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The Golden Informer
HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

PAYT TRASH AND RECYCLING CALENDAR AVAILABLE
Pay As You Throw Customers! The 2015 Trash and Recycling Calendar is now available for download on the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash. Click on “Golden Trash Calendar” to download it today. You will also find a pull-out postcard of the schedule, along with some recycling tips in the middle of this edition of the Informer. Please note that Waste Management observes six holidays each year on which trash, recycling and green wastes are not collected. Collection schedules for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day due to the holiday. If you have questions regarding the Calendar and 2015 Collection Schedule, please contact Waste Management at 303-278-8600.

YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED IN GOLDEN’S FUTURE
Your City Council will be conducting a consolidated requirement and selection process for city boards, commissions and authorities again in 2015.

The process will be online and administered by the City Clerk. Applications will be due in March, and Council will conduct interviews on April 2, 2015. Watch the February Informer for detailed information regarding the process.

The following boards and commissions will be recruiting for new members: Downtown Development Authority (2); Fire Pension Board Citizen Representative (1); Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (4) and the Public Art Commission (2).

CITY HOLIDAY HOURS
The City of Golden’s administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25 and Thursday, Jan. 1 for the holidays. The Golden Community Center will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24 and will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25. The GCC will also close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31 and will be open for modified hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1.

TREE SALE IN NEW LOCATION
The annual Christmas Tree Sale put on by the Golden Optimists group has moved locations. It will now be in the U.S. Bank lot on 19th and Jackson streets. The sale runs through Dec. 23. Profits from the sale are used to repair, recycle, and donate bicycles which surpassed 400 in 2014. In addition, the Optimists support many other youth programs and local food banks. For more information, visit www.goldenoptimists.org.

REPURPOSING YOUR TREE
By the time the holidays are over, those of you with real trees notice they’re losing their needles and drying up. The City of Golden has an easy way for you to get rid of your Christmas tree and help give it a second life as it’s turned into mulch.

Drop off your trees from Dec. 26 through Jan. 26 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; there will be a sign there for tree recycling.

Trees must be stripped of all ornaments, hardware, strings of lights and tinsel. The trees will be turned into mulch, which will eventually be available for free at the public pickup site on 11th Street, just west of the Clear Creek History Park. For further details, contact the City of Golden Forestry office at 303-384-8141.

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

Dec. 4
Rescheduled regular business meeting

Dec. 11
Regular business meeting

Dec. 18
No meeting

Dec. 25
No meeting

Jan. 1
No meeting

Jan. 8
Regular business meeting

Jan. 15
Rescheduled regular business meeting

Jan. 22
No meeting

Jan. 29
No meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net. Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
We recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Golden Community Center with a toast to the courageous City Council that worked hard for voter approval of the one percent sales tax that made it possible. Before that 1991 vote, this town was not a very desirable place; with vacant stores, unreliable water, collapsing sewers, lousy streets and all-around poor levels of service. That Council worked hard to sell their vision of what Golden could become with the additional revenue one more penny would produce. And they won the election – by 11 votes.

Today we all enjoy the amenities and prosperity generated by two decades of public investments from that 1991 election. But we should also recognize the courageous decisions being made today by our current City Council as they craft the policies needed to fulfill our community’s future.

In the Vision 2030 planning process Golden citizens were very clear about their expectations:

• You wanted a community that was accessible and walkable and Council authorized plans for “complete streets” for greater safety.

• You value a family and kid friendly environment and Council prohibited the sale of recreational marijuana.

• You value our great downtown and Council established a Downtown Development Authority and made downtown a smoke-free zone.

• You value a healthy environment and Council prohibited smoking in all of our parks and on our trails.

• You value transportation options and Council made it possible to build more trails, add sidewalks and designate bike lanes on important corridors. Council and RTD also established the green circulator van when the W Line Light Rail opened.

• You value safe, clean quiet neighborhoods and every annual budget continues to strengthen the Golden Police and Fire departments, increase maintenance of drainage ways, and provide all the resources the Public Works Department needs to continue plowing snow on every street in Golden.

If this space wasn’t limited I could go on and on about how the decisions made in 1991 helped make Golden the special place that attracted you and how so many of you who were attracted here because of those improvements have jumped in to keep us moving forward. City Council, of course, gets most of the attention (and the flak) but nothing could be accomplished without the hundreds of Golden citizens who volunteer to serve on our advisory boards. One of them almost certainly lives in your neighborhood. So please, the next time you see them, give them a big hug and thank them for helping make Golden the great place it is.
Just over a year ago the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an insect which has been responsible for the death of millions of ash trees in 24 states, was discovered in Boulder. Although there have been further identifications of the EAB in different Boulder locations since, to date there have been no confirmed discoveries in any other Colorado community. However, it remains highly likely that this dangerous pest will escape the Boulder area or be carried from some other region of infestation into the Denver metro area.

In an effort to control the spread of the EAB, at the end of September 2014, the Colorado Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the US Department of Agriculture, released more than a thousand stingless, parasitic wasps into affected sections of Boulder. These wasps are capable of laying eggs inside the Emerald Ash Borer larvae which are growing hidden under the tree’s bark, thus killing the larvae. This process is a natural, biological control of the pest in its native China range. There may be further releases of other parasitic wasps in Boulder this fall.

Meanwhile, here in Golden, the City’s forestry program plans to continue a community-wide search for EAB through the means of branch sampling, in which two branches are selected, each 2” to 3” in diameter, out of the canopy of the ash tree. These are then stripped of their bark in the search for insect larvae potentially living underneath. This process appears to be the only practical and effective way to provide an early detection of the borer in a community of ash trees since the other signs of EAB presence are only visible after a heavy infestation of insects. The Golden City Forester will be glad to respond to any Golden volunteer property owners who are willing to give up a couple of limbs out of their ash tree to aid in the investigation. Please contact the City Forester’s office at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net if you are interested. The branch sampling period is from October to the end of April.

Here are a few suggestions for anyone concerned about the Emerald Ash Borer:
- Please do not move ash firewood or other products out of the Golden area. The spread of EAB into Colorado from the Midwest was most likely due to ash firewood being brought into the state.
- Consider having unhealthy and/ or undesirable ash trees removed from your property and perhaps replaced with a tree of a different species. Species diversity is the key to a healthy urban forest.
- If you own a healthy and valued green or white ash tree that you want to preserve there are effective treatments available. Whether to treat or not can best be determined by becoming aware of all the current information available. A good place to start is www.eabcolorado.com.
New Year, New Promise of Health

New Year’s Day is typically the day many people make resolutions to improve their lives. The City of Golden hopes its new smoke and vapor-free rules will help those who have “quit smoking” on their list, to be successful.

As of Jan. 1, 2015, a good portion of Downtown Golden as well as all parks, trails and bus stops will all be smoke and vapor free. To see the full list of affected areas, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/HealthIsGolden. The Golden City Council passed Ordinance 1985 in August as part of its initiative to make the entire community more healthy and active. Limiting the number of places people are allowed to smoke also limits exposure to secondhand smoke and exposure to the habit of smoking in general.

Are you ready to quit? There are many resources available to help you. The first step is to set a quit date. According to the American Cancer Society, people who plan their quit day in advance DOUBLE the odds of staying tobacco-free for life. Tobacco use remains the single most preventable cause of death in the U.S.

For telephone support, call Colorado Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit www.coquitline.org. The Colorado Department of Public Health also provides a wealth of information at www.TobaccoFreeCO.org. And information from the Jefferson County Public Health Department can be found at http://tobaccofreejeffco.com/thinking-of-quitting/.

Please take the time to educate yourself on the new rules in place in Golden by visiting www.cityofgolden.net/links/HealthIsGolden.

Be Safe this Holiday Season

The holidays are meant to be times of joy, celebration and gatherings with family and friends. Below are safety reminders that can help keep your holidays festive.

When putting up holiday lights use only lights that have a recognized testing laboratory label on them. Make sure outdoor extension cords are weather proof. Inspect your lights before hanging them on the house or putting them on your tree. Discard light sets that have damaged cords or loose sockets. Don’t overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under carpets or across doorways or near heat sources.

Using candles often brings a warm glow to short winter days and holiday celebrations. Consider using battery-operated candles which can look, smell and feel like real candles. If using regular candles, use sturdy candle holders. Protect the flames with glass globes or containers. Never leave burning candles unattended, and keep children and pets away from burning candles.

Fresh cut Christmas trees fill our homes with that fresh pine scent, but they can also be a fire danger. Make sure you get a fresh tree that is not dropping needles. Place your tree in a sturdy, non-tip stand and keep it well away from fireplaces, exits and heat sources. Keep your tree watered. Check the water level daily. Dispose of trees after four weeks or if it dries out, and store it away from your house until you can recycle it into mulch.

Holidays also mean delicious feasts. But kitchen fires are the number one cause of residential fires. Give cooking your full attention. 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 your 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.

The Golden Fire Department wishes you a safe and joyous winter/holiday season.
The Tale of a Golden Detective’s Two Lives

Recently, Lutheran Medical Center released an article featuring a member of our Police Department, Officer James Barron. It’s a good demonstration of the quality of men and women hired to be part of the Golden Police Department and we are proud to feature this article.

ENT MOOLIGHTS AS CRIME FIGHTER, PEACE PROTECTOR

He also carries a badge during the daylight. James Barron, MD, who’s been in practice for 36 years, started his second career in law enforcement nearly 10 years ago as a reserve police officer in Golden. Seven years ago, he joined the Jefferson County SWAT Team as a medic, and then just months ago he added another bullet to his crime-fighting resume: Golden Detective.

“I was just curious,” Barron said, when explaining why he enrolled in Arapahoe Community College in 2005. Now, nearly 10 years later, he says, “I just love it. It’s another profession that requires intense study and surrounds me with great people.”

In addition to intense study, Barron also has been drawn to serve and protect in intense situations. He applied for the Jefferson County SWAT Team seven years ago after watching the tragedy at Platte Canyon High School – during which several girls were kidnapped and one was killed by an until-then unknown and unstable man – unfold on TV.

“Medical teams can’t enter an active scene; they don’t have police training,” Barron said. “I realized that as a physician and an officer, I have a unique combination of skills that allows me to offer both medical expertise and police protection.”

His application was accepted. Barron now is one of two medics on the Jefferson County SWAT Team, on-call 24/7. But mostly, this is middle-of-the-night work, when, Barron says with a chuckle, “someone is behaving in a way that requires SWAT intervention.”

As a SWAT Team medic, he also provides special protective functions, such as during political campaign events and when dignitaries are visiting and touring the area.

“I remember my first time on a SWAT call; I was dry-mouthed and my heart was racing. Not too much difference between then and now!” he said. “I love the immediacy and excitement of working with the Jefferson County SWAT Team. I have the highest regard for this elite group, and I’m proud to be part of it.”

And just months ago, he joined another select group – the Golden Criminal Investigative Unit, as a detective. He now spends three days a week as an ENT surgeon fighting disease and two days a week as a detective fighting crimes.

“I have a pretty full plate, and this is not what my wife signed up for 41 years ago,” he laughs. “But I feel like at my age, the warranty’s already run out, and I’m going to keep rolling as long as I can, until one of the wheels falls off.”
Golden Parks and Recreation Recognized as one of Nation’s Elite

Golden Parks and Recreation was accredited for the second time on Oct. 13, 2014 at the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress and Exposition in Charlotte, NC. This accomplishment places Golden among the elite 139 park and recreation agencies across the country that has earned this distinction through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the NRPA.

“Golden Parks and Recreation Department has a vision To Be the Best,” said Rod Tarullo, Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf. “In pursuit of this vision, the department is honored to have achieved accreditation from CAPRA for a second five-year period. This distinction provides assurance and validation of well-administered services in accordance with approved professional practices.”

CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, a measure of an agency’s overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that an agency has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

The process for accreditation involves self-assessments, a formal application, a site visit by a team of trained visitors that results in a written report, and a hearing with the Commission to grant accreditation. Once accredited, the agency must uphold the standards and is reviewed again in five years. Golden was visited in July 2014, the agency’s first accreditation visit after initially being accredited in 2009. For more information about parks and recreation in Golden, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/parksandrec.

(L to R): Parks Director Rod Tarullo and Parks and Rec Analyst Amber Thill received the accreditation award from Sara Hensley, Vice Chair of the CAPRA Commission at a conference in October.

GOLDEN TOYS FOR KIDS

You can help children in our area get a toy this holiday season. The Rotary Club of Golden is holding its 8th annual Toy Drive and participating is easy. Just drop a new, unwrapped toy off at any of the participating locations and you will help a child who may otherwise not receive a gift this year.

Last year nearly 1,000 toys were collected and the goal for this year is 1,300. The toys are distributed locally in Golden and throughout Jefferson County just in time for the holidays. You can drop off the toys, balls, books, etc. at Meyers Hardware, the Golden Community Center and the Golden Hotel until Dec. 24. In addition, the Golden Hotel will host a Colorado Beer Tour Winter Dinner on Dec. 10 and they will match each toy brought to the event.

If you are not able to drop off a toy, you can also make a monetary donation to buy toys. Send your check to Rotary Club of Golden, P.O. Box 851, Golden, CO 80402. Please remember the toys you donate need to be new and unwrapped in order to be part of the toy drive. Participate this season and help your Golden neighbors celebrate a happy holiday season.
Giddy Up!

The Colorado Cowboy Gathering will be celebrating its 26th year this January, and what better place to call home than the town “Where the West Lives!” Over the course of four days and eight performances, audiences will be treated to performances by the top Cowboy poets, singers and storytellers from across the United States and even Australia.

The Gathering kicks off on Thursday, Jan. 22 with a branding party at Clear Creek History Park (CCHP). Local ranchers are invited to bring their branding irons to the forge at CCHP and leave their brand on the weathered barn wood that will become part of the permanent covering for the stages of the Colorado Cowboy Gathering.

On Friday night the Gathering is proud to welcome the talented Dave Stamey back to Golden for a repeat performance of last year’s sellout concert at the American Mountaineering Center. Stamey has been a cowboy, a mule packer, a dude wrangler, and is now one of the most popular Western entertainers working today. He has been voted Entertainer of the Year six times, Male Performer of the Year six times, and Songwriter of the Year five times by the Western Music Association, and has received the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western Artists. Cowboy Magazine says, “If you haven’t discovered him yet, it’s time you broadened your horizons.”

On Saturday night, from Canada by way of Nashville is Eli Barsi, a perennial favorite of fans and fellow musicians alike. This award winning cowgirl has graced the stages of top Western festivals throughout North America, and now she’s bringing her unique brand of western music to Golden!

In between these two great shows, you’ll be treated to the finest in Cowboy poetry, music and storytelling on the main stage and in intimate campfire concerts at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St., including a Sunday matinee. For tickets and information, visit www.ColoradoCowboyGathering.com.

COLORADO ARTISTS OFFER UNIQUE HOLIDAY GIFTS

The annual Holiday Art Market (HART) at Foothills Art Center is a premier venue during the holiday season for fabulous fine art and crafts made in Colorado. Over 100 Colorado artists offer ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, paintings, woodworking, photography, holiday items and much more.

Visitors will be immersed in a unique holiday marketplace atmosphere featuring an array of options for everyone on their holiday gift-giving list. There will be thousands of hand crafted items to choose from, displayed against the beautiful backdrop of the historic gothic church that houses the Main Gallery spaces.

Visitors will find thoughtful alternatives to holiday gifts purchased at malls, and can feel rewarded that their one-of-a-kind purchases help support Colorado artists and Foothills Art Center! HART is open Tuesdays through Sundays, is closed on Mondays, and runs through Dec. 28. Admission is free. For more details and a list of special events and programs going on this month at Foothills Art Center, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.
Through Dec. 21
**Songs for a New World**
An exciting and inspiring musical celebrating the stories and characters of today. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and show times call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through Dec. 19
**Boot Camp Challenge**
Join Boot Camp Challenge Express Holiday Camp, designed for every fitness level. Less than $14 per class. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. - M, W, F at the Golden Community Center. For more information call 720-628-2901 or email kim@completefitnessdenver.com.

Through Dec. 28
**Holiday Art Market**
Find gifts made by Colorado artists in all price ranges from a wide selection of ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, paintings, woodworking, photography and much more. Admission is free. Visit www.foothillsartcenter.org for more information.

Through Dec. 28
**The Polar Express™ Train Ride**
Complete details on p. 19. For details call 720-253-1023 or visit coloradorailroadmuseum.org/polarexpress.

Through Jan. 24
**Wishes through Our Hands**
Come see 29 quilts on display, made by three noted Japanese quilt artists and their students, to support and comfort the survivors of the 2011 earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Japan. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

Dec. 4
**JSO Holiday Concert**
Join the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra for beautiful holiday music and festive favorites. 7 p.m. at the Green Center, 924 16th St. For details call 303-278-4237 or visit jeffersonsymphonyorchestra.org.

Dec. 5
**Dance Performance before Candlelight Walk**
The Golden Community Center Dance Arts Program will perform at 6 p.m. at the corner of Washington Avenue and 13th Street.

**Candlelight Walk**
Walk down Washington Avenue, candle in hand, singing holiday carols. Gather at 6 p.m. at Foothills Art Center, 15th and Arapahoe streets, and end at Parfet Park with entertainment, treats and the lighting of thousands of lights along Clear Creek. CBS4 Meteorologist Ed Greene will emcee the event! Details call 303-279-6649 or goldencommunitychoirs.org.

Dec. 6
**Cantatas of Celebration Concert**
The Golden Community Choir will perform a Christmas Cantata. 7:30 p.m. at Golden High School, 701 24th St. Purchase tickets online or at the door. For details call 303-279-6649 or goldencommunitychoirs.org.

Dec. 6, 13, 20
**Olde Golden Christmas Parades**
Come watch this old-fashioned holiday parade beginning at 11 a.m. along Washington Avenue in downtown Golden. For details call 303-279-3113 or visit goldencochamber.org.

**Pictures with Santa Claus**
Get your picture taken with Santa Claus at Avenue Gifts. Call 303-279-0200 for more information.

Dec. 9
**Colorado Gives Day Holiday Celebration & Expo**
Join the Golden Civic Foundation, Golden Chamber of Commerce and Golden Cultural Alliance for a
celebration and expo highlighting the programs and services area nonprofits offer. Enjoy delicious food, beverages, and live entertainment. Free and open to the public at the Table Mountain Inn. 4-7 p.m. 720-326-8636 or goldencivicfoundation.org.

Dec. 13
Breakfast with Santa
Children will enjoy dining with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Table Mountain Inn. Kids activities will follow, with a goodie bag for each child. Help the local community by sponsoring a child in need. Tickets available online at goldencochamber.org. For details call 303-279-3113.

GCC Holiday Performance
The Golden Community Center Dance Arts Program will perform at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Bell Middle School, 1001 Ulysses St. The event is free.

Nutcracker Ballet
The Golden Community Center Dance Arts Program will perform this classic at 3:30 p.m. at Bell Middle School, 1001 Ulysses St. For tickets call Tigh at 720-266-0848 or Joy at 303-795-3183.

Jan. 13
Shelton Open House
Open house for parents with kids going into kindergarten at Shelton in 2015-2016. 6:30 p.m. at the Shelton School Library, 420 Crawford St. For more information call 303-982-5686.

Jan. 22 - 25
26th Annual Colorado Cowboy Gathering
Details on p. 9. For more information, call 720-326-8636 or visit coloradocowboygathering.com.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

VisitGolden.com
For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.VisitGolden.com.
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 2014 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return. **The refund amount for 2014 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 2014? _____ 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, 2015.**

**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 _________
LEDs, or light-emitting diodes, aren’t just for holiday lights anymore. They are today’s most efficient way of illumination and lighting, with an estimated energy efficiency of 80 to 90 percent when compared to traditional lighting.

A big downside to those curly CFLs is the limited range of colors. LEDs can be combined in any shape to produce highly efficient illumination. Individual LEDs can be dimmed, resulting in a dynamic control of light, color and distribution. LEDs are ideal for operation under cold and low outdoor temperature settings. For fluorescent lamps, low temperatures may affect operation and present a challenge, but LED illumination operates well also in cold settings, such as for outdoor winter uses.

LED lights contain no toxic materials and are 100 percent recyclable as opposed to CFLs, and the long operational life time span means also that one LED light bulb can save material and production of 25 incandescent light bulbs; a big step towards a greener future. Draw your own conclusions from the comparison seen in the chart and check out the range of LEDs at your local hardware store. Prices keep coming down and LEDs usually pay themselves off in less than a year.

### Energy Efficiency & Energy Costs

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### LETS TALK TURKEY (OIL)

The deep-fried turkey is growing in popularity as a new twist on the holiday meal. But disposing of three to five gallons of used fryer oil can be a day-after nightmare. While it may seem harmless to pour your used oil down the drain, dumping any amount of cooking oil into the sink can damage local sewage systems. Grease clings to pipe walls in small particles that latch on to each other, leading to massive clogs over time – and not just in your kitchen sink. To make it convenient, the City’s Recycling drop-off site just west of Hwy 93 and north of Golden Gate Canyon Road, accepts all cooking oil that is then filtered by a local company and reused as biofuel for vehicles. With the satisfaction of knowing your waste is getting put to good use, you can now relax on the couch with yet another turkey sandwich.
**Snowball Camp**
Don’t miss the fun during your holiday break! Our state-licensed day camp is guaranteed to keep your child busy. Activities include field trips, arts and crafts, gym/sports, cooking, swimming, climbing and more. All campers are required to bring a sack lunch, an afternoon snack will be provided. Required paperwork before attending camp includes an emergency packet. Summer Camp paperwork is retained and may be used for this camp. More information, paperwork and registration are available at rec.cityofgolden.net.

**Dance Arts**
The new Dance Arts season will start after the holidays. We strive to provide highly qualified, experienced dance instructors and performers. Ms. Joy Egan is our D.E.A. Certified Dance Teacher and coordinates our program. Our dance/vocal program starts in late August/early September each year and ends in May. Performances are in December and the end of May or early June each year. Classes are continuous throughout the school year, but new students are always welcome anytime during the year. Students must attend classes for all months prior to the December (September through December) and June (January through May) dance shows in order to perform, or must be approved by the instructor. Students starting late may not be able to participate in the performance unless a costume can be obtained, but all students will be practicing the routine throughout the classes even if they are not performing. All classes are co-ed. Boys are always welcome! Visit rec.cityofgolden.net to register and view our multitude of dance arts programs for all ages.

**American Red Cross Lifeguard Training**
**Dec. 27 through 30, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
This American Red Cross (ARC) designed course is one of the National Standards for lifeguard employment. To receive certification, candidates must complete required reading, actively participate in all classes, correctly demonstrate all skills, perform the final skills scenarios satisfactorily and pass the final written exam with a minimum of 80 percent correct in each of the four sections.

Upon successful completion, the candidate will receive certification in ARC Lifeguard Training, First Aid and CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer. Candidates must attend ALL classes to be eligible for certification. No refunds or make-ups due to illness or injury.

The American Red Cross requires all participants to be at least 15 years of age by completion of the course. Proof of age is required on the first day of class.

Prerequisites: Each candidate must successfully complete the following on the first day of class in order to continue in the course:
1. Swim continuously for 300 yards utilizing either the front crawl or breaststroke.
2. Tread water for 2 minutes using only legs.
3. Complete a timed event where you will swim 20 yards, retrieve a 10lb. object from a depth of 10 ft. and return it to the starting point.
Check out the Golden Community Center’s Front Porch - designed specifically for people 50 and older.

The Front Porch offers respite and entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, sports, social events, trips and volunteer activities. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.

**Here’s what’s happening this month:**

**Front Porch Holiday Schedule**
Thursday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving - Closed
Wednesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve - Closed
Thursday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day - Closed
Wednesday, Dec. 31, New Year’s Eve - Closed
Thursday, Jan. 1, New Year’s Day - Closed

Recreation center hours are modified during these dates as well. Please check with Guest Services staff for more information.

**Celebrate Health!**
**Friday, Dec. 5 & Jan. 9 at 10:30 a.m.**
The first Friday of each month we offer healthy refreshments and presentations on a variety of wellness topics. For more details or appointments, call 303-384-8130.
*Note: January date for Celebrate Health is not the first Friday of the month!
Chair massages...............$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ........$13 for 15 minutes

**UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS**

**Holiday Tea at the Briarwood Inn**
**#35032-1**

Come see the Briarwood decorated for the holiday and enjoy some tea and snacks.

**Saturday, Dec. 13, 9:45 a.m. to noon**
$35 (Meet at the Briarwood Inn. Tea is $35 not including tax and gratuity.)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by Dec. 3.

**Denver Art Museum - Cartier and Matisse Exhibits**
**#15028-1**

Cartier-The DAM will host the world-exclusive exhibition of *Brilliant: Cartier in the 20th Century*, featuring stunning jewelry, timepieces, and precious objects created between 1900 and 1975.

Matisse-The exhibition’s gallery setting draws inspiration from Matisse’s studio, employing vibrant walls, colorful rugs, and plush couches that encourage visitors to sit back and savor the details.

**Tuesday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
$30 (Includes exhibit with audio tour and transportation. Bring money for lunch.)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Dec. 30.

**Celestial Seasonings Tour and Lunch on Pearl St. Mall**
**#15027-1**
The Celestial Seasonings factory tour is not your average tour experience. We take you into our manufacturing facility itself – so you get to be in the heart of the action! Free samples at the end of tour!

**Wednesday, Jan. 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
$10 (Includes transportation. Bring money for lunch and shopping.)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Jan. 15.
Golden History Museums’ list of top ten artifact donations is becoming a year-end tradition—partly due to positive feedback, but also because the list illustrates our mission so well, which is to collect, document, and share Golden’s colorful history. For the third year in a row, here are our ten favorites out of over 40 new donations.

10. **Memorabilia** from the Heritage Square Opera House and Heritage Square Music Hall, including Thomas J. Mullin’s personal script for his 1992 melodrama, “The Phantom of the Music Hall.”

9. A collection of over 75 historic photographs from the Golden Fire Department: group shots, state competitions, trucks, equipment, and action-packed fire fighting scenes.

8. **Golden High School graduation dress** worn by Lorraine (Giesling) Wagenbach in 1936. The full-length satin dress includes a matching jacket. At their 50-year class reunion everyone in attendance was asked to answer the question, “What have you learned in 50 years?” Lorraine responded, “Tough times often bring blessings, too.”

7. A bowling ball, three pins, and a size 6 pair of shoes from the Golden Bowl, plus photographs and other memorabilia from long-time owners Don and Maxine Jensen who also shared stories about a made for TV movie filmed at the bowling alley titled, “Escape From Terror: The Teresa Stamper Story”—real life crime drama in Golden.

6. Bobblehead doll of Fredrick Allen “Heinie” Foss made to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Foss Drug store in Golden (1913-2013). Each doll is individually numbered; the museum owns number 1 out of 100 made.

5. Student John Bernstein’s field book for a Colorado School of Mines summer surveying course held in the summer of 1940. A table of contents includes 31 problems that cover everything from differential leveling to determining an inaccessible distance using a transit—things any self-respecting engineer needs to know.

4. Gift certificate from Sam’s Land Goosetown Tavern, good for one Gut Bomb Supreme! It’s even signed by owner Sam Wayland and includes a caricature of a customer seated at the bar indulging himself.
1. Huge manuscript map of Jefferson County from about 1890. Overall dimensions are roughly 14 feet long by five feet wide. Donation paperwork was only recently completed and this map clearly warrants more research.

I’m always assessing potential museum donations. You may reach me at mdodge@goldenhistory.org or 303-277-8714.

- Mark Dodge,
  Exhibit & Collections Curator,
  Golden History Museums

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3. Money bag from the First National Bank in Golden. It was purchased from an antique dealer in Carbondale, Colorado, who said it had been “laundered.” The bank originally opened in 1937 at 1201 Washington Ave. before moving to the corner of 13th and Jackson Streets; it’s now a Wells Fargo branch.

2. Itemized receipt for the late Harvey L. Corbin’s funeral at the Woods and Sanders Funeral Home in Golden. His funeral in 1920 cost $178.40. The black broadcloth casket cost $100, while his black business suit and embalming each cost $15.

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CALENDAR GIRLS TO COWBOYS: THE ART OF SELLING COORS

Set up in the spirit of a tavern, complete with a pool table, the gallery also gives a nod toward the Goosetown Tavern, which was a favorite watering hole on the corner of 10th and Vasquez Streets from 1873 to 1998.

The exhibit affords visitors a rare opportunity to see over four dozen rare and classic Coors signs on loan from nine private and corporate collections—many of which have never been publicly seen.

Come to the Golden History Center, 923 10th St., and see the unique history of Coors advertising. You can even shoot a game of pool! For details, hours and tickets, call 303-278-3557 or visit www.GoldenHistory.org.
Before now, the annual Candlelight Walk was filled with activities along the Clear Creek Corridor and at the Golden History Museums, but many visitors didn’t know about them. So this year, you will see colorful, cheerful directional signs to let you know what is happening and where.

Those signs were handcrafted by the students who are part of the GHS group self-named “Artists in Action.” They are much more than a club. This is part of the state-funded Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO), which prepares kids to enter the workforce right out of high school by exposing them to hands-on learning beyond the books.

“This project fell right into our laps and it’s perfect,” said Art Teacher Lori Lacy. “It’s been fun for the kids, it allows them to do something for the community and it gives them pride.” The students are having fun, but also taking the project very seriously. They know that their work will be seen by thousands of people attending the iconic Candlelight Walk and they want it to look good. GHS Junior Emily Kirts says she definitely plans to attend the event. “I think it’s really cool that we get to do this for Golden.”

Oh, and they’re learning quite a bit along the way. “We are getting to use design programs like Photoshop and trace with carbon paper… things I’ve never used before,” said GHS Sophomore Stefano Pelloux. “I love this project, this is so fun.”

“This really was perfect timing,” said Art Teacher Tim Miller. “It is a way to give our students a great education, some publicity and some kudos for the work they put in to these projects.” Of course the best way to support these students is to attend the Candlelight Walk in Downtown Golden on Friday, Dec. 5 and admire their work.

OLDE GOLDEN CHRISTMAS

Join in on the holiday fun in Golden. First, bask in the glow of lit candles as the lights along Clear Creek are lit for the season at the Candlelight Walk on Friday, Dec. 5. It begins outside the Foothills Art Center and participants will walk down to Parfet Park, where you’ll enjoy a stage show hosted by CBS4 Meteorologist Ed Greene. Then make your way down the Clear Creek path to festivities at the Golden History Center, Clear Creek History Park and Astor House Museum.

As you do your holiday shopping in Golden, enjoy holiday parades which take place at 11 a.m. on three Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20. There you will experience a small town western celebration with a special appearance by Santa! Come see who wins the prizes for best float, best costumes and best animal just to name a few. For a complete list of holiday festivities, go to VisitGolden.com.
“All Aboard!” shouts the train conductor as the experience of the journey begins. You’ll make your way up the stairs, board a train and walk through the narrow corridor to a dining car adorned with holiday cheer. Before long, a scene from the story comes to life around you as dancing chefs and waiters arrive to serve cookies and hot chocolate. While you’re sipping on a warm drink, a theatrical show will take place around you telling the timeless story of The Polar Express™.

Next, a night-time train ride will take you to the North Pole and give you an overall holiday experience like no other the Colorado Railroad Museum has ever hosted. The 75 minute experience ends with a visit from Santa, who gives out the first gift of Christmas – a silver sleigh bell.

The Polar Express™ Train Rides run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 28 and guests are encouraged to wear their pajamas for the ride! Show times are 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. and ticket prices range from $30 to $100, depending on the level of experience chosen. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org or call 303-279-4591 or 1-800-365-6263.
Olde Golden Christmas 2014

Candlelight Walk
Friday 6 pm, December 5

Christmas Parades
Saturdays 11 am, December 6, 13, 20

To learn more and view a complete list of events, go online to visitgolden.com or scan the QR code below: