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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP LEAD THE CITY
The Golden City Council has council seats up for election in all four Wards. If you’ve ever thought about running for City Council and being a major part of the decision making process in Golden, now is your chance.

Each council member has a four year term and you will need to be able to attend the City Council meetings on Thursday nights. Nomination petitions may be circulated between Aug. 6 - 26. You can pick them up from the City Clerk’s Office, 911 10th St., beginning Aug. 6. The Golden General Municipal Election will be on Tuesday, Nov. 5. If you are interested in running, contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014 or sbrooks@cityofgolden.net.

If you want to vote in November, you must be registered no later than Oct. 7. Registration is through Jefferson County Elections Department, http://jeffco.us/elections/index.htm or in person. For more information, visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/departments-divisions/city-clerks-office/elections/.

NEW COMMISSION SEeks MEMBERS
Back in May, City Council formally adopted an ordinance establishing a Public Art Commission (PAC) to oversee the City’s Art in Public Places program. The PAC will be comprised of seven members, five of whom will be volunteer members appointed by the Mayor with approval by the Council. Of the initial appointments, two members will serve four-year terms and three members will serve two-year terms. Volunteer members must be residents of the City of Golden.

Applications for the PAC are being accepted now through 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 18. Council is tentatively scheduled to interview applicants at its meeting the evening of Thursday, July 25. To apply, download an application from www.cityofgolden.net/links/PAC, or contact the City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014. Applications should be submitted to the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 911 10th St., or to clerks@cityofgolden.net.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE
Last fall, City Council appointed 14 “downtowners” to serve on a temporary “Downtown Development Task Force” whose mission was to recommend how to respond to the 2015 ending of the downtown urban renewal project. After many months of study, the task force recommended the creation of a DDA or “Downtown Development Authority.” A DDA would be able to do many of the same kinds of things as GURA has been able to do, most important of which is tax increment financing. A DDA could be created by a series of votes this November. Only those within the proposed DDA boundary would be entitled to vote: the rest of the city does not participate. In order to set the wheels in motion for a November vote, City Council must adopt two ordinances, the first of which simply establishes the DDA and its boundary. The second ordinance authorizes, subject to a favorable vote, a variety of necessary powers for the DDA including:

1. ratifies the establishment of the DDA and its boundary;
2. allows use of tax increment financing;
3. adds an additional 5 mill property tax levy;
4. “De-Brucing,” which would allow the DDA to retain its tax revenue and use those funds for multi-year redevelopment agreements; and
5. authorizes entering into debt.

Second reading and a public hearing on these ordinances are currently scheduled for July 11, and may be continued to July 25. More information about the DDA is available at www.downtowngolden.net or by calling DDA Project Manager Mark Heller at 303-279-4162.

Below is Golden City Council’s monthly calendar. Meetings are held on Thursdays and begin at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

July 4
No Meeting

July 11
Regular Business Meeting

July 18
No meeting

July 25
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.
Freedom: A Privilege and a Right
By Mayor Marjorie Sloan

When an American says that he loves his country, he means not only that he loves the New England hills, the prairies glistening in the sun, the wide and rising plains, the great mountains, and the sea. He means that he loves an inner air, an inner light in which freedom lives and in which a man can draw the breath of self-respect.

- Adlai Stevenson

On a Golden Independence Day, love for our country brings images of the American flag flying against the backdrop of our beautiful foothills, craggy creek bed, snug neighborhoods, and historic downtown. Further reflection, though, yields a deeper appreciation of our freedom, democratic government, and Mr. Stevenson’s “breath of self-respect.” As we pause to admire the flags lining our streets, we can consider how lucky we are to live where we do. Fourth of July is a time to value our country, state, and especially our town, which is a microcosm of all that is good in the United States.

Golden’s longstanding tradition of responsive staff and elected officials has built our beautiful, clean, and safe community. Hot summer days and breezy evenings beckon us to stroll or hike along our pathways and sidewalks, greet friends and neighbors along the way, and hold backyard or neighborhood gatherings. If your outings prompt ideas for the betterment of our town, you are invited to share your thoughts with the City – in person, by telephone, with email, or through the city website. (Contact information is on page two of every issue of the Golden Informer.) The City’s hardworking, creative staff is committed to hearing residents’ comments and meeting their needs.

The seven-member City Council is also dedicated to fulfilling residents’ shared vision for Golden. One example can be found in the community-wide conversation that led to Council’s recent decision on how the 6/93 corridor in Golden should look and function. For even more civic involvement, the great American ritual of free, fair, and ordered elections will begin soon – imposing duties on candidates and voters alike.

Candidates for the four ward seats on City Council will kick off their campaigns sometime this summer. (Any interested office-seeker can contact City Clerk Susan Brooks to learn qualifications and procedures.)

It is rewarding to run for office in Golden -- meeting new people, hearing their concerns, and viewing neighborhoods with a fresh perspective. And successful candidates win the opportunity to make a real and lasting difference in our town. From personal experience, I can say there is no greater privilege than serving as an elected official in Golden.

But campaigning is hard work, particularly in the hands-on world of Golden local politics. Candidates for office walk neighborhoods, knock on doors, talk to residents, exchange ideas, study the issues, prepare written messages, and raise money to support their cause. From the hottest days of summer through to Election Day, Nov. 5, they go to coffees, meetings, parades, events, and forums – all while juggling family time, work requirements, and other responsibilities.

The genius of the American system is that voters, too, devote time to the issues and the candidates’ positions. Golden residents generally welcome candidates at their doorstep and express interest in what they have to say. This mutual engagement of candidates and voters creates the soil in which good government takes root and the “light in which freedom lives.”

Happy Fourth of July to All.

Mayor Marjorie Sloan
The Golden Backpack Program (GBP) is excited to announce the launch of the “Snack-n-Wagon,” a mobile food pantry that will provide weekday lunches to kids in need this summer.

The Snack-n-Wagon begins serving lunch at two locations on July 1. Any child up to 18 years of age can come get lunch with no questions asked. The Snack-n-Wagon will set up at Fox Hill Apartments, 17611 W. 16th Ave., from 11 a.m. to noon, then move over to Mountainside Estates, 17190 Mt. Vernon Rd., from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch will be served Monday through Friday through Aug. 9, with the exception of July 4th.

People from every part of the community have stepped up to rehabilitate the donated “beer bus” into a functioning mobile food pantry. The effort has included help from the City of Golden, Community Faith in Action, Pleasant View Elementary, and many concerned Golden residents.

The Food Bank of the Rockies will supply the food for the wagon at no cost. The Golden Backpack Program is coordinating staffing the bus with volunteers; so if you would like to help out, please visit www.goldenbackpack.org to learn more.

**Mobile Food Pantry to Provide Summer Lunches to Kids in Golden**

Schools are discovering new ways to use technology for the benefit of the students. Unfortunately, budgets are such that the use of technology in the classroom is often limited, especially for elementary school students.

Pleasant View Elementary School, one of Golden’s articulation area schools, has found ways to use recycled handheld and desktop equipment to enhance student learning. The school uses items such as iPads to help with reading skills and for reverse classroom techniques. A reverse classroom allows students to watch a classroom lecture at home and then do the “homework” at school where they have access to help if they need it.

This type of technology is essential for supporting student success. The school can use any of the following items:
- iPad, iPad mini
- iPod touch, iPod Nano, iPod Shuffle, iPod Classic
- Nook Simple Touch, Nook HD
- Kindles

If you or your company has any of these items, or funds for these items that you would like to donate, please contact Pleasant View Elementary School Principal Janace Fischer at jfischer@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-5921 (after Aug. 1). Your donation can clear a pathway to help students succeed academically and as community members.
**2013 Schedule of Events**

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<td>Golden Fire Department’s Pancake Breakfast</td>
<td>Golden Fire Station No. 1</td>
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<td>12:30 to 3 p.m.</td>
<td>Cody’s 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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<td><strong>Sunday, July 28</strong></td>
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<td>8th Annual Community Worship Service</td>
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<td>13th Annual Orphan Car Show</td>
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<td>Duck Race</td>
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Visitors are encouraged to park in the public parking structures available on Jackson Street between 11th and 13th streets.
Buffalo Bill Days July 24 - 28

It began as a simple trail ride up to Buffalo Bill’s grave in the 1940’s. Today, the festival named after the famous Wild West cowboy is the largest annual community event in Golden. The multi-day event has a little something for everyone. There are western reenactments and live bands, crafts for kids and plenty of good food and beverages.

The weekend kicks off with a golf tournament on Wednesday, July 24 followed by the annual Buffalo Bill Days Luncheon on Thursday, July 25 at the Buffalo Rose Events Center, 1119 Washington Ave., hosted by the Golden Chamber of Commerce.

The main events kick off at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 26 with live music on the main stage in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. The featured band is Chris Daniels and the Kings. Brad Lee Schroeder will be the featured band Saturday night, along with a variety of local bands playing throughout the weekend.

Free train rides for the kids are available on Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. And don’t forget the American Legion Duck Race on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. along Clear Creek. Buy your duck anytime before then for a chance to win one of a multitude of prizes.

Saturday morning bright and early, bring your hungry bellies to the Golden Fire Department’s Pancake Breakfast starting at 6 a.m. at Fire Station #1, 911 10th St. Our volunteer firefighters will serve pancakes until it’s time for the Best of the West Parade at 10 a.m. down Washington Avenue. A short walk down 10th Street will take you to the Cody’s Wild West show at the Lions Ball Fields starting at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 28 begins with a Community Worship Service at 9 a.m. in Parfet Park, followed by Muttin Bustin for the kids at 11 a.m. back at the Lions Ball Fields. Downtown Golden’s main drag will be filled with a Classic Car and Orphan Car Show. You can also find a bunch of special events at the Astor House, Clear Creek History Park and the Golden History Museum.

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

A GOLDEN NIGHT OUT IN THE PARK

We’re getting excited… This will be the Golden Police Department’s 16th annual National Night Out event!

National Night Out was introduced in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities. While one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out represents the kind of spirit, energy and determination to help make neighborhoods a safer place and enhance the police-community partnerships.

We hope that you will join us from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6 in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. There will be free food, entertainment and a bunch of great raffle prizes.

Remember: lock your doors, turn on your porch light and come meet your neighbors and members of your Golden Police Department for a night of fun.
As they have for over 40 years, the Golden Lions are again organizing and hosting the 4th of July community celebration in Lions Park as a way of giving back to their community and country. Activities start at noon and end in the evening with a large fireworks display put on by the City of Golden. The event is designed to be a day for friends, neighbors and families to get together at the beautiful park on 10th Street to picnic or purchase food and drink, enjoy music throughout the day, and let the kids enjoy the free rides and face painting provided by the Golden Lions Club.

In order to be able to provide free rides, free music and funding for the fireworks, Golden Lions are selling raffle tickets. The ticket proceeds are used for the most part to fund the event, and any excess goes back into the community for projects that better the community. It is also a way for the community to support the Lions and what they do to make Golden a great place to live. For a dollar each or six tickets for five dollars, you get a chance to win one of over 200 prizes ranging from overnight stays at mountain casinos to the grand prize of $1000 donated by the Lions Club. You don’t have to be present to win. Winners are announced throughout the day with the grand-prize winner identified just before the fireworks. Most of the raffle prizes are donated by local merchants and businesses as their way of supporting the event and the community.

Keep an eye out for Lions volunteers decked out in their festive gold vests selling raffle tickets in front of King Soopers, Meyers Hardware, Windy Saddle Café, and other local businesses or at the Golden Farmers Market. Buy your tickets and join in on the fun at Lions Park on the 4th of July!

### Join the Public Works Citizen’s Academy

Have you ever wondered how Golden’s water is treated? How we maintain and repair infrastructure? How we map and track water, sewer and street-related assets within the community? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should join the First Annual Public Works Citizen’s Academy. This free 20-hour program, which is geared toward adults, will kick off on Saturday, Sept. 7. It will include interactive hands-on training activities, tours of City facilities and presentations by Public Works staff and simulated working conditions. All necessary safety equipment is provided.

For additional information or to register, visit [www.cityofgolden.net/links/PWCitizensAcademy](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/PWCitizensAcademy). The registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 16. The class size is limited, so please register early. If you have specific questions about the program, please contact Amy Capwell at 303-384-8152 or acapwell@cityofgolden.net.

### Academy Schedule

- **Saturday, Sept. 7:**
  - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 10:**
  - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 17:**
  - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 24:**
  - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 1:**
  - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 5:**
  - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Graduation at City Council meeting on Oct. 10**
Stay Cool & Save on Your Electric Bill This Summer

From now until 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.

• Create cross-ventilation by opening windows to allow heat to escape. If you have an attic or whole-house fan, open windows close to ground level and close upper windows to draw cooler air into the house.
• Raise the temperature of your home. Each degree below 78 will increase your energy use by three to four percent.
• Limit your air conditioning by increasing the temperature while you’re away or running the AC 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 five 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.
• Stay cool with cash back: $40 off your bill each year for installing an energy saver switch on your AC or up to $1000 in rebates for new high efficiency AC or evaporative cooling units.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did You Know – Evaporative cooling systems can be 75 percent more efficient compared to central AC.

Irrigation – Tap into Water Conservation

Each Golden resident uses an average of 160 gallons of water per day. During the summer, our monthly use 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. As part of the City’s water conservation goals, Golden partners with the Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC) to provide site specific water conserving techniques to the residents of Golden. At no cost to residents, the CRC will perform a thorough inspection of the sprinkler system and provide recommendations to improve the efficiency of the system. Inspections are scheduled from June until August. Requests for inspections fill up early, so reserve a spot now either online at ConservationCenter.org or by calling 303-999-3820 x217.
Through July 14

**Collected Stories**
A play about a successful short story writer who debates whether her friend’s life is suitable for use in her storytelling. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For show times, tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through July 27

**Machine Artistry Old and New**
Sisters Sue Nickels and Pat Holly are famous for their machine-made quilts and this exhibit displays antique quilts from their collection. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. Call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

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

**First Friday Street Fair**
The First Friday Street Fair includes entertainment, food and much more. On Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. 5 to 9 p.m.

July 6

**Coffee with a Councilor**
Join City Councilors to talk about topics concerning Golden. 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councillor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

July 6, 13, 20

**Golden Farmer’s Market**
From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from June to October in the parking lot west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Come meet the new vendors and welcome back your old favorites. (No Farmer’s Market the last weekend of July due to Buffalo Bill Days). For info call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

July 19 & 20

**GHS Class of 1983 Reunion**
It’s the 30th class reunion for Golden High School’s class of 1983. For details, contact Rex Halbeisen at 303-619-6679 or rexhalbeisen@gmail.com or visit www.ghsclassof1983reunion.com/30th-reunion/.

July 20

**Dinosaur Express Train**
A hands-on lesson about the historic fossils that were unearthed as the railroads in Colorado were built. Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 West 44th Ave. For tickets and information call 303-279-4591 or visit ColoradoRailroad.org.

July 20 & 21

**The Splash is Closed**
The Splash water park will be closed in order to host the Foothills Swimming Association League Championship Swim Meet. The leisure pool will still be open but the lap pool will not be available until 3 p.m. each day. For details visit www.SplashinGolden.com.

July 24 through 28

**Buffalo Bill Days**
This is Golden’s largest annual event, attracting more than 40,000 visitors to town over the weekend. 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.
**July 2013**

**July 26 through September 1**

*Wonder of the World*
A play about a wild ride over Niagara Falls in a barrel of laughs as the main character embarks on a journey of self discovery. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For show times, tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

**July 30**

*Golden Bicycle Cruise*
Bring your bicycle and come cruise with friends and families through Golden. It’s the last Tuesday of every month through October. Meet at 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot next to the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Ride starts at 6:30 p.m. End in the same location for a festival with food and brew. For information call Marcie Miller at 720-326-8636.

**August 2**

*Movies and Music in the Park*
Start the night at 7 p.m. with the band “The Boomers” and then stick around for the movie Madagascar 3. This family-friendly entertainment is free in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Vendors will be on hand to sell food and treats, or you can bring your own picnic. For details visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/MoviesandMusic.

**August 6**

*A Golden Night in the Park*
Join the Golden Police Department for the 16th 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 details call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031 or jmarquez@cityofgolden.net.

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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 kitley@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.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, July 12 & Aug. 2
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. For details call 303-384-8130.
Chair massages...............$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions.........$13 for 15 minutes

Receive the Front Porch News Online!
Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

FREE Seminars Available!
Sign up in the Front Porch.

The Rewards of Gardening
Tuesday, July 16, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Exploring easy to grow fruits, herbs, vegetables and flowers that can have powerful impacts on your health. Register in the Front Porch.

Computer Training for Life-long Learning
These introductory computer classes are presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library and are for all skill levels. Space is limited; sign up in the Front Porch.
Min/Max: 4/8
July 15 - Intro to using a Computer
July 22 - Intro to using the Internet
July 29 - Microsoft Word Basics

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

H Mart, Bombay Bazaar, and Indian Lunch - #15018-1
We'll drive to Aurora to enjoy an international lunch and then continue our tour to the international supermarket H Mart and the Bombay Bazaar.
Monday July 8, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
$11 (van included; bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by July 3.

The Rock Ledge Ranch in Colorado Springs - #15019-1
The Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site is an educational, non-profit living history farm and museum that depicts life in the Pikes Peak region in four time periods.
Friday, July 19, 9 a.m.to 4:30 p.m.
$28 (van & admission included; bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 4
Register/Cancel by July 17.

Colorado Rockies vs. Milwaukee Brewers on the WestLine - #15020-1
Take me out to the ballgame via the West Line rail! Meet at the Jeffco/Golden light rail station and take the train to the game.
Sunday, July 28, 11:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
$19 (game tickets included; Bring cash or credit card for light rail passes & incidentals)
Register/Cancel by July 15.
In May, Irene Obermeyer was recognized as a “Senior Hero” by the Jefferson County Council on Aging. The award is for seniors making a difference every day, and Irene certainly fits the bill.

Irene Obermeyer volunteers at the Front Porch in the Golden Community Center (GCC). She is a very busy lady. Not only does she volunteer her time, she also coordinates and serves meals every week at the local Volunteers of America meal site. In addition, the work that she does with the Hands & Hearts knitting group touches the lives of many outside the walls of the GCC. Hardly a week goes by without a card, letter or note arriving from a healthcare facility, assisted living center, cancer center or individual who has been touched by the kindness of the handmade items donated by the group. Irene not only makes many of the items herself, but she coordinates an entire network of knitters and arranges all details.

Irene completes all of these acts with a smile on her face and her demeanor always brightens every room. Congratulations to Irene on this well deserved recognition!

Golden’s Chief Building Official, Gerry George, has been recognized by the Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council (ICC) for 40 years of service. Gerry is now an Honorary Member for his outstanding work which began in March of 1973. Since then he has served the ICC and many communities; and for the past seven years, we’ve had the privilege of having him work for the City of Golden.

As Chief Building Official, Gerry is responsible for ensuring homes and businesses are structurally safe and meeting codes. By making sure things are built correctly, he keeps people safe now, and well into the future. Gerry also works hard to maintain the historical character of our oldest Golden structures. “Golden is lucky to have a building official with that level of professionalism and experience who is recognized as one of the leading professionals in the country,” said Public Works Director Dan Hartman.

For those who know Gerry, they say he is a man of few (but usually funny) words who loves to make up acronyms for everything. Ask him about his grandkids and he quickly turns into a happy chuckling proud grandpa. Thank you, Gerry, for your dedication to work, family and the City of Golden.
City Employees Making a Difference

The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make the Difference” awards. Employees are nominated by co-workers for their exceptional work. Ten employees were recently honored with the award.

Mike Councilman - Senior Maintenance Worker
Mike was not nominated for one specific thing, but for a year and a half of effort which went above and beyond reasonable expectations. Mike is always trying new things, learning new skills and will come in early or stay late whenever needed. He helps other departments and volunteered to take the lead on many major projects throughout the city that have improved drainage, stopped erosion and repaired critical infrastructure. Mike does many of the things that are not seen by the public, but that make life nicer for everyone.

Clarissa Cutrell - Web Content Writer
Jenifer Doane - Community Marketing Manager
While the city’s graphic designer was on maternity leave, Clarissa and Jenifer stepped up and volunteered to take on all of her tasks, in addition to their regular full-time duties. Clarissa was in charge of every piece of letterhead, business card, envelope, logo and design needed by city departments. She even took it upon herself to learn a new computer program so that she could create a t-shirt logo for the Community Center’s summer day camps. Jenifer took over the monster project of the design, layout and production of the Golden Informer, which took not just hours, but days from her regular work schedule. We are lucky to have such talented and enthusiastic people on our team.

Joe Dolance - Senior Streets Worker
The person who nominated Joe kept it short and sweet. Simply said, Joe has shown the ability to perform all duties asked of him. He is willing to learn and help others. When tasks have been completed, he always asks if there is anything else to be done or do. Great employee!

Kris Briganti - Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer
Kris is the embodiment of the Golden Community Center’s motto, “providing memorable recreation experiences for our community.” Her classes are overflowing with patrons, so instead of turning people away, she chooses to teach more. She is more than an instructor and trainer; she is a friend, mentor and motivator. Not only does Kris go above and beyond for patrons, she helps get the recreation staff motivated as well. Enough cannot be said about her never-ending dedication to improving the quality of the lives around her.

Julie Brooks - Education/Healthy Communities Coordinator
Although not part of her regular job, Julie was asked to spearhead the major project of implementing new recruiting software for the Human Resources Department, due to staff shortages. She accepted and spent countless hours working with the software implementation team. She not only learned the entire system, but trained all of the HR staff to use it as well. We could not have accomplished this milestone without her dedication and willingness to see things through.

Brian Matzke, Mike Councilman, John Powderly, Kyle Raley - Senior Maintenance Workers and Mechanic
The Street Division needed help plowing all of the snow we got this winter. Brian, Mike, John and Kyle stepped up and volunteered to assist. Their attitude, reliability and responsiveness were above expectations. It’s nice to know that you can continually rely on other employees from other divisions to help in times of need and make the winter season a success.
Meet Golden’s Newest Police Officers

Becoming a Golden Police officer is a big responsibility. The men and women hired in Golden have to have more than just a gun and a badge… they have to have a lot of heart. Police officers in our small town must go above and beyond to get to know residents and build good relationships. They must also be incredibly skilled and pass a rigorous series of tests and academy classes to best protect the people who live, work and play in Golden. Recently, the Golden Police Department hired six new officers whom we expect will make us all proud.

Mark Donohue started with the Golden Police Department on July 16, 2012. Before being sworn in, Mark attended the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office/Lakewood Police Department Combined Police Academy; a 20 week long intensive training program that included over 800 hours of classroom work, emergency vehicle operation, firearms training, arrest control and physical training. Mark excelled at the Academy, receiving top awards from the staff and his peers.

Previously, Mark was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and was active duty from 2004 to 2008. Mark served two tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Joshua Jack was in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves from 2004 to 2010 and served one active tour of duty in Iraq from 2008-2009. At one time, he was assigned to the same Marine Reserves Unit as Mark. Joshua was hired on Jan. 7 and came to us from the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office and has two years of experience as a non-certified detentions deputy. Joshua just graduated from the Police Academy and was sworn in as a Golden Police Officer.

Austin Beck was hired on Jan. 14 and came to us from the Scottsdale Police Department in Arizona with seven years of police experience. While employed in Scottsdale, Austin was assigned to several specialized units including police bicycle patrol, Community Action Team (working closely with bar owners and residents to resolve community issues), SWAT and the High Enforcement Arrest Team. Austin received recognition for his work in the specialized units.

Lindsay Loos was hired on Jan. 14 and came to us with two years of experience from the University of Colorado/Boulder Police Department. Lindsay also has one year experience as a patrol deputy with Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office. Lindsay received several certificates of training while with CU/Boulder including Police Bicycle Patrol. She also has schooling, training and experience in the mental health field and working with people who have mental health issues.

Joshua White and Jonathan Skigen both completed the Red Rocks Community College Police Academy on Dec. 14, 2012 and were hired by the Golden Police Department one month later. They do not have any prior experience as police officers, but are both progressing through the Field Training Program and are fitting in well with the department and the City of Golden.
Teen Adventure Fridays
Join us on Fridays this summer for days filled with thrills and excitement! Your day will include a field trip plus additional activities if time remains. Teens will pay for the field trip on-their-own at the destination. The registration fee covers transportation and supervision. Field trips include Wings Over the Rockies and the Splash, Jump Street and mall walk/ice cream, and Adventure Golf and Raceway. Emergency forms due one week before attendance day. This program will fill up fast, register online today!

Teen Adventure Friday remaining field trips:
July 12 - Wings Over the Rockies & Splash Aquatic Park
July 26 - Jump Street & ice cream at Colorado Mills Mall
Aug. 8 - Adventure Golf & Raceway
Age: 13-15 years
$20 Resident, $22 Non-resident
- Teens pay for field trip at destination.

Golden Dance
There is still time this summer to put on those dancing shoes! New sessions of ballet, tap, hip hop and jazz classes begin the second week in July. For more information and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.

Dash at the Splash triathlon medalist.

Dash at the Splash triathlon

Fossil Trace Junior Camps, Clinics and Private Instruction

Junior Camp
The Fossil Trace Junior Golf Camp offers a 3-day long opportunity to be introduced to all aspects of 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 also include; full swing, chipping, pitching, putting, golf rules and etiquette. Junior athletic development training is structured using the Titleist Performance Institute Cyclone Program. Contests, prizes, daily refreshments and snacks are provided.

Junior Clinic
The 4-week Fossil Trace Junior Golf Clinic is offered on consecutive Saturday mornings during the golf season. Each of the four 1-hour sessions will cover various aspects of the game, including full swing and short game, basic rules, golf etiquette and fun practice games for juniors.

Looking for solo lessons and more individualized instruction? Fossil Trace also offers Adult and Junior Private and Semi-Private Instruction. For more information on Fossil Trace Golf Instruction, rates and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.
The Golden Cemetery has been owned and operated by the City of Golden since 1873, so as you can imagine, some of the headstones are pretty old. Some of these stones, dating back more than 130 years, are starting to fade and become unreadable.

So the Cemetery staff decided to take on the big task of restoring these historic headstones so that they will proudly reflect their history for many more generations to come. One of the headstones marks the resting place of Jesse N. Quaintance, who died of typhoid fever in 1881. He belonged to a prominent family in Golden that ran many of the more popular tourist attractions.

According to the *Golden Globe* issue of June 25, 1881:

> The funeral services occurred at the Baptist church yesterday afternoon, and the remains of little Jesse were consigned to mother earth amid the sobs of the grief-stricken parents, who in this their hour of bereavement have the sympathy of the whole community.

This is one of more than two dozen headstones that are currently being restored at the Golden Cemetery. The staff is not doing this out of obligation, but because it’s the best way to honor the Cemetery residents.

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**EDCOMM AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO GHS STUDENTS**

The City of Golden’s Economic Development Commission is pleased to announce eight winners of the *Educating for Tomorrow* scholarship, chosen by a subcommittee of the Commission. The scholarship was open to seniors at Golden High School who will be enrolling in an Associate of Applied Science degree program at Red Rocks Community College. The winners are Sophia Campos, Kaitlyn Davis, Seth Duvall, Aldo Estrada, Jose Estrada, Tripp Gaylord, Alex Green and Ryder Zgabay.

Each scholarship recipient will receive $1,000 toward their first year of tuition at Red Rocks. The scholarship is renewable for a second year.

The purpose of the *Educating for Tomorrow* scholarship is to train tomorrow’s workforce by making relevant college degrees attainable for students who might otherwise forgo college to enter the workforce immediately after high school.

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**Leadership Golden**

Now Accepting Applications

Leadership Golden is now accepting applications for the 2013-14 sessions. In this tuition-free program, you will learn about Golden history, government, public works, finance, growth and development, education, arts and recreation, and the Jeffco justice system. Go to [leadershipgolden.org](http://leadershipgolden.org) for all the details and complete an application form online. The application deadline is Aug. 1.

To meet the Leadership Golden Board of Directors, Steering Committee, and alumni, you are invited to attend the “meet and greet” reception from 5:30 to 7 pm. on Thursday, July 11 at the Old Capitol Grill, 1122 Washington Ave. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar will be provided.
Golden History Museums Releases
A New Publication About the Astor House

To help celebrate the Astor House’s 40th anniversary as a museum, Golden History Museums will release Inside the Astor House, a concise work detailing old and new information about Golden’s iconic structure. With an anticipated release in November, the book will include stories about two of the famous owners, Seth Lake and Ida Goetze, as well as building information about the hotel turned boarding house and other boarding houses in Golden. Below, read an excerpt from the book’s introduction, written by Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel, a professor of History at CU-Denver.

Golden’s History Shines at Astor House
Once upon a time Golden, the capital of Colorado Territory was expected to be the largest and most prosperous city. In 1866, the Colorado territorial legislature moved to Golden, after being promised free drinks and a free place to meet by Senator William A.H. Loveland, who had just completed additions to his fine two-story brick Loveland Block at 12th and Washington Streets.

To further accommodate the territorial government, Seth Lake constructed a fancy stone hotel just west of the Loveland Block. Lake, a native New Yorker, named his place for John Jacob Astor’s grand New York City hotel, the Astor House. Lake’s hotel opened in 1867, the year the legislature moved to Denver. This disaster, explained Golden Transcript editor George West, was due to “Evans & Co.” West charged that John Evans, Territorial Governor from 1862 to 1864, offered $800 to Senator J. Lawrence of the San Luis Valley to cast the decisive vote to remove the Capitol to Denver, which Evans called “really the only tolerable place.”

Lake sold the Astor House in 1887 and the building went through a series of owners until 1892 when a German widow, Ida Goetze, bought the Astor House for back taxes. She made many changes to the structure including adding a kitchen, wash house and third floor. Mrs. Goetze charged $1.50 a day or $4.50 a week with two meals a day. The Goetze family owned and operated the Astor House until the 1950s, and it became a residence for many Colorado School of Mines students.

Through the years, the old boarding house deteriorated badly and business leaders urged demolition for a parking lot. History-minded citizens incorporated the Golden Landmarks Association in 1972 and requested a public vote. The Golden Daily Transcript, June 8, 1972, urged “Vote ‘No’ on the Astor House” because “it is not a significant building. Why saddle our city with a functionless piece of property?” Goldenites, however, voted 654 to 301 to purchase it for $31,488.55 for use as a museum. Now, owned and operated by the City of Golden, the Astor House has been handsomely restored, even its smokers’ balcony which still offers one of the finest views in town.
Enjoy a variety of exhibitions and camps for kids at one of Golden’s premiere art galleries. FAC has served as the center for art exhibitions, education and culture for the greater Golden community for over 40 years.

In the Main Gallery

**Threads of Change: Colorado Textiles Now**
**July 13 to Sept. 1**
Featuring a selection of Colorado’s most outstanding textile artists, *Threads of Change* shines a spotlight on fiber art created in our state. The exhibition celebrates fiber art’s rich traditions, as well as new expressions where concepts of art and craft intersect. The opening reception is free and open to the public from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 12. Exhibition hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays. FAC is located at 809 15th St.

In the Community Gallery

**Front Range Contemporary Quilters**
**July 9 to Aug. 22**
This exhibition, juried by Ann Johnston, features the best and brightest quilt art of the Front Range Contemporary Quilters. Exhibition hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Saturday to Monday.

Real Art. No Macaroni.
Space is still available in several kids’ summer camps! Taught by local working artists and trained instructors, camps offer a fun new topic and theme each week. Visit [www.FoothillsArtCenter.org](http://www.FoothillsArtCenter.org) or contact Peggy, the Education Coordinator, at 303.279.3922 x 33, for more information.