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The Golden Informer
HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

CANDIDATE PETITIONS AVAILABLE AUG. 4

The City of Golden will hold a General Municipal Election in conjunction with Jefferson County’s mail-in ballot election on November 3.

All four ward seats on the Golden City Council will be up for election.

A current ward map is available on the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net.

Potential candidates may obtain petitions and begin circulating them from the City Clerk’s Office beginning on Tuesday, August 4. The petitions must be turned into the City Clerk’s Office by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 24.

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate should contact the City Clerk’s Office for information regarding qualifications for office, campaign finance requirements and petitioning requirements.

For more information please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014, 303-384-8015, or by email clerks@cityofgolden.net.

CIVIC FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 15

Each year the Golden Civic Foundation hosts a fundraising auction, the net proceeds of which are awarded to worthwhile organizations and programs through community grants.

A letter requesting a grant should include a general description of the program or project and the pertinent information indicated below.

- Legal name and address of applicant organization
- Contact person and telephone number
- Information about the mission and purpose of the organization
- Most recent copy of IRS letter of tax-exemption status
- Organization’s financial statement for most recent year, and preferably a copy of your audit
- Purpose and amount of grant requested including problems and issues the proposed project will address
  - Project budget
  - Resume for project staff
  - Future funding plans
  - Substantiation of funding need and anticipated results
  - Other funding sources and the amounts

Grant applications are reviewed in September and must be submitted to the Foundation by August 15. Grants will be awarded in December.

This year’s fundraising auction is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Marriott Denver West.

Since 1970, the Golden Civic Foundation has contributed more than $2 million to nearly 100 local organizations and programs.

For more information please go to www.goldencivicfoundation.org/grants.htm or contact Charles Baroch, Executive Director of the Foundation, at (303) 278-9697 or by email at CJBaroch@aol.com.

BUS SERVICE IN GOLDEN: WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Golden Planning Department would like to invite you to take part in the third round of discussions concerning possible downtown bus service.

The meeting is part of the City’s ongoing feasibility study looking at the viability of a circulator bus system. This service would likely cover the core areas of Golden and the Colorado School of Mines, to provide a link to the planned light rail station adjacent to the Jefferson County Government Center.

Options for potential routes of service will be discussed during the meeting which will be held on August 3 at Golden Fire Station 1, located at 911 10th Street. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the training center on the second floor.

Below is the Golden City Council’s calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

August 6
Study session

August 13
Regular business meeting

August 20
Study session

August 27
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 welcomed on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
One of City Council’s most important obligations is to protect our community’s economic health. Unfortunately, the recession is now impacting Golden and our city revenues are declining. The good news is that we planned well for just such a scenario by building a strong operating reserve to ease the transition to a slower economy without abrupt and drastic cuts. Over the past two decades we've benefitted from a few large retail developments that substantially increased our revenue base, and allowed us to make great investments in our quality of life - parks, trails, historic downtown, the Clear Creek Corridor, all of which have helped protect our property values. We have maintained very high bond ratings and a very conservative debt policy, only borrowing for projects when it saves you money. And we have vigorously maintained our water system, wastewater system, streets, sidewalks and other community assets.

We must be prepared if revenues continue to decline or remain flat for the next several years. Part of our response is to find new efficiencies in the city's operations. The City of Golden has been very lean and very well managed for many years, so we don't anticipate finding huge improvements, but we are looking.

Even as we become more efficient, though, less revenue will mean fewer city staff, and fewer city staff will mean fewer services.

What does this mean for Golden residents? Our first priority remains public safety and we will ensure that our fire and police departments have the resources they need to maintain their very high level of service. We will also continue to maintain our substantial community assets. But, if we have to reduce spending, examples might include the community center having fewer hours; parks getting mowed less often, and delays in new capital projects.

As we wrestle with these hard choices, we may also want to evaluate potential new revenues. As we make tough decisions about charging more for some services and reducing the availability of others, we may find new opportunities to utilize our unique City Charter provision that allows you - the citizens of Golden - to determine when an economic incentive to bring new jobs or revenue to the community is appropriate. This will be another opportunity for our engaged community to determine the future that best achieves our common goals.

We will need your input as we craft the 2010 budget. Keep an eye on the Informer and on my email newsletter (let me know if you want to subscribe) for opportunities to weigh in, or email City Council anytime with your thoughts on what budget priorities are most important to you.
By Mike Bestor, City Manager

In 2002, the City of Golden started budgeting on a two-year basis and for 2003-2004, 2005-2006, and 2007-2008, this process worked very well. Paper and printing costs were cut in half, while staff and Council were able to take a longer perspective and carefully consider future impacts of present decisions. City Council’s “off-year” budget decisions became thoughtful reviews of what was working and what wasn’t and generated more creative thought and citizen input than is usually allowed by the more-formal and time-constrained municipal budget process.

Every budget produced by these two-year cycles (and every City of Golden Budget since 1997) was subjected to national peer review and received the award for Distinguished Budget Presentation from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award recognizes that our budget documents are “user-friendly” - for citizens, City Council and staff – but that is only part of the story.

The key to any successful budgeting process is accurate revenue forecasts. Since revenue forecasting is more art than science, good finance management requires forecasting based on conservative assumptions with any errors made to underestimate and not overestimate future resources. Here is how we measure up to these criteria:

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Coming within 5% of actual revenue is pretty amazing if you consider that when we prepare the budget we are estimating total receipts for 80 different General Fund revenues, 15 months into the future. In every year but one, our estimated totals were more conservative than the actual revenue. I am very proud of this record.

At the half-way point for 2009 expected revenues are down 11% compared to last year and our 2010 Budget process assumes that this reduced level will be our new normal condition. People are wisely spending less and saving more and so will this City. You will see and feel some of this reduction. Our list of capital projects that will make Golden an even better place will take longer to complete but our primary assets (streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, pipes, etc.) will continue to be maintained. If you review our latest (12/31/2008) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report you will see that, even in a difficult year like 2008, our Total Capital Assets (Net) increased from $161 million to $165 million.

Since this is such an unusual year, the discussions to refine the last half of the current two-year budget will have CBAC and City Council working overtime. Revenues are down just like they are everywhere and adjustments must be made. Less money means less service and new ways of doing things. It might be a really good time for you to get involved. The budget projects through CBAC, City Council, public hearings, or by sending an email to CityCouncil@cityofgolden.net

Mike Bestor has been the City Manager of Golden since 1993.
The Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) was created in 1989 by City Manager Sharon Bennetts to ensure that the citizens of Golden maintained a voice in the municipal budget process. The board provides feedback to the City Manager on the development and implementation of the budget.

CBAC is made up of residents who volunteer their time for an open ended term. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, from March to November, at 7:30 a.m. in City Council chambers. Members are self-appointed and may have voting rights after attending five out of nine meetings during a two-year budget cycle. CBAC is the largest citizen committee and provides the perfect opportunity for meaningful involvement for citizens who prefer day time meetings.

Members review and discuss the quarterly financial reports in addition to revenue and expenditure projections. Many discussions involve philosophical and strategic issues which impact the budget. It is the role of CBAC members to take information learned in the meetings back into the community and to bring questions/concerns back for discussion.

For more information about CBAC, please go to www.cityofgolden.net and click on boards and commissions in the blue box on the left side of the screen.

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Financial Excellence Awards Keep Coming

For more than a decade the City of Golden Finance Department’s annual financial report has received national recognition. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) issues the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to government entities that publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. The certificates are issued annually and Golden has been honored for 17 consecutive years.

The GFOA also issues the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. In order to receive this award the budget report must meet several criteria. The document must serve as a policy document, as an operations guide, a financial plan, and as a communications device. The City of Golden Finance Department has received this award for the past 10 years.

DRAINAGE BONDS TO BE REFINENCED

In 1999, the City of Golden issued $4.26 million of Storm Drainage Revenue Bonds to finance needed improvements to the City’s drainage system. The bonds are scheduled to berepaid over 20-years with the City making annual payments of approximately $356,000, at an interest rate between 3.75 and 4.95 percent through 2009 and between 5 and 5.4-percent from 2010 through 2018. The outstanding balance on the bonds is $2.71 million.

In an effort to reduce the cost of the bonds, the City is planning to refinance them. Refinancing the existing balance of $2.71 million will require the issuance of approximately $2.9 - $3.1 million in bonds to cover the payoff cost of the original bonds and the fees associated with refinancing. The new bonds will also have a final maturity of 2018, with average annual payments of $341,000. The shorter term and lower interest rate, between 3.25 and 4-percent, will save the City an estimated $194,000 over the life of the bonds.

In 2008, Standard and Poors assigned a “AA-“ rating to the 1999 bonds. Ratings are designed to indicate a level of creditworthiness for the investor and are assigned using a scale of 17 letter ratings ranging from “AAA” to “C.” The “AA-“ rating is the fourth highest rating given by Standard and Poors. Recently, S&P assigned the “AA-“ rating to the new bonds as well.
The City of Golden and the Golden Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the years of hard work, dedication, and commitment Charlene and Bill Pazar have demonstrated in making Buffalo Bill Days (BBD) such a crowd pleasing event.

The Golden Community, with the support and encouragement of the City, is committed to continuing this tremendously popular event for years to come. The citizens of Golden have proven that they are a remarkable group of people capable of coming together to create something wonderful, even in times of disagreement.

Due to changes in private property access and safety concerns, the City has had to make changes to the BBD program over the last few years. All changes were made out of respect for private property owner rights and the safety of all participants, spectators, and visitors; especially the children and animals involved in the parade.

The City’s dedication to BBD has never wavered. “Over the years the City has provided thousands of hours of service from the police, parks and recreation, public works, and numerous other departments during the planning, permitting, set up, execution, and clean up of the event,” said City Manager Mike Bestor. “And we are committed to continuing our involvement, support, and service to Buffalo Bill Days.”

“Buffalo Bill Days is a signature event for Golden. This event must continue and it must have a parade,” said Golden Chamber of Commerce Director Gary Wink. On June 12, Golden celebrated its 150th birthday with a parade, Jefferson Symphony Orchestra and Choir performance, and a laser light show. More than 4000 people attended the event. The “150 Golden Years” celebration is a great example of the community’s ability to work together. An excellent show was planned, coordinated, and executed by a core group of committed organizations and more than 200 volunteers. “There were concerns and questions that needed to be worked out as we planned the 150th celebration,” said Wink who also served as chair of the 150 Golden Years Planning Committee, “but through all the meetings held with the City our questions and concerns were addressed.”
Learn About Renewable Energy!

The Community Sustainability Advisory Board is pleased to be a sponsor of the 2009 Colorado Renewable Energy Conference to be held August 28-30 at the Colorado School of Mines. The theme of this year's Conference is "Clean Energy: Pathways to a Low-Carbon Footprint," and will feature dozens of leaders in Colorado's New Energy Economy. Presentation will feature speakers from Colorado's Public Utilities Commission, Governor's Energy Office, the state's most prominent new energy companies and Golden Mayor Jacob Smith. KMGH TV 7 Meteorologist Mike Nelson will also discuss "Wild Weather in the West." Tours of NREL and other advanced energy facilities in the Golden area, Smart Energy Living Consumer workshops, and an Exhibit Hall showcasing the latest & greatest energy technologies will also be available throughout this weekend. Complete Conference information and registration are available at www.cres-energy.org/conference.

Golden Vision 2030 Block Parties A Success

The word is out! More than 1,000 Golden residents have already enjoyed a local block party and the Golden Vision 2030 Plan effort is bringing the party to you! Continuing with our series of eight neighborhood block parties throughout the summer, two more will be held on Saturday, August 8th and Saturday, August 22nd in the Golden Ridge area and the Golden Hills/Golden Heights areas of the City to gather input for the Golden Vision 2030 effort. We want to hear about your favorite places in Golden and what you like best about your neighborhood. This will not be your average neighborhood get-together, as you can expect BBQs grilling up tasty food, drinks, prize giveaways, and fun for the kids and adults alike. Come meet with your neighbors, tell us your story, and talk about what makes Golden home for you! Details are on the Golden Vision 2030 webpage at www.cityofgolden.net/goldenvision2030. For more information, call (303) 384-8097.

SUSTAINABILITY AND YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY

We’re all tightening our belts a little these days, but each person can have an impact on our local economy while at the same time, finding good deals on the resources you need.

• **Buy Local** – Most goods and services can be found right here in Golden and you’ll save gas by not driving away from the city. Park the car, bring your reusable bags and walk to shops to find what you need. Don’t know where to find it? Ask any merchant and chances are, they’ll know of another store in Golden.

• **Barter** – We all have things we need that we might not have the money for: those ongoing handyman projects or just keeping up with the yard work. Maybe you know someone that lost their job? Bartering can help the local economy and preserve the dignity of someone who might feel awkward about asking for help.

• **Staycations** – Golden offers many fun things to do beyond its great events. Become a tourist in your own city and plan a getaway for the day without the hassle of packing and driving. Do you have a photo of yourself in front of the Golden arch? Did you know the Colorado Trail comes right through Golden? When is the last time you sampled one of the local breweries? Try a restaurant you’ve never been to, take in a theater production, or visit a spa and relax on your mini-vacation.
Once again, the City of Golden and GREAT (Golden Resource for Education, Arts and Theater) have joined forces to produce the Movies & Music in the Park series. This year’s events are scheduled for the first four Friday nights in August in Parfet Park, located at 10th Street and Washington Avenue, in picturesque downtown Golden.

Movies and Music in the Park features family-friendly music and a movie each night. Bands begin performing at 7 p.m. and the featured movie of the night begins at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Admission is FREE so grab your blanket and settle into your spot early! Enjoy a relaxing evening in the park and watch a movie under the stars.

The year's schedule is:

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More information on these artists and movies is available online at [www.goldengreat.org](http://www.goldengreat.org) or [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net). Cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted at the park, on the web sites and on the voice mail at 303-384-8132 by 6:30 p.m.
GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug. 4
National Night Out - A Golden Night in The Park
The Golden Police Department is pleased to announce its 12th annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 4 in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. The night will include free food, live music, games, demos, giveaways and special guest appearances by CBS Channel 4 reporter Karlyn Tilley and Investigator Mike Harris from the Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office. Tilley will be the MC for the night and Harris will give a special presentation called “Stranger Danger: internet strangers and keeping your children safe while surfing the net.”

Come out and meet your neighbors and your local police officers while enjoying a fun-filled night out in the park. For more information or to make a donation, call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031.

Aug. 6
Intro to Rock for 6 to 8-years-old
Join us for a fun day of games, indoor climbing, and activities in the American Mountaineering Museum. Our Intro to Rock class teaches young participants the basics about safety, equipment, knot tying, and belaying. The event runs from 9-2 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center, located at 10th and Washington. For more information please go to www.cmc.org or call 303-279-3080.

Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28
Movies and Music in the Park
MMP features family-friendly music and a movie every Friday night in August. Bands begin performing at 7 p.m. and the featured movie of the night begins at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Admission is FREE so grab your blanket and settle into your spot early! Enjoy a relaxing evening in the park and watch a movie under the stars. All performances take place in Parfet Park located at 10th and Washington.

Aug. 7th – Horton Hears a Who
Musical Act: Zebra Junction

Aug. 14th – City Slickers
Musical Act: Unknown Americans

Aug. 21st – Kung Fu Panda
Musical Act: John Common

Aug. 28th – Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
Musical Act: Rob Drabki

Aug. 8
Wine and Cheese Train Colorado Railroad Museum
Join us for a private evening at the Colorado Railroad Museum and enjoy the gentle rock of the rails as you ride behind the historic 346 locomotive in one of our classic passenger cars, while sampling a variety of wines and elegant hors d’oeuvres. Live music provides the background as you stroll the grounds featuring our vintage locomotives, passenger cars and cabooses. Colorado will be the theme for the evening, and the Silent Auction. Auction items include unique Colorado railroading, train travel and wine collections. Every guest present for this special evening will be eligible to win door prizes Museum archive memorabilia. Tickets are $40 in advance and the event runs from 6-8 p.m. Contact Donald Tallman for more information at info@
Aug. 8 & 9  
**Dog Days of Summer at the Colorado Railroad Museum**

Kids, now you can meet Spike the Railroad Depot Dog in person. Spike will be on hand to sign autographs, pose for pictures and even ride the train with you. There will be train rides every 30 minutes starting at 10 a.m. The Train Collectors Association will also be displaying their amazing toy trains. Plus, stroll the grounds and discover over one hundred engines, coaches and cabooses; it’s where Spike spends his lazy dog days. And make sure to stop by the General Store, your Spike and Thomas the Tank Engine headquarters. It’s the Dog Days of Summer at the Colorado Railroad Museum, featuring steam-up train rides throughout the weekend. The event runs from 9-5 p.m. and tickets are $5 for children and $12 for adults. For more information please go to www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org or call 303-279-4591.

Aug. 15 & 16  
**Fine Arts Festival**

Come browse a variety of beautiful art at Colorado’s most accessible arts festival, the 19th annual Golden Fine Arts Festival, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 and Sunday, Aug. 16, on 11th Street just west of Washington Avenue. There is no admission fee to come enjoy the Festival, which includes free horse-drawn carriage rides, free musical entertainment, artists’ demonstrations, and a special hands-on Kids Art Zone. For more information please go to www.goldenfineartsfestival.org or contact the Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113.

Aug. 15 & 16  
**Hand-On Woodstove Cooking**

Drop in and learn the art of cooking on a woodstove with our master of the domestic arts, Linda Griffin. Help her cook up a storm in the Pearce Cabin as you learn what went in to putting dinner on the table for a frontier family. At Clear Creek History Park located on 11th St west of Washington Ave. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a $5 donation for materials is suggested. For more information please go to www.goldenhistorymuseums.org or call 303-278-3557.

Aug. 30  
**Does Whatever Spiderman Can?**

While Spider-man has many “spider powers,” there are many things spiders can do that he cannot. Bring your “spider-sense” to learn more about the amazing abilities of spiders through activities and a short hike. The program begins at 2 p.m. at the Lookout Mountain Nature Center located atop Lookout Mountain. Ages 6 – adult. For more information or to register, go to www.co.jefferson.co.us/openspace or call 720-497-7600.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!
Light Rail Construction Underway Along 6th Avenue

A lthough the light rail line running from downtown Denver to Golden is not expected to open to the public until 2013, a flurry of construction activities have begun along 6th Avenue. RTD and the Denver Transit Construction Group (DTCG) signed an agreement in June to officially begin full-scale construction.

Crews have started construction of several key components of the line that will run along or over major roadways in the Golden area. Travelers can expect numerous types of traffic control measures along 6th Avenue from Union to Indiana, on Colfax Avenue 6th Avenue to Ulysses Street, and on Indiana Avenue at the 6th Avenue intersection until the project is complete.

The first phase of construction will include the placement of 3000-feet of retaining walls and bridges over 6th Avenue east of Simms/Simms, a large flyover spanning 6th Ave and Indiana Street, and a bridge over Colfax Ave.

Golden Rotary Peach Sale Deadline Aug. 17

T he Rotary Club of Golden is once again selling famous Colorado Western Slope peaches. The price this year will be $35 for a two-layered, tray-packed box averaging 40 peaches per box. These are the freshest peaches in town and the tree-ripened peach falls right away from the pit.

Order forms are available from any Golden Rotarian, in the Golden Transcript, online at www.goldenrotaryclub.org, or at the following locations:

The Hair Place
2001 Youngfield

Dru Short State Farm
1320 Simms St., #104

Foss Building
Wine & Spirits
1224 Washington Ave

The Golden Transcript
110 N. Rubey Drive

Golden Visitors Center
1010 Washington Ave

The Artful Framer
2600 Willow Lane, Lakewood

If you’ve purchased from the Golden Rotary Club before, you should receive an order form in the mail. Peaches must be ordered by Aug. 17. Once you’ve ordered your peaches, you need to plan to pick them up between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. Sixth Ave. Peaches not picked up during this time are donated to Golden charity food distribution needs.

Proceeds from the peach sale help support the charitable activities of the Rotary Club of Golden.

For more information, call Tom Hughes at 303-278-2823.

The West Corridor line will operate between Denver Union Station in downtown Denver and the Jefferson County Government Center in Golden; serving Denver, Lakewood, the Denver Federal Center, Golden and Jefferson County. The corridor is scheduled to open to the public in 2013.

While the impact on traffic flow through the area is expected to be limited, please remain vigilant as the increase in workers, equipment, and traffic control devices may create additional challenges. Drive cautiously, reduce your speed, and always keep an eye out for changing road conditions.
The Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC) is getting a new home and a new name. The shelter, which services numerous communities in Jefferson County including Golden, broke ground on its new location on June 30. The center also announced it will be changing its name to the Foothills Animal Center. The new facility, located near 6th and Indiana, borders the Jefferson County Fairgrounds and is expected to be completed by the end of 2010.

TMAC is the second largest animal care center in the metro area and has outgrown its current location due to continued growth in the number of animals cared for annually and increasing maintenance costs for their current location which is 33-years-old. The new 30,000-square-foot facility will be more efficient to clean, provide better ventilation and soundproofing, and provide more comfortable housing for the animals. New medical facilities will allow TMAC to provide more on-site, cost-effective medical care and increase the number of spays, neuters, and vaccinations provided.

The new facility is expected to cost $9.7 million, with the majority of funding coming from the county-wide dog licensing program. The building has been designed to allow for solar hot water heating and a photovoltaic solar system but financial partners are still needed to help achieve these goals.

The TMAC Foundation has raised approximately $1.5 million in donations and is working to raise the remaining $1.5 million needed to complete the project. For information about the center or to make a donation, please go to www.tmac4pets.org.

Jefferson County requires dogs more than four-months old to be licensed. Pet license information is available to animal control officers’ 24-hours a day which can significantly expedite getting a lost or injured pet back to its owner. The majority of funds raised through the licensing program go to TMAC. It is estimated that the City of Golden alone has a dog population of more than 5600, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Top Photo: Mayor Jacob Smith and City Manager Mike Bestor joined county commissioners and shelter volunteers at the groundbreaking. Middle Photo: Adoptee Zoar and his owner were on hand to help with the groundbreaking. Bottom Photo: The new facility is expected to be complete by the end of 2010.
Coors Creativity, Ingenuity Kept Business Alive
By Corinne Magid

At the age of 21, Adolphus Herman Joseph Kuhrs, an orphan from Germany, stowed away and arrived in the United States penniless and without passport papers. Kuhrs altered the spelling of his last name, and at the time of his death in 1929, Adolph Coors had built a business empire and one of the best known brands in the brewing industry.

While in Germany, Coors had worked as an apprentice at a brewery. Upon his arrival to the United States he set out to start his own. He settled in Golden because of the abundant water supply and the “can do attitude” of its townspeople. In 1873 Coors purchased an old tannery property and founded what would later become Coors Brewery Company.

In February 1874, shortly after the opening of the brewery, visitors arrived to tour the plant. Coors capitalized on this interest by opening Golden Grove, a beer garden in the grove near the brewery. Large groups of people would come from Denver to dance, swim or boat on the lake, and of course enjoy the beer. Golden Grove closed in 1881 and became Coors’s personal residence.

In 1879, Coors expanded the nearby ice pond and advertised regular ice wagon service to any part of Golden every morning. Coors built a dam over Clear Creek to supply the brewery and the town of Golden with 2,000 tons of ice.

Prohibition slowed, but did not stop the Coors empire. When Colorado became a dry state in 1915, Coors watched as 17,391 gallons of his beer were poured into Clear Creek. The nation followed suit with the 19th Amendment a year later. Coors diversified his business and began selling “near-beer” and became the country’s largest malted milk producer.

In 1910 Coors also started Coors Porcelain. Coors Porcelain first produced dinnerware, but in 1941 dinnerware production was halted to assist in the war effort. During the war, Coors Porcelain produced porcelain housing for land mines and supplied the porcelain casings holding the atomic bombs that later fell on Japan.

Despite his death in 1929, the Coors name continued to build quite a reputation and with the repeal of prohibition in 1933, the brewery was able to return to producing beer.

By the 1950’s, Coors was still only sold west of the Mississippi River creating what is affectionately called “the Coors mystique.” People drove cross country to take home cases of the beer and Gerald Ford was said to have loaded cases of Coors onto Air Force One.

In 2008, Coors Brewing Company announced its merger with Miller Brewing Company. While Miller promises Coors will continue to brew in Golden, the future of Coors in Golden is unknown.

Much thanks to the sources listed below for providing the history cited in this article:

“Golden the 19th Century-A Colorado Chronicle” by Lorraine Wagenbach and JoAnn Thistlewood, published by the Harbinger House; Littleton Colorado, in 1987;

Ryan Evans thought July 14 was just another day of fun in and along Clear Creek. The 17-year-old had been swimming and playing on a rope swing with some friends near the Lions Park ball fields when he experienced a life changing moment.

At approximately 5:30 p.m., Ryan slipped on a rock while trying to cross the creek. He fell and struck the side of his head on a rock. Fading out of consciousness, Ryan remembers floating in the water without the ability to move his arms or legs. He also remembers having a strong feeling that he was going to die.

What Ryan didn’t know was that a stranger was about to save his life.

Matt Mulica, a 29-year-old scientist at Denver Water, and his fiancée, Emily Palm, had decided to spend part of the evening tubing on Clear Creek. Matt had just entered the water when he noticed Ryan floating, face down, under the surface of the water. Emily was walking along the shore when she noticed Matt struggling to bring a life-less body to the shore. She called 911 while Matt began CPR.

When fire crews arrived on scene, Ryan was unconscious but had regained a pulse and was breathing on his own. Golden Fire personnel removed Ryan from the water and he was transported to an area hospital.

On July 16, Ryan got to thank the man responsible for saving his life. With a handful of television news crews capturing the moment, Matt and Ryan embraced in a hug only a few feet from where their chance meeting occurred a few days earlier.

Ryan’s mother, father and brother were on hand to thank the couple who helped save his life.

While the Golden Fire Department (GFD) responds to numerous calls on the creek every year, often fire personnel are not the first ones on the scene. In many cases kayakers, tubers, and swimmers make rescues the fire department never hears about. In this case, a civilian with a watchful eye and CPR training was able to make a split second decision which saved the life of a young man.

Spring runoff has slowed but that does not mean the creek is no longer a dangerous place. If you choose to recreate in Clear Creek, the GFD would like to remind you to take the proper safety precautions. Always wear a personal flotation device, a helmet, and be aware of what is happening around you. Even waters that appear calm can pull someone under so please keep pets and children away from the water.

It only takes a second for the creek to take a life.
Wrap Up Your Summer at The Splash

While back-to-school shopping and chilly temperatures may not be far away, summer isn’t over so why not finish the season with a few more days by the pool. Or throw an end of summer bash at the Splash.

Jefferson County’s largest outdoor water recreation facility is open until September 7 this year, leaving plenty of time to bask in the sun and enjoy the cool of the pool. With more than 290,000 gallons of water in the lap pool and another 84,000 gallons in the leisure pool, Splash is the perfect place to bring the family for a day of fun in the sun. They can also enjoy the two large slides and the two kid’s slides.

Once the kids head back to school enjoy the Splash’s twilight hours from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and receive discounted admission rates for everyone in the family.

- $3 Adults
- $2 Kids
- $1 tots!

The Splash will be open on weekends only after August 23.

Have your birthday party, family reunion or any other get together at The Splash! Group discounts and party packages are still available! The Splash can be rented for private parties which are great for large groups and corporate events. Dates are filling up fast, so call today!

For more information on rates and hours of operation, visit www.splashingolden.com.

Voted by Kids Pages Magazine as one of the Best Places for Families!
Check out the programs offered this summer at the Community Center
To register, visit www.goldenrec.com

JumpNrope
You will learn the fundamentals of jump rope, including single rope skills, double dutch and Chinese wheel. Free jump rope included. For more information please visit www.jumpNrope.com.

Age: 7 - 16 years, Tue 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Aug 4 - Aug 25
$32 Resident, $37 Non-resident

JumpNrope Mini Camp
Focus on single rope freestyles, speed and power; double dutch freestyles; performance-based travelers, group routines, Chinese wheels and long rope. It is recommended for kids to come prepared with appropriate running/athletic shoes, snacks and water. Free jump rope with registration. For more information please visit www.jumpNrope.com.

Age: 5 - 12 years
Wed 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., Aug 5
$22 Resident, $25 Non-resident

Lift Off Workshops
This workshop has a number of all new elements for 2009 including exciting launch and landing visuals, crafting your own SpaceTime Galactic Gliders, traveling to Saturn in 3D, launching gas & air power rockets and more.

Age: 5 - 12, Tue 9 - 11 a.m., Aug 5

Video Game Animation
Dive into the world of video game animation by creating characters that dance, sing and interact with one another. Add sound effects and music clips to create a dynamic video animation game using Scratch, the innovative programming language created just for kids by the MIT Media Lab.

Age: 8 - 14 years, Min/Max: 6/12
Mon - Thu 4:30 - 6 p.m.,
Aug 3 – Aug 6
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
This course, designed for teens aged 11-13, will help them learn to identify their responsibilities of routine child care duties (feeding, bathing, and diapering). We cover basic child development and learn how to provide activities for the developmental stages. Home and fire safety, infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures are taught. Certification provided. Bring a sack lunch; attendees will be released for an on-site lunch break. No refunds for no shows.

Age: 11 years and older
Thu 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Aug 6
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Everyday Yoga for the Everyday Exerciser
This Yoga class is for anyone who is hesitant to try Yoga or if you just want to improve your exercise program with something different.

Age: 16 years and older, Min/Max: 4/20
#42012 Tue 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
(6) Aug 4 – Sept 8
(7) Sept 15 – Oct 20
(8) Oct 27 – Dec 1
$41 Resident, $45 Non-resident
$10 drop-in if min. met for registration
Instructor: Kathy Della Mia

Prenatal Exercise Class
This class is for expecting mothers who want to stay in shape or get in shape during pregnancy. We will do a variety of exercises to keep you moving and feeling good throughout the various stages of pregnancy and your changing body. Please consult your physician prior to class before starting this or any exercise regimen.

Min/Max: 2/15
#42035 Tue 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
(7) Aug 18– Sep 8
(8) Sept 29 – Oct 20
(9) Oct 27 – Nov 17
Free class, but you must register
Instructor: Dr. Allison Hildreth, PT, DPT

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

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

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

Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.
Card Clubs looking for new enthusiastic players!
We need more players to join our card clubs. Please call 303-384-8130 and let the Front Porch know you want to be involved.

Golden Age Card Club
Pinochle Mondays 12 - 4:30 p.m.
Dominoes Wednesdays 12 - 4:30 p.m.

Social Bridge*
Mondays 5 - 8 p.m. (potluck)
Thursdays 5 - 8 p.m.
*Intermediate only, although if you can bring 4 people, beginners are welcome.

Mah Jongg
Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Classes run on Thursdays, starting September 7, from 1-3 p.m., $6 - register upstairs at the Front Porch.

Celebrate Health!
Friday, August 7 and September 4
Free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies!
Chair massages............... $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ....... $13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce....... $15 per pedicure

Volunteer Activities
Whether you want to sew, provide administrative duties, or converse with International School of Mines students – we have people who could use your help!

TRIPS & TOURS:
Maroon Bells, Snowmass - #25021
Monday, August 10
Register/Cancel by August 5
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
$25 (van, admission, bring $$ for coffee stops)
This is your chance to visit the awesome, jagged symmetry of the Maroon Bells, perhaps Colorado’s most photographed mountain scene. Bring a picnic lunch, water, and wear sturdy walking shoes. Be prepared for cooler temperatures, and definitely bring your camera!

Summer Picnic, Tony Grampsas - #25030
Wednesday, August 19
Register/Cancel by August 17
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Registration is required!
Once again Tracy and the pre-school kids are going to feed us and entertain us! Burgers, hot dogs and more, with games and fun. We will provide transportation from 8th Street to the park and back if you need it. Arrive at 8th Street at 11:30 a.m., or meet us at the Tony Grampsas Park on 44th and Salvia.

Colorado Rockies vs San Francisco Giants - #25031
Sunday, August 23
Register/Cancel by August 17
11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., $26 (van, parking, admission)

The Front Porch Evening Social - #35020
Tuesday, September 1
Register/Cancel by August 28
5 - 8 p.m., $10 per person
Come join us for food, music and an evening of socializing and dancing to your favorite tunes from the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s (with a few others thrown in). Bring your friends and enjoy the party! Sponsored by The Front Porch, Golden Community Center and Humana.

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=334 or sign up for email!
Registration Form

RACE DAY OCT. 10, 2009

First Name ______________________________   Last Name ______________________________ Birthdate ______________________ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Day Phone ______________________________ Evening Phone __________________________ E-mail _________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________

City ______________________    State __________ Zip Code _______________

Dog Name (if applicable) _______________________________________________  Dog Breed(s)_______________________

One person/dog per registration. Photo copies are accepted

For guaranteed shirt on race day entries must be postmarked and mailed no later than 6:00 pm Friday, September 4th, 2009 to:

Golden Community Center
Golden Recreate 5K
1470 10th Street
Golden, CO  80401

Pay in person at the Golden Community Center. Deadline is 6:00 pm Friday, September 4th, 2009.
Registration after September 4th will not guarantee a shirt on race day, but you will receive a shirt as soon as they are available
(Race day registration is an extra $5.00.)

RACE BAG PICKUP STARTS October 5th 10am @ the Golden Community Center

Pre-registration for Run/Walk: (See deadlines above)

Are you a runner or a walker?
I would like to run @ 9am (no strollers or dogs) ____________   I would like to walk @ 9:30am_____________

Entry Fee: $15.00 includes T-shirt and breakfast Kids 5 and under are free (no shirt, please list names and ages below)

T-Shirt Size:  _____ Youth S (6/8)  _____ Youth M  _____ Youth L  _____ Youth XL (18/20)
             _____ Adult S  _____ Adult M  _____ Adult L  _____ Adult XL  _____ Adult XXL

Kids 5 & Under: Name_____________________________  Age_____________
                Name_____________________________  Age_____________
                Name_____________________________  Age_____________

Select payment method:  Check# __________ Make check payable to: City of Golden  Cash _________
(Please do not mail cash.)

Visa _____ MC _____ Amex _____ Discover ______

Credit Card Number________________________________________________ Exp. Date _______________

Signature ______________________________________________________________________________

Waiver & Release – Please Read & Sign
By signing below, you agree, warrant and covenant as follows:
I understand that participating in this event is potentially hazardous, and that I should not enter and participate unless I am medically able and properly trained. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I assume full complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur while I am traveling to or from the event, during the event, or while I am on the premises of the event. I also am aware of and assume all risks associated with participating in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants (including dogs), effect of weather, traffic, and conditions of the trail/road/sidewalks. I, for myself and my heirs and executors, hereby waive, release and forever discharge the event organizers, sponsors, promoters, representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons associated with the event, for all my liabilities, claims, actions, or damages that I may have against them arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this event. I understand that this waiver includes any claims, whether caused by negligence, the action or inaction of any of the above parties, or otherwise. I understand that the entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the above parties to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, website images, recordings or any other record of this event. Entries from minors will be accepted only with a parent legal guardian’s signature.

Signature of Participant ____________________________
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian ____________________________

Date ________________

REGISTRATION IS INVALID WITHOUT SIGNATURE ON THE WAIVER!
When you live in Golden, there’s two hours of fun, two minutes from home. So we suggest getting away by staying right here. Get a double scoop of ice cream and meander down Washington Avenue. Stroll through our amazing art galleries or museums. Shop in one of our unique stores. You’ll be surprised at all there is to do right here under your nose. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.