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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

PARTICIPATE IN CITY COUNCIL ONLINE
Residents can formally weigh-in on City Council agenda items from the comfort of their own home. Prior to a meeting, log on to the City’s website, www.cityofgolden.net, find an upcoming meeting and click on the eComment link next to the posted Agenda. The idea behind eComment is to actively engage a broader audience and increase participation in the decisions that affect the Golden community. The cut off time for comments is noon the day of a meeting.

HELP BEAUTIFY GOLDEN
The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) is still looking for candidates to fill two appointments which expired in June. GURA commissioners help decide on improvement projects for the downtown area; everything from light pole banners to major construction projects. GURA meets publicly on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month. Appointments are for five years. For more information, call 303-279-4162 or visit www.gura.com.

Applications are provided by the City Clerk or from the City’s web site, www.cityofgolden.net, under Boards and Commissions. They will be accepted until 5 p.m. on July 8 at the Office of City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th St. Applications can be dropped off, mailed, emailed to clerks@cityofgolden.net or faxed to 303-384-8001. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for July 15 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

EXPLORING HOUSING OPTIONS
An accessory, what? This is often the response when people hear the term Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). Known by earlier generations as "mother-in-law apartments" or "granny flats," the concept is making a comeback as demographics change and people ask for more housing choices.

Some communities refer to these units as "secondary suites" to describe single family homes that have added the smaller living units. They can be occupied by a family member with special needs such as an aging parent, a grown child who has come back home, or rented out for income so that a senior, for example, can afford to stay in the home and neighborhood they love. These units can be created in basements, as additions to the main home or even as backyard cottages, if zoning allows. The key difference between the granny flats of old and the secondary suites of today is that they are strictly regulated by zoning rules to protect the existing neighborhoods.

The most important of these regulations is that the owner must continue to live on the property and must sign a deed restriction that is recorded with the county.

City Council will discuss the possibility of secondary suites during the July 15 meeting. For more information, contact Rick Muriby at 303-384-8097 or rmuriby@cityofgolden.net.

SAVE THE DATES FOR MOVIES AND MUSIC IN THE PARK
Movies and Music in the Park features family-friendly music and a movie each Friday night in August in Parfet Park, located on the corner of 10th Street and Washington Avenue. The music begins at 7 p.m. and the movie will begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Admission is FREE! Grab your blanket and join us on the grass for a fun night under the stars!

This year’s lineup:

**August 6 – Princess Bride**
Musical Guest: Flock of Beagles

**August 13 – Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**
Musical Guest: The Hollyfelds

**August 20 – Night at the Museum II: Battle of the Smithsonian**
Musical Guest: Easy Bill & the Big Beats

**August 27 – The Blind Side**
Musical Guest: SoundRabbit

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 1**
No Council Meeting

**July 8**
Regular Business Meeting

**July 15**
Regular Study Session

**July 22**
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.
Exploring Potential Solutions to the Beltway Issue without Compromising on our Core Values

By Mayor Jacob Smith

For many years, beltway proponents have worked to build a high-speed highway between C-470 and the Northwest Parkway. We have fought hard against this proposal because Golden stood to bear most of the impacts of such a project. Whether the highway would plow through or simply dump traffic into our narrow valley, such a project would have a serious impact to nearly everyone in Golden.

Our efforts have been largely successful: there is no high-speed highway running through the Golden Valley, we repeatedly fought off harmful legislation, the Colorado Department of Transportation last year gave up trying to build the road, the proponents have scaled back their vision to a ten-mile toll road between Highways 93 and 128, and the proponents still have numerous obstacles to negotiate before they can acquire the private financing to build even that relatively modest project.

At the same time, Golden has some very real transportation needs along U.S. 6 and Highway 93 in town, and increasing traffic along the corridor in future years will only make these problems worse. The right solution would reduce noise, congestion, and pollution and make it easier and safer for people on foot, bikes, and in cars to cross from our west neighborhoods to the central part of the community.

Recognizing the importance of making smart improvements, the City proactively prepared preliminary design work for the entire corridor through Golden. This is known as the Muller Plan. We also recognize the importance of improvements all the way up Highway 93, so we’ve worked closely with Boulder, Boulder County, and Superior to craft the 6/93 Corridor Plan, prioritizing key congestion, safety, and transit improvements between Golden and Boulder.

And we’ve started implementing these plans. We have protected new parks along the Highway 6/93 corridor, constructed noise berms and a noise wall, established rigorous noise standards, and acquired the land necessary to reroute Highway 93 in north Golden to move it farther away from hundreds of homes. We are working to find funding to rebuild our highest priority intersection – U.S. 6 and 19th – to lower the highway, add on-and off-ramps, and create a very safe, comfortable crossing for bikes and pedestrians.

We have always been willing to fight hard against harmful projects, but as I’ve said in these pages, during City Council meetings, on my blog, and in public many times over the years, we are also open to a reasonable solution that results in appropriate transportation improvements in Golden while protecting our community.

In recent months, Golden has been part of numerous conversations with Jefferson County, Arvada, Broomfield, Boulder, Boulder County, Superior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Trust for Public Lands, and several state agencies exploring potential solutions that meet everyone’s needs. As of the day I’m writing this, we haven’t reached any sort of agreement. I’m hopeful we can work something out, but we’ll evaluate any potential resolution using the same criteria we have been using: how do we best ensure the protection of our community and our valley.
After nearly two years of discussion and research, Golden City Council voted unanimously on May 13 to approve a single waste hauler for a Pay-As-You-Throw waste and recycling program for the City. City Council also voted unanimously to contract with EDS Waste Solutions, Inc.

Single family residences and multi-family residences of seven or less units that do not receive trash services through a homeowners association are covered by the new trash collection program. The City anticipates the new service will start in September. In the coming weeks, all residences covered by the program will need to select an appropriate service level:

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Each level of service includes the corresponding size trash cart, a 96 or 64 gallon recycling cart, weekly trash collection, bi-weekly recyclables collection and twice annual collection of yard waste such as leaves, tree limbs, shrub trimmings, etc.

Each residence will receive new trash and recycling carts that allow the use of fully automated trash and recycling trucks. Because existing trash containers cannot be used with the new trucks, the city is developing a plan to collect unwanted trash containers for recycling at no cost to the resident. Residents who have purchased trash containers from other service providers can call their current provider for return options.

Homeowners Associations that provide trash collection to their members are exempted from participation in this program but may voluntarily join the program at any time. Associations that are interested in participating should contact the City to discuss details on joining the program.

Information packets will be mailed to residences and you are encouraged to visit the City's website at: www.cityofgolden.net/trash, EDS’s website at www.edswaste.com and watch the Golden Informer for more information. Additional questions about the program may be directed to Chris Naber at cnaber@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8183 or EDS Waste Solutions, Inc. at eds@edswaste.com or 303-278-8600.

The latest beautification project by the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) is easy on the eyes and the environment. New combination business signs and recycling bins are now at most intersections along Washington Avenue between 11th and 14th streets. The bins accept paper, cans and most kinds of plastic. They also display the businesses located on the side streets and the "far reaches" of the downtown area, to replace the sandwich board signs that cluttered the corners along Washington Avenue.

This project, funded by GURA, has the triple benefits of eliminating the visual pollution, directing visitors and shoppers to lower traffic areas and providing containers for single-stream recycling.
In 2007 Rocky Flats, the former nuclear weapons production plant north of Golden, became the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge after a roughly $7 billion cleanup operation. But the work there is not done.

Ward Four Councilor Bill Fisher represents the City of Golden on the Board of Directors of the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council. He is joined by a dozen other representatives of nearby local governments and citizen groups. The Stewardship Council formed in 2006 to provide ongoing local oversight of Rocky Flats, staying on top of any residual contamination issues and the health of former workers at the dismantled facility.

Councilor Fisher says the federal government has not yet delivered on all of the commitments it made to address health issues of former Rocky Flats employees exposed to high-level radiation.

In addition, while the Rocky Flats cleanup has concluded, ongoing monitoring is designed to detect any emerging contamination issues. “As a wildlife refuge under the management of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Rocky Flats plays an important role in preserving the mountain backdrop and important wildlife corridors,” said Councilor Fisher.

The refuge is not yet open to the public. The Stewardship Council is considering what kinds of public signs will be placed around the property and whether they should include health warnings for visitors.

The proposed Jefferson Parkway toll road would be built on a strip of the wildlife refuge property. Debate centers on whether that should be granted and, if so, what environmental protections should be put in place.

For more information about the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council and the issues it addresses, visit www.rockyflatsssc.org. Councilor Fisher can be reached at bill@williamfisher.com.

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A "Golden" Rescue

Enforcement Officer Jamie Segal saved the day for one of our city’s most “golden” residents. Ofc. Segal got a call about an injured Golden Eagle in the parking lot above Peri Apartments near the corner of 13th and Arapahoe streets.

When he arrived, he saw the eagle standing on a rock pile, twitching and shaky. The bird seemed very disoriented and at first Ofc. Segal thought she might have been zapped by a nearby electrical transformer. He attempted to put a sheet over the bird to catch it, but she flew to the rooftop of Calvary Episcopal Church next door. That’s when he called the Birds of Prey Foundation in Broomfield for backup.

Together they were able to capture the eagle and test her to find out what was wrong. The Golden Eagle had lead poisoning... likely ingested from eating another animal that had been shot. The Golden Eagle is going through treatments to remove the lead from her system. She is expected to make a full recovery and be re-released in the Golden area toward the end of the summer. Had it not been for the persistence of Officer Segal, she might not have had another opportunity to grace our skies.
For the 39th year in a row, the Golden Lions Club will host the Fourth of July Festival in Lions Park, 10th and Maple streets. The event begins at noon in the park, with food, beverages, entertainment, raffles and live bands. The night will end with a fireworks show around 9:30 p.m.

The fireworks show will be bigger and better than previous years. Fireworks will be launched from the Colorado School of Mines, so finding the right spot around the park to see the show is important. The Golden Lions Club recommends viewing the fireworks from the Lions Ball Fields on the south side of 10th street and directly across from and a little east of Lions Park. For more information about the Fourth of July Festival, visit www.GoldenLionsClub.org.

**Hometown Independence Day Celebration!**

More and more Coloradans are having a hard time feeding their families. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one in eight people struggle with hunger in Colorado. Food banks are now feeding nearly twice as many as they did a few years ago.

For as long as anyone can remember, the Golden Lions Club has volunteered to help with the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. This is a national program supported by the U.S. Postal Service, designed to help people in your own neighborhood. The food is needed more than ever, and to the benefit of many, the Lions Club collected more food than ever. More than 23,000 pounds of food were collected in Golden in May, a record for the group.

This annual event was a community partnership in the greater Golden area involving postal carriers who picked up the donated food at mailboxes and the Golden Lions Club members who helped the carriers unload the collected food from their mail trucks at the Johnson Road Post Office. The donated items were delivered to the Christian Action Guild food bank in Golden, where an army of volunteers from local churches helped sort the food to be given out to the less fortunate.

“This was a wonderful outpouring of generosity given the economy and the greater need this year,” said Golden Lions member Ed Dorse. “It will go a long way towards helping those who need it most.”

It all started with the Golden residents who filled up bags of food and put them by their mailbox. It is a true example of one neighbor helping another.

**REMINDER: FIREWORKS ILLEGAL IN GOLDEN**

The Golden Police Department says leave the fireworks to the professionals. Supervised public displays with proper permits are allowed in Golden, but all other fireworks are illegal. That means the possession, sale, giving, furnishing or use of fireworks is prohibited by the City of Golden Fire Code. This includes those fireworks that may be permissible in other parts of the county or state including cones, fountains, ground spinners and sparklers.

The reason for Golden’s tight restrictions is twofold: July is traditionally one of the driest months of the year and fire danger is high. Also, there is a high risk of injury from fireworks. So this is a reminder to do your part to keep yourself and the City safe this holiday season. And join us for one of the best fireworks shows in the metro area this year… right here in Golden!
The Wild West Returns:
Buffalo Bill Days July 21-25

Get ready for a weekend of fun in historic downtown Golden for the annual Buffalo Bill Days Festival!

Before the big weekend, there will be a golf tournament at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21 at Fossil Trace Golf Club, 3050 Illinois St. The Golden Chamber of Commerce will host their annual Buffalo Bill Days Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 22 at the Buffalo Rose Events Center, 1119 Washington Ave.

The main events kick off at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 23 with a night of music on the main stage in Parfet Park, on the corner of 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Featured bands will be Chris Daniels and the Kings at 7 p.m. on Friday and the Texas-based Stone River Boys Country and Western Band at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Local bands and artists will entertain the crowds throughout the weekend.

Free train rides for the kids are available from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. A favorite every year is the American Legion Duck Race at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Buy your duck anytime before then for a chance to win one of many prizes.

On Saturday, the Best of the West Parade will begin after the pancake breakfast, around 10 a.m. and at “high noon” there will be a Wild West Show in the middle of Washington Avenue.

Sunday morning begins with a Community Worship Service at 9 a.m. in Parfet Park. Muttin Bustin for the kids takes place at 11 a.m. at the Lions Ball Fields, 10th and Maple Streets. On Washington Avenue you’ll find a Classic Car Show and Orphan Car Show.

A complete schedule of events is on the opposite page. For more information, contact the Buffalo Bill Days Committee at 303-279-3342 or visit www.buffalobilldays.com.

Sign up for Muttin Bustin

This is your chance to see if your young ones are ready for the rodeo! The wildly popular Muttin Bustin challenge will once again be the kid’s highlight during the 2010 Buffalo Bill Days celebration. The contest is open to any boy or girl, ages 5 to 7 years with a maximum weight of 60 pounds. This is just like the rodeo, except it’s for kids and they ride sheep instead of broncos. The goal is to hold on tight to the sheep’s wool and ride as long as you can.

Check-in for pre-registered contestants begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 25 at the Lions Ball Fields. There is a limit of 40 riders and you must pre-register to participate but there are plenty of open slots so sign up now!

Protective gear for the head and chest is provided but participants must wear long pants, preferably jeans, and shirts. No shorts or short-sleeved shirts will be allowed. The cost to enter is just $10. All entrants receive a trophy with cash prizes awarded to the top three riders.

If your child is interested in becoming a western wrangler, contact Tom Mackey at 303-273-9624 or Buffalo Bill Days at 303-279-3342. You can also pick up an application at the Golden Visitors Center or print one online at www.buffalobilldays.com.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

For the 36th year in a row, Golden Firefighters will flip flapjacks for your eating pleasure. An estimated 2,000 people come to this event every year and there are always plenty of pancakes, sausage and orange juice to go around.

The all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be served on Saturday from 6:30 a.m. until roughly 10 a.m. when the parade begins. The griddles are set up at Fire Station 1, located just west of 10th Street and Washington Avenue.

Tickets are $5 at the door and all proceeds go to the Volunteer Firefighter Fund, which helps pay for training, equipment and other needs of the volunteer fire department.
2010 Schedule of Events

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Through July 10
Robin Hood
The Heritage Square Children’s Theatre presents Robin Hood. Fun for kids of all ages. Tickets are $6. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For information, call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

Every Saturday through Oct. 2
Golden Farmers Market
Come meet the new vendors and welcome back your old favorites. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot just west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Call the Golden Chamber of Commerce for details, 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

Through Aug. 1
20th Anniversary Quilt Exhibit
Features quilts from early America in the 1800s and 1900s. These remarkable quilts have been in a private collection and have never before been shown together in public. Ticket prices vary. Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

July 2
First Friday Street Fair
The Street Fair is expanded to include entertainment, food and much more. On Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. 5 to 9 p.m.

July 4
Independence Day
4th of July Festival
Celebrate the holiday, show your community spirit and help support the Golden Lions Club’s Community Betterment Fund. The festival begins at noon at Lions Park, 1300 10th St. Fireworks show around 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.GoldenLionsClub.org.

July 5 through 9
Free Art Camp
Kids ages 4 and 5 get to explore rhythm, motion and movement through different forms of art. 9:30 to 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 1805 Washington Ave. To register, call 303-513-4185 or email Teah at fbcsummer@gmail.com.

July 5 through Aug. 13
Bootcamp Challenge
A six-week fitness program designed for all levels of fitness. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Cost is $240. For information call Kim at 720-628-2901 or kim@bootcamp-challenge.com.

July 9 through August 29
The Underpants
Returning by popular demand is this side-splitting reinvention by the incomparable Steve Martin of Carl Sternheim’s comedy. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. Tickets are $20 with discounts for students and seniors. For tickets and information, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.
July 14
Chronic Pain/Chronic Illness Support Group Picnic
Golden Family of Churches potluck picnic and monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Lions Park, 1300 10th St. For more information call April Struck at 303-279-2776.

July 21 through 25
Buffalo Bill Days
The Buffalo Bill Days Committee has expanded the activities through the years and it is now the largest community festival held in Golden. For a complete list of activities call 303-279-3342 or visit www.buffalobilldays.com.

July 22
Children’s Vision Clinic
Low cost comprehensive vision checks for kids from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Avenue Vision, 1208 Washington Ave. Call 303-279-3713 to schedule an appointment.

July 24 through 25
Free Admission to Golden History Museums
In celebration of Buffalo Bill Days, Golden History Museums is offering free admission to the Astor House Museum and the Golden History Center. For more information, call 303-278-3557 or visit www.goldenhistorymuseums.org.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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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.
Compost Happens

July is a great time of year to start a backyard compost project. Composting reduces the amount of trash sent to the landfill and provides free soil amendment material. It’s not as hard as you may think: pruning and weeding can generate plenty of material to use with old leaves and dead plant materials. There are four key words to remember when composting: green, brown, air, and water.

Here are some basic tips for making better compost:

• Create the right mix of browns (carbon) and greens (nitrogen). It’s important to get the right mixture to ensure your compost heats up nicely and breaks down effectively. Need more Greens? Gardening and vegetable kitchen scraps are a great source.

• Turn the compost more often. Adding fresh oxygen into your compost pile by turning it more frequently will help your compost break down faster.

• Check the moisture level and make sure the mix remains damp. Achieving the correct moisture content is an important factor in keeping a compost pile working efficiently.

• Shred your ingredients. Since it’s the brown materials that take the longest amount of time to break down, shredding your leaves, straw, and paper significantly reduces the finishing time of compost.

• Use more than one pile. Two or three piles make it easy to turn materials and allow you to add new ingredients without creating an imbalance in your green to brown ratio.

Backyard composting not only reduces the amount of yard waste sent to the landfill, it can also lower your trash bills when the new trash and recycling collection program begins this fall. If you’ve got the space, why not try it?

For more information on composting, see www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability.

Environmental Issues

COLOR CLARITY
"Greens" are materials that are a good source of nitrogen and are generally high in moisture and fast to decompose. Examples of greens include vegetable kitchen scraps, green leaves, and grass clippings. Not all greens are green in color. For example, coffee grounds are a nitrogen source.

"Browns" are materials that are high in carbon and are generally dry and slow to decompose. Examples of browns include straw, leaves, chipped branches and tree trimmings, paper, and sawdust. Browns decompose at low temperatures unless combined with a source of nitrogen.

The optimum Carbon to Nitrogen ratio for rapid composting is about 30:1. Follow the simple rules listed here and in less than a month you’ll have rich, crumbly, brown compost that you can add to your garden soil, use in containers or use as mulch.

Irrigation – Tap In to Water Conservation

In Golden, each resident uses an average of 160 gallons of water per day. During the summer, this average increases to about 385 gallons per day due to outside irrigation use. Even though our gardens, trees, and lawns need water in Colorado’s semi-arid climate, watering doesn’t have to be wasteful.

The City has a water conservation goal to reduce water consumption by 15 percent by 2012. Reducing irrigation use has been found to be one of the most effective strategies in decreasing overall water use. Planting xeric perennials or native grasses such as Buffalo grass can significantly reduce your water demand.

Giving your irrigation system a tune-up can also cut your water losses. Learn how you can sign up for a free irrigation inspection through the Center for ReSource Conservation, www.conservationcenter.org. By thinking about how we use water in our daily activities, we can all do our part to conserve Colorado’s water!
Jefferson Symphony Orchestra Call for Entries

The Jefferson Symphony is looking for young piano soloists to compete in the 2011 International Young Artists Competition. The competition attracts young musicians locally and from around the world. It alternates annually between piano and many other instruments.

The first place winner receives a $2,000 cash award, a $5,000 5-year annuity to go toward higher education in music, a recital performance and a solo performance with the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 30, 2010. For more information, call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

As many as 2,500 people showed up for Golden’s First Friday Street Fair in June. First Fridays are a standing tradition on the first Friday of every month, but the Golden Chamber of Commerce decided to take it a step further this summer and expand it into a street fair.

The inaugural Street Fair incorporated the theme, “Taste of the Chuckwagon” and featured $3 barbeque-style food from the Buffalo Rose, Blue Canyon Bar & Grill, D’Deli & The Alley, The Bridgewater Grill at the Golden Hotel and Three Tomatoes Steakhouse and Club at Fossil Trace.

Each month through October the Street Fair will feature a different theme and various Golden restaurants. There are also free horse-drawn carriage rides, a rock climbing wall, live entertainment and Coors beer. This is in addition to the many special deals and activities offered at stores in the downtown area.

The next First Friday Street Fair is from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, July 2. Come get the holiday weekend started right with a “Taste of America.” Check with the Golden Chamber of Commerce for more details, 303-279-3113 or info@goldencoachamber.org.

Street Fair a Success

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: PESKY ELK

This unwelcome guest did not pay to play at Fossil Trace Golf Club. Instead, he tried sneaking an early morning bite of the flag on the chipping green. After a tug and a nibble, he realized it didn’t taste nearly as good as the trees nearby.

If you have a fun or unusual photo taken in Golden that you would like to share, contact Communications Manager Karlyn Tilley at 303-384-8132 or email the photo to ktilley@cityofgolden.net.
The Rotary Club of Golden began the Golden Backpack Program in 2008 to address the seemingly hidden problem of childhood hunger in our community. Many children get free supplemental meals during the school week, but on the weekends their families cannot afford to feed them and they can go days without eating.

The Golden Backpack Program is designed to give these kids a backpack full of food to take home on the weekends so that they will get proper nutrition. A typical backpack contains two entrees, a canned vegetable, a canned fruit, two breakfast entrees, two snacks and one treat. The purpose is not to feed an entire family with this, but it is likely to be shared amongst many family members.

The Golden Rotary discovered that nearly 500 kids in the Golden area could qualify for the program. It had a modest start, but now in just its second year, the program provides food to more than 270 children at four schools. For the upcoming school year, two more schools will be added to serve a target number of 385 students. The cost is just under $4 per child per weekend. In order to keep expanding the program, the Golden Rotary enlisted the help of the Mayor, City Manager, school officials, area food banks and churches.

Recently, Mayor Jacob Smith facilitated an award ceremony during a City Council meeting to honor the entire community for its involvement and support of the Golden Backpack Program. Rotary District Governor Mike Oldham recognized the Golden Family of Churches Health Ministry, the Golden Backpack teams, Golden Police Department, Developmental Disabilities Resource Center, and several Golden service organizations and private citizens including Golden Lions Club, Golden Optimist Club, Maple Grove Grange and the Rotary Club of Golden. “The power of what you represent is what Rotary believes; the power of one, the power of a great idea,” said Oldham. “To each one of you, I offer my personal thanks and that of the 3,200 Rotarians in our district for everything you have done and will do toward ending childhood hunger.”

Because so many groups and individuals are involved in making the Golden Backpack Program a success, this year’s Governor’s Award for Volunteer of the Year in Community Service went to the entire Golden community.
The Barnes-Peery House is one of the earliest extant dwellings in Golden, dating to 1865. Possibly the first two-story brick house in Golden using a coherent architectural style, newspaper reports of the day considered the house one of the finest residences in the town. The house is a notable example of a local interpretation of Italianate styling in Golden. It has survived remarkably well with the prominent original features and the streetscape relatively unchanged and the two generic additions discretely placed at the rear of the building.

In the mid-1860s, the town of Golden witnessed a transition from a transportation hub servicing the Clear Creek gold towns to a settled community with its own agricultural and industrial economy. Wealthy merchants like David Barnes contributed to the growth of this community by investing in their residences and businesses. Barnes was the owner of a large flour mill, the Golden Mill, located just one block away at Ford Street. A Pennsylvania native, Barnes came to Colorado’s Russell Gulch in 1861. In 1864, he relocated to Golden, where he built his large mill on the banks of Clear Creek. At least two other flour mills were established in Golden by the 1880s, but the Golden Mill was the first one.

In 1865 Barnes constructed his mansion at 622 Water Street as a symbol of his growing prosperity. Barnes chose to build using European elements common in the more developed parts of the country but possibly unseen in a frontier town such as Golden in the mid 1860s. His construction of this large home used a coherent architectural style and likely was a statement of his presence and permanence in this community.

As a recent immigrant to Colorado from the East coast, Barnes may have wanted to introduce an Eastern sense of culture and sophistication to the West, using his mansion as a tangible statement of his own good taste.

Not to be upstaged by a neighbor who built a nearby house in 1867, Barnes began constructing the north addition in August of that year. This statement of confidence in the town probably was an important gesture to the community because Golden had recently lost its claim as territorial capital to upstart Denver.

David Barnes’s house was a standard bearer for a growing merchant class that built landmark structures, widely imitated, contributing a sense of Eastern cultural refinement and permanence to the community.

The Peery family occupied the house during much of the twentieth century.

In 1993, the Golden Historic Preservation Board approved the Barnes Mansion at 622 Water Street as a Golden landmark and historic site.

About the Golden Historic Preservation Board: The Golden Historic Preservation Board is an advisory board made up of community members who provide guidance to residents on how improvements to properties affect the preservation of historic Golden.
Check out the programs offered this month at the Community Center.
To register, visit www.goldenrec.com

Golden’s Summer Adventure
Day Camp for ages 5-12 year olds
is underway. Call Tracy Hagelund
at 303-384-8124 for availability.

NEW
Music for Tots and Tiny Tots
sessions begin in July. Don’t miss
out! Call 303-384-8100 to sign
up today.

Social Media to Enhance Your
Professional Development
The first session is devoted to
assessing the participants’ existing
online presence (and how to change
it), using LinkedIn, Twitter and
Facebook to connect with peers
around the world.
Age: 18 years and older
Thursdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
July 8 to July 15
$69 Resident, $74 Non-resident

Teen Adventure Fridays
Youth will pay for the field trip at the
destination. Registration fee covers
transportation and supervision.

Program details, waivers and
emergency forms are available at
www.cityofgolden.net, select
Parks and Recreation Department,
Recreation, then Teen Adventure
Fridays.
Ages: 13 years and older
Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
July 9 - Indoor Skydiving or
July 23 - Fly Fishing
$20 Resident, $22 Non-Resident

Blocks & Tots
Children use problem solving skills
and learn to work with others as
they experiment with building using
many sizes and types of blocks.
Parents must attend with their
toddler.
Age: 2 to 3 years
Mondays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
July 12 to Aug. 2
$35 Resident, $40 Non-resident

Castles, Moats & Catapults
Students learn principles of
construction and use math skills as
they experiment with scale and size,
symmetry, reflections and staggering
versus stacking.
Age: 4 to 6 years
Monday through Thursday,
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
July 12 to July 15
$40 Resident, $45 Non-resident

Other great engineering classes
beginning in July include Robo-
Alien, Catapults and Trebuchets,
Alien Invasion Robotics and I
Want to be an Astronaut Camp.
Check them out at https://rec.
cityofgolden.net.

Clean Up Your Beauty Routine
Make and take home your own
natural beauty products in this hands-
on workshop and learn why making
and buying natural products benefit
your health and the environment.
Age: 13 years and older
Tuesday, 6 to 7:15 p.m.
July 13
$10 material fee payable directly
to instructor

Wikispaces as a
Collaborative Teaching Tool
Wikispaces is only one of the Web
2.0 collaborative tools available
on the Internet, but is also one of
the safest for students and teachers
to use. Teachers will learn how
to operate and maintain the Wiki
allowing for collaborative learning
in the classroom.
Age: 18 years and older
Thursdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
July 22 and July 29
$69 Resident, $74 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
case 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 City of Golden is working with Wenk Associates, Inc. to develop and prepare a Master Plan for the Clear Creek Corridor to create a unified park experience along Clear Creek through downtown Golden. The Clear Creek Corridor project area incorporates Vanover, Parfet, History and Lions Parks, and the areas between these parks along the creek to Sixth Avenue. Wenk Associates, Inc. specializes in urban waterway and stream corridor restoration, urban design, recreation planning and design and open space planning.

Design and planning for the Clear Creek Corridor began in April with a series of public stakeholder meetings that included community leaders, elected and appointed public officials, staff and the community at large. The first culmination of information gained through these meetings was presented through several alternatives at the first of three Public Workshops on June 1. The next Public Workshop will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

Everyone is encouraged to get involved. Visit www.clearcreekplan.net to view the project schedule, leave a comment or sign up for notifications when new information has been added.

Golden Resident to Climb K2

At age 37, Luis Benitez is among the world's foremost high altitude mountaineers. Luis achieved his sixth summit of Mount Everest and is currently training at the Golden Community Center for the Cessen Route on K2 this year. K2 is the second-highest mountain on earth after Mt. Everest. With a peak elevation of 28,251 feet, K2 is part of the Karakoram Range, located between the Taxkorgan Tajik Autonomous County of Xinjiang, China and Gilgit, in Gilgit-Baltistan of Pakistan.

In addition to living and training in Golden, Luis works as an Outward Bound Professional at the American Mountaineering Center. As Outward Bound’s Rocky Mountain Regional Director, he designs and leads domestic and international professional team building and leadership development programs such as the Executive Leadership Expeditions. “Golden is a mecca for professional athletes. The onset of the light rail will only increase Golden’s viability as a destination for climbers, bikers, kayakers, hang gliders and hikers,” he said.

Luis believes the most rewarding aspect of his job is to help individuals achieve something that at one time felt unattainable. One of his best memories of climbing was training with Erik Weihenmayer to help him reach the summit on Mt. Everest in 2001. Erik Weihenmayer is the only blind man in history to climb Everest.

For more information on climbing in Golden, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net to view climbing classes and clubs available at the Golden Community Center or www.outwardbound.org for information on programs and expeditions offered through Outward Bound.
Fridays, July 2 and August 6
We will have free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies.
Chair massages........................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions..............$13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce ............$15 per 15 minutes
Call 303-384-8130 to make your appointment.

WHAT’S NEW THIS MONTH...

Contemporary Artist Series - #28055
Participants will learn about the history and lives of contemporary artists. They will also create art each day (may include painting, drawing or sculpting) with the guidance of an Abrakadoodle® instructor. Fee includes materials.

Age: 15 years and older, Min/Max: 4/20
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.
July 13 to July 22
$94 Resident, $99 Non-resident

50+ Pottery - #28040
The beginning potter will learn the techniques of centering and completing wheel-thrown vessels, and hand slumping, coiling and making pinch pots. Clay provided.

Age: 50 years and older, Min/Max: 5/9
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon
July 1 to Aug. 19
$105 Resident, $110 Non-resident

JULY EVENTS

Rockies vs. Padres - #25005
Sunday, July 11 - Register/Cancel by July 5
11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$27 (van, parking, admission)

Silver Plume Tour & Tea Room - #25165
Visit the historic sites of Silver Plume, with a moderate self-guided tour around town and lunch at the Silver Plume Tea Room. Wear sturdy walking shoes and bring water.

Friday, July 16 - Register/Cancel by July 14
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
$10 (van only, bring $$ for lunch, shopping)

White Water Rafting, Buena Vista - #25018
This trip offers the perfect mix of whitewater, calm water and scenery. We will have oarsmen for those who do not want to paddle. Early lunch in Buena Vista. Bring only what you need – valuables will be locked up in the van. Ask at the Front Porch for a FAQ sheet if you have not rafted before.

Monday, July 26 - Register/Cancel by July 9
8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
$65 (van, admission, equipment, gratuity)

Wild Animal Sanctuary, Keenesburg, CO - #25050
The Wild Animal Sanctuary is a 320-acre refuge for over 220 lions, tigers, bears, wolves and other large carnivores that have been rescued from illegal or abusive situations. The rescued animals are rehabilitated and then released into large acreage natural habitats where they can live in peace.

Friday, July 30 - Register/Cancel by July 28
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$25 (van, admission; bring $$ for lunch)
Turn on your porch light, lock your doors and join the Golden Police Department for National Night Out. The 13th annual National Night Out celebration will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3 in Parfet Park on the corner of 10th Street and Washington Avenue. The night includes live music, free food, games, demonstrations and giveaways. This year’s emcee is CBS4 Entertainment Reporter Greg Moody, whose humor will make the night even more memorable!

National Night Out involves over 15,000 communities from all 50 states dedicated to neighborhood involvement to decrease crime. It has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The event joins together citizens, law enforcement agencies, community groups, businesses and local officials to stamp out crime.

Last year more than 1,000 people came to Golden’s event, joining over 36 million people in the U.S. who also celebrated on the same night. For more information on this year’s event, call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031.

The purpose of National Night Out is to give residents a chance to meet local law enforcement, educate the community about neighborhood safety and hopefully make a positive impact on their lives. Last year during Golden’s event, Officer Jaime Guess discovered that residents can have just as much of a positive impact on police. Officer Guess describes what happened in her own words:

Looking back on my career there has been one moment which stands out that I will never forget. At times I have reflected back on this moment to remind myself of why I chose this career path.

One August night during a community oriented function called “National Night Out” I was taken by surprise. I was tired, my feet hurt, and I wanted to be done smiling at people I didn’t know. My partners and I were cleaning up the park as fast as we could so we could race home and be with our families. I was taking down donation fliers when I heard a voice from behind say, “You have an admirer.” I remember thinking as I turned around, “Great, now who wants to make a sly comment about arresting them?”

To much of my surprise, there was a little girl about five years old standing behind me looking up with bright wide eyes. She turned her head into her Daddy’s chest and smiled as I knelt down to talk. Her Dad told me she wanted to meet a Police Officer and she picked me.

I asked the little girl what her name was and she said, “I want to be a Police Officer like you when I grow up.” At that moment she completely melted my heart. I talked with her for a short period about her night in the park. Before she left I gave her a hug and told her she made me smile, as I held back tears of joy.

Later it was discovered a reporter had snapped a photo of us talking. I cherish this photo, if only she knew the impact she has had on my career. She makes me proud and reminds me of what I am, a protector and a role model!

– Officer Jaime Guess, Golden Police Department
When you live in Golden, there's two hours of fun, two minutes from home. So we suggest getting away by staying right here. Get a double scoop of ice cream and meander down Washington Avenue. Stroll through our amazing art galleries or museums. Shop in one of our unique stores. You'll be surprised at all there is to do right here under your nose. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.