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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON MARIJUANA LEGISLATION: JUNE 5
In April, City Council received the Amendment 64 Implementation Task Force report regarding marijuana regulatory options. During their Business Meeting on June 5, Council will consider passage of additional marijuana-related legislation. Among many issues to be considered are whether to opt in or out from allowing recreational retail marijuana stores, and how "public use" shall be defined. There will be a public hearing during this meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 911 10th St. Residents are encouraged to provide additional public input. People may also share their thoughts via email to citycouncil@cityofgolden.net. The A64 Task Force report may be viewed on the City website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/A64.

DDA BOARD TO HOLD COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS
The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will hold an open house in June to seek input from community members about the legal requirement to prepare a plan for their downtown efforts in continuation of the soon to be completed GURA downtown project. There is a state legal requirement that the DDA prepare and City Council approve such a plan prior to any significant efforts of the Authority. However, with the amount of current policy direction provided by the original GURA plan, Golden Vision, the Downtown Character Plan, East Downtown Plan and other recent efforts, it may not be necessary to repeat such efforts. Rather the DDA board will want to discuss issues of interest to downtown and the community in order to best provide direction to DDA efforts, and meet state requirements. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/DDA for more information on the details of the meeting time, date, and location.

GOTTA GETTA GRANT
What can you do with a small Golden i-Neighborhood grant? Have a block party; clean up community property; build a decorated box for a free neighborhood library; have a pumpkin carving party; plant trees; beautify subdivision entrances; hold a neighborhood picnic at a neighborhood park. These are just some of the ways the small grants money is used. Small grants are a maximum of $500.

The City Clerk will be suggesting to City Council that we start decreasing the amounts of the small grants for multi-year users. Last year money ran out and applicants were turned away. Think of the money as seed money to start a tradition that can become self sustaining in your neighborhood.

Council also awards Matching Grants. These grants are for up to $2,500, but must be matched 50/50. Last year two neighborhoods bought new entrance signs, turned two dead trees at a townhome complex into sculptures, and a massive neighborhood rehab effort that successfully completed 33 projects throughout the city.

Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/NeighborhoodGrants for more information and an application. Or email or call City Clerk Susan Brooks, sbrooks@cityofgolden.net 303-384-8014.

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 5
Rescheduled regular meeting

June 12
Regular meeting

June 19
No meeting

June 26
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.
Whenever new councilors are seated, City Council holds a retreat to share ideas and set priorities for the next two years. It’s a unifying exercise, in which returning councilors reflect on finished and unfinished city business and newly elected councilors contribute their fresh thoughts.

Council’s fundamental, on-going responsibility is to support the core infrastructure and municipal services that make Golden such a wonderful place to live. This year, we also set out signature initiatives based on Golden Vision 2030, an enduring document that defines Golden’s character, strengths, and opportunities. For the next two-year period we will “Go Golden” and give particular attention to four characteristics of community health: a vibrant economy, healthy people, a connected population, and a sustainable environment. Council, staff, and the community will work together to make a measurable, positive impact on these targeted areas.

**A vibrant economy**
Because the fiscal health of our community is basic to the well-being of residents and business owners alike, Council devoted much thought to this characteristic. We intend to pinpoint and minimize barriers to the establishment, location, or expansion of local businesses. Moreover, directing some event activity away from downtown may create and distribute economic energy throughout business areas of town, including South Golden Road, the Colfax corridor, and properties close to light rail. Another key effort may involve shifting a fair share of the cost of amenities to the visitors attracted by these features. The volunteer time and analysis memorialized in the *Blue Ribbon Panel Report on Golden’s Economic Future* will inform Council’s work on the economy.

**Healthy people**
The general health of Golden residents will also receive major emphasis. Council may encourage physical activity for all ages by improvements in park and trail amenities: seating, directional signage, water fountains, distance markings, or other items. At the same time, we may issue challenges to promote healthy activity and eating. The Mayor’s Community Event in the fall of 2014 will showcase these efforts.

**A connected community**
The civic engagement of Golden residents is a hallmark of our town. Volunteers contribute as members of boards and organizations; pitch in at community events; and devote time to City issues. There is always room, however, to broaden and deepen our community connections. To this end, Council will work toward encouraging local events that bring community members together, following examples set by grassroots events such as the Golden Bicycle Cruise, the Better Block Party, the Golden Beer Talks, and the i-Golden Neighborhood projects. In addition, capital investments can fill in physical connectivity gaps by improving pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods and destinations.

**Sustainable choices and environment**
In its broadest sense, “sustainability” is the capacity to maintain our community without jeopardizing the needs of future residents. Thus, sustainability has been a Golden priority for generations. To further sustainability in the next two-year period, Council may consider programs to expand transit service and bolster recycling opportunities.

“Go Golden” will keep Council, staff, and community members working in the same direction. I encourage you to refer to these initiatives, comment on them, and participate in them. And please take every opportunity throughout 2014 and 2015 to monitor the City’s efforts and let us know how we are doing.
Summer and fall are the city’s primary construction seasons for infrastructure projects in Golden. The city will have a number of projects going on at any given time during this busy season and throughout the rest of the year. Here is a list of the bigger projects and descriptions, so that you can be prepared for any delays or detours you may encounter. Keep in mind completion dates are approximate and weather dependent.

**BOYD STREET SOUND BERM**
Construction of a sound berm between SH 58 and Clearview Parkway will be constructed to reduce highway noise. The project is being done in conjunction with SH 58 Ford Street bridge replacement and will be completed by early June.

**US 6 AND 19TH STREET INTERCHANGE**
This project will grade separate US 6 and 19th Street and provide a pedestrian plaza and crossing along with a separate bike trail over 6th Avenue. The project kicked off with the first public and stakeholder input meeting on April 14. Results from that initial input meeting will help the design team with project planning. We will have additional input meetings throughout the design process. We hope to begin construction in late 2014 or early 2015. Construction will take about one year. For details on upcoming meetings, check the News section of our website homepage at www.cityofgolden.net.

**HERITAGE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**
Heritage Road will be repaved between Eagle Ridge Drive and Berthoud Way. This project will remove the traffic signals at Eagle Ridge, West 4th Street and Kimball and replace them with roundabouts. Bike lanes and sidewalks will be added. Finally, the current overhead power lines from West 4th to the south will be moved underground.

**SH 58 AND FORD STREET BRIDGE**
The SH 58 and Ford Street Bridge reconstruction is a Colorado Department of Transportation Project. It is winding down and will be finished this month.

**CLEAR CREEK BANK STABILIZATION AND TRAIL AREA ENHANCEMENTS**
This is the second year of improvements to address high use in the Clear Creek Corridor. Several new hardened access points are being constructed to allow access to the creek and protect from bank erosion. A new small plaza area was constructed at the library to provide a connection between Clear Creek and the library with space to read and relax. In addition, there will be repairs to the kayak course and related structures to address normal wear and tear as well as some failures that occurred during the ice event in December.

**TUCKER GULCH TRAIL**
This project should be completed later this summer and extends the Tucker Gulch Trail under SH 93, connecting it with the trail along Golden Gate Canyon.

**TUCKER GULCH AT 7TH PLACE – DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**
The City of Golden and Urban Drainage Flood Control District are preparing to perform work in Tucker Gulch just upstream of the 7th Place bridge. The project is intended to eliminate a problem of sedimentation that has occurred in past years. The project should be completed by early summer.

**2014 UTILITY REPLACEMENT, CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS**
The city will also be repaving streets, replacing water and sewer lines in locations throughout the city. For the latest construction updates, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/Construction.
The Golden Library remodel is now underway. Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) has selected studiotrope, a Denver-based design collective, to assist with space planning and interior design for the Golden Library. The firm has established a strong track record in contemporary library design, with a sharp focus on the ever-changing role of the library in the eyes of the community. In the past two years, they have remodeled 10 libraries, many of which are similar in size and scope to the Golden Library.

“We chose studiotrope because we feel they offer the most dynamic ideas, cohesive team, and clear vision for a modern library,” said Donna Walker, JCPL’s director of public services and project lead on the Golden Library remodel. “More importantly, their work is grounded in an intimate understanding of the community and the specific needs each library must address to be successful.”

“We appreciate the Library’s focus on community input,” said Golden City Manager Mike Bestor. “It’s a strong priority for us, and we’re pleased to see that it’s a strong priority for the Library as well.”

With that in mind, JCPL is soliciting input and feedback from the Golden Community. In May, the Library held a community meeting to ask Golden residents about the kind of library they’d like to see. In June, (date and time to be determined), they’ll be holding a second meeting to seek resident feedback on design concepts. All Golden residents are welcome to attend; watch for detailed information at http://jeffcolibrary.org/library-news or call 303-235-5275.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

The Jefferson County Public Library’s (JCPL) Summer Reading Club is now underway. Kids, teens and adults can sign up online at jeffcolibrary.org/summerreading or at any JCPL location including the Golden Library.

Summer Reading Club runs from June 1 to July 31, and is designed to foster literacy and learning over the summer months while children are not in school. According to a report by the U.S. Department of Education, reading loss is cumulative and children don’t “catch up” in the fall because their peers are moving ahead with their skills. With fun, interactive programs and activities supplementing the reading portion of the program, parents are able to take an active role in their child’s development.

Children are invited to participate in “Fizz Boom Read” where they’ll explore space, delight in magic and create chemical reactions among other exciting lessons. Reservations are required for these programs. Teens can “Spark a Reaction” this year, including creating optical illusions, discovering the wonders of the human skeleton, exploring the gross side of science and taking an inside look at 3D printing. Adults are invited to “Light up Your Brain with Lifelong Learning” by completing activities based on the healthy brain initiative. The full schedule of events can be found at jeffcolibrary.org/summerreading.
Bring a picnic and join the Golden Lions Club for the 4th of July community celebration in Lions Park on 10th Street again this year. This is one of the major ways for the Lions to give back to the Golden community and our country. Activities start at noon and include free rides for the kids, face painting, live music, and a large fireworks display in the evening (weather permitting). There will also be food for purchase.

In order to be able to provide free rides, music and entertainment, Golden Lions will be selling raffle tickets starting on Saturday, May 31. Proceeds from ticket sales are used for the most part to fund the event, and any excess goes back into community betterment projects. For a dollar each or six tickets for five dollars, 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. The tickets are also printed with coupons that can be used for discounts and prizes at local stores and restaurants.

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. Most of the raffle prizes are donated by local merchants and businesses as their way of supporting the event and the community. So when you see those guys in front of King Soopers, Meyer Hardware, Windy Saddle Café, and other local businesses or at the Golden Farmers Market in their festive gold vests with raffle tickets in hand, make sure you become part of the celebration and buy some tickets. Most of all come to Lions Park and have fun on the 4th of July!

Bring your tattered and worn “old American flags” to the July 4th Festival and they will be put to good use. Gettysburg Flag Company will re-cycle the old flags and forward the embroidered stars to our military troops to carry in their pocket. Along with the individual stars is a brief note, stating that this star once flew proudly at an American home. PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY FLAGS WITH EMBROIDERED STARS CAN BE USED.

It’s Wildfire Season: Prevent and Be Prepared

Our beautiful city is nestled in a valley surrounded by mountains, mesas and grass lands. Golden is a city with the convenience of urban life and almost instant access to wild lands. In the fire service we call this the urban/wild land interface. This area of transition presents a unique risk to those who live on the edges of Golden and a unique challenge for the Golden Fire Department. From a firefighting perspective, the Golden Fire Department must be able to respond to both structural fires, wild land fires and on occasion, both at the same time. Property owners that live near the urban/wild land zone can reduce the risk of a wild land fire burning their homes by becoming fire-adapted.

Make smart landscaping decisions. Trees, shrubs and other vegetation surrounding your home play a big role in how well your home survives a wildfire. Consider landscaping gardens using native plants. Trim trees so the branches are at least six feet off the ground. Remove highly combustible juniper bushes and firewood piles that are close to your house. Clean your gutters of pine needles and leaves.

Be ready for a wildfire by preparing an emergency evacuation kit. Have a safety plan that includes escape routes. Make sure everyone in your home knows the safety plan. Be set with situational awareness. In the event of a wildfire, pack your car with your emergency items. Stay aware of the latest news and information on the wildfire. Then go early to avoid panic and confusion. Going early supports your safety and allows firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.

You can read the City’s community wildfire protection plan at www.cityofgolden.net/links/wildfire. You can also visit www.fireadapted.org, www.wildlandfires.org, and www.firewise.org. You can also help prevent fires. REMEMBER: FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN GOLDEN.
Ride the Rockies Comes to Golden!

The City of Golden is set to host the overall finish for the Ride the Rockies event on Friday, June 13. The Denver Post Ride the Rockies is an annual bicycle tour that takes 2,000 cyclists, assisted by more than 100 volunteers, on a six to seven day ride ride through Colorado’s Rocky Mountains. It is a non-competitive event, with past riders representing all 50 states and 18 foreign countries. Proceeds from the event benefit The Denver Post Community Foundation, so all funds raised are returned directly to Colorado non-profits, including a $5,000 grant to a local non-profit benefitting each host community. It has been 17 years since Ride the Rockies has been in Golden and we are excited to showcase our community during the event this year.

ROAD CLOSURES
Ride the Rockies is a “rules of the road” event, meaning that there are no major road closures associated with the actual ride. In conjunction with the overall finish festival, Golden will be closing Washington Avenue from 10th Street to 12th Street, and 10th Street from Washington Avenue to Jackson Street. These closures will be in effect from 6 a.m. to about 5 p.m. Jackson Street on the east side of Parfet Park will also be closed for the day. Washington Avenue is expected to reopen shortly after the final rider arrives at the finish.

EVENTS
The City of Golden, along with Ride the Rockies, is hosting a finish festival in Parfet Park to congratulate the riders on their week of hard riding. DJ Drake will kick off the event at 9:30 a.m. and the 70s dance band Boogie Machine will take the stage from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The award ceremony will take place at about 2:30 p.m. Food, drink, vendors and demos will round out the day. The festival is open to the public and we encourage everyone to wear their best 70s outfit!

TWO WHEELIN’ IT
Hundreds of Golden elementary school students recently took to two wheels for their morning commute, as part of national Bike to School Day. The event, held in May, helps raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for bicycling and walking, and emphasizes the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, reducing traffic congestion and concern for the environment.

At Mitchell Elementary, crowds of kids and parents on bicycles quickly filled up the bike corral, which was decorated with streamers. Students who participated were treated to some goodies at the front door. At Free Horizon Montessori school families met at Spot Brand Bikes and rode in one big group to the school. City Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves joined in on the fun and rode with the students.

Free Horizon parent Monica Buhlig said, “It has energy, a sense of community, prepares the kids to learn, and contributes to our greater community through reduced driving and increased physical activity. My son was ready to get out of the house this morning because we were biking today!”

Walk to School Day will take place in the fall. For information on both events, visit www.walkbiketoschool.org.
Creek Rangers Return

Following last year’s inaugural success, the Golden Police Department Park Ranger program will be returning and expanding for 2014.

Last year there were six part-time seasonal Park Rangers who patrolled the Clear Creek corridor. This year the program has been expanded to two full-time Rangers and four part-time seasonal Rangers.

The Park Rangers will continue to patrol the Clear Creek corridor acting as friendly ambassadors for the city while enforcing nuisance and parking laws throughout the busy summer months. The full-time Rangers will still patrol along Clear Creek, but will also be seen in neighborhood parks throughout the year.

The Park Rangers ask that you please remember the following actions are prohibited along the Clear Creek Corridor:
- Possession of alcohol, both open and closed containers
- Dogs off leash
- Smoking, lit tobacco products
- Littering

For questions about the Park Ranger program or to report a concern along the Clear Creek corridor, please contact the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045. More details can be found at www.cityofgolden.net/links/CreekInfo.

One of the best kept secrets in town is the beautiful Creekside Terrace at the Golden History Center. Astride Clear Creek, beneath the shade of towering cottonwoods and surrounded by an historic rose garden, the Terrace is a splendid location to soak up the scenery and watch passersby on the Clear Creek trail. Now, it is also a culinary hotspot.

New Creekside Lunch Spot

All summer long, a daily schedule of trucks is posted at www.GoldenHistory.org/visit/food-trucks. Or you can follow on Twitter @GoldenFoodTrux to get daily updates on cuisine and specials. Grab some delicious food and enjoy the lovely Golden summer on the Terrace. After you’re done, be sure to stop inside the Golden History Center to see the fascinating exhibits including the newest “Made in Golden: Where Innovation Lives!”
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Through June 29**

*The Fantasticks*

Miners Alley Playhouse presents history’s longest running musical in its theatre at 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or [www.minersalley.com](http://www.minersalley.com).

**Through July 29**

*Quilting: Past, Present and Future*

This exhibit will demonstrate the progression of art quilting, showcasing the work of 22 Denver area artists. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. Call 303-277-0377 or visit [www.rmqm.org](http://www.rmqm.org).

**June 6**

*First Friday Street Fair*

The *first* First Friday Street Fair this season! Join the Golden Chamber of Commerce for an outdoor party with entertainment, food and much more. 5 to 9 p.m. on Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. For details, see page 14 or visit [www.goldencochamber.org](http://www.goldencochamber.org).

**June 7**

*Golden Farmer’s Market*

The inaugural Farmer’s Market of the year, with some new vendors and many of your old favorites. 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. For info call 303-279-3113 or visit [www.goldencochamber.org](http://www.goldencochamber.org).

**June 7**

*Coffee with a Councilor*

Enjoy coffee and some conversation with some of your City Councilors at 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 9 to July 18**

*Boot Camp Challenge*

The expertise of a personal trainer, for the price of a group class. The six week class is for every fitness level. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For details call 720-628-2901 or email Kim@BCCDenver.com.

**June 13, 14 & 15**

*Golden Music Festival*

Three days of beer, food and live music at the Golden History Park along Clear Creek. See the ad on page 19 for details.

**June 14**

*Flag Day*

**June 15**

*Father’s Day*

**June 21**

*First Day of Summer*

*Wild West Day*

A day of old fashioned robberies, rascals & rides at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details visit [ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org](http://ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org) or call 303-279-4591.

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**Toulouse-Lautrec and La Vie Moderne: Paris 1880-1910 • JUNE 7 - AUG. 17**

Foothills Art Center is delighted to present this major traveling exhibition, which celebrates the broad spectrum of avant-garde artists at the center of the Parisian artistic and cultural scene during the turn of the 19th century, an era known as “La Belle Époque.” Highlighting the work of Toulouse-Lautrec and 94 of his contemporaries, the exhibition features landscapes, portraits, rare zinc shadow puppet silhouettes, famous Chat Noir cabaret illustrations, and more. It is organized and circulated by Art Services International, Alexandria, Virginia. For details on the exhibition, related events and admission fees, visit [foothillsartcenter.org](http://foothillsartcenter.org).

*Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec (1864-1901), Jane Avril, 1893, color lithograph, 48¾ x 36 inches, Musée d’Ixelles, Brussels.*
**July 4**

**Independence Day**

**4th of July Festival**

Celebrate the holiday, show your community spirit at this popular festival put on by the Golden Lions Club. It begins at noon in Lions Park, 1300 10th St. Fireworks show around 9:30 p.m. (weather pending). For more information, visit www.GoldenLionsClub.org.

**Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!**

**LEMONADE FOR SALE**

Your kids have the opportunity to earn a little money while learning important life lessons. June 7 is national Lemonade Day, a free community program that teaches kids how to start, own and operate their own lemonade businesses. All participants ages 5 to 12 receive a free backpack with workbooks for the child and a caring adult that takes them through the business planning process. Lemonade Day is on June 7, so act quickly to participate by visiting Denver.LemonadeDay.org. There are even prizes for notable stands!

Lemonade Day began in 2006 in Houston when entrepreneur Michael Holthouse decided to teach his children entrepreneurship through a business plan exercise so they could earn money to make a purchase rather than continually ask Dad for toys and pets. Today, the program has developed to a nationwide project; in 2013, Lemonade Day attracted more than 250,000 youth across the country. The children keep all monies they make from their stand, with the suggestion to “Spend a little, save a little and share a little,” encouraging them to set a goal for a purchase, start a savings account, and give back to their community through a cause that’s important to them.

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

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**FREE Sales and Use Tax Workshops**

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

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.

**June 4, 2014** ........ 8:30 to 10 a.m.
**July 2, 2014** .......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

**FREE Building Use Tax Workshop**

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

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.

**August 6, 2014** ........ 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

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**GOLDEN CEMETERY**

Please call 303-279-1435, for more information.

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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.
At the City Council meeting on April 24, City Council further strengthened their efforts to promote healthy eating and active living (HEAL) initiatives in Golden. With representatives from LiveWell Colorado, Jefferson County Public Health, Jeffco Public Schools and supporting members of the community in attendance, City Council adopted Resolution 2327 to join LiveWell Colorado’s HEAL Cities and Towns campaign. The program encourages healthy eating and active living policies and practices to increase community health. The program is in partnership with the Colorado Municipal League (CML).

At the same meeting, City Council also adopted Resolution 2338, setting high priority signature initiatives for 2014 and 2015. These include continued focus on efforts related to the long term sustainability and health of the community and its citizens. These efforts are focused around four aspects of community health, which include a vibrant economy; healthy people; a connected community; and sustainable choices and environment. Efforts planned for the HEAL Cities and Towns campaign tie directly into several of these areas.

Healthy cities are those that offer environments that give residents plenty of opportunities to be physically active and to eat healthy foods. More and more, people want to work and live in a place that makes it easy to live well and make healthy choices. These two resolutions have set Golden on a path toward a healthy, vibrant future.

**Healthy Eating, Active Living**

**WHAT IS SLOW THE FLOW COLORADO?**

Slow the Flow Colorado is a free sprinkler inspection program available to Golden water customers. In addition to residential, HOA and commercial properties are also eligible. The sprinkler inspections - also known as irrigation audits - are conducted by professionally-trained water auditors and are scheduled from June until August.

**WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?**

- It’s a professional service provided at no charge to you, with substantial benefits to your landscape
- Receive a customized watering schedule for a green, long-lasting landscape - for free!
- Learn practical, easy, do-it-yourself sprinkler maintenance
- Learn how to maximize the life of your system
- Do your part to conserve Colorado’s water!
- Learn how to improve your system’s performance

**HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?**
The entire process will take about two hours.

**WHAT HAPPENS AT THE INSPECTION?**

A sprinkler inspection includes the following:

- A visual inspection to pinpoint any problems in your sprinkler system
- Tests to measure the precipitation rate of your sprinkler system
- Tests to determine how evenly the water is covering the intended area
- Soil sample to determine root depth and soil type

**WHAT WILL I GET AFTER THE INSPECTION?**

You will receive a customized watering schedule as well as recommendations and tips to make your sprinkler system more effective and efficient. Plus get resources for improving your landscape and keep it beautiful and healthy.

**STEPS TO A FREE INSPECTION**

1. **Review your eligibility**
   If you receive water from the City of Golden AND you have an operating underground irrigation system, you are eligible.

2. **Request an Inspection**
   Online: Complete the request form online at: [www.ConservationCenter.org](http://www.ConservationCenter.org).
   Phone: Call 303-999-3820 x217.

3. **Schedule an Inspection**
   Upon receipt of your request you will be contacted to set up an individual two hour appointment with a trained water auditor at your home.
Each year, the City recognizes individuals and community groups who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to best practices in sustainability. The award winners for this year were presented at the April 24th City Council meeting.

• **Chuck Baroch - Individual Award**
As Golden's former Mayor and member of the inaugural Community Sustainability Advisory Board, Chuck's early leadership through the adoption of the sustainability goals was instrumental in setting the initiative on a path forward.

• **Grant Sustainable Builders - Business Award**
Peter Grant started his company with the concept that sustainability defines how Grant Sustainable Builders approaches the building process. Pete’s current project embodies many of the same elements as his others; his Ford Street remodel is on pace to divert 38 percent of the construction waste, has an efficient thermal envelope, daylighting, LEDs, high efficiency HVAC & water heaters, and a real sustainable innovation is the exterior rain screen. Pete’s philosophy of extending these ideas of sustainability to the community qualifies him as one of Golden’s finest green builders.

• **Earth Treks Golden - Business Award**
The owners of Earth Treks Golden embarked on a design that is unlike any of their other locations. Earth Treks Golden is the largest climbing facility in Colorado and ranks among the best in the U.S. The owners of Earth Treks Golden also understand the return on investment for their green building efforts. Their sustainable building elements of the new gym on Golden Ridge Road include a 60kW solar photovoltaic system, more than 5,000 square feet of porous pavement, preferred parking for carpools, electric vehicles and bicycles, and a building that is 15 percent more energy efficient than required by code.

• **Gunslinger Custom Paint - Business Award**
Gunslinger may be best known for their unique motorcycle artwork and talented design staff, but this fast growing company also knows the value of being green. The 16,000 square foot warehouse includes separate utility metering for tenants, porous pavement, double the amount of bicycle parking required, 20 percent more trees and an electrical vehicle charging station.

• **Golden Earth Days - Community Group Award**
Since 1990, Golden Earth Days has conducted its mission of promoting greater environmental awareness in the Golden area. Beyond their annual clean-up efforts, tree plantings and lecture series, Golden Earth Days also hosts annual Earth Day celebrations and a signature event for the Golden Community - the annual Golden Solar Home Tour.
Don’t miss downtown Golden on the first Friday of every month through the summer and fall! Beginning on Friday, June 6, the First Friday Street Fair will be back, complete with music, food, beer and fun for the family.

The First Friday Street Fair goes from 5 to 9 p.m. on Washington Avenue. Please note in July, the Street Fair will be on the SECOND Friday so that our city can enjoy the July 4th celebrations in Lions Park.

Come join the Golden Chamber of Commerce for the kickoff Street Fair on June 6 which will feature the music of Dakota Blonde, aerial acrobatics, food from local restaurants, Coors beer for sale, and a great party atmosphere to start your summer off right. Merchants will also have special offers throughout their downtown stores, so make a night of it and shop locally!

First Friday Street Fair
First Friday Band Schedule:
June 6: Dakota Blonde
July 11: PJ Zahn
August 1: Bradford Junction
September 5: The Stilettos

The Golden Farmers Market will open for its 13th season on Saturday, June 7 from 8 a.m to 1 p.m. in the parking lot next to the Golden Public Library on 10th Street. The Market will be open every Saturday through Oct. 4 (with the exception of July 24 for Buffalo Bill Days).

The market features fresh produce, Colorado-raised beef, treats for your pets, as well as locally-made spirits, soaps, and gluten-free baked goods. Among the new things to tempt your taste buds this year are specialty butters, cupcakes, and cheese curds! There's always something new to try at the market.

Don't forget that you can use your SNAP benefits at the market to purchase eligible food, and you can also buy Market Bucks at our headquarters table to spend like cash at all of our vendors (they also make great gifts!)

Check out the weekly presentations from CSU Extension's Master Gardeners on the best ways to get your thumb to turn a bit greener, chef demonstrations, and showcasing of local businesses and cultural organizations.

This will be another great year with fresh produce, treats, and fun for the family, sponsored by the Golden Chamber of Commerce. Questions or an interest in volunteering? Email the Chamber at info@goldencochamber.org or check out its facebook page at www.facebook.com/goldenfarmersmarket.
Celebrate Health!
Friday, June 4 at 10 a.m.
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. The first Friday of each month we offer free blood pressure screenings, healthy refreshments and presentations on a variety of wellness topics. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.

Chair massages.................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ..........$13 for 15 minutes

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

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

Mondays, 2-4 p.m. on the E-Train
June 2 - Online Searching
June 9 - iPad Basics
June 16 - Managing Digital Photos
June 23 - Personal Security Online

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Rambler Ranch - #15007-1
The 165 acre Rambler Ranch in Elizabeth, owned by Terry Gale and Greg Kissinger, is a car lover’s dream to visit. In addition to the 600 cars, there are thousands of different types of car memorabilia to see. This trip is by request and should not be missed. We will order catered sandwiches and have a picnic on the grounds. Bring $10 cash or check for your admission to the grounds.

  Monday, June 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  $30 (van, driver, catered lunch included)
  Exertion Level: 4
  Register/Cancel by June 5.

The Boulder Dushanbe Teahouse - #15006-1
Enjoy the magnificent beauty of this teahouse. We will have lunch and then stroll the Boulder Creek and Pearl Street Mall.

  Friday, June 20, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30p.m.
  $10 (van, driver, bring money for lunch )
  Exertion Level: 3
  Register/Cancel by June 18.

Rocky Mountain National Park  - # 15008-1
We didn’t make it last year because of the big flood, so let’s try it again!

  Monday, June 30, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  $28 (van, driver, bring money for lunch)
  Exertion Level: 5
  Register/Cancel by June 25.
Let’s Dance this Summer!
Summer dance and drama classes for youth start the week of June 9 including ballet, tap, jazz, pom, hip hop, storytelling through dance, ballet beats and Little Mouse Musical.

Buffalo Bill Days Performance classes are available for new and returning students to perform on Sunday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Parfet Park! Also available are adult ballet and tap classes and adults are welcome to sign up for Little Mouse Musical. For more dance class information visit rec.cityofgolden.net.

Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic
The Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic is designed to teach the beginner golfer everything needed to play golf in just a few lessons. The clinic will be three sessions over a one week period combining fun, fitness and no pressure on-course experiences. Each session will feature basic swing mechanics including grip, alignment and posture.
$100 per student (5 hours)
June 2, 3 & 4
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Day 1)
5:30 to 7 p.m. (Days 2 &3)

Get Golf Ready Women’s Clinic
The Get Golf Ready Women’s Only Clinic is a series of three clinics during one week based on the same principles of the Adult Clinic but for women only.
$100 per student (5 hours)
June 16, 17 & 18
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Day 1)
5:30 to 7 p.m. (Days 2 &3)

The Fossil Five
(It’s Time to Play Golf!)
Get Golf Ready graduates are encouraged to take advantage of the Fossil Five. Fossil Five nights will encourage fun, pressure-free golf to get comfortable playing the course. Fossil Trace Get Golf Ready graduates will receive their first Fossil Five outing free!
$15 per player, cart included
(Get Golf Ready graduates only)
June 10 & 24
Reservations encouraged
303-277-8750

Junior Camp
The Fossil Trace Junior Golf Camp offers a three day opportunity to be introduced to all aspects of the game of golf. Our talented instructors will encourage a positive attitude, provide an organized learning experience and promote social skills and friendships. The camps also include:
• Full swing, chipping, pitching, putting & golf rules and etiquette.
• Junior athletic development training structured using the Titleist Performance Institute Cyclone Program.
• “Fossil Ride” - Campers will take a short tour of the fossils featured at Fossil Trace Golf Club.
• Junior Camp Gift Package including a US Kids custom fit hybrid with grip trainer, junior golf camp achievement certificate, 4-bucket range pass and a complimentary pass for The Splash at Fossil Trace.
Ages 5-8 (6 hours)
$115 per junior golfer
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
June 4, 5 & 6
June 18, 19 & 20

Ages 9-13 (7 1/2 hours)
$140 per junior golfer
8:30 to 11 a.m.
June 11, 12 & 13
June 25, 26 & 27

Golden Community Center
activities calendar
For more information and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.

20 Year Front Porch Volunteer Celebrates 90th Birthday
Irene Obermeyer celebrated her 90th birthday on April 28 at the Golden Community Center with her family and friends from the community. Irene has been a volunteer with the City of Golden for 20 years. At 90 years of age, Irene volunteers approximately 20 hours a month with the Front Porch and leads the Hands and Heart Crocheting Program. She walks a mile to the Community Center for all her volunteer shifts and feels her active lifestyle has kept her healthy and happy! Happy Birthday Irene and thank you for 20 years of volunteer service!
Some very enthusiastic third grade students at Shelton Elementary helped the City of Golden’s Forestry Division celebrate Arbor Day in April. The kids helped to plant an Emerald Sunshine elm tree at the school, as Golden celebrated 24 consecutive years as a Tree City USA. The Tree City designation is awarded to those communities which demonstrate a commitment to the health, preservation and proliferation of its public tree population. Arbor Day was initiated to remind residents across the country of the importance of trees and all of the benefits they provide, including shading people and buildings from the summer sun, reducing the costs of stormwater control, cleaning the air of pollutants and offering less stressful and more inviting, attractive surroundings.

Celebrating Good Business

Each year the Golden Rotary Club honors businesses and non-profit organizations for their outstanding ethical practices. The organizations considered for the Ethics in Business Award demonstrate the highest standards of ethical business practice, integrity, and civic and social responsibility.

This year’s For-Profit Winner is Bob’s Atomic Burgers for the restaurant’s efforts to give back by frequently donating a portion of sales to local schools and non-profits. The restaurant also works to be sustainable; it was built with recycled materials and sends very little to the landfill due to recycling waste, packaging and oil.

The winner in the Not-For-Profit category is Arc Thrift Stores. This 45 year old nonprofit has 21 stores across Colorado and raises money to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities find jobs, housing, medical services and services in schools. They also employ many people with disabilities.
Golden History Museums has been researching the Astor House by exploring historic editions of the Colorado Transcript, found online through the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection. We are looking for new stories to include when we update the exhibits in the building. We have found some fascinating details about different groups of people who stayed in the Astor House.

In its early years, the Astor House hosted a lot of tourists and travelers coming through Golden. In 1896, the Astor House ran an ad trying to attract “Wheelmen” to dine or stay the night.

Don’t know what a wheelman is? Well, neither did we.

But, after doing some more research and consulting bike and sustainability expert Steve Stevens from Golden Oldy Cyclery, we learned that this is an early term for bicyclists. Golden has always been a destination for bicycling tourists who came from all over Colorado to ride their big-wheeled penny-farthings and take in the beautiful scenery. In 1896, the Astor House’s proprietor, Ida Goetze was probably hoping to capitalize on this popularity.

Only a few years later, in 1902, the Transcript ran a funny poem about a School of Mines student named Lewis. The poem asks the reader “Haint you heard of Lewis the bronch buster”? He went “rip snorten round on a fifteen-dollar broncho” and was “bucked clean over Castle Rock.” It says that “Prof. don’t dare flunk him… Can’t call him no fool… He sings in the choir, bunks at the Astor House. Whoop, by Jim! Thet’s Lewis of Kansas; thet’s him.”

Students like Lewis often stayed at the Astor House. Housing was scarce in Golden and the school didn’t offer student dormitories until 1922, when a portion of the Armory was converted into rooms which held only 30 men. Many students stayed in fraternity houses, but the rest had to either rent a room or stay in a boarding house like the Astor House.

Check out the Museums’ Informer article next month to hear about more research that we have uncovered.

Do you know of someone who got their room or board at the Astor House while it was still open? We would love to hear your story. Please contact Katie March at kmarch@goldenhistory.org to share what you know!
GOLDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL 2014

June 13, 14, 15
Clear Creek History Park, Golden, CO

FOOD, BEER, & LIVE MUSIC, FEATURING

Finnders & Youngberg,
Jeff Scroggins and Colorado,
The Railsplitters,
Dr. Harlan's Amazing Bluegrass Tonic,
Chain Station, Thunder and Rain,
Groundscore, Camptown, Julie Hoest

For tickets and details visit: GoldenMusicFestival.org
When you live in Golden, there’s 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 visitgolden.com for more great ideas.