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The Golden Informer
HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

CLEAR CREEK CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2
What’s your vision for the future of the Clear Creek Corridor? The City of Golden is working to develop and prepare a Master Plan for the Clear Creek Corridor to create a unified park experience along Clear Creek through downtown Golden. The Clear Creek Corridor project area incorporates Vanover, Parfet, History and Lions Parks, and the areas between these parks along the creek to Sixth Avenue.

The second Public Workshop of the planning process will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Review results of the first Public Workshop at www.clearcreekplan.net and view the project schedule, leave a comment or sign up for notifications and get involved.

JSO CALL FOR ENTRIES
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra is looking for young piano soloists to compete in the 2011 International Young Artists Competition. The competition attracts young musicians locally and from around the world. The first place winner receives a $2,000 cash award, a $5,000 5-year annuity to go toward higher education in music, a recital performance and a solo performance with the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra.

The deadline for applications is Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010. For more information, call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AUG. 3
Don’t forget the Golden Police Department’s 13th annual National Night Out is from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3 at Parfet Park, on the corner of 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Turn on your porch lights, lock your doors and join your police department for free food, entertainment and gifts. Meet emcee Greg Moody from Channel 4, hear live music from Eric Lane and see a performance from the award winning Golden High School Dance Team. For more information on this year’s event, call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031.

SAVE THE DATES FOR MOVIES AND MUSIC IN THE PARK
Movies and Music in the Park features family-friendly music and a major motion picture each Friday night in August in Parfet Park, located on the corner of 10th Street and Washington Avenue. The music begins at 7 p.m. and the movie will begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Admission is FREE! Grab your blanket and a picnic dinner. Join us on the grass for a fun night under the stars! This year’s dates are Aug. 6, 13, 20, and 27.


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.

Aug. 5
Regular Study Session

Aug. 12
Regular Business Meeting

Aug. 19
Regular Study Session

Aug. 26
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.
Sustaining Golden’s Economy
By Mayor Jacob Smith

Golden’s long-term economic vitality has three economic pillars: 1) our retail economy, such as restaurants, bars, and merchants; 2) our primary job base; and 3) our quality of life, which makes the first two possible, and which we value for other reasons as well.

The city invests a great deal in sustaining our quality of life, including our great parks and trails, support for improvements to sidewalks and bike lanes and plans for a new community bus, top-notch fire and police departments, and other high quality City services.

We also invest a lot in supporting our retail economy. These efforts include GURA’s investments in downtown aesthetics, the community marketing fund supported by the vendor’s fee, which is the source of the “Two Hour Vacation” marketing campaign, and numerous City code and policy changes aimed at supporting our retailers, such as significantly reducing the cost to businesses of providing parking downtown and eliminating the “tavern tax.” Efforts such as the Retail Summit we hosted last year helped produce the first ever Golden Street Fair, occurring every First Friday this summer in downtown Golden. Over the next several years, while still sustaining a focus on downtown, we’ll also need to expand our focus on Golden’s other retail districts, such as South Golden Road and the West Colfax corridor.

Finally, we work hard to sustain our primary job base. Golden is home to a remarkable array of primary employers, including companies that manufacture wind turbine components, high-end mountain bikes, nuclear waste storage containers, industrial laser engravers, satellite instruments, beer, fiberglass products, and countless others. Those jobs create additional jobs and support the community’s tax base, which is how we pay for the services and amenities we value so much. All of these businesses bring in large numbers of business visitors that stay in our hotels and spend money in town. The more jobs there are in Golden, the easier it is for people to live and work here, reducing commuting times and environmental impacts, and enabling parents to spend more time with their families and engaged in community and civic life.

Our work to sustain Golden’s primary jobs includes a new partnership with CSM, NREL, and the U.S. Department of Energy, a close partnership with the Golden Chamber of Commerce supporting our businesses, collaborations with regional economic development organizations to help bring new employers to town and help the ones already here stay and grow, and recognizing local businesses through the Awards for Excellence program and other efforts. Most importantly, City staff, City Council and I spend time listening to the primary employers themselves. The City’s Planning & Development Director and I recently prepared a report summarizing what we learned from a wide range of business visits over the past year or so, which you can download at www.cityofgolden.net/jobsreport.

Sustaining Golden’s economic vitality is a top priority for City Council every year, and especially this year as Colorado begins the long road to economic recovery. We will keep doing all of the things that we know work well, and you will continue to see us try new approaches as well. As always, we welcome your ideas and your feedback on this critical issue.
The Golden Police Department 2010 Youth Citizens’ Academy was a smashing success. The Academy ended on June 18 after a week of educational experiences. All 10 participants completed the program and were honored in a graduation ceremony sponsored by Golden Pizza Hut. The participants ranged in age from 13 to 17 and came from Golden, Lakewood, Aurora and Colorado Springs.

The week was filled with classroom and practical exercises culminating in a mock crime scene which put teens in the shoes of police investigators. The week also included firearms education and training, with law enforcement while building skills in leadership and teamwork.

The 2011 Youth Academy is tentatively scheduled for June 2011. Applications will be available by April 1, 2011 online at www.cityofgolden.net and at local schools. Questions may be directed to Officer Denise Mehnert at 303-384-8114.

Golden's police motorcycle officers have new rides. The police department recently moved away from traditional police motorcycles to purchase two new Honda ST1300 Police Models.

The current Harley Davidson motorcycles used by the traffic team since 2007 were overdue for scheduled replacement. Members of the team hit the books and researched the costs and benefits of keeping the traditional police motorcycle manufacturer or changing to a new manufacturer. Their research found some surprising results in favor of the Honda with two primary factors: cost and noise levels.

With the current economic uncertainty, the biggest factor was the overall cost of purchasing and maintaining the Harley Davidson. The Honda was $3,000 less per bike for the initial purchase and costs 14 cents per mile less than a Harley for maintenance. For a motorcycle that rides thousands of miles per year, this is a significant cost savings.

The second biggest deciding factor was the overall noise emitted by the two motorcycles. The Honda emits 80 decibels when running at 4,400 RPM. The Harley emits 105 decibels at 3,000 RPM. To help understand the decibels, an average alarm clock alarm is about 80 decibels. A chain saw or lawn mower is about 105 decibels. With the recent increase of community complaints about loud mufflers on motorcycles and cars, the police department decided to practice what it preaches, “Silence is Golden: Ride and Drive Community Friendly.”

The Honda also has the ability to accelerate faster, stop in a shorter distance and emit half the engine heat of a Harley; a nice comfort on a hot summer day.

One of the new bikes will be on display for the Golden Police Department’s National Night Out event on Tuesday, Aug. 3 in Parfet Park at the corner of 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Swing by and check out the new ride.
New Shelter Opens This Month

Foothills Animal Shelter, formerly known as Table Mountain Animal Center, is looking forward to a spectacular grand opening. The brand new 30,000-square-foot facility is located off of 6th Avenue and Indiana Street at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

While it is a very inviting and pleasant place for the public, most importantly, Foothills Animal Shelter has great living quarters for the nearly 10,000 animals cared for there each year. The design provides large and comfortable areas for a wide variety of homeless pets during their temporary stay. Open rooms for cat colonies feature natural lighting and multiple levels for the felines to jump and play. Many outside yard areas also exist for volunteers to exercise and train numerous dogs at one time.

As one of the metro area’s largest animal shelters, Foothills remains an open-admissions facility, never turning away an animal in need. Adoptions, community humane education, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, microchip implants, vaccinations and dog licensing continue to be important services offered to the public.

To commemorate this historic time for the organization, two very special grand opening events are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 28, with the shared theme of Raise the WOOF!

A daytime community event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new facility, 580 McIntyre St. Interactive tours of the shelter, live music, face painting, food, adoptable animals, giveaways and a raffle will be some of the family-friendly activities at this free event.

The festivities will continue into the evening at a VIP gala from 5 to 10 p.m. at The Mathews Collection, 5889 Lamar St. in Arvada. This is an extraordinary private car collection and event center. Guests can enjoy delicious food and entertainment. Silent and live auctions will feature original art, luxury vacations and other terrific items. Tickets are $150 per person and are limited; a variety of sponsorships are available.

Golden and Jefferson County have been tremendous partners in making this facility a reality. However, the shelter also relies on support from individual private donors. Currently, the shelter’s Foundation is seeking donors who wish to “leave their personal paw print” at the new facility. Don’t miss the chance to memorialize or honor a loved one or pet by purchasing a personalized, engraved brick to be displayed in the lobby of the new shelter. Contact Foothills Animal Shelter Foundation CEO Megan Peters at 720-407-5227 for more information.

For all the details regarding the grand opening and the new facility, visit www.foothillsanimalshelter.org. Animal lovers from throughout the community are invited to celebrate and Raise the WOOF! for the new Foothills Animal Shelter!
Beautiful Clear Creek runs through the heart of downtown Golden, with pristine bike and walking paths along the shores. It’s no surprise that these features attract residents and visitors to Golden. They are the same attractions which draw swift water rescue crews from around the country.

Dive Rescue International (DRI), headquartered in Fort Collins, trains firefighters locally, nationally and internationally in swift water rescues. The group features Golden as a significant training ground for their June classes, when the water is high and the river is flowing fast.

Golden’s main fire station sits right on the creek, presenting an ideal setting for training and challenging learning opportunities while providing safe supervision and quick access to backup if needed.

“Where else can you literally step outside your door from your training center and practice what you just learned in the classroom,” says Golden Training Chief Cris Brewer. “Golden and Clear Creek provide the perfect swift water rescue training environment.”

There are occasions where the crews in training get real rescue experience. During training in June, a car drove off of Highway 6 and into Clear Creek just west of Golden late in the evening, trapping the driver inside. In the dark, the Golden Fire Department rescued the man out of his car and the next day, the trainees were able to assist in pulling the car out of the creek.

By hosting the training, Golden Fire has the ability and opportunity to certify more of our local firefighters in a cost effective manner. Golden residents and visitors benefit from having such a skilled rescue crew, capable and ready when they are needed.

“Because we have Clear Creek in our back yard,” says Brewer, “we have an added responsibility to make sure our people are ready to go at a moment’s notice to handle the most challenging swift water rescues.” Golden Fire’s emphasis on training has given them a reputation for excellence in swift water rescue throughout the region. Their ability to host the training in such an effective manner is the envy of other cities throughout the nation.

About 70 firefighters trained in Golden in June. Next year, Golden Fire and DRI plan to add an additional class for instructing swift water rescue commanders. There is almost always a waiting list for students wanting to register for the Golden training sessions. “I can’t imagine a June without being in Golden,” said DRI Trainer Mike Bielmaier.

With an emphasis on training, excellence, and readiness, the Golden Fire Department provides a unique combination of the perfect setting for swift water rescue training as well as providing some of the best swift water rescue skills and experience in the area.
Look for construction to begin in September on Highway 6, as the city and the state work to make the road safer.

It’s probably no surprise to most Golden residents that Highway 6 between Heritage Road and 19th Street is one of the highest animal-vehicle accident locations in Colorado. There is an average of 23 deer or elk collisions a year. The City of Golden, along with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), is working to change that.

This summer the Hwy 6 Corridor in Golden will receive a driver warning system. CDOT has installed these systems in other locations throughout the state which resulted in dramatic reductions in auto-wildlife collisions.

The system has three main components. First is an 8-foot fence that wildlife cannot jump, which limits where they can enter the roadway. The fencing will go from 19th Street to Jefferson County Parkway. There will be a designated 100-foot opening in the fence that will allow wildlife to enter the highway to cross. This is where the monitoring equipment will be installed. The sensors will trigger warning flashers and signs that alert drivers to animals near the road. The system will also include general street lighting in the crossing area to help drivers see wildlife. In addition, four wildlife ramps will be installed which are designed to help animals find their way out of the highway corridor should they get trapped on the highway side of the fencing. Deer and elk will be able to jump down from those ramps, but not jump back up onto the road.

All of these components have been tested and used separately, but this is the first time they will all be used together in one spot.

CDOT and the City of Golden worked closely together to design a system that will not interfere with the City trail system or drainage ways. The state also agreed to use solar powered LED street lighting to help Golden meet its sustainability goals and the lighting will be an amber color so neighbors will not be affected by the light.

This project is expected to cost close to a half million dollars and is completely funded by federal grants obtained by CDOT. The City of Golden will be responsible for maintaining the lights once the project is complete, but CDOT will be responsible for maintaining all other parts of the warning system. The project is expected to take 45 days to complete.
It’s Not Too Late To Make Healthier Choices This Summer
Use Contaminant-Free Water Bottles and Sunscreens

Summer is the time to be outdoors and enjoy the sun! Make sure you are choosing sunscreens and water bottles that don’t contain contaminants that could harm your health and downstream wildlife. Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs) have been detected in the environment, our bodies and drinking water. Many are in products that we use every day, such as hand soap and detergents, so by choosing non-toxic products we can protect the environment and water downstream.

SUNSCREENS
Avoid sunscreen that contains benzophenone and oxybenzone. They are harmful because they disrupt hormonal balances in wildlife. Avoiding exposure to these contaminants is easy – they are listed on the labels!

WATER BOTTLES
Hard plastic bottles and the liners of aluminum bottles may contain bisphenol A (BPA). BPA can leach into the water and is harmful because it mimics estrogen and causes disruption in hormonal balances. The Food and Drug Administration expressed concern over “the potential effects of BPA on the brain, behavior, and prostate gland of fetuses, infants and children.”

If you buy plastic bottles, buy only plastic bottles without a #7 on the bottom unless the label says it is BPA-free. Stainless steel bottles (such as those from Klean Kanteen and Poison Bottle Company) are BPA-free. Avoid aluminum, which frequently contains BPA lining, unless it is labeled BPA-free.

For more information, visit the Institute for Environmental Solutions at www.chemicalfootprint.org.

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
Come browse a variety of beautiful art at the 20th annual Golden Fine Arts Festival, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 and Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010, on 11th Street just west of Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden.

The juried festival is an open-air art gallery in a gorgeous foothills setting adjacent to Clear Creek. The Golden Fine Arts Festival is well-known for its quality, affordability, ambiance and proximity to the metro area. Hosting 140 high-quality artists, 80 percent of whom are Coloradan and many from as far away as both U.S. coasts, the Festival features a variety of artwork, including ceramic arts, fiber arts, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography and sculpture.

The Festival is free and includes free horse-drawn carriage rides through historic downtown Golden, free live musical entertainment, artists’ demonstrations, and a special hands-on Kids Art Zone operated by ArtReach that is always a hit with younger art patrons. In addition, other coinciding art-filled events and activities are offered throughout the weekend at galleries and merchants in downtown Golden, just a block from the Festival. Golden’s Clear Creek History Park, located alongside the Fine Arts Festival will be free throughout the weekend with blacksmith and pioneer cooking demonstrations.

Prizes will be awarded to artists in eight categories and cash awards total more than $1,800.

For more information about the Golden Fine Arts Festival visit www.GoldenFineArtsFestival.org. The event is put on by the Golden Chamber of Commerce.
Through Aug. 29

The Underpants
A side-splitting reinvention by the incomparable Steve Martin of Carl Sternheim’s comedy. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. Tickets $20 with discounts for students and seniors. For tickets and information, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Every Saturday through Oct. 2

Golden Farmers Market
From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot just west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Call the Golden Chamber of Commerce for details, 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

Aug. 2

Foothills Art Center Free Admission 1st Monday
Thanks to Target, admission is free the first Monday of the month through 2010, with the exception of Labor Day. Located at 809 15th St., open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.foothillsartcenter.org for information.

Aug. 3

A Golden Night in The Park
The Golden Police Department presents its 13th annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3 in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue.

The night will include free food, live music, games, demos, and giveaways. Hosted by emcee Greg Moody of Channel 4. Come meet your neighbors and your local police officers while enjoying a fun-filled night out in the park. For information or to make a donation, call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031.

Aug. 6

Golden’s First Friday
Enjoy extended shopping hours with Golden’s downtown merchants. 5 to 8 p.m.

Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27

On the Patio! Live Music at the Golden History Center
Live music from noon to 1 p.m. on the patio at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St. Afterward, explore the new Show & Tell exhibit and you’ll get one dollar off admission. Contact Carol Happ at carol@goldenhistorymuseums.org, or 303-278-3557 for information.

Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Movies and Music in the Park
Enjoy family-friendly music and a movie every Friday night in August. Bands perform at 7 p.m. and the movie begins at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Admission is FREE! All performances take place in Parfet Park located at 10th Street and Washington Avenue. See page 19 for full details.

Aug. 7

Hands-On Wood Stove Cooking
Learn the art of cooking on a woodstove with our masters of the domestic arts, Linda Griffin and Tanya Wells. Help them 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 Street west of Washington Avenue. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A $5 donation for materials is suggested. For information, contact Carol Happ at carol@goldenhistorymuseums.org or call 303-278-3557.

Aug. 13

Golden Chamber Backyard BBQ
The Golden Chamber and its Ambassadors hold their annual fundraiser and networking function from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. Tickets are $25 and include dinner, entertainment, and dessert catered by entrants in the Chamber’s I Bake the Best Pie contest. Pies are auctioned off to support the
Chamber’s Ambassador program at the end of the night! Contact the Golden Chamber at 303-279-3113 for tickets.

Aug. 21
Wine Train
Enjoy a private experience from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. Ride behind historic No. 346 locomotive in one of the classic passenger cars while sampling a variety of wines from Colorado wineries. Collectible railroad memorabilia and Colorado wines will be featured as door prizes and available through silent auction bidding. Proceeds from the evening benefit the Colorado Railroad Museum’s restoration projects. Tickets $40 in advance. For ticket reservations and information visit the events page at www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org or call 303-279-4591.

Aug. 21 & 22
Junior Railroad Days
Kids can come to the Colorado Railroad Museum and earn their Junior Engineer Certificate. The No. 346 Locomotive will be steamed up and running every 30 minutes “just to pass the time away.” Visit five rail stations to get all the special stamps you’ll need. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. Admission is $5 for children, $12 for adults. Visit www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org for information, or call 303-279-4591.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!
A Sunny Partnership

Have you considered a solar photovoltaic system but decided not to invest in solar? Perhaps the costs are too high or your home is not suited for solar? Maybe you live in a condominium or rent your home? Then a Community Solar Garden may be right for you. A Solar Garden is a cooperative whereby 10 or more participants share in the costs and benefits of a jointly-owned solar system. A Community Solar Garden is great for individuals who want to partner with other residents or the homeowner’s association who wants to create a jointly-owned system. For more information on how to join or create a Community Solar Garden, visit www.cityofgolden.net/energy.

Hot and Bothered

August temperatures can soar and many of us look for ways to cool off without turning on the air conditioner. With Xcel Energy’s new tiered rate system, it’s more important than ever to keep your electric consumption low. Keep cool and reduce your energy consumption with a few low-tech options:

- Run an attic or ceiling fan rather than the air conditioner. Opening basement or first floor windows and running an attic fan can draw up cool air and send hot air out.
- Avoid heat-generating appliances.
- BBQ instead of using the oven. Dry your laundry on a clothesline. Turn off non-essential electronics. Save money and keep the heat outside.
  - Use light-colored shades or awnings. Light colors reflect the sun and awnings can reduce solar heat gain by 65 percent.
- Air-dry your dishes instead of using your dishwasher’s dryer cycle.
- Plant a tree. Deciduous trees that shade your home in summer and allow the sun’s heat in winter will help keep you cool and lower your bills.

Keeping Up with the Joneses

Wondering what the latest is with your neighborhood and how you’ll ever find the time to keep up with everyone? Want to weigh in on neighborhood discussions? Feeling connected to our neighbors is one of most often cited values of what Golden citizens feel is important in living in Golden. A goal of the Golden Vision 2030 project is to connect neighbors and improve communication among citizens, the City, and community organizations. Now, you can talk with your neighbors through i-neighbors.org, a community bulletin board created exclusively for your neighborhood. Sign up for your neighborhood by searching for groups in Golden at www.i-neighbors.org or see the list of current Golden neighborhood groups at www.cityofgolden.net/goldenvision2030.

What to share on your board:
- Post an event
- Find a babysitter
- Share surplus vegetables from your garden
- Advertise your garage sale
- Find your lost pet
- Start a neighborhood watch group
- Discuss neighborhood concerns
By now, residents covered by the new trash and recycling program have received their welcome packet, decided on a cart size and placed their order. If you have not provided your phone number and email to EDS, now is the time to do so. You will receive a postcard and an automated call later this month to inform you of your service day and any other specifics about the collection of your trash and recyclables. Trash and recycling carts will be provided in August to residences covered by the program. If you have any questions about your service, you can call EDS Waste Solutions at 303-278-8600 or email CityofGolden@edswaste.com.

The cost of trash disposal under the new program is based on the volume of trash generated by the individual residence. **Freerecycling services are included with each trash service level.** The carts for both trash and recycling services are also included with the published prices. If a residence has more trash than will fit into the selected trash container, it must be bagged and a prepaid sticker must be affixed to the bag for it to be picked up on your collection day. Stickers are available at City Hall, 911 10th St., and at EDS Waste Solutions main offices at 410 Orchard St. They can be purchased for $13.25 for a pack of five stickers. These stickers are for trash only and stickered bags will be collected as trash and not composted or recycled. Recycling is strongly encouraged, but is not required.

If you have a lot of yard waste, consider signing up for the Green Waste program instead of using a larger trash container or prepaid stickers. Green Waste uses a 96-gallon cart and is scheduled for collection every other week during the off weeks for recycling for a cost of $5.95 per month. We also offer EDS’s exclusive “Beyond Green” program as an optional service to provide customers additional information and resources regarding recycling, composting and your individual services. This service costs $1.25 per month, billed annually, and includes quarterly coupons for discounted and free services by Golden merchants, quarterly newsletters, eBilling for your EDS services and electronic verification of the services performed for your account.

There are many enhancements available to your Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) service. Please call EDS to order or for more information about the Green Waste program, as well as other services available. Comprehensive details for this program, and specific pages for City of Golden PAYT customers, are available at www.edswaste.com/Pages/PAYT/Golden.php. You may also call the City of Golden at 303-384-8183, email cnaber@cityofgolden.net or visit the website at www.cityofgolden.net/solidwasteandrecycling.

The exciting 4Evergreen Rewards program further encourages recycling. Details for the program can be found on the EDS website’s City of Golden pages at www.edswaste.com/Pages/PAYT/Golden.php. It is absolutely **FREE** and all you need to do is recycle. You will earn points toward discounts at local merchants. No tracking, no counting, no need to do anything differently! Just participate in the recycling portion of the program and you’ll earn the rewards.

**There is no charge to downsize or exchange to a different container size one time within the first 90 days of the program if you discover you have planned for too much or too little. After the first three months you will be limited to one exchange in cart size per quarter and may add or cancel carts each six months for an additional charge.**
The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) wants to make it easy and affordable for residents to showcase Golden’s historic homes. The HPB offers a program to assist owners of historic properties in the purchase of bronze plaques denoting historic structures. In the past, the homeowner was responsible for the entire price of the $300 plaque. Now, the HPB will subsidize half of the cost, to encourage more recognition of Golden’s designated historic structures.

Eligible properties include locally designated structures, “contributing” structures in the three residential historic districts and structures listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places. Property owners must commit to permanently attaching the bronze marker to the building in a prominent location, including a promise to leave it with the building upon sale.

Funds are available for up to eight properties this year. The funds come from the fees paid by applicants for the historic structure income tax credits administered on behalf of the state. These funds can only be used for historic preservation purposes. For more information on the program, call 303-384-8097 or email HPB@cityofgolden.net.

Recognizing Golden’s Historic Homes

Come enjoy Golden at its best. Enjoy the fruits and veggies of the season and the companionship of relatives and friends at the Golden Farmers Market. Bring your out-of-town visitors, take them on a free horse drawn carriage ride and introduce them to all your friends and neighbors.

You can buy the makings of a summer time feast at the Market, including meats, fish, pesto, oils and sauces, pastas, fresh breads, veggies, fruits, scones and pastries. The food is local and really fresh!

The Master Gardeners will be at the Market each Saturday teaching about the following topics:
- Aug. 7 - Creating Faux Stone Planters
- Aug. 21 - Beautiful and Water-wise Rock Gardening
- Aug. 28 - Lady Bug Day! Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Beneficial Insects

The Golden Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays through Oct. 2. It is located in the parking lot west of the Golden Public Library, 1019 10th St. For more information, call the Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113.

CSM PARKING REMINDER

The Colorado School of Mines (CSM) is gearing up for the fall semester, which begins on Tuesday, Aug. 24. As seasoned students return and new students hit the campus for the first time, the City of Golden wants to remind everyone who parks near campus about the permit parking system which is now in place.

In January, City Council approved establishing a residential permit parking system for areas surrounding the CSM campus to make it easier for homeowners to park near their homes. As the number of students rise, the streets become more and more crowded with vehicles. The permit system designates resident parking, to make parking more accessible to those who live in the area.

The current permits remain in effect until the end of the spring 2011 semester in mid-May. Parking restrictions are enforced weekdays, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the school year only. There will be strict enforcement of the program, including fines for parking without a permit during school hours.

Signs were installed earlier this year and parking permits for the 2010/2011 school year have already been mailed. If you are a new resident in the area, it’s important to find out if you need a permit for your street. For information about permit areas or to obtain a permit, contact your landlord or call Denise Hish at 303-384-8011 or dhish@cityofgolden.net.
The Golden Post Office was built in 1940 as a project of the Public Works Administration, one of the federal works projects agencies of the Great Depression. It fulfilled a long-time need in Golden; for the post office to have its own facility. For 80 years it moved between at least six rented spaces. The current Post Office was designed by Louis A. Simon and built by contractor Neil A. Melick. This year the building turns 70 years old, and is one of the best preserved out of a number of Depression-era works projects in the Golden area. When it was constructed, the Transcript beamed about how “typical American institutions” like a church (the First Baptist Church), school (Central School, later Mitchell) and post office, were all fronting on this same place in town.

Inside the Post Office is the mural "Building The New Road" commissioned to Colorado Springs artist Kenneth Evett by the Works Projects Administration, another of the Depression-era works agencies. It was painted in 1941 and installed in 1942, and is one of 18 paintings installed in the post offices of this time in the Denver area. The painting depicts the building of the Clear Creek Canyon highway for automobile use, another Depression-era works project that was actually going on at the time the Post Office was being built.

The Downtown Post Office as an institution is also quite historic, and it turned 150 years old on April 6, 2010. The Post Office was established on April 6, 1860 inside Golden's first building, the Boston Company store, where Parfet Park is now. The three known remaining prior homes of the Golden Post Office are all noteworthy Golden landmarks: the Everett Block at 1200 Washington Ave. (1873-84), the Rubey Block at 1201 Washington Ave. (1901-1914), and the Armory, listed on the National Register at 1301 Arapahoe St. (1914-40). Two known relics of the Golden Post Office exist outside of its downtown building today. The walk-in safe in the Armory, and the somewhat more portable safe located in back of Creekside Jewelers, which likely came from the Rubey Block location.

In late 2009, the U.S. Postal Service announced that they may sell the downtown Golden Post Office and move into leased space as part of cost-cutting efforts. An announcement may be made later this year about whether it will be sold, or perhaps retained into the future in its current state.

About the Golden Historic Preservation Board: The Golden Historic Preservation Board is an advisory board made up of community members who provide guidance to residents on how improvements to properties affect the preservation of historic Golden.
Family Music Night
Music Night will incorporate bouncing and tickles for babies, sing-a-long favorites for older children, fun instruments and movement songs. Infants under 6 months are free.
Age: 6 months to 8 years (plus adults)
Wednesday, Aug. 3
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
$20 per family up to 4 ($3 per addt’l)

Interactive Whiteboards - More Than a Projector:
Start this class at your school as an in-service training for a minimum of five. School must have its own Smartboard. Call 303-384-8124 to set up training.
$75 per teacher

Video Game Design & Animation
Dive into the world of video game animation by creating a dynamic video game using Scratch, the innovative programming language created just for kids by the MIT Media Lab. Advanced and beginners welcome.
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Power Point as a Communication Tool:
Using MS Office® 2003 or 2007, this course enables the participant to create general presentations as well as better teaching tools for their classrooms.
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Movie Making
Become the writer, director, actor, animator, special effects creator and editor of your own movie productions. Final movies will be posted on the Computer Explorers blog!
Age: 8 to 14 years
Monday through Thursday
Aug. 9 to 12
3 to 4:30 p.m.
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

Youth Clay
Students will learn how to hand build with clay through pinch, coil and slab construction. The finished products will be fired in an electric kiln. All materials will be provided.
Mondays, Aug. 2 to 23
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
$75 per teacher

Mud Makers
Parents, tots and preschoolers will explore and experiment with shape, texture and tools as they create with clay.
Age: 3 to 6 years
Thursdays, Aug. 5 to 26
3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
$40 Resident, $45 Non-resident

Beginner Yoga 101
New to yoga? Not sure what it's all about? Worried you are not flexible enough? Come and learn the benefits and postures of yoga in the company of others feeling the same way you do! Please wear comfortable clothes, bring a yoga "sticky" mat; yoga block, blanket and strap are recommended.
Age: 16 years and older
Saturdays, Aug. 21 to Sept. 25
11 to 11:55 a.m.
$41 Resident, $45 Non-resident

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.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, Aug. 6 and Sept. 3
We will have free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies.
Chair massages.....................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions.............$13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce ...........$15 per 15 minutes
Call 303-384-8130 to make your appointment.

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net (Active Older Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS MONTH...

Beginner I Adult Hoop - #27100
Hooping is a fun fitness where you will build core strength, tone the body, gain confidence, burn calories and have a great time!
Age: 17 years and older; Min/Max: 4/12
Tuesdays, 4:55 p.m. - Aug. 3 to 24
$32 Resident, $37 Non-resident

Adult Intro Golf Clinics - #19510
The clinics will be four 1½ hour sessions devoted to building solid fundamentals of the golf swing, short game, develop practice habits, and rules and etiquette.
Age: 18 years and older; Min/Max: 4/8
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Aug. 10, 12, 17, 19 - $150

Women Only Beginning Golf - #19515
A series of four 1½ hour clinics designed for beginner women. We will go through the basics of the game including grip, stance, alignment, posture, and basic swing mechanics.
Age: 18 years and older; Min/Max: 4/8
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Aug. 24, 26, 31, Sept. 2 - $150

AUGUST EVENTS

Floral Drawing Workshop, Abrakadoodle - #25055
Get up close and personal with flowers as you learn about Georgia O’Keeffe’s work and draw with chalk.
Friday, Aug. 13 - Register/Cancel by Aug. 11.
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
$15 (materials included; bring a sack lunch)

JCRS Isaac Solomon Historic Synagogue Tour - #25060
By request. Tour this historic sight which was the center of care and research for tuberculosis in the last century and a center for cancer research today. 1:30 p.m. tour. Lunch beforehand. Minimum of 10 required.
Monday, Aug. 16 - Register/Cancel by Aug. 12
11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., $15 (van, admission)

Great Sand Dunes, Alamosa, CO - #25065
By request. You will have two hours to explore the dunes and the creek, have lunch, and enjoy the scenery along the way. Bring lunch, water, a hat, and wear comfortable clothing. Limited to 8 people per van.
Wednesday, Aug. 25 - Register/Cancel by Aug. 20
8 a.m. to 8 p.m., $25 (van, admission)

Rockies vs LA Dodgers - #25031
Sunday, Aug. 29 - Register/Cancel by Aug. 23
11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$27 (van, parking, admission)
Ready, Set, Grow!

Do you have one prize flower in your garden that stands out from the rest? Is there something growing in your yard which makes all of the hard work worthy of a green thumbs up? Now is your chance to show it off!

The 58th Annual Golden Flower Show is a fun opportunity for gardeners of any level to showcase their best from this summer’s growing season. There is a category for just about everyone, from flowers and vegetables to trees, shrubs, bulbs and roots. There are also special categories for kids.

The show is both fun and educational, giving gardeners a chance to see what is possible and how it is done. The judges are certified with the state of Colorado and last year, people from nine other cities joined Golden residents in displaying their goods.

The Golden Flower Show is on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 20 and 21 at the Golden First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. Entry deadlines and display times vary. You can pick up a schedule of events at Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., or the Golden Visitor’s Center, 1010 Washington Ave. For more information call Helen Damouth at 303-200-0964 or email Helen@damouth.org.

Just Peachy

It’s time once again to celebrate summer and enjoy the finest yield from Colorado’s Western slope - Palisade Peaches!

Yes, you can join the thousands who enjoy the freshest peaches of the season brought to you by the Rotarians of Golden. These No. 1 grade, fresh-picked gems, just two days off the tree, are free of abrasions and blemishes. Every one of them is A-one! For just $35 for a 20-pound box, it’s guaranteed you won’t find this quality for less. Grown by Noland Orchards of Palisade, they eat great. These free-stone peaches fall from the pit. They also freeze well for those mid-winter pies and peach tarts.

Significant to the Rotary’s customers is the knowledge that a great portion of the proceeds stay right here in Golden to help needy citizens and their children, and the beneficiaries of projects around the world. Recent club projects in Peru, Thailand, Belize, Uganda, and Ecuador have provided relief, construction, and educational benefits to citizens and children in those countries.

Orders must be received by Monday, Aug. 16 and the peaches will arrive on Saturday, Aug. 21. Obtain a Peach Order Form at any of the locations listed or order online using PayPal by following the links at the club’s web site: www.rotaryclubofgolden.org.
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 every Friday night 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 or 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.
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.