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The Golden Informer
HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

SALES TAX REFUND AVAILABLE

The City’s annual sales tax refund program begins in January. In an effort to mitigate the potential hardship that collecting sales tax on food in the City has on those it impacts most – seniors, low income and disabled citizens – the City refunds those individuals in the form of a rebate.

Seniors, low-income and disabled individuals who have lived within the City limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2008 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return are eligible. The refund amount has been increased to $50 for 2009 and will be adjusted for partial-year residency.

To apply for a rebate, fill out the form, including your birth date, submit proof of low-income or disability if required, and return the form to the City by April 15, 2009.

You can get the form beginning Jan. 2 at City Hall, 911 10th St., online at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on Document Center and the Business, or watch for it in the February and March issues of the Informer.

CHANGE IN HYDRANT METER PROCESS

Effective Jan. 1, 2009 the City of Golden will stop issuing fire hydrant meters for small projects. A bulk water sales station, under construction at 1151 Catamount Drive adjacent to the City’s maintenance shop, is expected to be in service by mid-December 2008. When complete, it will provide water for bulk sales which is currently provided through hydrant meters. The new station will require the set up of a prepaid account with the City.

As of January, fire hydrant meters will only be issued for large projects and the meter must be approved by the City Engineer or his designee. These changes are expected to reduce wear and tear on the City’s fire hydrants.

For more information and instructions for the use of the bulk water station, visit http://www.cityofgolden.net/Page.asp?NavID=121.

PARADE EXTENSION

The deadline for submitting an entry in the 150 Golden Years celebration parade has been extended until Feb. 1, 2009. The parade, scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2009, is planned as a decade-by-decade review of Golden’s rich and exciting history. Parade entries should represent one of the following categories:

- Historical – Representing a specific decade of Golden’s history.
- Marching Bands
- Equestrian Units

The application cost is $100. Entries will be judged for inclusion and the fee will be refunded if the entry is not accepted. For a complete list of parade rules and to download a parade application, visit www.150goldenyears.com.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The City of Golden’s administrative offices will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. City Hall and other administration will be open regular business hours on Dec. 24, Dec. 31 and Jan. 19.

The Community Center will close at 4 p.m. on Dec. 24 and will remain closed on Dec. 25. The Community Center will be open for modified hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 1.

Fossil Trace Golf Club will close at 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, assuming that the course is open for play. The club will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Golden City Council will not meet Dec. 18 or 25 in observance of winter break. A regular meeting has been rescheduled for Dec. 4 instead.

COUNCIL’S CORNER

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

Dec. 4
Regular business meeting (rescheduled from Dec. 25)
Dec. 11
Regular business meeting
Dec. 18
No meeting
Dec. 25
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 welcomed and on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
I know I’m not alone in being grateful that the 2008 election season finally came to an end, but Election Day itself ran smoothly and I want to acknowledge the many folks who made the election in Jefferson County run as well as it did. Nearly 80 percent of registered voters in Jefferson County participated, a very high number, but only a few across Golden had to wait in line, and those lines were usually short. The Jefferson County Clerk and her election staff, the judges, and everyone else who contributed to running the November 2008 election deserve kudos.

With this issue of the Informer, we’ll bid farewell to 2008 and welcome the New Year. What does 2009 hold for Golden? We’ll face some challenges, to be sure, the economy foremost among them. While Golden hasn’t been hit as hard as other communities across Colorado, I hear from plenty of people who are anxious about keeping their jobs, folks who are struggling more to pay the bills and many of our businesses are running on very tight margins.

The City will exercise the same sort of caution and discipline that Golden’s families will in the coming year. We’ll continue to maintain our high quality public safety services, we’ll continue maintaining the community’s infrastructure (our roads, our water system, etc.), and we’ll continue to make key investments in Golden’s economic health and quality of life. But our 2009 budget will be even more conservative than usual, and we are cutting expenses in some programs and delaying many projects across the community until we are confident we can afford them.

The coming year will also include a particularly important community process: Golden Vision 2030. We’ll be asking the entire Golden community to answer a deceptively complicated question: “What’s your vision for Golden in 2030?” We’ll launch the process in the first part of next year, and my hope is that a wide range of Golden community members – folks that have been here for a long time and newcomers, residents and business owners, students and parents, people of all ages and backgrounds, inhabitants of neighborhoods all over town – participate in answering this critical question and charting our course for the next two decades.

The holiday season and the year’s end offer opportunities to reflect on the previous twelve months, to plan for the year ahead, mourn our losses, celebrate our good fortune, and enjoy the company of our family, friends, and neighbors. These things seem especially true in a small town like Golden. Part of the small town ethic is a commitment to being neighbors before anything else, and Golden has long enjoyed a thriving culture of volunteerism and civic engagement. Our service organizations, the many individuals who sponsor fundraising events for important charities, and programs like the city’s coordination of volunteers to shovel sidewalks for those who are unable to shovel their own and our Holiday Food Drive are all great examples. I know we’ll all be working hard next year to strengthen our neighborhoods, improve Golden, and help out our neighbors in need.

I believe I can speak for everyone on the City Council in saying that we are honored by the opportunity to serve Golden. We are committed to listening to the community, doing all we can to sustain Golden’s health and vitality, and helping to guide Golden through the years ahead.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!
The City of Golden is pleased to announce the hiring of Jonathan Ashford as the City’s new Communications Manager, replacing Sabrina D’Agosta who left the City in September to work for Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper.

Jonathan brings to the position years of experience in the media, project management skills, community involvement and a desire to both educate and learn from the citizens of Golden. If anyone can continue with the City’s goal of being transparent to the public, it would be someone from the media. For the last five years, Jonathan has been an Assignment Desk manager and Assignment Editor for KUSA Channel 9 in Denver and he held similar jobs for more than eight years before that. As an Assignment Editor, he was responsible for developing news stories, reading through news tips and managing the reporters and photographers that covered them.

While he will be new to the position, Jonathan is not new to the community. Since early 2007, he has been a volunteer member of the Golden Fire Department. As a non-resident, he serves the department by working a minimum of three 12-hour shifts in addition to numerous training hours. He fell in love with the community while serving its residents. He looks forward to providing the community with accurate and timely information about the City. “Golden is a very special place,” said Jonathan. “It’s a place that embraces its unique history and there’s a sense of community you can feel throughout the city.”

After graduating from Ithaca College in upstate New York, Jonathan worked at numerous television stations in Rhode Island, Florida and Georgia before coming to Colorado. He has lived here for almost a decade. His love of the state is shared with his wife Dana, a Littleton native, and their three children. Nathan is four, Aubree is two and baby Ty is eight months old. They all will continue to enjoy coming to Golden to have lunch with dad on the banks of Clear Creek.

“We’ve always felt welcomed in this gorgeous community and we look forward to spending many wonderful afternoons with the citizens who make this city the community that it is.”

You can contact Jonathan at 303-384-8132 or by email at jashford@cityofgolden.net.

Ed Perlmutter Speaks to Council

U.S. Representative Ed Perlmutter of Colorado’s 7th Congressional District visited Golden’s City Council at the meeting on Oct. 23. Perlmutter gave Council and present community members an overview of projects he has been working on in Congress. He talked about a variety of issues including a bill he helped author which had just been passed into law and the financial crisis.

The bill which he helped author was the Veteran’s Mental Health Improvements Act of 2008, and was signed into law by President Bush on Oct. 10 of this year. It authorized $568.4 million for the construction of a new VA Medical Center at Fitzsimons. It will also establish up to six Epilepsy Centers of Excellence within the VA medical system.

Representative Perlmutter also talked about the current financial crisis and explained that while the recent bailout bill was not perfectly written, it had been necessary. He voted in favor of the bailout bill saying he understood there were many reasons not to, but believing the economy needed to be stabilized. He pointed out that there is still a lot of work to be done towards fixing the economy.
During the early years of Golden, the town was by no means civilized. Many people were more interested in saloons and gambling than church worship. In the summer of 1859, shortly after Golden City was organized as a company town, owners of a gambling tent allowed a pastor to hold church services there. Apparently, whiskey barrels were used for the pulpit and seats.

Looking for a more civilized means of worship, Golden residents began constructing more permanent churches. After the First Baptist Church building was complete in 1866, W.A.H. Loveland, a prominent Golden citizen, promised that if the church built a tower on the building, he would buy a bell for that tower. The tower was built and the bell was cast in Boston, sent by train to Omaha and carried by ox to Golden. The bell almost did not make it to Golden because the ox caravan was attacked by Native Americans. One man and an ox were killed, but the bell arrived to Golden safely. The entire city of Golden used the bell to warn of fires and of potential raids by Native Americans. Upon hearing the bell, the townspeople would run for protection into the church. The original First Baptist Church building has since been demolished, but the location where it once stood is known to us as 12th and Jackson streets.

W.A.H. Loveland’s generosity did not extend just to the Baptists. He also donated the three lots of property where the Calvary Episcopal Church now stands. In 1867 the first cornerstone was laid. The stained glass window above the altar and the architecture prompted local newspapers to describe the church as the finest church in the territory. The original floor was made of various colors of tile made by Golden City Pottery. The church’s bell tower was added in 1870. In 1909, Adolph Coors and family donated $600 to the church to repaint the interior and to install the present pews and choir stalls. The parish hall was built in 1954.

Today, Calvary Episcopal Church is Colorado’s oldest continuously used Episcopal Church. For more information about the church and its history, visit www.calvarygolden.net/history.htm.


About the Golden Historic Preservation Board: The Golden Historic Preservation Board is an advisory board made up of community members who provide guidance to residents on how improvements to properties affect the preservation of historic Golden.
The beauty of Golden and the surrounding area may be one of the reasons why residents love living here and visitors come back year after year. However, our location in the foothills is sure to bring a different kind of visitor. We live in mountain lion territory and, from time to time, they do have encounters with humans in the area.

Several recent encounters have prompted the Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) to remind citizens about the potential risk and educate them about how to react if an encounter should occur.

Most sightings or encounters with mountain lions occur from dusk to dawn, when lions are most active, and in areas adjacent to open space. Most recently, a subadult male lion was struck and killed by a vehicle near Highways 6 and 58, and there have been several sightings and one encounter on Colorado School of Mines property from the area of 19th Street and 6th Avenue north to Clear Creek.

To help avoid mountain lion encounters:
- Protect pets at all times when outside or keep them in a completely enclosed kennel.
- Monitor children
- Do not feed wildlife, especially deer.
- Discourage deer, elk and other mountain lion prey from staying on your property.
- When stepping outdoors during dusk to dawn hours, turn on lights, make noise and be alert.

If you encounter a mountain lion:
- Don’t run!
- Stay calm. Talk calmly yet firmly to it.
- Stop or back away slowly if you can do so safely. NEVER crouch or turn your back on the lion.
- Do all you can do to appear larger. Raise your arms and open your jacket if you are wearing one.
- Pick up small children with you so that they won’t panic and run, but try to do so without bending over or crouching.
- If you are attacked, fight back.

If you have a mountain lion encounter involving unusual or aggressive behavior, call 911 immediately. If caches (deer carcasses on which a lion might have been feeding, evident by the burying or partial covering of the carcass with sticks and leaves) are located in or near residential areas, call the DOW at 303-291-7227. Mountain lion sightings can also be reported to that number. After business hours, wildlife officers are dispatched by the Colorado State Patrol at 303-239-4501 and are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you have attended a meeting in the City’s Council Chambers, you may have seen the mountain lion on the south wall. This lion was hit by a truck at 6th Avenue and Tripp Road in 1996 and was awarded to the City to mount and display.

Visit http://wildlife.state.co.us for more information on mountain lions and other wildlife in Colorado.
For most, the holiday season is a joyful time of the year. Unfortunately, it is also the time of year that the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) sees a rise in fire-related injuries and deaths. Many of these fires are associated with dry greenery such as garlands and tress used to decorate homes during the holiday season. While overall tree fires are relatively uncommon, they present a greater hazard.

According to the NFPA, on average, one of every nine tree-related fires in the home results in death, compared to about one in 75 for other home structure fires. Five days of the year, Dec. 24 through Dec. 27 and New Year’s Day, account for 26 percent of tree-related structure fires and 40 percent of deaths related to tree fires. Of greater concern is that nearly half of all tree fires spread from the room of origin. Fires that spread from the room of origin account for about 94 percent of the fatalities. Tree fires spread quickly and can consume a room in less than a minute. You can view a video of a dry tree fire on the National Institute of Standards and Technology Web site at http://fire.nist.gov/tree_fire.htm. They have several videos and links to safety tips.

The Golden Fire Department does not want to see anyone become a statistic during the holiday season. There are some precautions you can take to make this a happy season.

- Use a ladder if you are hanging decorations on the outside of your home. Make sure the ladder is properly secured and never lean off the ladder. About 5,800 people per year are treated at hospitals each year for falls associated with holiday decorations.

- Avoid cluttering outlets. String no more than three strands of lights together and make sure all lights bear the mark of an independent product safety certification organization such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL). Avoid using extension cords, if possible.

- Before hanging lights, inspect light sockets and cords for damage or wear and tear. Do not use cords that are beginning to fray or have broken sockets. Pay special attention to outdoor lights that have been exposed to winter weather conditions. To reduce fire hazards and extend the life of outdoor decorative lights, store them inside after the holiday season. Electrical problems are a factor in nearly half of all home tree fires.

- If you are purchasing a cut tree or garland greenery, carefully inspect the needles. If they are brown or break easily the greenery is not fresh and poses a greater fire risk. Test for freshness by bending a few needles in half. If they snap in two, the tree is dry. Look for one on which the needles spring back to their original shape. Add water to a cut tree daily. This will help the tree last longer and reduce the risk of fire.

- Make sure tress and greenery are at least three feet away from any heat source, such as a fireplace. Do not place fresh greenery on a mantle above a fireplace.

- If you are using an artificial tree or garland, make sure it is labeled as fire-retardant. Always unplug lights on trees and other greenery when you leave the house or go to bed.

- Keep lit candles away from trees and greenery.

- Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are extremely flammable and should not be left inside the home or garage, or placed against the house. Take advantage of the City of Golden’s tree recycling (see page 14).

- Make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. Do not forget to install, test and maintain these devices regularly.

- Develop and practice a fire escape plan for your household so family and overnight guests are familiar with your procedures.
As our community continues to work towards sustainability, the Colorado School of Mines has made a very visible, energy-saving change. On Friday, Oct. 3, students from Mines unveiled an improved “M” on Mount Zion, now being lit with LED instead of incandescent bulbs. At the unveiling ceremony, Mayor Jacob Smith spoke about energy conservation and renewable energy before flipping the switch to illuminate the new bulbs.

The Mines’ Chapter of the Blue Key International Honor Society purchased the LED bulbs for $15,500, nearly half the estimated cost. They use about half as many kilowatts as the previous bulbs and will cut lighting costs from $2,100 per year to an estimated $175 per year. Mines students may have expended more energy themselves, as they had to manually switch out the 1,635 bulbs.

In keeping with their goals of creating a “greener environment,” Mines is not sending the old bulbs to the landfill. The Blue Key Society had them etched with commemorative logos and they are now available as ornaments in clear, green, blue or red for $5 each. Anyone wanting this piece of Mines history should contact Kim See at ksee@mines.edu for purchasing information. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Energy Outreach Colorado which helps Coloradans afford home energy.

The “M” has been on Mount Zion since 1908, and has been lit up at night since 1932. Each year new students carry a freshly painted rock up the mountain to keep the “M” looking its best during the daylight hours. A group of Mines students are currently working on the feasibility of converting the lighting of the “M” to solar power, an even bigger step toward the school’s greener goals.

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**FREE Sales and Use Tax Workshop**

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

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

- Dec. 3, 2008 .................8 to 10 a.m.
- Jan. 7, 2009 .................8 to 10 a.m.
- March 4, 2009 ..............8 to 10 a.m.
- April 1, 2009 ..............8 to 10 a.m.
- June 3, 2009 ..............8 to 10 a.m.
- July 1, 2009 ..............8 to 10 a.m.

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

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**FREE Building Use Tax Workshop**

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

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

- Feb. 4, 2009 .................8 to 10 a.m.
- May 6, 2009 .................8 to 10 a.m.

Classes are free, but space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
Through Dec. 14
North Pole Golden:
US Postal Box for Santa.
Bring your letters to Santa’s mailbox at the Golden Visitor’s Center and Santa will answer them. Call 303-279-3113 for more information.

Through Dec. 21
“An O. Henry Christmas”
“An O. Henry Christmas” is showing at Miners Alley Playhouse, at 13th Street and Washington Avenue. Tickets are $20 through 303-935-3044 or www.minersalley.com

Through Dec. 24
Foothills Art Center’s Holiday Art Market 2008
Foothills Art Center will host the free annual Holiday Art Market at 15th Street and Washington Avenue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Through Dec. 27
The Santa Rescue
Heritage Square Music Hall Children’s Theatre offers its younger patron a fun-filled hour of entertainment each Saturday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Call 303-279-7800 for more information.

Dec. 1
Story Time
The Windy Saddle Café, 1110 Washington Ave, hosts Buckaroo Story Time for kids of all ages starting at 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 7
Golden’s First Friday
Enjoy extended shopping hours with Golden’s downtown merchants. 5 - 8 p.m.

Dec. 4
* The Looking Forward presentation scheduled for the City Council meeting today has been postponed until Jan. 8.

A Messiah-Sing-Along
Presented by the Colorado School Of Mines Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Bob Klimek. The concert starts at 7 p.m. at Bunker Auditorium in the Green Center. The concert is free and open to the public. Audience members may sing along with the choir performance from the audience area. Carols and holiday music from the CSM Concert Band and Orchestra will follow. Call 720-934-4539 for more information.

Holiday Craft and Project Night
Enjoy Holiday Craft and Project Night from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Windy Saddle Café, 1110 Washington Ave. Call 303-279-1905 for more information.

Dec. 5
Candlelight Walk
Gather in festive attire at 6 p.m. at 15th and Arapahoe streets for caroling. Hot beverages will be served by the Golden Lions Club at the top of the hill as well as afterward at the Golden Visitor’s Center. The Golden Chamber of Commerce will be selling candles for 50 cents. The walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. Afterward, the Golden Visitors Center will be serving cookies compliments of the Golden Safeway, and toys from Golden’s McDonalds. Live Reindeer for petting and a puppet show by Le Chock will be in the Holiday Square in the Visitor’s Center parking lot. Call 303-279-3113 for more information.

Golden Visitors Center Holiday Stage will kick off at 6:50 p.m. with Coachs Fun Crew and Golden Community Center Dance Arts Christmas Fest.

Colorado Mountain Club will have an open house with free admission and refreshments from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 710 10th St. Stop by and see the Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum. Call 303-279-3080 for more information.

Baby Doe’s Clothing, 1116 Washington Ave, will host internationally known guitarist Bruce Brock from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Whosville Part Two! Dancing On the Creek will be at the Rotary Amphitheatre. Come see the Grinches and Whozits who stole Olde Golden Christmas perform from 7 to 8 p.m.

Clear Creek History Park and Astor House Museum will have free admission from 7 to 9 p.m. Watch traditional dancers and warm yourself with hot chocolate while enjoying the festive Victorian holiday décor.

Golden Pioneer Muuseum will offer free admission from 7 to 9 p.m. and have roasted chestnuts, homemade cookies, old-fashioned cider, popcorn and caroling while a pianist plays an old-fashioned pump organ.

Leadership Golden signed ornaments by artist William Bowles of Golden will be available from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Golden Visitor’s Center. This year’s ornaments are $8,
and they feature a holiday image of the Golden Arch. Past ornaments will be for sale for $8.

The Golden Hotel will be serving complimentary hot cider and cookies in their lobby from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Golden Library will have refreshments and live entertainment from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Visit the holiday book display with more than 1,000 “like new” used books.

Windy Saddle Café, 1110 Washington Ave., will be open late so you can warm up before and after the Candlelight Walk.

Spirits in the Wind Gallery, 1211 Washington Ave., will have wine tasting with Turquoise Mesa Winery and Crown Chocolates, along with a miniature art show during their extended evening event.

Pickets, 1118 Washington Ave., will have refreshments and live music during the Holiday Season.

Juna, Your Boutique!, 1205 Washington Ave., will have Santa’s Little Helper every Friday evening and every Saturday after the parades throughout the entire Holiday Season.

Dec. 6
Olde Golden Christmas on Parade
Voted Best Yuletide Celebration in Westword Newspaper’s 2006 “Best of” Edition. Come see a true Olde-Fashioned Hometown Parade. Join us and enjoy the holiday spirit. Washington Avenue from 11 to 11:30 a.m. The Astor House Museum, 822 12th St., will have complimentary hot tea and cookies after the parades on Dec. 6 and Dec. 20.

Southwest Holiday
The Golden Concert Choir will perform Navidad Nuestra by Ariel Ramírez and Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest by Conrad Susa. They will be joined by the Children’s Choir of Golden and Confluence at 7 p.m. at Applewood Valley United Methodist Church, 2135 Ellis St. Tickets are $12, or $9 for senior and $5 for children. Call 303-279-5177 for more information.

Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Ride through Historic Downtown Golden. Pick up your ride on 13th Street between Washington and Arapahoe streets. Carriage runs from 12 to 4 p.m.

Visitor’s Center Holiday Open House
The Golden Visitor’s Center will provide cookies, candy and coffee, sponsored by Love and Logic Institute, Inc., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holiday Story Telling
Clear Creek Books, 1200 Washington Ave., will have Holiday Story Telling for children with “Snowflake” and “The Magical Polar Bear” from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Make a Gingerbread House
The Golden Pioneer Museum will provide the opportunity for you to make a gingerbread house with your child while you learn the history of gingerbread. Reservations preferred for two sessions: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. $10 for one child and one adult.

Decorate Gingerbread Cookies
Blue Canyon Bar and Grill, 1301 Washington Ave, #120, will have free gingerbread cookie decorating from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RSVP by Dec. 1 at 303-271-0730

Santa visits Avenue Gifts
Avenue Gifts, 1212 Washington Ave., will host Santa Claus from 12 to 3 p.m.

Christmas 2008 at Heritage Square
will feature a walk down Candy Cane Lane and pictures with Santa, from 3 to 7 p.m., and will return on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 20. Call 303-277-0040 for more information.

Downhill Saturdays
Watch ski films and win lift tickets and prizes on the first Saturday of the month through March at Woody’s Wood Fired Pizza, 1305 Washington Avenue. Call 303-277-0443 for more information.

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Jefferson Symphony Orchestra
Enjoy a traditional holiday concert at the Green Center, 924 16th Street on the Colorado School of Mines campus. The performance is at 3 p.m. Tickets are $17 for adults, $15 for seniors 62 and over. Discount tickets for college students and (K-12). Group rates available. 303-278-4237.

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Dec. 8
Story Time
The Windy Saddle Café, 1110 Washington Ave., hosts Buckaroo Story Time for kids of all ages starting at 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 11
Holiday Craft and Project Night
Enjoy Holiday Craft and Project Night from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Windy Saddle Café, 1110 Washington Ave. Call 303-279-1905 for more information.

Dec. 13
Olde Golden Christmas on Parade
Voted Best Yuletide Celebration in Westword Newspaper’s 2006 “Best of” Edition. Come see a true Olde-Fashioned Hometown Parade. Join us and enjoy the holiday spirit. Washington Avenue from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Colorado Railroad Museum’s Santa Claus Express
The Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave., invites kids to come see Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus in their big red caboose. Ride the train behind an historic steam locomotive. Train rides start at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Tickets are $12 for adults, $10 for seniors, $5 for children, family groups are $25.

Call 303-279-4591 for more information.

Southwest Holiday
The Golden Concert Choir will perform *Navidad Nuestra* by Ariel Raminez and *Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest* by Conrad Susa. They will be joined by the Children’s Choir of Golden and Confluence at 7 p.m. at Applewood Valley United Methodist Church, 2135 Ellis St. Tickets are $12, or $9 for senior and $5 for children. Call 303-279-5177 for more information.

Visitor’s Center Holiday Open House
The Golden Visitor’s Center will provide cookies, candy and coffee, sponsored by Love and Logic Institute, Inc., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus
The Buffalo Rose Event Center will host the couple, with entertainment by Coach’s Fun Crew. Admission is $5 and reservations are required. Call 303-279-0200 for more information.

Make a Gingerbread House
The Golden Pioneer Museum will provide the opportunity for you to make a gingerbread house with your child while you learn the history of gingerbread. Reservations preferred for two sessions: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. $10 for one child and one adult.

Kristal Wick Trunk Show
Baby Doe’s Clothing, 1116 Washington Ave., will host *Exceptional baubles for your heart and soul* from 12 to 4 p.m. Kristal Wick is a designer and teacher for Swarovski Crystal Company. She will be selling and signing her new book, *Fabulous Fabric Beads*.

Santa visits Avenue Gifts
Avenue Gifts, 1212 Washington Ave., will host Santa Claus from 12 to 3 p.m.

Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Ride through Historic Downtown Golden. Pick up your ride on 13th Street between Washington and Arapahoe streets. Carriage runs from 12 to 4 p.m.

Book Signing/Holiday Book Fair
Local authors including Golden High School teacher Michelle Lewis, writer of *Reaching Out from the Inside* and retired GHS teachers Richards Schallhamer and Gene Youngman, author and illustrator of *QUACK*, will be at Clear Creek Books, 1200 Washington Ave., from 12 to 2 p.m. Call 303-278-4593 for more information.

Dec. 14
28th Annual Holiday House Tour
A self guided tour of some of Golden’s historic homes. Enjoy a stroll through history and pick up bits of information about how people lived during Golden’s historic times. Call 303-278-7151 for more information.

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Holiday Cookie Decorating
Decorate cookies from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Windy Saddle Café, 1110 Washington Ave.

Dec. 15
Story Time
The Windy Saddle Café, 1110 Washington Ave., hosts Buckaroo Story Time for kids of all ages starting at 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 18 and 19
Holiday Musical Play
Enjoy a free 45-minute Holiday Musical Play by children aged 4 to 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Golden Independent School, 1280 Golden Circle. Call 303-279-3708 for more information.

Dec. 20
Olde Golden Christmas on Parade
Voted Best Yuletide Celebration in Westword Newspaper’s 2006 “Best of” Edition. Come see a true Olde-Fashioned Hometown Parade. Join us and enjoy the holiday spirit. Washington Avenue from 11 to 11:30 a.m. The Astor House Museum, 822 12th St., will have complimentary hot tea and cookies after the parade Dec. 20.

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Celtic Guitarist
Celtic Guitarist Jerry Barlow will be performing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Meyer Hardware, 1103 Arapahoe St. Call 303-279-3393 for more information.

SCFD Free Day
Enjoy free admission all day at the Golden Pioneer Museum.

Holiday Story Telling
“Kris Tina Kringle,” also known as Heidi Markley, will be conducting story telling for children from 11:30 a.m. to noon at Clear Creek Books, 1200 Washington Avenue. Call 303-278-4593 for more information.

Santa visits Avenue Gifts
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Ride through Historic Downtown Golden. Pick up your ride on 13th Street between Washington and Arapahoe streets. Carriage runs from 12 to 4 p.m.

Customer Appreciation Special Event
Spirits in the Wind Gallery, 1211 Washington Ave., will host a customer appreciation event. Music, Wine and Chocolates available from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 303-279-1192 for information.

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 jashford@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.

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Dec. 21
Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Ride through Historic Downtown Golden. Pick up your ride on 13th Street between Washington and Arapahoe streets. Carriage runs from 12 to 4 p.m.

Dec. 24
Story Time
Come and enjoy Story Time at Clear Creek Books, 1200 Washington Ave. Children and adults will enjoy different stories each week at 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 31
Story Time
Come and enjoy Story Time at Clear Creek Books, 1200 Washington Ave. Children and adults will enjoy different stories each week at 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 8
Looking Forward Presentation Series
The Implications of Climate Change, Rising Energy Costs, and Peak Oil on Golden’s Future
Hunter Lovins of Natural Capitalism Solutions will provide an overview of these key long-term trends and their implications for sustaining Golden’s health and vitality. The presentation will be during the City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. at 911 10th St.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

Housing Rehabilitation Help Available
For Golden homeowners who need assistance maintaining their homes, the Jefferson County Housing Authority (JCHA) and Rebuilding Together offer housing rehabilitation programs.

The JCHA can provide assistance for low- to moderate-income homeowners, as well as elderly and disabled residents who are on fixed incomes, for essential repairs and improvements to their homes in order to keep them safe, decent, and affordable. The program helps with the necessary work while ensuring the homeowners do not lose their home due to unmanageable debt. Those who qualify for the program can receive low interest loans up to $25,000 with affordable payments to cover necessary home rehabilitation. Elderly or disabled residents who are on a fixed income may qualify for a deferred loan, which is paid back when the house sells or is no longer their primary residence. JCHA also helps collect bids for home rehabilitation projects and insures and helps prepare contracts with qualified contractors, at no charge.

Rebuilding Together is a nationwide nonprofit organization that provides free rehabilitation and repairs to low-income homeowners. Rebuilding Together helps homeowners including the elderly, disabled, veterans, and those displaced by natural disasters. Their goal is to preserve affordable homeownership to keep homes safe, accessible, and more energy efficient.

For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.2HourVacation.com.

TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM
If you have a live tree for the holidays, the City encourages you to recycle it at an appropriate location. Golden will provide tree recycling from Dec. 26 through Jan. 25, at the City recycling facility off Golden Gate Canyon Road. Just take your tree to the south end of the site. Be sure you have removed all decorations, including tinsel, garland, decorations and hardware, before you drop it off. Mulch is available free to the public (all year) in the same location.

To get to the recycling facility, take State Highway 93 to Golden Gate Canyon Road and go west to the first right turn onto the dirt road. Follow the signs to the recycling center. If you have questions about tree recycling, contact City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net.

Both programs are available to Golden residents and provide a great deal of assistance to help people remain in safe and decent homes. For more information on the Jefferson County Housing Authority, call (303) 422-8600 or visit www.jcha.org. For more information on Rebuilding Together, call 1-800-473-4229 or visit www.rebuildingtogether.org.
Winter Driving Safety

We all know how unpredictable Colorado’s weather can be. It’s important to be prepared for quickly changing weather conditions, especially during the winter. That preparation can include safety checks of your vehicle, changing driving behavior to prevent accidents, and being prepared for an emergency if you get stranded in your car in inclement weather.

SAFETY CHECKS
Prior to winter, make sure your tires are properly inflated and that the tread is in good condition. If they are not snow tires, be sure to have chains available in your vehicle in case you need them. Be sure your brakes, windshield wipers, defroster, heater and exhaust system are in good working order. Check fluid levels on windshield wiper fluid and antifreeze.

CHANGE DRIVING BEHAVIOR
Winter brings with it snow, ice and changing driving conditions. Adapting your driving behavior to the weather may be necessary to prevent an accident. Posted speed limits presume clear and dry driving conditions. Allow enough time to get to your destination, anticipating that traffic will be moving slower than usual. Since snow and ice make stopping distance longer, you should leave more room between your car and the one in front of you and anticipate stops so that you can begin braking earlier. If you have an antilock braking system (ABS), then apply firm pressure while braking. If you do not have a vehicle equipped with ABS, pump the brakes instead to prevent your wheels from locking up.

Also, do not use cruise control when driving on snow, ice or even in wet conditions as it can cause wheel spin and loss of control. Remember to keep more than half a tank of gas in your vehicle. You never know when you may need to turn around, take a long detour from your usual route, or run the engine to stay warm if you become stranded. Another good idea is to keep a spare car key in a jacket pocket so that you do not inadvertently lock yourself out of your vehicle while scraping the windshield or putting on chains.

PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY
If you are traveling by car this holiday season, take extra precaution to keep yourself safe. Monitor weather reports for the areas you are traveling from, through and to. Be sure someone knows the route you will be taking and when you are expected to arrive. Have food, water, blankets and extra clothing in the vehicle. Your car should be equipped with an ice scraper, a small shovel, a first aid kit and items such as sand, kitty litter or burlap that can assist with traction if you get stuck in the snow.

If you become stranded in the snow, stay with your vehicle, as it provides temporary shelter. Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna, or at night, leave your dome light on so that rescuers can see you. Make sure your exhaust pipe is not clogged by snow or mud. Blocked exhaust can cause a deadly buildup of carbon monoxide inside the vehicle when it is running. Don’t overexert yourself trying to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow. If possible, only run your engine and heater long enough each hour to remove the chill from passenger area of the vehicle so that you can conserve gasoline.

HERE ARE SOME WEATHER TERMS THAT CAN HELP YOU PLAN YOUR TRIP:

WINTER STORM WATCH: Severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow and/or ice, are possible within the next day or two. Prepare now!

WINTER STORM WARNING: Severe winter conditions have begun or are about to begin in your area. Stay indoors!

BLIZZARD WARNING: Snow and strong winds will combine to produce a blinding snow (near zero visibility), deep drifts, and life-threatening wind chill. Seek refuge immediately!

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY: Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. If caution is exercised, these situations should not become life-threatening. The greatest hazard is often to motorists.

FROST/FREEZE WARNING: Below freezing temperatures are expected and may cause significant damage to plants, crops, or fruit trees. In areas unaccustomed to freezing temperatures, people who have homes without heat need to take added precautions.
Check out the programs offered this winter at the Community Center

Snowball Camp
Youth will enjoy field trips, swimming, climbing, sledding, sports, arts and crafts, baking and more. There are still some openings left.

Ages: 5 to 12 years
Drop off 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.,
pick up 4 to 6 p.m.
Dec. 22-Jan 2
Fee: $30/child/day Resident
$35/child/day Non-resident

Computer Explorers Classic
In this class your child will learn to use a computer as a tool rather than a toy. The curriculum reinforces readiness skills in reading, math, science, fine arts, cultural awareness and technology. Software used includes: Dora the Explorer, Clifford the Big Red Dog, and more. Parent attendance welcomed but not required.

Ages: 3 to 5 years
9:45 to 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, or
10:45 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays
Classes start Jan. 6 and run monthly
Fee: $40 Resident
$45 Non-resident

Clay Animation
Working in teams, students create stories and make characters and sets. While learning the production process, they will animate, record, download, assemble and edit their own movies.

Ages: 6 to 9 years
4:30 to 6 p.m., Thursdays
Jan. 8 to Jan. 29
Fee: $60 Resident,
$65 Non-resident

Internet, Email and Attachments
You Don’t Get Wet When You Surf the net! Information is at your fingertips – literally! By simply typing your questions about health, insurance premiums or the local museum schedule, Internet research will help you locate the answer quickly. Search for the nearest Italian restaurant and invite someone out to dinner by sending an email. This course will introduce you to the information age and get you back in touch.

Ages: 18 and older
10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursdays
Jan. 8 to Jan. 29
Fee*: $60 Resident,
$65 Non-resident
*Bring your own Windows-based computer: deduct $20

Alien Adventure Workshops
With SpaceTime™ Alien Adventures Workshop you will go on a virtual space mission to explore the possibilities of life on other worlds. You will get to go up close and personal with four worlds in our Solar System where scientists believe alien life might exist as well as take an interstellar ride to a distant planet that scientists also believe could harbor extra-terrestrial life. You will have a stellar time making your own Space Slime, building and launching your own Galactic Glider, searching for aliens in the classroom and more.

Ages: 5 to 12 years
Jan. 17
Fee: $17 Resident,
$20 Non-resident

Golden’s Climbing Club
Learn respect for self and others while enhancing self-confidence. This class builds strength and fitness and encourages children to develop relationships and set goals. Participants can climb free during open/supervised hours and enjoy friendly competitions. Free club t-shirt and prizes. Competitions are optional and will have additional fees. Parents must provide transportation to competitions.

Ages 6 to 18 years
Practice: Mondays
Ages 6-9 years: 4:30-6 p.m.
Ages 10-14 years: 6-7:30 p.m.
Ages 15-18 years: 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee: $30 per month

Grandparents and Grandkids Night Out!
See the Denver Nuggets vs. the San Antonio Spurs. The first 20 kids to sign up will sit courtside and watch the teams warm up before the doors open to the general public. Seats for the game are 2nd Level Club Corners.

4:30 to 9:30 p.m.,
Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009
Fee: $40.00 per person
(under 2 years old are free;
transportation not included)

Yoga with Mommy
Yoga with Mommy allows mothers to share the pleasure of practicing yoga with their baby. Babies enjoy stimulation while moms tone and strengthen. This growing experience will calm both mom and baby.

Ages: 4 weeks to crawling
8 to 8:55 a.m., Wednesdays
(1) Jan 21 to Feb 25
(2) Mar 4 to Apr 8
(3) Apr 15 to May 20
Fee: $41 Resident,
$45 Non-resident

Dance
New youth dance classes begin in January. The dance program runs from January through May. Adult Tap classes are also available. For more information on the classes available in the dance program, visit www.goldenrec.com.
The beginning of a new year is an invigorating time to dust off the sneakers and visit the Golden Community Center. 2009 brings exciting changes throughout the Community Center including sustainability improvements, new classes and open hours on New Year’s Day to commence New Year’s resolutions.

Kick off your resolution on Jan. 1 instead of Jan. 2 this year. For the first time, the Golden Community Center will be open on New Year’s Day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness classes will begin Jan. 2. New Year’s Day is the perfect opportunity to get your exercise indoors in the Community Center’s cardiovascular and weight room, added during the 2006-2007 renovation.

To encourage customers to keep their resolutions, the Community Center is offering many new classes. New classes include Yoga with Mommy, Burn and Tone and 12 p.m. cardio and resistance classes. Best of all, cyclists may leave their bikes in the garage for a few months. The popular spinning classes are now included with general admission.

In August, the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs awarded the City of Golden $500,000 for energy conservation measures and infrastructure improvements to city facilities. One of the eleven new projects currently underway includes a solar thermal system for the roof of the Community Center to heat the pool water. Solar thermal systems are a great way to save on utility and operational costs and these improvements support the city’s sustainability goals. The project also includes a re-designed lighting system for the pool and new high-efficiency heat and ventilation systems for the Community Center.

At the Golden Community Center there is something for everyone. If you have not taken advantage of this Golden amenity, now is the time to enjoy getting in shape. For more information on Golden Community Center fitness classes and personal training, or to take a virtual tour of the center, visit www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec and choose the Community Center link.
The Golden Community Center’s Front Porch is designed specifically for people 50 and older. The area offers respite, entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, billiards, computers, puzzles and more for fun and relaxation before your next fitness class.

**Here’s what’s happening in December and January:**

**Celebrate Health! Health Fair**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5 and Friday, Jan. 9
Free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies!
Chair massages, $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions, $13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce, $15 per pedicure

**TRIPS & TOURS**

**Handweavers Guild of Boulder, Fiber Arts Show**
Basketry, jewelry, beaded sculpture, quilts, hand-dyes and more represented.
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4;
Class registration #35060
$10 (van and admission; bring money for lunch and shopping)
Register/Cancel by Dec. 2

**Center for the Arts, Evergreen**
Brunch at LePeep and presentation from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum: “The Quilt that Walked to Golden”.
9:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10;
Class registration #35070
$8 (van only; bring money for brunch)
Register/Cancel by Dec. 8

**National Renewable Energy Laboratory Tour**
NREL has three new exhibits and more for us to explore.
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16;
Class registration #35075
$5 (van, free admission)

**Holiday Potluck and Sing-a-long with Elvis**
Bring a dish and your voice! A-E - veggie; F-K - dessert; L-P - salad; Q-Z - main dish. We always have fun and prizes!
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 22;
Class registration #35052
Free
Register/Cancel by Dec. 20.

**Christmas Light Tour with RTD**
Bus picks up at 10th Street entrance, weather permitting. Registration required.
Time to be announced., Tuesday, Dec. 23;
Class registration #35160
$1.75 for 65+;
$3.50 for others (please pay driver)
Register/Cancel by Dec. 8.

**Grandparents and Grandkids Night Out!**
See the Denver Nuggets vs. San Antonio Spurs.
See full description on page 16.
4:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009
Class registration #15175-1
$40.00 per person
(under 2 years old are free; transportation not included);
Register by Jan. 3, 2009

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 ($7/year),
- Check out the Recreation brochure, or
- Visit www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=334
Golden Rotary Provides Lunches to Canyon Gate Residents

Once a month for the past year, members of the Rotary Club of Golden have been treating residents at Golden’s Canyon Gate Apartments to a lunch they have prepared for the seniors there. Canyon Gate, located at 1411 8th Street just west of the Golden Community Center, is one of two senior subsidized housing facilities for independent living that are owned and maintained by the Jefferson County Housing Authority.

“The Rotary lunch is wonderful. It’s the nicest thing ever done for me voluntarily,” says Bonnie, a resident in one of the 52 units at Canyon Gate. “Rotary’s food is the best,” adds Betty, another resident. “Everyone comes to their lunches.”

The Golden Rotary lunch program for Canyon Gate began as part of the club’s efforts to help local people in need. The “need” in this case was home-cooked food and conversation among the residents and Golden Rotarians. With soaring food, gas, and medication prices competing on a fixed income, these monthly lunches offer Rotarians an opportunity to serve up food that the residents may not be able to afford otherwise. More importantly, though, are the relationships that have evolved between the residents and Rotarians, who help prepare and serve the residents – all with a smile and great friendship.

“It’s always a fun challenge to figure out a menu worthy of these wonderful folks, to prepare the food, and to hear their rave reviews,” says Rotarian Peggy Halderman, a professional personal chef who heads up Rotary’s lunch team consisting of five to seven club members. “More importantly, each month it’s so terrific to check in on our friends. We’re all part of this community!” A recent menu for the program included North Carolina pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, potato salad, bean salad, strawberry shortcake, and beverages.

“It is the greatest thing that has happened to this place,” says Canyon Gate Manager Bob Gonzales. “People really enjoy being together at the lunch and talking to each other.”

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Madden Museum of Art, Fiddler’s Green
Jackson Pollock and others highlight this unique space. Lunch at Mangia Bevi Italian Restaurant.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009
Class registration #15110
$7 (van only; bring money for lunch)
Register/Cancel by Jan. 13, 2009

Super Dogs, National Western Stock Show
All new show full of amazing tricks, stunts and comedy antics, all performed by man’s best friend!

5:30 to10:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009
Class registration #15111
$22 (van and admission)
Register/Cancel by Jan. 16, 2009

Breckenridge Snow Sculptures
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26, 2009
Class registration #15120
$12 (van only; bring money for lunch)
Register/Cancel by Jan. 22, 2009
Come celebrate in a place that’s as close to your home as it is to your heart. Downtown Golden offers a unique shopping experience, friendly entertainment, and more holiday ambiance than you can imagine. Find your holiday getaway, a listing of shops and restaurants, and a complete schedule of events at 2HourVacation.com.

**OLDE GOLDEN CHRISTMAS ON PARADE** See a true hometown parade complete with floats, holiday characters, Santa, music, and much more. Saturdays in December at 11am on Washington Ave.