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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

COME TO A GOLDEN VISION 2030 BLOCK PARTY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

What do you love about Golden? What qualities about Golden should be preserved? The Local Advisory Committee for the Golden Vision 2030 Plan is bringing the party to you! Continuing with our series of eight neighborhood block parties throughout the summer, two more will be held on Saturday, July 11, and Saturday, July 18, in the Rimrock/Southridge area and the Eagle Ridge/Heritage Dells areas of the City to gather input for the Golden Vision 2030 effort. We want to hear about your favorite places in Golden and what you like best about your neighborhood. This will not be your average neighborhood get-together, as you can expect BBQs grilling up tasty food, drinks, prize giveaways, and fun for the kids and adults alike. Come meet with your neighbors, tell us your story, and talk about what makes Golden home for you! Details are on the Golden Vision 2030 webpage at www.cityofgolden.net/goldenvision2030. Or, for more information, call the Golden Planning Department at (303) 384-8097.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CHANGES

The Golden City Council will not meet on July 2 for the regularly scheduled study session due to the July 4th holiday. Study sessions are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

There will not be a City Council meeting on July 30 because it is the fifth Thursday of the month.

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.

July 2
No meeting

July 9
Regular business meeting

July 16
Study session

July 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 welcomed and on the agenda at all regular business meetings.

MOVIES AND MUSIC IN THE PARK COMING IN AUGUST

Once again, the City of Golden and GREAT (Golden Resource for Education, Arts and Theater) have joined forces to produce the Movies & Music in the Park series. This year’s events are scheduled for the first four Friday nights in August in Parfet Park, located at 10th Street and Washington Avenue, in picturesque downtown Golden.

Movies and Music in the Park features family-friendly music and a movie each night. Bands begin performing at 7 p.m. and the featured movie of the night begins at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Admission is FREE so grab your blanket and settle into your spot early! Enjoy a relaxing evening in the park and watch a movie under the stars.

The year’s schedule is:

August 7th - Horton Hears a Who
Musical Act: Zebra Junction

August 14th - City Slickers
Musical Act: Unknown Americans

August 21st - Kung Fu Panda
Musical Act: John Common

August 28th - Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
Musical Act: Rob Drabkin
Among the many things worth celebrating this summer: 150 years after Golden was created, we are an exceptional community of people who choose to make this valley and this town our home. People in Golden are neighbors before anything else, we look out for one another, and we share in the challenges and joys of protecting and strengthening our neighborhoods and our community.

These qualities are especially apparent in the summer months, when it seems the entire community participates in some sort of terrific festival or event just about every weekend. June was full of great community celebrations and the rest of the summer calendar will keep the same pace. We’ve got all the Golden regulars: the Farmer’s Market every Saturday morning, Independence Day just around the corner, Buffalo Bill Days in late July, National Night Out and the Fine Arts Festival in August, and so many other events we can hardly keep track of them.

We’ve also got “Golden Vision 2030” neighborhood meetings all summer long, including one in Rimrock Park on July 11, another at Kimball St. and Kinney Run Trail on July 18, the Golden Ridge clubhouse on August 8, and one more near Orchard St. on August 22. If you weren’t able to attend the one in your own neighborhood you can attend any of the others.

One particular joy of being part of the Golden community is this: around every corner you’ll find another group of Golden residents working together to improve their neighborhood, helping folks who need a hand, and contributing to the health of our community. To cite one example, I dare anyone to try to keep up with the Golden Lions Club and their incredibly hard work completing one important community project after another (a new roof at the Tony Grampas picnic shelters and new dugouts at the high school are just two of their projects this year). And to cite just one more, I invite everyone to visit the new community gardens just west of the Community Center along the bike path. You’ll find many dozens of Golden residents and families getting to know one another, growing their own fresh vegetables on nearly 50 plots, and sharing in the remarkable experience of turning a dirt lot into a thriving garden.

Finally, I’d like to encourage everyone to either attend your own neighborhood block party or, if no one is planning it yet, take up the mantle and make it happen. Block parties are a great way to meet the neighbors you don’t know and catch up with the ones you do. The city offers small grants to pay for ice cream, burgers or whatever you might need to make your own neighborhood block party a success. For more information on the community grant program please contact Denise Hish at dhish@cityofgolden.net.

Have a great summer, and I hope to see you downtown, at the festivals, on the trails, in our restaurants and stores, or at the community garden.

Signed

Mayor Jacob Smith
On June 11, the Golden City Council voted, by a margin of 6-1, to maintain the “status quo” of holiday displays on public property. Traditionally, the City places lights on trees through downtown and along Clear Creek in addition to a Santa which is placed atop the arch over Washington Avenue. The City does not allow any religious displays on public property but encourages them on private property.

In the fall of 2008, the City Council was asked to add a Menorah to the display. After significant public input, the council adopted Resolution 1928 which maintained the existing display and defined what was allowed to be displayed on public property. The council also promised to come back in the spring of 2009 to discuss the issue further and to gather more public input.

The council developed four proposals for citizens to consider.

1. Eliminate the lights on trees and the Santa and allow no religious or holiday displays of any kind on public property.
2. Status quo – continue to display lights on trees and the historic Santa but no other religious and/or holiday displays on public property.
3. Status quo plus a Nativity scene, a Menorah, and a symbol provided by the Islamic community (if they wish) on public property during a specific period, perhaps at the Visitor Center or another location.
4. Select a specific location on public property and allow a larger number of religious displays during a specific period of time, trying to ensure that each major religion is represented. This would also require the development of criteria to determine how organizations are selected and what is or is not allowed (such as non-religious displays or potentially offensive displays).

After a significant amount of input via email, interaction with council members, and attendance at council meetings, the majority of citizens preferred maintaining the status quo. While the council has voted to maintain the current display, they also expressed interest in continuing the discussion with local religious and community leaders in an effort to find a way to include other groups in the holiday celebration.

Golden Wins Fight to Protect Museum Artifacts

The fight to protect artifacts at the Golden Pioneer Museum ended on Tuesday, June 9, when Jefferson County District Court Judge R. Brooke Jackson ruled in favor of the City of Golden. Judge Jackson’s ruling reaffirms that the City owns the museum itself, all artifacts in the museum, and in off-site storage. He also ruled that the Mount Lookout Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (MLDAR) does not own any artifacts.

The judge identified a short list of items that are not owned by the City. Those items were donated by individuals who testified that they thought they were donating them to a museum owned by the MLDAR. Based on this mistaken belief, the judge reversed the donations and gave the donors 60-days to petition for the return of those items. If petitions are not filed, those items will become museum property.

“We hope that this exhaustive legal effort demonstrates our unwavering commitment to the protection of Golden’s history,” said City Manager Mike Bestor. “It is the intent of the City to provide a museum that is as impressive as the City’s history for generations to come.”

Golden Mayor Jacob Smith reacted to the ruling by saying, “The artifacts and the museum are the property of the citizens of Golden, and we are very pleased we were able to protect this invaluable community resource.”

Judge Jackson issued his decision after more than five days of testimony.

Although it has had many different names through the years, the museum was created as a Jefferson County museum in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). It was closed in 1941 when the WPA stopped financing the museum. It reopened in 1954 and the City of Golden took over operations in 1958.

In September of 2008, the Golden City Council voted to consolidate management of the three City owned museums and selected Friends of the Astor House, now known as Golden History Museums, to manage the facilities. The Golden Pioneer Museum has since changed its name to the Golden History Center.
General Election November 3

The City of Golden will participate in a General Municipal Election in conjunction with Jefferson County’s mail-in ballot election on November 3.

All four ward seats on the Golden City Council will be up for election.

A current ward map is available on the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net.

Potential candidates may obtain petitions and begin circulating them from the City Clerk’s Office beginning on Tuesday, August 4. The petitions must be turned into the City Clerk’s Office by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 24.

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate should contact the City Clerk’s Office for information regarding qualifications for office, Campaign Finance requirements and petitioning requirements.

For more information please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014, 303-384-8015, or by email clerks@cityofgolden.net.

Council Changes Rescue Billing Guidelines

Since 1999, the City of Golden has billed non-residents for rescue, fire, and accident responses by the Golden Fire Department (GFD) that take place outside the City limits. Most of the incidents have occurred along U.S. 6 in Clear Creek Canyon.

Over the years, the City has received criticism from groups concerned about the possibility that someone may not call for help due to concerns about receiving a bill. Between 2003 and February of 2009, a total of 48 bills were sent to individuals. The average bill was just over $1400. The amount billed is based on the number and type of personnel and equipment needed to respond to the incident as well as the length of time on scene.

The City does not bill anyone who has a Colorado Search and Rescue Card (CORSAR) which is issued as part of hunting and fishing licenses or can be purchased separately at numerous outdoor equipment stores. Funds from the card go into a Search and Rescue Fund which reimburses departments for some of the cost associated with emergency responses.

In June, the City Council voted to stop billing individuals who are participating in legitimate outdoor activities such as hiking, water sports, fishing, or hunting. Bills will be issued for anyone involved in an illegal activity. Auto accidents will continue to be billed because they are usually paid by the insurance company of the at-fault driver.

The Golden Fire Department has the utmost respect for people who participate in outdoor recreational activities and would like to remind everyone to be mindful of their surroundings; know your conditioning and ability level, and to always wear the appropriate safety equipment.

While the City of Golden is changing its billing policy, we encourage everyone to purchase a CORSAR card if you plan to venture beyond the pavement. You never know when you may need it.

REVIEW OF DISABLED ACCESS UNDERWAY

The City of Golden is undergoing a review of all City buildings, parks, programs, and services to ensure they are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). One element of the review is an audit designed to determine how accessible all aspects of the City are to the disabled community. A consulting company called Meeting the Challenges is conducting the audit which is expected to be completed in August.

The results of the audit will be used to develop a compliance or improvement plan. That plan could include changes in practices, policies, and programs in addition to capital construction projects to make necessary physical changes. The goal is to ensure the City is compliant ADA law and has accessible facilities and programs that available to all members of the community.
KUSA Dismantling Towers on Lookout Mountain

With the deadline for commercial television stations to transition to a digital signal passed, KUSA has begun the process of removing their towers and equipment from the top of Lookout Mountain. A schedule released by Jefferson County in late-May indicated that the television station planned to begin the demolition process in mid-June and expects to have the entire site cleared of equipment, structures, and buildings by the end of August.

As of press time, KMGH has not released a schedule of when they expect to remove their equipment from the site. The deadline for commercial television stations to transition to a digital over-the-air signal was June 12. The original February deadline was extended due to concerns that citizens had not been given enough time to obtain the necessary converter boxes.

MAX TYLER SWORN IN AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Max Tyler has been selected to fill the State Representative seat vacated by Gwyn Green. Green resigned her seat effective June 1. Tyler was sworn into office on June 4 during a ceremony at the State Capitol.

In a recent news release House Speaker Terrance Carroll responded to the selection by saying, “He’s a smart guy and a strategic thinker. Max is just what we need in these tough economic times to help us expand the circle of opportunity.”

Representative-elect Tyler, 61, will represent House District 23 for the remainder of Green’s term. District 23 includes Golden and parts of Lakewood and Edgewater. Before being elected as a State Representative in 2004, Green served on the Golden City Council for three years.

Former County Courthouse Demolished

The Hall of Justice, located at 900 18th Street on the School of Mines campus, is being demolished to clear the site for a future building project. Demolition work began in early June and the site is expected to be cleared by the second week of July. The area will be left as a grass field until a final decision is made on what will be built on the site.

The building was complete in 1966 and served as the Jefferson County Courthouse until the new courts and administration building was built in 1993. Crews have been conducting asbestos abatement inside the building for several months in preparation for the demolition.
**City Council Waives Solar Permit Fees**

As of June 1st, City Council approved a one-year pilot program to incentivize residents to install solar photovoltaic and solar thermal systems. Residents who apply for solar permits will not be charged for review fees and permit fees. Sales and use taxes still apply, but the money saved may contribute to shortening the payback period of a solar system. Residents can also take advantage of the federal tax credit (30%) and Xcel’s renewable energy credits (REC) to offset costs. If you are interested in having your home assessed for a solar photovoltaic (electric) or solar thermal (hot water) system, Xcel Energy’s website can put you in contact with a local solar provider who will make an appointment to review your utility bills and look at your options. Assessment are free, so why not find out if solar is right for you?

**Free Sprinkler Inspections**

July can be one of the hottest and driest months in Colorado’s semi-arid climate. While you’re making sure your plants receive enough water, you can also ensure that your sprinkler system isn’t wasting water. Residents of Golden can contact the Center for ReSource Conservation at 303-999-3820, ext. 217 to sign up for a free irrigation inspection. Save money on your water bill and help conserve one of Colorado’s most precious resources.
ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN GOLDEN

With the July 4th holiday just days away, the Golden Fire Department would like to remind citizens that the storage, possession, sale, and use of ALL fireworks are prohibited by the City of Golden. This includes fireworks that may be allowed under state law and are sold or used in unincorporated areas of the county. As a home rule municipality, Golden has the right to ban all fireworks. Counties are prohibited from banning state permissible fireworks by state law.

State permissible consumer fireworks are those that do not produce a loud noise or do not leave the ground such as cones, fountains, ground spinners and sparklers. Fireworks commonly known as firecrackers, bottle or sky rockets, roman candles, cherry bombs or M-80’s are illegal throughout Colorado.

Both state law and the City of Golden fire code allow public displays to be conducted by licensed fireworks operators provided they obtain the necessary permits from the fire department. In fact, the Golden Fire Department encourages citizens to enjoy supervised public displays, such as the Golden Lions club display which is conducted annually provided weather and drought conditions do not call for a local or statewide ban of all fireworks.

The 4th of July is a time to celebrate our nation’s heritage and to gather with friends and family. Please leave the fireworks to the professionals. Every year countless people suffer serious injury and property damage from the use of fireworks, both legal and illegal.

The Golden Informer

4th of July Celebration
at Lions Park

The 38th Annual Golden Lions Club Fourth of July Festival will be held again this year in Lions Park, located at 10th and Maple. The daylong event will feature food, beverages, entertainment, live bands and will culminate with a spectacular fireworks show around 9:30 p.m. The Golden Lions Club is giving back to the community again this year with FREE RIDES for all the kids, including a trackless train ride. The Fourth of July Raffle, starting at 1 p.m. this year, will feature a $1,000 grand prize. There will be many other prizes, including patio furniture, hotel stays and gift certificates from local merchants, over 200 in all with a total value of $15,000. Raffle tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club member for $1 each, or a book of 10 for $5 and you do not need to be present to win. To buy your raffle tickets look for the Lions Club members at the Golden Farmers Market, Foss Liquors, Safeway, and King Soopers, Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Fourth of July Festival Raffle is a major fundraiser for the Golden Lions and all proceeds from this family event go towards the Club’s Community Betterment Fund. This fund has been used in the past to finance numerous construction projects around town. The concession building at Ulysses Park, the restrooms at 12th and Arapahoe streets, the pavilions in Lion’s Park, gazebo type pavilions in the Norman D., Beverly Heights and Southridge neighborhood parks and picnic tables and benches all around Golden have all been funded by the Community Betterment Fund.

Come on out and celebrate the holiday, show your community spirit, and help support a very good cause; the Golden Lions Club’s Community Betterment Fund. For more information on this day long event on a holiday weekend and a map to the park check out the Club’s website at www.GoldenLionsClub.org.
Every Saturday

Golden Farmers Market
You’ll find fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, fresh jams, sweets & snacks, potted plants, cut flowers, beef, pork, lamb, salmon, buffalo, and the list goes on. This year’s market will prove to be the best yet, much bigger with many more vendors to choose from, so you must come to it. It’s not only a place to shop for your needs but also a place to get to know your Golden neighbors. The market runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is located just west of the library on 10th Street. For more information please go to www.goldencochamber.org or call 303-279-3113.

July 4

4th of July Festival
The Golden Lions Club’s annual 4th of July Festival in Lions Park. Festivities start at noon and conclude after the fireworks at sundown. Free rides for kids all day and live music featuring the “Golden Eagle Concert Band.” Lions Park is located at 10th and Maple.

July 11th and 12th

Railroad Museum 50th Anniversary
The Colorado Railroad Museum is commemorating 50-years of heritage with all the pomp and circumstance due this great Iron Horse veteran of Colorado railroad history. Witness the spectacular Train Parade featuring Locomotive No. 346, the three Galloping Geese – No. 2, 6, and 7, Pee Wee No. 3, No. 50, No. 4 and Motorcar No. 10. The celebration runs from 9 to 5 p.m. Daytime celebration activities are free to Museum Members; special event admission applies for other guests. The Colorado Railroad Museum is located at 17155 W. 44th Avenue. For more information go to www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org or call 303-279-4519.

July 18

Hands-On Woodstove Cooking
Drop in and learn the art of cooking on a woodstove with our master of the domestic arts, Linda Griffin. Help her cook up a storm in the Pearce Cabin as you learn what went in to putting dinner on the table for a frontier family. Event takes place at the Clear Creek History Park, located near 11th and Washington, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A suggested $5 donation for materials would be appreciated. For more information contact Golden History Museums at frontdesk@goldenhistorymuseums.org or by phone at 303-279-3113.

July 25th

Saddle Club at the Corral
As part of Buffalo Bill Days, the Clear Creek History Park, located at 11th and Washington, will be hosting members of the Buffalo Bill Saddle Club.
So stop by to meet and greet some equines while learning from a few experts. The event begins at 2 p.m. For more information please go to www.goldenhistorymuseums.org or call 303-278-3557.

Opening July 31

*Enchanted April*

Two frustrated English housewives travel to Italy for a holiday from their bleak marriages. Recruiting two other women to share costs and the experience, all four rediscover themselves in unexpected ways. Don’t miss this Tony Award nominated play. Nytheatre.com called it, “A show that leaves you positively glowing.” Opening July 31 and running Fri. Sat. Sun. through Sept. 13 Event times: Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 6 p.m. The Sept. 13 performance is at 2 p.m. Admission is $20 (senior, student, group rates available). Miners Alley Playhouse is located upstairs on the corner of 13th and Washington. For more information please contact Rick Bernstein at mtckid@earthlink.net or 303-935-3044.

The Golden Police Department is pleased to announce its 12th annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 4 in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. The night will include free food, live music, games, demos, giveaways and special guest appearances by CBS Channel 4 reporter Karlyn Tilley and Investigator Mike Harris from the Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office. Tilley will be the MC for the night and Harris will give a special presentation called “ Stranger Danger: internet strangers and keeping your children safe while surfing the net.”

Come out and meet your neighbors and your local police officers while enjoying a fun-filled night out in the park. For more information or to make a donation, call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!
It’s that time of the year again! Golden’s annual Buffalo Bill Days Festival brings the rip-roaring Wild West back to historic downtown for a weekend of fun, fun and more fun. Western history buffs, families, especially the “youngsters,” and visitors alike will all enjoy the entertainment, the unique Best of the West parade, authentic Wild West contests, music, arts and crafts, kids games and rides, and of course, plenty of good food and beverages. And let’s not forget, the kickoff events, which includes the Golf Tournament at Fossil Trace on Wednesday, July 22, featuring a 1:30 p.m. shotgun (what else) start.

Thursday the Golden Chamber will host the annual Buffalo Bill Days Luncheon at the historic Buffalo Rose in downtown Golden.

The weekend is the main event and kicks off at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 24 with a night of music at Parfet Park. Featured bands will be Chris Daniels and the Kings at 7 p.m. on Friday evening, the Texas based Dale Watson country and western band on Saturday evening at 8 p.m., preceded at 7 p.m. by warm-up band the Redline Rockets. There will also be local entertainment, including adult and children dancers and local bands playing throughout the weekend.

Events in the park will include music and entertainment on the main stage, arts and craft vendors, food and beverage vendors, rides and games for the kids. Free train rides for the kids are available on Saturday, 12 to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Don’t forget the American Legion Duck race on Sunday afternoon starting at 1 p.m. Buy your duck anytime before then for a chance to win one of the many prizes.

Saturday features the Best of the West Parade. Around high noon a number of western style contests will take place in the middle of Washington Avenue. Sunday morning begins with a Community Worship Service followed by Muttin Bustin for the kids and both a Classic Car Show and Orphan Car show. Other Golden organizations like the Astor House, Clear Creek History Park and the Golden History Museum will hold events as part of the celebration.

For more information visit www.buffalobilldays.com, or call the Buffalo Bill Days Committee at 303-384-0003.
### 2009 Schedule of Events

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New Banners Grace Downtown Light Poles

A new series of banners have been placed on many of the light poles along Washington Avenue. The new banners, made from photos of landscapes and activities from the spring and summer, are the result of the Golden Urban Renewal Authorities (GURA) banner contest.

In March, GURA solicited photos from Golden residents depicting one of three genres: spring/summer, patriotic, and fall/winter. The top three submissions received prizes donated by Pentax Cameras which is headquartered in downtown Golden.

The new banners will replace banners that have become worn and tattered after years of display.

2009 GURA DOWNTOWN STREET POLE BANNER CONTEST WINNERS

1st Place Winner: N. Scott Hoffner
- Awarded a K20DA SLR camera w/ 18-55mm lense

2nd Place Winner: Terri Smith
- Awarded an Optio W60 waterproof point and shoot camera

3rd Place Winner: David Powers
- Awarded an Option E60 point and shoot camera

“What Not to Wear” Comes to Golden

The Golden Fire Department took on an unusual role on June 2; they were the supporting cast for the filming of The Learning Channel (TLC) show “What Not to Wear.” 15 volunteer firefighters and more than a dozen Red Cross disaster response workers staged a mock training exercise at Golden Fire Station 1 to assist show producers in surprising 30-year-old Alexandra Gregor with a $5,000 makeover and a trip to New York City.

Family, friends, and co-workers nominated Gregor for the show based on their belief that her wardrobe was in need of some serious help. Show hosts Stacy and Clinton snuck up on her as she was handing bottles of water to fire personnel. Despite her surprise, Gregor gladly accepted the invitation to throw away her wardrobe and to fly to New York for a shopping spree and a makeover.

Show hosts, Stacy and Clinton, pose for photos with a Red Cross volunteer.

Battalion Chief Bob Burrell worked closely with show producers to coordinate the “training exercise.” The episode is expected to air sometime in August on TLC.
During the early years of Golden, the town was by no means civilized. Many people were more interested in saloons and gambling than church worship. In the summer of 1859, shortly after Golden City was organized as a company town, owners of a gambling tent allowed a pastor to hold church services there. Apparently, whiskey barrels were used for the pulpit and seats.

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

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

Today, Calvary Episcopal Church is Colorado’s oldest continuously used Episcopal Church.

Much thanks to the amazing sources listed below for providing the history cited in this article:

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The website for Calvary Episcopal Church www.calvarygolden.net/history.htm
Beat the Heat at the Golden Community Center

Beat the heat with an indoor workout at the Golden Community Center. The Center offers a wide range of wellness opportunities in the summer to keep you on track with your fitness goals; after all, consistency is the key to gaining results. Enjoy laps in the pool, utilize the fitness room, or choose from a variety of fitness classes such as Spinning, Yoga or Power Training. The benefits of weight training alone include loss of pain, increased energy and bone density and decreased fat.

For those looking to begin a new workout regiment, the Golden Community Center employs Weight Room Attendants to ensure users of the fitness room a clean, safe environment. Attendants are trained to act as teachers by demonstrating the correct use of weight and cardiovascular equipment. Weight Room Attendants are not Personal Trainers and do not provide fitness programs.

For personal exercise guidance, the Center offers Personal Trainers certified by professionally recognized agencies. The Personal Trainers offer a variety of specialties to accommodate all ages and skill levels. Learn more by visiting the Personal Training Biography Board at the fitness room entrance. Personal Trainers can also provide expertise post rehabilitation. After a physical therapist releases a patient they expect the patient to continue improving on their own. Personal trainers help clients gain strength, flexibility and improved quality of life. Trainers are not doctors and will not provide any aspect of medical treatment for a client’s injury. The Golden Community Center requires a release from a physician so the trainer is knowledgeable of any limitations and can better understand a client’s personal need. The goal is not only to get the client back to normal but also avoid injury in the future.

For more information on summer fitness and personal training packages, contact a Guest Services Representative at 303 384 8100 or visit www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec. This summer keep injury at bay, meet friends and cool off at the Golden Community Center!

The lap pool at the Golden Community Center is one of the ways to stay cool this summer.

CHAMBER VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE PRESIDENTIAL HONOR

The Golden Chamber of Commerce received a letter from the President’s Council on Service and Participation informing them that the center’s volunteers have earned the President’s Volunteer Service Award. The council was established in 2003 to recognize the contributions volunteers are making in their communities and to encourage more people to volunteer.

Individuals or groups can receive this honor based on the number of hours spent volunteering during a 12-month period or over a life time. The chamber volunteers received the Gold Award which is given to families or groups who provide more than 1000-hours of service over a one year period.

A congratulatory letter from the Office of the President stated, “Americans continue to serve and are part of the gathering momentum of millions of acts of kindness and decency that are changing America, one heart and soul at a time. Your actions are part of this change.”
Check out the programs offered this summer at the Community Center
To register, visit www.goldenrec.com

Fungineering I
Projects include: Seesaw, Stamper (with multiple complex levers), Car and Launcher, Cab and Trailer, Crane and Fan (using a belt drive system). We’ll also play some fun games.
   Ages: 4 - 6 years
   Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. July 6 - 9
   $40 Resident, $45 Non-resident

Fungineering II
Projects include: Merry-go-Round, Food Mixer, Winch, Turnstile, Car with Crane and a Measuring Wheel. Build your own invention during the Invention Session. No prerequisite.
   Age: 4 - 6 years
   Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. July 27 - 30
   $40 Resident, $45 Non-resident

Urban Forager/Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants
Explore the treasure trove of wild herbs, medicinal plants and edible weeds common to every backyard with Clinical Herbalist, Susan Evans.
   Ages: 16 years and older
   Thursday 6:30 to 8 p.m. July 16
   $15 Resident, $20 Non-resident

Digital Genealogy
After this course you will be able to answer the nagging question, “Where did I come from?” Create family trees, input photos and add stories that generations will enjoy.
   Optional materials fee: Family Tree $35.
   Ages: 18 years and over
   Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
   July 31 - August 14
   $45 Resident, $50 Non-resident

Digital Scrapbooking (with digital photos)
Insert your photos, make decorative borders, add stickers and stamps, customize your design, and if you do not like your creation, you can delete all or parts of it with a click!
   Ages: 15 years and over
   Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
   July 10 - 17
   $30 Resident, $35 Non-resident

Go Green!
Alternative Energy Engineering
Combine engineering and alternative energy! Build cars, cranes, drawbridges, etc. from LEGO® kits and operate them using alternative energy sources.
   Ages: 7 - 12 years
   Monday - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. July 6 - 9
   $80 Resident, $85 Non-resident

Mission to Mars Workshops
SpaceTime’s MISSION TO MARS Workshop takes you on a virtual journey to our planetary neighbor to search for signs of Martian life and find out what living on an alien world would be like.
   Ages: 5 - 12 years
   Tuesdays, 4 - 6 p.m. July 7 or July 30
   $18 Resident, $21 Non-resident

Rockin’ Rockets Camp
If you like rockets, you’ll love SpaceTime’s ROCKIN’ ROCKETS Camp. You will experience their history from the earliest rockets built 2000 years ago to the rockets being launched today as well as hands-on learn some of the science behind how they fly.
   Ages: 6 - 12 years
   Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
   July 20 - 23
   $196 Resident, $201 Non-resident

Spybots
Become a secret agent with some very unique robots, a computer and a programmable remote controller. Complete daring missions using state-of-the-art software and communication systems to bring your creations to life!
   Ages: 7 - 12 years
   Monday - Thursday, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
   July 27 to July 30
   $60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
This course is designed for the pre-teen (11-13 years) and helps them prepare for those first babysitting opportunities. American Heart Association Certification issued.
   Ages: 11 and over
   Friday, 9 to 3 p.m. July 24
   $65 Resident, $70 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.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, July 10* and August 7
(second Friday due to July 4 holiday weekend)
Free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies!
Chair massages.......... $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ... $13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce. $15 per pedicure

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=334 or sign up for email!

ATHLETICS & WELLNESS
For a complete schedule of exercise programs, stop in at the Front Desk and ask for information. You can also check classes online at www.goldenrec.com.

Games, Classes & Clubs
All week long, everything from Bridge, Pinochle, Dominoes, Mah Jongg and Billiards, Quilting, Pottery and lots more.

Volunteer Activities
Whether you want to sew, provide administrative duties, or converse with International School of Mines students – we have people who could use your help!

TRIPS & TOURS:
Colorado Rockies vs. Atlanta Braves
Sun., July 12; Register/Cancel by July 6
11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$26 (van, parking, admission)

Florissant Fossil Beds
Fri., July 17; Register/Cancel by July 15
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$20
(van, admission, bring $$ for coffee stops)

Rachmaninoff – Colorado Music Festival, Chautauqua Auditorium
Thurs., July 23; Register/Cancel by July 9
6:30 to 11 p.m.; $35 (van, admission)

White Water Rafting, Arkansas River
Monday, July 20; Register/Cancel by July 6
8:30 am to 8 pm
$60 (van, admission, bring $$ for lunch)
The Brown's Canyon half day rafting trip is perfect for first time rafters and non-swimmers.

Sondheim’s A Little Night Music, Central City Opera
Fri., July 31; Register/Cancel by July 6
1 to 5:30 p.m., $60 (van, admission)
The musical follows the lives of several couples from all walks of life and their views on life, love and sex are explored with compassion and humor. Register early.
Looking for a good time this summer? Splash Water Park at Fossil Trace is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
The largest water park in Jefferson County, Splash is a slide-filled park located on Illinois Street next to the Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. Splash has 180 foot and 150 foot twisty, tube-riding water slides, a sand box, a 25-meter lap pool, bustling activity pool complete with fountains, wading areas and a spectacular 500-gallon dump bucket. Splash was awarded Best Places for Families by Kids Pages Magazine!

Admission to Splash is free for seniors and tots under two when they are accompanied by a paid admission. Golden Community Center Annual Pass Holders are eligible for reduced price season passes and Splash offers great rates on private rentals and birthday party packages.

Looking for more incentive to visit Splash this summer? New in 2009, Splash will be offering twilight hours for those who want a quick dip after work or entertainment for the kids before dinner. Twilight hours are Monday through Friday, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. These hours will feature a reduced admission price for all ages.

Splash is easily accessible from all major highways. Travel time takes approximately 10 - 20 minutes from the Denver-metro area and surrounding communities. For more information, rates, and hours of operation, visit www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec.
Lucky you, you’re living smack dab in someone else’s vacation. People from all over the state come to your neck of the woods to hike, bike, parasail, or hang out at one of our unique events. So why not do the same? Sneak away for a couple hours of pure enjoyment. There’s two hours of fun, two minutes from home. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.