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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

FREE SPINKLER INSPECTION
The city is partnering with the Center for ReSource Conservation to offer Golden water customers a free sprinkler inspection.

Why should I participate?
•  Save money on your water bill
•   Improve the appearance of your landscape
•   Receive a customized watering schedule

How do I schedule an inspection?
If you receive water from the city of Golden AND you have an operating underground irrigation system, complete the request form online at ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x217.

DEADLINE FOR MATCHING GRANTS FROM I-GOLDEN NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS
Is there a project you’ve always thought would benefit your neighborhood, but you didn’t have the resources to get it done? The City Council is awarding i-Golden Neighborhood Grants, which might be just what you are looking for to make that dream a reality.

The deadline for applying for matching grants is 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 7. The City will match grants up to $2,500 for projects which meet the criteria.

The proposed project should provide a public benefit and be free and open to everyone. Community involvement is key with project ideas initiated, planned and implemented by the neighbors and community members who will be impacted by the project. You must also demonstrate a community match in the form of cash contributions, volunteer labor, and/or pro bono and in-kind contributions.

For more information and an application, go to www.cityofgolden.net and look under i-Golden Neighborhood Grants.

GET INVOLVED! APPLY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Two appointments to the Economic Development Commission will expire in September. The Commission’s duties include developing a structure and strategy for marketing and promoting the Golden community. The Economic Development Commission was formed in 1999 and there are eight members. Five members are selected from applications submitted to City Council. The remaining three members are selected, one each, from Golden Urban Renewal Authority, Chamber of Commerce Visitors and Convention Council and Chamber of Commerce retail committees. The Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in City Hall.

Applications will be taken until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27. Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council Study Session, in the evening, Thursday, Aug. 18 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. Applicants must be a resident of the city, or property owner within the city or own a business in the City of Golden.

Applications and forms are available from the City Clerk or from the City’s web page www.cityofgolden.net under Boards and Commissions. They will be accepted at the Office of City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th St., Golden, CO, 80401, or by email to clerks@cityofgolden.net.

For more information contact: Steve Glueck, Director of Planning and Development 303-384-8095 or sglueck@cityofgolden.net.

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 7
No meeting

July 14
Regular Business Meeting

July 21
Regular Study Session

July 28
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 4th of July is a great time for parades and barbeques, but it’s also a chance to reflect on our good fortune to live in a country that fundamentally values the most basic rights of free thought and expression, the rule of law, and our right to elect our community representatives through free elections.

I believe that government transparency and accountability is one critical tool for protecting these rights, and the City Council has worked hard in recent years to set the bar on both. Some examples: we televise every City Council meeting (and make the archives readily available), we publish the Informer on a monthly basis, we make all of our briefings and City Council packets available online, we use a wide range of communication tools like email newsletters and Facebook, we earn the highest recognition for the city’s financial disclosures and reporting, and we adopted a thorough and transparent performance evaluation system for the city manager. We’ve also got a complete overhaul of the city’s web site underway to make it easier to find the information you want.

City Council and city staff are also committed to a highly participatory approach to decision-making in the community. We actively seek ideas and input from the community, and our important planning efforts – Golden Vision 2030, neighborhood plans, and others – have involved a huge amount of community engagement. And we continue to experiment with new ways of reaching out and listening, including events like the neighborhood block parties and new social media tools.

Independence Day offers a good opportunity to pause and reflect on what makes our democracy work here in Golden, to consider what we are doing well and how we can do even better.

This holiday, like Memorial Day before it and Veterans Day in the fall, also inspires us to reflect on the contributions of those who serve in the armed forces, and I want to offer a word of support for our veterans and our active duty servicemen and servicewomen. Golden has seen its share of sacrifice, and thanks in part to the meticulous list of Goldenites killed in action since the Civil War (maintained by Rick Gardner, Golden’s unofficial historian) we know at least one important measure of the impact. I’m grateful that our community makes such a point of honoring our servicemen and servicewomen, including their participation in our parades, the American flags around town during these holidays, formal City Council recognition, and in other ways. Golden is also proud to serve as a home to American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts as well as the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial.

Democracy is alive and well here in Golden, but democracy isn’t a spectator sport. This community is what it is because so many are willing to be active participants in Golden’s civic life. To all of you that have served our country or our community, and to all of you that have participated in making Golden special, thank you.

Have a great time this 4th of July.
Celebrate the 4th With Your Neighbors

The Golden Lions Club will host the Fourth of July Festival for the 40th year in a row! The Festival brings together families and friends for a day of celebration of America’s independence for the past 235 years. The event takes place in Lions Park, 10th and Maple streets, and includes free rides and face painting at the west end of the park for all children. Food and beverage concessions along with live music are also highlights for those who attend. The event begins at noon and the grand finale is a fireworks show.

For the first time, the City of Golden will be providing the fireworks show, which will begin around 9:30 p.m. Fireworks will be launched from the Colorado School of Mines, so be sure to keep that in mind when looking for a spot to watch the show. The Golden Lions Club recommends viewing the fireworks from the Lions Ball Fields on the south side of 10th street and directly across from Lions Park. An estimated 2,000 are expected to attend, so come out and enjoy the fun! For more information about the Fourth of July Festival, visit www.GoldenLionsClub.org.

The Fourth of July is one of the busiest days for the fire department. There are more fires reported on this one day than all year long, and fireworks account for more fires than any other cause. In 2008, fireworks caused an estimated 22,500 reported fires, including 1,400 structure fires and 500 vehicle fires. Those fires were responsible for 40 injuries, 1 death and an estimated $42 million in direct property damage.*

If you think sparklers are harmless, consider this:
- Water boils at 212° F
- Wood burns at 575° F
- Glass melts at 900° F
- Sparklers burn at 1200° F

Along with an increase in fires, burn injuries related to firework use and misuse are also high. In 2008, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 7,000 firework related injuries. One third of the people injured by fireworks were children under the age of 15. In fact, the risk of injury by fireworks is two-and-a-half times greater for children ages 5-19 as it is for the general population. Sparklers, fountains and novelties accounted for 32 percent of all firework-related emergency room visits.

Although there are fireworks stands with Golden mailing addresses, be warned these stands are in unincorporated Jefferson County and are NOT within the City limits. Fireworks of any kind are illegal in the City limits of Golden. The Golden city Fire Code states that the possession, possession with intent to sell/furnish/give, manufacture, storage, sale, furnishing, giving, handling and use/igniting of fireworks is prohibited.

*Statistics in this article were provided by the National Fire Protection Agency.
Visitors are encouraged to park in the public parking structures available between Ford and Washington Avenue at 12th and 13th streets.

### 2011 Schedule of Events

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<td>Wild West Show (Western entertainment, sharp shooting, fast draw contest, Indian dancers, vaquero group, gun spinning, whip cracking, gun fights)</td>
<td>Lions Ballfields (West End)</td>
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Howdy Folks!
Buffalo Bill Days is Back on July 27-31

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. Western history buffs, families, especially the “youngsters” and visitors alike will all enjoy the weekend. The kickoff events include a golf tournament at Fossil Trace on Wednesday, July 27. The Golden Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Buffalo Bill Days Luncheon on Thursday, July 28 at the Buffalo Rose Events Center, 1119 Washington Ave.

The main events kick off at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 29 with a night of music on the main stage in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Featured band Chris Daniels and the Kings plays at 7 p.m. There will also be local entertainment and local bands playing throughout the weekend.

Weekend events include entertainment, arts and craft vendors, food and beverage vendors, rides and games for the kids. Free train rides for the kids are available on Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The American Legion Duck race is on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Saturday begins with the Golden Fire Department Pancake Breakfast at 6 a.m. followed by the famous Best of the West Parade at 10 a.m. down Washington Avenue. After that, check out the Wild West Show which takes place at the west end of the Lions Park Ball Fields just off of 10th Street. Sunday morning begins with a Community Worship Service in Parfet Park at 9 a.m. followed by Muttin Bustin at 10:30 a.m. at the Lions Park Ball Fields. There’s also a Classic Car Show and Orphan Car show on the downtown streets. Other Golden organizations like the Astor House, Clear Creek History Park and the Golden History Museum will also hold events as part of the celebration.

For more information, visit www.buffalobilldays.com, or contact the Buffalo Bill Days Committee at 303-279-3342.

Last Chance to Sign Up for Muttin Bustin

There are still entry slots available for your youngsters who have rodeo aspirations. The wildly popular Muttin Bustin challenge will once again be the highlight for young boys and girls during Buffalo Bill Days. The contest is open to any child, 5 to 7 years of age with a maximum allowable weight of 60 lbs. Just like Bronco riding, but for kids, and riding sheep not horses. The goal is to “hold on tight” and ride as long as you can.

The event takes place on Sunday, July 31 at the Lions Park Ball Fields on 10th Street with check-in beginning at 9:30 a.m. This popular event is limited via pre-registration to the first forty paid and registered applicants. 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.

If your child is interested in becoming a western wrangler, contact Tombstone Tom Mackey at 303-273-9624 or Buffalo Bill Days at 303-279-3342. You can pick up an application at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. or print one online at www.buffalobilldays.com.

GET YOUR HOTCAKES HERE!

Come watch your volunteer firefighters flip pancakes on the griddle. The 37th annual pancake breakfast draws about 2,000 people to Fire Station 1, located just west of 10th Street and Washington Avenue.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes pancakes, sausage and orange juice. The Golden Fire Department will begin serving at 6 a.m. until about 10 a.m. when the parade begins.

Tickets are $5 at the door and all proceeds go to the Volunteer Firefighter Fund, which helps pay for the needs of the volunteer fire department.
Do You Have What it Takes to Run for Office?

If you’ve ever thought about running for City Council, now is your chance. This year Golden voters will elect the positions of Mayor and Councilors for District One and District Two. In order to run, you must be a registered voter of the City of Golden, a citizen of the United States for at least five years, and must have resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the election. Candidates must also be a resident and registered voter in the District for which they are running.

Nomination petitions may be taken out and circulated beginning Aug. 2. Each potential candidate for Mayor must collect signatures from 25 registered voters in the city. Potential District candidates must collect 25 signatures from voters in the District for which they are running. Petitions must be picked up from the City Clerk’s office, 911 10th St. Nomination petitions will be due to the City Clerk by 5 p.m. on Aug. 23.

The City of Golden General Municipal Election is Nov. 1. The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 3. You can register at the Jefferson County Election Department or the Golden City Clerk’s office.

Contact the City Clerk’s Office at clerks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014 or 303-384-8015 for more information. Information can also be found on the City of Golden web site www.cityofgolden.net.

Location, Location, Location!

By Dispatcher Carrie Lorea

It is a common misconception to think 911 dispatchers automatically know your location when you call. In fact, the single most important piece of information a caller can provide the 911 dispatcher is the location of the emergency. Without this, the dispatcher has no idea where to send help. The information provided to us on the 911 telephone screen depends on what type of phone the caller is using. Additionally, information is only displayed when a call is placed to 911 and not the non-emergency line.

When calling 911, regular land line phones are the most reliable and provide a dispatcher with the most information about a caller, including the caller’s name, specific address and phone number.

The other version of a house phone is the VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) phone, a phone-line provided over the internet. But be warned, if the internet service fails, so does your phone system. It is also the citizen’s responsibility to register their address and contact information with their service provider. It must also be updated should you choose to move. Registering and updating your information will ensure that the correct address is routed to the proper agency when a 911 call is placed. Also beware, if this service is used during travel, a 911 call will still be routed to your hometown police department, despite your out-of-town location.

Cell phones are perhaps the trickiest for dispatchers to identify a caller’s location. Their GPS and tracking capability is affected by elements such as weather, cell tower configuration and the caller's service provider. There are times when a 911 dispatcher will only receive GPS coordinates of the cell tower from which the phone is receiving a signal. That tower could be miles away from the caller’s actual location. Consequently, it is extremely important to provide 911 with your exact location when calling from a cell phone. When you are driving, pay attention to what road or highway you are on, what direction you are traveling and the nearest exit, cross street or mile marker. Be prepared to provide 911 with this information. It is also important to know that a 911 call placed from a cell phone will be routed to the agency closest to the cell tower that phone is utilizing. Remember, cell phones can signal off towers miles away from the caller. Consequently callers frequently need to be transferred to an agency closest to the emergency so help can arrive as fast as possible.

Just as in real estate, location, location, location is the most important thing to provide your 911 dispatcher!
Stay Cool & Save On Your Electric Bill This Summer

From June 1 through Sept. 30, Xcel Energy is charging tiered rates for electricity use. For every kilowatt hour over 500 each month, you’ll pay a higher rate for electricity. By managing your use, you can stay cool and effectively limit your bills.

- Raise the temperature of your home. Each degree below 78 will increase your energy use by three to four percent.
- If possible, run the air conditioning on a programmable thermostat. It’s a myth that leaving the AC on while you’re at work uses less energy than turning it on when you get home. Because your home absorbs heat continually, it requires the AC to constantly cycle on and off as the house cools and heats up.
- Close registers in unused rooms and draw the drapes during hours of direct sunlight.
- Install a ceiling fan. Studies show they make people feel about 5 degrees cooler. Also, make sure it is spinning the right way (down).
- Insulate and weatherize. Poorly insulated attics and leaky doors and windows can lose up to 40 percent of your cool air.

Biking Made Easy

According to the Federal Highway Safety Administration, 40 percent of all daily trips made in the U.S. cover a distance of just two miles or less, and 90 percent of these are currently made by car. Have you thought about a quick trip to the grocery store or a jaunt to the Golden Farmer's Market, but hopping in the car just seems easier? Concerned about getting up those famous Golden hills? If you’re not already a dedicated biker, an electric bicycle may be for you.

Pedal-assist or electric bicycles combine the health benefits of biking with an extra boost of power to help you up that hill. Most e-bikes have a rechargeable battery attached to the frame and typically last 20-40 miles on a single charge.

Substituting bicycle trips saves on car trips, fuel consumption, and sitting in traffic. Added benefits to you include improved fitness, less stress and more enjoyment of Golden’s great bike paths.

Find out if an electric bicycle is right for you at a demonstration from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26 at the Woody’s Wood-fired Pizza monthly Golden Cruise event, 1305 Washington Ave.

LEARN TO COMPOST

A free hands-on composting workshop will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 11 and Monday, Aug. 1. Participants will learn the principles of composting, maintaining the pile, and troubleshooting. Wear clothes you don’t mind getting dirty and bring garden pruners. Attendees who bring a container are also welcome to take home their own compost ‘starter’, which will be made in class. Please meet in the Golden Community Garden located at the west end of 8th Street, above the City’s Water Plant. Visit www.goldencommunitygarden.org for further details.

STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY

Although our recycling collection programs cannot accept plastic bags due to problems with the sorting process, bags are accepted at most Golden grocery stores.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Through July 30**

**Frontiers: Colorado Inspirations and Fiber Art Innovations**

Enjoy new pieces by the Front Range Contemporary Quilters, inspired by the many ways living in Colorado captures the artist’s imagination. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information, call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

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**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.

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**July 9**

**Fancy Nancy Tea**

Join the Golden Library and Golden History Museums for a light luncheon tea, craft and Fancy Nancy story time from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Astor House Museum, 822 12th St. Tickets are $40 for 1 adult and 1 child, non-member; $35 for 1 adult and 1 child, member. Register by calling 303-278-3557.

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**July 11**

**MOMS Club**

The International MOMS Club is a non-profit organization which provides support for stay-at-home moms. Join us for a fun-filled day from 10 a.m. to noon at Lions Park, 1300 10th St. Meet other local moms and their kids and learn about what the MOMS Club has to offer you. For more information call 720-219-8149, email GoldenMOMSClub@yahoo.com or visit www.momsclub.org.

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**July 16**

**RockWest!**

A rock-n-roll fundraising concert for the Foothills Art Center. From 6 to 10 p.m. at the CSM Green Center Bunker Auditorium, 1500 Illinois St. Tickets are $35 general admission and $75 VIP. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

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**July 25 through Aug. 12**

**Express Boot Camp**

Boot Camp Challenge is a session-based program for every fitness level: Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced.

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**Every Saturday through Oct. 1**

**Golden Farmer’s Market**

Come meet 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.

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**July 8 through Aug. 28**

**A Touch of Spring**

Dealing with love and red tape and the magical atmosphere of Rome in the spring, this delightful witty comedy had phenomenal success in London in the newly revised version offered here. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. For tickets and information, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

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**July 8 through Sept. 4**

**Cowboys and Rock Stars**

The exhibition features an extensive collection of Rockmount’s famous shirts dating back to the 1930’s, narrating visitors through the journey of Rockmount and its landmark design philosophy. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.
You’ll get all the motivation and affordability of group exercise with the accountability and results of personal training, all for less than $14 per class. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information call Kim at 720-628-2901 or info@BCCDenver.com.

July 30 and 31
Wild West Days
Train robberies, shootouts, free steam train rides, famous old west characters and much more! The Wild West Days is in conjunction with Buffalo Bill Days. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. For more information, call 303-279-4591 or visit www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.

August 2
A Golden Night in the Park
Join the Golden Police Department for the 14th annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Free food, games, demonstrations and giveaways. For more information call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031 or jmarquez@cityofgolden.net.

July 27 through 31
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, see pages 6 & 7. You can also call 303-279-3342 or visit www.buffalobilldays.com for more information.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

The City of Golden is hosting FREE Sales and Use Tax Workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors and geared toward individuals who need to learn sales and use tax concepts on an in-depth level.

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
July 6, 2011 ..........  9 to 11 a.m.
September 7, 2011 ..  9 to 11 a.m.
October 5, 2011 ......  9 to 11 a.m.

Although these classes are free, space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

The City of Golden is hosting FREE Building Use Tax Workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors. Classes are geared toward individuals who need to learn about building use tax concepts on an in-depth basis.

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
August 3, 2011 ........  9 to 11 a.m.
November 2, 2011 ...  9 to 11 a.m.

Classes are free, but space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
Golden’s Stage 6 Route to Include Lookout Mountain

It’s official! The USA Pro Cycling Challenge will include one of the most iconic rides in the area as part of Stage 6, which will start in Golden and finish in Denver on Sunday, Aug. 28. The route includes the climb up and descent down Lookout Mountain, where the overall King of the Mountain winner will be decided.

Racers will start under Golden’s famous “Howdy Folks” welcome arch and take a northern loop out of town around North Table Mountain. They will ride through town past the start line a second time and then make the challenging ride up Lookout Mountain Road. At an average 6.1 percent grade and 1,300 feet of elevation gain over 4.8 miles, this section provides an intense challenge on the tour’s final day. After a treacherous descent down the winding roads of Lookout Mountain, the cyclists will follow Heritage Road and South Golden Road before returning to downtown Golden a third time. The racers will turn on 13th Street and head out of town toward Denver on 32nd Avenue. When they arrive in Denver, the racers will make six laps of a five-mile circuit where the winner of the inaugural USA Pro Cycling Challenge is crowned in the Mile High City.

For turn-by-turn details and a full map of stage 6, go to www.ProCyclingGolden.com.

A Match Made In… The Water Treatment Plant

This year marks nearly a decade of a successful partnership between the City of Golden’s Water Treatment Plant and students from the Colorado School Mines (CSM). Every spring semester, about ten students from CSM work in the Environmental Engineering Pilot Plant Laboratory, which was created to give students a place to test experiments and put them into real world use.

This has been a productive venture for both parties and this year’s class was no different. “These are the engineers that are going to be designing our water treatment plants in the future, yet many of them have never been inside a water plant,” said Golden Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Ashley Dalton. “This is true hands-on experience for them.” The students studied the effects of chlorination before and after filtration. They were looking to see how it affected the removal of turbidity or the cloudiness of the water, to make sure bacteria levels remained low. They also evaluated the effects chlorine had on removal of certain contaminants such as metals and disinfection byproducts during the filtration process.

These projects are very helpful to the City of Golden because they give the city vital information necessary to keep our drinking water as safe and clean as possible, without taking away manpower from the plant. Each year, the City looks at what kind of technology or data needs to be updated, and bases the student’s experiments around those needs. The program also allows students and city workers to try experiments on a small scale without affecting the entire treatment plant, so they can make sure a process works before putting it into play.
In the early morning hours of November 11, 1918, news of the end of World War I traveled to Golden. Those who first heard the news “had the joy and honor of ringing the first taps on the central station fire bell.” Soon, “bells and whistles in all section of the city took up the chorus, and in less time than it takes to tell about it, a joyous crowd had gathered on Washington Avenue.”

Residents started a great bonfire. Someone lit a giant box of firecrackers and “the few people who remained in their warm beds were unable to get any more sleep that night.”

The Colorado Transcript reported:

_Everyone who came downtown took a turn at ringing the fire bell, which continued to peal out the glad tidings for more than seven hours, without cessation, sometimes as many as ten people would have holds on the bell ropes at the same time. Finally the strenuous ringing cracked the famous old bell, and it had to give up its share of the celebration._

The jubilation continued on into the morning. At 9:30 a.m. an impromptu parade started, stretching for six blocks and “in spite of the short notice... it was the biggest and finest parade Golden had ever seen.” The newspaper continued,” _[T]he war was over and finally there ended a day which Golden people can never forget._”

In July of 1919, Golden held a Welcome Home Celebration for soldiers returning from the war. The City declared the day a holiday and hundreds of people attended. During the celebration, the City dedicated the fire bell, deeming it Golden’s own Liberty Bell. Sealed in the cement base of the bell was a time capsule to be opened on November 11, 1968. The capsule contained a list of Golden war veterans, accounts of war activities and letters about the night the bell cracked. “The present generation transmits this memorial and these records with the hope that the principles established by the World War will add to the happiness of future generations... and the boys will know what they have done and how glad everyone is that they are home again.”

In 1968 the City opened the capsule in a ceremony at City Hall. The crowd included a number of people from the 1918 celebration, some traveling great distances to attend. On that day, the children of Mitchell Elementary School helped continue the legacy with another time capsule sealed in the base of the bell to be opened on the 100th anniversary of the Liberty Bell crack on November 11, 2018.

Golden’s Liberty Bell serves as a reminder of the immense gratitude expressed by Golden residents to our veterans. This Fourth of July, our Liberty Bell can remind present day Golden residents to thank those who have fought for the freedoms we enjoy today.

*All of the quotes in this article are from reports in the Colorado Transcript newspaper.

_Highlight of Historic Golden: 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._
Celebrate Health!
Friday, July 8 & August 5
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. The first Friday of each month we offer free blood pressure screenings and healthy refreshments. Celebrate Health! is held upstairs at the Front Porch of the Golden Community Center. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.

Chair massages .................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ..........$13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce .....$15 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 Older Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Adventures in Family History - #24220-02
Take a little time to enjoy the family: Travel into the past and discover the amazing history found within your own family in this genealogy program.

Tuesdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
July 12 - Aug. 2
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident
Fee is for the family, up to three people.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS
Golden Pacers Hiking Trip – #15220-10
Mayflower Gulch - This 2 mile hike leads to the site of the Old Boston Mine and some of the most spectacular scenery in the ten mile range of Summit County.

Monday, July 25, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$9 (van provided; bring a sack lunch, plenty of water and proper clothing plus money for refreshment stops)
Exertion Level: 5
Register/Cancel by July 22.

Golden’s First Friday Street Fair and Miners Alley Playhouse – A Touch of Spring #25011-01
Let’s enjoy the hometown feel and festivities that Golden has to offer. Golden’s First Friday Street Fair has entertainment, food provided by local restaurants for a reasonable price, plenty of people watching and local fun. Finish off the evening by attending “A Touch of Spring” at the Miner’s Alley Playhouse.

Friday, Aug. 5, 5:30 to 10 p.m.
$22 (show tickets, bring cash for food and drinks on the street)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by July 18.

Washing Machine Museum – #25012-01
Take a trip to Eaton, CO and enjoy a personal tour by Lee Maxwell of his antique washing machine museum that houses 1150+ washing machines.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$15 (van; admission and bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by Aug. 2.
The You Make the Difference award is a way for City of Golden employees to be honored by their peers for going the extra mile to really make a difference in their jobs. The awards are issued at each quarterly meeting. These are the winners for the second quarter of 2011.

**John Hardy – Street Maintenance Worker**

For the past few years, Public Works hired contractors to crush the asphalt and concrete rubble that was removed from the City’s paving projects. The rubble is then converted to fill material used as road base or utility trench backfill, saving the City money.

This year, John Hardy had the idea to have Public Works rent the crushing equipment and have the staff do the job instead of a contractor. Under John’s leadership, and with the valuable assistance of Streets Division staff, Public Works completed the crushing in February, producing over 14,000 tons of useable material from the rubble. This saved the city over $22,000, reducing the City’s cost by 36 percent.

**Public Works Utility Crew**

The utility crew maintains just over 100 miles of water mains in the city and usually responds to between 15 and 20 water main breaks each year. For some reason, this year all of the breaks seemed to come at once. Starting on Feb. 3, the utility crew responded to 11 breaks in just 17 days. Because the same crew also helped out with snow removal in early February, some members worked as many as 18 days in a row by the time the last break was fixed.

Many of the breaks take 12 to 15 hours to fix, and often the temperature was well below zero. In recognition of long hours and responding to one small emergency after another the Utility Crew received this award.

**Mike Bestor – City Manager**

There’s a reason Mike Bestor has been our City Manager for 17 years. It is because he cares about the City of Golden and he cares about and respects each employee who works for this City. Mike has done some heavy duty lifting in recent years to make sure that Golden didn’t fall victim to the negative effects of a bad economy. When most other cities and government entities are forcing furlough days and layoffs, Golden is keeping its current workforce and hiring to fill vacant spots under his leadership. That’s the big stuff Mike does. But what makes him a great leader is the little stuff. Mike signs up for kitchen cleaning duty at City Hall, makes sure everyone has gotten their last cup of coffee before he cleans out the coffee machine and carries people’s dirty dishes back to the kitchen for them. He participates in the yearly wellness programs and Weight Watchers and encourages his staff to use the Golden Community Center to work out, eat healthy and feel good. He walks to most of his City meetings, even in bad weather. Mike parks his car in the spot furthest away from the door so that everyone else can park closer. His door is always open to anyone who wants to talk to him and he defends and deflects his employees from unfair scrutiny. The decisions made by Mike affect all of us, whether we know it or not. We just wanted to make sure Mike knows his leadership by example, both big and small, has not gone unnoticed.
Swimming Lessons  
*Monday-Thursday mornings*  
1) July 11- July 21  
2) July 25 - Aug. 4  
*Monday/Wednesday evenings*  
July 11 - Aug. 3  
$35 Resident, $40 Non-residents  
Visit rec.cityofgolden.net for details!

Tiny Tots in Action  
Enjoy creative play time with your toddler in this interactive class for parent and child. This class offers a fun, energetic play time in the gym utilizing tunnels, mats, low-level balance beams, hoops, sports equipment and much more.  
*Age: 2 - 3 years*  
*Thursdays* 4 - 4:45 p.m.  
*July 14 - Aug. 4*  
$35 Resident, $40 Non-resident

Fit Kids  
If your child enjoys active play time and has lots of energy, this is the program for them. Class will include tumbling, hoops, jumping, balancing, sports, parachute play and much more! Children will enjoy a little free time near the end of the class to spread their wings.  
*Age: 4 - 6 years*  
*Thursdays* 5 - 5:45 p.m.  
*July 14 - Aug. 4*  
$35 Resident, $40 Non-resident

Fly Tying Workshops  
Have you ever wanted to tie your own flies but just don’t know where to start? Learn from a passionate and experienced fisherman who takes pride in teaching from the ground up.  
Our goal is to make tying a hobby and a lifetime skill that you will use time and again.  
*Age: 14 years and older*  
*Wednesday* 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
*July 13 (Intermediate Level)*  
$20 Resident, $25 Non-resident

Mysteries of Space Camp  
Participants will go on a virtual space mission to the planets, moons and asteroids in our solar system and learn what it would be like to spend weeks, months and even years in space. Enjoy hands-on experiments that help scientists understand the nature of space and the many amazing objects that inhabit our universe including asteroids, comets, stars and black holes!  
*Age: 6 - 12 years*  
*Monday - Friday* 9 a.m. - noon  
*July 11 - 15*  
$109 Resident, $115 Non-resident

Astronaut Workshop  
Participants will learn about the programs and facilities NASA uses to get astronauts ready for space travel, design their own space missions including their space suits, rockets and destinations. Try out planet walking skills in Micro Gravity Boots, experience a simulated rocket launch and more!  
*Age: 5 - 12 years*  
*Tuesday* 4 - 6 p.m.  
*June 28*  
*Wednesday* 9 - 11 a.m.  
*July 27*  
$19 Resident, $25 Non-resident

Adventures in Green Screen (Photography)  
Using a green screen and special photo-editing techniques, participants will venture into real or imaginary locations and film the trip to share with friends. Experiment with photos and unique drawing software to set the scene for fantastic adventures.  
*Age: 6 - 9 years*  
*Monday to Thursday* 4 - 5 p.m.  
*July 11 - 14*  
$49 Resident, $55 Non-resident

L ocated 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.
Check out the “new” historic Golden Cemetery Office, which recently went through an extensive remodel. In late May, residents of the Golden community gathered with staff and elected officials to rededicate the office.

Once referred to as the Golden Cemetery Shelter House, the office was originally built in 1933 by the Civil Works Administration during the depression. It has served as a small residence for the sexton and is closely associated with the history of the Golden Cemetery, one of Colorado’s oldest burial grounds, dating back to 1873. Golden Cemetery is the final resting place of many pioneers and characters of the early west.

The Cemetery Office remodel provides a sustainable, accessible and energy efficient office space for staff and visitors while maintaining the building’s original historic character. Sustainability improvements included spray foam insulation, high efficiency windows, a ground source heat pump, LED lighting and recycled rubber roofing to name a few. Most importantly, handicap access was a key component of the project.

For more information contact Paul Burkholder, pburkholder@cityofgolden.net or visit www.cityofgolden.net/cemetery.

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Sustainable Preservation of Golden’s History

**Fossil Trace Golf Schedule**

**JUNIOR GOLF CAMP**
The Fossil Trace Golf Club Junior Golf Camp offers a week long opportunity for a junior to be introduced to all aspects of learning the game of golf. Our talented instructors will encourage a positive attitude, provide an organized learning experience and promote social skills and friendships.

The camps will also include:
- Full swing, chipping, pitching, putting and golf rules and etiquette
- Junior athletic development training structured using the Titleist Performance Institute Junior Cyclone program
- Presenting golf skills and fundamentals using an enthusiastic approach with emphasis on long term development.
- Contests, prizes, daily refreshments and snacks.
- Junior Camp Gift Package including FTGC logo golf shirt, Junior Golf Program certificate, range pass (4 buckets) and a complimentary pass for The Splash at Fossil Trace. (Gift Pack value of $65)

All Junior **Golf Camps:**
- Ages 7-9: $175 per junior golfer  
  Tuesday thru Friday  
  July 12-15 • 8 to 10:30 a.m.
- Ages 10-14: $175 per junior golfer  
  July 12-15 • 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The 4-week Fossil Trace Golf Club Junior Golf Clinic is offered on consecutive Saturday mornings throughout the golf season. Each of the four 1-hour sessions will cover various aspects of the game, including full swing and short game (chipping, pitching and putting), basic rules and golf etiquette.

All Junior **Golf Clinics:**
- Saturdays
- Ages 4-7: $90 per junior golfer  
  8 to 9 a.m.  
  July 9, 16, 23 & 30
- Ages 8-12: $90 per junior golfer  
  9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
  July 9, 16, 23 & 30
  Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27
  Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Oct. 1
Come out to Clear Creek History Park (CCHP) to stay cool this month! From ice-cream making to chicken feeding, our experienced volunteers and staff will be presenting unique and exciting public programming. Our costumed interpreters will engage your senses and your mind as you learn about the past by “living history.” Each day’s theme is full of fun for all ages. We have designed the experience to be open-ended, so feel free to drop in for a bit or for the whole day.

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in July at CCHP will feature an exciting range of old-fashioned fun. During Churn It Up! on Thursdays (July 7, 14 and 21) you can try your hand at making ice cream, and you may get a taste as well. Fridays (July 8, 15 and 22) feature Jams and Jellies, a hands-on look at how canning preserves were necessary to get through a frontier winter. Saturdays (July 9, 16 and 23) are CCHP Chores. There were lots of chores to do in the 19th century, and you’ll have fun helping out with churning, livestock feeding and cleaning!

Each day we’ll be at the History Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. CCHP is convenient to downtown at 11th and Arapahoe along Clear Creek. There is a $5 suggested donation for each day’s activity. More details are available at www.GoldenHistoryMuseums.org, or by calling 303-278-3557.

Golden History Museums • Summer Hours of Operation
Astor House Museum (822 12th St.) and Golden History Center (923 10th St.)
Tuesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Sundays: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Clear Creek History Park (11th and Arapahoe) • Open daily sunrise to sunset
Join the Golden Police Department for the 14th annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2 in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. 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 the lives of residents, both young and old.

The night includes live music, free food, games, demonstrations and a lot of great giveaways. Once again, the emcee for the event will be CBS4 Entertainment Reporter Greg Moody, who brings fun and humor to any event!

National Night Out involves more than 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 positive partnerships between police and the community. 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 the same night. For more information on this year’s event, call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031.
YOU LIVE IN ONE FUN ZIP CODE.

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.