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THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Golden Mayor Chuck Baroch, left, talks about departing Councilors Bob Nelson, second from left, and Dave Ketchum, second from right, on Jan. 12. The Mayor thanked them for their commitment to the citizens of Golden and highlighted their many contributions to the City. City Manager Mike Bestor, far right, also thanked them for their service.

On Jan. 12, Golden City Council said goodbye to Councilors Dave Ketchum and Bob Nelson, both of whom served one 4-year term. Both also held the Mayor Pro-Tem seat during their time on Council. Dozens of citizens turned out at Council Chambers to wish them both well. Following the farewell, returning Councilors Arthur Chen and Jacob Smith and newly-elected Councilors Diane Chesbro and Mary Weaver were sworn into office by City Clerk Susan Brooks. The Mayor then appointed Councilor Smith as Mayor Pro Tem.

Being sworn in by City Clerk Susan Brooks are new City Councilors Mary Weaver, above; Arthur Chen, top center; Jacob Smith, bottom center; and Diane Chesbro, far right.

Photos by Shawn Steigner
MAYOR’S MESSAGE

What do you know about the City’s 1% growth limit?

By Mayor Chuck Baroch

When people see or hear about new developments, they often become concerned about growth. But did you know that in 1995, the citizens of Golden passed a 1% growth limit on new residential units each year? This means that no more than 1% of the previous year’s residential units in Golden can be added this year, including condos, apartments and detached homes.

Each January, City Council is informed of the number of building permits (sometimes called “allocations”) that can be given that year. These allocations are split and made once in January and once in June to disperse them more evenly throughout the year.

The 1% growth initiative includes the following exceptions:

1.) Scrape-offs in which new homes replace older homes, including manufactured or mobile homes. For example, the new condos to be constructed at the former Big Tree mobile home park can be built without any allocations if the number of new units does not exceed the number of mobile homes that were previously in the park. This is true even though each of the condo units may be considerably larger than the mobile homes they replaced;

2.) Colorado School of Mines student, faculty or staff housing projects on CSM land; and,

3.) Senior housing in multi-family projects can request exemption from City Council on a case by case basis. To date, three such exemptions have been granted by Council for senior housing projects at Ulysses Senior community, Clear Creek Commons and Golden Pond.

By ordinance, according to Section 18.70 of the City Code, the City Council also exempted 72 units within the Clear Creek Square urban renewal project downtown. This project, now known as Millstone, is the only non-senior housing exemption to date to the 1% growth limit.

Since 1995, the total number of allocations permitted by the citizen-initiated 1% growth initiative was 742. The actual number of allocations that have been issued in that time period was 731, a reduction of about 11 allocations. Thus, City Council has abided by the 1% growth limit, with the exception of the Clear Creek Square project and three senior housing projects.

Currently, there are several housing projects underway or being planned for Golden. The total number of units planned in these developments greatly exceeds the 78-unit pool of allocations permitted in a single year, thus the build-out of these projects will require several years to complete.

The City Council currently has no discussions underway or planned that would alter the 1% growth limit in any way. The citizens’ desire for growth limitations is being maintained and Golden will retain the quality of life so many of us identify with our small-town feel.
HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

Council Looks at Cablecasting Meetings

This regular column in the Golden Informer identifies some of the items of greater community interest that are likely to be scheduled for community discussion in coming weeks. For specific agendas and schedules, visit www.cityofgolden.net.

On Feb. 2, the City’s Communications Manager Sabrina Henderson will present City Council with several options for potentially cablecasting City Council meetings on Comcast Channel 8 for a trial period. The possibility of cablecasting the meetings has been discussed previously, but was deemed to be cost-prohibitive when compared to the number of people the service would plausibly benefit.

By conducting a test for a trial period, the City could determine the service’s value to the community without spending large amounts of money on a permanent system. Several proposals for such a trial run will be presented to City Council to determine whether they would like to try it out.

If Council decides to move forward with a trial run, the City hopes to outline performance measures that will help measure whether pursuing cablecasting long-term is a viable option and responsible decision.

Options regarding Web-casting will also be presented and discussed as either a stand alone option or as a supplement to cablecasting regular meetings.

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE
Planning and Development Director Steve Glueck will give an update on the status of capital projects planned by the City for 2006 at the Council’s study session Feb. 2.

COUNCIL TO VOTE ON ROONEY ROAD CONTRACT
City Council will vote Feb. 2 on a contract and intergovernmental agreement the City negotiated with Jefferson County regarding the Rooney Road Sports Complex operations and maintenance, as well as the contract with the Table Mountain Soccer Association. Both are resolutions, so citizens may comment during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the City Council meeting.

POSSIBLE REZONING AT 17TH AND WASHINGTON
City Council is scheduled to hear a rezoning request Feb. 9 for the 17th Street Brownstones project proposed at the vacant lot at 17th Street and Washington Avenue. The proposal for townhomes and flexible studio space that could be used for office-style uses is permitted under the current RC zoning, but the owner is seeking to construct the project with buildings closer to the street, reminiscent of brownstones in other cities.

Golden Planning Commission considered the request in early 2005 and recommended approval.

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

The new City Council will meet for a retreat from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. A facilitator will lead the group in exercises designed to bring about consensus surrounding the group’s priorities. The session also presents the new Councilors with an opportunity to learn more about each other and begin working cooperatively together, as several of them are newly-elected.
In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated a large portion of the southeastern United States, including the City of New Orleans. The nation was faced with the most catastrophic natural disaster in modern times. In the aftermath of the devastation, the federal government called upon the nation’s fire service to aid affected citizens and the community.

The U.S. Fire Administration requested more than 1,000 two-person teams to serve as representatives for FEMA’s community relations efforts. Nine Golden firefighters volunteered for...
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While the great majority of Golden residents have Internet access in their homes, some still do not or just prefer to get information by phone.

The City of Golden still has a live operator answering our main number, 303-384-8000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Our main switchboard Operator Geri King can help direct your call to the correct contact person the first time — and you won’t have to listen to prerecorded voices and dial a bunch of numbers!

The City also offers a service called Golden Info via telephone. If you dial 303-215-8882, you will have access to nearly 450 topics and frequently asked questions, 24-hours a day. You can enter the number of the topic you want to know more about (a complete list of topics is available at City Hall or call us and we’ll mail you one). Each topic provides recorded information, and you can even leave us a message or request forms or applications be sent to you.

If you haven’t called us yet, please do. We’d love to hear from you!

Golden ezMaps Now Online:
Online Mapping Information Available at Your Fingertips

Would you like to view zoning information for your subdivision? Do you have questions about snow plow plans for your address? Would you like to see maps of City trails, determine what school a child at a particular address should attend, or view aerial photography of your property? Would you like to know what Council Ward and District you live in?

Well, now you can access all of this information on the City’s Web site via our new Golden ezMaps software!

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:

- Point your browser to http://maps.cityofgolden.net.
- Click on the “Golden ezMaps” logo.
- Enter the address number of the location of interest. For instance, if you are doing a search on “911 10th Street,” simply enter “911”.
- Tap the return key on your keyboard or click the “Go” button, and then choose the address from the list that appears.

Golden ezMaps is the result of a joint project by the cities of Lakewood and Golden. The City of Lakewood technical staff developed the ezMaps software and then made it available at a nominal cost to the City of Golden.

This collaboration made it possible for the City of Golden to offer a service that, in all likelihood, would not have otherwise been financially possible. It is a great example of how governments partnering together on a project can cut costs and provide better service to their citizens.

If you would like to search Lakewood addresses, you can use this same software at http://maps.lakewood.org.

Please spread the word that this valuable tool is now available online, providing convenient 24-hour access to information.
The City of Golden is currently in the process of trying to purchase land on Lookout Mountain to forever preserve and protect the mountain backdrop.

Some of the land the City has offered to purchase, about 64 acres, is owned by the Lake Cedar Group, a major media conglomerate that includes Channels 4, 7, 9 and 20. The land the City has offered to purchase is the same land LCG requested rezoning from the Jefferson County Commissioners in order to build a large supertower (it does not include land the current towers are on). The Commissioners turned down that rezoning Sept. 27, but LCG is currently appealing the decision in court.

Meanwhile, the City of Golden had the property valued by an independent appraiser and offered more than fair market value for the land — land that LCG can’t build its tower on anyway, because it doesn’t have proper zoning. LCG has since launched an expensive campaign against the people of Jefferson County. LCG conducted a metro-area “push poll” (in which they called people and planted misinformation by asking leading and biased questions), took out multiple full-page ads in local newspapers, created a web site full of lies, and is now running ad spots on its TV news stations.

In its propaganda campaign, LCG refers to the hundreds of citizens who took the time to be involved in the Lake Cedar supertower rezoning hearings as a “small group,” showing blatant disregard for the people of Golden and Jefferson County, for the County Commissioners’ ruling against the rezoning and for the democratic process of public input.

They claim that by protecting our citizens and the quality of life in our state, Golden is preventing the metro area from getting HDTV, which is a far cry from the truth. In fact, LCG itself is postponing bringing HDTV to the metro area by refusing to build its supertower on an available alternative site.

As a major media conglomerate, Lake Cedar Group should be ashamed of the misinformation it is spreading in its high-budget ad campaign against caring citizens who are fighting to protect Colorado’s mountain backdrop.

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**Landscaping and Trees Need Winter Water Due to Lack of Snow**

Through the beginning of the New Year, our front range community had received very little precipitation since last fall. Although the mountain region just to our west reveled in consistent snow, those who live in the foothills and plains experienced bare and dry ground.

This common occurrence is the condition Coloradans live with during most winters. As a result, it becomes necessary to provide water to our trees and shrubs, especially those recently planted (since last spring).

Winter’s colder temperatures allow most of us to dismiss the idea of supplying water to plants, a notion which only seems to make sense during hot and dry weather. While it is true that plants need less water in winter, they may still sustain damage when left to their own resources for months during a dry season.

So please, check the moisture level in the soil around your trees and shrubs. If it crumbles in your hand and does not feel cool or moist, consider providing a long drink (enough to wet the soil to 8-inches deep).

Be particularly aware of the status of plants placed in your landscape within the last year. Those will likely require a monthly watering, unless we are blessed with significant snow.

And remember that a 3-inch layer of mulch will hold that moisture much longer than the bare ground. Mulch is always available for free at the public-use site in Golden at 11th and Maple streets.
FEB. 2
Ground Hog Day

After School Fun
“Chet Gecko” is a crime-fighting private eye and lizzard of mystery. Come in for some fun, mystery style at 4 p.m. Feb. 2. Free tickets are required and will be available at the Golden Library for two weeks prior to the event.

FEB. 4
Depression Era Prints
Bring your sewing machine and let Cindy Brick prepare you for the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum Challenge using Marcus Brothers’ new Aunt Grace Fabric line. Get ready to enter the contest with old, favorite designs or brand new ideas, or just come to learn the best techniques for working with 1930s fabric. The event is from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and costs $40 for members, $45 for non-members (fee includes Cindy’s book “Quilts of the Great Depression”). This class will meet at First United Methodist Church in Golden. Call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

FEB. 11
CS Lewis & Joy
Learn the true love story behind famed author of The Chronicles of Narnia. His wife, Joy Brown awakened a love he head never known before. Rick Scheideman enacts the heartwarming and tragic love story adapted from Lewis’ own writings. After wrestling with his emotions and beliefs, Lewis finally finds what Joy means to his life. Enjoy Tea in the Astor House Museum’s Victorian Parlor for a luncheon, complete with scones, finger sandwiches and desserts at 11:30 a.m., or afternoon tea with scones and desserts at 3 p.m. Call 303-278-3557 for ticket prices and reservations.

Mommy and Me

FEB. 12 THROUGH 18
Romance Book Sale
Be a sweetheart and pick up some romance books: a dozen for a dollar (or 10 cents each) during the Golden Library’s annual book sale. For more information, call 303-279-4585 or visit http://jefferson.lib.co.us.

FEB. 14
Valentine’s Day

FEB. 17
Amy’s View opening
“Amy’s View,” written by David Hare and directed by Richard Pegg opens at Miners Alley Playhouse. Plays Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through April 30. Call 303-935-3044 for show times and tickets, or visit www.mineralsalley.com.

FEB. 18
Free Day
The Golden Pioneer Museum will have a free day thanks to the Scientific Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

FEB. 20
Presidents’ Day

FEB. 25
Buffalo Bill’s Birthday Bash
The Buffalo Bill Days Committee invites re-enactors and history buffs to attend the Buffalo Bill Birthday Bash from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Buffalo Rose Events Center in historic downtown Golden. Re-enactors may enter contests on character presentation or costume. Character categories, in the 1840-1917 timeframe, include Buffalo Bill, Political, Native American, Old West, Military, Victorian, Madam-Dance Hall Girl-Dandy Dan, and Children. Call 303-384-0003.

Benefit Tea and Silent Auction
The Mt. Lookout chapter of the National Society of the Daughter of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will host a benefit tea and silent auction at 1 p.m., Feb. 25 at the United Methodist Church of Golden. All proceeds benefit the Golden Pioneer Museum,

FEB. 26
Buffalo Bill’s Birthday and Mardi Gras Celebration
Celebrate the anniversary of Buffalo Bill’s birth with Annie Oakley, Sitting Bull and other famous faces from America’s Wild Western past from noon to 3 p.m. at the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave. During this special event, the Museum will open its new exhibit “From Disaster... Hope: Buffalo Bill in
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New Orleans.” Free cake and ice cream, Dixieland music, party games and Mardi Gras beads will make this a party to remember. Call 303-526-0744 or visit www.buffalobill.org.

FEB. 26

Bicycle Museum Open House
Come and check out Golden Oldy Cyclery from 1 to 4:30 p.m. to enjoy a fascinating jaunt through the history of the bicycle. You will discover what was the rage in bicycle design in the late 1800s, see a mock 1889 bicycle repair shop, enjoy an array of Victorian Era accessories and clothing, and much more! Golden Oldy Cyclery is located at 17224 W. 17th Place and is free. Call 303-271-1998 or email oldbike2@comcast.net.

Jefferson Symphony Performance
At 7 p.m., the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra presents “Concerto for Two Clarinets and Orchestra, Op 91” by Franz Krommer, “Voice of the Wood” by Russell Peck and “Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 47” by Dmitri Shostakovich at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center. Cost is $17 for adults, $15 for seniors, $10 college students, $5 for youth K-12, and free for children younger than Kindergarten. Call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffersonsymphony.com.

FEB. 28

Living Landmarks Dinner
The fifth annual Living Landmarks Dinner will begin with mingling and a cash bar at 6 p.m., with the dinner and awards presentation at 7 p.m. in the Golden Hotel ballroom. This prestigious event, hosted by the Golden Landmarks Association, honors members of the Golden community who have made important and long-standing contributions to historic preservation in Golden. Enjoy an evening of conversation, dinner and presentation of this grand award. Cost is $40 per person. Call 303-279-1236 or email gold@goldenlandmarks.com.

THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY

Improvisation: An African-American Tradition
Featuring work from the Tutwiler Quilters of Mississippi, this exhibit features the art of quilt-making as it has been passed down from generation to generation with improvisation the key word in this small community. The exhibit is at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave. Call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

Pictorial Visions: Quilts by Kathy McNeil
Using quilting as her medium, Kathy McNeil expresses her feelings and visions in a series of pictorial works. The wisdom and depth of her quilts will touch your heart. The exhibit is at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave. Call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

Art on display
Mitchell Elementary School students will display their art in the Children’s Room at the Golden Public Library during the entire month of February. Stop in and see it!

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 shenderson@ci.golden.co.us. 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.
The “Quaintance Block” at 805 13th St. was listed as one of the Historic Preservation Board’s Most Endangered Sites in 2005. HPB is seeking volunteers to help make recommendations about how Golden can continue to preserve its history.

Be a Part of Golden’s History

Do you want to make history? You can by helping preserve Golden’s historic treasures on the Historic Preservation Board.

Golden City Council will be appointing three people to seats on HPB that expire in April 2006.

To apply, you must be a resident of the City of Golden. Applicants will be required to attend regular meetings held at least once each calendar month, as well as study sessions and special meetings as necessary.

More information regarding the Board may be found at www.cityofgolden.net under Boards and Commissions, Historic Preservation Board. Questions should be directed to the Planning and Development Department, 1400 Ninth St. or by calling 303-384-8097.

Applications are available online at www.cityofgolden.net or through the City Clerk’s Office at 911 10th St. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in person or by mail at the address above, by email to sbrooks@ci.golden.co.us or by fax to 303-384-8001.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council study session the evening of Thursday, March 2, in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.
YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

2006 Junior Leadership Golden Begins

The Junior Leadership Golden class of 2006 began its intensive study of civics on Jan. 11 in the Council Chambers of Golden City Hall, 911 10th St. The program for high school students was created by and is coordinated by the Leadership Golden civics program. City officials attend the meetings and speak to students about the various aspects of our municipal government.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES ONLINE

The City of Golden has a special Web site dedicated specifically to commercial properties at www.cityofgolden.biz. Sponsored by the Economic Development Commission (EDComm), the site is intended for use by the general public and brokers/landlords wishing to add properties for lease or sale, or searching for properties to lease or buy.

The site offers property listings, a detailed map of the City of Golden, demographics and data about the City, and a listing of brokers. Properties and/or broker listings can be easily added to the site.

A map of Golden has been divided into several areas to make searching more user-friendly.

For more information about economic development in Golden, contact the Golden Planning and Development Department at 303-384-8097.

The volunteer board that regulates liquor licensing in the City is seeking volunteer members to fill a vacancy for a seat that expires in December 2006.

The Local (Liquor) Licensing Authority meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 911 10th St. The authority approves new liquor licenses, new registered managers, modification of premises and hears show cause hearings when there is an alleged violation of the Liquor Code.

To apply, you must be a resident of the City of Golden, be at least 21 years of age, have no interest in a business that holds a liquor or 3.2% beer license and serve without compensation.

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Applications are available from the City Clerk’s Office or online at www.cityofgolden.net. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. March 2 at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401. For more information, contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014 or sbrooks@ci.golden.co.us.

Help Regulate Liquor Licensing

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Q: Does the City of Golden have a law concerning pets staying outside in cold weather?

A: Yes. Golden Municipal Code section #7.09.010 is related to cruel treatment of animals. The ordinance specifically states it is illegal to “fail to provide any animal in the person’s care and custody with proper food, drink and protection from the weather…” Although animals have thick, furry coats, they are still susceptible to cold and wet weather and need protection. An un-insulated doghouse may not be enough protection to keep your dog safe and dry. Bring pets inside on cold, wet days and provide them with plenty of fresh water and food to stay healthy.

If you have any Code Enforcement questions or would like to report a violation, call 303-384-8045.

The Golden Police would like to welcome its two newest officers to the Department. Officer Adam Zutman and Reserve Officer Trent John were sworn in during a special ceremony Jan. 4 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Officer Zutman was recently hired as a full-time officer and joins the patrol ranks with over six years experience working as an officer with the Colorado School of Mines Police Department. Officer John is returning to the reserve officer program after working with the Firestone Police Department for three years. Officer John was a reserve police officer for the City of Golden prior to that for two years, accumulating over 300 volunteer hours.

New Officers Sworn In Jan. 4

It’s Mountain Lion Season

The Golden Police Code Enforcement Officers just wanted to remind everyone that along with the beautiful mountain views, clean fresh air and wonderful lifestyle living in Golden provides there also comes the responsibility of living with wildlife. Last year around this time, the City received a visitor in the form of a mountain lion near the base of Lookout Mountain. The mountain lion drew quite a crowd until police officers moved everyone back into their houses, allowing the big cat to run away.

To reduce the risk created by mountain lions here a few tips to help you stay safe in lion country.

- Make a lot of noise when in dark or secluded areas during dusk to dawn, to allow the lion to run away.
- Supervise young children when they are playing outdoors.
- Keep small pets inside your house at night and on a leash at all times when on trails.
- Do not approach a mountain lion, especially if it is eating or with kittens.
- Install outside lighting and landscape your yard to remove hiding spots.

For additional information on living with mountain lions and other wildlife check out the Colorado Division of Wildlife website at www.wildlife.state.co.us or pick up a brochure at the Golden Police Department, 911 10th St.
BURN AWARENESS WEEK FEB. 6-12

As part of National Burn Awareness Week Feb. 6 through 12, the Golden Fire Department reminds you to practice burn prevention at home by:

- Turning pot handles toward the back of the stove;
- Keeping hot liquids out of the reach of children;
- Always checking the temperature of bath water before allowing a child to enter;
- Turning down water heaters to 125 degrees or lower; and
- Always turning off an iron when it is not attended by an adult.

If a burn does occur, remember these important steps:

- Cool a burn with cold water;
- Call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance;
- Never use grease, butter or ointments on a burn; and
- Do not remove clothing from a burn.

Practicing fire safety should be a priority in each household. For information on fire prevention safety tips, call Kelli Hilborne at 303-215-8886.

HEART HEALTH MATTERS!

About 950,000 Americans die of cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke) each year, which amounts to one death every 33 seconds. Act in time! Learn the warning signs and the importance of calling 9-1-1 immediately at the onset of symptoms. The American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute “Act in Time” campaign can be accessed at: http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/actintime/index.htm. You can live longer, improve your health, and reduce your risk of heart disease or stroke.

Eat the right amounts of foods, like fruits, vegetables, beans, and whole grains. Eat foods that are prepared with less salt and fat. Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day. Stay at a healthy weight — by being active and eating the right amounts of healthy foods.

Stop smoking — seek help. Heart disease kills many more smokers than lung cancer. If you do smoke, think about quitting. The Colorado Quit Line, 1-800-639-QUIT and co.quitnet.com are free resources to support you in the process of quitting. Whether you smoke or not, avoid exposure to secondhand smoke — secondhand smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals and can cause heart attacks in those at risk.

For more information on healthy eating, call JCDHE Nutrition Services at 303-239-7160. For information on quitting tobacco or avoiding secondhand smoke, call JCDHE Tobacco Prevention Program at 303-275-7555. And for more information on heart disease and stroke, visit the American Heart Association at www.americanheart.org.

Protect Your Heart This Valentine’s Day

This Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, stop and think about the health of your heart! That magnificent organ pumping away inside each and every one of us beats on average over two and a half billion times in a lifetime — without stopping. The Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment reminds everyone that the health of your heart truly matters.

Adopting a healthy lifestyle can greatly reduce your chances of death and disability from heart disease and stroke. Increasing physical activity, healthy eating, smoke-free living, weight control and other healthy habits, may be hard to develop, but go a long way in assuring you quality of life. And remember, love, laughter and happiness reduce levels of stress and anxiety, so Have a Happy Valentine’s Day!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CRIME VICTIMS

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Victim Outreach Information (VOI) offers opportunities to work directly with crime victims, offering support and access to resources during a critical stage of trauma.

Volunteer Victim Advocates work closely with law enforcement and the court system to ensure victims’ rights are upheld and needs are met. VOI was established in 1986 and serves residents in Wheat Ridge, Edgewater, Golden, Mountain View, Lakeside and the Colorado School of Mines in Jefferson County.

Denise Hish, who works in the Golden City Manager’s Office, is a volunteer with the program. “Being a victim advocate is one of the most rewarding ways to give back to your community because you get to help people in their deepest time of need,” she said.

The application process is selective and applicants must be at least 21 years of age, submit to a background check, and attend a 40-hour training. No experience necessary. Applications are being accepted for February 2006 training. Call 303-202-2196 or email victimoutreach@aol.com.
WHAT'S NEW AT THE GOLDEN COMMUNITY CENTER?

**Camp Coconuts** (Spring Break Camp) runs March 20 through 24. This camp is guaranteed to keep everyone busy! Activities include arts and crafts, gym time, cooking, field trips, swimming, climbing and more! Don’t delay, camp fills up fast! All campers are required to bring a sack lunch. Afternoon snacks will be provided. This activity is not available for online registration, so please visit the Golden Community Center to register!

**Spring into spring with Golden Adult Softball and Kickball Leagues!** Visit our Web site at [www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec](http://www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec) for more class and registration information.

For the swimmer in the family, **lifeguard training class** registration is open. Please note: This class requires a pre-test class prior to registration. Please visit [www.goldenrec.com](http://www.goldenrec.com) to register for the pre-test.

Registration for youth athletics: **In-line Hockey** registration opens Monday, Feb. 6. **CARA Volleyball** registration is open now, as is **CARA Tennis** registration. Visit [www.hustlesports.net](http://www.hustlesports.net) for more information.

For all other **winter/spring class information** and to register, checkout [www.goldenrec.com](http://www.goldenrec.com) or call 303-384-8100 for registration assistance.

**And Much More!...**

Don’t forget to check out our aerobics drop-in schedule (all drop-in classes are covered under the facility fee) at [www.goldenrec.com](http://www.goldenrec.com) and see what other great classes we offer, such as cardio kickboxing, step aerobics, Silver Sneakers, muscle classes, basketball drop-in and total body classes. They’re a great way to get in shape for the New Year!

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**Book Your Event at the Golden Community Center**

If you are looking to book a wedding ceremony and/or reception, graduation, or any other special event, call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates. Make your event special — have it at the Golden Community Center.

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The Golden Community Center is located at 1470 10th St., on the north edge of Lions Park. You can register for any of the following classes and more online at [www.goldenrec.com](http://www.goldenrec.com) or by calling 303-384-8100. Please let us know that you read about us in The Informer.
The Golden Community Center Welcomes its New Wellness Coordinator

A void has been filled at the Golden Community Center with the addition of Debbie Van Dyke as the new Wellness Coordinator. Debbie will be coordinating the personal training and aerobics staff to bring the Golden fitness community to a whole new level.

For 21 years, Debbie worked as a graphic designer, an educator and a consultant. She has been involved in both the public and private sectors and managed her own business.

A Golden High School graduate, Debbie has returned to her roots after 15 years to pursue a new career in fitness. Although she has been involved in fitness all her life, Debbie began instructing fitness one year ago by becoming a certified Silver Sneakers instructor and is currently working on a yoga certification.

“My mission is to provide fitness programs that are fun for all ages and provide fitness and health education for the community,” she said.

Debbie and the Golden Community Center staff look forward to the 2006 renovation, which will provide customers with the latest technology and equipment.

As for Debbie’s fitness goals for 2006? She said, “We will be building on the present senior and yoga activity programs along with expanding the personal training staff.”

Much is new and exciting this year at the Golden Community Center. The certified personal training staff is able to work with all ages and fitness levels and many new classes are being offered for daily admission or a drop-in fee.

For more information on fitness and other programs offered at the Golden Community Center, visit www.cityofgolden.net or call a Customer Service Representative at 303-384-8100.
COME ENJOY GOLF INSTRUCTION AT FOSSIL TRACE

The Fossil Trace Golf Academy offers many types of lesson plans that accommodate all types of golfers. Led by Director of Instruction Rick Ellefson, students will obtain the knowledge and skills needed to enjoy the game for a lifetime. Instruction is provided in a fun learning environment in the following areas: Full Swing, Chipping, Pitching, Putting, Bunker Shots, and Rules and Etiquette. The exposure into these areas helps experienced and beginning golfers alike.

Fossil Trace offers Spring Junior Golf Clinics beginning in April, as well as Summer Junior Golf School, Adult Intro Clinics, Short Game Schools and “Women Only” Beginning Golf.

For more information about any of the golf programs offered at Fossil Trace Golf Club, visit www.fossiltrace.com or call 303-277-8750.

Join the Fossil Trace Tournament Club

The primary purpose of the Fossil Trace Tournament Club, Inc., a Colorado not-for-profit organization, is to promote good fellowship, enjoy organized competition, provide both golfing and social experiences for its members, and uphold and conserve the best interest and true spirit of the game of golf.

Membership dues of $175 per year include: A Welcome Package with Fossil Trace Tournament Club shirt and cap, repair tool with removable ball marker and bag tag; GHIN handicap; Range balls for each event; 10% off all regularly priced apparel all year round (sorry, no special orders); The Spring Banquet on Friday, May 5; Lunch both days for the Member/Guest Tournament; and the Fall Awards Banquet.

For 2006, each participant will pay $75 per day for each event, which includes the City of Golden green fee, cart and $15 toward a merchandise fund. The only exception will be the “Giant Skins Game” and Member/Guest tournaments. There are a total of 8 events for 2006 (see sidebar). The Club Championship and the Member/Guest are two-day events. All events are held either on Saturdays or Sundays.

To become a member of the Fossil Trace Tournament Club, visit www.fossiltrace.com or stop by the Fossil Trace Pro Shop to pick up a registration form. For more information, call 303-277-8750. Spaces are still available!

2006 SCHEDULE
May 6: Individual Stroke Play
Aug. 6: International Point Par
June 10: Giant Skins Game
Aug. 26, 27: Club Championship
July 9: Individual Stroke Play
Sept. 9: 2-Man Shamble/Scramble
July 22, 23: Fossil Trace Member/Guest
Sept. 30: Heaven and Hell event

SEASON-LONG
• Individual Match Play
• “Beat the Pros” Team Match Play
• Most Improved Golfer
• Player of the Year
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2005 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 2005 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return. **The refund amount for 2005 is $40.** This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden.

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 Form 104PTC
    - 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 Form 104PTC
    - 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 2005? _____ 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, 2006.*

**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 __________
SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

VOTED ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO WORK TWO YEARS IN A ROW!

The City of Golden was named among the Top 10 Places to Work in 2004 and 2005 in the large business category by the Denver Business Journal. This is an excellent opportunity to join our team!

The City of Golden will soon be accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, The Splash aquatics park and Fossil Trace Golf Club. Opportunities include lifeguards, swim instructors, field crew, day camp leaders, parks, cemetery and golf maintenance, pro-shop guest services, and cashiers and food and beverages workers at The Splash.

Be sure to watch our Web site at www.cityofgolden.net/Employment.asp for job availability OR subscribe at www.cityofgolden.net/Login.asp, where you can enter your email address and ask to be notified each time a new job is posted.