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HERITAGE ROAD UPDATE
In May, the City of Golden held a bid opening for the much anticipated Heritage Road rehabilitation project. As stated in the June Informer, the project was to repave the road between Eagle Ridge Drive and Berthoud Way, as well as replace stop lights with roundabouts and add bike lanes and sidewalks.

The City only received one bid, and it was more than half a million dollars higher than anticipated. Therefore, the City Council decided to postpone the project for one year, in hopes of attracting more bidders and a more competitive pricing situation. Meanwhile, the money that was scheduled to be used on Heritage Road will go to other paving projects throughout the City. The budget for the Heritage Road project will be revised for 2015.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BUY GOLDEN?
The Buy Golden Committee is conducting an evaluation of the Buy Golden program as it celebrates its third anniversary. The committee is gathering feedback via a survey about your awareness of the program and effectiveness of its efforts. If you have thoughts about shopping local, please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/buygoldenprogram to take the 10 question survey. Your responses will help to shape future efforts and program objectives for the Buy Golden Committee. The Buy Golden Committee is also seeking volunteers to join the committee and help to implement Small Business Saturday 2014, scheduled for Nov. 29. The committee meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. Committee members help brainstorm promotion ideas, evaluate programs and help to spread the word about shopping local and supporting Golden businesses. If you are interested in joining the committee, email Jenifer Doane, Community Marketing Manager at jdoane@cityofgolden.net

SIGN UP FOR LEADERSHIP GOLDEN
Leadership Golden is now accepting applications for the 2014-15 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 for all the details and complete an application form online. The application deadline is July 31.

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 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, at the Old Capitol Grill, 12th St. & Washington Ave. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar will be provided.

PUBLIC WORKS CITIZENS’ ACADEMY
Would you like a tour of Golden’s water treatment plant and a trip to our mountain reservoirs? How about a ride in the street sweeper or the chance to drive a snow plow? Ever wonder why we paved your neighbors’ street instead of yours or why some locations have crosswalks and others do not? If you answered yes, then enroll in the Second Annual Public Works Citizens’ Academy.

This free 20-hour program, which is geared toward adults, will kick off on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 2. This program will include four Tuesday evenings and two Saturday sessions. For additional information, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/PWCitizensAcademy. The registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 15. The class size is limited, so please register early.

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 3
No meeting

July 10
Regular meeting

July 17
No meeting

July 24
Regular 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.
Golden celebrates July 4th as American Independence Day every year. Like our compatriots across the nation, we observe the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of an independent nation. We display our patriotism and pride that the great American experiment in freedom and liberty continues to flourish.

The Golden Lions Club sponsors our community festival, drawing townspeople to Lions Park for Independence Day fellowship, fun, food, and fireworks. The many volunteer hours that go into the celebration remind us that we are not truly “independent” of each other. When we rely on each other, our community prospers.

So, as we approach this year’s celebration, I propose a challenge: Do Four Things for Golden for the Fourth. The premise is simple. Choose four action items to make Golden a better hometown, workplace, or place to play. (Hint: volunteering is infectious. Encouraging four other people to follow your lead can be one of your items.) Then get to work on your self-assigned tasks. No deadlines, no public commitment.

The tasks can be large or very small, taking into account your personal interests, abilities, and time constraints. They may be done individually or with a group. In scope, the ideas could benefit the city as a whole, an entire neighborhood, or your immediate neighbors.

Some things can be accomplished simply by spending some time at a computer or mobile device. Consider researching a municipal issue and emailing your conclusions to an elected official; checking the city’s website for community news, meetings, and events; joining or starting an i-Neighbors.org bulletin board for your neighborhood; weighing in on community issues through the interactive GoldenVision.CityofGolden.net website, or reporting non-emergency issues like potholes through YourGOV at www.cityofgolden.net/links/YourGov.

More active ideas are great, too. You could commit to gathering discarded items along city trails, collecting donations for the Christian Action Guild’s food pantry, joining a civic organization, connecting with a faith-based group, getting involved in a political campaign, or stepping up family recycling practices. Something as simple as swapping a car trip for a pedestrian, cycling, light-rail, or carpool experience, would count toward the challenge and contribute to the Golden goal of a healthy environment for healthy residents.

And our summertime weather is ideal for collaborative efforts such as putting on a block party, organizing a neighborhood project, or arranging to share backyard produce. Any of these steps will lead to a more caring, connected neighborhood.

Four for Golden for the Fourth is intended to spread the sense of civic commitment and pride so evident in Lions Park on the Fourth of July, to the entire city throughout the year. Every person, every action matters. With our creative residents, the ideas are limitless. According to 2012 census data, Golden’s population is 19,186. If most of us participate in the challenge, our town’s flags will be flying high from the uplift of over 50,000 community contributions.

Happy Independence Day, Golden. And please let your neighbors, your elected officials, and me know the four ways you have taken up the day’s challenge.*

*This article was inspired by the 2011 Calgary, Canada, initiative “Three Things for Calgary,” described at 3thingsforcalgary.ca.
A fter a lot of public input, both at council meetings, via email and phone, the Golden City Council made the decision to keep recreational marijuana growers, manufacturers and retailers out of Golden. On June 5, three ordinances were passed relating to the drug.

Ordinance No. 1977 enacted Chapter 4.98 which prohibits the location and operation of all retail marijuana establishments that are authorized by Amendment 64. The businesses include retail marijuana cultivation facilities; retail product manufacturers (edibles); retail marijuana testing facilities and retail marijuana stores.

The second ordinance, Ordinance No. 1978, repealed and reenacted the current Chapter 4.94 Medical Marijuana Business Licensing. To be consistent with Council’s direction regarding the prohibition of retail marijuana cultivation facilities and product manufactures, medical marijuana cultivation and marijuana-infused product manufacturers are also prohibited. Additionally the enactment of this ordinance means medical marijuana centers are only allowed in the M-2 zone, subject to the 1,000 foot distance restriction from any schools and other medical marijuana centers. The application process was updated with more stringent requirements and the administration of the licensing process was streamlined to provide for better coordination with both staff and the state.

Ordinance No. 1979 imposes restrictions on the residential cultivation of both medical and recreational marijuana. These restrictions limit cultivation to no more than 12 plants which must be in an enclosed locked space within the primary dwelling and not seen from the exterior of the residence. Cultivation may not create excessive noise, light pollution or odors upon adjoining properties. Additionally the use of compressed gases is prohibited and the electrical load may not exceed the dwelling unit’s capacity.

Council received numerous emails, the majority asking council to approve Ordinance 1977, and at the public hearing the majority again asked Council to ban retail marijuana.

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**Golden Says No to Retail Marijuana**

E ach year the Colorado Municipal League challenges students to write an essay detailing what they would do “If I Were Mayor…” Out of nearly 250 essays submitted, Bell Middle School student Natalie Capaul was selected as one of four winners!

Natalie described what she thinks is important in a healthy community, and the Mayor’s role to make sure those things get done. “Natalie’s essay very accurately highlighted what is important in any town, and what is currently being done here in Golden,” said Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan. “If she continues along this path, she will have my vote down the road!”

Here are some excerpts from Natalie’s winning essay:

*We want the town to be an inviting and a friendly place to live and visit for everyone. This means that the police would be present and would be keeping any dangerous people off the streets to keep you and your family safe. You and your neighbors need a clean/healthy place to live and enjoy (i.e. parks, trails, and neighborhoods).*

*What else is missing in a great city? It needs to be fun! I want you and your family to enjoy living here and to enjoy sharing the community with friends and in-laws etc. I would push to keep the parks entertaining. I would make sure that there is always something to do whether that’s a city cook-off or movies in the park. I want you to feel like you don’t have to leave the town for something to do, I want you to invite your friends to our city because they are bored in theirs.*

*I have so many ideas that I think would make me a great mayor and I believe I could make you feel important and make living in our town a great experience and I also know that not all my ideas are the right ones and that I could learn from you and your thoughts. If I were mayor it would be my goal to make this the best darn city in the state of Colorado.*
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Join Golden Police for a Night Out!

The Golden Police Department invites you to come out for free food, entertainment and a fun night in the park. Joins us from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5 in Parfet Park, 10th St. and Washington Ave. This is the Department’s 17th Annual National Night Out event!

National Night Out was introduced in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities. The night represents the kind of spirit, energy and determination to help make neighborhoods a safer place and enhance the police-community partnerships.

This is a great opportunity to bring the family to meet your police officers, get helpful crime prevention advice, listen to great music and maybe even win a raffle prize! Remember: lock your doors, turn on your porch light and come join your neighbors for a night of fun.

Area law enforcement join the Golden Police to meet the community at this event.

Sign Up for the 2014 Adult Citizens’ Police Academy

If you think police patrols and investigations are like what you see on TV, think again. The real lives of our public servants are even more interesting than what actors portray. And now you have a chance to go behind the scenes of the Golden Police Department and get an in-depth look at how our law enforcement personnel work to keep you safe.

Starting on Aug. 20, adults who are accepted for the Citizens’ Academy will learn what Golden Police officers and police employees do in the performance of their duties and the rules and laws that guide them. Over a 10-week period, Academy attendees will receive information on how crimes such as Domestic Violence and Driving Under the Influence of alcohol and/or drugs (DUI) are investigated. They will learn how traffic accident investigators handle car crashes. Attendees will meet a Police K-9 handler and see a demonstration of the K-9 in action as the handler and his dog work as a team. They will learn about the laws that allow an officer to use force, including the use of a Taser, on a suspect.

Attendees will experience what it is like to search a building for a bad guy, take a tour of the Jefferson County Jail, drive a marked police car on the driving track located on South Table Mountain and go to the firing range with firearms instructors and shoot a gun. They will learn how detectives and criminalists investigate major crimes, look for evidence, and process crime scenes.

The 2014 Adult Citizens’ Police Academy begins on Wednesday, Aug. 20 and will continue for approximately nine weeks. The Citizens’ Academy will usually meet on Wednesday evenings at the Golden Police Department. There will be two weekend sessions; one for the firing range and one for the driving track.

If you’re interested in joining the Citizens’ Academy, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/PoliceCitizensAcademy for details and an application. A background investigation will also be conducted. The on-line application process will open on July 7 and is scheduled to close at 3 p.m. on Aug. 4.
Better Block Sparks Even Better Ideas

While downtown Golden, with its iconic Welcome to Golden arch and old west feel, draws visitors from all over, few know about the alley just behind the main street in Golden. Miners Alley is just that, an alley that was traditionally used for deliveries to stores on Washington Avenue. But did you know the alley is also home to many shops, restaurants and even a Speakeasy! What could this alley be? That was the challenge of the Better Block Golden event held on May 31, designed by community members to explore possible dreams and opportunities… for just one day.

From dawn until dusk, volunteers worked hard to transform Miners Alley into a bustling business block complete with landscaping, tables, bands, tasty food, a beer garden and cocktail area, and areas with fun art projects for kids.

If you walk down Miners Alley now, you’ll still see the sunflowers painted on the road and a beautiful mural of aspen trees painted by local artist Jesse Crock. Everything else had to be returned back to its original state. But many great ideas came from this one day event that will hopefully spark permanent change down the road.

Downtown Parking Study Data Collection and Input Stage Underway

There’s still an opportunity for you to give us your opinion on what you see for the future of parking in the Downtown Golden corridor. For the next several weeks, staff is working with a parking consultant to get ideas and input from the entire community. You can be a part of the process by taking the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/GoldenParkingPlan.

City staff hosted an introductory stakeholder meeting on May 28 in City Council Chambers to introduce the portion of the City initiated downtown parking study related to the downtown commercial core. At that meeting an initial report of data collection and review was presented, and the attending stakeholders discussed policy issues and parking management strategies to be evaluated in the effort. Feel free to review the report (www.cityofgolden.net/links/ParkingStudy) and submit any questions you may have. Additional counts were performed during the week of June 2, and will soon be available.

The overall study also includes the various neighborhood permit parking areas around Golden High School, CSM, and along 9th Street. While initial counts have been taken for these areas, separate discussions of potential management options for these areas will be scheduled later in the summer. For more information, contact Steve Glueck, sglueck@cityofgolden.net.

GOLDEN PAVES THE PATH TO HEALTHY VENDING

In the following months, vending machines located in Golden's Community Center and City Hall, will be replaced with a new line of high-tech machinery. The new machines will provide Golden's community with the option to choose from a variety of healthy and exciting snacks. Golden’s transition to healthy vending is a trail-blazing decision. Because of this, Dove Vending, Golden's current vendor and the owner of the vending machines, has decided to invest in Golden’s forward-thinking healthy lifestyle. For the community, this means the new machines will not cost the city extra money.

This revolutionary idea is to make 100 percent of the snacks dispensed from the machines comply with the USDA nutritional guidelines. A touch screen positioned on the machine allows its customers to view nutritional values before deciding on their desired treat. In addition, customers will have the ability to purchase multiple items in one order. The machines also allow for cash or credit transfers, and come equipped with Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliant security to protect cardholder information. The new machines are expected to be installed by fall 2014. Remember Golden, healthy can also be tasty!
Best of the West Parade Route

Parade starts at 10 a.m.

2014 Schedule of Events

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<td>Cody’s Wild West Show (Western entertainment, sharp shooting, fast draw contest, Indian dancers, vaquero group, gun spinning, whip cracking, gun fights)</td>
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Howdy Folks! Come join us for the 60th Annual Buffalo Bill Days – Golden’s largest summer event!

It all began with a simple trail ride up to Buffalo Bill’s Grave in the 1940’s and today, 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 to enjoy, including Cody’s Wild West, the Best of the West Parade, live bands all weekend, arts and crafts vendors, kids’ rides, and plenty of great food and beverages.

The main events start at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 25 with live music by Chris Daniels and the Kings in Parfet Park, 10th St. and Washington Ave. Bands will play all day Saturday, with Brad Lee Schroeder as the featured band Saturday night. Then Sunday’s music will conclude from 2 to 5 p.m. with The Long Run, a Colorado tribute band to the Eagles.

Free train rides are available for the kids on Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Don’t forget the American Legion Duck Race on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. along Clear Creek!

Come hungry Saturday morning to the Golden Fire Department’s Annual Pancake Breakfast, starting at 6 a.m. at Fire Station #21, 911 10th St. Our volunteer firefighters will serve pancakes until it’s time for the Best of the West Parade starting at 10 a.m. down Washington Avenue. Take a short walk down 10th Street to Lions Park, where you can enjoy Cody’s Wild West show starting at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday begins with a Community Worship Service in Parfet Park followed by the ever classic Muttin Bustin event for kids at 11 a.m. in Lions Park. Downtown Golden’s main drag will also be lined with the Classic and Orphan Car Show. Special events will also be hosted at the Astor House, Clear Creek History Park and the Golden History Museum. Check out the full schedule on the opposite page.

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

Fireworks in the City of Golden

As the July 4th holiday approaches, the Golden Fire Department would like to remind citizens that the possession, sale/giving/furnishing and the use of ALL fireworks is prohibited by the City of Golden Fire Code. This includes those fireworks that may be considered as state permissible fireworks that you may notice being sold or used in unincorporated areas of the county and outside the city limits of Golden.

Supervised public displays by state licensed fireworks display operators with a fire department fireworks display permit are not prohibited by state law or City of Golden Fire Code. In fact, the Golden Fire Department encourages citizens to enjoy the supervised and permitted public displays such as the 4th of July Festival in Lions Park. If weather and drought conditions cause a local or statewide ban of all fireworks, then even professional displays will be cancelled.

Why are fireworks prohibited in Golden? On average, the July 4th holiday is one of the driest times of the year and one of the busiest times of the year for most fire departments, stretching fire department resources near their limits.

Fireworks related fires and injuries continue to be a significant problem in the United States. The Golden Fire Department wants everyone to have a fun, safe July 4th. We actively enforce the City of Golden fireworks ordinance in coordination with the Golden Police Department. Help protect yourself, your family and your neighbors by leaving the fireworks to the professionals.
Through July 29
Quilting: Past, Present and Future
This exhibit will demonstrate the progression of art quilting, showcasing the work of 22 Denver area artists. 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 at this popular festival put on by the Golden Lions Club. It begins at noon in Lions Park, 1300 10th St. Fireworks show around 9:30 p.m. (weather pending). For more information, visit www.GoldenLionsClub.org.

July 5, 12, 19
Golden Farmer’s Market
From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday until October EXCEPT for Saturday, July 26 due to Buffalo Bill Days. Come meet the new vendors and welcome back your favorites in the parking lot west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. For info call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

July 10
DamNation
The Colorado Mountain Club presents the award winning documentary, DamNation at 7 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. The film focuses on the evolving perspectives about the importance of dams and their effects on our rivers. Tickets are $12. For more information, contact Kristin D’Epagnier at 303-996-2769 or visit cmc.org/films.

July 11
First Friday Street Fair
Since the first Friday of the month falls on the Fourth of July, the Street Fair will be held on the second Friday. It includes entertainment, food and much more, hosted by the Golden Chamber of Commerce. 5 to 9 p.m. on Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. For info call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

July 18 through Aug. 24
The Odd Couple
This hilarious play about super slob Oscar and neat freak Felix, will leave you rolling in the aisles. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For show times, tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

July 19
Dinosaur Express Train
Come learn about the fascinating fossils uncovered as railroad tracks were laid down in Colorado. Ride the rails from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. For details and ticket info, call 303-279-4591 or visit ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.

July 25 through 27
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 8 & 9. You can also call 303-279-3342 or visit www.buffalobilldays.com for more information.

July 26 and 27
The Splash is Closed
The Splash water park will be closed for the Colorado Club State Swim Meet. For details visit www.SplashinGolden.com.

Aug. 1
Movies and Music in the Park
Join us for a movie the first four Fridays in August! For the first movie, start the night at 7 p.m. with the band “Flock of Beagles” and then stick around for the movie Wizard of Oz. 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.
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The USA Pro Cycling Challenge will be heading through Golden in August and planning is already underway for some exciting new events for the community and cycling fans. Our previous events owe their success to the efforts of hundreds of volunteers working tirelessly behind the scenes to make everything go smoothly. We are in the process of recruiting volunteers for a variety of needs this August. If you are interested in volunteering, visit www.goldenmoves.org and click on the Pro Challenge 2014 link.

Here are some of the events we have planned:
- Kids’ Bike Rodeo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23
- Movie Night on Saturday; starting at about 7 p.m. Aug. 23
- Golden Streets Cyclovia – A fitness celebration from 8 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 24
- Kids’ Adaptive Dash – at 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 24
- Health and fitness expo from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Parfet Park, with a big screen for race viewing

Aug. 5
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.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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

FREE
Sales and Use Tax Workshops
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 2, 2014 ........... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
September 3, 2014 ... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Although these classes are free, space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

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

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
August 6, 2014 ........ 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Class is free, but space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

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.
Several severe floods have been recorded in Golden since 1864, the most recent of which occurred on June 27, 2004. The most serious flooding in Golden resulted from cloudbursts occurring from May through September.

Floods are dangerous. Even though they appear to move slowly, floodwaters only six inches deep moving at three feet per second can knock a person off their feet. For reference, a 100-year flood on Clear Creek at Ford Street, can flow as fast as 11 feet per second.

Your property may not have flooded in the past but the next flood could be worse, as not all storms are the same. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. If your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area, there is a 26 percent chance that you will experience flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage.

Homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Golden participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy at a 15 percent discount. This insurance is backed by the Federal Government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded, and no matter where they are located. Remember that there is a 30-day waiting period before the flood policy becomes effective.

DURING A FLOOD
• Do not walk through flowing water.
• Do not drive through a flooded area. TURN AROUND – DON’T DROWN!
• Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Report downed power lines to Xcel Energy or City of Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.
• Have your electricity turned off.
• Look out for animals, especially snakes.
• Look before you step.
• Stay clear of unstable stream banks.
• Be alert for gas leaks.

AFTER A FLOOD
• Listen for news reports to learn whether the community’s water supply is safe to drink.
• Avoid floodwaters.
• Avoid moving water.
• Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
• Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
• Stay out of any building if it is surrounded by floodwaters.
• Avoid damaged sewage systems, they are serious health hazards.

Before you begin any construction (new development, additions, remodels, filling, grading, etc.) on your property, contact the City of Golden’s Engineering Division at 303-384-8115 for specific floodplain requirements.

Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Golden Public Library. You can also visit the Engineering or Building Divisions at 1445 10th Street, to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. If so, they can give you more information, such as flood zone, depth of flooding, etc. The Engineering Division will review flood information on file and produce a FREE written Floodplain Determination for your property upon request. Contact them by calling 303-384-8115 or visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/FloodInfo. Other websites with flood information are www.floodsmart.gov and www.fema.gov.

Save water and improve the health of your lawn with this professional service from the Center for ReSource Conservation. The sprinkler inspection will provide you with valuable information to optimize the efficiency of your sprinkler system and tips on keeping your lawn green and healthy all summer long.

Excellent service. Our grass looks better with less water using your schedule.

ConservationCenter.org 303-999-3824
Mattress Recycling a Hit at Golden Pride Days

As a pilot program, the City offered mattress and box spring recycling for the first time ever at this year’s Pride Days. Spring Back Colorado, the only mattress recycling company in our area, separates each part of a mattress for recycling from the cotton ticking, to the steel springs, to the foam padding. Golden residents surpassed all expectations by recycling 170 mattresses and box springs. That’s over five truckloads of material that was diverted from the landfill!

Swamp Coolers: Bad Name, Great Option for Colorado Cooling

You’ve probably heard of them referred to as “swamp coolers.” Terrible name, but they work well in dry climates like Colorado, and here’s why: evaporative cooling systems (that’s the real name for swamp coolers) keep the home cool by providing a steady stream of fresh, filtered air.

They cool outdoor air by passing it through water-saturated pads, causing the water to evaporate in it. That newly humidified air, which is as much as 15-30 degrees cooler, is then distributed through the home. The fresh, filtered air pushes the warmer air out through the open windows.

Compared to air conditioners, evaporative coolers:

• Cost less to purchase, install and maintain.
• Save up to 75 percent more energy than air conditioners, typically accounting for a 30 percent savings on the average energy bill.
• Lower inside temperature up to 30 degrees.
• Operate more quietly.
• Reduce the amount of dust and pollutants in the air since the air is 100 percent filtered.
• Don’t use ozone-depleting refrigerants.

To help lower the financial cost, Xcel Energy offers its customers significant rebates when an evaporative cooling system is installed in the home, from $250 to $1,000, depending on the system. It doesn’t matter if you’re getting a first time installation or a replacement model. You get the rebate either way.

Learn more about this and other efficiency programs and rebates available at www.responsiblebynature.com.
Celebrate Health!

Friday, July 11 at 10 a.m.

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, healthy refreshments and presentations on a variety of wellness topics. 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

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Computer Training for Life-long Learning
These introductory computer classes are for all skill levels and presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library. Space is limited, Min/Max: 4/8. Sign up in the Front Porch or call 303-384-8130. Classes are held in the library’s book mobile in the Golden Community Center’s 8th Street parking lot.

Mondays, 2-4 p.m. on the E-Train
July 7 - Intro to using a Computer
July 14 - Intro to using the Internet
July 21 - Microsoft Word Basics
July 28 - Email Basics

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Rockies vs. Twins - #25001-1
Take me out to the ballpark! Watch our Colorado Rockies take on the Minnesota Twins at Coors Field.
Sunday, July 13, 12:30 p.m. till end of game
$23 (van, driver, ticket to game)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by July 1.

West Line to the New Union Station - #25002-1
Let’s take the West Line Rail to Union Station in Denver and poke around the new eateries, ice creameries, and shops. Meet at the Jefferson County Light Rail Station and you will have an escort for the trip.
Friday, July 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$5 (Escort only. Bring money for Light Rail and incidentals)
Exertion Level: 4
Register/Cancel by July 15.

Candlelight Dinner Playhouse: Peter Pan - # 25003-1
The High-flying Broadway classic is a timeless masterpiece where magic and wonder abound. This spectacular production about ‘the boy who refused to grow up’ will transport you like never before into J.M. Barrie’s beloved tale of lost boys, pirate rogues and a mischievous fairy! Highlighted with dazzling flying effects, your heart will take flight with such musical favorites as “I’m Flying,” “I Won’t Grow Up,” “Never-Never Land” and so many more.
Sunday, July 27, 11:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
$60 (van, driver, show, dinner, beverage & gratuity)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by July 16.
What happens to a teacher when they stop teaching? For retired special education teacher Jaycee Chinn, it meant becoming a CASA Volunteer. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates; these are the men and women who give neglected and abused children a voice in court proceedings.

Every year in Colorado, more than 50,000 reports of child abuse and neglect are filed, and over 10,000 children enter foster care. So there’s no question the CASA volunteers are in high demand.

When Jaycee took on the challenge, she also took on Steven. At 16 years old, Steven spent the majority of his childhood in and out of foster homes. Jaycee’s job was not to be his mentor, but to be his advocate. “Whatever he wants, I will address in court” Jaycee explained. “I can also tell a judge what I think he needs based on my observations.”

The CASA volunteers do activities with their kids that will hopefully get them to open up and talk about what’s going on in their lives. Steven was not an easy kid to get to know, but then she introduced him to her dogs and the ice was broken. “He’s such a cool kid; fun to be around and nice.” Some volunteers spend a few months or even a year with their child. But Jaycee has now spent almost four years advocating for Steven. She’s gone above and beyond… even creating a photo album of his recent life… something he’s never had before.

To be a successful CASA volunteer, you need three main things: time, patience and empathy. Jaycee didn’t realize the commitment she would make when she started the CASA program. But she says it’s been very rewarding. Even more so when she heard Steven’s speech at a fundraiser:

“I know I can call her at any time and when we plan visits I know she will show up… When I spend time with her I feel much happier and less stressed. The difference Jaycee has made in my life is one that is undetectable on the surface. However, the difference is this. I have someone who cares about me as a person and doesn’t put me down and makes me more fun to be around. I think my life would be extremely different without her because she has helped me learn to care about others. She listens to what I have to say.

“I didn’t think I’d really influenced his life until I heard his speech,” said Jaycee. “I will always be there for him because he’s had few people in his life who he can count on and everyone needs that.” Soon Steven will turn 21 and age out of the system. So officially her job as his court advocate will be over. But the bond they’ve created will likely last for many years to come.

CASA is looking for more volunteers. The training is extensive, and the next session begins on July 21. If you are interested in helping to give the underserved children of our community a voice, call the CASA office at 303-271-6535 or visit www.casajeffcogilpin.com for more information.

Jaycee says Steven has a lot of potential, and she plans to help him find it. So what happens to a teacher when they stop teaching? You could say it’s a trick question… because they never really stop.

GOLDEN STUDENTS RANK TOP THREE IN WRITING CONTEST

Nine students from the City of Golden took home prizes in the first ever Jeffco Writing Challenge. The Writing Challenge, developed by The Education Nonprofit Corporation (ENC), asked students to submit short fiction and poetry about their favorite book.

There were over 320 participants for the contest. The top three winners were awarded prizes. The winners from Golden are: Joe Manchen, from Pleasant View Elementary, Sophia Wartel from Ralston Elementary, Aliza Nitschke and Rowen Hays from Compass Montessori, and Jack Burkhalter, Sabrina Rubio, Maragareta Aparsheva, Jair Ayaquica, and Violeta Aparsheva from Golden High School. If any student missed the opportunity to showcase their writing skills, ENC is planning to host the Jeffco Writing Challenge again next year.
2014 Teen Adventure Fridays
Golden Parks and Recreation has fun adventures set up for teens this summer! Registration is $20/$22 and covers transportation and supervision. Teens are responsible for bringing cash to pay for the field trip activity. Teens are also welcome to bring money for snacks or lunch (where noted) or bring a cold lunch and drink with them. Register online at https://rec.cityofgolden.net.

July 11 - Big Time Trampoline Fun Center and Memorial Park Disc Golf
Teens will enjoy jumping and 27,000 square feet of interactive fun for two hours. Attractions include trampolines, dodge ball, rope swings, wipe-out wrecking ball, basketball hoops, ping pong, mazes, half pipe ramp and more. After the fun center, teens will try their skill at a round of disc golf.

Fee $16
(Teens may bring additional money to purchase snacks.)
www.cometobigtime.com

July 25 - Elitch Lanes Bowling and Splash Water Park
Teens will enjoy a tour of the lanes, two hours of bowling, hot dog, fries, soda and cookie. After bowling, the group will go to the Splash Water Park.

Fee $7 www.elitchbowling.com
www.splashingolden.com

Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic
The Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic is designed to teach the beginner golfer everything needed to play golf in just a few lessons. The clinic will be three sessions over a one week period combining fun, fitness and no-pressure on-course experiences. Each session will feature basic swing mechanics; including grip, alignment and posture. Basic rules, etiquette, and tips with an emphasis on having FUN will help improve your overall comfort level on the course.

All Adult Get Golf Ready Clinics are held Monday - Wednesday.
$100 per student (5 hours)
July 28, 29 & 30
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Day 1)
5:30 - 7 p.m. (Days 2&3)

Get Golf Ready Women’s Clinic
The Get Golf Ready Women’s Only Clinic is a series of three clinics during one week based on the same principles of the Adult Clinic; however, it will be for women only. Participants will have the opportunity to learn side-by-side with other women in a no-pressure learning environment focused on having fun.

All Women’s Get Golf Ready Clinics are Monday - Wednesday.
$100 per student (5 hours)
July 21, 22 & 23
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Day 1)
5:30 - 7 p.m. (Days 2&3)

Junior Camp
The Fossil Trace Junior Golf Camp offers a three-day opportunity to be introduced to all aspects of the game of golf. Talented instructors will encourage a positive attitude, provide an organized learning experience and promote social skills and friendships.

Ages 5-8 (6 hours)
$115 per junior golfer
July 9, 10 & 11, 12 - 2 p.m.
July 16, 17 & 18,
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Ages 9-13 (7 ½ hours)
$140 per junior golfer
8:30 - 11 a.m.
July 9, 10 & 11
July 23, 24 & 25

Recreational Tree Climbing
Recreational Tree Climbing comes to Golden! Join us July 5 or Aug. 16!

Come see what the world looks like from the crown of a beautiful tree. Experience a wonderful tree in ways you just can't from the ground. It’s great exercise, exhilarating and eye-opening!

Tree Climbing Colorado, which has been conducting tree climbing activities for over a decade, provides all the necessary instruction and equipment. A basic level of fitness is required. The new and growing activity of recreational tree climbing (RTC) allows families, adults, and kids ages 7 and up to climb up into the crown of a beautiful tree using fun, easy-to-learn techniques. RTC is done with arborist ropes and harnesses and is led by facilitators highly and specifically trained to conduct RTC programs. Learn more about RTC and register for Golden climbs and other climbs at www.treeclimbingcolorado.com.
Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) launched the Golden Library Remodel Project with a community open house. The open house was designed to gain feedback from Golden residents on the kind of Library they’d like to see. More than 125 residents/Goldenites/people attended the May 19 meeting to offer their ideas and express changes they’d like to see.

“It’s wonderful to see so much community interest in this project,” said Golden Library Manager Carroll Mannino. “We want to make sure the library remodel reflects the true wishes of the community, so getting all this feedback is really helpful.”

Folks who missed the open house were able to offer their input through the Golden Vision Community Forum: goldenvision.cityofgolden.net/category/library-remodel. This input was then shared with the Library’s design firm.

At the City Council meeting on May 22, Library personnel presented a brief overview of the remodel project. The Council approved an agreement which formalized the City’s $85,000 contribution to the project. “We are so grateful to the City of Golden for their support of this project,” said JCPL Director of Public Services Donna Walker. “We never could have undertaken this without their help.”

A second community meeting held at the Golden Library on Friday, June 6, gave residents the chance to preview and weigh in on recommended design options. The final design recommendations are expected in mid-July. Currently, the Library expects to begin construction on the remodel in August. The construction schedule details can be found at jeffcolibrary.org/golden and in upcoming issues of The Golden Informer.

Help Nourish Golden’s Kids

The Golden Backpack Program’s Snack-N-Wagon, is back for another awesome summer! Based on last year’s success, the program is in need of more volunteers to help out for another great season. Last summer the Snack-N-Wagon provided children under the age of 18 with a free lunch during the weekdays.

This year, the program returns, but with improvements. A new menu offers children a healthy and fresh meal consisting of whole grain breads, meat, cheese, fresh fruit, veggies, and milk. In addition to nutritious food, each site will have toys, games, music, and free books. Peggy Halderman, the executive director for the Golden Backpack Program, “Our goal is to ensure all children in Golden have the opportunity to eat healthy food during the summer months.”

The Snack-N-Wagon is serving weekday lunches through Aug. 8, with the exception of July Fourth. To guarantee all children will have the opportunity to enjoy a free lunch, Snack-N-Wagon is setting up two locations that will serve from Noon to 1 p.m. The first location is the Golden Church of the Nazarene, 17455 W. 16th Ave. The second location is Mountainside Estates, 17190 Mt. Vernon Rd. For more information on volunteering and lunch locations, visit www.goldenbackpack.org.
Golden History Museums has been researching the Astor House for new stories to include in updated exhibits. We have been finding some great information, including the following story about a man who was a proprietor of the Astor House.

We found a number of articles from 1872 to 1874 that advertised room and board for six dollars a week ($114 today) with S.M. French listed as the proprietor.

Colorado Transcript articles discussed how he renovated the building and was “prepared to entertain people in a style and at a price that will surprise them.” The article went on to say that “Golden has innumerable boarding houses and myriads of boarders, and Mr. French proposes that they make less money or shut up,” a statement which seemed to be a challenge to other boarding house proprietors in Golden.

By 1874, however, French left the Astor House and began running the boarding house next door.

Eight years later, in 1882, the name S.M. French pops up again. He moved to Steamboat Springs from Denver with his wife and three young children. He may have moved searching for opportunity in Steamboat or because he sought the healing minerals of the springs for his infant son Bertie, who was badly injured when he fell out of a high chair. French opened up the first merchant shop in Steamboat and is now considered a pioneer in the area. He later moved to Monte Vista and back to Denver, but made frequent visits back to Golden.

Between 1884 and 1908, French attended multiple reunions for the Grand Army of the Republic for survivors of the Battle of Shiloh in the 12th Iowa Infantry. Colonel French was very involved in these reunions and seems to have been quite a colorful member of the group. In 1884, a source claims that he walked 130 miles, 65 of them on snow shoes, through the Colorado mountains and waded a river filled with floating ice to attend the reunion. One year, he was unable to attend the reunion and wrote a letter which expressed his sadness, stating “Oh, how the old memories crowd themselves on my mind, and my pen is unequal to the task of putting them on paper … Here I am, crying like a baby … as you grasp each other by the hand, and the eyes moisten … just give me a kindly thought, for I will be with you in spirit.”

French is frequently cited for the lively tunes he played on his fife and the poems he recited. A reunion record states: “Fife Major French,’ who said he had done more ‘blowing’ for the regiment than any other man in it, came all the way from Denver to blow the ‘Girl I Left Behind Me,’ and other tunes.”

Do you know of someone who got their room or board at the Astor House while it was still open? We would love to hear your story! Please contact Katie March at kmarch@goldenhistory.org to share what you know.
Toulouse-Lautrec and La Vie Moderne: Paris 1880-1910
NOW SHOWING THROUGH AUG. 17

Take a trip into 19th century Paris when you visit Toulouse-Lautrec and La Vie Moderne: Paris 1880-1910. The traveling exhibition is on display now through Aug. 17 at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. The show celebrates the broad spectrum of avant-garde artists at the center of the Parisian artistic and cultural scene during the turn of the 19th century, an era labeled by contemporaries as “La Belle Époque.” Highlighting the work of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec and 94 of his contemporaries, the exhibition features cabaret posters, landscapes, portraits and scenes of Paris. With Toulouse-Lautrec as the central focus, the exhibition places him in the context of other great artists of the period such as Edouard Vuillard, Pierre Bonnard, Juan Gris, and Mary Cassatt, to name just a few.

Also join in on Parisienne-inspired movie nights for $2 on three Fridays beginning at 5:30 p.m. – Moulin Rouge (1952) on July 11, Midnight in Paris (2011) on July 25 and Moulin Rouge (2001) on Aug. 15. For a full schedule of events, reservations and tickets, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec (1864-1901), Jane Avril, 1893, color lithograph, 48 ¾ x 36 inches, Musée d’Ixelles, Brussels.

Georges LaCombe (1868-1916), Landscape, c. 1893-94, watercolor and gouache on cardboard, 10 x 13 ¾ inches.
When you live in Golden, you can find hours of fun just 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. Dine at one of Golden’s fine restaurants or rediscover an old favorite. You’ll be surprised at all there is to do right here under your nose. Go on-line to VisitGolden.com for more great ideas and events calendar.