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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

GURA BOARD OPENINGS

The GURA Board of Commissioners will have two vacancies. Applications will be accepted until July 9. The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) is a volunteer board appointed by the Mayor that provides policy direction and oversight to staff on a variety of redevelopment issues ranging from light pole banners to major construction projects. GURA meets publicly on the second Monday evening of each month. For more information on GURA, please visit www.gura.com or call 303-279-4162.

Interviews for the open position are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council Study Session on Thursday, July 19, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Applications are provided by the City Clerk at www.cityofgolden.net, under Boards and Commissions. Applications will be accepted at the Office of the City Clerk at 911 10th St. until 5 p.m. on July 9. You can drop them off in person, by mail, email to clerks@cityofgolden.net or fax to the attention of the City Clerk at 303-384-8001.

COFFEE WITH A COUNCILOR

Sip your favorite morning beverage and chat with a City Council representative about Golden at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 2 at Read, Write and Brew, 720 Golden Ridge Rd., Unit D. The format is informal and determined by your questions and your priorities. Come meet Councilors Saoirse Charis-Graves, Marcia Claxton, Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Behm and Mayor Marjorie Sloan. All of your ideas and thoughts about Golden are welcome. Coffee with a Councilor will continue monthly throughout the summer. For more information, contact Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

DO SOMETHING FUN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

There is funding available to help you make your community even better. Plan a block party, organize a neighborhood improvement project or come up with your own creative ideas to help the community… and you could get money from the city to make it possible. The i-Golden Neighborhood Grant program is available for the second year in a row.

Small grants up to $500 are intended for block parties, neighborhood clean-up days and other small events and projects. These grants do not require a match but must benefit the neighborhood community. You may apply anytime during the year, until funds run out.

Matching grants up to $2,500 are for larger projects and a match by the neighborhood is required. The match must be met with cash; pro bono and in kind contributions or sweat equity. The match will be 1:1, (1/2 neighborhoods, 1/2 City financial contribution). These will be evaluated by staff with recommendations forwarded to the City Council for final approval. These projects should help build a more vibrant neighborhood and benefit the community. City Council will consider matching grants submitted by June 29, at the July 12 council meeting.

Both types of grants need to support the Golden Vision 2030 neighborhood values, and take into consideration Golden’s sustainability goals. Golden businesses should be used for professional services and materials.

For details information go to the City’s website, www.cityofgolden.net, 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 7
Rescheduled Regular Business Meeting

June 14
Regular Business Meeting

June 21
No meeting

June 28
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.
A Golden Summer
By Mayor Marjorie Sloan

Golden kids have completed their school year, and now they can enjoy the water slide at the Splash. The rest of us can splash into summer, too. Warmer temperatures and longer daylight hours bring added life to our public gathering places.

First Friday Street Fairs turn Washington Avenue into a multi-generational party space. The Farmers Market brings our community together for friendship and fresh produce. The challenging links at Fossil Trace can both thrill and frustrate golfers. Clear Creek History Park is open for activities and exploration. Our parks, trails, gardens, and great outdoors provide us with active recreational opportunities. Golden's shops and restaurants beckon browsers, shoppers, and diners.

Soon participants in programs at the Colorado School of Mines will be discovering Golden's casual summer lifestyle. Our iconic Fourth of July celebration, Buffalo Bill Days, Fine Arts Festival, and other events will attract local and regional residents. As usual, visitors will line up for tours of MillerCoors, then stroll through town. We'll also continue to be a gateway and base city for mountain tourists.

And this summer, Golden is making a national splash. We have the opportunity to meet visitors from all over the country while attending world-class events in our hometown. Until June 30, the Dale Chihuly exhibit at Foothills Art Center will continue to showcase over 45 examples of his Venetian art glass pieces. The highlight is the breath-taking Laguna Murano Chandelier. This work has over 1500 separate pieces of glass making up five separate elements: two hanging from the ceiling and three rising from the floor. Its installation required a specially-trained crew affiliated with Chihuly Studios to travel from Seattle.

The USA Pro Cycling Challenge, one of the largest professional bike races in the United States, will return to Golden on Saturday, Aug. 25 for a stage-six start. Last year, race organizers estimated the crowd in Golden the largest they had seen at any stage start anywhere in the world. These spectators were extremely enthusiastic, well-behaved, and friendly. While they were here, they added to the jingle of cash registers in Golden businesses and therefore contributed to our city coffers. On their return home, they undoubtedly told their friends and neighbors about the charms of Golden and advised them to visit soon.

Our faraway visitors will appreciate Golden's attractions and stockpile vitamin D for their winter days. Those of us who live here, however, can take full advantage of our long summer days and mellow summer evenings—and connecting with friends and neighbors during our splashy season.
When you see the volunteers in bright yellow vests selling raffle tickets outside of Golden’s supermarkets, the Golden Farmers Market and many other places around town, you know the 4th of July Festival can’t be far away. For more than 40 years, the Golden Lions Club has geared up for a spectacular 4th of July celebration and this year is no different.

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 Lions Park on 10th Street to picnic, purchase food and drink, enjoy music throughout the day and let the kids enjoy the many free rides and face painting.

The City of Golden provides the financial support for the fireworks display, while the Golden Lions Club provides manpower support to assist with security and fire protection. In order to help make all of the days’ events happen, the Lions Club sells raffle tickets. Any excess funds from raffle sales go toward support of many projects for the betterment of the Golden community. A couple of projects the Lions supported this year include adding new sheet metal roofing to all of the dugouts at Grampsas Park and, most recently, installing a white sheet metal ceiling on the creek-side patio of the Visitors Center at 10th and Washington.

For $5 you get six tickets and six chances to win one of more than 200 prizes, including the grand prize of $1,000 donated by the Golden Lions Club. Winners will be announced throughout the day at the 4th of July Festival, but you do not have to be present to win. Local merchants donate most of the raffle prizes, so continue to Buy Golden!

The event is truly a community get-together supported by residents who buy raffle tickets and attend. 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. Most of all, come and have fun on the 4th!

**CITY EMPLOYEES MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Periodically we tell you about City employees who have gone above and beyond in their jobs in order to make Golden a great place to live. This time, we want to tell you about a particular employee who went above and beyond to make Golden a great place to work.

Accountant Maureen “Mo” Wallen is in charge of making sure Golden city employees get paid. Every two weeks she takes on the duty of ensuring paychecks come in correctly and on time. Recently the finance department switched to a new software program. The process was extensive and labor intensive because a lot of the data from the old system could not be converted to the new one.

Mo worked late into the night on several occasions and also worked weekends to ensure that the setup was correct so that no one even noticed the transition when it came time to get paid. Her hard work went largely unnoticed because she made sure there were no problems.

In order to recognize Mo for her efforts, she was awarded a “You Make the Difference” award at a recent quarterly employee meeting.
Protect Your Home and Be Firewise

Golden is a picturesque city nestled in beauty. To the west we have the magnificence of the Rocky Mountain foothills. To the east we have the unique beauty of the mesas. But living so close to the splendor of wilderness also exposes Golden to the dangers of wildfires. The potential of wildfires will always be with us. This is especially true for those who live on the edges of the city in the zone called the urban/wild land interface. You as a homeowner can reduce the impact a wildfire has on your home. Below are five fire safety features you can adopt to minimize loss of property and possibly life to wildfires.

FIREWISE HOME SAFETY FEATURES:

1. **Maintain a home ignition zone.**
   The home ignition zone extends at least 30 feet around the home. The goal of this zone is to reduce fuel. Landscaping should be well irrigated. Plants should be low flammability species and carefully spaced.

2. **Keep landscaping lean, clean and green.**
   Prune large trees so that the lowest branches are at least 6 to 10 feet off the ground. Remove flammable plants that contain resins, oils, and waxes that easily burn like ornamental junipers, paupon, holly, red cedar, and young pine.

3. **Protect your roof from embers and fire brands.**
   Make sure your shingles are in good shape, lying flat and tight. Keep your gutters clean and keep debris off the roof. Also, make sure your attic vent screens are in good repair.

4. **Make a disaster plan.**
   The time to plan for any emergency is before it happens. Discuss with your family what actions you will take. Post emergency telephone numbers in a visible place. Leave before it is too late. Decide where you will go and how you will get there. Have a plan for your pets and practice family fire drills.

5. **Create emergency access.**
   Identify your home with legible address numbers that are 4 inches high and contrast with the background where they are mounted. This allows emergency personnel to rapidly find your home. Make sure your driveway is at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet to provide access for emergency vehicles.

You improve the chances that your home will survive a wildfire by reducing ignition hazards and maintaining clear access for emergency vehicles. Most importantly, a disaster plan can help prevent a greater loss, the loss of life. For more information on Golden’s Community Wildfire Protection Plan visit the city’s website (www.cityofgolden.net), and click on the City Service tab at the top.

**FIREWORKS**

Fireworks account for more fires than any other cause. Fireworks of any kind are illegal in the city limits of Golden. The City of Golden fire code prohibits the possession, possession with intent to sell/furnish/give, manufacture, storage, and handling and use/igniting of fireworks. The penalty for fireworks violations are fines up to $999 and possible jail time up to 180 days.
The best way to learn is through experience. Sometimes those experiences are good, other times bad, and in special cases, they can change your entire perspective. The students in Tim Miller’s advanced drawing class at Golden High School were given a unique opportunity to have one of those “ah-hah” moments, when they took a field trip to The Children’s Hospital.

Each of the 18 art students was assigned a patient who is undergoing dialysis in the Kidney Center. For the most part, these patients have to spend a good part of every week tied to a machine that functions in place of their failing kidneys. The patients range in age from five to 22. The students sat down with the patients, got to know them, and heard their feelings on what it’s like to be a patient. The students then took pictures of their patient and spent the following three weeks creating a drawing from the photo. In turn, each patient was given drawing materials so they could draw the student.

In early May, the groups came together and the line between student and patient quickly faded… at that moment, they were all artists. Mr. Miller’s creativeness in teaching beyond the boundaries of the classroom left a lasting impression on his students and gave the patients something fun to look forward to.

MEETING LUZ

Student Hannah Hebberd shared her reflections on meeting 5-year old Luz:

“Meeting Luz was definitely an experience I am going to take with me for the rest of my life. She may not know this, but she taught me a few lessons. Sometimes when I am turning off my alarm clock at six in the morning and I don’t want to wake up, I remember that Luz has already been awake for an hour before me, on her way to the hospital to be treated. From working with Luz, I have become more appreciative with the things that I have. Luz is a little angel and a blessing to me. I am truly grateful for my opportunity to draw Luz, and I know that I will remember her face and charming little smile forever.”
In addition to signing up for your free sprinkler system inspection, here are a few other things you can do to conserve water on your landscape projects.

- Water your lawn in the early morning when temperatures are cooler and the winds are lower. Avoid watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Select low water use (Xeric) plants.
- Add mulch to plants, trees and shrubs.
- Set the blade height on your lawn mower to the highest setting. Longer grass shades the soils and root systems and holds soil moisture better than short grass.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinkler heads so that you water your lawn and not your sidewalk, house or street.
- Direct downspouts toward trees and shrubs.
- Use drip irrigation for trees, shrubs, and flower beds to apply water directly to the roots.
- Don’t water on windy days.
- While fertilizers promote plant growth, they also increase water demand. Apply only the minimum amount of fertilizer required.
- Set a kitchen timer when watering your lawn or garden with a hose.

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**Water Conservation Tips**

The City of Golden partners with the Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC) to provide site specific water conserving techniques to the residents of Golden. At no cost to residents, the CRC will perform a thorough inspection of the sprinkler system and provide recommendations to improve the efficiency of the system.

Inspections are scheduled from June until August. Requests for inspections fill up early, so reserve a spot now either online at ConservationCenter.org or by calling 303-999-3820 x217.

**WATER CONSERVATION – CYCLE AND SOAK**

Residents in Golden with clay soils need to use a watering technique called “cycle and soak” to promote infiltration and prevent runoff. Clay absorbs water very slowly, but most sprinkler systems have high precipitation rates that apply water very quickly. As a result, sprinklers often apply more water than the soil can absorb and the excess water runs off the lawn and down the gutter.

Cycle and soak irrigation involves watering for several short cycles, separated by enough time for the water to soak in. This practice results in a deep soak, but without water lost to runoff. For clay soils, the CRC recommends watering for three cycles of seven minutes each, with an hour in between each cycle. Such cycles are easy to set with most control clocks using the multiple start times function.

Cycling saves a significant amount of water that would otherwise be lost to runoff. It also helps encourage deeper root depth, healthier lawns and reduces nonpoint source pollution from runoff.

For a free inspection and recommendations specific to your sprinkler system, please contact the Center for ReSource Conservation at ConservationCenter.org or by calling 303-999-3820 x217.
On Thursday, April 26, City Council presented awards to Golden individuals and organizations that embody the principles of the City’s social, economic, and City's environmental goals. Council recognized two individuals and one community group that demonstrated a commitment to sustainability through their lifestyle, work operations, or through an effective community program over the past year. This year’s winners include: Barbara Rogers, for her dedication and passion in organizing recycling service for over 370 residential units at the Golden Ridge Condominums; Don Cameron, for his community service involvement with sustainability projects such as his neighborhood community garden; and the Compass Montessori School, for its integration of sustainability into the curriculum, campus infrastructure and in the experiences of its students. In keeping with the concept of sustainable reuse, the awards were made out of recycled bicycle parts and commissioned through a local Golden artist.

DID YOU KNOW?
Purchasing locally-grown produce saves energy and grows Golden's local economy. Buy local produce through the Farmer's Markets, Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm shares, or one of the many Golden groceries with Colorado produce.

BIKE TO WORK DAY
Join thousands of Denver-area commuters in a commitment to leave their cars at home on Bike To Work Day on Wednesday, June 27. Check out the Denver Regional Council of Governments website (www3.drcog.org/biketowork) to register and find the locations of breakfast stations around Golden. Biking not only reduces vehicle miles traveled, one of the City’s sustainability goals, but it’s a good way to fit exercise into your day.
Dazzling Domestics
This exhibit contains more than 30 bed-sized late 19th century Pennsylvania quilts from a private collection, never before seen as a group in Colorado. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For tickets and information call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

Dale Chihuly Glass Exhibit
This exhibition, the first by Chihuly to be shown in the Denver Metro region, can be seen at the Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

First Friday Street Fair
The First Friday Street Fair of the season is expanded to include entertainment, food and much more. On Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. 5 to 9 p.m.

Golden Farmer’s Market
From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from June to October in the parking lot west of the Golden Public Library, 1019 10th St. Come meet the new vendors and welcome back your old favorites. For more information, call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

Coffee with a Councilor
Join members of your city council for a cup of coffee and a conversation about Golden. 9 a.m. at Read, Write and Brew, 720 Golden Ridge Rd., Unit D. For more information, contact Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

11th Annual Living Landmarks Dinner
The Golden Landmarks Association celebrates its 40th anniversary and honors individuals and businesses in Golden for their passion, vision and efforts to the community. Tickets are $65, cash bar opens at 5:30 p.m. Mount Vernon Country Club, 24933 Club House Circle. For details call 303-279-1236 or email Gold@GoldenLandmarks.com.

Boot Camp Challenge
All the motivation and affordability of group exercise with the accountability and results of personal training for all fitness levels. Two summer classes available. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays OR 5:30 to 7 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information call Kim at 720-628-2901 or info@BCCDenver.com.

Historic Baseball
Bring your family and friends and stop by the Clear Creek History Park, 11th and Arapahoe, to take the field and to learn how the game was played in the good old days. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 303-278-3557 or visitGoldenHistory.org.

Raising Backyard Chickens
A quick lesson in raising your own backyard chickens. 10 to 10:45 a.m. at Clear Creek History Park, 11th and Arapahoe. Call 303-478-3557 or visit GoldenHistory.org.

Flag Day
2012 Celebration of Achievement
The 19th annual fundraising dinner will celebrate the success of Family Tree clients and their journeys to self-reliance. 6 p.m. at Marriott Denver West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. For tickets or information, visit www.thefamilytree.org.

Summer Solstice Music Festival
Bring a blanket and enjoy grass seating on the natural hillside amphitheater while listening to a variety of toe-tapping live bluegrass, folk and Americana music. 5 to 9 p.m. at Clear Creek History Park, 11th and Arapahoe.
For details call 303-478-3557 or visit GoldenHistory.org.

June 17
Father’s Day

June 20
First Day of Summer

June 22
Golden Schools Foundation Golf Tournament
Proceeds go to The Golden Schools Foundation, a non-profit founded by parents and community members with the vision of encouraging a high level of performance in Golden schools. Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. at Fossil Trace Golf Course, 3050 Illinois St. Includes 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch and awards for $160 per golfer. Register or learn more by visiting www.GoldenSchoolsFoundation.org.

July 4 Independence Day

4th of July Festival
Celebrate the holiday, show your community spirit and help support the GoldenLionsClub’s Community Betterment Fund. The festival begins at noon at Lions Park, 1300 10th St. Fireworks show around 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.GoldenLionsClub.org.

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.
Residents of the City of Golden broke records at this year’s Pride Days event in May! The free event, that helps residents get rid of unwanted trash and waste, brought 1,432 cars to the City Shops Facilities on Catamount Drive.

The paper shredding service saw nearly double the amount of paper brought in, with 15,000 pounds of paper compared to 8,400 pounds from last year.

Pride Days is becoming more popular every year. City employees work overtime to prepare and execute the 2-day event. “The trash removal for Golden Pride Days was amazing,” wrote one Golden resident. “The guys and gals said thanks to me for bringing all my trash. That is a great service. Good job Golden.” The City holds Golden Pride Days each spring.

If you visit the Golden Community Center you’ve probably seen him cruising along on a treadmill or swimming laps in the pool. But what you might not have realized is Golden’s own Jordan Jones is a professional triathlete who regularly competes against the sport’s best in races around the globe.

In early April, Jordan attracted the attention of ESPN, 9 News, USA Today, and other major media outlets when he outsprinted Lance Armstrong to finish 6th overall in the 70.3 Pro Championship in Galveston, Texas. Timothy O’Donnell of Boulder took top honors at the event, finishing 1st overall and earning the title of U.S. 70.3 Pro National Champion.

Triathlons vary in distance, but always include a rigorous swim, bike and run in that order. To prepare for the events, Jordan spends up to 25 hours per week training… almost exclusively in and around Golden.

At the race in Galveston, Jordan was in 21st place coming out of the swim, he moved into 8th place during the bike and then sprinted into 6th place. “I didn’t even see anyone ahead of me until just before the final turn to the finish,” Jordan recounts. “I thought I had about 150m to the finish, so I dug deep to try to catch 6th place, but once I turned the corner I realized I had less than half that distance. I gave it everything I had and barely caught 6th place at the line. It just happened to be Lance Armstrong.”

Keep an eye out for Jordan at the Community Center or biking up Lookout, and if you see him throw some cheers his way. You can visit Jordan’s blog at www.trijones.com or follow him on Twitter @joneswolf.
Golden’s Stage 6 Poster Winner

Congratulations go out to Jesse Crock, a local artist whose artwork will once again represent Golden’s stage of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge. Golden received many art submissions for the USA Pro Challenge poster contest. The art was narrowed down to three finalists for each host city by Facebook voters. Two of Golden’s three top picks were submitted by Jesse.

Golden’s final poster was selected by a panel of judges recruited by the Local Organizing Committee. Golden’s Judges included Olympic Golden Medal Cyclist Connie Carpenter-Phinney; Nathan Richie, director of Golden History Museums; Gregg Moss, 9News business reporter; and Ruth Benton, CEO of New West Physicians, Golden’s local stage Yellow jersey Sponsor.

Jesse’s poster features Golden’s iconic “Welcome” arch and is done with vibrant colors. The poster will be available for sale soon at www.prochallenge.com. The USA Pro Challenge is donating $1 from the sale of each host city poster to the local committee or to a charity of the committee’s choice. Golden’s Local Organizing Committee has chosen the Golden Backpack Program to be the recipient of this donation. The Golden Backpack Program is operated by the Golden Rotary Club to help end hidden hunger in school children.

Golden’s Stage 6 Activities

The USA Pro Cycling Challenge route has been announced and Golden is working hard to once again create a great spectator experience for our Stage 6 start on Saturday, Aug. 25. While Golden’s stage will not feature Lookout Mountain this year, our route will provide an excellent opportunity for fans to get great pictures of their favorite riders.

Golden will host the last Autograph Alley for the race, as there will not be one at the Denver Time Trial. Pit Row on 11th Street will open when the riders arrive about one hour before the stage start, which is still being determined by race organizers, but is expected to be at approximately 11 a.m.

Golden’s stage will again start at the Welcome Arch. Riders will head north to 10th Street, where they will turn east and go to Ford Street. Riders will proceed north on Ford Street, take the fork at 13th and head up Jackson Street to 19th Street. They will take on the short climb to Washington Avenue before heading down the hill into town. Riders will repeat a second neutral loop on the same circuit before beginning full race mode under the arch. The peloton will then head north on Washington Avenue to Highway 93.

After the racers leave town, spectators can watch the race live on the Jumbo Tron at our Start Village and expo in Parfet Park. But the fun doesn’t end there. After the race, The Samples will be headlining a free concert in the park, with opening band J.P. Harris and the Tough Choices.

Bring the family and enjoy a whole day of festivities to celebrate Golden’s Stage 6 Start of the USA Pro Challenge!
There was a disturbing trend popping up in our state, and Golden was no exception. Despite an existing law prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors, more than 60 percent of Colorado youth under the age of 18 who attempted to purchase tobacco reported being able to do so, without showing any proof of age. Four of Golden’s tobacco retailers sold tobacco to a minor during compliance checks in 2011.

So in April, the Golden City Council unanimously approved an ordinance requiring that tobacco retailers located in the City of Golden be required to purchase an annual license to sell non-cigarette tobacco products. This distinction was necessary because most laws only refer to cigarettes. Non-cigarette tobacco includes products like chew or spit tobacco, cigars, cigarillos, snus, pipe tobacco, dissolvable tobacco and electronic cigarettes. “This provides Golden a great opportunity to educate our retailers and provide greater oversight in keeping tobacco products out of the hands of Golden’s youth,” said Councilor Bill Fisher. The ordinance went into effect in May.

In addition to purchasing a license, Golden’s tobacco retailers must also keep employees under 18 from handling non-cigarette tobacco products; retailers must not sell those products to anyone under 18 and must check IDs for proof of age; keep minors out of retail tobacco businesses unless accompanied by an adult; and no license shall be issued to a retailer within 500 feet of any school. (Non-cigarette tobacco retailers operating lawfully before the ordinance was put into place are exempt from the 500 foot prohibition).

The City of Golden is just the fourth community in Colorado to license tobacco retailers. Steamboat Springs, Manitou Springs, and Fountain’s city councils also unanimously passed similar ordinances last year. The license fee paid by retailers will be used to fund administration of the license and stronger enforcement, including local compliance checks. Licensing will also help identify tobacco retailers whereas before, there was no reliable way to track where they were.

“Thank you very much for caring enough about the people in our community in Golden to pass a great ordinance regarding the selling of tobacco products,” said Golden resident and volunteer M.L. Richardson. “You are helping to make our community a healthy place in which to live and to work and to address an issue in a very positive way for the youth of Golden as well.”

Once the ordinance is in effect, a retailer found selling tobacco to a minor could have their license to sell non-cigarette tobacco products suspended for seven days upon first offense. A second offense could constitute a 30-day suspension, and a third offense could lead to revocation of the license.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, June 1 and July 6
Join us Friday, June 1 for a very special Celebrate Health! at the Golden History Center. We will have the same healthy snacks and appointments that you enjoy each month but will also have the opportunity to see the latest exhibit that the Museum has to offer!

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
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FREE Seminars Available in June!
Sign up at the Front Porch.

Creating Friendships in Later Years
Friendships enrich our life and are essential for our health and well-being. How can we work in our later years to foster new friendships?

Min/Max: 6/15
Tuesday, June 19, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Computer Classes
Another session of introductory level computer classes is starting in June! Don’t miss out on this great FREE program sponsored by the Jefferson County Library.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Mt. Evans Hike and Sightseeing - #25032-1
www.mountevans.com
Enjoy the scenic drive to Echo Lake, take a tour and have lunch at the Echo Lake Lodge. Afterwards, our van driver will lead you on a lovely adventure with a nice hike included. Come prepared for high altitude weather.

Monday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
$12 (van only, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 5

Register/Cancel by June 15.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo & Will Rogers Shrine- # 25033-1
www.cmzoo.org
A leader in captive breeding and animal care, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo connects people with wildlife and wild places. This zoo not only has amazing animals but great exhibits and a beautiful landscape to view them. After visiting the zoo we will drive up to see the Will Rogers Shrine. Be prepared for a lot of walking at higher altitudes.

Monday, June 25, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$22 (van only, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 5

Register/Cancel by June 22.

Can Recycling
Keep those cans coming to the center to recycle! Shirley Vincent and Ron Burroughs devote their time to collecting cans from the Community Center and taking them to the recycling center. The money collected is donated to the Front Porch. Thank you Shirley and Ron!
Swimming Lessons
Golden’s Swim Lesson Program is a great way to help your child learn to swim and be safe around water! The program offers plenty of class options for all levels. Find more information and register online at rec.cityofgolden.net.

Beautiful Art of Henna
The Beautiful Art of Henna class will teach the history and origination of henna and how it works on the skin. During the last hour, participants will learn to trace their designs and apply them to the skin. Participants will also receive their own cone of henna paste and magic pencil to take home.

Age: 13 years and older
Thursday, 6 - 8 p.m.
June 14
$25 Resident, $28 Non-resident

Outdoor Photography Workshop
Explore photography of landscape, nature, portrait and more. Composition and aesthetic considerations, as well as technical and practical aspects of photography will be discussed. The course content is friendly to both beginners and intermediate photographers. Participants will need transportation and their own camera equipment (any format). The first meeting will take place at the Golden Community Center.

Age: 10 years and older
Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 a.m.
June 9 - July 14
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
This course is designed for the pre-teen (11-13 year olds) and helps prepare for those first babysitting opportunities. Students will learn to identify their own responsibilities, such as feeding, bathing and diapering. They will also learn basic child development and be able to provide activities for the developmental stages. Home and fire safety, infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures will be covered. Certification provided. Bring a sack lunch to class.

Age: 11 years and older
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June 2
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Advanced Care CPR and First Aid
Injuries are one of the leading causes of death and disability, second only to cardiac arrest. Rapid response and intervention increase the chances of survival. This course gives you the knowledge and confidence to step forward if needed in an emergency. Certification issued fulfills all State, OSHA and Social Service requirements. Manuals are included in the class fee.

Age: 14 years and older
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June 9
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

Summer Dance Classes start June 4 for ages 3 and up. If your child danced during the Winter/Spring 2012 Session, he or she is eligible to sign up for the Buffalo Bill Days Performance at Parfet Park on Sunday, July 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Adventure Summer Camp (ages 5-12) and the Golden Sun Preschool Camp (ages 3-5) have days available. For more information, availability, and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.

Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!

Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen.

Call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates. Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.
The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will host a Public Meeting at 7 p.m. on June 19 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St., to review concepts and park elements for Vanover Park’s new look.

A Master Plan priority, in 2011 the City of Golden Parks and Recreation Department applied for and was awarded a Joint Venture Grant with match from Jefferson County Open Space for the development of a playground to activate Vanover Park. With a limited budget and a citizen initiated desire to keep Vanover as natural as possible, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has been working with Winston and Associates and staff to develop a concept for the future of the park.

Many will remember Vanover Park as home to the historic Vanover Tree. The Cottonwood tree was cut down in 2006 due to interior rotting and safety concerns. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board hopes to incorporate the historic significance of the tree into the new park design.

Bring your family and friends to discuss the conceptual plan and vote on potential playground elements including log walks, a tree stump jump and musical play features.

What is Your Vision for Vanover?
“A Memorable Base Ball Game”

In 1903 Golden had its very own amateur baseball team called The Golden Reds with only bona fide residents on the roster. The Reds were one of many baseball teams in town over the decades, but on May 14, 1903 a poem about the Golden Reds was published in the Colorado Transcript:

"Bright was the day, that noted day, that day of much renown,
When the nine from Yahoo played the Reds in Golden town.
West from the brewery, on the grounds, a great concourse assembled.
And when the teams appeared for work the air with plaudits trembled…
…The Yahooos never had been downed, their fame reached 'round the world,
But Maughan standing in his box the leather calmly twirled,

… Now Maughan throws the first ball in so hot
It melts before it hits the plate and leaves naught but a spot.
The next ball goes less swiftly. The Yahoo in much ire
 Strikes so hard in missing it his very bat takes fire…

… Seven other innings soon were played in manner much the same,
And not a single run was made, still doubtful was the game.
The houses all to left and right well riddled wore by fowls,
Which were so common as to cause naught but derisive howls.
A foul of Jasper's killed a cow on that eventful day
Way out at the Industrial School a mile or more away.
And one Yahoo did lose his bat, he struck with such a will,
It flew north to the brick yard where it stuck into a kiln.
The pitchers threw the balls so hard that now and then the shock
Of their impact was plainly heard against old Castle rock.
'Twas well the game did end that day, for this you may divine,
If they had kept on pitching they'd have ruined Coors' big sign…"

To read how the game ends, visit GoldenHistory.org/blog.

BRINGING THE PAST UP TO DATE

Golden History Museums has launched a completely redesigned website at GoldenHistory.org. Visually rich and simple to navigate, the new website makes it easier for museum visitors to discover our three museums, learn about upcoming events, and participate in social media.

In addition, visitors to GoldenHistory.org can explore images from every current exhibit at the Golden History Center, and view selections from the extensive photography collection. If you haven’t already visited, check out the new website today to plan your next visit or just “like” GHM on Facebook.

S saturday, June 9
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It’s time to play America’s favorite pastime with the original rules. Remember the days when baseball was played without gloves, the pitcher was called a hurler and the batter was called a striker? Of course not! So bring your family and friends and stop by the Clear Creek History Park to take the field.

While there won’t be a full game played, visitors will try out 1860s replicas of historic bats and balls to see if they can “send a hard daisy cutter through the infield and out into the garden with two hands down to let an ace run across the plate to the heartfelt approval of all the cranks watching the practice.” Hip! Hip! Huzzah!
You know it’s summer when you hear the sweet sound of bluegrass coming from the Clear Creek History Park! It is time once again for the Summer Solstice Music Festival from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 16. The event is a fundraiser for the Golden History Museums.

Bluegrass music fans will be treated to a special outdoor performance by four bands, including Colorado-based headliner Mountain Holler during the Festival. Mountain Holler was formed through a happy coincidence when a pub owner in Bailey, Colo., called two friends to fill in for a last-minute cancellation. Amazed by their blend of talents, voices and spirits, audience members remarked that they thought they had performed together for years.

Three other Colorado acts, The Mile Markers, She Said String Band and Golden-favorite Adam Kinghorn Trio, will join the event for a total of four lively hours of bluegrass-inspired music.

Grass-seating will be on a natural hillside amphitheater, and guests will enjoy a variety of toe-tapping live bluegrass, folk, and other original sounds.

Fantastic local foods will be for sale (please leave picnic baskets at home), as well as beverages from Golden City Brewery.

Take advantage of advance pricing discounts and get your tickets at the Golden History Center today, located at 923 10th St. Advance tickets are $10 for members of GHM, and $12 for non-members. Students with current identification are $10, youth ages 6-17 are $5, and younger children are free. Tickets will cost $15 at the gate.

More information is available at GoldenHistory.org or by calling 303-278-3557.
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. For more great ideas, www.VisitGolden.com.