __________

Phone: ____________________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2014? _____ 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, 2015.

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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 ________
The Water-Wise seminar series is supported by local water providers and the Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC). Several seminars are offered throughout the Denver/Boulder area at no cost and they are open to everyone. Please pre-register and find full details about the seminar series on the CRC website at www.conservationcenter.org/water-wise-seminars/. Call or email 303-999-3820 x222 or gardeninfo@conservationcenter.org with any questions or for more details.

Use Less Water & Plant like a Pro

Garden In A Box has done it again! These garden kits pack a colorful punch, save water, and support your conservation efforts within your landscape.

Each garden features locally grown plants chosen for their Xeric properties, professionally designed plant by number layouts, and a Plant and Care Guide that makes you an instant planting pro.

Replacing turf? You’ll increase your water savings by up to 50 percent! With thousands of Gardens In A Box planted every year, your purchase helps save up to two million gallons each watering season! Your perennial plants will deliver beauty and savings for years to come.

Order Gardens Now: ConservationCenter.org/Gardens or call 303-999-3820 ext. 222.

Free Water-Wise Gardening Seminar with Kenton Seth

Tuesday April 21, 6 to 8 p.m.
Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.
Coal Creek North room

Our very own Colorado landscape is brimming with colorful flowers, grasses, and shrubs that thrive in our dry, high desert climate, and there are countless possibilities for incorporating these native plants into your home Xeriscape garden. Horticulture expert, Kenton Seth, has spent years exploring and learning about the native plants of our majestic state, and his “Xeric Natives” seminar will offer knowledge about the water saving potential and other environmental benefits of using these natives in your home garden.

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Final Days of Tree Sale

April 15 is the last day of this year’s annual spring tree sale, offered by the Golden Parks and Recreation Department. Trees available include Peking tree lilac, Big Tooth maple, ‘Hot Wings’ Tatarian maple, Washington hawthorn, Chanticleer pear, Goldenraintree, Turkish filbert, Shumard oak and Bur oak. Descriptions of these trees are available on the City of Golden website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/TreeSale. You will also find prices on the website, which range from $55 to $90.

Trees must be paid for at the time of ordering and can be purchased up to April 15, while supplies last. Only 56 trees are available and there is a limit of five per customer. Proof of residency is required. The trees will be distributed after April 15.

Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/TreeSale for more information or contact the Forestry office at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net.
Historic buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes embody the intentions, assumptions, and lives of those who built or lived or worked in them. They are a window to the past and have stories to tell about what the community was and how it became what it is, and helps us understand who we are today. Preserving those stories can be an important part of building a healthy community.

Preservation of historic buildings and spaces saves the character and heritage of the community and helps provide a sense of place and continuity. Preserved neighborhoods increase dialogue among children, parents, and grandparents regarding ancestors and history. It also increases connections among neighbors, community involvement and fosters community pride.

Historic preservation builds stronger communities. Local historic districts such as the three designated in Golden, stabilize and strengthen neighborhoods by protecting their character and typically enhance property values as a result. Preservation programs foster community pride and learning, and create more desirable places to live and work. Preservation contributes to cultural vitality and becomes a definer for community identity.

Did you know our historical structures can also be green? Historic preservation supports environmental sustainability and can help prevent urban sprawl. For example, less energy and material is used to preserve an existing structure versus tear-down and replace. Demolition costs are reduced and there is less waste involved in the preservation process, therefore less demand for land-fill space.

There are significant benefits to being part of a historic district including impact on property values. Local historic district designation has proven to insulate property values from wild swings in the housing markets. Federal, state, and local tax credits are available to owners of designated historic properties. Within Colorado, the State Historical Fund distributes approximately $15 million annually to historical projects including restoration and rehabilitation of designated historic buildings. Property owners are assured that their investment will not be harmed by inappropriate alteration or construction on adjacent properties.

For many, the most compelling reason to own and maintain a historic property is the well documented increase in property values. In general, historic residential communities enjoy five to 35 percent increase in property values over non-historic neighborhoods. A typical example is the Speedway-Drachman National Register Historic District in Tucson, AZ. A recent study showed that between 1987 and 2007 the average assessed value of homes in that district appreciated 15 percent higher than the average in a nearby neighborhood with housing stock of similar age, construction and design.

A final consideration is the value of being part of a unique and distinctive neighborhood. Owners of qualifying properties may apply to be part of one of Golden’s existing or future historic districts, and may also qualify for recognition on the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties or the National Register of Historic Places.

There are many tangible and intangible benefits for historic preservation and historic property ownership. These benefits accrue not only for the property owner, but also for the community and future generations who choose to live, work and play in our great city. Golden is fortunate to have a rich history with several well preserved neighborhoods and historical buildings.
Today, Coors beer and cowboys are practically synonymous; however, that wasn’t always true. The artwork of contemporary western painter Gordon Snidow and a successful ad campaign in the 1970s cemented the association. Gordon’s paintings that depict cowboys enjoying Coors Banquet beer led to one of the Golden brewery’s most successful campaigns.

Talking by phone, Gordon shared how the idea grew from something he heard over his CB radio:

Tying up for the night and going to have me a Colorado Coolade.
—unidentified Texas trucker, 1978

Hearing this popular reference to Coors Banquet sparked an idea for a series of paintings. For the first, Snidow painted a scene of a cowboy sitting on a fence, holding a can of Coors; he sent the brewery a transparency of the painting and an ad concept. Coors responded immediately.

The brewery named the painting Coors Cowboy, made prints, and started testing the concept in several new markets—primarily Washington and Oregon. Prints were given to distributors to help entice their retailers to stock Coors on their shelves. Retailers never turned the offer down—it was a huge success. Coors was sold on the concept and offered Gordon a long-term contract to produce more.

The resulting Coors Cowboy Collectors Series was produced between 1978 and 1992. All together the series included seven paintings depicting six cowboys and one cowgirl. Golden History Museums owns two.

Recently, Gordon and his wife, Grace, visited the Golden History Center to see the exhibit Calendar Girls to Cowboys: The Art of Selling Coors. Gordon signed both prints which are currently on view. In case you didn’t make the connection, the cowboys referenced in the exhibit title are Gordon’s.

Learn more about Gordon Snidow at gordonsnidow.com and more about Golden’s rich history at GoldenHistory.org.
2015 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 www.cityofgolden.net/work/jobs/ for job availability.

Opportunities include:

- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors
- 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