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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG. 5
Join us for the 17th annual National Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5 in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. This is a great way to get to know your local police officers and neighbors, and have a lot of fun! There will be free food and beverages, entertainment and raffle prizes along with fun things for the kids. For more information, contact Jodie Marquez at 303-384-3031 or JMarquez@cityofgolden.net.

LAST CHANCE TO JOIN THE 2014 CITIZENS’ ACADEMY
Hurry up! You have until Aug. 4 to sign up for this year’s Adult Citizens’ Academy, hosted by the Golden Police Department. Get to know what police officers really do, not just what you see on TV. You will learn firsthand how laws are enforced and why. You’ll also get hands on experience with driving a police car, firearms instruction, a jail tour, and see a Police K-9 in action.

The 2014 Adult Citizens’ Police Academy begins on Wednesday, Aug. 20 and will continue for approximately nine weeks. The Citizens’ Academy will usually meet on Wednesday evenings at the Golden Police Department. There will be two weekend sessions; one for the firing range and one for the driving track.

If you’re interested in joining the Citizens’ Academy, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/PoliceCitizensAcademy for details and an application. A background investigation will also be conducted. The on-line application process will end at 3 p.m. on Aug. 4.

GOLDEN READS LONG MAN
The Golden Library is excited to announce this year’s Golden Reads selection. After being presented with several choices, Mayor Marjorie Sloan selected Long Man by Amy Greene.

Long Man tells the story of Yuneetah, Tenn., a small town about to be flooded by a Tennessee Valley Dam project. When three-year-old Gracie Dodson goes missing, the handful of remaining residents race against the rising water to find her, while struggling with the gradual erasure of their home.

The Golden Library will host an evening with Amy Greene, featuring a reading and book signing, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Get tickets, read the book and join the discussion at jeffcolibrary.org/goldenreads.

GRANT MONEY STILL AVAILABLE
There’s still time to apply for an i-Neighborhood Grant. This is money you can get from the city to help make improvements in your area, or just hold a neighborhood block party.

There are two types of grants. 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 community. You may apply anytime during the year until funds for the year run out.

The matching grants are for larger projects, a match by the neighborhood is required. City Council has final approval. The match must be met with cash, pro bono and in kind contributions or sweat equity. These projects should be ones that will build a more vibrant neighborhood and benefit the community as well.

For detailed information and an application go to the City’s website www.cityofgolden.net/links/NeighborhoodGrants, or contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.
As a relatively new City Councilor sworn in last January, people often ask me how I like being on council. I usually reply that, while I enjoy the challenge and feel fortunate to be able to serve our community—the learning curve is pretty steep. At each meeting, council is asked to make decisions about issues covering a wide variety of topics. Fortunately, council members don’t have to be an expert on every subject—we have lots of help.

The City of Golden benefits daily from the amazing expertise of city staff who make sure that city services are delivered, keep us safe, track city finances, provide us with awesome parks and recreational facilities, and much more.

A second important source of know-how, is Golden’s boards, commissions, and task-forces. I am stunned by the caliber of educated, experienced, and dedicated volunteers willing to give their time and expertise. These groups spend countless hours providing oversight, insights, and guidance on our city’s most important decisions about issues ranging from city budgets to playgrounds to recycling.

The third critically important group is the on-the-ground experience of each one of us playing, working, and living our lives here in Golden. Hearing directly from residents is an important source of information and ideas, and provides insights into neighborhood priorities. It helps to hear multiple sides of an issue so that I can make informed decisions.

So, if you have an idea, opinion, perspective, or suggestion, we’d like to hear from you. Besides just bumping into us downtown or in the neighborhood, there are five options for making your voice heard by those elected to represent you on Golden City Council:

1. **Come to council meetings for public comment or for a public hearing.** Public comment occurs at the beginning of council meetings and can be on any topic. Hearings, however, are limited to comments about particular agenda items and occur just before Council votes on a given issue. Commenters are asked to state their name and neighborhood, and to limit remarks to three minutes. Meeting dates can be found at [www.cityofgolden.net/links/Agendas](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/Agendas).

2. **Send an email to all of Council.** Sending an email to your City Councilors is an effective alternative to in-person public comment, since Councilors consider emailed comments with equal weight. Our Council email address is citycouncil@cityofgolden.net.

3. **E-comment.** Unlike an email to Council, e-comment is entered into the permanent meeting records. For detailed instructions about using e-comment, visit [www.cityofgolden.net/links/eComment](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/eComment).

4. **Send an email to a particular Councilor or Councilors.** If you would like a Councilor to contact a city staff member for you regarding a particular problem, or if you have a specific suggestion in your neighborhood, your council ward and district representative can often help. Council email addresses are listed on the inside cover of this newsletter.

5. **Phone calls.** If you would prefer to talk to a Councilor on the phone, all City Councilors have published either their home or personal cell phone numbers on the city website, and are also on the inside cover of this newsletter.

6. **The Mind-mixer.** Mind-mixer ([goldenvision.cityofgolden.net](http://goldenvision.cityofgolden.net)) is an on-line public forum that council and staff use to ask for opinions on a variety of topics. Sign up to receive notices about new topics and let us know what you think.

Whichever option you select, please help make Golden great by sharing your opinions and ideas with City Council. We’d like to hear from you!
Golden City Council is currently considering expanding the city’s smoke-free areas to possibly include Washington Avenue, all parks and trails, and other public areas. As the Council considers options, it will also schedule a public hearing to hear from citizens. That could take place as early as Aug. 28. To see all City Council meeting agendas, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/agendas.

According to the Surgeon General, there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. For this reason, the City of Golden is considering expanding its smoking ordinance to further protect the health and safety of its residents and visitors.

Studies show that laws prohibiting smoking in public places improve air quality, decrease air pollution, and improve the health of workers. Smoke-free laws are also proven effective in encouraging smokers to quit, and preventing kids from starting to smoke.

The City is also considering prohibiting the use of electronic vaporizing devices in workplaces and public places where smoking is prohibited, joining many communities across the US which have already taken this step. To learn more about electronic cigarettes and vaporizers, visit http://tobaccofreejeffco.com/vaporizers.html.

To view the current smoking laws in Golden, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/MuniCode and view section 5.11 “Smoking in Public Places and Other Areas”. If you are a tobacco user and are thinking about quitting, call the Colorado QuitLine at 1-800 QUIT-NOW or visit http://tobaccofreejeffco.com/how-to-quit.html for additional resources.

ROADWAY PLANNING RAMPS UP

In 2013, your Golden City Council negotiated a unique Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to control highway improvement options along the State Highway 6 and 93 corridors. Now, Jefferson County Commissioner Don Rosier is spearheading an effort to form a coalition of governments to study, again, the larger transportation corridor from C470 at Kipling to S.H. 93 north of Golden. CDOT has pledged most of the funds needed for this $2 million study, with coalition members providing a 25 percent local share. One of the first tasks of this coalition would be to conduct a Preliminary Environmental Linkage (PEL) study of the corridor, possibly linking to the Jefferson Parkway, which has been a contentious issue between the City of Golden and Jefferson County for decades.

A CDOT PEL like the one proposed would be different from many of the other previous studies in that it would identify and prioritize operational improvements that can be built one at a time. The many projects already identified in Golden's MOU with CDOT will, no doubt, end up very high on any list of improvements identified by a thorough and professional study. So it is important that we be at the table as a full participating partner. Golden will be well-represented by our experienced negotiating team of Mayor Marjorie Sloan and long-time Public Works Director Dan Hartman.

CDOT, the County, the City of Golden and other local governments are still negotiating over what local entities will participate in this process and how.

All meetings of the group will be open to the public and Mayor Sloan plans on providing periodic updates at City Council Meetings. The Golden Informer and the City website will keep you informed on the latest developments with this and any other road projects that could affect Golden.
More Trail Mileage Open at Apex Park

Following an earlier than expected opening of Phase Two at Apex Park on May 23, Jeffco Open Space reopened the lower Apex Trail triangle (Argos Trail to Pick ‘N Sledge Trail to Apex Trail, and out to the trailhead) for recreation on Friday, June 13. So far, 93 percent of the nearly 10 mile trail has been reopened. The trail wreckage occurred in the wake of the historic flooding late last year. The trails’ tremendous progress and reconstruction couldn’t have happened without the help of staff and volunteers who have been working hard to remove hazards and fix the trail head.

Major work on Enchanted Forest Trail was completed on June 11. The repairs required a high-line system, involving cable and pulleys to transport rocks. The rocks will be used to shore up the trail to better protect it from future storms.

A section of lower Apex Trail in Phase Three of the flood recovery plan is all that remains closed. This section, between Pick ‘N Sledge Trail and Sluicebox Trail, suffered the worst damage. Repair plans call for installation of three bridges and a sizable drain to span the gap of large washouts. In addition, helicopters will be needed to transport building materials into narrow Apex Gulch.

Kim Fredrick, Trail Services Supervisor, believes volunteers have helped to power the way for recovery and gives thanks to all helpers involved, “We thank all the volunteers who have helped us to rebuild Apex Park.”

For more information on Apex Park and flood recovery across Jeffco Open Space Parks and Trails, visit jeffco.us/parks/flood-recovery/. Volunteers can register for events at jeffcoopenspace.eventbrite.com.

Golden Awarded Funding to Build W. 44th Avenue Trail

Golden Parks and Recreation has partnered with Jefferson County Open Space and Parks to fulfill a mutual goal, to provide integral trail connections and safe, convenient access to parks and open space. The City of Golden was awarded a grant in early 2014 from Jefferson County Open Space and Parks to build the W. 44th Avenue Trail, a trail that has been considered for several years, but due to its complexity, was never fully funded. Jefferson County embraced the concept for the future trail, and together the City and County decided to apply for a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Path to Parks Grant to assist with the cost of the trail project.

On June 19, GOCO, who invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state’s parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces, announced its Path to Parks Grant Awards. Fortunately for Golden, The W. 44th Avenue Trail Project was picked as one of only six funded trail projects across the state!

The W. 44th Avenue Trail will connect Tony Grampsas Park to the rest of Golden. Just over three quarters of a mile, the trail connection will begin west of the Hwy 58 overpass at Clear Creek Trail and end at Salvia Street.

A trail with regional significance, the W. 44th Avenue Trail will help to further the vision of the Colorado State Parks Front Range Trail Project (CFRT). The CFRT is working to create a multi-purpose trail from Wyoming to New Mexico. For more information about CFRT, visit www.cpwr.state.co.us.

For more information and updates on the W. 44th Avenue Trail project, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/West44thTrail.
It’s better to give than to receive, and the only thing sweeter than the truth behind that old adage is passing it on to others and allowing them to experience the joy of community building for themselves. That’s the idea behind Golden’s annual Neighborhood Rehab Project Saturday, Sept. 13.

The effort is being organized by Community Faith in Action, a Golden non-profit that exists to facilitate collaborative action for community service between faith, business and government sectors. The new event will allow people to serve residents throughout Golden. The Neighborhood Rehab Project (NRP) performs home repair locally for those in need. Primarily, NRP serves senior adults through its annual day-long event, and come September, its hundred plus volunteers will be donning their “I’m a Tool” t-shirts.

According to event organizer, Dan Thoemke, the Neighborhood Rehab Project, empowers adults, kids and various tradespeople to accomplish multiple construction jobs like roof repair, safety issue repairs, fixing fences, sealing windows and painting.

“When we found out how many people really want to serve in Golden, we thought, what a great opportunity to help people become a tool, too,” said Thoemke. “We really desire to connect them with the community rather than just have them come in, do some work and go home.”

Thoemke says there are several ways NRP hopes to create that connection through the one-day event. “First of all, the volunteers are going to work right alongside the residents of Golden on the various projects. This will help them get to know one another as they serve together,” he explained.

In addition, the work projects will be surrounded by our City of Golden staff serving in various ways and showing appreciation for those who volunteer and serve.

To raise funds for the Neighborhood Rehab Projects that occur monthly, and the annual Day of Service, Neighborhood Rehab Project is teaming up with Buy Golden committee’s Small Business Saturday to organize the first annual “Be a Tool” 5K and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, Nov. 29 in downtown Golden. For more information on any of these events, contact Dan Thoemke at 720-373-9605 or email dthoemke@beatool.org).

To sign up to serve on Sept. 13 or donate toward the projects, visit www.beatool.org.
Nominate an Exceptional Goldenite

It’s time to get your nominations in for the 5th annual Mayor’s Awards for Excellence. The awards go to residents and businesses in Golden or people who contribute to Golden in an extraordinary way. Nominations should explain the contributions the nominee makes to the Golden community and why these contributions are exceptional.

Nominations for Entrepreneur of the Year should explain how the business owner and their business contribute to the Golden community through their entrepreneurial spirit, innovation, creating high quality jobs in Golden and any other ways that are relevant.

Taking initiative, exercising leadership, solving problems in the community, creating community value, and serving as a role model are all examples of some of the qualities the Mayor and her awards committee may consider for all nominees.

Completed nominations are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 8. You may submit through the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/MayorsAwards, returned by email to Denise Hish at dhish@cityofgolden.net, or delivered to City Hall, 911 10th St. The awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Mayor’s 2014 Community Event in early October which this year will focus on healthy, active lifestyles. Watch for more information on the event and the awards in the September Informer.

Golden Library Remodel About to Begin

Thanks to the Golden community, the Golden Library has received great input about the building’s remodel project. From May 19 through June 9 you shared your ideas at community meetings and through online and paper surveys. During those conversations a few common themes emerged:

YOU USE THE LIBRARY TO:
• Borrow material, especially movies and books
• Use the children’s area & material
• Pick up holds
• Attend story times and other programs

YOU LIKE AND VALUE:
• The community feel of the library
• Location
• Friendly staff

YOU HOPE TO SEE:
• Quiet spaces for studying
• More comfortable seating
• Views and light
• A redesigned children’s area
• An open feel
• Spaces for groups, both big and small, to meet

YOU MAY BE ASKING HOW IS THE LIBRARY USING ALL OF THIS RICH INPUT?
Your ideas were distilled into a preliminary floor plan and design concepts previewed at the June 6 community meeting. Elements of the preliminary design included:

• A quiet room and group study room for quiet spaces
• More seating spread throughout the building
• Seating concentrated around windows and natural light
• The possibility of a multi-purpose meeting room that can accommodate large and small groups; including children’s groups.
• Lower shelves for a more open feel

The Golden Library will incorporate much of your feedback into the final design and construction on the project should begin this month. Be sure to stop by and watch your ideas come to life!
After missing us last year while visiting northern communities, the USA Pro Cycling Challenge (USAPCC) will once again come through Golden during its annual tour in August. Golden hosted highly successful stage starts in both 2011 and 2012.

While Golden is not hosting either a start or a finish this year, the City expects the pass through Golden from Boulder to Denver to be the highlight of Stage 7, on Sunday, Aug. 24, the final day of racing for the elite pro cyclists.

After a parade loop in Boulder, the riders will head down Hwy 93 into Golden. They will pass through downtown Golden on Washington Avenue before heading up Lookout Mountain.

Similar to the 2011 route, riders will navigate back to Golden via Hwy 40 and Heritage Road, coming through the Jefferson County complex to South Golden Road. They will come down Ford to 13th Street and head back west to Washington Avenue. There will be a sprint on Washington Avenue before riders loop around Parfet Park, back to Ford, and then out 32nd Avenue toward Denver.

There is also expected to be a sponsored prime, or intermediate sprint, during Golden’s portion of the stage, but that sponsor and location are yet to be determined. The race starts at noon in Boulder and is expected to be in Golden by 12:45 p.m.

There will be some full road closures in the downtown area for various events that morning and during the race, but the bulk will be rolling road closures, meaning that the road closes shortly before the cyclists come through and then reopens immediately afterward. This can create short delays of up to 10 minutes.

EVENTS

The planning committee is already working on numerous events related to the race, some of which will also tie into the City’s overall efforts with regard to health and fitness. While final details are not available at Informer press time, the events include:

• **Kids’ Bike Rodeo** on Saturday, Aug. 23
• **Movie in the Park** (documentary and a feature film) on Saturday, Aug. 23
• **“Golden Streets – A Fitness Celebration”** – A bike and fitness celebration on Sunday, Aug. 24 before the race.
• **Kids’ Adaptive Dash** – Sunday, Aug. 24 before the race
• **EXPO and race viewing on a giant screen** – Sunday, Aug. 24 until 4 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.GoldenMoves.org](http://www.GoldenMoves.org) and click on the Pro Challenge 2014 link, or contact Julie Brooks at jbrooks@cityofgolden.net.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUG. 2014**

**Through Aug. 24**

**The Odd Couple**

This hilarious play about super slob Oscar and near freak Felix, will leave you rolling in the aisles. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For show times, tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

**Through Aug. 31**

**Find Your Soul Mate**

Foothills Animal Shelter has been selected as one of only 50 animal shelters across the country to participate in the ASPCA Rachael Ray $100K Challenge. Now through Aug. 31, the Shelter will strive to go above and beyond saving more animals’ lives than ever before. Multiple pet adoption specials are available. For details visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/SoulMate or call 303-278-7575.

**Through Oct. 28**

**Quilt Evolutions**

A display of quilts from artists displaying the themes of evolution, change and transition. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details visit www.rmqm.org or call 303-277-0377.

**Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22**

**Movies and Music in the Park**

Join us for a movie the first four Fridays in August! Start the night at 7 p.m. with live music then stick around for a family friendly movie. This free event is in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Vendors will be on hand to sell food and treats, or you can bring your own picnic. See the full list of bands and movies on p. 18. For details visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/MoviesandMusic.

**Aug. 2**

**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. 5**

**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. 16**

**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 rec.cityofgolden.net, Activity #34150.

**Aug. 16 and 17**

**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. 17**

**Concert in the Park**

The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra will put on a free concert in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. This caps off the Fine Arts Festival weekend celebration. For details visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

**Aug. 18 through 24**

**GCC Closed**

The Golden Community Center will be closed from Monday, Aug. 18 through Sunday, Aug. 24 in order to perform yearly maintenance. The Center will reopen for normal business hours on Monday, Aug. 25. If you have questions, call the GCC at 303-384-8100.

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

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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.

**VisitGolden.com**

For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.VisitGolden.com.
**Free Building Use Tax Workshop**

The City of Golden is hosting a **FREE** Building Use Tax Workshop taught by our professional staff of auditors and geared toward individuals who need to learn about building 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.
August 6, 2014 .... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Class is free, but space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

**HONORING A FALLEN GOLDEN FIREFIGHTER**

It is with great sadness that the Golden Fire Department says goodbye to one of our veteran firefighters. John William Johnson, 43, passed away in July after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

John was an auto warranty claims adjuster by day, but his ultimate drive and passion was spent with the fire service as a volunteer firefighter. He volunteered for Roxborough Fire District, West Metro Fire District, Fairmount Fire District, and he spent the past 7½ years with the Golden Fire Department. John advanced his career with Golden and was promoted to Driver/Operator Engineer. He loved being a part of Golden’s Wildland Team which deployed to many fires within the state including Indian Gulch in 2011, Waldo Canyon in 2012 and Black Forest in 2013.

John received many awards and certifications during his time with Golden Fire. He also took pride in cooking the bacon for the Department’s annual pancake breakfast during Buffalo Bill Days. John was a “Firefighter’s Firefighter” always willing and able to assist any member of the team. Engineer Johnson was a well respected member of the department and will be greatly missed.
One important message resulting from sprinkler system inspections conducted in Golden is that residents with clay soils need to use a watering technique called “cycle and soak” to promote infiltration and prevent runoff. Clay soil absorbs water very slowly, but most sprinkler systems have high precipitation rates that apply water very quickly. As a result, sprinklers often apply more water than the soil can absorb and the excess water runs off the lawn, and down the gutter.

Cycle and soak irrigation involves watering for several short cycles, separated by enough time for the water to soak in. This practice results in a deep soak, but without water lost to runoff. For clay soils, the Center for Resource Conservation recommends watering for three short watering cycles of seven minutes each, with an hour in between each cycle. Such cycles are easy to set with most control clocks using the multiple start times function.

Cycling saves a significant amount of water that would otherwise be lost to runoff. It also helps encourage deeper root depth, healthier lawns and reduces nonpoint source pollution from runoff.

For your free inspection and recommendations specific to your sprinkler system, please contact the Center for ReSource Conservation at ConservationCenter.org or by calling 303-999-3820 x217.

LANDSCAPING THIS SEASON? HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Bulk landscape materials can pose a traffic safety threat and a water quality threat if stored in the street. Piles of soil, compost, rock, or mulch can impede traffic. These materials can also be washed into the storm drain, transporting pollutants to Clear Creek.

A few things to keep in mind:

• Time deliveries so materials can be placed the same day they're delivered.
• If materials must be stored, place them on the driveway or lawn - not in the street.
• Cover materials in case it rains.
• Sweep up at the end of the day, prior to a rainstorm and once the material is used.

If materials have to be stored in the street, a Right of Way Permit must be obtained from the City, the steps above should be implemented and delineators (i.e. cones, flashers) should be placed. The permit application can be found at http://www.cityofgolden.net/media/RightofWayPermitApp.pdf.
According to Today, the average cost of an American kitchen remodel is $20,000 - without the appliances! Instead, for our 3,200 square ft. Golden home (built in 1995) we decided to invest our money in energy efficiency. We did this in order to create a more sustainable home and a better future for the planet.

**HYBRID CAR**
One gallon of gasoline (w/ethanol) produces about 17.68 pounds of CO₂. If you drive a car that gets 25 mpg for 12,000 miles a year, it will burn 480 gallons of gas and produce 8,500 pounds of CO₂ per year. Our first effort was to purchase a Ford Escape hybrid in 2010. We immediately increased our mileage for our primary vehicle from 25 to 34 mpg in the city and save an estimated 2,250 pounds of CO₂ emissions per year.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
In 2007-2009, our home used an average of 10,086 kilowatt-hours. Every kilowatt-hour produced by the power company produces 1.93 lbs of CO₂, so we alone were producing 19,500 lbs. of CO₂. We replaced the majority of our 30 incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents and LEDs. Each new CFL we installed gave the same 65 watts of light but consumed just 15 watts. With our new LEDs, this has dropped to 10 watts per bulb. We also eliminated wasteful appliances, by cutting our energy use by 500 kilowatt-hours per year through replacement of our old refrigerator and later, a washer and dryer.

In addition, we recently installed a 15 SEER air conditioner (replacing our noisy, inefficient, old 10 SEER unit). We expect this system to be 38 percent more efficient as it reduces our electricity consumption. We installed a new more efficient furnace - going to 95 percent efficiency from an 80 percent efficient 20-year old furnace.

**SOLAR PANELS**
In 2010 we put up a 4.1 kilowatt solar system, taking advantage of substantial rebates from Xcel and tax credits from the State and Federal governments. Since we had already done several things around the home to become more energy efficient, the PV system that we ultimately needed to offset our remaining power demands became much smaller and therefore dramatically more affordable. In the four years since we installed our solar, we have generated 21.1 megawatts and used 23.5 megawatts – getting closer to neutral.

**GRAND TOTAL**
What is the net result of all these economies? Over the last 12 months we used 5,490 kilowatt-hours – nearly cutting our electrical consumption in half, and also saving 8,900 lbs. of CO₂ emissions per year. So far we reduced our carbon footprint by about 23,490 lbs. of CO₂ per year – or about 54 percent in these specific categories. There is still more we plan to do to make our home more sustainable, but we discovered that by starting slowly, keeping at it and taking advantage of rebates, special financing and energy audits, we can continue to save money while becoming more energy efficient.
Celebrate Health!
Friday, Aug. 1 at 10 a.m.
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. The first Friday of each month we offer free blood pressure screenings, healthy refreshments and presentations on a variety of wellness topics. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.

Chair massages.................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ..........$13 for 15 minutes

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Computer Training for Life-long Learning
These introductory computer classes are for all skill levels and presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library. Space is limited, Min/Max: 4/8. Sign up in the Front Porch or call 303-384-8130. Classes are held in the library’s book mobile in the Golden Community Center’s 8th Street parking lot.

Mondays, 2-4 p.m. on the E-Train
Aug. 4 - Microsoft Word 2
Aug. 11 - E-books/Readers searching
Aug. 25 - Buying Online
Sept. 8 - Online info

For more information:
• Stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Community Center, 1470 10th St.;
• Call 303-384-8130;
• Subscribe to the Front Porch Newsletter ($8/year);
• Check out the Recreation brochure; or
• Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/frontporch.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Intergenerational BBQ
Join the GCC school age children’s camp for a BBQ in Lions Park. Sign up or call the Front Porch desk to bring a Potluck side dish. Main dish will be provided.
Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 11a.m.

Thoroughbred Horse Racing: Arapahoe Park - #25004-1
A trip to the Arapahoe Park Racetrack in Aurora which includes admission, program, tip sheet, betting seminar, VIP clubhouse seating, box lunch, escort and van.
Sunday, Aug. 10, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
$40 (see above)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by Aug. 4.

Boulder Agricultural & Heritage Center and Redstone Meadery - #25005-1
Enjoy barns, livestock, a farmhouse and interactive exhibits focusing on the years 1900-1925. Then on to Redstone Meadery for the "world's first beverage."
Friday, Aug. 15, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
$16 (van, tour, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 4
Register/Cancel by Aug. 11.

Cherokee Ranch and Castle - #25006-1
Explore the Castle's history, architecture, unique furnishings and art collections. We will stop for lunch.
**Date has been changed to Thursday, Sept. 18, 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**
$30 (van, tour, bringing money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Sept. 10.
For the past 24 years, the Golden Fine Arts Festival has been a highlight of the summer. A juried show set in an open air gallery adjacent to Clear Creek, the Golden Fine Arts Festival features more than 130 artists in a variety of media, including ceramic arts, fiber arts, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and 2D. It’s sponsored by the Golden Chamber of Commerce.

This year’s featured artwork is titled Survivors by Carolyn Miller. Survivors will be featured on the commemorative poster for sale at the Festival. Miller is a Denver artist, which is appropriate since a majority of artists at this year’s show are from Colorado.

There is no admission fee and the Festival features live music and horse-drawn carriage rides through historic Golden. There will be complimentary activities, live music and special events throughout downtown Golden. The Festival caps off with a free concert in Parfet Park featuring the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 17. The JSO will perform music from the stage and screen. Bring a picnic and enjoy the music.

For more information, visit the Festival’s website at www.GoldenFineArtsFestival.org or Golden’s visitor website at VisitGolden.com.

Kids, get excited, it is your chance to shine and get revenge on last year’s competition! The annual Dash at the Splash, Kid’s Triathlon, is back. The triathlon, which consists of swimming, biking and running, will be held at the Splash Water Park at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16. This event is a great experience for children to share with their peers as they enter into a new school year.

The swimming will be contested in the lap pool at the Splash, while the biking and running will take place on paths around the area. Children will be broken down in age groups of 8 and under, 9 to 10 year olds, and 11 to 12 year olds.

Kids already bike, swim and run throughout the summer, so it’s time to put it all together into one extraordinary fun and fitness-filled event. Statistics continually show that childhood obesity is on the rise, so encourage your youngster to get out and challenge themselves in the kid’s triathlon. Start practicing today by taking your child out on a bike ride, hike, or play games in one of the many parks around town.

Children can boast their accomplishment with a “Dash at the Splash” t-shirt that they will be given at the event. Check in starts at 6:30 a.m. Pre-race meeting will start at 7:40 a.m. Register before Aug. 4 and pay only $20, registration from Aug. 4 to Aug. 9 is $25. There will be no registering after Aug. 9. This event is sure to fill up fast, so sign up today!

To register please go to rec.cityofgolden.net use Activity # 34150.

Triathlon Distances (approximate):
8 & under: 50 meter swim, 1.35 mile bike, 1/2 mile run
9 to 10 years: 100 meter swim, 2.7 mile bike, 1 mile run
11 to 12 years: 150 meter swim, 4 mile bike, 1 ½ mile run
Get Golf Ready is designed to teach everything you’ll need to play golf in just a few lessons. PGA and LPGA Professionals will instruct you on the various golf skills you will use while playing. In addition to learning the basics, you will be guided onto the golf course to put your skills into action in a casual, friendly setting.

**Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic**
The Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic will be three sessions over a one week period combining fun, fitness and no-pressure on-course experiences. Each session will feature basic swing mechanics including grip, alignment and posture. Basic rules, etiquette, and tips with an emphasis on having FUN will help improve your overall comfort level on the course.

*All Adult Get Golf Ready Clinics are held Monday - Wednesday.*
$100 per student (5 hours)
Aug. 4, 5 & 6
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Day 1)
5:30 - 7 p.m. (Days 2&3)

**The Fossil Five**
(It’s Time to Play Golf!)
Get Golf Ready graduates are encouraged to take advantage of the Fossil Five, giving you the opportunity to link what you’ve learned to playing five holes. Fossil Five nights will encourage fun, pressure-free golf where you will get comfortable on the course. Fossil Trace Get Golf Ready graduates will receive their first Fossil Five outing FREE!

*Fossil Five nights are on select Tuesdays.*
$15 per player, cart included
(Get Golf Ready Graduates Only)
Aug. 12 & 26 at 6 p.m.
Reservations encouraged, call 303-277-8750.

**Get Golf Ready Women’s Clinic**
The Get Golf Ready Women’s Only Clinic is a series of three clinics during one week based on the same principles of the Adult Clinic; however, it will be for women only. You will have the opportunity to learn side-by-side with women just like you in a no-pressure learning environment focused on having fun.

*All Women’s Get Golf Ready Clinics are held Monday - Wednesday.*
$100 per student (5 hours)
Aug. 18, 19 & 20
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Day 1)
5:30 - 7 p.m. (Days 2&3)

**Nutcracker**
This year the Golden Community Center will be putting on the Nutcracker Ballet for ages 3½ and up! This is a great opportunity for your child to participate in a full length classical ballet production and to share the magic of this classic story and famous score. Students over seven must take at least two dance classes per week in addition to weekly rehearsals. The performance will be held on Dec. 14 at Bell Middle School. Auditions will be held at the Golden Community Center on Aug. 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 3-6 and 2 to 3 p.m. for ages 7 and up. If you are unable to attend the audition but would still like to participate, contact Tighe at 720-266-0848.

In addition, the Fall Dance Arts Program starts in late August/early September. Classes include ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, drama, pom and singing! Register at [http://rec.cityofgolden.net](http://rec.cityofgolden.net).

**Fall Swimming Lessons**
Summer is ending, but there are still many opportunities to learn to swim or improve your skills. Resident registration opens Aug. 11. Non-resident registration opens Aug. 12.

**Monday & Wednesday**
Mornings and Evenings
Session 1: Sept. 8 - Oct. 1
Session 2: Oct. 13 - Nov. 5
Session 3: Nov. 17 - Dec. 15*
*No class Nov. 26.

**Tuesday & Thursday Mornings**
Session 1: Sept. 9 - Oct. 2
Session 2: Oct. 14 - Nov. 6
Session 3: Nov. 18 - Dec. 16*
*No class Nov. 27.

**Saturday Mornings**
Session 1: Sept. 13 - Oct. 18
Session 2: Nov. 1 - Dec. 13*
*No class Nov. 29.

**Fee:** $35 Residents, 
$40 Non-residents

For more information and to register visit [http://rec.cityofgolden.net](http://rec.cityofgolden.net).
For over 139 years, the buildings now housed at the Clear Creek History Park have hosted many competitions, festivities, and good times with good friends. On Saturday, Sept. 13, the Golden Frontier Olympics will continue this tradition with a spotlight on local history. The Golden Frontier Olympics will take inspiration from many historic festivities to create a cumulative team competition, with some great prizes.

One inspiration for a Golden Frontier Olympics “event” was the Fourth of July picnic. Longtime canyon resident, Lena Baughman, recalled her favorite event: the slipper kick. It was a game just for women where they would line up and kick slippers off their feet to see who could launch their footwear the farthest. Another favorite for the ladies was the rolling pin toss where each participant would throw a large rolling pin at a dummy in a competition for accuracy. These two activities, with a few added twists, will test this year’s Olympics participants’ skills.

In a show of neighborly cooperation, bucket brigades have always been a way to put out a fire in rural communities that were prone to fire. Although Golden has had a fire brigade since 1872 (the Golden Hook and Ladder Company), bucket brigades were very important to putting out the unfortunately common fires. Sign up your own team of friends to see how you would fare as an amateur firefighter in this activity that requires teamwork and is another example of Golden’s unified community.

The Guy Hill Schoolhouse at the Clear Creek History Park was used as a place for learning, but also a place for community events and fun recess activities. When school was in session, it housed as many as 27 students who were learning reading, penmanship, arithmetic, history, geography, grammar, and physiology. Although students did not have to actually walk uphill both ways in three feet of snow, many travelled by donkey or wagon to get to school in the morning. Participants in this September’s competition will compete in a “schoolhouse relay” that will exercise their recess skills and historic knowledge to see: are you smarter than a 19th century 5th grader?
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each year, the City of Golden offers movie-lovers the Movies & Music in the Park series. The free, family-friendly series runs the first four Fridays in August at Parfet Park located at 10th Street and Washington Avenue in downtown Golden. This year we have a mix of newer blockbusters and older classics. The bands vary from bluegrass to 80’s rockers. We even have Face Vocal Band, which is an a cappella band that was featured on the TV series “The Sing Off” on NBC!

Bands begin performing at 7 p.m. and the featured movie of the night begins at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. The movies are shown on a giant inflatable screen under the stars.

This series began as just a simple movie in the park back in 2002. By 2005, it turned into Movies & Music in the Park and now draws nearly 1,000 people to each show.

Come early and bring a picnic dinner, or enjoy food and drinks from local vendors. We will have a variety of food including the Sweetwater Farm Ice Cream Truck, South Philly Cheese Steaks, the Cilantro Truck, Quiero Arepas, and of course, popcorn!

Bring blankets or low-slung chairs, and make yourself comfortable! Dogs are welcome, but please keep your movie-loving canines on a leash, and pick up after them. And smoking is not permitted in the park.

Most of all, enjoy this year’s lineup!

**Aug. 1**
Music: Flock of Beagles
Movie: The Wizard of Oz

**Aug. 8**
Music: Face Vocal Band
Movie: Men in Black

**Aug. 15**
Music: Mass Hipsteria
Movie: The Lego Movie

**Aug. 22**
Music: Dr. Harlan’s Amazing Bluegrass Tonic
Movie: Frozen

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**Volunteers are Vital**

Most non-profit organizations rely heavily on their volunteer workforce. For the Foothills Art Center (FAC), volunteers and businesses in the Golden community are vital to help them not only stay alive, but thrive.

Mary Ellen Williams joined the FAC staff as the new Executive Director last November. She is grateful for the giving spirit of our community and doesn’t take for granted how essential Golden’s volunteers are to the institution’s success. “As individuals, we each look for ways to make a personal contribution with significant impact on our communities, and many choose volunteering as an effective way to make a difference,” said Williams.

Corporations, small businesses, government and private individuals contribute time to FAC to improve facilities, exhibitions, programs and events. In addition, says Miller, “We have artists, students, professionals and retirees who support a wide variety of efforts from replacing flagstones and maintaining landscaping, to staffing the gallery reception and exhibition spaces.” Miller adds, “Almost every skill imaginable can be utilized by a nonprofit agency. We welcome you to contact us or other nonprofits in your area to get involved.”

If you would like to learn more about volunteering at FAC, call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

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**FAC UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Through Aug. 17**

_Toulouse-Lautrec and La Vie Moderne: Paris 1880-1910_

**Aug. 15 at 5:30 p.m.**
Film Night: _Moulin Rouge_ (2001)
Tickets are $2. Space is limited; online purchase in advance is recommended.

**Aug. 17 at 2 p.m.**

_19th Century Portraiture_
Lecture with Curator, Marianne Lorenz. No charge, but space is limited, and reservations are required. At 3 p.m., come on a tour with Lorenz. Tickets are $5 plus exhibition admission. Space is limited; online purchase in advance is recommended.
Movies & Music in the Park

COMING TO GOLDEN THIS AUGUST

THE WIZARD OF OZ 8/1
THE LEGO MOVIE 8/15
MEN 'N BLACK 8/8
FROZEN 8/22

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Golden Fine Arts Festival
AUGUST 16 - 17, 2014

With our high quality artwork, friendly atmosphere, gorgeous setting along Clear Creek, kids art zone, free parking, and live music, the Golden Fine Arts Festival is always a summertime favorite. The Art festival features ceramic arts, fiber arts, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and 2D. Plan your visit and download a list of artists at www.visitgolden.com.