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YOU CAN HELP CONTROL THE FATE OF GOLDEN’S ECONOMIC FUTURE
You can help determine Golden’s economic future by participating in a special Blue Ribbon Panel. The Blue Ribbon Panel on Golden’s Economic Future was established by City Council on Dec. 1, 2011.

The purpose of this Blue Ribbon Panel is to: a) evaluate the potential gap between the level of revenues the City of Golden currently expects over the next two decades and the costs of maintaining or enhancing the current level of high quality services and amenities; and b) offer the community a range of options for minimizing that gap.

The Blue Ribbon Panel will initially convene in March 2012, and City Council anticipates that the Blue Ribbon Panel will meet six times between March and July of 2012, although the panel can decrease or increase the number of meetings and/ or shorten or lengthen the timeframe if necessary.

Four community members will be appointed by Council following an interview process. Panel members must reside in, work in, or own a business in Golden.

An application and more information can be found on the city website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/BlueRibbonPanel.

NEW HOURS FOR GOLDEN LIBRARY
The Golden Library has restored service on Mondays and implemented new hours as part of the process to reduce costs and still serve the public. These and other changes will enable Jefferson County Public Library to respond to ongoing revenue reductions, reduce 2012 expenses by approximately $2 million and balance the Library’s budget.

The new hours for the Golden Library:
Monday: noon - 8 p.m.
Tuesday: noon - 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: noon - 5 p.m.

The Library’s website, www.jeffco library.org, will be available 24/7. Schedules for the Bookmobile, Traveling Children’s Library and Homebound Services will remain the same. The Call Center will be available at 303-253-5275 from 9-8 Monday through Thursday, 9-5 Friday and Saturday and 11-5 on Sunday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BUFFALO BILL
Although his actual birthday is on Feb. 26, there will be two Buffalo Bill Birthday celebrations in Golden on Saturday, Feb. 25. Details on those celebrations are in the Community Calendar on pages 10-11.

William Frederick “Buffalo Bill” Cody was a United States soldier, acclaimed bison hunter (a.k.a. Buffalo Bill) and showman. Although a decorated U.S. Army scout, Buffalo Bill became famous for his cowboy-themed Wild West shows. He toured Great Britain, Europe and the United States, including dozens of stops in Colorado. According to the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave website, he was also a champion of women’s rights, advocating equal pay and voting rights for women. In 1917 Buffalo Bill died during a visit to his sister’s house in Denver. His wife Louisa said that he wanted to be buried on Lookout Mountain. So on June 3, 1917 Buffalo Bill was buried there. Just as his Wild West shows attracted thousands of spectators, his grave is also one of the top tourist sites in Colorado.

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

Feb. 2
No Meeting

Feb. 9
Regular Business Meeting

Feb. 16
No Meeting

Feb. 23
Regular Business 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.

The Golden Informer
A New Chapter of Service to Golden Begins
By Mayor Marjorie Sloan

I am so honored to begin my service as the 37th mayor of Golden, a small town with heart and soul – not just in February but all year long. Golden has a rich history, involved citizens, abounding recreational opportunities, amazing events, and nationally recognized cultural institutions. In 2012, residents' values, as expressed in the Golden Comprehensive Plan and Vision Plan, will continue to guide the direction of our community. We will maintain focus on the vitality of our downtown and other business areas, the character of our neighborhoods, the quality of our city services and infrastructure, and the openness of our government.

During 2012, you'll see construction on a new public works building, a segment of the bike path along the south side of Clear Creek, a pedestrian bridge over 6th Avenue linking the light-rail station with south Golden neighborhoods, and a new water tank for the Beverly Heights area. By the end of the year, we'll be on the brink of light-rail access to the metropolitan area and an innovative circulator bus system. And the USA Pro Cycling Challenge will be back in Golden on August 25 – when once again Golden volunteers will make our city shine in the international spotlight.

No less important, but less visible, volunteer efforts will prepare for our community's future in other ways. A blue-ribbon panel on Golden's economic future will undertake the major task of evaluating the potential gap between revenues Golden currently expects over the next two decades and the costs of maintaining or enhancing our services and amenities and also offering options to bridge that gap. Golden residents, alongside experts from NREL and the Colorado School of Mines, will explore ways to meet our renewable-energy goals. You can also expect completed neighborhood plans for east downtown and the south neighborhoods.

I would be ignoring the elephant in the room if I ended my first message without acknowledging the complex challenges related to the Jefferson Parkway and the potential for a beltway bisecting our town. Though negotiations with the tollway proponents ended without an agreement sufficient to meet our community needs, they opened the door to resolving a long-running regional conflict. Moreover, they demonstrated a need to engage in a transportation-planning initiative, perhaps resulting in an update of the 2004 Golden Plan for Highways 6 and 93. Our greatest asset is the willingness of our residents to delve into an issue and develop proposed solutions. Meaningful public participation is always central to Golden's decision-making process and is especially important in this instance.

Golden has so much to look forward to in 2012 – and so much to accomplish. We have an excellent city staff and a dedicated city council – veteran councilors Joe Behm, Marcia Claxton, Bill Fisher, and Bob Vermeulen have served Golden well and incoming councilors Saoirse Charis-Graves and Marcie Miller will be valued additions. And of course, we have wonderful residents, including former Mayor Jacob Smith and former Mayor Pro Tem Karen Oxman. Together we'll make this a great year in Golden.
On January 12, two new council members and a new mayor were sworn in, to serve Golden citizens for the next four years. Former District One Councilor Marjorie Sloan replaced Jacob Smith as the Mayor of Golden. Taking her place in District One is Saoirse Charis-Graves. Marcie Miller replaces District Two Councilor Karen Oxman, who served as Mayor Pro Tem. During the Jan. 12 council meeting, the Mayor appointed, with the approval of the Council, Joe Behm as the new Mayor Pro Tem.

Marjorie Sloan is the first female mayor elected by the citizens, since the City became a Home Rule City. Prior to a charter amendment in 2000, the mayor was elected by the council. There was one female mayor, Ruth Maurer, who served from 1982-1986.

Oaths of office have been given since the first Board of Trustees was seated on Jan. 4, 1871. In an ordinance adopted Sept. 20, 1881, the Board of Trustees was renamed City Council, which had a Mayor and Aldermen, now called Councilors. At that time, the Mayor was elected by the electorate.

**Meet Your New Councilors**

**MARCIE MILLER, DISTRICT TWO**

My father was an undergrad at CSM when I was born, and I grew up in Golden. I joke that I was a feral child, because I spent so much time hiking and riding my horses on North and South Table Mountains. Heinie Foss once called my mom to tell her that I was running all the weight off his cattle, and would I please stop herding them around? It was passion for those flat tops that led me to be a founding member of Save the Mesas and advocate for Open Space and undeveloped lands surrounding our community, because this wild buffer of open land is part of what makes Golden so special.

Golden has many wonderful things to offer residents and visitors, but there will always be challenges that await us as a community. While transportation is often at the forefront, Golden will be faced with other growth-related issues, such as urban renewal, infrastructure maintenance, work force housing and infill development. Having owned businesses in downtown Golden since 1983, I’ve enjoyed the booms and survived the busts of being self-employed in a small town. My pledge as your Councilor is to always consider Golden’s future first and to continue to build on the great work done by previous Councilors.

You will also find me volunteering around the City. I encourage you to do the same. There are so many ways to get involved in Golden, and not only will the community be better for it, so will you!

**SAOIRSE CHARIS-GRAVES, DISTRICT ONE**

With such an unusual name, my first job in meeting others is usually putting folks at ease about pronunciation! Phonetically, it’s “sair’sha” and means ‘freedom’ in the Irish language. So when I first meet you, we’ll practice together (and all will be well).

I’m from a small town in Nebraska with a deep love for “community” at all levels. When I moved to Golden over 15 years ago, I felt I’d come “home.” I served children and families in Jefferson County as a school psychologist for 27 years. After retirement, I worked at an Apple retail store and then as a community organizer in Jefferson County. Most recently, I’ve been exploring local hiking trails with my dog. I also enjoy reading, creativity in all forms and contemplative engagement.

My daughter, Alyssa Graves, graduated from Golden High School and now owns/operates Art on the Brix, a new business in downtown Golden combining playful art classes with wine, beer and food.

In following Marjorie Sloan as the District One (South Golden neighborhoods) representative, I plan to continue her excellent email communication efforts via The South Golden Reader and i-Neighbors. I also plan on initiating “Coffee with a Councilor.” A time for citizens to stop by, chat and discuss issues. The first meeting is at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Read, Write and Brew, 720 Golden Ridge Rd., Unit D.
The City of Golden is excited to once again host a stage of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge! Golden will host stage 6 on Saturday, Aug. 25. The stage will go from Golden to Boulder, but the final route is not expected to be released until the spring. The race will conclude with stage 7, a time trial to be held in Denver on Sunday, Aug. 26. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for Golden’s stage is already working hard planning for race day and a host of events leading up to race weekend.

Golden also hosted stage 6 (which was the final day) for the 2011 USA Pro Cycling Challenge. Golden’s start was labeled the largest stage start ever held on U.S. soil, and many of the racers said it was even larger than starts they had seen at the Tour de France. It was a fantastic event for racers and spectators alike.

In its inaugural year, the race had an economic impact in excess of $83.5 million to the State of Colorado. Most of the impact came in the form of direct spending by traveling spectators. We have already had numerous inquiries about 2012 race dates from people wanting to make vacation plans and visit Golden!

To stay up to date on Golden’s stage information, visit www.ProCyclingGolden.com, like us on Facebook at facebook/ProCyclingGolden, and follow us on Twitter @USAPCCGolden.

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Here is the 2012 USA Pro Cycling Challenge schedule:

- Aug. 20 – Stage 1
  Durango to Telluride
- Aug. 21 – Stage 2
  Montrose to Crested Butte
- Aug. 22 – Stage 3
  Gunnison to Aspen
- Aug. 23 – Stage 4
  Aspen to Beaver Creek
- Aug. 24 – Stage 5
  Breckenridge to Colorado Springs
- Aug. 25 – Stage 6
  Golden to Boulder
- Aug. 26 – Stage 7
  Denver (Time Trial)
What Happened with Jefferson Parkway Negotiations… and What’s Next

In late December, negotiations between Golden, Jefferson County, Arvada, the Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) ended without an agreement on transportation issues related to the proposed Jefferson Parkway.

A tremendous effort was put forth by all parties under the leadership of Governor John Hickenlooper and CDOT Executive Director Don Hunt, who initiated and energetically supported the negotiations. They attempted to help our region move past two decades of debate to find common ground. Golden participated in the negotiations in the same spirit.

A good agreement would have benefited Golden and the surrounding region. It would have ended Golden’s long-running dispute with Arvada and Jefferson County, allowing us to turn the page on a sometimes acrimonious past and collaborate productively on these and other issues facing our region. It also would have allowed us to bring to a close a long and expensive beltway battle while providing funding for much needed transportation improvements within our city.

But, while we set our sights on an agreement, we never took our eyes off our community’s bottom line. For us, the ultimate test for an agreement was whether it protected Golden from tolling or lane widening being forced through town. Despite hundreds of hours spent on constructive negotiations, the balance of provisions was not protective enough to meet the City’s needs.

The next move for Golden happened on Jan. 5, when the City filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to halt the transfer of federal land for the construction of the proposed Jefferson Parkway.

Golden’s lawsuit maintains that the Fish and Wildlife Service violated environmental and other laws when it agreed to convey a strip of land in the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge to the Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority. Among other things, the lawsuit alleges that the Fish and Wildlife Service (1) failed to conduct adequate environmental analysis of the effects of the property conveyance and the Jefferson Parkway, (2) unlawfully rejected Golden’s separate application for the strip of land, and (3) failed to ensure that environmental effects on the Refuge were minimized.

Golden had offered its own proposal for the Rocky Flats land, focusing on bike and pedestrian paths instead of a toll road. While Golden argued that its proposal would better protect the Rocky Flats refuge and serve the region’s transportation needs, the Fish and Wildlife Service rejected it in favor of the Jefferson Parkway authority’s offer for the tract.

While a lawsuit is one tool to promote appropriate regional transportation solutions, it is not the only one. Golden will continue to work constructively to identify collaborative solutions to the city and region’s transportation challenges.

We are making every effort to keep Golden residents apprised of the very latest developments on this issue. The newest members of City Council were also briefed after they were sworn in on Jan. 12. At the time this article went to print, we had just filed the lawsuit. Since then, it’s likely things have progressed or changed. You can get the very latest updates by signing up for email alerts at www.GetTheFactsGolden.org. All updates are also posted to the news section on the homepage of the city’s main website, www.CityofGolden.net.

Moving forward, the 2012 City Council will engage the community in exploring updating the Golden Plan and setting strong priorities for traffic mitigations and improvements in the near future and in the long term. Golden remains committed to a spirit of openness with our neighbors, while keeping protections for Golden our top priority. We appreciate and encourage the willingness of Golden residents to be fully engaged in this process. If you have any questions or comments, contact the City Council at citycouncil@cityofgolden.net.
A New Recycling Rewards Program and New Fees for Trash and Recycling Services

In January, EDS Waste Solutions started a new recycling rewards program for participating households in the Golden Pay as You Throw (PAYT) program. Households that recycle can receive discounts, coupons, and certificates good toward a variety of local and regional businesses. It’s as easy as tossing those recyclables into your curbside container. For more information, be on the lookout for the EDS Rewards Program packet in your mailbox or visit www.edsrewards.com.

In November 2011, City Council approved a very minor increase to the fees charged for households in the Golden PAYT trash and recycling program. The need for this increase was demonstrated through the increased cost of fuel, materials, and landfill tipping fees. This modest change is outlined above and is compared with the 2011 pricing. These fees became effective January 1, 2012. Specific questions and comments may be directed to Chris Naber at 303-384-8183 or cnaber@cityofgolden.net.

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GARDEN-IN-A-BOX ON SALE NOW!

Landscaping in our arid climate doesn't have to be a challenge. There are many wonderful plants that require little water and do well in our clay soils. Put a few of these species together and you've created a beautiful Xeriscape, or water-wise landscape.

Garden-In-A-Box is intended to simplify water-wise gardening by providing professional “plant-by-number” designs, a selection of Xeriscape plants, and planting and care instructions all below retail costs.

Four new gardens are available this year and are already on sale. You may pre-purchase gardens by visiting ConservationCenter.org. Gardens will be available for pick-up in May – stay tuned for more details.

This program is brought to you through a partnership between the City of Golden and the Center for ReSource Conservation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering our community to conserve natural resources.
As of fall 2011, more than 350 families now have access to recycling service, right in their own neighborhood. Responding to residents’ requests for recycling service, the homeowner’s association and property management at Golden Ridge Condos worked with local waste haulers to review pricing and service location options.

Golden Ridge was able to add the recycling service at no additional cost to the existing service contract. In addition, passionate residents led by Barbara Rodgers, posted informative recycling posters at each building, getting the recycling message out to other residents.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in August to celebrate the new recycle bins. As the bins have already been well received by the residents, Golden Ridge’s effort serves as an inspiration to other multi-family dwellings to do their part for the environment. In fact, the recycling service has been so popular with residents that a second weekly pickup may soon be added.

In addition, Golden Ridge Condos also recently upgraded the windows in many of the common areas to higher efficiency double-paned windows and updated the common laundry areas with new energy efficient front loading washers that use much less water.

A Local Success in Business Sustainability

Gunslinger Custom Paint is a 28,000 sq. ft. painting facility and collision center located in north Golden that employs more than 100 employees and runs paint production 24 hours a day. Since 2003, Gunslinger has grown to become a major supplier for one of the largest motorcycle manufacturers in the U.S. and its cutting-edge artwork is considered among the best in the motorcycle industry. Gunslinger was even featured on a recent episode of the Discovery Channel’s American Guns, which featured some of their custom paint work on several guns. However, beyond Gunslinger’s industry achievements lies a sustainable and eco-friendly business model at its core. Notable sustainability efforts include:

• **Air Quality.** Gunslinger received a Bronze level certification through the Colorado Public Health & Environment’s Environmental Leadership Program (ELP). This program recognizes companies that go above and beyond the basic state air and hazardous waste requirements.
• Several **Recycling** projects, including a recycling partnership with Harley Davidson to reuse shipping boxes 2-3 times; an internal recycling program that includes everything from paper to steel; and a liquid waste recycler, to reclaim and reuse paint solvents and a nitrogen-based application process to efficiently use paint resources.
• **Energy.** Through a matching grant with the City, Gunslinger embarked on a major insulation and light replacement project for its building. New T5 fluorescent, metal, and high-efficiency LEDs replaced decades-old fixtures. Also, the entire production area was heavily insulated, increasing energy efficiency.
• **Water.** New drip irrigation in landscaping conserves water and a 13,000 gallon grease trap protects Golden’s waterways.

• A focus on **Durability, not Disposability.** Gunslinger works with national insurance companies to repair mild defects and accident claims instead of sending parts to the landfill.

Gunslinger’s plans for the future include a look at how the company can reduce its solid waste in different aspects of production such as minimizing paint use which, in turn, will also help reduce costs for new material and improve Gunslinger’s bottom line. Thanks to Gunslinger for making a commitment to the City’s Sustainability Goals.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Producing a soda can from recycled aluminum uses 95% less energy than manufacturing a can from virgin materials. MillerCoors produces cans in Golden that contain 68% recycled content, the most of any beverage container.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Through Feb. 12**

*Present Laughter*
This Noel Coward play follows a few days in the life of a successful, self-obsessed comedy actor as he prepares for an extended overseas tour; features sparkling dialogue and alluring wit. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com for show times and prices.

**Feb. 6**

*Scrambowl for Lights*
Come cheer on your favorite team and join in on dinner for $5. Start times are 5:30 and 7 p.m. at Golden Family Bowl, 525 24th St. This event provides funding for the holiday lights on South Golden Road each year. For information call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

**Feb. 14**

*Valentine’s Day*

**Feb. 18**

*Politics as Usual*
Which town should have housed the seat of government, Denver or Golden? This historic rivalry will be revived as you step back in time and voice your opinion in a debate-style format. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Golden History Center, 923 10th St. For more information call 303-278-3557 or visit GoldenHistory.org.

**Feb. 19**

*JSO Concert*
Violinist Erik Peterson joins the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra to perform the Barber violin concerto, along with pieces from other great American composers. 3 p.m. at Colorado School of Mines Green Center, 924 16th St. For tickets and information call 303-278-4237 or visit jeffsymphony.org.

**Feb. 20**

*Presidents Day*

**Feb. 23 through 25**

*Colorado Environmental Film Festival*
World-class environmental films with representatives from local and national organizations and companies, topical forums and discussions and films for youth. American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. For more information, call 303-278-8822 or visit www.ceff.net.

**Feb. 24 through April 1**

*Master Class*
A trip through the life of a glamorous diva, who proved that while the actress may have left the stage, she will never give up her audience. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For ticket information, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

**Feb. 25**

*Buffalo Bill’s Birthday Bash*
This gathering of Old West

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Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to: Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
re-enactors and history buffs celebrates William Cody’s 165th birthday. Costume contest, refreshments and cake. $5 general admission fee. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Buffalo Rose Events Center, 1119 Washington Ave. For registration and information, call Ralph or Barb Melfi at 303-816-1435.

**Free Buffalo Bill Birthday Party**
Honoring Col. Al Huffman, who portrayed Buffalo Bill for more than 30 years around the world. Live music, games, costume contests and birthday cake. Noon to 4 p.m. at Rock Rest Lodge, 16005 Mt. Vernon Rd. For more information, contact monarchproductions@earthlink.net.

**Feb. 29**
**Leap Day**

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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

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**You Make the Difference Awards**

The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make the Difference” awards which are handed out at quarterly employee meetings. Employees are nominated by their coworkers for consistent demonstration of higher productivity in their daily work performance; willingness to go above and beyond; ability to think “outside” the parameters of their daily duties; genuine enthusiasm for day-to-day tasks and special projects; and ability to motivate others and encourage a positive work environment. One employee was recently honored with the award.

**Mark Dugan, Crew Leader – Public Works/Streets Division**

In mid October the 2011 Asphalt Replacement Program was winding down. The regular steward of the program was overseas on a business trip. The second individual tapped to oversee the project was likewise out of the office, this time for the birth of a child. Mark Dugan stepped up and ran the program. Mark demonstrated his willingness to take on duties outside his normal area of responsibility and skill in making correct and quick decisions.
City Website Makeover

The City of Golden has officially launched its brand new website! After a year of organizing, planning and gathering community and employee input, the new website is live and available for the public’s use at www.cityofgolden.net.

The old City of Golden website was outdated and difficult to navigate. The idea behind the new website is to make it much more user-friendly and to make it a “destination” for people. The theme is “Live, Work, Play” and the site gives clear cut navigation for residents, businesses and visitors who are looking for information or just want to see what makes Golden so special.

The site is fun and easy to view, but for someone who needs specific information quickly, there is a new City Services index that will take them directly to what they need.

You’ll see a lot more photos and videos on the City of Golden website, a helpful Community Calendar and easy links to events and places in the City.

Golden partnered with the web design and development company, o2 Group, based in Golden, to make the new website a reality. Their vision gives the website an old west feel, with all of the modern amenities people have come to expect.

As with any new website, there may be some glitches that still need adjustment. If you see a problem or want to give us feedback on the new site, email cityofgolden@cityofgolden.net.

Foothills Art Center’s Facelift

Imagine walking through the original carved wood door of the main building at Foothills Art Center (FAC) to be greeted by a reception area which envelopes you with warm colors and newly-finished walls. The wood is restored to its original elegance, reflecting the history and beauty of the time period. The staff welcomes you to the latest exhibit from behind a custom designed desk highlighting the beauty and majesty of this unique space. FAC is currently remodeling its front desk reception area in an effort to make this dream a reality. The gallery was awarded a charitable grant to support this anticipated renovation.

Restoring the beauty of the historical and architectural elements of the art center came from conversations with the community and with FAC members. The Center will update gallery systems to modern day museum standards while renovating the historical reception area. “Over the years we’ve found that our visitors value historical buildings like ours and we would like to honor that history,” said FAC Director Reilly Sanborn. “Creating up-to-date spaces to display art while upholding the charm and historical significance of our buildings is tremendously exciting and combining these two elements is what makes our galleries extremely unique in the art world.”

Golden locals Steven Silk of Happel & Associates and architect Dave Anderson of Anderson Hallas Architects have both generously donated their time and expertise to enable the success of the renovation. During the construction, the gift shop and exhibit space is closed, but the Community Gallery is open featuring the work of Hal Shelton, one of Colorado’s most successful painters.

The renovation process is expected to run through February, and the exhibit space will open again on March 2 with the Colorado Watercolor Society Show. For more information or to donate to the renovation, call 303-279-3922 x.28.
An Opportunity to Turn Historic Golden Properties into Landmarks

Anyone who owns a historic home or property in Golden is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to recognize it as a landmark. The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) is offering a program to assist owners of historic properties in Golden, to purchase bronze plaques denoting historic structures. The plaques cost $300 but the HPB will pay half if an owner orders it through the City program.

Eligible properties include locally designated structures, “contributing structures” in the three residential historic districts, and structures on the State or National Register of Historic Places. Funds are available for up to eight properties per year, and come from the application fees paid by applicants for the historic structure income tax credits administered on behalf of the state. These funds can only be used for historic preservation purposes. For more information on the program, contact HPB@cityofgolden.net or call 303-384-8097.

AWARD WINNING BRIDGE

The Washington Avenue Bridge over Clear Creek is the winner of a design award from the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Just take a look at the bridge and it’s not hard to figure out why it was recognized.

The City of Golden has been consistently improving and revitalizing its downtown for several decades. Due to its gateway-to-the-mountains location, Coors Brewery and many other incredible attractions, it was important to attract visitors, local and out of state alike. Golden also wanted to “connect” the city, both physically and with the City’s illustrious history.

The Washington Avenue Bridge and Plaza aids the City in achieving this connection and consistency with the downtown. Visitors to the downtown can grab lunch, walk across the bridge to the plaza and sit next to Clear Creek before continuing shopping. Recreationalists can finish rock climbing or kayaking and walk to downtown for dinner or shopping. Additionally, travelers can easily access the downtown for a unique experience before continuing into the high country.

“To me, this project is an excellent example of how a large design team collaborating with a good team of general contractor/sub contractors, can enhance a community and more specifically the downtown,” said project landscape architect Paul Kuhn of Winston Associates, Inc., “when an owner like the City of Golden has a strong vision and the perseverance to implement that vision.”

The ASLA was founded in 1899 and represents 17,000 members nation-wide. The Society’s mission is to lead, to educate and to participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning, and artful design of our cultural and natural environments.

The Bridge was completed in 2003, for $3.9 million with funding coming from The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, The Golden Urban Renewal Authority, The City Drainage Utility, Open Space and City Sales and Use Tax Fund. The project has previously received awards from the American Public Works Association, Jefferson County and The Colorado Construction Industry.
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 2011 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return.

The refund amount for 2011 is $50. 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 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: _________________

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Address: __________________________ Golden, CO ZIP: _________

Phone: __________________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2011? _____ 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, 2012.

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, Feb. 3 & March 2
Celebrate Health! is held upstairs at the Front Porch of the Golden Community Center. For more information, 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 (Active Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Sustainable Wellness by Chalyce Macoskey
Chalyce will teach you a new approach to the mind, body and spirit through nutrition and positive thinking. $10 per class payable to the instructor.
Feb. 2 - What is GMO labeling?
Feb. 9 - Obtaining Sustainable Wellness
Min/Max: 8/15, 10 to 11 a.m.

Retirement- Presented by Senior Reach
Are you newly retired or just needing to take a fresh look at what this stage of your life could hold? What if we all replaced the word “retirement” with a new and positive vision of basing your life and choices on your core values and becoming who you truly are. FREE Presentation!
Min/Max: 6/15
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS
Snowshoe Trip to Eldora - #15107-01
By Request! Join Mike O’Dorisio as he takes you on a snowshoe adventure on the groomed trails of Eldora Mountain. Snowshoe rentals available for $20 and the pass for the day will range from $3 - $15, depending on your age. You can pack a lunch or grab a bite to eat in the Lodge.
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$10 (van; bring money for rentals, day pass and lunch)
Exertion Level: 5
Register/Cancel by Feb. 5.

Downtown Aquarium - #15119-01
www.aquariumrestaurants.com
The Aquarium houses over 500 species of animals, the interactive Stingray Reef touch tank and Aquarium Restaurant. We’ll take a guided tour and lunch in the Aquarium restaurant.
Monday, Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$24 (includes van and admission, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Feb. 10.

Molly Brown House Full Tea - #15121-01
www.mollybrown.org
Enjoy Afternoon tea at the Molly Brown House. Be there as “Mrs. Brown” personally welcomes “Captain Smith” to her home for tea as they politely discuss their upcoming voyage together on the luxury liner Titanic.
Sunday, March 11, noon to 4 p.m.
$35 (van, admission and tea included)
Exertion Level: 3 (4 flights of stairs required)
Register/Cancel by March 9.
Dinosaur Discovery
Budding paleontologists learn about dinosaurs and the techniques used in extracting fossils in this hands-on class. Go on a fossil dig, analyze and assemble skeleton pieces, produce a fossil reconstruction, create a mural and produce a movie documentary of your discoveries.

Age: 4 - 6 years
Fridays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 - 24
$45 Resident, $50 Non-resident

Kids on Canvas
Each lesson will focus on painting techniques using safe, non-toxic acrylic paints, canvas paper, canvas board and stretched canvas. Through this popular program, painters build artistic skills, developing creativity and learning about styles and techniques of outstanding artists.

Age: 4 - 6 years
Wednesday 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Feb. 22 - March 14

Age: 7 - 12 years
Wednesday 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Feb. 22 - March 14
$70 Resident, $75 Non-resident

Tiny Tots in Action
This class offers a fun, energetic playtime in the gym utilizing tunnels, mats, low-level balance beams, hoops, sports equipment and much more for parent and child.

Age: 2 - 3 years
Thursdays, 4 - 4:45 p.m.
Feb. 2 - 23
$35 Resident, $40 Non-resident

Fit Kids
Class will include tumbling, hoops, jumping, balancing, sports, parachute play and much more. Children will enjoy free time near the end of the class to spread their wings.

Age: 4 - 6 years
Thursdays, 5 - 5:45 p.m.
Feb. 2 - 23
$35 Resident, $40 Non-resident

My First Abrakadoodle Art Class
This class introduces new art experiences to the youngest of doodlers. This special series of “My Firsts” includes collage, 3D art, hand printing, beginning paper cutting and musical art.

Age: 1½ - 3 years
Monday, 5 - 7 p.m.
Feb. 13
$25 resident, $29 Non-resident

Age: 7 - 12 years
Wednesday 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Feb. 22 - March 14
$70 Resident, $75 Non-resident

Abrakadoodle Art for Mini Doodlers
This class introduces new art experiences including sculpture, printing, watercolor and tempera painting, wax resist and rubbing. Activities are designed to provide opportunities to help prepare children for school, explore new materials, learn about artists and art techniques and nurture creativity.

Age: 3½ - 5 years
Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Feb. 22 - March 14
$55 Resident, $59 Non-resident

Sketch It In 3D
Let your imagination run wild and learn how to build amazing 3D models of anything you want!

Age: 9 - 12 years
Thursdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2 - 23
$75 Resident, $80 Non-resident

Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!

Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen.

Call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates.

Make your event special—have it at the Golden Community Center.
The Golden community is invited to join the Golden Library in the inaugural One Book. One Golden program. The goals of the program are to promote a culture of reading and bring the community together through a shared reading experience.

After tallying the Golden community’s votes, the first book selected is Growing Up True: Lessons of a Western Boyhood by Colorado author Craig S. Barnes. As part of the program, the author will be making a special appearance at the Golden Library and there will be unique programs tied to the book’s theme, offered throughout the year. The Golden Library will have more information in early March.

Growing Up True is an evocative, beautifully written autobiography that celebrates the power of family and the bedrock values of the “Greatest Generation” – integrity, hard work, kindness and tolerance.

Golden Preschool to Offer Full Day Program

The state-licensed Golden Preschool continues to grow by offering high quality education to the Golden community. The 4-Star Qualistar rated program (www.qualistar.org) will expand for the 2012-2013 school year to include a full day option. The current program from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will remain an option with the addition of a full day program from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Offering quality education with one of the lowest fees in Jefferson County, the full day program averages five dollars per hour. Parents also have the option of selecting Monday, Wednesday, Friday and/or Tuesday, Thursday. Children ages three to five years are eligible for enrollment; though children must be four to five years of age to be eligible for the full day option.

Golden Preschool is designed to encourage the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of each child. Children explore colors, shapes, the alphabet, numbers and crafts while gaining self-confidence, developing vocabulary and social skills. The program focuses on the whole child through hands on experiences that enrich and build each child’s learning skills according to their age and ability all with appropriate staff to student ratios of one staff for every ten students or less.

Continuing to strive for excellence, Golden Preschool has entered into the study phase of the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation) process. NAEYC Academy (www.naeyc.org) sets and monitors standards for high-quality early childhood education programs and accredits programs that meet these standards. Golden Preschool will be accredited by spring 2013.

2012-2013 Open Enrollment:

- Visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net for more information and to print the registration form.
- Submit the form by Friday, Feb. 24 to be included in the lottery. It will include an opportunity for a full day program for ages 4-5 years.
- An emailed receipt will be sent within three business days indicating the status of your registration.
- Registration forms will be accepted after Feb. 24, if the program is full a waitlist will be maintained. No fee for the waitlist.
- Emergency forms and immunization records are due by July 31.

For more information contact Tracy Hagelund at 303-384-8124 or thagelund@cityofgolden.net.
Golden Full Circle

As the photographer for Golden History Museums (GHM) since 2007, Scott Dressel-Martin’s photos have captured the heart and soul of the museums for the past five years. After co-curating our highly successful exhibit, Golden in Focus: Historic Photo Show and Sale last year, GHM developed the idea for Golden Full Circle.

Any person who has been to Golden holds a picture of it in their mind’s eye. To some it’s a brewery, to others it’s the big “Howdy” arch, and to others it’s a Wild West town of myth and legend.

Scott calls this show “a personal visual exploration of Golden. It's about finding the unexpected moments, the juxtaposition of old Golden and new Golden, the unconventional views of the bits of Golden we see every day.” He goes on to say, “I'm not trying to create a travelogue of images that would be used to market Golden as much as I'm exploring the town and trying to understand the visual context of the community in a different light.”

Scott uses his technical and aesthetic skills, passions and knowledge to create images that touch viewers and inspire them to venture out to create their own experiences. Photography is his ticket to the world and it is very much the context within which he experiences life.

Come and see for yourself his sweeping 360-degree panoramic views and intimate close-ups of our landscape at a free public reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 3 at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St.
Most of us live, work or play in Golden partly because of the spectacular scenery. Everywhere you look there is something to catch the eye, whether it’s produced by people or by nature. We would like for you to share your amazing photos with us, so that we can share them with the rest of Golden.

The pictures on this page were all taken by Golden residents. Mountain Ridge resident Rob Medina took the picture of the rainbow from his back porch overlooking the Golden Valley. He told us there were multiple rainbows that day and not even this photo does it justice.

The photo of the “three-headed deer” was taken by professional photographer Andrew Terrill, who uses Golden’s natural resources for much of his work at www.agoldendiary.com. And the picture of the kids on the bridge was taken by Tonya Delborne, a budding art student who wanted a canvas for her stunning photo.

You do not need to be a professional photographer... not even close... to submit great pictures for use in the Golden Informer. All pictures will be accepted and we will notify you if your picture is chosen.

Submitted photos may also be used on the City of Golden website, www.cityofgolden.net.

For more information or to submit a high resolution photo, call Karlyn Tilley at 303-384-8132 or email ktilley@cityofgolden.net. We will not pay for pictures. This is just an opportunity to share your experiences with the rest of the city. We look forward to seeing what you’ve captured on your camera!
2012 Summer Employment Opportunities

The City of Golden will soon be accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, the Splash Aquatic Park and Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Be sure to check out our website at http://sitetools.cityofgolden.net/employment.asp for job availability.

Opportunities include:

- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors
- Batting Cage Attendants
- Field Crew
- Day Camp Leaders
- Youth Program Leaders
- Parks
- Cemetery and Golf Maintenance
- Pro-Shop Guest Services at Fossil Trace
- Cashiers and Food & Beverage Workers at The Splash