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The City of Golden is among just 30 communities nationwide selected as finalists for the National Civic League’s prestigious 2005 All-America City Award.

On April 14, the National Civic League announced the 30 finalist communities for the competition, the nation’s longest running and most prestigious civic recognition program. The All-America City Award encourages and recognizes civic excellence, honoring the communities in which citizens, government, businesses and nonprofit organizations demonstrate successful resolution of critical community issues. Since 1949, more than 4,000 communities have competed and nearly 500 have been designated All-America Cities.


“These communities serve as models for the rest of the country,” said Christopher T. Gates, president of the National Civic League. “They are tackling challenges that seem insurmountable and are producing positive and tangible results with ingenuity and collaboration.”

Golden’s submission for the award focuses primarily on the collaborative efforts of the City government in partnership with the Junior Leadership Golden program, the Public Art Partnership and the community recycling project.

“The City of Golden is honored not only to be recognized as a finalist for the All-America City Award, but also that we were able to be part of the successful programs we highlighted in our application,” said City Manager Mike Bestor. “This recognition really highlights what an amazingly active volunteer community we have in Golden, and how much our citizens contribute to making this such a great place to live.”

Golden will participate in a final round of the All-America City competition in Atlanta, Ga., June 23 through 25. A delegation from each finalist community will present their innovative programs and local solutions to a jury of their peers from across the country. Their presentations will address a wide range of social and community issues, including crime, education, poverty, housing and race relations. The jury will select the top 10 communities based on their presentations and crown them with the All-America City Award for 2005. The All-America City Awards will be announced and presented Saturday, June 25 in Atlanta.

George H. Gallup, one of the award’s founders, described the program as “…a Nobel prize for constructive citizenship.” As such, communities that have won the All-America City Award have realized numerous benefits, including national recognition and enhanced community pride. Many All-America City Award winners also have realized significant economic impacts, including new grants, improved bond ratings, increased tourism, and greater economic activity.

“Those who participate in the All-America City Awards process are winners because they know that fulfillment comes from service to their communities. They are reaching across barriers to bring people together to talk, to build, to dream. That’s what the Award is all about,” said former U.S. Senator and former National Civic League Chairman Bill Bradley.

For more info, visit www.ncl.org.
CDOT DECIDES EIS OUTCOME IN SECRET

Prior to gathering input at formal stakeholder meetings and public hearings for the Northwest Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the Colorado Department of Transportation began informing local officials in late April that all final alternatives under consideration, as expected, bisect the historic City of Golden.

“CDOT has spent two years and more than $10 million of taxpayer money to narrow the field of alternatives to the expected predetermined conclusion,” said Mayor Baroch. “CDOT has made it clear that the only outcome it will accept is one that builds roads that encourage development and increase the number of miles people drive, rather than solve traffic needs.”

The original purpose of the EIS was to study traffic needs in the region and determine which options most effectively address those needs. CDOT later changed the purpose to only consider options that connect the Northwest Parkway in Broomfield to C-470 south of Golden. As part of the process, community stakeholders, including representatives from Golden, have sat on EIS committees for two years. However, the decisions for eliminating some options and leaving others on the table was made by CDOT alone, behind closed doors.

“Why bother gathering community input if the key decisions are made in secret?” asked City Manager Mike Bestor. “The whole process has been a sham – a waste of taxpayer money and everyone’s time. CDOT knew that they wanted to build a multi-lane, high-speed road through Golden at the outset of the study. The last two years have been window-dressing to make the outcome appear legitimate. What’s still missing is any evidence that the road is needed or will do any good for the billion dollars that will be needed to build it.”

The EIS project is months behind schedule and millions of dollars over budget.

“CDOT’s course violates federal environmental laws and is likely to lead to further waste of public resources,” said Bestor.

CDOT representatives and EIS consultants told Golden Mayor Charles Baroch and City Manager Mike Bestor in a meeting April 26 that the six traffic alternatives still under consideration in the Northwest Corridor are:

• A multi-lane, high-speed freeway through Golden;
• A multi-lane, high-speed toll road through Golden;
• A high-speed regional arterial through Golden;
• A hybrid compromise with a 4- to 6-lane, high-speed arterial through Golden;
• Congestion management; or
• A no-build option.

Data from the EIS shows that none of the “build” options left will meaningfully relieve traffic congestion or be financially viable. Instead, any new road built in the corridor would encourage drivers from outside Jefferson County to use this new route, require a billion dollars to build and will benefit only private developers while the region’s population continues to face increasing congestion on arterial roads and negative impacts on their quality of life. The alternatives CDOT chose are those that would have the greatest impacts to parks, open space and natural resources, and will all bisect the historic community of Golden.

“As a member of this community and as a taxpayer, I’m outraged,” said Baroch. “We need to find real and meaningful solutions to our traffic problems – not spend a billion dollars to unjustly enrich private landowners.”

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The City of Golden sent out a postcard in mid-May urging concerned citizens to take a stand against the billion dollar boondoggle by attending CDOT’s public meetings in late May and early June. If you didn’t make the May 24 meeting in Golden, you can still attend the meeting in Arvada from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 2 at Faith Bible Chapel, 6250 Wright St (off Ward Road and 62nd). Presentations will be given at 5 and 6:30 p.m.

In addition, you can make your concerns known by leaving a message on the Northwest Corridor...
$10 Million Spent to “Legitimize” Predetermined Outcome that Any New Road in Northwest Corridor Must Bisect Golden

EIS 24/7 hotline at 303-220-2545 or by sending a letter to the Northwest Corridor EIS Team, CDOT, 2000 S. Holly, Denver, CO 80222.

POINTS YOU CAN MAKE IN YOUR COMMENTS

The road would encourage growth and increase congestion. Traffic studies show that a high-speed, multi-lane toll road won’t reduce current Jefferson County congestion or meet future traffic needs in the region. Instead it will just prompt more growth and development – putting more cars on the road.

The road will cost more than $1 billion. It is reckless to throw away money on a boondoggle that does nothing to reduce gridlock when that money could be used to address real traffic needs in the region. And, because the proposed Northwest Corridor highway won’t collect nearly enough in tolls to pay for itself, much of its cost will fall on taxpayers.

The road will destroy our quality of life. Open spaces, trails and the mountain backdrop that make our region so unique … all will be permanently sacrificed for a multi-lane toll road that will charge drivers extra to save them on average just 20 seconds per trip.

We support real traffic solutions, not billion dollar boondoggles.

CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

You can also write to your Jefferson County Commissioners Jim Congrove, J. Kevin McCasky and Dave Auburn at 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80419-5550.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Finally, we encourage you to submit a letter to your local newspaper:

Mile High News, formerly Jeffco Publishing Co. (publishes the Arvada Sentinel, Lakewood Sentinel, Golden Transcript and Wheat Ridge Transcript): Send letters to the editor to newsroom@milchighnews.com or 1000 10th St., Golden, CO, 80401. Include your name, phone number and hometown. Letters are limited to 200 words or less.

Denver Post: Send letters to the editor to openforum@denverpost.com or The Denver Post, 1560 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202. Letters to the editor are limited to 200 words or less and must include full name, home address and day and evening phone numbers.

Rocky Mountain News: Send letters to the editor to letters@rokymountainnews.com or Letters to the Editor, Rocky Mountain News, P.O. Box 719, Denver, CO 80201. Shorter letters are considered first. Submissions must include writer’s name, complete address and phone number for verification purposes.

To see maps of the remaining alternatives under consideration or to submit your comments online, visit CDOT’s site at www.nwcorridorco.com. For the most up to date information on opposition to the beltway, visit www.bettertrafficsolutions.com or call 303-384-8132.
In May, Golden City Council took the first steps toward fulfilling longtime plans for the City’s future space needs. Council voted unanimously to purchase one of the last remaining suitable properties in the City of Golden for the eventual relocation of the City’s shops facilities.

Since 1991, members of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) have suggested that the City’s shops facilities desperately needed to be upgraded. The shops, which are currently located at the west end of 10th Street next to Lions Park, are too small for today’s equipment, inadequate for current supplies and increasingly dilapidated.

For example, because the shops garages were built in the 1930s, the bays are not large enough for many of the City’s vehicles to be serviced inside the garage. As a result, some fleet maintenance has to be done outside of the garage, where employees are exposed to the weather. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon to see mechanics working on their backs in the snow to fix a snow plow during the winter months.

Other barns and sheds in the shops area, some that date back to the 1910s, are not heated, have leaky roofs or are rusted out. Lack of space for additional storage facilities means sand and salt piles are stored outside, where some of the pile can be washed or blown away by weather. Structures that house employee lockers, break rooms and work rooms are overcrowded and most are not structurally stable enough to handle upgrades.

For more than a decade, the City has included budget allocations for shops improvements in the budget. For years, those necessary improvements were delayed to make way for other projects in the City. As time has gone on, it has become more and more difficult for the City to improve the shops in their current location.

While City Council realized that not all of these improvements could be made at once, it was also evident that the City would have to acquire additional land on which to move the shops facilities before all reasonable options were gone. Council directed City staff to begin exploring its options last year. A number of potential sites were identified and criteria for evaluating them was developed as part of the initial scope of work.

Criteria considered for the shops land included size, whether a split site would be required, site characteristics (including topography, site lines, drainage and floodplain issues), cost of site development, compatibility with the City’s master plan and land use goals, proximity to customers and other City agencies, proximity to service area, ability to screen the site properly from any neighbors, access to the site, availability of utilities, easements, neighborhood and environmental concerns, and price.

After evaluating many sites, the Council first instructed staff to attempt to purchase a property on Eighth Street, very near where the shops are already located. Negotiations were unsuccessful and so the City Council opted to purchase a property located between Pine Ridge Road and Golden Gate Canyon Road, west of State Highway 93 and east of the Jefferson County shops complex. Council was able to acquire the land with very favorable owner financing and at a value determined by a professional appraiser.

This purchase enables the City to secure space for new shops facilities that have been in the game plan since 1991. The City now has enough space to meet the City’s needs for the next 50 to 100 years.

For more information on facilities improvements, call 303-384-8150.
The City of Golden’s Guanella Reservoir has been selected as one of the American Public Works Association (APWA) 2005 Public Works Projects of the Year.

The 1,900-acre-foot reservoir was constructed near the town of Empire, Colo., using a construction manager/general contractor approach, which is more common for building construction than for earthwork projects like was required at Guanella. The reservoir was the first project in Colorado in which the State Engineer’s Office consented to a third-party plan review for approval of the State permit. These two unique aspects of the project allowed the City to complete construction of the reservoir two years ahead of schedule. Golden received notification from the APWA on April 15 that Guanella is among an elite group of winners of the Public Works Projects of the Year awards.

“APWA is proud to have you and your partners on this project epitomize the public works profession and our association,” wrote APWA representatives Bob Browell and Rhonda Wilhite in the letter to Golden. As the primary contractor on the Guanella project, Golden has been invited to receive a plaque recognizing its achievement at the APWA annual awards recognition ceremony in Minneapolis on Sept. 12.

“It’s great to be recognized for not only having been able to get something like this done so far ahead of schedule, but also to have it turn out so well. We’re delighted to receive recognition for this project, particularly because of the immense amount of cooperation we had from partners on it,” said Dan Hartman, Golden’s Director of Public Works. “To manage a project that should take three or four years and get it done in one year just doesn’t happen without an awful lot of people committing to do what it takes.”

The general contractor for Guanella was Kiewit Western and the engineers were WW Wheeler Associates and URS Corp.
**City Celebrates Arbor Day**

The City’s Arbor Day ceremony was held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 15 in the Fossil Trace Golf Club parking lot. Shelton Elementary School second graders attended and helped City Forester Dave High plant a tree.

**Supertower Back to Commissioners**

In a suit brought by the City of Golden and Canyon Area Residents for the Environment (CARE), District Court Judge Brooke Jackson ruled in May that the Jefferson County Commissioners will have to rehear arguments in the Lake Cedar Group’s supertower proposal for Lookout Mountain.

The judge said tower failure could cause multiple other towers to fall in a domino effect, endangering nearby homes had not been addressed. Commissioners Kevin McCasky, Jim Congrove and Dave Auburn were not yet in office when the case was last heard, but will have to rehear this aspect of the case. No hearing date had been set as of press time.

**Landscaping Can Obstruct Sidewalks — Keep it Trimmed**

All of us are, of course, pleased when our landscape plants thrive and add new growth each year. Healthy plants are attractive and beneficial to the community in general.

However, one result of thriving vegetation can create problems — limbs and branches spilling onto and over sidewalks and streets can be dangerous.

The City of Golden’s Municipal Code prohibits any property owner’s vegetation from creating an impassable or hazardous obstruction to either pedestrian- or vehicular-traffic. Any growth that infringes upon a public sidewalk must be removed. Any growth that impedes the passing or parking of passenger vehicles or commercial and maintenance traffic must be removed. And finally, any vegetation that unsafely obstructs the vision of motorists at an intersection must be removed.

These guidelines usually also translate into the following specifics:

- Nothing should obstruct the space along a public sidewalk up to a height of 8-feet.
- Any trees or large shrubs that hang over into the space of a public street shall be kept clear to a height of 14-feet.
- At intersections, any shrubbery, flowers or hedges shall be maintained at a height of 3-feet or less, and any tree should be kept clear of limbs to no less than 8-feet above the ground.

While specific situations may arise that require a more or less strict interpretation of these measurements, they are a good general rule of thumb.

We all know how quickly vegetation can grow out of control and often don’t even notice that the street or sidewalk has become less accessible. But like shoveling the snow from your sidewalks in the winter, it is your responsibility as a property owner to keep the streets and sidewalks around your home or business free and clear from obstructions.

Please do your part in helping keep our community sidewalks and streets safe and free of infringements and hazards. If you have questions, please call City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141.
Citizens Meet with Council in May District/Ward Meetings

Golden citizens had an opportunity May 3 and 17 to hear updates on local issues relevant in their wards and districts, as well as to interact directly with their Council representatives.

This year’s district/ward meetings gave citizens an opportunity to take part in informal discussions on a number of current events, ask questions and give input to City Council.

On May 3, District 1 Councilor Lynne Timpeiro, Ward 1 Councilor Dave Ketchum and Ward 2 Councilor Arthur Chen hosted the meeting. Councilor Ketchum led the meeting, addressing topics such as the Northwest Corridor EIS, the suit against a supertower on Lookout Mountain, and the filling of Guanella Reservoir. Golden High School neighbors asked Councilors to get involved in solving parking issues around the school during construction. Citizens also asked that extra attention be paid to security at Big Tree mobile home park as residents begin to move out.

Mayor Chuck Baroch, District 2 Councilor Karen Oxman, Ward 3 Councilor/Mayor Pro Tem Bob Nelson and Ward 4 Councilor Jacob Smith hosted the May 17 meeting. Again, issues surrounding the proposed beltway on Highway 93 were discussed at length, as were the supertower and Golden’s improved water storage. Councilor Oxman discussed FasTracks and a proposal for a stricter smoking ban in Golden.

If you were unable to attend the meeting but have questions or input for your Councilors, their names and contact information is provided for you in each issue of The Informer on Page 2. You can also get the latest information about the City of Golden online at www.cityofgolden.net.
through june 11

typing, biking and
women’s dress exhibit
what do a sewing machine, typewriter and the bicycle all have in common? all three were developed in the late 1800s and went on to create a revolution in women’s clothing. come learn more at this exhibit now through june 11 at the astor house museum, 822 12th st. call 303-278-3557 or visit www.astorhousemuseum.org.

may 28
the splash opens
the city of golden’s outdoor aquatics park, the splash at fossil trace, opens.

may 28 through 30
memorial day weekend
heritage square will have special events all weekend. call 303-279-2789.

june through august
clear creek history park summer sessions
kids will dig in the dirt, pan for gold, feed the chickens and more at the weeklong hands-on history summer sessions! churn butter, play 1800s-style baseball and games, make pioneer food using a wood stove, create cornhusk dolls and other crafts – all while exploring real homesteads, a one room schoolhouse, blacksmith shop and more. this weeklong outdoor program, for 6- to 10-year-olds, will feature five different theme days and an end of the week pageant where your child will join the other participants in creating a spectacular your whole family can enjoy. the program runs daily from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. june 13 to 17, june 20 to 24, june 27 to july 1, july 11 to 15, july 18 to 22, july 25 to 29, and aug. 1 to 5. the cost of the program is $105 for members of the friends of the astor house museum and clear creek history park and $135 for non-members. pre-registration is required. space is limited and sessions are filling quickly, so call today – 303-278-3557.

june 1 through july 10
foothills art center
showing “rooted in tradition,” an art quilt symposium in collaboration with rocky mountain quilt museum.

rocky mountain
quilt museum
showing “smallworks” and “quilts for comfort.”

june 1 through nov. 5
golden pioneer museum
reopening with the “native americans” exhibit.

june 3, 4 & 5
rocky mountain
quilt museum
showing “rooted in tradition,” a three day art quilt symposium in collaboration with foothills art center.

“run for your wife”
miners alley playhouse presents “run for your wife,” a classic british farce written by ray cooney. call 303-935-3044 for reservations.

june 4, 11, 18 & 25
golden farmers market
the golden chamber of commerce presents the farmers market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on jackson street between 12th and 13th streets in downtown golden.

june 4
friends of dinosaur ridge
dinosaur discovery days are on from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
even a light breakfast at 7:30 a.m. the second Thursday of each month at Cousins (formerly Jake’s), 17695 S. Golden Road, near Johnson Road. The restaurant is smoke-free and the coffee is free. Golden citizens, particularly those in District One, are encouraged to stop by.

**JUNE 11**

**Wild West Auto Roundup**

Come join the fun at the third annual Wild West Auto Roundup from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11 in historic downtown Golden. Presented by the Golden Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Merchants Association, the event will feature 400+ car show entrants, performances by musical acts at 1 and 5:30 p.m., a live action auction, food and beverage booths, educational activities and games for children, free horse-drawn carriage rides, a farmers market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., kayak demonstrations, door prizes, a celebrity dunk tank from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., contests, street performers, and the “Golden Idol” music talent finals from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be non-stop entertainment for all ages, all day long. For more information, call 303-279-3113.

**JUNE 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 & 26**

“Complete Works of Shakespeare ... Abridged”

Miners Alley Playhouse presents this hilarious collection of the Bard’s greatest works. Call 303-935-3044 for reservations.

**JUNE 18**

**Golden Pioneer Museum**

Presenting a special garden luncheon.

**Healthy Kids Day**

Radio Disney and the YMCA present Healthy Kids Day at Heritage Square. Call 303-279-2789 for info.

**JUNE 19**

**Father’s Day**

**JUNE 20 THROUGH 24**

**Friends of Dinosaur Ridge**

Discover archaeology field school.

**Golden Police Youth Academy**

Learn and experience what being a police officer is like. Requirements: 13 to 17 years of age; Complete packet/application; Recommendation from SRO or school principal; 500 to 700 word essay explaining why you want to attend the Academy. Call Officer Ryan Custer at 303-384-8193 for an application or information.

**JUNE 21**

**First Day of Summer**

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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 shenderson@ci.golden.co.us. 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.
**FREE EVENTS**

**FISHING DERBY**
9 to 11 a.m. June 4
Ages 12 and younger
Prizes for various categories of fish caught including best Huck Finn and Thatcher look-alike.

**BASEBALL SKILLS CHALLENGE**
3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14
Ages 6 to 13 years (as of 12/31/05)
Contest in base running, hitting off a tee and throwing distance with accuracy. Finalists continue on to a Sectional challenge.

**HERSHEY TRACK MEET**
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 13
Ages 9 to 14 years (as of 12/31/05)
Local competition at Bell Middle School. Finalist continue on to a state competition.

**TAI CHI CHUAN, SUN STYLE, PART 2**
If you’ve already been through Part 1.
6:35 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 1 through June 22
$24 res/$29 non. res/$8 drop in

**WEIGHT ROOM ORIENTATION**
Learn the weight machines and basic info. Not a Personal Training Session. Advance registration required, space is limited. 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays June 1 or 22
$5

**TAI CHI CHIH**
Meditation in motion.
7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, June 1 through July 6
$36 res/$41 non. res/$8 drop in

**PILATES LEVEL 2**
If you’ve already been through the Intro to Pilates class.
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 14 through July 26 OR 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays June 16 through July 28
$36 res/$41 non. res/$8 drop in

**TEEN WEIGHT ROOM ORIENTATION**
For your teen to get weight room certified. Advance registration required, space is limited. Free for 14 and 15 year olds.
6 p.m. Wednesdays, June 15 or 29
$24 res/$29 non. res/$8 drop in.

**PILATES WORKSHOP**
6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Monday, June 6
What is Pilates? Are you ready to find out, but not sure if you want to invest in the three week intro class? Get just a sampling in this one hour workshop. Learn what Pilates is, how to do the “abdominal brace,” and a few basic movements. Pilates is a mind/body exercise… you learn to get your brain in touch with your body for more effective muscle conditioning. Please wear comfortable clothes, and find out if Pilates is something you want to add to your exercise repertoire! Advance registration is required, space is limited.

**Dance Programs**
Programs include a dance recital from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 11.

**PRIMARY CREATIVE MOVEMENT**
June 8 to Aug. 3
Wed 2-2:30
Ages 2-3 years

**PRE-JAZZ**
June 10-Aug 5
Fri 2-2:45
Ages 4-5 years

**PRE-BALLET**
June 8-Aug 3
Wed 2:35-3:20
Ages 4-6 years

**BALLET & JAZZ**
June 8-Aug 3
Wed 3:30-4:15
Ages 6-8 years

**HIP-HOP**
June 8-Aug 3
Wed 4:20-5:15
Ages 6-8 years

**JAZZ**
June 9-Aug 4
Thur 2:45-3:40
Ages 8-10 years

**PRE-JAZZ**
June 10-Aug 5
Fri 2:560-3:45
Ages 10-12 years

**HIP-HOP**
June 9-Aug 4
Thur 3:45-4:45
Ages 8-10 years

**JAZZ**
June 10-Aug 5
Fri 3:50-4:45
Ages 13-18 years

**BEGINNING YOGA**
Learn the basics first thing in the morning!
7 to 8 a.m. Wednesdays, June 15 through July 6
$24 res/$29 non. res/$8 drop in.

The Golden Community Center is located at 1470 10th St., on the north edge of Lions Park.
You can register for any of the following classes and more online at www.goldenrec.com or by calling 303-384-8100. Please let us know that you read about us in The Informer.
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**Code Corner**

**Code Q & A**

Q: Does the City of Golden have an ordinance concerning dogs riding in the backs of trucks?

A: Yes. City Ordinance No. 7.09.010 is related to the cruel treatment of animals. The ordinance specifically states it is illegal to “carry any animal in or upon any vehicle without such restraint or control as to prevent injury or death to such animal…” Golden Police Department Code Enforcement Officers express concerns for dogs in the back of trucks that are not secured and could fall out of the bed if there is a sudden turn or stop.

If you have any Code Enforcement related questions please call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045 and ask to speak to a Code Enforcement Officer, or search the Municipal Code online at www.cityofgolden.net.

**Pools, Puddles and Ponds: Insect Infestation Grounds**

The City of Golden considers any swimming pool, pond, stream, ditch, or deposit of water that is abandoned, unattended or unfiltered, and that results in such water becoming polluted or a sanitation or health hazard as unlawful. Any stagnant water creates a nuisance due to smells and potential health hazards with insect infestation.

With the outbreak of the West Nile Virus over the last few years, Code Enforcement Officers are keeping an eye out for any potential mosquito breeding grounds. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in still water, where they will hatch in seven to 10 days. Stagnant ponds, pools and puddles create the perfect breeding area for mosquitoes. For additional information on West Nile Virus and Mosquito Prevention, contact the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at 303-692-2700 or visit www.fightthebitecolorado.com.

To report stagnant water or other potential health hazards, contact the Golden Police Department Code Enforcement team at 303-384-8045.

**Hometown Volunteers Prepare for Emergency**

Emergencies happen, some are small and some are large. They can take many forms: winter storms, power outages, flash floods, hazardous material spills, wildfires … to name a few. The volunteers at the Golden Visitors Center are learning that their level of emergency preparedness directly influences how well we will get through them.

As part of National Volunteer Week, the Visitors Center offered its volunteers “appreciation benefits” of participating in a series of five Personal Preparedness Workshops offered by the Golden Police Department.

“We are planting the seeds of caring and concern for our community. When we participate in these workshops, we are preparing to give back to our community,” said Carol Ann Bowles, volunteer coordinator for the Visitors Center.

For more information on this program, call 303-384-8106.
Focus on Noise-Related Traffic Issues

The Golden Police Department is currently training traffic officers for noise related traffic issues. Increasing complaints from citizens has shown a need for the specialized training and enforcement. Traffic Officers will be specifically looking for cars and motorcycles with defective or altered mufflers creating excessive noise. Fines range from $25 to $999 with no points assessed to the driver’s license. If you have questions, or would like to report excessive noise, please call 303-384-8045 and ask to speak to a traffic sergeant.

Golden Swears in New Police Captain

The Golden Police Department is proud to welcome Captain Daryl Hollingsworth to the department’s ranks. Hollingsworth was sworn in May 9 during a ceremony in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., where his wife, Pam Hollingsworth, presented his new badge.

Hollingsworth comes to Golden with 27 years of police experience with Northglenn Police Department, where he was last assigned as a sergeant. Hollingsworth was chosen during an intensive selection process with more than 41 applicants from throughout the United States. Hollingsworth was chosen during an intensive selection process with more than 41 applicants from throughout the United States.

Hollingsworth will be filling the vacancy created when Captain Al Reffel retired earlier this year after 35 years of service to the City of Golden.

Resource Officers are an Integral Part of Our Schools

The Golden Police Department currently has three School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to schools throughout the City.

Officer Chris Kolin has been assigned as the full-time SRO at Golden High School since August 2003 and Officer Gino Depalma has been assigned as the full-time SRO at Bell Middle School since August 1998. Officer Ryan Custer was recently assigned to the unit as a part-time SRO for Mitchell Elementary, Shelton Elementary and the Johnson Program in January. Officer Melissa Manzanares will be starting with the SRO unit in June, taking over for Officer Depalma at Bell, when he rotates back to patrol after the end of the school year.

The SRO unit is assigned to the Administrative Services Division of the Police Department, under the command of Sgt. Steven Holmes.

SRO positions are paid for through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice “COPS” program for three full years, with a requirement that the receiving agency support the positions for at least one additional year.

Each SRO has specialized training in working with students and staff in school environments and a strong knowledge of juvenile law.

Although the SROs will take typical criminal and traffic related calls for service in their respective schools, their duties also include teaching classes in topics such as substance abuse or decision making, and they provide answers to many types of legal questions.

An important aspect of an SRO’s job is to assist students in working through personal problems and settling disputes with other students. Each SRO actively mentors students to assist them with career choices and personal decision making skills to help prevent future crime or potential legal problems.

The Golden Police Department SROs are proud to be an integral part of all the schools in the City.

If you have any questions about the SRO program or would like to speak to an SRO, call 303-384-8045.
Help Preserve Golden’s History

Are you interested in historic preservation? Do you want to be more involved with your community? If so, the Golden Historic Preservation Board (HPB) needs you! The City Clerk is currently taking applications to fill two positions on HPB. As a member, you would work on a variety of historic preservation issues, including evaluating the merits of sites for historic designation, public education, preparing grants and promoting the preservation of historic sites in Golden.

HPB meets the first Monday evening of each month in public hearing. Study sessions are usually scheduled for the third Monday of each month.

To apply, you must be a resident of the City of Golden. Call 303-384-8014 for an application. Applications must be received by the City Clerk no later than Thursday, June 2. City Council will interview applicants Thursday, June 9.

Get Involved with Urban Renewal

Would you like to be directly involved with maintaining and improving the vitality of Downtown Golden? If so, please consider applying for one of two available positions with the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA). GURA commissioners provide policy direction and oversight to staff on a variety of downtown redevelopment issues ranging from lightpole banners to major construction projects. GURA meets publicly on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month. Commissioners have terms of five years each. For more information on the responsibilities and activities of a GURA commissioner, call 303-279-4162 or visit www.gura.com.

To apply, visit www.cityofgolden.net/files/bccapp.pdf or call 303-384-8014. Applications must be received by the City Clerk no later than Thursday, June 2. City Council will conduct interviews Thursday, June 9.

Museum Expands, GURA Gets New Home

The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum (RMQM), in cooperation with the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA), is pleased to announce the expansion of the museum at 1111 Washington Ave. and the addition of gallery space on the first floor.

Plans for expansion have been under discussion for the past 10 months, and it was only through GURA’s offer to relinquish space that the museum was able to attain its goals and stay within the City of Golden. GURA is committed to maintaining and enhancing the vitality of the downtown area, usually through funding, but sometimes contributing money is not the correct solution. In this case, the right thing to do was to move its offices. As of May 5, GURA has relocated to 922 Washington Ave.

The expansion of the museum will include not only larger galleries, but also additional office space for the growing staff, quilt storage and a library. The first exhibit to enjoy this additional space will occur May 24 through July 30 and will feature contemporary quilts from Front Range contributors.

Also from May through July, RMQM and Foothills Art Center will present “Rooted in Tradition: Contemporary Art Quilts” and a 3-person show featuring the quilts of Regina Benson, Jan Magee and Edie Petrock. A Grand Opening Celebration for the expanded Museum will be held on Saturday, July 9, with an all-day open house for the public, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m.

The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is one of just a handful of museums in the country, and the only one in the Rocky Mountain region, that is dedicated entirely to the art and history of American quilts and quiltmaking. This unique facility, which is now celebrating its 15th year, is one of the numerous unique cultural gems of downtown Golden. For more information on the museum and its exhibits, visit www.rmgm.org, or call 303-279-3922. For more information on GURA and its programs, visit www.gura.com, or call 303-279-4162.
Did you know that when you call 9-1-1 for response to a fire, it’s your neighbors volunteering their time to protect our community?

Now in its 126th year of service to Golden, the Golden Fire Department boasts a team of dedicated volunteers. In fact, all of the assistant chiefs, captains and firefighters are volunteers – and they’re looking for a few more community-minded individuals to add to their team.

Golden volunteer firefighters live in the City of Golden and come from all different walks of life. There are single and married firefighters ranging in age from their 20s to their 50s and working in a variety of professions. Despite their diversity, Golden’s firefighters share a commitment to our community to be there when a neighbor is in need of help.

Golden’s volunteer firefighters are required to complete a rigorous recruit academy in their first year with the department. They receive top-notch training in both structural and wildland firefighting. They also earn medical and hazardous materials certifications. Minimum training requirements during the course of a year start at 60 hours.

“The first year with the Golden Fire Department requires more training hours than at any other time in your career,” said Fire Chief John Bales. “This time equips our firefighters with the knowledge and skills to be able to respond to all types of emergencies.”

After the first year, firefighters receive ongoing training Tuesday nights and in other scheduled special training sessions.

In addition to training, members of the department are required to complete a minimum number of hours of work detail, which can include weekly vehicle and equipment checks, testing hoses, public education functions, etc. Firefighters are expected to respond to a minimum number of emergency calls each year, as well. However, most volunteers are easily able to meet the minimum requirements in all areas while effectively balancing their jobs and their families with their service to the fire department.

“Being a volunteer firefighter in your own community is not for everyone. It is a big time commitment, but the rewards are great,” said Chief Bales. “While some calls are more exciting than others, every time we respond, it is because someone in our community needs help. The feeling of satisfaction at being able to help one’s neighbor is immeasurable.”

If you are interested in becoming part of this important organization, stop by Fire Station No. 1, 911 10th St., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays to pick up an application. Or, you can also pick one up at City Hall, next door, or online at www.cityofgolden.net.

Those interested in joining must apply by June 17 for summer recruitment, but you may apply throughout the year as the Fire Department recruits on a quarterly basis.

Fire Department Recruiting Volunteers
If Coagulant Dispersion Optimization sounds like something extremely difficult to understand, you may have learned a lot from a presentation by Colorado School of Mines students and the City of Golden on May 4 at the Golden Water Plant.

This year marks the third major collaborative project undertaken by CSM’s Division of Environmental Science and Engineering and the City of Golden. The unique partnership has focused on providing students with the opportunity to participate in engineering projects at a functioning water plant, while exposing Golden Water Plant staff to state of the art water treatment concepts.

The students presented their findings on Coagulant Dispersion Optimization in much the same manner as a consultant would to a board of directors or City Council. A highlight of this project included the modification of the conventional treatment portion of the Integrated Environmental Teaching Laboratory at Golden Water Plant to gravity flow. The effluent from the Sedimentation Basin had been pumped to the filters. With the modifications, it now drops by gravity more than 15-feet from the rapid mix basin to the filter effluent flow transmitters. With the recent modifications the Sedimentation Basin water quality closely mimics the full scale process.

What does this all mean and how does it impact Golden’s water quality? For more information, contact CSM Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Engineering Dr. Jörg Drewes at jdrewes@mines.edu or Golden Superintendent of Water Treatment John McEncroe at jmencro@ci.golden.co.us.

Golden Dispatcher Jennifer Lepro was awarded the City’s quarterly Extraordinary Service Professional (ESP) award in May.

Police Communications and Records Supervisor Kimberly Culp said Lepro is a great team member and asset to the department, continually striving for excellence in her day to day work. She was recognized with two awards at last year’s police department awards banquet as a direct reflection on the excellent work she does.

In her nomination of Lepro, fellow Dispatcher Tara Adlfinger said her colleague is always very accommodating of her coworkers, volunteering to work overtime, modify her schedule and trade shifts as necessary.

Lepro is said to always be looking for ways to better the work environment and keeping an eye out for things that need updating. She doesn’t shy away from a challenge, and she has a great working relationship with all department employees. She is enthusiastic about all the work she does and is an excellent example of the excellence sought for an ESP award.

**Mines Students Team Up With City in Innovative Water Treatment Program**

**Jennifer Lepro**

Dispatcher

STAR City Employee

(Special Thanks And Recognition)

Congratulations to the following City of Golden employee:
Golden is the Place to Be This Summer

When you visit historic downtown Golden this summer, be sure to register to win prizes in the summer-long contest that runs through Aug. 31 in participating retail stores.

Golden visitors can win prizes including items such as $500 in gasoline from Golden’s Sinclair Gas Station and Convenience Store, $500 cash, a Weber Gas Grill and $250 in Safeway gift certificates, a weekend trip to California, or a special mystery prize.

Contest entry forms are found each week in local newspapers, online and www.ingolden.com and are also available when you spend $20 or more at any participating Golden merchant.


Drawings will be held the 15th and the last day of each month throughout the summer.

For more information on summer events and shopping promotions, call 303-279-3113 or visit www.ingolden.com.

Live Bluegrass June 18

Enjoy a relaxing evening with the family listening to a variety of bluegrass music at the Summer Solstice Celebration from 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 18, at the Clear Creek History Park in Golden.

Spread your blanket near the historic 1800s cabins in the Clear Creek History Park and enjoy the scenic foothills and Clear Creek framing the stage. Featured bands include The Blue Canyon Boys, Mountain Home, One Lucky Guy, The Reeds, and The Olde Town Swing Band. Burgers, brats, kettle corn, beer and more available. Browse jewelry, craft and business booths without missing any music.

The Clear Creek History Park is located at 11th and Arapahoe streets. Adult admission is $8 in advance or $10 at the door. Youth ages 10 to 17 and college students with ID are $5, and children ages 9 and younger are free.

This event is dog-friendly; leash required.

Proceeds from this event support Friends of the Astor House Museum and Clear Creek History Park, a non-profit organization which interprets 1890s life in Golden and the surrounding region, bringing history to life for 20,000 people annually.

Generous event sponsors include First Bank and the Golden City Brewery.

ENTER TO WIN!

Fill out this entry form and bring it to any participating Golden merchant this summer to enter the “When In Golden, Win In Golden” sweepstakes and have a chance to win one of the following great prizes:

- $500 Travel Voucher
- Mystery Trip for Two
- $250 Safeway Gift Certificate and a Weber Silver - A Gas Grill from Meyer’s Hardware
- $500 Cash
- $500 in Gas from Sinclair Gas Station and Convenience Store

Name ____________________________
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City _______ State _______ Zip _______
Phone ____________________________
E-mail ____________________________

The above information may be used by City of Golden or participating businesses only, for future mailings. All prizes are final. Must be 18 years or older to enter and win. No purchase necessary for initial entry. New entry required for each of the following draw dates: 6/15, 6/30, 7/15, 7/31, 8/15, and 8/31. Good luck!
A record number of Golden citizens turned out to take part in the City’s annual Community Pride Days event May 14 and 15. More than 1,200 cars came through the Splash drop-off site throughout the weekend.

Community Pride Days is an annual program in which the City encourages citizens to do a spring cleaning and properly dispose of items that might otherwise pose environmental hazards, or just sit around in yards, alleys and garages. Thanks for helping keep Golden beautiful!