School of Mines Students Help Firefighters

A Must See for Parents, Teachers and Students
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City of Golden Department Managers
HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AUG. 6
Be sure to come out for the Golden Police Department’s 16th annual National Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6 in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. This is a great opportunity to get to know your local police officers and also meet your neighbors. There will be free food and beverages, entertainment and raffle prizes along with fun things for the kids. Meet Emcee Dave Aguilera, Meteorologist at CBS4 News, hear live music and many more surprises. For more information, contact Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031 or JMarquez@cityofgolden.net.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
Don’t let your neighborhood be left out of the opportunity for free improvements. There are two types of i-Neighborhood Grants still available to residents this year.

Small grants are intended for block parties, neighborhood clean-up days and other small neighborhood events and projects. These grants do not require a match but must be a benefit to the neighborhood. You may apply anytime during the year until funds for that year run out.

The matching grants are for larger projects and a match by the neighborhood is required. The matching grants will be evaluated by staff with recommendations forwarded to City Council for final approval.

Both types of grants need to support the Golden Vision 2030 neighborhood values, and take into consideration Golden’s sustainability goals. Golden businesses should be used for professional services and materials.

For details, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/NeighborhoodGrants, or contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.

GOLDEN SCHOOL FORUM & PANEL DISCUSSION
On Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m., a panel of educators and others involved with education in Golden will discuss matters of interest to parents, students and the general public regarding important aspects of how to improve education in Golden-area schools. The forum will be held at the Golden City Council Chambers, 911 10th St. and is open to the public. Forum attendees will have an opportunity to submit questions to the panel.

The Rotary Club of Golden is sponsoring this second annual school forum in an effort to give our educators an opportunity to address the significant opportunities and challenges they face in achieving the desired results in educating our children. Panel members will include the Superintendent of Jeffco schools, Principals from Golden High School, Bell Middle School and Mitchell Elementary, along with an elementary school PTSA president and representatives from the City of Golden and the Golden School Foundation.

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

Aug. 1
No Meeting

Aug. 8
Regular Business Meeting

Aug. 15
No Meeting

Aug. 22
Regular Business Meeting

Aug. 29
No 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.
What makes Golden truly special are the people who live here. It’s a privilege to be mayor of a town that puts such a high value on community and emphasizes our roles and responsibilities as neighbors.

This summer, Golden community-building endeavors are especially evident. For instance, the Golden Backpack Program expanded its school-year efforts to feed hungry children by turning a donated bus into a mobile food pantry that serves summer weekday lunch. The Golden Community Faith in Action partnership helped organize volunteers to do much of the renovation. The “Snack-n-Wagon,” now outfitted with running water, a food service counter, and a preparation table, makes two stops every weekday until Aug. 9.

Another impressive undertaking is the Neighborhood Rehab Project’s “I’m a Tool” initiative. On Sept. 7, Golden residents from the faith-based community and civic organizations will volunteer their time, materials, and money to help local homeowners stay warm, safe, and dry. Both the Backpack Program and the Neighborhood Rehab Project would appreciate even broader participation from Golden residents. Their websites can be found at [www.goldenbackpack.org](http://www.goldenbackpack.org) and [www.beatool.org](http://www.beatool.org), respectively.

Community ties are also being established and strengthened in neighborhoods, the building blocks of our town. Almost every day brings news of another planned block party, organized by residents and financed in part by a neighborhood grant from the City of Golden. For other family-friendly social events, a neighborhood could host a group hike, walk or bicycle ride; a cooking demonstration; an outdoor dance, aerobics, or yoga class; a garden tour and plant exchange; an outing to a local sporting event; or a neighborhood art or pet show.

Additionally, service projects can help improve a neighborhood and, at the same time, build a sense of neighborhood identity and community. For example, neighbors could plan a beautification event, promote green living, organize a collaborative fix-it day, discuss a neighborhood emergency plan, or facilitate a group donation of time or funds.

After Labor Day, the traditional end of the summer, the City will host a Neighborhood and Volunteerism Celebration--a chance for neighborhood representatives to share their summer experiences, honor the hard work of those who improved our community, and learn about Golden issues. An invitation is extended to every Golden neighborhood to send representatives to the Celebration, which will be held on Sept. 7 (the same day as the Neighborhood Rehab project) from 4 to 8 p.m. at Parfet Park. Participants will come away with the ideas, tools, and renewed spirit to keep their neighborhoods attractive, healthy, safe, and connected.

There are only three very basic requirements for neighborhood participation in this free and fun event. A neighborhood should (1) draw its boundaries; (2) establish an online method of communication (such as i-neighbors.org, an easy way to e-connect neighbor to neighbor); and (3) choose representatives. Although neighborhoods with Homeowners Associations may already meet these requirements, the essentials can be agreed upon at a block party or other neighborhood gathering.

City councilors and staff are all standing by to help give shape to your ideas and facilitate the formation of a voluntary and inclusive informal neighborhood organization. And I would love to participate through my M.I.M.B.Y. (Mayor in My Back Yard) program. For more information about the City’s efforts to encourage all types of neighborhood organizations, visit [www.cityofgolden.net/links/Neighborhoods](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/Neighborhoods).
The City of Golden is sponsoring two free showings of the documentary “Bully” on Friday, Aug. 30. The showings will be at 5 and 7:30 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. The movie is rated PG-13 and addresses the harsh realities of what bullying looks like in schools. It also highlights some of the extreme consequences of bullying. We encourage parents to bring older children to the movie, but this is likely not a movie for very young kids.

This documentary highlights the problem of bullying and the challenges teachers, administrators, parents and the victims themselves face each day. It is an emotional experience as you watch the day to day lives of several victims of bullying.

The City wants to offer this opportunity to parents, teachers and students in the Golden area as a way to better understand the nationwide problem of bullying. The American Mountaineering Center is donating its Foss Theater for these showings. The City believes this is a good way to spread understanding of the issue, especially as the new school year begins. A pdf guide to the documentary is available at www.facinghistory.org/publications/guide-film-bully-fostering-empathy-ac.

The theater holds 350 people for each showing. The movie is free but a ticket will be required for admission. Tickets are first come, first served and will be available until they are gone. You can get your tickets at Golden City Hall, 911 10th St. beginning Thursday, Aug. 1 during normal business hours. At the time this newsletter went to press, Mitchell Elementary School, Pleasant View Elementary School, Bell Middle School and Golden High School also indicated that tickets would be available in their respective offices. We will announce all locations and dates of availability on our website www.cityofgolden.net on the home page under News as they are confirmed. We will also send the information out on facebook.com/CityofGoldenColorado and Twitter @CityofGolden. For more information contact Karlyn Tilley at 303-384-8132 or ktilley@cityofgolden.net.

NOW SHOWING: MOVIES IN GOLDEN’S HISTORIC THEATER

The American Mountaineering Center (AMC) is located at 10th and Washington in Golden and is home to Colorado Mountain Club and American Alpine Club. The AMC is one of the nation's premier facilities for education, conservation, and research about mountain environments. The AMC exists in a building constructed in the 1920's that served the community as Golden High School and then later as Golden Junior High. It's that spirit of community AMC wishes to extend to Golden once again in various ways. That's why this year they've introduced the Golden Community Cinema. According to Greg Bunn, AMC's Executive Director, "One of the most prominent reasons for us to participate in a venture like this is to connect with the local community and support town merchants and events."

The Golden Community Cinema is now showing monthly movies at a family-friendly price in downtown Golden. These second-run films, complete with popcorn, snacks and giveaways, are held in the AMC's historic Foss Auditorium. Still in its early stages, the cinema has chosen a variety of movies to test the community’s interest. The season started off with a bang in April with a screening of “Skyfall,” and then sailed on a high seas adventure with “Captain Ron” in June. Future plans for the cinema include theme nights, documentaries and partnerships with local merchants. Interested attendees can visit www.facebook.com/gccmovies for more information and upcoming show times. Proceeds for the Golden Community Cinema support the American Mountaineering Center.
Your Chance to Run for City Council

Have you ever thought about running for City Council? Now is your opportunity. In this year’s election on Nov. 5, Golden voters will elect councilors for all four wards.

In order to run for City Council, you must be a registered voter of the City of Golden; a citizen of the United States for at least five years; a resident of the City for at least one year preceding the election; and you must be a resident and voter in the ward for which you run.

Nomination petitions may be taken out and circulated beginning Aug. 6. Petitions can be picked up from the City Clerk’s office and are due back to the City Clerk by 5 p.m. on Aug. 26. You must get 25 signatures from registered voters within your ward. You must also file a Candidate Affidavit within 10 days of getting your first signature on your nomination petition, or announcing your intent to become a candidate. For details on becoming a candidate, contact the City Clerk at 303-384-8014 or clerks@cityofgolden.net.

If you don’t want to run for office, but you do want to vote, there are a few new voter registration laws that are now in effect. The deadline for submitting an application through the mail, a voter registration agency, local driver’s license examination facility or a voter registration drive is Tuesday, Oct. 15. You can register at the Jefferson County Election Department or at the Golden City Clerk’s office.

You may register online through Jefferson County through Monday, Oct. 28, or by appearing in person at the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder’s office during business hours including on Election Day. Visit http://jeffco.us/elections for registration forms and other information. You can also visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/Elections.

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HOST AN INTERNATIONAL MINES STUDENT

Residents of Golden have a unique opportunity to help some of the brightest students in Colorado, and also learn a thing or two from them. The Colorado School of Mines (CSM) has many students who are from foreign countries. While they are getting a top-notch education at CSM, they aren’t getting the full experience of what it’s like to be part of an American family.

The CSM Friendship Family Program was created over 20 years ago to match up international students with local families who are willing to open their hearts to this fun opportunity. Together, the students and their host families learn about each other’s cultures, lifestyles, languages and countries.

Currently there are more than 500 international students from over 100 countries studying at CSM. Once you know your student, it’s up to you to communicate and stay connected. It can be as simple as one dinner at your home, to a life-long friendship with your student.

If you are interested in participating in the Friendship Family Program, contact Alyda Morosco at 303-273-3210 or amorosco@mines.edu.
City Partners with Mines Students to Help Save Lives

Do you ever wonder how emergency responders know exactly how to get to every location in the city without hesitation? Not even long time Golden residents can tell you the location of every house, business and fire hydrant. But now our Golden firefighters can... thanks to a partnership with a tech savvy Golden resident, city employees and a bunch of ingenious students at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM).

If you often use GPS or Google Maps to get you to a location, you know that many times the directions can be misleading or are a little off. “That’s not acceptable when we are responding to a fire or a heart attack,” said Lieutenant Chad Wachs with the Golden Fire Department (GFD). “We need to know exactly where your house is so we can get there as fast as possible... every time.”

The GFD used maps built by the city’s Geographic Information Systems (GIS) department that details every single building, road and fire hydrant. But until this summer, these maps were printed, copied and put into “map books” in every fire truck. Some of the maps were even hand drawn. “I knew there had to be a better way,” said Lt. Wachs, “but I couldn’t find it.”

Lt. Wachs mentioned this problem to a neighbor and Golden resident Eric Daugherty, who works for Double Encore, a metro area company that specializes in Apple® and Android™ applications. “Chad’s need presented us with a perfect opportunity for our summer coding session with the Mines students,” says Daugherty. “We also loved the idea of working with the GFD and solving a local problem.”

So this last spring, students from Colorado School of Mines built the GFD a custom application for the department’s existing iPads® to take paper maps into the digital age. The Mines team also built the application to allow firefighters to update maps and even add new maps in the future without having to re-write any code. The iPad app uses Cloud technology to update maps in all fire trucks with the click of a button so no matter what type of incident the fire department responds to, the map will always be up-to-date.

Thanks to a great partnership with CSM and Double Encore, you can rest a little easier knowing the GFD can get to you quickly. And CSM students can be proud knowing that their work will still be saving lives in the City of Golden for years to come.

In order to make it easier for homeowners and residents to park near their homes, the City of Golden established two residential permit parking programs for areas surrounding the Colorado School of Mines campus and Golden High School. As the number of students rise, the streets have become more and more crowded with vehicles. The permit system makes parking more accessible to those who live in the area during the school year.

Parking permits are issued by the City to property owners within the permit area and are required for parking during the school year from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. New permits are issued each new school year and are mailed to residents. There is strict enforcement of the program, including fines for parking without a permit during school hours.

If you are a new resident to the area, it’s important to find out if you need a permit for your street. For more information and to see maps of the affected areas, visit www.cityofgolden.net/city-services/city-parking-permit-program or contact Denise Hish at 303-384-8011 or dhish@cityofgolden.net
On May 23, 2013, Golden City Council adopted the first new urban renewal plans since the Downtown Golden Urban Renewal Plan was adopted a generation ago. These two new plans are intended to help revitalize different areas of the City according to the neighborhood plans applicable to each area. The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) will work with current and future property owners, merchants, and residents to help achieve community and neighborhood goals through GURA’s tax increment financing and direct grant programs.

**CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOODS URBAN RENEWAL PLAN**

In 2008, most of the commercial property owners near Golden High School requested that City Council consider creating an urban renewal project to propel revitalization of the neighborhood’s commercial zone. Since 2008, the City adopted Golden Vision 2030, a completely new Comprehensive Plan, and a broadly supported Central Neighborhoods Plan. This consistent effort over the last five years laid the foundation for and will provide guidance to GURA as it helps to implement these plans. GURA’s blight remediation, redevelopment assistance, public infrastructure improvement, and business attraction/retention efforts will be focused within the area shown to the right. This urban renewal project will be a 25 year-long evolution, similar in some ways to how Downtown has evolved, but different in that it is intended to be responsive to the needs of the neighborhood rather than becoming a mini-Downtown. Many of you know that Natural Grocers is interested in redeveloping the Golden Bowl, which is within this new urban renewal project area. GURA has just begun to speak with the development team for this concept and no agreement has been reached as of press time.

**PARRFET/BRIAWOOD URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT**

The other project moving forward is designed primarily to help finance the apartment building project recently approved for across the street from the Golden Community Center, on property formerly owned by the Parfet family. This project, shown in the rendering to the right, would bring 99 units of much-needed, high quality rentals to central Golden. It is expected that the project will attract CSM students and faculty, young professionals, and perhaps a few families hoping to live in Golden but not yet able to own.

For more information on these new projects, visit www.gura.com or call GURA at 303-279-4162.
A Win for Golden’s Transportation Future

After years of contentious battles between state, regional and local leaders regarding the future of transportation in and around Golden, we have good news to report. Thanks to the hard work of engineers from Golden and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), we now have an official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which gives us guidelines for any future transportation improvements affecting Golden.

At the City Council meeting on July 11, City Council voted 6 to 1 to approve signing the MOU. Shortly after the vote, CDOT Executive Director Don Hunt and Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan signed the MOU, with many leaders from the region in attendance. Mayor Sloan happily announced that “we reached a solution that will work for all of us.”

Jefferson County Commissioner Don Rosier said talks fell apart at the bargaining table two years ago, but we have an agreement now because no one gave up. “Mayor Sloan and Council members, you’ve done a remarkable job staying with it, keeping it up, and representing your constituents,” said Commissioner Rosier. “And signing this agreement to move forward, to look at the opportunities and to protect Golden, and with that, I believe I speak for the entire board of County Commissioners, we applaud you, this is a great step forward.”

Arvada Mayor Mark Williams joked, “The rumor has it that Arvada and Golden don’t always get along. But I can tell you that your Mayor has done an incredible job.” He added, “To be able to listen to the citizens, get the input, and still come up with a workable solution with CDOT that recognizes the unique situation in Golden… and recognizing the need for mitigation, the need to make sure Golden is protected as part of whatever the regional long range plans are going to be.”

CDOT Executive Director Don Hunt says this is a great start, but we cannot stop here. “This MOU is a framework forward. I guarantee it will last more than tonight, but it will only last and be useful as long as we all believe that we need to keep working together… to protect Golden… and to make sure the transportation challenges on this side of the region are adequately addressed.”


PEACHES FOR PEOPLE

This is the 23rd year the Golden Rotary will offer peaches for sale. Traditionally the peaches come from the Western Slope, but cold weather destroyed many Colorado peaches. So this year’s peaches will come from a great harvest in Utah.

Peaches will be available for pick-up on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.
Through Sept. 1

**Wonder of the World**
A play about a wild ride over Niagra Falls in a barrel of laughs as the main character embarks on a journey of self discovery. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For show times, tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Every Saturday through Oct. 5

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

Through Oct. 26

**Material Witnesses**
Come experience life in New York City, told through quilts. From subway construction to the majestic skyline, each quilt interprets a different experience in fiber, using a wide range of materials and techniques. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details visit www.rmqm.org or call 303-277-0377.

Aug. 2

**Movies and Music in the Park**
Family friendly entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Vendors will be on hand to sell food and treats, or you can bring your own.

**Music:** Boomers  
**Movie:** Madagascar 3  
Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/MoviesandMusic.

First Friday Street Fair
Enjoy entertainment, food and friends at the First Friday Street Fair. On Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. 5 to 9 p.m.

Aug. 3

**Coffee with a Councilor**
Join City Councilors to talk about topics concerning Golden. 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

Aug. 6

**A Golden Night in the Park**
Join the Golden Police Department for the 16th annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Free food, games demonstrations and giveaways. For details call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031 or jmarquez@cityofgolden.net.

Aug. 9

**Movies and Music in the Park**
Family friendly entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Vendors will be on hand to sell food and treats, or you can bring your own.

Aug. 16

**Movies and Music in the Park**
Family friendly entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Vendors will be on hand to sell food and treats, or you can bring your own.  
**Music:** Easy Bill and the Big Beats  
**Movie:** The Pirates! Band of Misfits  
Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/MoviesandMusic.

Aug. 17

**Dash at the Splash**
This kids’ triathlon has different levels of difficulty for children up to 12 years old. Held at The Splash Aquatic Park, 3151 Illinois St. For details and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.

Aug. 17 and 18

**Golden Fine Arts Festival**
More than 130 artists display and sell their works of art. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in downtown Golden. The festival is free. For details visit www.goldenfineartsfestival.org or call 303-279-3113.
Aug. 22
**Wild & Scenic Film Festival**
The Colorado Mountain Club hosts this festival which brings together the best of Wild and Scenic films in a two-hour program. 7 p.m. at American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Tickets are $12 and proceeds benefit CMC’s Conservation Program. For tickets and details visit www.cmc.org/films.

Aug. 23
**Movies and Music in the Park**
Family friendly entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Vendors will be on hand to sell food and treats, or you can bring your own.
**Music: Highland Ramblers**
**Movie: We Bought a Zoo**
Visit [www.cityofgolden.net/links/MoviesandMusic](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/MoviesandMusic).

Aug. 30
**The movie: Bully**
School children and their parents are encouraged to come watch this documentary about bullying. Admission is free, hosted by the City of Golden. American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Showings at 5 and 7:30 p.m. See p. 5 for details.

**Be a Storyteller in your Local School**
Jeffco Spellbinders® storytellers volunteer in local schools by telling stories to grade school children. The Jeffco Spellbinders® are conducting training in August for anyone interested. Formal training sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 10, 14 & 17 at the First Baptist Church, 1805 Washington Ave. To learn more visit [www.spellbinders.org](http://www.spellbinders.org) or contact Linda Boettcher at 303-984-2225 or jcspellbinders@comcast.net.

**Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!**

VisitGolden.com
For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit [www.VisitGolden.com](http://www.VisitGolden.com).

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

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
September 4, 2013... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
October 2, 2013......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Although these classes are free, space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

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

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
August 7, 2013......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Class is free, but space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

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Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:
Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, Aug. 2 & Sept. 6
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. For details call 303-384-8130.
Chair massages..................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ............$13 for 15 minutes

Receive the Front Porch News Online!
Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

FREE Seminars Available!
Sign up in the Front Porch.

Computer Training for Life-long Learning
These introductory computer classes are presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library and are for all skill levels. Space is limited; sign up in the Front Porch.
Min/Max: 4/8
Aug. 5 - Email Basics
Aug. 12 - Excel Basics
Aug. 19 - iPad Basics
Sept. 9 - Social Networking Basics
Sept. 16 - Managing your Digital Photos (Bring your own digital camera with pictures)

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Leadville - #15022-1
We will visit the National Mining Hall of Fame & Museum where mining’s colorful history is showcased. We will tour the museum, go to lunch and enjoy the scenery.

Friday, Aug. 16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$34 (van, tour included; bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 3

Boulder Farmers Market and NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research) - #15023-1
We will enjoy the morning at the Boulder Farmers Market and then go on a tour of NCAR.

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
$11 (van, tour included; bring money for food & incidentals)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Aug. 19.

The Full Monty - Boulder Dinner Theatre -#15026-1
Seeing how much their wives enjoy watching male strippers during their "Girls' Night Out," unemployed steelworkers in Buffalo, New York come up with a bold way to make some quick cash. In the process they find renewed self-esteem, the importance of friendship and the ability to have fun. This show is rated “R”.

Sunday, Sept. 22, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$57 (van, show and dinner included; bring $ for gratuity)
Exertion Level: 1
Register/Cancel by Sept. 6.
I f lost, could your pet tell anyone where they live? Could they hop on a bus or call a cab? In a perfect world, pets would never get lost or separated from their loving owners. But it can happen; that’s why licensing your pet is so important.

There are many benefits to licensing your pet. First, your pet’s information is in the county database, which means you can be contacted right away if your pet is found. In many cases, animal control officers can bring your pet directly home. As a responsible dog owner, you also avoid receiving a fine for having an unlicensed canine.

But more importantly, by helping your own pet, you’re also helping a lot of other animals get a fair shake.

The Foothills Animal Shelter (FAS) is a state-of-the-art shelter and safe haven for 8,000 pets who have been lost, abandoned or neglected each year. FAS offers a host of programs and services such as adoption, lost and found, humane education, spaying and neutering, vaccinations, microchips and, of course, licensing. When you purchase a pet license in Jefferson County, your registration fee helps support these homeless pets and FAS’s life-saving work.

A license is only $15 per year ($30 for unaltered animals). FAS offers three easy ways to register or renew your pet’s license – online, mail or in person at one of 50+ locations, including Golden City Hall, 911 10th St. Visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/License or call 303-278-7577 for more information.

Given how much good can come from it, no pet should ever be without a license. Please register your pet today and encourage friends, neighbors and family to do the same. Good human.
The awareness of hoarding is more prominent today. Hoarding is the excessive collection of items, along with the inability to discard them. Hoarding often creates such cramped living conditions that homes may be filled to capacity, with only narrow pathways winding through stacks of clutter. There are reality television shows dedicated to the topic and psychology has made large strides in understanding hoarding from a mental health perspective. Hoarding is a reality that the fire service must deal with as a safety issue.

It is not unusual for the Golden Fire Department to respond to a home for a medical emergency, only to find that the home is so full of clutter that it is hard to get personnel and medical equipment to the patient and also get the patient safely out of the home. In a fire emergency such large volumes of possessions gives the fire more fuel. That means occupants might not be able to get out and firefighters might not be able to get in to save a person or pet. Hoarded materials can also be life-threatening to a firefighter trying to navigate through a home.

Hoarding poses a health safety risk as well. Piles of belongings, trash and junk provide a place for disease carrying rodents and bugs to live, multiply and infest a home or property, making living conditions unsanitary. This promotes the spread of unwanted rodents, bugs and the diseases they carry to neighboring homes.

Yards filled with debris can be just as dangerous to homeowners and their neighbors. Debris-filled yards can prevent firefighters from getting hose lines and other firefighting equipment in place to fight a fire, and fire can spread more quickly to neighboring homes. A yard filled with debris at the urban/wild land boundary makes it especially difficult for firefighters to defend homes from advancing wildfires.

If you struggle with excessive collecting, and if your home is filled to capacity and beyond, then consider removing clutter. You may realize that you are powerless over collecting and accumulating and that it has made your life unmanageable. Consult your health care provider. They can assist you in getting the help you need.

**S-S-S-SNAKES!**

You’re pulling weeds in the garden, thinking about what you’ll make for dinner, and suddenly, that branch you were about to grab moves. SNAKE!

Although many snakes can bite, there is only one poisonous kind in our area and that’s the rattlesnake. They are more active during the heat of the day and are typically found in shaded areas or under cover. When it cools down, they move to sunny locations to warm up.

By far, most bites reported are to the feet, ankles and hands. If you’re out hiking, stay on the trail, avoid tromping through bushes and tall grass where snakes like to hide, step ON logs and rocks and not over them where a snake might be sheltering, and wear sturdy boots and long pants or gators.

You will often hear a rattlesnake before you see it. Whether you see or hear it, FREEZE, then calmly back off as quickly and quietly as you can. A snake strikes in self defense, so try to be as unthreatening as possible. Don’t poke it with a stick or start yelling at it, and don’t try to play the hero. If the snake is on your property, call for Golden’s Animal Control at 303-384-8045. If it’s in the wild, live and let live.

In the U.S., snake bites cause around 10,000 visits to the ER per year, about 72 percent of those men and 28 percent women. Only a handful of deaths occur due to snake bites but you do need treatment. If you get bitten, remain calm, remove constrictive clothing and jewelry from the area because it will swell, do NOT elevate the bitten area, and seek medical attention immediately.
Urban areas like downtown Golden offer great access to a lot of amenities, but are so compact that it can be difficult to find room for needed services, such as recycling. To this end, the Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) approved funding for a pilot project to test different methods of collecting recyclable material from downtown residents and businesses. Because of space limitations, tenants and landowners have found it challenging to find areas for collection bins. Over the next several months, the City will use different collection techniques to determine the most appropriate service for businesses. The goal will be to improve access to recycling for business operations, but with a benefit for Golden visitors and residents as well.

All Kids Deserve Safe Routes to School

August is back to school month which means thousands of students will be making their way to and from schools; from kindergarten to college. Golden uses a comprehensive approach to make school routes safe for children when walking and bicycling to school. The City, parents and schools are fostering a safe environment for their students by using state Safe Routes to School programs to not only fund education and safe infrastructure, but also to encourage healthy options for our children. Each year, Golden invests in sidewalk and bike trail improvements near each of the neighborhood schools to make it easier and safer for walking and biking. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/RideGreen, and click on the Golden Bike Routes & Trails Map to find the best route to your child's school. Then give your bike a tune-up and lace up those new shoes for that first day of school!

Kudos to the Golden Music Festival (June 14-16) that incorporated several low waste strategies such as the use of bike corrals and water stations; and recycled almost one ton of materials. Their efforts saved:

- More than 20 trees
- 8,000 gallons of water
- 4,900 kWh of power (roughly one household for an entire year)
- 11 barrels of oil
Women's Only Golf Clinic
The Women’s Only Golf Clinic is a series of three 2-hour clinics designed for beginner women. Instructors will coach students through the basics of the game including grip, stance, alignment, posture and basic swing mechanics. The clinic will cover some basic rules, etiquette and tips for improving pace of play. Also, students will learn all the fundamentals necessary to play the game, develop skills to feel comfortable and most importantly, have FUN!

Monday to Wednesday
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 12 - 14
$150 per student

Fall Swimming Lessons
It’s that time of the year; Fall Swim Lesson registration begins Monday, Aug. 12 for Residents and on Tuesday, Aug. 13 for Non-Residents. Sessions begin the week after Labor Day and run through mid-December. For more information and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.

Important GCC Closure Information!
The Golden Community Center Annual Aquatics Maintenance Shutdown will be Aug. 19-25. Splash will also have limited operating hours the week of August 19-25. Visit www.splashingolden.com for more information.

Dash at the Splash
It isn’t too late to register for the Dash at the Splash Saturday, Aug. 17! Register at https://rec.cityofgolden.net.

CURTAIN CALL AT THE GOLDEN COMMUNITY CENTER

Calling all young performers! The Golden Community Center is proud to announce two new children's theater companies, Kidzskits and TeenShake. Integrated with the Dance Arts Program this fall, these new theater programs will engage children of all abilities and prepare them for a fun holiday performance!

The Kidzskits Company will work with children in two age groups, 5 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years. The programs are designed to teach age appropriate acting techniques and stagecraft; to work with imagination, improvisation and teamwork; and ultimately, build confidence and stage presence in young performers. Working with theater skills is an exciting way to teach children lifetime lessons including thinking on their feet and playing as a team.

TeenShake Company will take teen acting development a step further by exploring the rich themes of Shakespeare, playing with the language and learning more about the art of acting. When teens have a chance to play with very different characters, they will find those qualities within that they didn't know they had.

The new theater companies will be run by Professional Actress and Director, Sasha Fisher. Sasha trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in her native London. In addition to her work on stage and screen, she has taught and directed children's theater for almost 30 years. For more information and to register for these exciting new programs, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.
Mark your calendars for the 23rd Annual Golden Fine Arts Festival, happening from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Aug. 17 and 18. With its high quality artwork, friendly atmosphere, gorgeous setting, and the many complimentary activities happening in Golden, the Festival is always a summertime highlight for both locals and visitors alike.

The Golden Fine Arts Festival is a juried show and features more than 130 artists in a variety of media including ceramic arts, fiber arts, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and 2D. Prizes will be awarded to artists in these nine categories and cash awards total more than $1,800.

This year’s featured artwork is a striking hand-painted black and white photograph titled *Waves of Grain* by Colorado artist Mary Staby. A majority of artists at this year’s show are from Colorado, which speaks to the caliber of artwork being created in our home state.

There is no admission fee and the Festival features live music and free horse-drawn carriage rides through historic downtown Golden. For younger art lovers, be sure to check out the ArtReach Kids Art Zone.

There will be complimentary activities throughout downtown Golden as many shops and galleries will feature artist demonstrations and special deals all weekend long. It’s a perfect time to stroll downtown Golden and enjoy the summer.

For more information and updates about the Golden Fine Arts Festival and other Golden activities, visit the Festival’s website at www.GoldenFineArtsFestival.org or Golden’s visitor website at www.VisitGolden.com.

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**Explore, Buy and Create Art at Foothills Art Center**

**IN THE MAIN GALLERY**

*Threads of Change: Colorado Textiles Now Through Sept. 1*

Featuring a selection of Colorado’s most outstanding textile artists, *Threads of Change* shines a spotlight on fiber art. The exhibition celebrates fiber art’s rich traditions, as well as new expressions where concepts of art and craft intersect. Exhibition hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays. 809 15th St. For details call 303-279-3922 or visit www.FoothillsArtCenter.org.

**IN THE COMMUNITY GALLERY**

*Front Range Contemporary Quilters Through Aug. 22*

This exhibition, juried by Ann Johnston, features the best and brightest quilt art of the Front Range Contemporary Quilters. Exhibition hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Saturday-Monday.

**AUG. 17**

- **Sidewalk Art Sale** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A fabulous selection from 40 Colorado artists; all purchases help support FAS education and exhibition programs.
- **Community Day** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. As part of the Foothills family, help us paint an outdoor mural, celebrating education programs at the Center.

**DOCUWEST DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL**

Join us for the 5th Annual DocuWest International Documentary Film Festival, Sept. 11-15! Learn more at www.docuwestfest.com.
Golden History Museums cares for close to 15,000 items that document Golden’s people, places and things. Much work goes into caring for these touchstones to the past. For the second year in a row the museum has received a conservation grant from the Greenwood Fund. This year’s grant is supporting conservation for the 1878 Jefferson County Jail register. Local conservator Karen Jones will rebuild the broken binding, reattach the cover and then clean and repair damaged areas.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON THE REGISTER:
In February of 1878 the Jefferson County Commissioners turned the new jail over to Sheriff John Belcher to manage and house prisoners. The jail was in the basement of the 1877 courthouse located at 15th St. and Washington Avenue. Belcher changed the method of tracking inmates, including court dispositions and sentencing, by capturing this information by longhand in a large, bound book, known as a register. Whoever was working the booking desk was responsible for adding information to the register regarding the disposition of arrestees. The first entry was made on February 18, 1878 on inmate Richard Sloan who was imprisoned for “shooting and blowing up things.” Incidentally, Sloan was also the first to escape on April 5, 1878. The register is complete with all arrests made in Jefferson County until August 8, 1929 when new technology replaced the manual system of tracking inmates.

The jail register is one of many items from a larger collection that chronicles the men and women from the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department donated by Dennis L. Potter in 2008. Select items from this collection are now accessible through the museums’ online photography collection database. Go to GoldenHistory.org/photos to see for yourself.

Restoring the Register

Golden History Museums has been working with a group of local teachers and elementary school students to develop and prototype a new in-classroom program. Building Colorado gives students a chance to make their own decisions about important events from Colorado’s history like the introduction of railroads and the economic impact of boom-and-bust cycles. The program aligns with Jefferson County School’s choice and opportunity cost unit and debuts in classrooms this fall.
COMING TO GOLDEN THIS AUGUST

MADAGASCAR 3 8/2
THE PIRATES: 8/16
THE SANDLOT 8/9
WE BOUGHT A ZOO 8/23

ONLY IN PARFET PARK

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WITH MUSICAL GUESTS
AUGUST 2
BOOMER
AUGUST 9
LUCKY FIVE
AUGUST 16
EASY BILL THE BIG BEAT
AUGUST 23
HIGHLAND RAMBLERS

AND FEATURING...
FROZEN TREATS!
POPcorn!
BAKED GooNIES!

FROZEN TREATS!
POSTAL PATRON

Jewel Williams

Mike Woodward

Deborah Hager

Donald Sayers

The Golden Fine Arts Festival
10 AM – 5 PM, Saturday & Sunday in historic downtown Golden
goldenfineartsfestival.org

AUGUST 17 & 18

More than 130 juried artists in painting, sculpture, mixed media,