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STATE OF THE CITY
Join Golden City Manager Jason Slowinski for an insightful look at what’s happening in Golden. The State of the City Luncheon is a popular annual tradition, and all citizens are invited. Jason is relatively new to the city manager position, so this is a great chance to meet him. He will also fill you in on how Golden is doing right now, and what he envisions for the future. The event is hosted by the Golden Chamber of Commerce and will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 at the Golden Hotel, 800 11th St. Tickets start at $35. For more information or to buy your tickets and reserve your spot, visit GoldenCoChamber.org or call 303-279-3113. This event fills up quickly so get your ticket today!

NORTH CLEAR CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN
What do you envision for the future? A plan is in the works for the North Clear Creek Neighborhood which includes 8th, 9th and 10th streets as well as Goosetown. However, before that can happen, the City wants to hear from you. Golden’s Community and Economic Development Department hosted two community meetings already this year regarding the North Clear Creek Neighborhood Draft Plan. There is one more chance for you to participate. The final meeting will be a workshop to help draft the official neighborhood plan. Join us starting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/NClearCreekPlan for more information.

TREE SALE IS OVER
Golden’s annual tree sale is ending early because we ran out of trees! Demand was high this year for the trees which are known to adapt and thrive in our area, and are available at a reasonable cost to residents.

The sale was supposed to end on April 15. If you were hoping to purchase a tree and missed out this year, don’t worry. The City’s Forestry Department will hold the sale again next year. Look for details in the Golden Informer in the late winter/early spring next year. Thanks to everyone who purchased trees this year. You’ve helped increase tree diversity in our community!

ETHICS IN BUSINESS AWARDS
The 11th annual Ethics in Business Awards luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, April 22 at the Sheraton Denver West, 360 Union Blvd. Winners of the awards, one for-profit organization, one not-for-profit, will be honored for leading the way in business ethics, integrity, civic and social responsibility.

The keynote speaker at the luncheon is Dr. Douglas Jackson. Dr. Jackson is the President/CEO of Project C.U.R.E, the world’s largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment. Every year more than 15,000 people volunteer with Project C.U.R.E. making the organization one of the most efficient and effective grass-roots efforts in the country.

Tickets for the event are $60 each, and reservations are required by April 20. Reserve your seat at www.goldenrotaryethics.org.

HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items
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 7
Study session

April 14
Regular business meeting

April 21
Study session
(if needed)

April 28
Regular business meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net. Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
SOME Golden residents have been asked lately if they are happy and they know it. They were randomly surveyed in connection with Golden’s Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index Project. The Gallup Index measures Americans’ happiness and positive emotion, based on their experiences with the relevant elements of social and community relationships, physical health, and financial security.

Colorado always ranks well in the national Well-Being Index. But until now, we have lacked information specific to our hometown: data that will be critical to City decisions on policies, capital improvements, economic development, and services. As United Kingdom Prime Minister David Cameron put it, “[if] your goal . . . is to help make a better life for people . . . then you’ve got to take practical steps to make sure government is properly focused.”

The Index confirms the commonly held assumption of an association between financial security and well-being. Economic security reduces stress and increases lifestyle choices. Consequently, municipal spending and investment decisions have a direct impact on the well-being of our residents.

Social and community relationships make a major difference in subjective happiness. Welcoming public spaces and places allow supportive relations to evolve. Furthermore, interactive volunteerism is a key component of a thriving community. Donating money or time measurably improves an individual’s satisfaction level. There’s even a spillover: those who do not personally volunteer but live in a town with a high rate of volunteerism enjoy high well-being levels.

In related findings, people who like their community report fewer negative physical symptoms than those who are disconnected or dissatisfied. And people who feel their community offers safe places to walk and exercise score significantly higher on the physical health index. By itself, easy access to the natural environment boosts feelings of well-being.

As for Golden’s results, the survey shows that we have very high levels of well-being:

• Community well-being is Golden’s biggest strength. Very high percentages of our residents report that they are proud of our town, they wouldn’t want to live anywhere else, and they feel safe and secure here. However, there is definite (and surprising) room for improvement in impactful volunteer efforts.

• Another strong element is physical health, with residents indicating excellent exercise levels, low obesity rates, acceptable medical insurance coverage, and low percentages of chronic conditions. Nevertheless, a moderate level of smoking or vaping, high levels of alcohol consumption, and below average produce consumption are worth noting.

• Access to open space is a key positive factor for Golden. Parks and trails offer places for rest, relaxation, and recreation.

• Our financial security is similar to that experienced across the state and country. Participants indicate that low-cost and no-cost activities are important and that options for affordable, accessible housing and public transportation should be explored and expanded.

The survey results will inform future City policy decisions—lighting a pathway that honors Golden Vision principles. The data can help set goals, evaluate services, and establish budgetary priorities. You can see the entire survey at www.cityofgolden.net/links/WellBeingIndex. And in the meantime, please sing, clap your hands, and stomp your feet. That alone will make you and all bystanders happier.

*The Gallup-Healthways Index is a registered trademark of Gallup, Inc. Project partners include St. Anthony/Centura Health; the Colorado School of Public Health; the University of Colorado at Denver; the Jefferson County Health Department; and local civic organizations.
There could be a nasty, toxic weed living on your property, and The City of Golden Parks Department encourages you to get it out of your yard by mid-April. Myrtle spurge is a Colorado List A noxious weed that needs to be eradicated.

Plants can be pulled, bagged and brought to Community Pride Days for disposal (event details in article above). The plants MUST be bagged and separate from other yard waste. In exchange you will be provided a free native seed packet to spread in the area where you removed the spurge. Myrtle spurge contains a caustic sap that can cause severe blistering and rashes. Long sleeves, rubber gloves and eye protection should be worn when spurge is pulled. Another method of control is treating with herbicides. For more information about control visit the Jeffco Weed & Pest website at jeffco.us/weed. You can also contact Billy Iannopollo with the Golden Parks Department at 303-384-8142 or email wiannopollo@cityofgolden.net.

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No doubt you’ve seen the already big changes at the intersection of US 6 and 19th Street. This long awaited project began on Feb. 8 and has been going strong ever since. The construction process is never much fun for those passing through, but in the end, this project will improve safety, reduce delays for drivers, and make the trip from Beverly Heights to the college campus and downtown Golden a much more pleasant experience.

The initial work included removal of trees, which will be replaced on a one-to-one basis in all four quadrants of the project. Water line relocations were done in the northwest quadrant. There was also construction of retaining walls. The retaining walls are built into the hill to the west. This provides a flat area between the road and wall where the ramp can be constructed. The construction of retaining walls will take place on all four quadrants so all of the on and off ramps can be completed. When the ramps are complete in late spring, US 6 traffic will be moved to the ramps to allow construction of the bridge to begin. The ramps will still have two lanes in each direction.

The retaining walls that are being constructed are called Soil Nail Walls. These walls are constructed by drilling into the hillside that you want to retain. Steel rods are then inserted into the drilled holes and the hole is then injected with concrete grout. Next, a mesh is applied against the slope and a concrete mix called shotcrete is sprayed into the mesh. When the concrete hardens around the mesh the soil nails are then used to pull the concrete mesh wall tight to the soil face. The final step is to tie a precast concrete panel to the concrete mesh wall. If you are interested in how we built these walls you can go to www.LinkingLookout.com where we have posted a video of construction.

Safety remains the most important goal of the project. Please when driving or walking through the area, pay particular attention to signs and flaggers because it is a busy area with a lot going on. The 6th Avenue Trail remains closed for safety, and will through construction so please do not try to use it. A reminder to bikers: please do NOT detour onto US 6. It is very dangerous to ride on the highway. Instead, use the designated detour through the Colorado School of Mines campus. Detour signs will guide you.

If you have questions about the project, or want more information, visit www.LinkingLookout.com or call and leave a message on the project hotline at 303-277-8777.
Get ready! It’s almost time for the semiannual spring yard waste collection for residents who are part of the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program. Yard waste will be collected the week of May 2 by a separate truck on your designated trash collection day and should be placed at or near where your trash is collected by 7 a.m. 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 is limited to 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 natural fiber string, yarn or rope like cotton or sisal.
  - **Do not** use wires, nylon, polyethylene, or other synthetic materials 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 is recycled! Please do not contaminate this material with any of the following:
  - NO plastics, 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, contact Alpine Waste and Recycling at 303-277-8727, golden@alpinewaste.com, or visit Alpine’s website at http://alpinewaste.com/city-of-golden/.

**ALPINE RECYCLES ALL ORGANICS, KITCHEN WASTES INCLUDED!**

Try subscribing to Alpine Waste and Recycling’s subscription Organics Recycling program. Alpine’s program accepts all organic materials and recycles it into compost. The Organics Recycling Program is available year-round and includes every other week pick up of your organic waste cart at your curb. It’s convenient and reasonably priced! Call Alpine Waste and Recycling today at 303-277-8727 to subscribe!
The City of Golden is surrounded by large areas of grass and brush that can provide prime fuel for wildfires. We also live in an arid environment that can keep these fuels dry and highly combustible. The success of protecting our community from wildfire lies in the efforts of Golden’s home and property owners. And it begins in your own back yard.

On Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, the City will make it easy for you to get rid of your yard waste/fire fuel by simply taking it to the Community Pride Days drop-off site (see details on p. 5). This is particularly useful because the City of Golden Fire Code does not allow for open burning of these materials, or any trash or rubbish for that matter.

Because of the potential for wildfires, Golden adopted a citizen guidance document known as the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). A link to this document can be found at www.cityofgolden.net/links/Wildfire. Meantime, here are a few suggestions for you to help with fire mitigation on your property:

- Trim tree or bush branches, particularly resinous evergreen varieties, that are overhanging on roofs or growing into windows, chimneys or siding. A good rule of thumb is 10 feet of clearance. Trim at least six feet above the roof and away from bedroom escape or rescue windows in particular. Trimming along the siding of the home will also reduce fuels below eaves where embers can enter the attic area through eave vents.
- Clean pine-type needles, leaves and combustible debris from roof top valleys and gutters.
- Keep these same pine-type needles, leaves, debris and combustible materials and plants cleaned up and trimmed within five feet from the base of a home with combustible siding. Consider keeping plants at least 18 inches from siding, basement windows, combustion air intakes and crawl space vents and out from under combustible (wooden) decks.
- Keep fire wood or extra lumber well away from the side of the home, out from under combustible decks, and away from combustible fences and sheds, to include those of your neighbor. A good rule of thumb is at least 10 feet away and piles no more than six feet high.
- Keep trees limbed up six or more feet from the ground when they are within or adjacent to native un-irrigated vegetation and grasses. For bushes or evergreen trees where canopies that high are not practical for the size or health of the tree or bush, consider keeping ground vegetation trimmed to not more than four inches.

If you have been notified by your homeowner’s insurance company to take some far reaching mitigation measures, you are welcome to contact the Golden Fire Department for advice. We will work with homeowners on a case by case basis to enable you to keep your insurance intact. For more detailed information or further questions, call the Golden Fire Prevention and Life Safety office at 303-384-8093.
Water Meter Replacement

The city-wide project to replace water meters is underway. This likely means that your meter will be replaced. Residents with meter pits will be notified just before the meter is replaced. Most pit set (outdoor) meters will be replaced during regular business hours and the technicians will knock on the door to attempt to notify you in person. If you are not home, they will change the meter and leave a notice that the work has been completed.

Residents with water meters inside your home will need to contact the contractors directly and schedule an appointment to have your meter replaced. The City of Golden has selected Keystone Utility Systems as our contractor for the project. You can reach them at 877-587-2279. The project is expected to be completed by December of this year.

Meter pits should be clear of obstructions such as bushes, plantings and landscape materials. Inside set meters will need any shelving, boxes or any other obstructions moved out of the way to allow access to the meter. If you don’t know where your meter is located or what it looks like, there are several ways to find out. Meters are normally installed in a utility room with the furnace, etc. They can also be found installed in basements on the street-side of the residence. Any questions or concerns, contact Golden Utilities Superintendent at 303-384-8170 or lmajor@cityofgolden.net. You can also contact Golden Meter Technician Keith Mehls at 303-384-8171 or kmehls@cityofgolden.net.

Giving Back to Golden

An astounding 39 local organizations were recently granted a total of $80,000 thanks to the Golden Civic Foundation (GCF). Each November, the GCF hosts a dinner and auction attended by more than 400 guests. All of the proceeds from the event are then given back to the community in the form of grants and scholarships in order to fulfill the Foundation’s mission: Invest in the economic and cultural vitality of our wonderful community. In late February, the GCF held an awards luncheon to announce this year’s recipients.

Sarah Labosky is the president of the GCF board; a tradition started with her grandparents, Heinie and Barbara Foss, who helped found the organization. “I am thrilled that the Foundation has awarded a total of $250,000 in just the three years I’ve been involved,” said Labosky. “That is only a small portion of the significant amount of money the GCF has invested in the City of Golden during the Foundation’s 45-year history.”

Specifically, this year a $3,000 scholarship was awarded to the winner of the Jefferson Symphony’s International Young Artist competition, which reaffirms the Foundation’s commitment to the cultural energy and passion of our community. Other benefitting organizations range from schools to museums to cultural facilities and even other non-profits that work for the betterment of Golden.

Top: Sarah Labosky, Board President for the Golden Civic Foundation and Heather Schneider, the GCF’s Executive Director, present a check to Alexander Hersh (Cello), this year’s winner of the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra’s Young Artist Competition. Bottom: Pat Madison, long time Board Member for the Golden Civic Foundation, presented Peggy Halderman with a grant for the Golden Backpack Program.
April 1

April Fools’ Day

April 9

Coffee with a Councilor – South Neighborhoods
Note: This is on the second Saturday rather than the normal first Saturday for this month. Chat with your District One City Councilor at 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-279-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

Young Life Golden Fundraiser
Learn how Young Life is impacting the lives of kids in Golden and Central Jefferson County. Dinner, wine tasting and silent auction. 6 to 9 p.m. in the Blaster Room at the CSM Marv Kay Stadium. All proceeds go to Young Life participants in Golden and Wheat Ridge. For details contact Olly Summers at ojsummers@yahoo.com or call 713-305-6752.

Town Hall
State Representative Jessie Danielson, who represents Golden in the state legislature, will host a town hall at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9 in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. For more details call 303-866-5522 or visit www.jessiedanielson.com.

April 11

Shelton Garden Kickoff Meeting
Share your ideas for a new school/community garden at Shelton Elementary. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Shelton Elementary, 420 Crawford St. For more info call Principal Karen Brown at 303-982-5686.

April 12

State of the City
Get caught up on the happenings in Golden, as told by City Manager Jason Slowinski and hosted by the Golden Chamber of Commerce. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Golden Hotel, 800 11th St. Tickets start at $35. For info and tickets visit GoldenCOChamber.org or call 303-279-3113.

April 15

Tax Deadline
Final day to submit your taxes for 2015.

April 16

Coffee with a Councilor – North Neighborhoods
Chat with your District Two City Councilor at 10 a.m. at Natural Grocers, 2401 Ford St. For details call Councilor Casey Brown at 303-900-2003 or email cbrown@cityofgolden.net.

April 22

Earth Day

JOY at Mines
Alpha Phi Omega’s Mu Pi Chapter is hosting JOY, Jamboree for Outstanding Youngsters from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 on the South IM Field on the Colorado School of Mines campus. The event is free and open to all elementary school children. There will be tons of fun activities and games that celebrate the kids of the Golden area. For more information, visit http://joy-apo.wix.com/mupi-joy.

Through April 26

“No Girls Allowed! Quilts Made by Men”
Do men really make quilts? The answer is most definitely yes, as more and more men choose to express their creativity through quilt-making. This exhibit showcases quilts made by men… one of the museum’s most anticipated and popular events. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

April 29

Arbor Day

Dog Gone by David Charity at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum.
April 30
JSO Concert
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra joins forces with the Evergreen Chorale for a powerful performance of Guiseppe Verdi’s dramatic Requiem. 7 p.m. at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center, 924 16th St. For tickets and info visit www.Jeffsymphony.org or call 303-278-4237.

April 30 & May 1
Community Pride Days
Clear out your garages, basements and yards and bring your junk to the Golden City Shops for free disposal. This is open only to residents living within City limits. Details on times, location and what you can bring are on p. 5.

Through May 1
You Can’t Take It With You
Fresh off its Broadway run, this play introduces audiences to the freethinking Sycamore Family and the mayhem that ensues when their daughter’s fiancé brings his conservative, straight-laced parents to dinner on the wrong night. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and show times call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

FREE
Sales and Use Tax Workshops
The City of Golden is hosting FREE Sales and Use Tax workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors and geared toward individuals who need to learn sales and use tax concepts on an in-depth level.

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

April 6, 2016 ............... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
June 1, 2016 ............... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

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

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

May 4, 2016 ............... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

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.
The City of Golden is partnering with the Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC) to offer a Water-Wise Landscape Seminar on Monday, April 4. Throughout the month of April, CRC will be hosting 13 seminars in eight different communities across the Front Range. CRC landscape seminars are offered at no cost, and they are open to everyone. For more details about the complete seminar line-up and to register, visit ConservationCenter.org/Water-Wise-Seminars. Call 303-999-3820 x222 or email gardeninfo@conservationcenter.org with any questions.

Garden In A Box, a selection of professionally designed, perennial gardens that use Xeric (low water) plants, offers residents a simple approach to an eye-catching yard. These do-it-yourself garden kits come with 15 to 30 starter plants, a comprehensive Plant and Care Guide, and one to three plant by number maps. Regardless of expertise, you can save water and beautify your landscape with these affordable gardens.

Whether you are looking to redesign a portion of your yard, attract bees and butterflies, or simply increase your curb appeal, Garden In A Box makes it easy! All the plants are locally grown, and once established will need little to no irrigation to thrive, giving you big, beautiful savings. Plus, with many options to choose from, you can find the perfect garden for shade, sun, and everything in between.

Gardens are offered by the City of Golden in partnership with the Center for ReSource Conservation in support of our community’s commitment to water conservation. As a City of Golden water customer, you are eligible for a $25 discount on Xeric gardens while supplies last. To view the full garden collection visit ConservationCenter.org/gardens or call 303-999-3820 x222 with questions.

- Garden options for 2016 include eight different gardens (six Xeric and two veggie) with options for sun, shade, and high altitudes.
- Gardens are offered for areas ranging in size from 18 to 96 square feet.
- Gardens contain 14 to 30 plants (hardened off, starter plants that come in 2.5” or 4” pots).
- Gardens range in price from $74 to $144.
- All Xeric gardens (except the Greatest Hits of Xeriscape) are eligible for the $25 discount. The veggie gardens are not.

LOW WATER LANDSCAPING TIPS AND TRICKS
Monday April 4, 6 to 8 p.m.
Golden Community Center,
Coal Creek Room - North;
1470 10th St.
Speaker: Deryn Davidson,
Horticulturist and Landscape Architect with CSU Extension
Finding an Alternative to Your Commute

Way to Go (formerly Ride Arrangers) is a regional partnership between the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) and regional transportation groups that work together to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and make life better for the region’s residents.

Way to Go offers real-life solutions to help commuters save money, experience less stress, and save time, so that they can focus more on the things they enjoy. Find a better commute through the trip planning app on the website – just type in your destination and check out the options. It’s more useful than Google, because you’ll see how to join vanpool and carpool routes already near you. Bookmark waytogo.org and you’ll be on your way to a new way of commuting.

Is a CSA for You?

Community-Supported Agriculture, or CSA, allows residents to have direct access to high quality, fresh produce grown locally by regional farmers. Residents may purchase a crop-share from any number of farms in Colorado and receive produce straight from the farm each week throughout summer and fall. Most have weekly deliveries to a central location in or around Golden for easy pickup. CSAs help support local farming and reduce pollution through fewer vehicle miles traveled. Check out a number of local CSAs online as well as the weekly Farmer’s Market every Saturday starting June 4 and going until October. The Farmer’s Market is located in the parking lot next to the Golden Library, 1019 10th St.

APRIL’S EARTH DAY EVENTS

Celebrate Earth Day by participating in various events, clean-up and classes. Tour a recycling sorting facility, join a group to keep Golden beautiful, or watch the 2016 Sustainability Awards in person or online during the Golden City Council meeting on April 14. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability for more information.
Experienced Babysitting Course - #24211  
(Prerequisite Advanced Care babysitting course (#24210), pediatric cpr/first aid (#24225) or instructor approval)  
This course is designed for the babysitter who has experience and wants to be prepared for more children, longer jobs and group settings. Topics covered are: CPR/First Aid for Infant, Child and Adult renewal; growth and development range 6 months to 10 year activities; group setting (ex. PTA meeting, church, nursery); discipline for larger groups and older children; cooking/meal ideas; food allergies and allergic reactions; communication strategies for dealing with parents/children; potty training; special needs care; emergency information and emergency preparedness; first aid kits; weather evacuations; stranger awareness in public; break ins; fire safety; community awareness tips and resources. **No refunds for no shows.**  
Age: 14 years and older, Min/Max: 5/8  
Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
$80 Resident, $85 Non-resident

Cartoon Kids - #18046  
Develop drawing skills that can be applied to all sorts of projects and imaginative cartooning adventures. Learn about line drawing, patterning, perspective, and other drawing techniques, while also using other media to complete one of a kind artwork.  
Age: 5 - 12 years, Min/Max: 7/12  
Saturday, April 9 - 30, 10 to 11 a.m.  
$61 Resident, $66 Non-resident

Bob Ross Landscape Oil Painting - #27001  
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 (frame not included), finished oil painting that you created! No materials are required – we provide everything! Questions in regards to painting call Chuck 303-238-6847 or www.mysticmountainart.com.

Age: 14 years and older, Min/Max: 5/8  
Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
$80 Resident, $85 Non-resident

Splash Birthday Party Online Registration BEGINS APRIL 1!  
Spend your birthday with us! The Splash has many worry-free options for you to choose from. Please visit our website www.splashingolden.com for reservation instructions and booking. Subject to availability and payment required at the time of reservation.

**Stingray Package - $99**  
• Up to 15 entries  
• Reserved picnic table in a covered party pavilion for 2 hours  
• You bring the goodies (plates, cake, drinks, etc.)  
• Each addt’l child $3.50, adult $5

**Dolphin Package - $145**  
• Up to 15 entries  
• Reserved picnic table in a covered party pavilion for 2 hours  
• ¼ sheet cake and 1 gallon of ice cream  
• 3 pitchers of soda and paper products  
• Each addt’l child $5.50, adult $7

**Shark Package - $185**  
• Up to 15 entries  
• Reserved picnic table in a covered party pavilion for 2 hours  
• ¼ sheet cake and 1 gallon of ice cream  
• 5 pitchers of soda and paper products  
• Combo meal for each child and chaperone  
• Each addt’l child $7.50, adult $9.50  
*Entries may include adults and children. Guest list required for check in; 25 entries maximum.*
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APRIL TRIPS & EVENTS

Denver Firefighters Museum #352000-1
Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tour starts at 10:15 a.m. $15 (Transportation and museum ticket included. Bring money for lunch, location TBD.) Exertion Level 3.
If the heart of a great museum is its subject, then the Denver Firefighters Museum is truly one of the greatest in the world! The Museum offers not only outstanding exhibits on the history of firefighting in Denver (focusing on the Denver Fire Department), but innovative and exciting hands-on activities that allow visitors to interact with the traditional exhibits.

Butterfly Pavilion and Butterflies of the Rainforest Class #352100-1
Tuesday, April 19
11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Class starts at 2:30 p.m. $17 (Transportation, admission and class included. Bring money for lunch, location TBD.) Exertion Level 2.
Home to over 5,000 animals! In the Butterflies of the Rainforest class, take a trip to the tropics and discover how the Butterfly Pavilion gets its butterflies and how they transform over their lifetimes. Get ready to immerse yourself with one of our world’s most amazing environments.

Golden Book Club
This group meets in the Front Porch the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. April: Isaac’s Storm by Eric Larson
If you are interested in joining, please email Jan Bradbury at bobjanbradbury@comcast.net.

Jefferson Center for Mental Health
We will have a representative from the JCMH here during our Celebrate Health on Friday, April 1 to discuss the services that they provide. Please visit their website at www.jcmh.org for more information.

Front Porch Library, no longer the Jefferson County Library extension
All Jefferson County Library books need to be returned to their library as we are no longer offering this service. Since our Front Porch library is thriving, please be kind and relocate them to their proper place. The books are organized on each shelf by the author’s last name. Thank you for your assistance with this!

For more information:
• Stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Community Center, 1470 10th St.;
• Call 303-384-8130;
• Check out the Recreation brochure; or
• Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/frontporch
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 2015 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return. The refund amount for 2015 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 2015? _____ 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, 2016.

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

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

Office Use Only:
Account #013031-6190 STR Vendor # __________ Received __________ Payable _________
National Travel and Tourism Week is an annual national tradition that was established by a congressional resolution in 1983. The goal of National Tourism Week is to create a greater appreciation of the tourism industry’s positive economic impact. The travel community typically marks the event in a number of creative ways, from staging local rallies and conducting media outreach to securing proclamations and resolutions from local governments.

This year, Visit Golden, Golden’s Community Marketing Program, will also be participating with a variety of events in partnership with the Golden Visitors Center and the Golden Cultural Alliance. Visit Golden hopes to build awareness of the positive economic impact of tourism on Golden’s local economy, while promoting the new and improved Golden Visitors Center, and Golden’s cultural organizations.

Events will kick off with an open house on Tuesday, May 3 at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. The public is invited to attend a community celebration of the new and improved Visitors Center at noon. Explore the region’s premier center as you snap photos with Golden mascots, listen to the Mines marching band, jump on a train caboose and more! Enjoy a boxed lunch at this special event celebrating all the new changes and upgrades.

The excitement continues with a volunteer fair from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4 at the Visitors Center. Learn about volunteer opportunities at Golden’s local museums and cultural attractions. The event will be free and open to the public and include food, drinks and door prizes.

On Friday, May 6, Golden’s museums and cultural attractions will offer free admission for Golden residents within the zip codes of 80401, 80402 and 80403 for the day. Some will even offer special programming and/or display items from their collections that are not normally displayed to the public. Jefferson County schools are closed for a teacher in-service day, thus providing a great opportunity for Golden residents and families to visit Golden’s local museums and cultural attractions!

Finally, the week will end with guided hikes and group walks from the Visitors Center. Hikers (or walkers) can pick up trail maps, reusable water bottles, sunscreen and more. It’s opportunity to educate residents and visitors about Golden’s extensive trail system. Pre-registration will be required on Visit Golden’s Facebook page.

For more information about Golden’s Travel and Tourism Week events, visit http://visitgolden.com/golden-visitors-center-co. Event times and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.
Young campers, get ready for an exciting summer full of drama (the good kind)! Golden History Museums’ Hands-on History Summer Camp will have a new theme this year for campers ages 6 to 8 called “Art Explorers.”

Campers in “Art Explorers” will get a variety of art and culture experiences that include painting, architecture, fashion, dancing, and theater. The activities will help kids make connections to Golden’s exciting artistic history.

During one section of the program, campers will learn how to perform vaudeville acts like those made famous in the City’s popular and renowned theaters. Vaudeville is a truly American form of entertainment which presents specialty acts like comedy, dancing, magic and animal performances. Also called a variety show, vaudeville was performed both by traveling companies in the open air and in theaters or opera houses. Golden has a very rich theatrical history, and many theaters hosted performances with vaudeville elements.

Opening on October 24, 1879 on Washington Avenue, the Golden Opera House often hosted vaudeville performances to entertain its patrons. In December 1919, the Opera House hosted boys from the State Industrial School performing in a vaudeville show in order to raise funds for a moving picture machine for their school. According to the Colorado Transcript, the acts included a minstrel show and a number of “vaudeville stunts that are said to be mighty clever.” The article told readers that the “S. R. O.” (Standing Room Only) sign would be hung out early and that the event promised to be “one of the finest entertainments ever given in the city.”

Golden residents loved watching the acts which combined humor, talent, and daring stunts. In the 1970s and ‘80s, residents watched G. William Oakley perform in shows at Heritage Square Opera House that showed vaudeville and melodrama inspired by historic acts. Reminiscent of historic theaters, when Oakley played the villain in a show, he would encourage guests to throw popcorn at him to show their dislike.

Just like Golden’s famous vaudeville performers, campers will learn to perform a magic trick, tell jokes on stage, and juggle for the audience. Campers will also learn other vaudeville skills, like historic and modern dance moves including waltzing, two-stepping, the bunny hop and the hustle, and practice acting by learning improvisation and Shakespeare lines.

Visit GoldenHistory.org/HOH to see the schedule and sign-up for camp. Also check out the other fun summer camp themes: Pioneer Kids, Dirty Jobs, Decision Makers, and Silent Stars.
Did you know that butterflies, moths, birds, bats, bees, and other pollinating creatures are necessary for producing one of every three bites of food on our plates? Abundant wildlife is part of what makes Golden a great place to visit and live, yet pollinating animals are more than nice to watch— they are essential to the preservation of our economy and ecosystem. But pollinators are in danger due to loss of habitat, parasites, disease, pesticides and lack of diversity.

You can help, and one big step is to plant the types of flowers that our pollinators love. That’s why you’re invited to participate in our Grow the Rainbow program. A limited supply of colorful balls full of native wildflower seeds will be available for purchase for just one dollar each. Grow the Rainbow will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 28 at the Clear Creek History Park, 1020 11th St. You can either plant the seed balls at the History Park, or take them home to plant in your yard. There will also be an opportunity to meet a beekeeper, see the hives, and ask questions about bees, other pollinators and what can be done to help them thrive.

The Golden Parks Department works hard to create and preserve pollinator habitats in our parks and trails, and keeps a honeybee hive to help educate people about bees and dispel the fear associated with them. However, the Parks staff can’t preserve Golden’s ecosystem on their own. They need the help of the people of Golden to protect the pollinators. Join us for this fun and important event!

Mountain Standard Clay • April 16 - June 12

Celebrate the quality and diversity of ceramic art that comes from our time zone! Mountain Standard Clay (formerly Colorado Clay) at the Foothills Art Center has expanded to include artists from around the region. In this exhibition visitors will see how the 27,000 year-old clay tradition is being transformed by contemporary artists who are pushing the boundaries of the medium. Ranging from the minimal to the baroque, the quirky to the elegant, the works of art in this exhibition will change your ideas about the power of clay to communicate a wide variety of ideas, concepts and attitudes. Nationally-recognized ceramics scholar Peter Held has selected 39 works by 23 artists from over 225 entries to the exhibition, located at the Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For information on hours and tickets, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.
The City of Golden will soon be accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, the Splash Aquatic Park, Fossil Trace Golf Club, and the Cemetery.

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

Check out our website at [www.cityofgolden.net/work/jobs/](http://www.cityofgolden.net/work/jobs/) for job availability.