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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

CITY COUNCIL HOTLINE LAUNCHES
The Golden City Council recently launched a new tool for valuable information exchange, and the public is invited to follow along. The Council Hotline is a digital conversation between Councilors allowing them to exchange information and request information on important issues from city staff. The Hotline is completely open to the public at www.cityofgolden.net/forum. Anyone interested may also sign up to be sent a weekly digest of all topics discussed over the previous week at www.cityofgolden.net/links/subscribe.

BE INVOLVED IN MARKETING GOLDEN
There are a few openings on the Community Marketing Committee (i.e. Visit Golden Committee). The Committee works to promote tourism and commerce within Golden. This cooperative effort combines professional marketing strategies with innovative community vision that produces award-winning and effective campaigns and promotions for Golden events and businesses. The group is looking specifically for business owners (especially from North Golden) that would like to serve on the committee for one year. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. If you are interested, contact Jenifer Doane at jdoane@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8172.

GET A GRANT FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
Summer is nearly here and this is a great time to apply for a grant to improve your neighborhood. Two matching grants have already been awarded by City Council, and three small grants have been awarded with promise of more coming.

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

The matching grants are for larger projects and a match by the neighborhood is required. These projects should be ones that will build a more vibrant neighborhood and benefit the community as well. The matching grants will be evaluated by staff with recommendations forwarded to City Council for final approval.

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 more information contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.

GOLDEN GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – NOV. 5
Council seats up for election:
Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4

What do I need to do if I am interested in running: Contact City Clerk, Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014 or sbrooks@cityofgolden.net

When nomination petitions may be circulated: Between Aug. 6 and Aug. 26. They must be picked up from the City Clerk’s Office, 911 10th Street, beginning Aug. 6.

Voters must be registered at their current address no later than Oct. 7. Registration is through Jefferson County Elections Department, http://jeffco.us/elections/index.htm online, or in person.

For more information visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/departments-divisions/city-clerks-office/elections/.

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

June 6
Regular Business Meeting

June 13
Regular Business Meeting

June 20
No meeting

June 27
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.
“It’s showtime!” ~ Ron Reavis, Golden Street Superintendent

After 35 years, Ron still comes to work each day for the City of Golden ready to open the curtain on the best performance possible. He describes sending crews out to the streets and parks of Golden as a stage play. The supervisors and the workers are the actors; they sometimes work from a script, sometimes improvise, and always work together to leave their audience, Golden residents/visitors alike, satisfied with the performance and the product they’ve delivered.

Have you noticed? In the month of June, you’ll see streets being swept, potholes getting filled, and individual flower bulbs going into planters. Vegetation in medians and streetscapes will be watered by hand, noxious weeds located and eradicated, and trees trimmed or planted or removed under the supervision of our city forester. Sewers will be cleaned, hydrants inspected and cleaned, water mains flushed so your water is clean and healthy for drinking, cooking and washing. Mark Williams, Utilities Supervisor, is most proud of this: “We put a good product in people’s taps.”

When Golden native Les Major, Utilities Superintendent, started working for the city 22 years ago, his department received emergency calls several times a week. Now, it’s down to 10 calls a year! Instead of reacting to emergencies, his department maintains a proactive program of inspections, testing, and repair. Summertime also means allocating over 1,000 hours to locate underground water, sewer and other city “assets” for contractors/homeowners planning on digging for any reason – another preventative measure.

Steve Kurtz, Streets Supervisor with 28 years working for Golden, notes that everyone in the various departments — streets, utilities, fleet maintenance, parks and rec, forestry, cemetery — works together. As a small town, he says, we rely and depend on each other. Phone calls from residents are taken care of without a lot of red tape. Supervisors lead by example, and workers are encouraged to cooperate, take initiative and “do it right” the first time. He explains: “The effort you see on Golden Community Pride Days, that’s the effort we are getting every day of the year.”

Paul Burkholder commutes everyday from Aurora to serve as Parks, Cemetery & Forestry Manager. He encourages employees in his department to take ownership of their work and make decisions in line with the values of our city. Instead of micromanaging, he trusts employees to set goals and direct their own work.

I stopped by a crew replacing wood planks on a foot/bike bridge over Tucker Gulch, asked for the “crew leader.” The workers explained: the supervisor was elsewhere, told them what needed to be done but the “how” was up to them. I asked if they like working that way; one worker nodded vigorously: “It’s great! You take more pride and you feel good about your work. You care about doing it right so people will notice.” Another said, “I like the challenge, it keeps me thinking.”

This summer, take note of the folks working proudly for our city, for you. Give them a wave; I’ll bet they wave back!

By Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves
Golden City Council on May 9 approved a detailed “blueprint” for transportation improvements, a move that city officials hope could put decades of acrimony with neighboring governments in the rearview mirror.

The Council approved the plan with a vote of 6 to 1 after a nearly 3-hour public hearing.

Citizens filled the council chambers and much of an overflow room in the fire station, where they watched the proceeding on TVs. The city also received several dozen emails on the topic before the hearing. At an open house that preceded the hearing, citizens perused maps detailing the plan.

A significant majority of the comments at the hearing and via email were supportive of the overall approach described in the plan, which was negotiated by city and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) staff over the past few months.

Golden Public Works Director Dan Hartman said CDOT’s original plan for the corridor envisioned a six-lane highway with speeds limits of 70 miles per hour and less noise mitigation than Golden wanted. Poorly planned highways bring noise, pollution and can create barriers that divide communities, he said.

The new plan hammered out with CDOT would:

- Maintain current speed limits on the U.S. 6 and SH 93 corridor, a significant point because higher speeds translate into more noise.
- Include significant noise mitigation, including berms.
- Cover sections of road with green space that allows pedestrians and bicyclists to cross.

Hartman said a key issue was whether the roads could be expanded from four total lanes (two in each direction) to six (three each way).

He said a compromise, only recently finalized with CDOT staff, outlines two triggers that would allow for the widening of the road if future traffic levels reached a significant level of congestion, either:

1. Average daily traffic of 70,000 vehicles.
2. Peak congestion averaging 1,700 vehicles per hour per lane.

Current lanes will always be free but the extra lanes, created if these traffic thresholds were met, could be “managed,” meaning they would have variable tolls or carpool requirements.

John Putnam, an attorney who has represented Golden on these matters for 13 years, said the current City Council and CDOT staff can’t bind those who follow them but, if the agreed-upon transportation improvements are funded and implemented, they become “truly concrete, literally and figuratively.”

None of this would have been possible without the hard work of Dan Hartman working with CDOT engineers and Mayor Marjorie Sloan's tireless efforts to reach out to our neighbors. Both Hartman and Mayor Sloan praised CDOT officials for their cooperation and willingness to negotiate an agreement that recognizes the importance of protecting Golden.

Hartman said CDOT and Golden still face the “monumental challenge” of identifying funding for the specific improvements outlined but that process can begin with the Council’s endorsement of the plan. The first priority would be building an interchange at 19th Street and U.S. 6, which has high volumes of vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic and the city’s highest accident rate. Council also approved with a 6 to 1 vote, funding of up to $150,000 for preliminary design of potential transportation projects along the corridor.

Citizens can learn more about the plan and see illustrations at GetTheFactsGolden.org.
Bike Safety and Education

It is that time of the year again: bicycling season! With the weather warming up and everyone tuning up their bicycles, it is a good time to remind ourselves of the rules of the road. Being a bicycling community, it is important to remember these basic bike safety rules and suggestions for a safe, enjoyable ride.

THREE BASIC RULES OF THUMB:
• Think like a Vehicle,
  Act like a Vehicle.
• Be Visible to Drivers.
• Always Wear a Helmet.

OTHER TRAFFIC AND BIKE SAFETY TIPS
1. Obey Traffic Signs and Signals: Bicycles must drive like other vehicles if they are to be taken seriously by motorists. If you are going to walk your bike, dismount and cross the roads at crosswalks.
2. Never Ride Against Traffic: Motorists aren’t looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. State law and common sense require that bicycles drive in the same direction as other vehicles.
4. Don’t Weave or Jump Out Between Parked Cars: Motorists won’t expect to see you there. Think smart, and cross at crosswalks so you can be seen.
5. Follow Lane Markings: Don’t turn left from the right lane.
6. Choose the Best Way to Turn Left: There are two ways to make a left turn. (1) Like an Auto: signal, move into left turn lane and turn left. (2) Like a Pedestrian: ride straight to the far side crosswalk. Walk your bicycle across.
7. Don’t pass on the Right: Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right. Pass on the left like other vehicles.
8. Make Eye Contact with Drivers: Assume that other drivers don’t see you until you are sure that they do. Eye contact is important with any driver who might pose a threat to your safety.
9. Scan the Road behind You: Learn to look back over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving. Some riders use rear-view mirrors. Either way you should look before turning.
10. Avoid Road Hazards: Watch out for gravel or debris; take it slow. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.
11. Cautiously but confidently approach traffic circles as a vehicle would.
12. Keep Both Hands Ready to Brake: You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain, since brakes are less efficient when wet.
13. Keep Your Bike in Good Repair: Adjust your bike to fit you and keep it working properly. Check brakes and tires regularly. Routine maintenance is simple and you can learn to do it yourself.

Have fun, explore and safely enjoy the trails that Golden has to offer! And don’t forget to bring a friend to enjoy it with you.

THE GOLDEN CRUISE IS STARTING UP AGAIN
Where: Meet in the parking lot next to the Golden Library, 1019 19th St.
When: Last Thursday of the Month, 5:30 p.m. for free bike tunes, Ride Starts at 6:30 p.m.
Light Rail between Golden and Denver is now a reality. The West Rail Line made its debut at the end of April and is expected to serve about 20,000 passengers each weekday (and also on weekends). To kick things off, the inaugural train drove through a banner and into the Jefferson County Government Center-Golden Station, officially opening the W Line. The Colorado School of Mines Marching Band played along as Golden City Councilors and Jefferson County Commissioners joined Governor John Hickenlooper and U.S. Senator Michael Bennet for a ribbon cutting and ceremony.

The new 12.1 mile light rail line connects Denver’s Union Station to Golden’s new end-of-line station at the Jefferson County campus, with stops in Denver and Lakewood. Trains arrive every 15 minutes. There is a garage with 700 spaces for rail riders, and bike racks and lockers as well.

The City of Golden also partnered with RTD to offer the new Community Call-n-Ride bus from the light rail station into downtown Golden. In addition to offering reservation-based service, there is a flexible route with bus stops (also called “checkpoints”) to provide regular service during peak hours to the most popular destinations. The flex route can and will change to meet the needs of the community. The buses are smaller 14-seat green-colored buses. In the first week of service, 894 people boarded the bus, which is an average of 7.4 per hour. The Community Call-n-Ride Bus is demand driven. That means, the more you ride, the better the service will become!

For information on the Community Call-n-Ride bus and links to RTD, visit www.cityofgolden/links/GoldenTransit.
The snow has all been plowed and now it’s time for Colorado’s other season… construction. Here are projects that you may see in Golden and that could affect you.

**SOUTH GOLDEN ROAD MEDIAN AND PAVING:**
The section of South Golden Road between the High School and Johnson Road will be rebuilt. The project will complete median construction similar to the medians that start at Johnson Road. The sidewalk on the east side will be widened and improved and bike lanes will be added. Travel lane reductions will occur, but there will always be one lane available in each direction. This project will begin in early June after school is out and finish in August.

**SH 58 BRIDGE OVER FORD STREET:**
The Colorado Department of Transportation will be replacing the SH 58 Bridge that goes over Ford Street. This project will begin in July, and will take about nine months. During the first phase, traffic will be moved to the south side of the road with only one lane open in each direction, and the off ramp to Washington Avenue will be closed during this phase. Traffic will be moved to the new north section when it is completed and the south two lanes will be replaced. The eastbound on ramp from Washington Avenue will be closed during this phase. There will be minimal interruptions to traffic on Ford Street throughout the construction project.

**CLEAR CREEK CORRIDOR:**
This year we will be adding fencing along the trails to limit access to the creek. The large number of people using the creek is causing damage so we are starting to mitigate it by limiting access points. Fencing will be completed this spring. In the fall we will work on hardening the access points to provide for access without creating damage to the banks and creek.

**TUCKER GULCH TRAIL CONNECTION:**
This project will be done in late summer or fall and will provide a trail connection under SH 93 along Tucker Gulch to Golden Gate Canyon Road and west to Catamount Drive.

**WEST CORRIDOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE:**
This project provides access over US 6 from south Golden to the West Corridor RTD light rail station at the Jefferson County station. This project will be complete in the fall.

**STREET PAVING AND CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT:**
This is the annual program that replaces concrete and repaves streets. This occurs throughout the city. For the most up to date information on what is planned and where our contractors will be in the next few weeks see the Public Works web page at [www.cityofgolden.net/links/PublicWorksProjects](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/PublicWorksProjects).

**WATER AND SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT:**
This is the annual program to replace aging and problem utility lines to insure water and wastewater service to our customers. For the most up to date information on what is planned and where our contractors will be in the next few weeks see the Public Works web page at [www.cityofgolden.net/links/PublicWorksProjects](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/PublicWorksProjects).
In April, the City recognized two groups at the city’s annual Sustainability Awards. The Bell Middle School iSTEM spring semester students focused on biodiversity by creating an aquaponic system that uses tilapia fish to provide nutrients to grow native plants. Local businesses Warren Tech and Infinite Harvest provided materials and expertise for the build. Mr. Gerry Suman was also recognized for turning his plans for a basic new industrial building in the Coors Technology Center into a net zero ideal of energy efficiency and renewable energy. Not satisfied with only a 30kW solar photovoltaic system for his roof, Mr. Suman also designed a geothermal heat system, insulated concrete walls, and added bike racks and an electric vehicle charging station to complete the sustainable building. For more information on this year’s awards, visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/departments-divisions/sustainability/golden-sustainability-awards/.

Where Does My Recycling Go?

To celebrate Earth Day in April, local elementary school students toured the Altogether Recycling material recovery facility (MRF) in Denver. Co-mingled materials, collected at Golden schools, homes, and businesses, are sorted and transported by rail to large processing plants to be made into a variety of products again. To give an idea of the long distances our recyclables travel, most paper products head to pulp mills in the pacific northwest, high-value plastics (#1 and #2) go to plants in the U.S. while some lower-grade plastics head to China. Glass is one of the few materials actually recycled in Colorado – at the Rocky Mountain Bottling Plant in nearby Wheat Ridge. What’s the highest value material? Aluminum cans, which are also 100 percent recyclable. To learn more about where your material goes, visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/departments-divisions/sustainability/waste-reduction/.

Steps to Sustainability

Need a truck, but only on occasion? Check out several car-share programs available in the Front Range to use it for a day or a week.
Often referred to as the heart of Golden, Clear Creek is frequented by fishermen, kayakers, tubers, sunbathers, runners, bikers and more. Last year’s perfect storm; or lack thereof, created a low water season. Coupled with warm temperatures, the creek experienced unprecedented use. In an effort to ensure a positive balance of outdoor fun and protection of Golden’s natural resource, visitors to Golden will notice some changes this summer season.

The Golden Rule asks creek users to be kind to the creek and its neighbors. Signage will be prominently displayed along the creek at key access areas reminding users of Golden’s City Regulations including zero tolerance for alcohol, glass containers, smoking and dogs off leash. Signage will also provide information via a QR Code to parking locations, trail maps and discounts to local merchants to encourage everyone to enjoy all downtown Golden has to offer. Need assistance? Clear Creek Rangers will patrol the creek this summer to keep it safe, clean, fun and respectful.

Clear Creek will also have a new look! Several improved access points have been created with fencing installed to protect environmentally sensitive areas. The north and most congested portion of Clear Creek Trail has been widened by two feet from the Library parking lot to the Clear Creek RV Park. Although picnicking and structures such as chairs, grills, tents and coolers are not allowed in the creek, new areas for picnicking or just lounging around are close by within Lions Park and Lion’s ball fields.

The Golden Rule, be kind to the creek and the creek will be kind to you!

REMINDER: There is no safe water level. Because of the amount of snow this year, the runoff is expected to be higher than last year. That means water will be moving through the creek faster. Any time you enter the water, you are doing so at your own risk. So please take precautions: flotation devices are recommended and never leave children or pets unattended.
This summer, you will notice some new faces along the Clear Creek banks and trails. The City of Golden has hired six Park Rangers who are there to make sure people are following the rules and have safe fun along the creek and in the nearby parks. The Rangers are dressed in khaki slacks or shorts and green polo shirts with the words “Park Ranger” across the back.

The Rangers will be there to enforce the rules and regulations of the City and they can issue tickets. But they are also there if you need help, have a question, or want to report any suspicious activity. Their primary purpose is safety and education. The hope is that creek users will be respectful and follow the rules so that everyone can enjoy their time in Golden.

For more information on the creek rules, the new Rangers and other ways to enjoy Golden, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/CreekInfo.
Coffee with a Councilor
Join City Councilors to talk about topics concerning Golden. 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

June 7
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.

June 7 through July 14
Collected Stories
A play about a successful short story writer who debates whether her friend’s life is suitable for use in her storytelling. For showtimes, tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

June 14  Flag Day

June 14-16
Golden Music Festival
Formerly 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. Three days of beer, food and music. For tickets and information visit GoldenHistory.org/GMF or call 303-278-3557.

June 16  Father’s Day

June 21  First Day of Summer

Through June 30
Edgar Degas: The Private Impressionist
This exhibit explores beyond Degas’ familiar ballerinas, featuring a unique selection of his drawings, prints and photographs. Visit www.FoothillsArtCenter.org or call 303-279-3922 for a full list of events, in-gallery experiences, studio classes and more.

Through July 27
Machine Artistry Old and New
Sisters Sue Nickels and Pat Holly are famous for their machine-made quilts and this exhibit displays antique quilts from their collection. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. Call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

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

June 21-22
61st Annual Golden Flower Show
A free event featuring flowers, vegetables, table designs, experienced gardeners and much more. Public viewing is from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. For details call Swiss Hoffman at 303-384-9516 or visit www.coloradogardenclubs.org/images/stories/2013_Golden_Flower_Show.pdf.

June 28
Colorado Mountain Club
CMC’s Backyard Benefit to raise money for the Youth Education Program. An evening of beer, BBQ, live bluegrass and fun. Tickets are $25 and kids are free. 5:30 p.m. at American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. For tickets and info visit cmc.org/backyard or call 303-996-2769.
FREE Sales and Use Tax Workshop

The City of Golden is hosting FREE Sales and Use Tax workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors and geared toward individuals who need to learn sales and use tax concepts on an in-depth level.

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
June 5, 2013 .......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
June 3, 2013 .......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Although these classes are free, space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

FREE Building Use Tax Workshop

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

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
August 7, 2013 .......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Class is free, but space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to: Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, June 7 & July 12
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. For details call 303-384-8130.
Chair massages $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions $13 for 15 minutes

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

FREE Seminars Available!
Sign up in the Front Porch.

Computer Training for Life-Long Learning
These introductory computer classes are presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library. Min/Max: 4/8
Mondays, 1 to 3 p.m. on the E-Train
June 10 - Managing your Digital Photos
June 17 - iPad basics

Your Family Matters: Improving Communication to Prevent Conflict
Tuesday, June 18, 1 to 3 p.m.
Presented by Ronnie Rosenbaum, MS, Creating Solutions Together. This program focuses on healthy communication between active adults and their adult children.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS
Olympic Training Center Tour - #15016-1
View athlete training facilities including the Sport Center Gymnasiums, weight lifting and wrestling facilities, the USA Shooting Center, Coaching & Sport Science, the Aquatics Center and Sport Medicine. Life-size figures with narrative panels adorn the Irwin Belk Olympic Pathway and provide information about Olympic and Pan American Sports. 70 percent of the tour is outside, so be prepared for weather.
Friday, June 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$24 (van and tour, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 4
Register/Cancel by June 10.

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts Tour - #15017-1
www.denvercenter.org
Back by popular demand! Explore backstage at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, the world’s largest performance facility! This four-block, 12-acre site is home to our Theatre Company and Broadway tours plus the Colorado Ballet, Colorado Symphony and Opera Colorado. The 90-minute guided tour takes you backstage, through dressing rooms, into costume and design studios, and on stage. We will have lunch after the tour.
Monday, June 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
$18 (van, tour included, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 4
Register/Cancel by June 20.
Cleaned Up and Cleared Out

We had another successful year for Golden’s Pride Days event, allowing residents to drop off all of their unwanted junk and leave Golden a little more beautiful.

The free event brought 1,311 cars to Golden’s City Shops facilities on Catamount Drive. We had a record setting 19,000 pounds of paper brought in for shredding; up from 15,000 pounds last year. City employees also collected 327 tires along with tons of other large waste. The City also offered curbside pickup of appliances for two weeks after the event.

Pride Days is always held at the beginning of May so if you missed it this year, it will be back next spring.

DOING GOOD BUSINESS

The Golden Rotary Club recently honored businesses and non-profit organizations for leading the way in business ethics. The organizations honored demonstrate the highest standards of ethical business practice, integrity, and civic and social responsibility.

This year’s winner in the For-Profit category was A Master’s Hands. This is a home remodeling and handyman service that received high praise from its customers and gives job opportunities, working through Jefferson County agencies, to some individuals who are having difficulty finding work.

The winner in the Not-For-Profit category was Golden Civic Foundation. This organization was founded 41 years ago, and has three primary goals: To create a more vital downtown and attract viable businesses; to support existing Golden businesses; and to enhance the viability of non-profit organizations serving the greater Golden community.

The City of Golden congratulates the winners and all of the nominees for this years’ Ethics in Business Awards.

Free Sprinkler Inspection

The city is partnering with the Center for ReSource Conservation to offer Golden water customers a free sprinkler inspection. This could help you save money on your water bill, improve the appearance of your landscape and you can also get a customized watering schedule. The process takes about two hours; larger commercial properties may take longer.

Inspections can be scheduled between June and August and fill up quickly, so schedule now to reserve a spot. If you receive water from the City of Golden and you have an operating underground irrigation system, complete the request form online at ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x217.

By offering these free inspections, we’ve learned that only 10 percent of irrigation systems are operating within an acceptable range and distributing irrigation evenly. Inefficient watering schedules are a common problem and can often be fixed during the inspection.
Let’s Dance!
The Golden Community Center offers a range of dance classes for ages 2½ and up including ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, fusion jazz, clogging and singing. Summer youth dance classes are starting the first week in June. Adult tap beginner and intermediate classes also begin the first week in June.

Are you interested in a new dance class just for boys? A Boy’s Broadway dance class would include hip hop, jazz, ballet, tap and tumbling. If you are interested in getting this new program started, contact Tracy at 303-384-8124 or email thagelund@cityofgolden.net.

If you would like your child to perform during Buffalo Bill Days on Sunday, July 28, but he or she did not attend the spring dance program, a six week summer program is available and begins on June 13. If your child attended the spring dance program, register for the Buffalo Bill Returning Student Performance and attend the rehearsal on Thursday, July 25 from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. ($10 fee required). For more information and to register, visit www.rec.cityofgolden.net.

PERFECT YOUR GAME AT FOSSIL TRACE

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

All Junior Camps are Wednesday - Friday.
Ages 5-8 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $105 per junior golfer (6 hours)
June 5, 6 & 7. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
June 19, 20 & 21 . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Ages 9-13 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $130 per junior golfer (7.5 hours)
June 12, 13 & 14 . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8:30 - 11 a.m.
June 26, 27 & 28 . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8:30 - 11 a.m.
8:1 Student Instructor Ratio

Junior Clinic
The four-week Fossil Trace Junior Golf Clinic is offered on consecutive Saturday mornings and the 1-hour sessions cover full swing and short game, basic rules, golf etiquette and fun practice games.

All Junior Clinics are on Saturdays.
Ages 5-8 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $80 per junior golfer (4 hours)
June 1, 8, 25 & 22. . . . . . . . . . . . 10 - 11 a.m.
Ages 5-8 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $80 per junior golfer (4 hours)
June 1, 8, 25 & 22 . . . . . . . . . . . . 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
8:1 Student Instructor Ratio

Women Only Clinic
The Women Only Golf Clinic is a series of three 2-hour clinics during one week, designed for beginner women. Students will learn basics including grip, stance, alignment, posture and swing mechanics.

All Women Only Clinics are Monday - Wednesday.
$150 per student (6 hours) . . . . . . June 10, 11 & 12 . . . . .5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Adult Clinic
The Adult Golf Clinic is designed to give the beginner/intermediate golfer specialized training in various areas of the game. The clinics will be three 2-hour sessions over a one week period devoted to learning and building solid fundamentals of the golf swing, short game (chipping, pitching and putting), developing practice habits along with basic rules and etiquette.

All Adult Clinics are Monday - Wednesday.
$150 per student (6 hours) . . . . . . June 3, 4 & 5 . . . . .5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Gold theater fans have long been spoiled with two professional theaters located right in their own hometown -- Miner’s Alley Playhouse and Heritage Square Music Hall & Dinner Theater. As of 2014, however, that number will be down to one.

For 25 years, the Heritage Square Music Hall & Dinner Theater has been delighting audiences with comedy, melodrama, musical entertainment, and family-friendly fun that harkens back to a bygone era. On New Year’s Eve, the theater company will take a final bow as the curtain closes for the last time.

The decision to close the doors did not come easy. According to Tom Mullin, face of the theater company on-stage and co-owner of the company with Connie Helsley off-stage, it’s a purely economic one.

“We’ve been having difficulty the last several years,” said Mullin, “People don’t go out as much as they used to. Discretionary income isn’t what it used to be, and one of the first things families cut back on is entertainment.”

In its hey-day, the theater would draw up to 40,000 people a year. But over the last three years, crowds have dropped off by as much as 40 percent.

“After a while, you get the spiral effect,” said the veteran actor. “The fewer people come to performances, the less money is available to market shows.”

The Heritage Square Music Hall has inhabited the Victorian theater it currently calls home most of the theater’s forty year history. Built in 1973, the vintage theater was first home to the Heritage Square Opera House before reopening on June 1, 1988 as the Heritage Square Music Hall and Dinner Theater. Over the years, thousands have been entertained by song, dance, and interactive theater on that stage.

But the show’s not over yet; there are still plenty of opportunities to catch a few more performances. *The Villain of Guy Gulch*, *The Baseball Show*, *50 Shades of Loud*, and *Sweeney Todd* are all either playing now, or coming soon, and the Children’s Theater is staging performances of *The Emperor’s New Clothes* every Saturday through August. The season will end with, appropriately enough, *Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night*. Check the Heritage Square Music Hall website at www.hsmusichall.com/web for times, dates, and ticket information.
This year, Golden History Museums marks its 75th anniversary, so we took this opportunity to shed a little light on our own past.

During the depths of the Great Depression, a handful of Jefferson County Commissioners sponsored an effort to create a county museum. The commissioners, with the help of Sen. Alva Adams, tapped Works Progress Administration (WPA) funds to kickstart the project in August 1938. An initial grant of $6,880 provided funds to hire a staff of an estimated 10-12 people including first supervisor Ada Newton, first historian Ruth Lutz, artist Leila Reece, and carpenter Leslie Beasley.

The museum project garnered a great deal of attention due in no small part to the vocal advocacy of Vera West Parsons, owner of the Golden Transcript and daughter-in-law of Gen. George West. Requests for articles, updates on acquisitions, and society notes about museum happenings were near constant features in the newspaper.

Contributions to the museum poured in from a host of community members creating a founding collection that could best be described as eclectic. China, silverware, guns, and furniture from Golden’s founding families was joined by a mishmash of oddities including a 400-year old Swedish Bible, a 26-foot python skin, eight reproduction paintings of German masterpieces, and the mortal remains of a cliff-dwelling Native American.

The museum opened its doors in January 1939 in the northwest corner of the Courthouse Annex—formerly the old North School. The wives of the county commissioners hosted a two-day opening reception for community members. As the sun set each evening, visitors were treated to a candlelit display of the artifacts—partly to recreate a pioneer-era ambiance and partly because the museum space was not fully electrified.

The cessation of the WPA harkened the closure of the museum in 1941. Collections were mothballed for thirteen years until it was revived in 1954 thanks in part to the persistence of Mary Hoyt and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The museum relocated to the old Jefferson County Courthouse. When that building was deeded to the City of Golden in 1957, so too, was the museum and its collection. In 1961 the museum moved to the newly constructed City Hall. In 1996, it moved to its present location in the former Golden Library.

It was through similar efforts by preservation-minded citizens that added the Astor House in 1973, which represented an awakening of Golden's historic preservation movement and the formation of the Golden Landmarks Association. Decades later, in 1994, a similar movement helped to create the Clear Creek History Park. The latter represents the beginning of a renaissance of the Clear Creek Corridor. Together, these three gems—plus the city’s collection of 15,000 artifacts—form the core of the City of Golden’s historic assets. It is our mission at Golden History Museums to build upon the legacy of the past 75 years to grow, preserve, and share these important cultural resources.
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