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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

CITY OF GOLDEN 2011 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Registered voters will elect the Mayor and Councilors for District One and District Two at the Coordinated Mail Ballot Election on Nov. 1, 2011. Nomination petitions may be taken out and circulated beginning Aug. 2, 2011. Petitions must be picked up from the City Clerk’s office, 911 10th St. Nomination petitions will be due to the City Clerk by 5 pm., Aug. 23, 2011.

If running for the position of Mayor, the candidate must get signatures from 25 registered voters in the city. District candidates must get 25 signatures from electors in the District for which the candidate is running.

Requirements to run for office per the City of Golden Charter, Section 3.4: elector (registered voter) of the City of Golden; citizen of the United States for at least five years; resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the election; resident and elector (registered voter) of the ward when nominated and elected.

The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 3, 2011. You can register at the Jefferson County Election Department, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, or the Golden City Clerk’s ofﬁce, 911 10th St. Contact the City Clerk’s Ofﬁce at clerks@cityofgolden.net, 303-384-8014 or 303-384-8015 for more information. Information can also be found on the City of Golden website www.cityofgolden.net.

911 PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS

As summer approaches and summer camps, daycares, and recreational activities are in full swing, the City of Golden Dispatch Team would like to remind the community that we offer a variety of 911 Public Education presentations to fit various needs.

Whether you are part of a parent/child activity group, daycare, summer camp, business, elderly or citizen group, City of Golden Dispatchers would be happy to share educational and interactive programs with your community. To schedule a 911 education presentation or dispatch tour, please contact Dispatcher and 911 Public Education Coordinator Carrie Lorea at clorea@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8045. Enjoy your summer, stay safe, and remember, if you need to reach us, please don’t hesitate to call the non-emergency number at 303-384-8045, or in an emergency, call 911.

YEAR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION

City Council will host an ice cream social from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue, to celebrate several aspects of our “year of the neighborhood.” Stop by to visit with your neighbors, congratulate the first round of neighborhood grant recipients, and receive a free commemorative Golden Vision 2030 book, celebrating all of the community stories collected during 2009 for the Golden Vision 2030 project.

I-GOLDEN NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

Don’t forget applications for the i-Golden Neighborhood Grants. $500 or under can be made at any time, as there is no deadline for these grants. So far, eight small grant applications have been submitted and all have been awarded.

If you are interested in one of the large matching grants, up to $2,500, applications are due for the second round on July 7, and will be considered by City Council at their July 28 regular meeting.

Go to the i-Golden Neighborhood Grants website at www.cityofgolden.net/grants for information and an application form, or contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.

Below is the Golden City Council’s calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

June 2
No Meeting

June 9
Regular Business Meeting

June 16
Rescheduled Business Meeting

June 23
No 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.
Late last year, I wrote about City Council’s growing interest in supporting Golden’s neighborhoods. Our efforts in recent years have included adopting neighborhood plans, changing the city code to make it easier to protect the character of neighborhoods, and continued investments in parks and open space. Since then, we have continued to support strong, healthy neighborhoods across Golden.

One key step: adopting a new Comprehensive Plan, reflecting both our commitment to strong neighborhoods and the incredible community involvement that went into our Golden Vision 2030. If you haven’t had a chance to review and share your thoughts on the draft Comprehensive Plan, City Council will be making a final decision soon, so this would be a great time to do so.

Neighborhood plans are also really important. These are neighborhood-specific components of the Comprehensive Plan, and they help ensure that each neighborhood’s unique character and values are protected over time. We’ve completed three already: 8th and 9th Street Neighborhood Plan, the North Neighborhoods Plan, and the Downtown Character Plan. We have three more queued up or under way for the South Neighborhoods, the Central Neighborhoods, and East Downtown, and we’ll start working on another batch as soon as we wrap these up.

Another key step: we just launched our new i-Neighborhood grant program. We’ll continue to offer small grants for block parties, neighborhood cleanups, and other neighborhood gatherings. In a new pilot program, we are also offering larger matching grants for more complicated and expensive community improvements like park benches, playground equipment, planting trees, street improvements and traffic calming, neighborhood art, and small community gardens. If you and your neighbors agree on a project, put together a solid plan, and come up with a portion of the resources required, you can apply for a city grant to cover the balance of the cost. You’ll be able to count volunteer labor and other pro-bono contributions as well as dollars toward the match.

Finally, I want to mention a terrific new effort by Golden’s faith community to encourage strong neighborhoods by “rediscovering the art of neighboring.” More than forty places of worship across Golden, Lakewood, and Arvada are collaborating on this project, encouraging folks to get out and meet the neighbors they don’t already know and providing other resources, like block party kits.

Strong neighborhoods begin with all of us reaching out, extending a friendly greeting, and making good things happen, neighbor to neighbor. If you haven’t already done so, you might think about organizing a block party for your neighborhood this summer, or coordinating an i-Neighborhood grant application, or participating in the “art of neighboring” program.

I believe Golden is defined by an incredible sense of community, and that deep commitment to the community of Golden begins with neighbors supporting and looking after neighbors. City government can’t create strong neighborhoods, but we can help encourage and support them across our community. That is our commitment.

From all of us on the City Council, have a great summer.

Mayor Jacob Smith

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Whether you are new to Golden or have been here for a while, if you are interested in getting involved in your community and learning how and why the City functions as it does, then Leadership Golden is for you.

The Leadership Golden Program is offered once a year and runs from August to May. Anyone who lives in Golden, has a Golden address or works or has a business in the city limits is eligible to participate in this free program.

Leadership Golden is designed to create more informed citizens and to build for them a network of information resources. The Leadership Golden program consists of a series of seminars spanning a 10 month period. The seminars provide the participants with knowledge of the relationship between government, education, business and the community of Golden.

The seminar series includes a Leadership Retreat & City Facilities Tour, presentations on Golden History, Government, Education, Arts & Recreation, Participating in the Community, Justice, Public Finance, Growth & Development, and An Experience in Governing (Mock City Council Meeting). The emphasis is on these areas as they function within Golden. The series culminates with a graduation dinner.

The presenters for the sessions are city and county officials, county school officials and other members of the community, depending on the subject of the session. The class size is limited to 15-20, in order to provide a better opportunity for group interaction with the presenters.

For further information about the program or to download an application, visit www.leadershipgolden.org. The deadline for applications is Aug. 1, 2011.

The City of Golden will launch a Prescription Discount Card program on June 1. These free discount cards are available to city residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC). The cards offer residents an average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed medications at participating local pharmacies.

The discount cards can be used by all Golden residents and have no restrictions based on age, income level or existing health coverage. The cards benefit those without insurance, as well as underinsured residents to obtain prescriptions that are excluded from health benefit plans.

Residents need only to show their card when purchasing medication. There is no enrollment form or membership fee and the card can be used any time prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

Cards are available at City Hall, 911 10th St., the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St., and the Christian Action Guild, 1401 Ford St. Residents can call toll-free 1-888-620-1749 or visit www.caremark.com/nlc for assistance with the program and cards can also be printed from that website. CVS Caremark administers the program. Local participating pharmacies in the Golden area include King Soopers, 17171 S. Golden Road; Safeway, 1701 Jackson St.; and Walgreens, 17222 S. Golden Road. There is no cost to the City of Golden to provide this program.

The National League of Cities is the nation’s oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. To learn more about NLC, go to www.nlc.org.
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Wildfire Protection Plan for Citizens

The Indian Gulch fire near Golden in March showed us just how quickly a wildfire can threaten Golden communities. Since that early season fire, our region has received significant moisture and lowered the threat. But it’s important for residents of Golden to realize that the danger will be back. That is why now is the perfect time to take steps toward mitigation around your home.

The City of Golden and the Golden Fire Department have a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) in place, and are committed to helping citizens become informed on how to prepare for wildland fires. The CWPP focuses on the following action items:

1) Outreach/Public Education
2) Defensible Space
3) Fire-wise Building Improvements
4) Area Treatments
5) Supporting Actions
6) Fire Department Preparedness

Although the City can provide the information and assist, it is the community’s responsibility to move forward and implement the action items. Properly protecting your home and community may require further planning, raising money for projects or simply motivating your neighbors to participate.

This is a long-term project, and the CWPP helps plan out the first four years to help homeowners take immediate action and also plan ahead for future projects. In the first year, for example, homeowners need to begin by organizing neighborhood meetings and coordinating educational opportunities. The most important action is to reduce risk by creating defensible space around your home. The CWPP has many mitigation recommendations to accomplish this.

The City of Golden and the Golden Fire Department would like all citizens to know that we are committed to helping educate the public along with helping reduce the chance of a wildland fire impacting our neighborhoods. Members of the Fire Department are available to meet with HOA’s and neighborhood groups to explain the CWPP, and work with the Parks and Recreation department on wildfire mitigation for city-owned property.

The Golden Fire Department covers approximately nine square miles, which is surrounded by large areas of steep open space. Homes are not the only thing at risk in a wildfire. Human life, wildlife habitat, recreational land, businesses and critical infrastructure are also factors. It is in the best interest of everyone to be proactive in helping to prevent the spread of wildfires.

Temporary fire bans come and go depending on the change in weather patterns that could increase the wildfire danger. In addition to mitigation, it is important for residents and visitors to be mindful and careful with barbeque grills and fire pits. Also, as we approach the summer holiday season, remember that all fireworks are prohibited inside the city limits of Golden. This includes fireworks sold in unincorporated Jefferson County with a Golden mailing address and in other jurisdictions around the metro area.

To view and download the CWPP, go to www.cityofgolden.net/fire and view the Hot Topics section on the right.
When you see the familiar bright golden vests of the Golden Lions Club in front of local supermarkets, other local stores and the Farmer’s Market selling raffle tickets, you know the 4th of July can’t be far behind.

For 40 years, Golden Lions have been hosting a community celebration in Lions Park on the 4th as a way of giving back to their community and country. Starting at noon and ending at night with a dramatic fireworks display, the event draws thousands each year. It is designed to be a day for families to get together at the beautiful park on 10th Street to picnic or purchase food and drink, enjoy music throughout the day and let the kids enjoy the many free rides and face painting provided by their hosts. It is a day to join with neighbors and friends in celebration of the birth of this great country with its many freedoms, and this year, to support our men and women in uniform who are defending those freedoms. Starting this year, the City of Golden has taken over the responsibility for the fireworks display with financial and manpower support from the Golden Lions Club.

The raffle tickets help support free rides, free music and fireworks support provided by the volunteer labor of the Lions members. Any excess funds go back into projects that better the community. The raffle is well worth the price of the tickets even though this year the Lions have changed the size of a book of tickets to 6 instead of 10 to cut down on writing out ticket stubs and overfilling the raffle drum. Don’t worry, the odds of winning remain the same. For $1 each or six tickets for $5, you get a chance to win one of over 200 prizes ranging from overnight stays at mountain casinos to the grand prize of $1,000 donated by the Lions Club, and you don’t have to be present to win. Winners are announced throughout the day with the grand-prize winner identified just before the fireworks. Local merchants donate most of the raffle prizes.

The event is truly a community get-together supported by residents who buy raffle tickets and attend, the City which provides security, traffic control and fireworks, businesses that provide the raffle prizes and the Lions Club volunteers who put it all together. So when you see those guys in their bright vests with raffle tickets in hand, make sure you become part of the celebration by buying some tickets. And, most of all come and have fun on July 4th.

KIDS: RIDE SAFE AND ENJOY THE RACE

Kids love riding bikes! These tips can ensure hours of fun on the bike for kids this summer.

- **Cycling safety starts** with wearing a helmet. A well-fitting helmet sits two finger widths above the eyebrows. Adults should check for properly inflated tires and working brakes. Encourage them to ride single file and to listen for vehicles, animals, and people.

- **Children under ten are safer on sidewalks.** They should watch for vehicles at driveways, stop at corners, and ensure drivers see them before crossing.

- **When riding on the street,** cyclists go with the flow of traffic. They should obey all traffic laws and use hand signaling for turns.

- **On multi-use or dirt trails,** children should ride on the right, alert those ahead as they approach, and anticipate others around corners.

Follow a pro-cyclist and see the USA Pro Cycling Challenge in Golden on Aug. 28. There are 16 American and international teams expected to compete. Using www.USAProCyclingChallenge.com and the team websites, kids can map riders’ countries and count a favorite rider’s miles raced. They can choose family activities around race day at www.procyclinggolden.com. Since June is Colorado’s Bike to Work month, adults can practice these safety tips from www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles, and save gas too.
The Golden Ethics in Business Awards honors two local organizations, one for-profit and one non-profit, for leading the way in business ethics. The awards, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Golden, are given to organizations that demonstrate the highest standards of ethical business practices, integrity, and civic and social responsibility.

More than 300 people attended the awards luncheon to honor these winners. Pete Coors was the Keynote Speaker and Ed Greene of CBS4 News was the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

**Why Keep Landscaping Materials Out of Landfills?**

Yard wastes are recyclable materials that can make up 10 to 30 percent of municipal solid waste, but are often overlooked when discussing recycling programs. These materials take up valuable space in landfills and contribute to the formation of methane gas which can cause problems years after a landfill closes.

Composted and mulched materials are useful in Colorado’s arid climate. They help to retain soil moisture, conserve water through reduced watering and assist in the stabilization of soils which reduces erosion. Compost is useful as a soil amendment, providing organic matter and microorganisms that are essential for healthy plant growth.

As the City’s contractor for the Pay-As-You-Throw trash and recycling program, EDS Waste Solutions’ Green Waste Program summer season will run from May through October. This economical subscription service provides every other week collection of yard wastes, helping you avoid additional expenses for extra trash, and the waste is recycled into a useful gardening product. To enroll in the Green Waste Program today, call EDS Waste Solutions at 303-278-8600.

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**LANDSCAPING THIS SEASON? THERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Bulk landscape materials can pose a traffic safety and water quality threat if stored in the street. Piles of soil, compost, rock or mulch can impede traffic. These materials can also be washed into the storm drain, transporting pollutants to Clear Creek.

**A few things to keep in mind:**

- Time deliveries so that the materials can be placed the same day they’re delivered.
- If materials must be stored, place them on the driveway or lawn - not on the street.
- Cover materials in case it rains.
- Sweep up at the end of the day or prior to a rainstorm and once the material is removed.

If materials have to be stored in the street, a Right of Way Permit must be obtained from the City. The steps above should be implemented and delineators, such as cones or flashers should be placed. The Right of Way permit application can be found at [www.cityofgolden.net/Files/Right%20of%20Way%20Permit.pdf](http://www.cityofgolden.net/Files/Right%20of%20Way%20Permit.pdf).
CONGRATULATIONS 2011 SUSTAINABILITY AWARD RECIPIENTS

On April 28, City Council and the Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) awarded five nominees with Sustainability Awards for their efforts toward achieving more sustainable lifestyles, businesses, and community. Thank you to the following groups for their dedication and commitment to the city’s sustainability goals.

- Individual Award: Pat & Brian Martinek
- Community Group Award: Golden Visitors Center
- Business Award: Andersen & Hallas Architects
- Business Award: Golden Hotel
- Business Award: MIE Properties

DID YOU KNOW?

Plastic bags, such as newspaper delivery and grocery bags can be returned to your local supermarket for recycling.

Bike To Work Day is June 22

Wondering how you can help the environment and fit more exercise into your day? Bike to Work Day is the answer and it’s fun! Wednesday, June 22, is Bike to Work Day so mark your calendar! Bike to Work Day is an annual event encouraging people to try a different way of commuting. If you’ve never commuted by bike before, it’s the perfect time to try.

To register, visit BikeToWork2011.org. You can visit several free breakfast stations throughout metro Denver. Golden stations include: Coors Wellness Center, 1109 Ford St.; the Jefferson County Administration Building, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, and Peak Cycles, 1224 Washington Ave.

Each year, the City of Golden partners with the Center for ReSource Conservation to offer Golden water customers a free sprinkler inspection. Professional inspectors can help you save money on your water bill, improve the appearance of your landscape and provide you with a customized watering schedule.

The entire process will take about two hours. Larger commercial or HOA properties may take longer. Inspections are scheduled from June until August. Reservations for inspections are now being accepted. To schedule an inspection, complete the request form online at ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x217.

What other participants have said about the program:

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

“The inspector was very knowledgeable and professional. Thanks!”
Through June 19  
**Rose Colored Glass**  
A play about the beginning of the holocaust from our side of the ocean and how two remarkable women struggle with American apathy, immigration and prejudice. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 6 p.m. For tickets and information call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through June 26  
**PostSecret**  
A look at our innermost fears, desires, regrets and obsessions told through anonymous postcards. On display at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Through July 30  
**Frontiers: Colorado Inspirations and Fiber Art Innovations**  
Enjoy new pieces by the Front Range Contemporary Quilters, inspired by the many ways living in Colorado captures the artist’s imagination. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information, call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

June 3 through 5  
**Spring Whale of a Used Book Sale**  
More than 95,000 books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, videos, and records will be available at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 6th Ave. Books are priced from .50 - $2.50. Sunday is "Bag Day" - as much as you can stuff into a bag for just $5. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 5. Free admission. Held by the Friends of the Jefferson County Public Library, proceeds benefit the children's and teen literacy programs of the Jefferson County Public Library. For information, contact www.friendsofjcpl.org or 303-403-5075.

June 4  
**Golden Gold Rush Quarry Run/Walk**  
5k Cross County-style run or walk through the Lafarge Quarry and 1/3-mile fun run around Heritage Square. Proceeds provide funding for the Golden Volunteer Fire Department. Go to www.GoldenGoldRush.com to register.

June 8  
**Chronic Pain/Chronic Illness Support Group**  
Meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Mesa View Church/1st Presbyterian Churches Sunday School Building in the “Room for One More” Room, 1707 West 16th Ave. For more information call April Struck at 303-719-2964 or email struck2k@msn.com.

June 11  
**Wild West Auto Roundup**  
200 cars line Washington Avenue for the Wild West Auto Roundup. A great chance to get a close look at vintage cars, along with food and entertainment. There is no charge to attend. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Washington Avenue downtown. For more information or to sign up for a spot for your car, call the Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.
June 16-18
Golden Flower Show
“Everything’s Coming up Roses” for the 59th Annual Golden Flower Show at the First United Methodist Church of Golden, 1500 Ford St. Sponsored by the Golden Gardeners Club, Table Mountain Garden Club and the City of Golden. Free and open to everyone. For more information call 303-384-9516 or visit www.goldencommunitygarden.org.

June 19
Father’s Day

June 21
Summer begins

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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.

S ix decades ago, legendary Denver-based designer, Rockmount Ranch Wear, made a distinctive imprint on fashion design and popular culture by forever changing the direction of western wear through the introduction of attire for the cowboy’s urban counterpart.

Hailed as a unique and innovative company, founder Jack A. Weil introduced the first and longest running design of western shirts, with their signature snaps and saw-toothed pockets. Throughout the decades, this famous Colorado company has developed a distinctive look for cowboys and rock stars, with Rockmount shirts being worn by Clark Gable, Paul McCartney, Elvis Presley, Ronald Regan and Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper.

Rockmount Ranch Wear remains a third-generation, family-run business internationally known for quality attire, innovative design and a remarkable ability to dress all, from authentic cowboys to urbanites simply wishing to look the part. Located in Denver’s lower downtown district, Rockmount serves as a fundamental example of the impressive creative output Colorado has developed and nurtured.

Beginning July 8 and running through Sept. 4, Foothills Art Center (FAS) will present Cowboys and Rockstars, a fascinating historical retrospective of Rockmount and its indelible influence as a unique, American western clothing brand. The exhibition will feature an extensive collection of Rockmount’s famous shirts dating back to the 1930s; photographs and articles of influential icons wearing Rockmount designs; archived design samples and drawings, classic advertisements, memorabilia, western artwork and more. The many pieces that make up Rockmount’s remarkable history will be on display for this exhibition only, narrating visitors through the journey of Rockmount and its landmark design philosophy.

You can also join FAS for RockWest!, a rock-n-roll fundraising concert from 6 to 10 p.m. on July 16 at the CSM Green Center Bunker Auditorium, 1500 Illinois St. Tickets are $35 general admission and $75 VIP.

Foothills Art Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.
Did you know that the #1 cause of sanitary sewer backups in homes and restaurants is oil and grease discarded during food preparation and clean up? Oil and grease can come from sources you might not think about when you rinse off dishes before placing them in the dishwasher. There is oil and grease in salad dressings and sauces, soups and chilis and in all types of meats and cheeses as well as the obvious fryer oil and bacon grease.

Over time, these can accumulate in solid form in the sanitary sewer pipes in the street in front of your home and all the way to the waste treatment plant. Sewer backups cost the City time and money and, in some cases, may cost homeowners and businesses when sewage backs up into basements or in kitchen prep areas.

You can help to reduce the amount of oil and grease to the sewer by:

- Limiting the amount of food waste put through the garbage disposal. When possible, discard most of those wastes in the trash or, better yet, compost.
- Wiping grease off plates and frying pans with paper towels before washing or placing in the dishwasher. Hot water is good at taking the grease off at your sink but once it cools off it can eventually plug up the sewer line from your house or the city line in the street.
- Collecting used cooking oil for recycling. In partnership with Centrifuge Recycling, the City is providing a cooking oil collection station at the recycling facility off Golden Gate Canyon Road. Cooking oils deposited here are used to produce bio-fuels. This service is for Golden residents only – no commercial establishments please!

For more information, go to the Environmental Services page at www.cityofgolden.net and click on Pretreatment. Or give us a call at 303-384-8181.

Starting in mid-May, in response to several complaints and requests from citizens, the police department will be increasing their enforcement activities along the Clear Creek corridor.

Although any illegal activity will be addressed, Police and Code Enforcement Officers will be focusing on crimes related to the parks and trails, such as illegal consumption of alcohol, public intoxication, dogs off leash and failing to pick up animal waste.

Golden Police would like to remind all park users that the city ordinance expressly prohibits open consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places, including in the parks and along trails. Some alcohol consumption is allowed as part of a pavilion rental permit if an open container permit is also obtained. Park users may obtain a pavilion permit by contacting Parks and Recreation Rental Coordinator Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for fees and regulations. No open container permits will be issued for creek trails.

Golden Police want everyone to enjoy the City’s beautiful parks and trails throughout the summer in a safe and legal manner. For questions or to report a crime along Clear Creek, please contact the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.
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Speeding and tailgating are among the top factors in today’s deadly traffic accidents. The National Road Safety Foundation reports that aggressive driving behaviors, including road rage and tailgating, are associated with half of all car crashes. It has been hard to enforce tailgating and the associated Following Too Closely statute in the court system.

Colorado based Laser Technology Inc. (LTI), maker of commercial speed detection lasers, has developed a product called “Distance Between Cars” (DBC). This DBC product is software that can calculate accurate measurements between vehicles, both in time and distance. The software measures the back to front bumper separation between two vehicles. This software is currently the only one of its kind to calculate tailgating measurements and hold up in the courtroom.

Golden Police officers are using this DBC software as an enforcement and education tool to combat the rising number of accidents caused by aggressive driving. The Traffic Unit is targeting accident prone areas to enforce tailgating and the Following Too Closely statute. Through these efforts, officers are educating the public on safe following distances and reminding them of the 3-second rule, meaning that a driver passes a stationary reference point, such as a sign post, no less than 3 seconds behind the driver in front of them. The actual law states that drivers shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway. The goal of the traffic unit and the Golden Police Department is to promote safety through education and reduce the number of crashes and fatalities in our community.

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING AND THE DANGERS WITH TAILGATING

Range training is just one of the exciting lessons planned for the Adult Citizens’ Academy.

Applications are now being accepted and are available at the Golden Police Department and on-line. Follow the Community Programs link at www.cityofgolden.net/police to access the Citizens’ Police Academy webpage. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a valid Colorado driver’s license and able to pass a criminal background check. There is no residency requirement.

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The top display shows the distance between cars in feet. The bottom display factors in the speed and shows the time distance between cars in seconds. Courtesy of LTI.

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Golden Schools Foundation Takes Action to Mitigate Impacts of 2011-12 JeffCo School Budget Cuts

Once Jefferson County announced school budget cuts for the 2011-2012 year, the Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) sprung into action to determine what it could do to mitigate the impact of the budget cuts on Golden articulation area schools. GSF is a non-profit organization founded by parents and community members with the vision of creating a high level of performance and accountability in Golden articulation area schools.

Based on input received by GSF Board members and area principals, it was determined that additional paraprofessional support would have the greatest impact toward preventing a decline in student performance. Paraprofessionals play an integral role in the education process by assisting teachers in the classroom and helping with other school programs under the supervision of the principal. Thus, the GSF Para-Trooper Program was launched as an effort to mitigate the impact of the budget cuts.

The goal of the Para-Trooper Program is to raise a total of $440,000 by Aug. 15, 2011; $370,000 to hire 15 paraprofessionals at seven Golden schools, and $70,000 for technology purchases at Bell Middle School. The program has been well received by the community, and donations are currently being accepted through the “Donate Here” link on the GSF website, www.goldenschoolsfoundation.org. To learn more about how you can help the GSF and its Para-Trooper Program, please visit the GSF website, or contact them at info@goldenschoolsfoundation.org.

Golden History Museums (GHM) was recognized by the Jefferson County Good News Coalition at the 21st annual Good News Breakfast held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in April. GHM received an award for publishing the popular “A Woman’s Life in Golden” book in 2010, which chronicles the growth of Golden through the first-hand accounts of 27 women. GHM works to preserve local history and make it accessible to the public. The book is available for purchase at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St.

History is Rewarding

Doug Skiba and Mark Dodge with Golden History Museums show their book and their award at the Good News Breakfast.
In April 2011, the City of Golden completed a third major open space purchase that had been under discussion for many years. The purchase of an eight acre parcel along the hogback geologic formation south of 6th Avenue and west of Heritage Road adds to the preservation of the gateway into the core of the community, and to the already significant open space system along the Kinney Run trail corridor that connects the residential neighborhood north of Heritage Square to downtown Golden.

The site was zoned for commercial uses in the mid-1980s and had long been a concern to the City and South Neighborhoods area residents. With this purchase, the commercial activity will be located near Heritage Road to better serve the neighborhood, and the balance of the parcel will be added to the area open space system to the benefit of mountain backdrop views, wildlife habitat, trails and passive uses, and maintaining our small town character. This acquisition is also a testament to City Council’s pledge to limit development along the US 6 and State Highway 93 corridors to only those locations that make the most sense for the community, with as much open space buffer along the roadways as possible.

When considered with the 14 acre Bachman family parcel purchased in December 2010, and the seven acre parcel next to the golf course containing the dinosaur era fossils purchased in the summer of 2010, City Council has added 29 acres of prominent lands to our open space system in less than 12 months.

Funding for all three purchases was made possible by a bond issue passed by Golden voters in 2001. The open space portion of the bond has resulted in several smaller purchases and these three major acquisitions.

LOTS OF COMMUNITY PRIDE

The City of Golden’s annual Pride Days event in May had more visitors than ever before. The event, designed to help residents get rid of unwanted trash and waste for free, brought a record 1,440 cars to the City Shops Facilities on Catamount Drive.

Several participants commented about how friendly and helpful city workers were in assisting them with all sorts of disposal projects. Their good spirits and can-do attitudes helped everyone get through the lines quickly and efficiently.

In addition, officers from the Golden Police Department, alongside an officer from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), volunteered their time to collect prescription drugs for safe disposal. This year, the police collected more than 260 pounds of drugs, which went to an incinerator and were destroyed by the DEA.
Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
This course is designed for the pre-teen (11 - 13 year olds) to prepare for their first babysitting opportunities. They also learn basic child development and the ability to provide activities for developmental stages.
Age: 11 years and older
Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June 3
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Pet First Aid & Emergency Response
This unique course is ideal for pet owners and pet caregivers. Pet First Aid and Emergency Response covers common health and safety related issues, first aid basics, when to seek professional care and disaster planning steps for the proper care of pets.
Age: 12 years and older
Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
June 4
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

Advanced Care CPR and First Aid
Injuries are the second leading causes of death and disability. Rapid response and intervention increase the chances of survival. Certification issued and fulfills all State, OSHA and Social Service requirements.
Age: 14 years and older
Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June 11
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

Spanish for Preschoolers
Instructors are native Spanish speakers with years of experience teaching Spanish as a second language. The Sonrisas Curriculum will be used and is broken down into three sections: circle time, story time and art time.
Age: 4 - 5 years
Tuesdays 12 - 1 p.m.
June 7 - Aug. 2 (new students)
$140 Resident, $145 Non-resident

Intermediate Conversation-English as a Second Language
This class gives students the chance to improve their speaking and listening skills for everyday use.
Age: 18 years and older
Mondays 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
June 6 - Aug. 1
- No class July 4.
$80 Resident, $85 Non-resident

Tiny Tots in Action
Enjoy creative play time with your toddler in this interactive class for parent and child. This class offers a fun, energetic play time in the gym using tunnels, mats, low-level balance beams, hoops, and much more.
Age: 2 - 3 years
Thursdays 4 - 4:45 p.m.
June 2 - 23
$35 Resident, $40 Non-resident

The Golden Community Center Community Room is the perfect oasis for weddings, graduations, conferences, and meetings. It is an elegant yet contemporary room with vaulted ceilings and a private terrace facing magnificent views of Lookout Mountain. The setting offers comfort for one-on-one meetings to theater-style seating for 250. The room can be divided into three sections. Rent one or all three, each comes with the view! WIFI, on-site audio/visual rentals in addition to business services are available.

Ensure your event is extra special with the support of experienced on-site staff, plenty of pre-event set-up time and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen. You may bring your own caterer, cater yourself or staff can provide a list of reputable caterers.

If you are looking to plan an outdoor event in the summer months, rent a pavilion at a City of Golden park. Pavilions are available at Lions East and West, 1300 Tenth Street; Golden Heights, West 2nd Avenue and Maple Street; or Tony Grampsas Memorial Park, 4471 Salvia St.

For more information on rentals, prices, and availability, contact Larry Rock at 303-384-8133. View the virtual tour of the Community Room in the Golden Community Center at www.cityofgolden.net/facilities.
Celebrate Health!

Celebrating monthly wellness programs featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. The first Friday of each month we offer free blood pressure screenings and healthy refreshments. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.

Chair massages ...................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ...........$13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce .......$15 per 15 minutes

Receive the Front Porch News Online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net (Active Older Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Golden Cycling Seniors
This group of dedicated bicyclists travel an average of 25 miles each trip. Most rides are on paved bike paths in the Denver metro area. Rides are one to two times per week throughout the summer and fall. Call Don McCullough at 303-421-4879 to put your name on the mailing list for a schedule. Full schedules also available in the Front Porch. Coming up in June: Boulder Creek Trail, Idaho Springs/Georgetown, Clear Creek, St. Vrain Canyon and Coal Creek Trail. There is no fee for any of these biking adventures, but registration is required to ensure the safe arrival of all participants.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Carousel of Happiness in Nederland - #25006-01
An original wooden frame from great carousel maker Charles Looff now stands in Nederland and has been restored as the Carousel of Happiness, making it one of about 150 wooden carousels remaining in the country. All animals on the carousel have been hand-carved and the carousel restored by Nederland resident Scott Harrison and his friends – a labor of love that has taken the carver 22 years to complete. Join us as we travel to Nederland, ride the carousel, fellowship over lunch and take in the joys of this small mountain town.

Monday, June 13  10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
$15 (van, carousel ride included; bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by June 9.

"Hairspray" at the Arvada Center - #25007-01
It was 1962... JFK was in the White House... John Glenn was in orbit... Cadillacs had fins... Beehives were in... And girls really knew how to tease! Broadway's big fat musical comedy is high energy: full of songs that make you rock in your seat and a story that makes you cheer for the underdogs. Join us at the Arvada Center for this delightful musical that won 8 Tony Awards. We will stop for lunch at your own expense prior to the 2 p.m. show.

Sunday, July 10 Noon to 5 p.m.
$72 (van, admission included; bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 1
Space is limited!
Register/Cancel by June 8.
Watering our yards in Golden is as easy as turning on a faucet. In 1871, life was more difficult. The builders of the Welch Ditch dug an irrigation system stretching for miles around mountains, through canyons, over flumes and into tunnels. It has been called one of the most remarkable engineering achievements in Jefferson County, most impressively because it was constructed almost exclusively by hand with pick and shovel.

The Vasquez Flume and Ditch Company started construction of the Welch Irrigation Canal in January 1871 to provide agricultural water diverted from Clear Creek. The construction was not without controversy. Deemed the “Ditch Wars,” two different companies fought for years over the location of the irrigation ditch. The Ditch Wars ended when the battling companies consolidated, finally bringing water to Welch Ditch in July 1871.

The irrigation system is named after Charles C. Welch, an owner of the Vasquez Flume and Ditch Company, president of the Denver & Santa Fe Railroad and a major donor of property that would later become Colorado School of Mines.

The Welch Ditch played an important role in Golden’s growth. In 1877, the builders of the first water works in Jefferson County used the Ditch for a 200-barrel cistern. The system primarily provided irrigation, but also created Golden’s first fireplugs. In 1886, mining operations used the Welch Ditch for hydraulic mining in the area where the Colorado School of Mines practice fields are now located. In 1874, Edward Berthoud and W.A.H. Loveland bought into the ditch, rebuilt it as a portion of the Agricultural Ditch System and extended it to the northern slopes of South Table Mountain. At its height, the ditch irrigated almost 4,000 acres in central Jefferson County.

The Welch Ditch also helped to promote tourism. Clear Creek Canyon was a destination for railroad excursionists and the cascading waterfall created by the Welch Ditch was profiled in a 1904 edition of the Transcript newspaper, described as a “beautiful waterfall...admired by thousands of passengers upon the cars of the Colorado and Southern railroad...”

For over 130 years, the ditch conveyed irrigation water to Golden until it was moved downstream from the city. Although most of the original components are gone, some remnants remain. The ditch is still a major wildlife habitat for deer, fox, coyote and numerous species of waterfowl.

The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) of Golden identified the Welch Ditch as one of its three "Most Endangered Sites" for 2003. In 2006, the HPB once again named the upper portions of the wooden flume and Ditch to its annual Endangered Sites List, thereby making the Welch Ditch the only place to have received local historic recognition twice.

Today, it is easy to take for granted our water supply. Preserving the Welch Ditch will serve as a reminder to future generations of the precious resource we have flowing from Clear Creek.

About the Golden Historic Preservation Board: The Golden Historic Preservation Board is an advisory board made up of community members who provide guidance to residents on how improvements to properties affect the preservation of historic Golden.
The rumors are true! Spring Creek will return to the Clear Creek History Park in Golden on Saturday, June 18 for another long-awaited live outdoor performance at the Summer Solstice Music Festival.

The annual outdoor concert, held from 5 to 9 p.m., is a fundraiser for Golden History Museums (GHM). Sponsored in part by MillerCoors, beer and other beverages will be for sale at the event. New for this year will be specially prepared culinary treats sold by another local favorite, Café 13. Among the offerings are hand-pulled pork sandwiches, gourmet Flemish fries prepared on-site, and grilled burgers and brats.

Spring Creek Bluegrass Band, based in Lyons, Colo., presents high-intensity, progressive and original bluegrass. The band has found its niche between the strict traditionalist pickers and the free-wheeling jam bands, setting a high standard for dynamic live performances. Spring Creek still adheres to the old-school bluegrass standard for tasteful picking and vocal harmonies, while stretching out to showcase intricate arrangements and unique songwriting.

Two other Colorado-based talents will warm up the crowd for Spring Creek: Russ Chapman and The Mile Markers will each perform their own original music. Learn more about each of the acts at facebook.com/GoldenHistoryMuseums.

Tickets are available at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St., from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. Non-members: $12 in advance ($15 at the gate); Members: $10; Youth 6-17 years: $5; Under 6 years: free.

GHM operates Clear Creek History Park along with the Astor House Museum and the Golden History Center.

“This band must be the best kept secret in the Western U.S.,” writes Al Shusterman, DJ for KCBL-Sacramento, CA. “The original songs are thought-provoking and sound like they were written many years ago.”

Members of Spring Creek Bluegrass Band.

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