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Your Input Needed on Plans for Circulator Bus

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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

NEW TIME FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS
The City Council established by Resolution during their Nov. 1 meeting, the official meeting calendar dates for 2013. As part of the calendar, they also decided to move up the starting time for all Council meetings to 6:30 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. as it has been. This change will take effect in the 2013 calendar year. To see the meeting dates, look under Hot Topics on the homepage of www.cityofgolden.net.

CITY BUDGET ONLINE
The City is currently planning its operating budget for 2013-14. Each city department put together its individual budget and “wish list” for the coming years. Once that was all put together, the City Manager reviewed the wants and needs and came up with a working budget, which now goes before City Council for approval.

There are no major changes or increases in the proposed budget. You can view the entire document at www.cityofgolden.net/links/CityBudget. City Council will take final public comment during their regular business meeting on Dec. 6 and then vote on budget approval.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MAKES GOLDEN, GOLDEN
Historic structures and sites are a big part of what gives Golden its small town charm. Golden has a rich past that dates back more than 150 years. The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) has an active role in making sure Golden’s important landmarks are recognized and preserved. And now is your chance to be a part of that board.

The HPB meets on the first Monday evening of every month at City Hall, 911 10th St. Some of the responsibilities of the board are:

- Evaluate and determine the merits of sites for historic preservation designation.
- Conduct Certificate of Appropriateness Review for work on designated sites or districts.
- Prepare a comprehensive inventory of structures and preservation areas.
- Increase public awareness of the value of historic, architectural and cultural preservation.
- Evaluate and comment on decisions by other public agencies affecting the physical development and land use patterns in or affecting designated historic sites.
- Make recommendations to the City Council regarding:
  - The utilization of grants to promote preservation.
  - The acquisition of façade easements and the imposition of other restrictions for purposes of historic preservation.
  - Property contracts for the purpose of historic preservation where private preservation is not feasible.

Members must be residents of Golden. If you are interested in history and preservation, apply now. Applications will be accepted until further notice. For an application, visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/boards-commissions/historic-preservation-board.

CITY HOLIDAY HOURS
The City of Golden’s administrative offices will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

The Golden Community Center will close at 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24 and will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25. The GCC will also close at 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31 and will be open for modified hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 1.
Golden Government Communication: A Two-Way Street (Just Like Ford between 10th & 14th).
By Mayor Marjorie Sloan

Golden works best when communication flows two ways. The city informs residents about civic issues so that, in turn, their ideas and knowledge inform city decisions. Fortunately, Golden has a deep pool of citizen engagement to draw on. Council and staff continue to build on past efforts to increase the amount, quality, and modes of information sharing. The present configuration of Ford Street between 10th and 14th streets illustrates the process in action.

In 2008, volunteer task forces identified safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists on the Ford/Jackson corridor. Soon afterwards “walkable, bikeable, and accessible streets” emerged as a core value of Golden Vision 2030—a planning document based on over 2,000 value statements collected during two years of community meetings, block parties, and interviews. At a regular meeting in 2010, council adopted a complete-streets policy, directing staff to accommodate all modes of travel when re-designing streets, particularly in priority corridors such as Ford/Jackson.

This fall, Ford Street needed to be resurfaced before the pavement developed more serious and costly problems. In keeping with the complete-streets policy, staff advised city council that inexpensive measures could test improvements to the cycling experience without significant interference with automobile traffic. Council gave the go-ahead to resurface the entire width of the street but to re-stripe it with a bike lane and three traffic lanes for automobile traffic (instead of five). Our public works staff had the work performed and modified it as drivers and cyclists got accustomed to the changed configuration.

Since then, residents have provided feedback on the changes, using old and new methods of communication. Councilors and I have exchanged ideas with residents in person, on the telephone, at merchant meetings, and through emails. (Phone numbers, email addresses, and blog sites are available on the city’s updated, user-friendly website at www.cityofgolden.net. While there, consider clicking on the button for a subscription to a new weekly e-newsletter.) Staff has visited businesses and property owners and responded to concerns. Local media, including the Golden Transcript, Golden.com, The Golden Newsletter, and Radio Golden, covered the story. Moreover, the topic has been highlighted on our newest communication tool, the interactive electronic forum at Goldenvision.cityofgolden.net.

Both the effectiveness of the communications and the advisability of more permanent improvements can and will be re-evaluated. The project, however, tracks the many ways that Golden engages residents. Appointed task forces investigated a problem, a broad-based community group reached consensus, council enacted a policy, and staff used its professional expertise. Nevertheless, in hindsight I see a communication gap: I could have provided stakeholders with earlier notification of the pending paving decision.

These stakeholders, however, will continue to have ample opportunity to weigh in. So far, councilors have been advised to change the striping back immediately and also to “stay the course.” Residents have called the addition of bike lanes “insane and inhuman” and “a wonderful and sensible change.” It is an under-statement to say that no consensus has developed yet.

But the end goal of resident communication and engagement is not absolute agreement. Rather, it is to welcome participation in matters that affect residents’ daily lives. City Council is charged with making difficult decisions that inevitably will displease some. There is value, however, in remaining open to disparate viewpoints, considering all sides, and providing a reasoned basis for conclusions. Council is committed to a two-way flow of information—so please keep sharing your ideas via calls, e-mails, Golden Vision comments, e-comments (also on city website), public comments at meetings, and in-person contacts.

Marjorie Sloan
Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Golden will be accepting Christmas trees for recycling beginning Wednesday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 27. Trees may be dropped off at any time between these dates at the Golden Recycle site, just west of Hwy 93 and north of Golden Gate Canyon Road. Please leave trees at the south end of the site where a sign announcing the recycling will be visible. Trees must be stripped of all ornaments, hardware, strings of lights and tinsel. Mulch from the chipping process will be available for free at the public pickup site on 11th Street, just west of the Clear Creek History Park. For further information please contact the City of Golden Forestry office at 303-384-8141.

BUY GOLDEN WEEK TO ENCOURAGE COMMERCE AND SUPPORT SCHOOLS

In these tough economic times, the City of Golden is always exploring ways to help its businesses as much as possible to survive and thrive. The Buy Golden campaign was created last year as part of those efforts, and in March 2013, the city will expand the campaign to include a Buy Golden Week event to further support and boost the local economy.

The Buy Golden program aims to educate residents and businesses about the many benefits of buying local. Any business physically located and operated within Golden is part of the program.

Buying local re-circulates income within a community and increases tax revenue. Sometimes as much as 70 cents of every dollar of a local purchase remains in the community, exchanging hands again and again. In addition, when money is earned at local businesses, those businesses tend to donate and support a community’s infrastructure that keeps a community strong.

Buy Golden Week is designed to be an annual promotion that will increase awareness of the benefits of purchasing locally produced and grown products and services from Golden businesses by residents and employers. The Buy Golden program will also provide a direct benefit to a special beneficiary project or program in accordance with the City Council’s annual priorities. For 2013, the anticipated beneficiary will be Golden’s public schools.

Buy Golden Week is scheduled for Friday, March 8 to Sunday, March 17. Visit www.buygoldenweek.com to learn more about the program or check www.facebook.com/buygolden for updates and deals. And watch upcoming editions of the Golden Informer for more details.
Enjoy a Safe Holiday Season

Every season has its unique fire and life safety challenges and this time of year the two biggest factors are cold weather and the holidays. Here are some safety reminders from the Golden Fire Department to help make winter days safe days. The Golden Fire Department wishes you a safe and joyous winter/holiday season.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS
• Only use lights that have a recognized testing laboratory label.
• Make sure outdoor extension cords are weatherproof.
• Inspect lights before plugging them in.
• Discard damaged light sets.
• Avoid overloading electrical outlets.
• Don’t run extension cords under carpets, across doorways or near heat sources.

CANDLES
• Use sturdy, safe candle holders.
• Protect flames with glass globes or containers.
• Never leave burning candles unattended.
• Keep children and pets away from burning candles.
• Consider using battery-operated candles.

CHRISTMAS TREES
• Buy a fresh tree that is not dropping needles.
• Place your tree in a sturdy, non-tip stand.
• Keep trees away from fireplaces, exits and heat sources.
• Keep your tree watered; check the water level daily.
• Remove trees from inside the home after four weeks.

COOKING
• Don’t leave the kitchen while food is cooking on the stove top.
  • Keep pot holders, food packaging, cookbooks, dish towels and paper towels away from the stove.
  • Turn pot handles to the back so they can’t be bumped or pulled over by children.
  • Wipe up spills and keep your oven clean; built up grease can catch fire.

HOME SAFETY REMINDERS
• Make sure all CO and smoke detectors have fresh batteries and are functioning properly.
  • Keep snow cleared from combustible air intakes and gas appliance roof vents.
  • Keep all exits clear of snow.

CLEARING A PATH
The City of Golden’s Public Works Streets Division is in charge of 242 lane miles to plow when the winter snow hits. Their priority is to make the streets safe and passable for residents and commuters.

City policy is to begin plowing once two to three inches of snow has accumulated, and to plow before the application of de-icing materials begins. Golden has seven snowplows that are equipped with sanders. The city applies “Ice Slicer” and also a mixture of salt and sand to priority areas first, such as bridges, inclines, curves, school and fire stations.

While snowplow operators do their best not to “plow you in,” we suggest that you wait to shovel your driveways and sidewalks until after the plow has come through so that you don’t have to do it twice. By law, you must shovel your walks. The city Municipal Code requires any owner or occupant of any property, whether private residence or business, to remove snow more than one-inch deep no later than 24-hours after the snow stops falling. Please shovel the snow into your yard instead of onto the streets. To report a sidewalk that has not been cleared, call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.
Last Year the Golden History Museums (GHM) put together a top 10 donation list, and it was so popular that they decided it should become a tradition. Golden History Museums accepted over 65 individual donations for the year—many of which include multiple items. GHM received hundreds of photographs in support of its on-going Golden Memories Project, but they also acquired a number of great objects.

One of GHM’s guiding policies is called a Scope of Collections, and it states: One of Golden History Museums’ primary goals is to collect artifacts that document Golden history. They include objects which were actually made or used in Golden and have a clear and specific association with some significant aspect of Golden history. And, just to clarify a popular misconception, GHM doesn’t just collect old stuff; they collect cool old stuff.

Here’s the Top 10 for 2012:

10.) A DVD copy of ABC’s of Can Making by Bill Coors, 1958—old-school all the way. Bill provides voice-over for this fascinating how-to.


8.) Complimentary plate from the Koenig Merc. Co. of Golden—this one is painted with peaches and was likely given out to favorite customers during the holidays.

7.) Photograph of Golden’s old City Hall and Fire Station Number 1. Once located on 12th Street next to the Astor House, it was torn down in the early 1960s.

6.) Reed Speaker Co. drive-in speakers—Samuel Reed based his manufacturing company in Golden at 5440 McIntyre for many years before he passed away and the business was sold.

5.) Holland House room key 238—a bright red artifact from a beloved Golden institution.

4.) Mountainsmith Telemark backpack—made in Golden, toured Europe and the Grand Canyon twice according to the previous owner.

3.) Photograph of William Sarell’s Hardware on Ford Street—long before we had Meyer Hardware we had Sarell’s, who served this community for about 66 years.

2.) Hand-painted Golden Transcript sign fashioned from an old wooden type tray. This sign was tucked away at the Hiwan Homestead Museum print shop for years—happy we could bring it home.

1.) Coors Porcelain Company Nose Cone—even though it’s hot pink and looks like a nipple from a giant baby bottle, nose cones made in Golden were key components in defensive missiles during the 1960s.

GHM would like to thank you for your on-going support and wish you Happy Holidays.
Golden is undergoing a bittersweet transition as we say goodbye to Golden-based EDS as our trash and recycling partner, and say hello to Waste Management. EDS has been located in Golden since 1992, and now, after nearly 40 years as a family-owned business, they have sold the company to Waste Management. For years, EDS provided services for Pride Days and many local events, often at deep discounts, in addition to providing trash and recycling to residents and businesses in Golden. Golden will miss the Loos family and having EDS as a partner, but we realize businesses evolve and change.

Not to worry, Golden’s trash services are in good hands. Waste Management has the experience and resources to provide the Pay As You Throw (PAYT) program in our city. The company is acquiring EDS’s equipment and retaining many of its employees in their current positions. So they are well positioned to provide the service with little change to customers. The City’s current contract allows the PAYT program to be transferred upon approval of the City. While the City could have chosen to put the program out for bid, staff felt that there was a real risk that a bid may have resulted in a disruption in service, a price increase, or both. Given the strengths of Waste Management, this seemed an unnecessary step. As a result, the program and pricing will not change with the change in ownership. City Council agreed to assign the agreement to Waste Management at their meeting on Oct. 25.

Waste Management has been in Colorado for 30 years and is the state’s largest recycler. Waste Management was a founding sponsor of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge. Their education and outreach programs reached 30,000 students and community members in 2011 and included school presentations, facility tours, and a permanent education center where kids can learn how to reduce, reuse and recycle in their everyday lives.

Litigation to Block Jefferson Parkway Land Transfer Continues

Golden continues to pursue a two-track strategy to address transportation issues by engaging in constructive regional conversations while challenging in court a federal decision to provide land for the proposed Jefferson Parkway toll road.

Mayor Marjorie Sloan and members of Council are using citizen feedback gathered this fall through two open houses, a webinar and an online community forum, to continue discussions with officials from surrounding communities about how to address transportation challenges facing the area.

The City of Golden, Town of Superior and two environmental groups have challenged in federal court the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s decision a year ago to provide a strip of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge for construction of the Jefferson Parkway. Golden and the other plaintiffs maintain that the federal agency violated a number of laws in deciding to provide the land without addressing the environmental impacts.

As a result of the litigation, the land transaction has been deferred until the end of this year to allow the parties time to present legal arguments.

As always, residents can get the latest news on transportation issues by visiting GetTheFactsGolden.org and signing up for email updates.
Sustainable Holiday Gift Giving

During Black Friday sales in 2011, an estimated 226 million Americans spent a record $52.4 billion. For many Americans, the holiday gift-giving season is all about stuff: buying stuff, wrapping stuff, mailing stuff. This year, consider giving consumables, like food or candles, or like services such as a massage, movie tickets, or a meal at a favorite restaurant. Even better, purchase your items or services from a Golden business and most of your dollars stay within the community. A careful selection of gifts can delight your recipient as well as contribute to the sustainability of our city.

Now is a good time to take that bike out of storage. With over 20 miles of paved trails and over 80 percent of city streets with bike lanes or paved shoulders, winter biking in Golden doesn’t have to be difficult. Even in winter, the streets are clear and the temperature hits the 60s many days throughout the season. And when it’s not, follow these common sense guidelines to stay safe and warm.

• Get a Good Light. Darkness, more than cold and ice, is the biggest challenge of year-round biking. Don’t forget the front and back light.

• Lower Your Seat. The best way to stop in a hurry is to plant your boots right on the pavement.

• Dress Warm and in Layers. The great surprise about winter biking is that being too hot can be a problem as much as being too cold. You warm up quickly once you start pedaling, so make sure to wear layers you can remove. Add a face mask when you venture out in sub-zero temperatures.

• Invest in Snow Tires. This is the innovation that has sparked the winter biking boom. Studded tires give you good traction in the snow or slush.

• Pay Extra Attention to Motorists. Drivers are less likely to be looking for bikes in the cold weather. Often, taking a route with less-traveled streets can be more pleasant.

• Have fun and get outside!

DID YOU KNOW?

Most Colorado tree farms offer living holiday trees to plant later. Consider a Douglas Fir, Colorado Blue Spruce, Lodgepole Pine, or many other varieties offered by nearby farms.
Greetings
Miners Alley Playhouse presents this holiday-themed comedy. Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and information call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

A Christmas Carol, with a Dickens Twist

Holidays at the Astor House
Enjoy fun holiday crafts, entertaining Victorian games, and the holiday beauty of the historic boarding house. Astor House Museum, 822 12th St. $3 for non-members, members are free. For details call 303-278-3557.

Holiday Art Market
This 38-year tradition fills the galleries with fine art and unique crafts for sale. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For information go to www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

Our Christmas Carol

Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22
Olde Golden Christmas on Parade
Come see a true olde fashioned hometown parade infused with a fun, only-in-Golden spirit. Floats, clowns, Christmas characters, music, Santa, even elves on unicycles! Afterwards, catch a free horse-drawn carriage ride or kids can enjoy a free ride in a Newfoundland dog cart. On Washington Avenue from 11 to 11:30 a.m. For details on these events, visit www.VisitGolden.com or www.goldencochamber.org or call 303-279-3113.

Holiday Open House
The Golden Visitors Center hosts an open house with cookies, candy and refreshments from noon to 4 p.m. at 1010 Washington Ave. Call 303-279-3113 for details.

Dec. 1 and Jan. 5
Coffee with a Councilor
Sip on your favorite beverage and talk with City Councilors about topics concerning Golden. 9 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For more information, contact Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

Dec. 2
JSO Holiday Concert
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra performs traditional holiday music at this popular concert. 3 p.m. at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center, 924 16th St. For tickets and information call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23
Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Pick up your ride on 12th Street between Washington and Arapahoe and stroll through Historic Downtown Golden. Noon to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Call 303-279-3113 for details.

Dec. 6 and 20
MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers
MOPS is a support group for mothers with children from birth to kindergarten. First and third Thursdays of every month through April. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1805 Washington Ave. For information call 303-279-4605 or visit www.fbcgolden.org under Families.

Dec. 8
Breakfast with Santa
Meet Santa and experience the Christmas showcase from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Buffalo Rose Event Center, 1119 Washington Ave. Tickets are $8 and reservations are required. Call 303-279-0200 to reserve your spot.
Dec. 9  Hanukkah Begins

Denver Young Artists Concert
Come listen to horn player Michael Thornton at 2:30 p.m. in Bunker Auditorium at Colorado School of Mines, 924 16th St. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for students and can be purchased at the door. For details call 303-384-2073.

Dec. 13  Holiday Gear Party
The American Mountaineering Museum hosts a silent auction with ski and mountaineering gear from leading retailers. Live music and local brews. 6 to 9 p.m. at 710 10th St. Call 303-996-2763 for details.

Dec. 13 and 14  GHS Holiday Concert
Golden High School’s Music Department presents its Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School Auditorium, 701 24th St. Tickets are $3 at the door. For details contact Angela Becker at abecker@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Dec. 21  First Day of Winter

Dec. 25  Christmas Day

Dec. 26  Kwanzaa Begins

Dec. 31  New Year’s Eve

Jan. 21  Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 7 to Feb. 15  Boot Camp Challenge
This is a six week session-based program for every fitness level. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Golden Community Center. Cost is $240. For details call Kim at 720-628-2901 or kim@bootcamp-challenge.com.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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 workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
January 2, 2013 .......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
March 6, 2013 ............ 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Although these classes are free, space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

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

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
February 6, 2013 ....  8:30 to 10 a.m.
Class is free, but space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

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 kitilley@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.
2013 Claim Form for 2012 Sales Tax Refund

The sales tax refund is limited to senior, low-income or disabled individuals who have lived within the city limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2012 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return. The refund amount for 2012 is $50. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden and partial year at age 65.

Please check one box only:

- Senior Refund (must be 65 years or older)
- Low Income Refund
  Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
  - State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
  - Proof of Medicaid benefits
  - Proof of LEAP eligibility
  - Proof of eligibility for food stamps
- Disabled Refund
  Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
  - State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
  - Proof of full benefits from Social Security Disability Income, SSI or the Department of Human Services
  - Proof of total disability from a public or private insurance plan

Please print or type:

Name: Mr(s).
Age:         Date of Birth: ________________
Name: Mr(s).
Age:         Date of Birth: ________________
Address: ___________________________ Golden, CO     ZIP: __________
Phone: ______________________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2012? ______ months
Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person’s income tax form?  □ yes  □ no

Signature: ___________________________  Signature: ___________________________

This form must be submitted by no later than April 15, 2013.

Refund Donation Option:
You have the option to donate your refund to a City of Golden program or department by checking one of the boxes below:
- Golden Volunteer Fire Department  □ Golden Cemetery  □ Golden Senior Front Porch
- Other City program or department (please identify): ________________________________

Office Use Only:
Account #013031-6190     STR     Vendor # _________     Received _________     Payable _________
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4 & Feb. 1
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. 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
Footcare with Chalyce $20 per 15 minutes

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

FREE Seminars Available!
Computer Training for Life-Long Learning
These introductory computer classes are presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library. Each four week series is designed to accommodate all skill levels. Space is limited, sign up in the Front Porch.

Min/Max: 4/8
Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
on the E-Train
Jan. 8 - Intro to using a computer
Jan. 15 - Intro to using the Internet
Jan. 22 - Microsoft Word basics
Jan. 29 - Email basics

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS
Dixie’s Tupperware Party at the DCPA - #35006-1
www.denvercenter.org
Dixie Longate returns to throw her good ol’ fashioned Tupperware Parties filled with outrageously funny tales, FREE giveaways, audience participation and the most fabulous assortment of Tupperware ever sold on a theater stage. Buy the latest products and learn alternative uses for the plastic products from the #1 seller of Tupperware in North America.
Sunday, Dec. 16
12:45 to 5 p.m.
$45 (van, show included bring money for a light snack or drink as it is a Cabaret-style venue)
Exertion Level: 1
Register/Cancel by Dec. 4.

Becoming Van Gogh - Denver Art Museum - #15000-1
www.denverartmuseum.org
Denver is the ONLY current venue for this Master’s exhibit. This will be a must see! We will have a brunch/lunch and poke around the museum; our self guided audio tour is set for 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 10
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
$30 (van, audio tour included, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by Jan. 8.

Vincent van Gogh, Self-Portrait with Straw Hat, 1887. Van Gogh Museum Amsterdam (Vincent van Gogh Foundation).
2013 Winter & Spring Swim Lessons

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING LESSONS
Session 1: Jan. 14 - Feb. 6
Session 2: Feb. 25 - March 20
Session 3: April 8 - May 1
9:15 a.m. - Family Fins
10 a.m. - Clownfish

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY EVENING LESSONS
Session 1: Jan. 14 - Feb. 6
Session 2: Feb. 25 - March 20
Session 3: April 8 - May 1
4:45 p.m. - Clownfish, Jellyfish, Stingray, & Swordfish
5:30 p.m. - Family Fins, Clownfish, Jellyfish, & Swordfish
6:15 p.m. - Clownfish, Stingray, Shark, & Marlins
7 p.m. - Jellyfish, Stingray, Shark, & Dolphins

TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING LESSONS
Session 1: Jan. 15 - Feb. 7
Session 2: Feb. 26 - March 21
Session 3: April 9 - May 2
7 p.m. - Jellyfish, Stingray, Shark, & Dolphins

SATURDAY MORNING LESSONS
Session 1: Jan. 19 - Feb. 23
Session 2: March 16 - April 20
9 a.m. - Clownfish, Jellyfish, Swordfish, Stingray
9:45 a.m. - Family Fins, Clownfish, Stingray, Shark
10:30 a.m. - Clownfish, Jellyfish, Swordfish, Marlins
11:15 a.m. - Clownfish, Stingray, Shark, Dolphins

Class Progression
Level 1: Clownfish
Level 2: Jellyfish
Level 3: Swordfish
Level 2: Stingray
Level 3: Shark
Level 4: Marlins
Level 5: Dolphins

**All classes start the second week in January through May.

2013 Winter & Spring Dance Programs

MONDAYS
Ballet/Tap............2½-3½ years .... 3:10-3:55 p.m.
Ballet/Jazz.............6-9 years ........ 3:15-4:15 p.m.
Ballet/Tap/Jazz....... 7-9 years......... 3:55-5:25 p.m.
Ballet................3-5 years......... 4:15-5 p.m.
Adult IA Tap ........ 14+ years ......... 6:30-8 p.m.

TUESDAYS
Ballet/Tap............2½-3½ years .... 10:15-11 a.m.
Ballet/Tap...............3-5 years....... 11:15 a.m.-noon
Ballet/Tap...............3-5 years....... 12:45-1:30 p.m.
Adult BI Tap........14+ years ......... 2:15-3:15 p.m.
Ballet/Tap............4-5½ years ....... 3:15-4 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
Adult Begin Tap ....50+ years ........ 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Ballet/Tap........... 5-7 years......... 3-4 p.m.
Adult Jazz........... 14+ years .......... 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ballet/Tap/Jazz..... 6-9 years ........ 4-5:30 p.m.
Ballet/Tap......... 2½-3½ years .... 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Ballet/Tap/Jazz..... 6-8 years ......... 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Adult Hip Hop....... 14+ years ......... 7:30-8:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS
Hip Hop (boys).....7-11 years ......... 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Jazz.................... 7+ years.......... 7-8 p.m.
Jazz.................... 6-9 years ........ 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Hip Hop............... 5-6 years .......... 3-4 p.m.
Ballet/Tap ........... 3-5 years......... 3:15-4 p.m.
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Ballet............... 6-8 years ......... 11 a.m.-noon
Ballet................ 9+ years .......... Noon-1 p.m.

FRIDAYS
Ballet/Tap............ 5-7 years ........ 4-4:55 p.m.
Ballet/Tap............ 3-5 years......... 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Ballet/Tap............ 4-5½ years ....... 6:05-6:55 p.m.

**Save $25 by paying in full!**
Recreation Launches Golden Community Center E-Newsletter

Sign up for the new Golden Community Center E-Newsletter to get program information right in your inbox, so you don’t miss a minute of fun and fitness. The E-Newsletter also provides current pool and fitness room schedules.

The E-Newsletter supplements the printed Re•create Guide, which has been reduced from three printings per year to two in an effort to be more sustainable. The current Re•create Guide will arrive in January and runs from March through August. In addition, the Recreate website https://rec.cityofgolden.net continues to offer online registration for programs, services, birthday parties and more.

Sign up to receive the Golden Community Center E-Newsletter by scanning the QR code above with your cell phone bar code reader or visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/RecE-news.

Golden Community Center activities calendar

Register online at https://rec.cityofgolden.net.

2013-2014 Preschool Open Enrollment
The Community Center preschool program is designed to foster intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth in each child through play and personal attention.

Preschool Open Enrollment: Visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net and print the registration form. Submit the form by Friday, Feb. 25 to be in the lottery. The lottery will be on Monday, Feb. 28 at 9 a.m.

Summer Day Camps
The Golden Community Center offers Jr. Summer Day Camp (ages 5-8 years) and Adventure Summer Day Camp (ages 9-12 years). We are happy to announce the addition of 31 new spots in summer camp and expect minimal waitlists.

Summer Day Camp Open Enrollment: The initial lottery for unincorporated Golden and non-residents is Monday, March 18 through Tuesday, March 19. The fee for June along with a $25 registration fee is due upon registration. Confirmations will be emailed on Wednesday, March 20 for each lottery.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training
Golden Parks and Recreation is offering American Red Cross Lifeguard Training during the Jefferson County Schools Winter Break! The course will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 2-5. Space is limited, register today!

Swimming Lessons
Winter and Spring Swim Lesson registration is Monday, Dec. 10 for residents and Tuesday, Dec. 11 for non-residents. Registration provides swim lessons from January through May and will be the last available before summer 2013.

P.M. Yoga
Create a sense of physical well being, balance, strength and flexibility. Get in touch by using an ancient system of combining postures (asanas) with breath.

Age: 16 years and older (all levels)
Thursdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Jan. 3 - 31
$34 Resident, $39 Non-resident
Feb. 7 - 28
$28 Residents, $33 Non-resident - $10 drop-in if minimum is met for registration.

Intro to Pilates
Pilates strengthens all the muscles and helps to develop visible changes in posture, balance, muscle awareness and muscular strength.

Age: 16 years and older
Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7 - 28
Feb. 4 - 25
$28 Residents, $33 Non-resident - $10 drop-in if minimum is met for registration.
I t’s hard to miss the construction going on to complete the West Corridor light rail tracks and the end of line station at the Jefferson County Courthouse campus. You may be wondering what the City plans to do to help you get from the new light rail station into Golden proper. Staff has been working on the answer to that question for about two years now. In collaboration with our transit partners on both funding and functionality, we are now prepared to share the results of that work and get your feedback about how this community bus should operate.

The process started with the Transit Feasibility Study released in 2010. Since then, the City has partnered with the Colorado School of Mines (CSM), RTD and Jefferson County, and secured a federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) grant for the service. The bulk of it will be funded through the large federal grant and by RTD, but the City and CSM are required to contribute some matching funds. In addition, RTD has agreed to run the service out of their Call-n-Ride division, which would give Golden extra flexibility to tailor the service to the community’s needs. The launch of this local bus service will start when the West Corridor light rail line opens, which is scheduled for April 28, 2013.

HYBRID SYSTEM
Now that the funding has been secured and RTD has committed to operate the service, it is time for the community to have a discussion with regard to how the service will be used and how it will be run. For the first year of service, we have the budget for two buses at peak times (morning and early evening) and one bus for off-peak hours. If the bus is successful after the first year, a third bus will be added to the service.

A typical Call-n-Ride program is a reservation based service that requires passengers to call two or more hours ahead to schedule a trip, and service is generally door to door. While this type of service works for some, it has its limitations and would likely not serve the entire community’s needs. So, in addition to offering the traditional reservation-based service, there will be a timed checkpoint system with traditional bus stops to provide regular service during peak hours to the most popular destinations. Though not officially a bus route, the timed checkpoints will be arranged to make a loop (see map on p. 19) with buses arriving every 30 minutes during peak hours. This hybrid Call-n-Ride system will allow the service area to broaden and cover most of Golden, but also provide more frequent and scheduled stops in the core area of town where the greatest demand is projected.

DEMAND DRIVEN
The attraction of the checkpoint system is that it can provide frequent and regular service, but can easily be modified to reflect how the community actually ends up using the bus when launched. Because the buses are smaller 12 seat passenger vehicles (more people can stand) and operate in smaller geographical areas, the driver often gets to know regular passengers and their needs and can make informal arrangements, unscheduled stops and other accommodations you would expect from a more community-oriented service, just as long as the bus can make it to the next checkpoint on time. Rather than publish a route, however, this checkpoint service relies on designated stops with posted times. The fact that there is no fixed route gives the driver greater flexibility to provide service to passengers between checkpoint stops.
In addition, the bus service will end up evolving rather quickly to serve those areas and stops that receive the most demand because bus drivers are getting continual direct feedback from customers calling in to arrange rides. This means that some areas that do not have a timed checkpoint may get one in the future if the demand is there.

BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS
When coming up with your thoughts and ideas, remember the launch of the community bus service should represent the best chance for its initial success. The 2010 Transit Feasibility Study found that a bus service that links destinations in the downtown area, including CSM, to the end of line light rail station at the Jefferson County campus will likely be the core of the service.

Future expansion could include covering a larger geographic area, increasing the frequency, or adding hours to the service, any of which would likely entail adding more buses to the system. Once the community bus has reached a solid foundation of ridership, the service can be expanded to meet the needs of more potential riders. While the 2010 study recommended a fixed route that would allow the bus to cut through a currently unpaved section of Illinois Street adjacent to the golf course, this is not under consideration for the launch in 2013.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK NEEDED
The buses will look like the one you see pictured (on p. 16) and the service schedule (on p. 18) is also largely set for launch. What we don’t know is which schedule might work best for our residents. Weekdays typically see much more ridership and could benefit from longer periods of greater frequency, but the community may be willing to trade some weekday frequency for service on Saturday or both weekend days. City and RTD staff have come up with three options (on p. 18) for the community to weigh in and provide feedback. You are encouraged to go online to http://goldenvision.cityofgolden.net/ to select your preferred option. You can also email Rick Muriby at rmuriby@cityofgolden.net with your vote or for any questions.

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# Circulator Bus Schedule Options

Vote for your favorite option at [http://goldenvision.cityofgolden.net/](http://goldenvision.cityofgolden.net/)

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Proposed Circulator Bus Route for Golden

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Golden Call-n-Ride

Possible Flex Route
Golden cnR
Square Miles: 5.5
Population: 13,553
Employment: 16,416

Possible Checkpoints
Possible Checkpoint Zones

Golden Call-n-Ride

Special Services Division
February 10, 2012
Celebrate the holiday season in a place that’s as close to your home as it is to your heart. Gather on Washington for a true hometown Christmas parade, shop the avenue, and then stroll down Clear Creek illuminated with thousands of twinkling lights. Indulge in the warmth of friends and family and experience Christmas the old fashioned way. Find your holiday spirit at www.VisitGolden.com.