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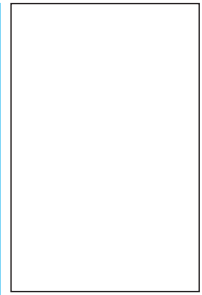
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Council's Corner

Below is a copy of the Golden City Council's calendar. Council meetings and study sessions are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Thursdays in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

March 3 Study Session & rescheduled REGULAR MEETING

March 10 NO MEETING (National League of Cities conference)

March 17 Study Session & rescheduled REGULAR MEETING

March 24 NO MEETING (Spring Break)

March 31 NO MEETING

Council's upcoming agendas and previous meeting minutes are available online at www.CityOfGolden.net under the City Council link, or call Deputy City Clerk Karla Leibelt at 303-384-8015.

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Special Election to be Held April 5

At the Jan. 13 Golden City Council meeting, two Golden City Councilors announced their resignations. Ward Four Councilor Gwyn Green announced her resignation effective at the end of the meeting, and Ward Two Councilor Marcie Miller announced that she would step down after a special election is held and her replacement sworn in or her home in Golden is sold.

Golden's City Charter requires a special election be held if a seat on the Council will be vacant for more than 180 days. As a result of the resignations, the City Clerk's Office is planning a special election to fill the vacancies through the terms' end.

On Jan. 27, Golden City Council set the date of **the special election to be held on Tuesday, April 5.**

If you are not yet registered and want to vote in the special election, you must **register with the City Clerk's office by 5 p.m. Monday, March 7.**

Only registered voters who live in Ward 2 or Ward 4 will vote,

as only councilors for those wards are being elected. If you live in **Ward 2, your polling place is Fire Station No. 4**, 151 State Highway 93 (Heritage Road near Colfax). If you live in **Ward 4, your polling place is at City Hall**, 911 10th St. Maps are available on the City's Web site. You vote at the polling place that corresponds to your ward on April 5.

If you need to vote before April 5, **early voting** will be held beginning March 24 at City Hall only.

If you need an **absentee ballot**, you must apply for one with the City Clerk's office (even if you have absentee voted before).

The City's **Wards and Districts map is printed in this issue** of the Golden Informer **on pages 10-11** for your convenience. You also can find an electronic version of the map by going to the City's Web site and clicking on City Council in the navigation bar on the left, then click on Wards/Districts Map. If you still don't know what Ward you live in, you can find out by calling the City

Clerk's office.

Judges are needed for the special election. If you would like to be an election judge and are a registered voter, please contact the City Clerk's office.

If you live in Ward 2 or Ward 4 and are interested in running for City Council, please contact City Clerk Susan Brooks by calling 303-384-8014 or e-mail sbrooks@ci.golden.co.us. You must take out a nomination petition, collect 25 qualified signatures and **return your completed nomination petition to the City Clerk's office by no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 4.**

To help better inform the public, the April issue of the Golden Informer will include candidate profiles and will be mailed early in order to reach voters at least a week before the special election.

More detailed special election information is posted at the City's Web site at www.cityofgolden.net, including all of the forms mentioned here. You can reach the City Clerk's office by calling 303-384-8015.

Campaign Election Board Being Formed

Golden City Council is looking for people to appoint to a Campaign Election Board comprised of three City of Golden residents who are registered electors. One board member will be appointed to a two-year term and two members will each serve four-year terms. All subsequent appointments to the board will be for four-year terms. Term limits will not be imposed to this board. Members will not be compensated for their service. City Council will designate the Chair of the board. Council will strive to appoint a former member of the City Council to serve as Chair.

The purpose of this new Campaign Election Board is to hear any alleged violation of the City's campaign laws that may be brought before it by any resident of the City of Golden, or City employee, charged with duties related to campaign laws. If you are interested, **applications** are available online at www.cityofgolden.net or by calling 303-384-8014 and **are due to the City Clerk's office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 9.** Council is scheduled to interview applicants at its March 17 meeting.

Northwest Corridor Study Information

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has tentatively scheduled its next set of public hearings on the Northwest Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) study for the last week of April and first week of May 2005. New traffic data projecting out to the year 2030 was released by CDOT in January, and the remaining alternatives were narrowed to six in February. For more information, visit CDOT's Web site at www.nwcorridoreis.com, or an independent site and message board the City is participating in at www.bettertrafficsolutions.com.

Tree and Shrub Sale Offers Exceptional Value

Some of the Species Offered

💧 = Low Water Use Plants

Trees

- 💧 Burr Oak
- 💧 Imperial Honeylocust
- 💧 Patmore Ash
- 💧 Chanticleer Pear
- 💧 Spring Snow Crabapple
- 💧 Radiant Crabapple
- 💧 Autumn Blaze Maple
- 💧 Cockspur Thornless Hawthorne
- Colorado Spruce
- 💧 Pinon Pine
- 💧 S.W. White Pine
- Douglas Fir

Shrubs

- American Cranberry Bush
- 💧 Viburnum "Bailey Compact"
- 💧 Apache Plume
- 💧 Common Purple Lilac
- 💧 Wavy-Leaf Oak
- 💧 Cheyenne Privet
- 💧 Gold Drop Potentilla
- 💧 Pawnee Buttes Sand Cherry
- 💧 Three-Leaf Sumac
- Froebel Spirea
- Regent Serviceberry
- 💧 Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush
- Chicago Fire Burning Bush
- 💧 Cheyenne Mock Orange
- Canada Red Chokecherry
- Care-Free Delight Rose
- Knock-Out Rose
- Meidiland Bonica Rose
- Woods Rose
- 💧 Purple Flowering Raspberry
- 💧 Magic Berry Coralberry
- Saugeana Chinese Lilac
- 💧 Mohican Wayfaring Viburnum

Get a complete listing of plants and prices at the Golden Community Center front desk or online at www.cityofgolden.net.

The annual Golden Parks and Recreation Department Tree and Shrub Sale affords citizens an inexpensive and convenient way to purchase small trees and shrubs for your yard.

The City provides a diverse mix of both deciduous and coniferous trees and flowering shrubs well-adapted to our climate.

Deciduous trees are 1¼" diameter at 3-feet up the trunk. Conifers are 3.5- to 4-feet tall. Shrubs are in 2.5 gallon containers.

Tree prices range from \$70 to \$110 and shrubs cost from \$10.75 to \$17.25.

Plants may be purchased from **March 7 to April 7**. Orders must be paid for in advance.

Place your order by filling out a tree order form or by calling 303-384-8127. Trees and shrubs will be available for pick up the week of April 25.

Get a complete listing of plants and prices at the Golden Community Center front desk or online at www.cityofgolden.net.

For more information about the plants, you may peruse the book at the Community Center, look online, or contact City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141.



Elementary school students help City Forester Dave High (not pictured) plant an evergreen at Fossil Trace Golf Club for Arbor Day on April 16, 2004.

Mayor Signs Commitment to Conservation

On Jan. 22, Golden Mayor Chuck Baroch was among other mayors belonging to the Metro Mayors Caucus to sign an historic pact to continue and expand efforts to conserve water. The Denver Metropolitan Local Governments' Water Stewards Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth principles illustrating a collective commitment to wise management and stewardship of vital water resources and the actions that signers may individually or collectively take to carry out that stewardship.

Other cities and towns to sign the MOU included Arvada, Aurora, Boulder, Broomfield, Castle Rock, Centennial, Denver, Englewood, Erie, Federal Heights, Foxfield, Glendale, Greenwood Village, Lafayette, Lakewood, Littleton, Lone Tree, Longmont, Louisville, Morrison, Northglenn, Parker, Sheridan, Superior, Westminster and Wheat Ridge. Collectively, the 27 municipalities to sign represent nearly

1.9 million metro area water users.

Centennial Mayor Randy Pye said, "We know that conservation works. Using mandatory and voluntary measures between May and September 2003, metro area residents saved enough water to fill a reservoir twice the size of Chatfield Reservoir in Littleton. We are here today to say that an easing drought will not reduce the importance of conservation and stewardship of this precious resource."

Golden residents were able to conserve significant amounts of water under voluntary water restrictions over the past several years.

The MOU commits signers to evaluation and information sharing on best management practices, coordination of public education efforts, and evaluation of fee structures that deter wasteful use of water. The Metro Mayors Caucus' efforts have been endorsed by organizations from across the state including the Colorado Water Wise



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Council, Colorado Environmental Coalition, Denver Water, Western Resource Advocates and Metro Denver Economic Development Commission and the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce.

The Metro Mayors Caucus is a voluntary regional organization comprised of mayors from throughout the Denver metro area.

Water Rate Increases on this Quarter's Bills

The City of Golden has found the cost of providing water service has increased due to inflation, the cost of labor, as well as increased capital costs associated with stricter standards on water treatment. Also, a 2002 study indicated the need for annual increases in water rates and service charges to provide adequate resources to fund operations and required capital improvements. With this information, City Council approved an water rate increase for 2005.

What does that mean to you? The flat charge on a normal residential tap will increase from \$8.21 to \$8.83 per quarter, and the volume charge will increase from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per thousand gallons. For a customer using 9,000 gallons per quarter, the water charge would increase \$2.87. The good news is the Council also approved the continuance of the temporary sewer refund – a 10% credit on quarterly utility bills. Using the same

example of 9,000 gallons per quarter, the sewer refund would be \$3.74.

How do we calculate your bill? There is a flat service charge that covers the cost of maintaining the meter and meter reading. This charge is billed on a quarterly basis for all active meters and is based on the meter size. A normal residential meter size is 5/8 by 3/4. In addition to the flat charge, a volume charge is assessed based on the amount of water used during the quarter. In the example above, if a customer were to use 9,000 gallons, there would be a flat charge of \$8.83 plus a volume charge of \$31.50 (9,000 gals X 3.50) for a total water charge of \$40.33.

Please contact our Utility Billing Department at 303-384-8026 with any questions, or visit our Web site at www.cityofgolden.net.

Clear Creek Corridor Development Nearly Complete

“**N**ew Urbanism” is city planning terminology that is beginning to find its way into common usage. New Urbanism describes a general approach to city planning, but much of it is not really new. For example, one of the main elements is to design cities so that people don’t have to walk more than a ¼- to ½-mile from their home to their work, school, amenities and shopping. Before the age of cars, this was just not an issue – everything was close by because it simply had to be that way. Cars and good roads fundamentally changed planning, commerce and the community fabric by allowing greater and greater distances between home and everything else. While this allowed cheaper, more remote land to be used for business, schools, homes, etc., it also stretched and stressed the community fabric – often past the breaking point.

Downtown Golden is different. It was planned in a time before cars, and its valley location ensured that it would stay compact. Within ¼- to ½-mile of 13th Street and Washington Avenue, Golden has schools, homes, offices, groceries, businesses, and a wide variety of cultural and recreational amenities. The density of Golden’s historic downtown community has anchored Golden’s strong sense of community and identity. You could say that downtown Golden is an old, New Urbanist town.

Still, the City has grown far beyond its core area and its residents travel throughout the Metro region for their needs on a daily basis. With that kind of pressure placed



Golden’s 800-foot-long Clear Creek Whitewater Park has received recognition by numerous national publications as a leader in kayak courses developed for multiple skill levels. Several locally based businesses offer beginner courses and races are held each summer for more experienced kayakers.

on the Golden community, how does the City maintain what we have? This question was central to the redevelopment of the properties along Clear Creek as it runs through the core of the City.

Through many years of planning and funding by the City of Golden, the Golden Urban Renewal Authority and the Golden Civic Foundation, as well as active community participation, the final form is taking shape. And that form is directly linked to Golden’s old New Urbanist roots of having so much within a short walk. Going west to east along Clear Creek:

Clear Creek White Water Park

One of the state’s first in-stream kayak courses, this park has quickly caught on among Metro-area river kayakers, reinforcing Golden’s identity as a fun and healthy place.

Clear Creek History Park

This park was created to preserve open space and maintain a dynamic link to Golden’s past.

The Golden Hotel

This building replaced dilapidated structures in the core of the City and provided greatly needed, upgraded accommodations and additional public parking.

Washington Avenue bridge and creekscape

Our new bridge and improved creekscape create a stunning entry to downtown Golden and serve as the link between the commercial district and Parfet Park, as well as expanding the width of the bridge to bring it and neighboring structures out of the 100-year floodplain.

Clear Creek Commons

Instead of vacant land, there is
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now a new building that is home to dozens of active seniors who would never have the rich life they now lead if they were living beyond walking distance of downtown. Plus, Golden is a richer place by having them so close. This building was also designed with food service on the ground floor, which is available to those seniors living at Clear Creek Commons, as well as the public.

The Millstone Condominiums

Construction has begun on the first of three condominium buildings that will occupy the vacant land along Clear Creek between Ford Street and the Clear Creek Commons building. Each structure will contain 26 units, ranging from between about 900 square feet to almost 2,000 square feet. The first building is scheduled to be ready by this July, and the second will break ground this June. When completed, this project will bring over a hundred new residents from a wide economic spectrum

to Downtown. Their impact on downtown business and community vitality will only be positive.

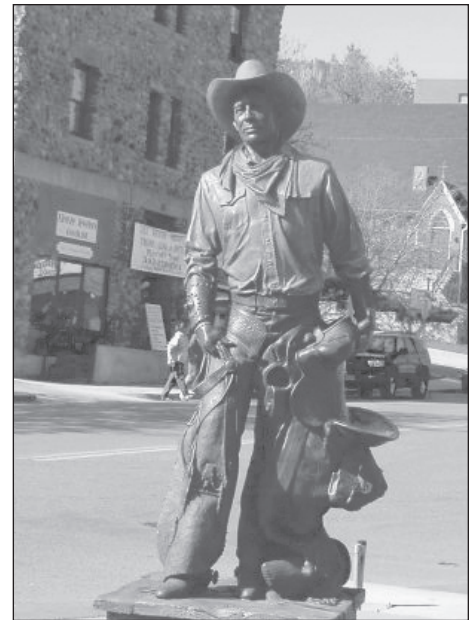
Clear Creek Square parking garage

This structure provides 133 parking spaces for the office building and 182 spaces for the public. It is critical to provide convenient parking for those who cannot walk to downtown.

Clear Creek Square

This new office building brings hundreds of new workers to downtown Golden. These folks can walk to shop and eat without getting into their cars, and sometimes without even leaving the building, which was designed to contain retail and food service businesses on the ground floor.

By bringing so many new people to the heart of the City, these developments will go a long way toward providing Golden with the economic and social vitality it will need in the future.



Merchants: Keep 'Em Coming Back for More

Merchants, clear your calendars from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, March 15 for some high-quality training by nationally-known speaker Rick Segel.

If you missed Segel's fun and informative presentation last year, you won't want to miss this one. And if you did meet Segel last March, you'll learn even more ways to improve your business at this year's seminar.

He will be discussing ways to bring customers through the door and keep them coming back again and again, as well as strategies for making the Internet work for you. Segel also will follow up his training from last spring with a short review and take participants deeper into strategies for creating or maintaining a successful business.

Cost to attend is \$40 for the first person from your business, and \$20 for each additional attendee. The seminar will be held at the Golden Hotel. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m., and coffee, juice and pastries will be served.

Call the Planning and Development Department at 303-384-8097 for more information and registration materials. This seminar is presented by the Golden Economic Development Commission and the Golden Vision Committee.



Children play with bronze sculptures installed on a riverside play area below the Washington Avenue bridge. The Golden Hotel in the background was once the site of a gas station.

Citizens Needed for Fire Pension Board

Golden City Council is looking for citizens interested in serving on the Golden Fire Department Pension Board. A seat will become available in April.

The Golden Fire Department Pension Board has three fire department members, two citizen members, the city manager, finance director and mayor.

Duties and responsibilities of the citizen participants include:

1. To serve as advisors to the Golden Fire Department Pension Board;
2. Participate in quarterly meetings, including additional planning sessions as required (usually no more than six per year);
3. Listen to pension issues, evaluate options, make recommendations, and vote accordingly;
4. Evaluation and decision-making

related to issues that affect the City's volunteer firefighters pension program;

5. Protection of confidential information discussed at board meetings is essential to protect the rights of individuals. Any information discussed at such meetings will be considered confidential and may only be released through official channels or through elected individuals possessing the authority to release such information.

Board members are to have a demonstrated interest in the fire department and desire to be involved with the process. Prior pension or financial experience is helpful.

Regular meetings of the board are held at least quarterly, as well as study sessions and special meetings when necessary.

The City Clerk's office will accept applications for the position until 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 30. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Golden.

Applicants have been tentatively scheduled to be interviewed by Council at its April 7 study session in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Mayor Charles Baroch will appoint one member to the board shortly thereafter. The term of the citizen appointment is for two years.

Questions should be directed to the Golden Fire Department by calling 303-384-8094, or stop by Station No. 1 at 911 10th St.

Application forms are available at www.cityofgolden.net and will be accepted until 5 p.m. March 30 at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401.

Council Compensation to Increase in 2006

Golden City Council unanimously approved to increase the compensation for future-elected Councilors at its Feb. 10 meeting. Council compensation was last changed in 1997, and Golden City Council had fallen behind other cities in compensating its elected officials for the extensive amounts of time required to commit to the job. Pay was increased to \$1,000 a month for councilors, \$1,100 a month for mayor pro-tem and \$1,500 a month for the mayor. The increases go into effect Jan. 1, 2006. Compensation also will increase annually with the Denver/Boulder Consumer Price Index.

Motorized Toy Vehicles Now Illegal

All those toy motorized vehicles that have been so popular as of late are now illegal in Golden.

At its Feb. 10 meeting, Golden City Council approved multiple changes to the City's Model Traffic Code. While most of these revisions were minor and have few impacts on everyday life, one stood out: toy motorized vehicles are no longer legal.

Last year, City Attorney Jim Windholz sent a memo to City Council suggesting that the City update its Model Traffic Code to bring it in line with the State's and other cities' traffic requirements. There are 21 sections of the traffic code the Council revised.

One of the revisions effectively **prohibits unlicensed motorized vehicles, including gopeds and mini-motorcycles (also called pocket bikes) on City streets, highways**

and sidewalks. Previously, Golden's traffic code didn't address these vehicles, and so they were allowed.

City Council did make an exception for moped scooters that are less than 50 cc's, and therefore can not be licensed by the state, but that go more than 30 mph and are operated by licensed drivers. Such vehicles include Vespas and Hondas, for example. Exceptions were also made for motorized wheelchairs. Nonmotorized and battery-powered children's vehicles will still be allowed on sidewalks, but not on City trails.

The City ran a precautionary article in the November 2004 issue of the Informer, letting parents who were considering these toys as holiday presents to be aware that they may soon become illegal. For more information, call 303-384-8193.

HPB Names Most Endangered Sites in Golden

Golden's historic places are under the constant threat of development and deterioration or neglect. In order to bring attention to special places not currently protected by historic designation, Golden's Historic Preservation Board (HPB) identifies the city's most endangered landmarks and landscapes annually.

With the aid of citizens, community organizations and preservationist organizations, HPB honors Golden's historic treasures through the annual Endangered Sites List. The list brings awareness and attention to Golden's historic treasures, and also serves to educate the community on the value of historic preservation of Golden's unique places. Individuals and organizations nominate sites for two reasons: to give a site breathing room while seeking funds or other assistance in preservation, and to prompt public conversation about saving historic places in Golden. The sites selected for 2005 reflect the exceptional role that houses and structures have played in the history of Golden. Three sites were chosen for the list in 2005:



CSM campus historic houses

(West 1600 block of Maple Street)

The Maple Street houses on the Colorado School of Mines campus are important historic homes of early 20th century Golden. The Van Tuyl residence, 1207 16th St., was home to two CSM professors and a social activist. The Kimball residence, 1616 Maple St., was home to a prominent Golden contractor, as well as a couple in the show business. It is one of the finest examples of Dutch-style architecture with a gambrel roof. The Doolittle residence, 1620 Maple St., was home to a prominent Golden merchant and was constructed after the City lifted its restrictions on the expansion of water lines following a prolonged water shortage in 1909. All three homes are endangered by plans to build a recreation center on the CSM campus. In a partnership between CSM and Golden, all three houses are up for transfer of ownership if the owners are willing to move the buildings to new locations.



Quaintance Block

(805 13th St.)

The Quaintance Block was built in 1911 by Golden businessman Charles Quaintance, who ran the Castle Rock Resort on South Table Mountain. The building is a unique combination of Victorian and modern-trending elements foreshadowing Art Deco. The building was moved 65-feet west to its current location to make way for Golden's first gas station. In 1953, it became the Spudnut Shop, a national chain that made potato flour donuts.



Cambria Lime Kiln

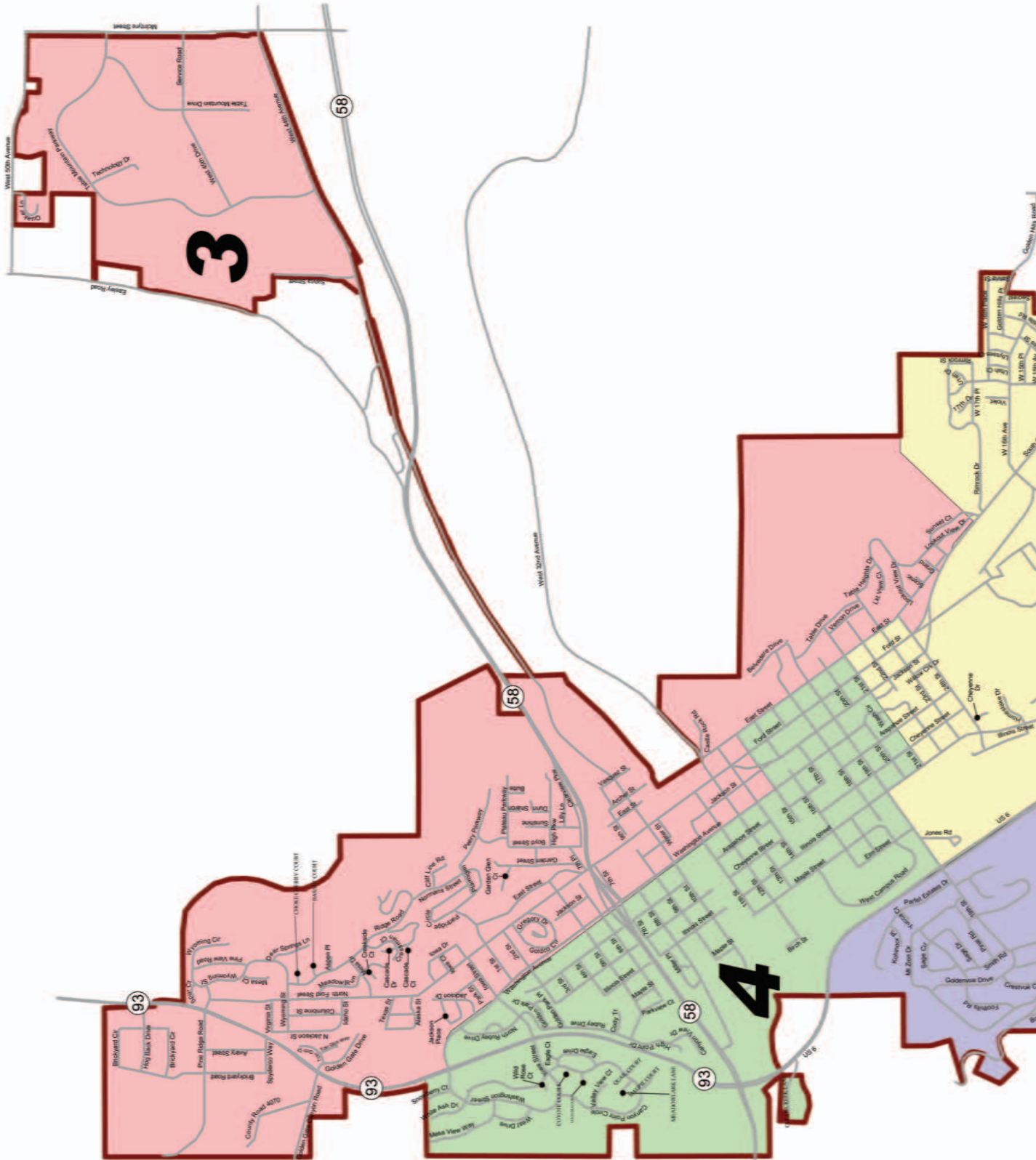
(Kinney Run Trail)

The Cambria Lime Kiln is the only remaining component of the Cambria Brick Works, a prominent plant in Golden industry from 1879 through the close of the 19th Century. The kiln helped create mortar and lime for use in building with the Cambria Brick Works' bricks. What remains of the kiln structure is threatened by further decay. The City is pursuing funding opportunities to partially restore and stabilize the remaining structure in place.

These three places stand out among the other nominees as places that helped to define and continue to remind us today of Golden's historical heritage. All three are endangered and deserve continued attention and vigilance, lest they be lost to development and decay. If given proper care and attention, they can all be preserved.



City of Golden Wards and Districts



Golden Community Calendar

MARCH 8

Coffee with Councilors

Ward One Councilor Dave Ketchum and District One Councilor Lynne Timpeiro meet for coffee, conversation and maybe even a light breakfast at 7:30 a.m. the second Thursday of each month at Cousins (formerly Jake's), 17695 S. Golden Road, near Johnson Road. The restaurant is smoke-free and the coffee is free. Golden citizens, particularly those in District One, are encouraged to stop by.

THROUGH APRIL 15

Free Tax Forms

Again this year, tax forms are available free at all Jefferson County public libraries. The most frequently used state and federal forms and instruction books may be picked up at all Jeffco libraries. AARP Tax Aide counselors will be available by appointment. Dates and appointment information are available at the libraries and at <http://jefferson.lib.co.us>.

THROUGH JUNE 11

Typing, Biking and Women's Dress exhibit

What do a sewing machine, typewriter and the bicycle all have in common? All three were developed in the late 1800s and went on to create a revolution in women's clothing. Come learn more at this exhibit now through June 11 at the Astor House Museum, 822 12th St. Admission to the museum is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and younger. Call 303-278-3557 or visit www.astorhousemuseum.org.

Sign Up for Summer Camps Now

HISTORY CAMP

Clear Creek History Park

Young pioneers, ages 6 through 10, explore Colorado's history by playing historic baseball, making butter and dressing up in 1800s clothing at the historic cabins and school house of Clear Creek History Park, with frequent visits to see the chickens! This week-long session runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays beginning June 13. Cost is \$105 for members, \$135 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Call 303-278-3557 or visit www.clearcreekhistorypark.org.

SUMMER READING CLUBS

Golden Library

If your kids will be hanging out at home this summer, the Golden Library can help you keep them busy and learning with summer reading clubs for all ages. Youngsters from infancy through elementary school may sign up for the Kids' Summer Reading Club, with the theme of "Dragons, Dreams & Daring Reads." Ages 11 through 18 will enjoy the Teen Summer Reading Club, with a theme of "Discover New Realms." Fun and educational programs are offered for each group — and each summer reader who reads for at least eight hours will earn a new paperback book. Kids can sign up beginning June 1. Call 303-279-4585 or visit <http://jefferson.lib.co.us>.

SUMMER OF CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Miners Alley Playhouse

The Adventures of Raggedy Ann and Andy, America's most endearing and enduring dolls come to life beginning June 8 in a play that captures children's imaginations. Suitable for pre-K through 5th grade. **The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood** told from the Wolf's point of view opens July 20! We've heard the stories time and again about how scary the wolf is...how mean and diabolical! But hey, the wolf has his side of the story too. Suitable for pre-K through 5th grade. Shows run at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. At the end of every performance, there will be a 10 to 15 minute discussion period with the actors. Each show is approximately 45-minutes to 1-hour in length. Tickets are \$5. Call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

ARTS ADVANTAGE SUMMER ACADEMY

Summer Strings

An exciting opportunity for students ages 3 through 18 to study string and vocal music, including solo work, ensemble performance, fiddle, chamber music, orchestra and jazz improvisation. New additions to this year's program include creative writing, poetry, playwriting, mime and dramatic improvisation classes. The camp runs June 6 through 10. Call 303-178-3748 or e-mail Art_Advantage@yahoo.com.

To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:

Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to shenderson@ci.golden.co.us. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month *prior* to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.



Golden Community Center

activity calendar



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

SPECIAL WELLNESS PRESENTATIONS

Bi-Polar: What Everyone Needs to Know

If you or someone you know seems to have unusual shifts in mood, energy, and ability to function, different from the normal ups and downs that everyone goes through, it may be bi-polar disorder, a serious brain disorder that affects millions of Americans each year. It can affect all walks of life, and does not discriminate by gender or age. Bi-polar disorder can result in damaged relationships, poor job or school performance, and even suicide. But there is good news: bi-polar disorder can be treated, and people with this illness can lead full and productive lives. Find out more about this unusual brain disorder including what it is, the symptoms, causes and treatments that are used today to help people who suffer from it.

All ages welcome

Noon Thursday, March 24

\$5

Registration # 22080-1

Only
\$5

Qigong and Meditation

Qigong is a breathing exercise set to motion. Its benefits are to relax and energize you at the same time. There are many forms of Qigong, and our emphasis will be on the "18 Form Qigong" format. Also presented in this hour: given the stressful environment and the multi-tasking demands in today's world, it is hard to just sit and relax. Learn the benefits of listening to your body and mind in a quiet setting and the various types of meditation that can be done.

All ages welcome

6 p.m. Monday, March 7

\$5

Registration # 12126-1

Only
\$5

Stretching

There are three components of fitness: cardiovascular, strength and stretching. Stretching the muscles is the most neglected of the three components... find out how stretching can safely help pull your body back into alignment, why you need to stretch, what can happen if you don't stretch, and learn some safe, effective stretches you can do for yourself. Leave feeling tall and re-energized! Please dress in clothes you can move and bend in.

All ages welcome

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30

\$5

Registration # 12121-1

Only
\$5

Spring into Summer Softball Season

The summer softball season is just around the corner and league sign-ups start in the spring. Golden has men's, women's and co-ed divisions ranging from recreational to competitive. Summer leagues will start at the end of April, so sign up now. Information is available at www.cityofgolden.net, or contact Athletics Coordinator Becky Richmond at 303-384-8194 or brichmond@ci.golden.co.us. Let her know you read about it in the Informer!

WEIGHT TRAINING CLASSES

Weight Training Demystified

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 1-24

\$48 resident, \$53 non-resident

Registration #12006-3

Women's Weight Training

5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday,s March 1-24

\$48 resident, \$53 non-resident

Registration #12007-3

Weight Training After 55 (or so)

10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 1-24

\$48 resident, \$53 non-resident

Registration #12005-3

YOGA CLASSES

Beginning Yoga

7 to 7:55 a.m. Wednesdays, March 2-30 (no class March 23)

\$24 resident, \$29 non-resident, \$8 drop-in on one class

Registration #12030-3

Tai Chi Chih

7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, March 2-April 13 (no class March 23)

\$36 resident, \$41 non-resident, \$8 drop-in on one class

Registration #12049-2

We have a large array of fitness and wellness classes that are covered under the Community Center's general admission fee, as well as professional personal trainers. Please come in and check us out!

Be Bear Aware

The time has come again when our local population of black bears will begin to wake from winter hibernation and go in search of food. During the spring, bears are known for their voracious appetites and are frequently referred to as “walking stomachs.”

Simple measures can help you to avoid a midnight visitor:

- Keep your garbage in closed trash receptacles, preferably in your garage or enclosed shed or barrier.
- Keep your grills clean or stored inside.
- Don't leave pet food outside.
- Hang birdfeeders high and away from your house.

For additional information on living with bears and other wildlife, visit the Colorado Department of Wildlife's Web site at www.wildlife.state.co.us.



Code Corner

Q: Does the City of Golden have an ordinance involving snow removal?

A: Yes. City Ordinance #11.08.140 requires any owner or occupant of any property, whether private residence or business, to remove any accumulation of more than one inch of snow within no more than 24 hours after the snowfall stops. The sidewalk ordinance also requires the removal of any accumulation of mud, ice or any other obstruction from the sidewalks around the property.

If you have any Code Enforcement related questions please call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045 and ask to speak to a Code Enforcement Officer, or check out the Municipal Code on the City's Web site, www.cityofgolden.net.

Garage Burglaries on the Rise

The Golden Police Department has received an increase in the number of calls regarding garage burglaries throughout the City.

Bicycles, wallets, purses and an occasional car have been stolen from garages over the last several months. The burglaries take place throughout the day and night with no set pattern. In every case, the homeowner's garage has been left open and the items stolen were easily accessible, and frequently not noticed until several days later. Keys left in the ignition lead to an easily stolen car from an open garage.

Please take the extra time to make sure your garage door and side doors are closed and secured. If you see your neighbor's garage is open, call and remind them to close it. If you see any suspicious people in your neighborhood, call the police immediately and report their location, a description of what they are wearing and the direction they are traveling.

Woman Shot through Ceiling

On Jan. 18, Golden Police were dispatched to 17026 W 16th Ave. on a report of an accidental shooting. On arrival, they discovered a 20-year-old female with a gunshot wound to her arm.

The gunshot originated from a 45 caliber semi-automatic handgun the female's 21-year-old roommate received the day before. The suspect, who reported he believed the gun was unloaded, fired one round into the basement ceiling.

The bullet traveled from the basement through the house and struck the female who was on the third floor of the residence. The female was transported to a local hospital where she was treated and released. Criminal charges are pending for the male suspect.

Vehicle Safety Web Site Now Online

A new site from NHTSA (National Highway Transportation Safety Assoc.), www.safecar.gov, includes crash test and roll-over ratings, defects and recalls, and FAQs about air bags (including side air bags). Check it out.

Youth Citizens Academy

The Golden Police Department will host a Youth Citizens Academy from June 20 through June 24. The Academy is designed to allow youth between the ages of 13 and 15 an opportunity to receive an insider view of a career in law enforcement.

Academy participants will receive training in state statutes, criminal investigations, evidence collection, patrol procedures, traffic accident investigations, firearms safety and instruction, and career and volunteer opportunities. The program is designed to be interactive and will include hands-on activities, team-building exercises and leadership opportunities.

Participants are expected to attend five days of classes and participate extensively. Certificates will be awarded during a graduation ceremony Friday, June 24. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the graduation ceremony.



Sgt. Bill Meiderhoff leads an evidence investigation team as part of the Youth Citizens Academy training.

Application packets will be available at the Golden Police Department, local school offices and from the police department's Web site at www.cityofgolden.net. The application

deadline is May 6.

For more information, call Officer Ryan Custer at 303-384-8193, or contact your local School Resource Officer.



Officer Melissa Manzanares shows the 2004 Youth Citizens Academy students how to identify an illegal substance.

Applicant requirements:

- 13 to 17 years of age
- Pass a background check for criminal history
- 500-700 word essay explaining why you would like to attend and how you will apply the skills learned
- Written recommendation from School Resource Officer or principal
- Completed application and signed liability waiver
- There is no Golden residency requirement

A Very "Special" Election, Indeed

On April 5, 2005, Goldenites will witness or take part in quite an historic event: a special Council election in Golden. It will be only the third such special election the City has had, going back to the origins of municipal government here in 1860. It will be the first special Council election in 123 years, and the first for multiple Councilors in 145 years. If a specially elected Councilor takes their seat, it will be the first time one has done so since the Gold Rush. It puts a whole new meaning of "special" into this election!

The first time Golden held a Council special election was on Golden's first birthday, June 16, 1860. It was the height of the Gold Rush, and Golden had one of the first municipal governments in this new frontier, not yet named Colorado. The Common Council, as Golden's municipal government was called, seated nine members, the mayor and other councilors, all elected at-large. Our first mayor, gold assayer John W. Stanton, decided to resign to move to the mountains where the gold mining towns were, while two other Council seats were declared vacant. So a special election was quickly held to fill the vacancies, electing Mayor Daniel L. McCleery, and Councilors Dr. Isaac E. Hardy and George West.

McCleery, nicknamed "Dan" or "Old Man McCleery" (though he was only in his 40s), was a rancher of present-day Adams County, a successful businessman who was the builder of Golden Gate Canyon Road and a founder of Golden Gate

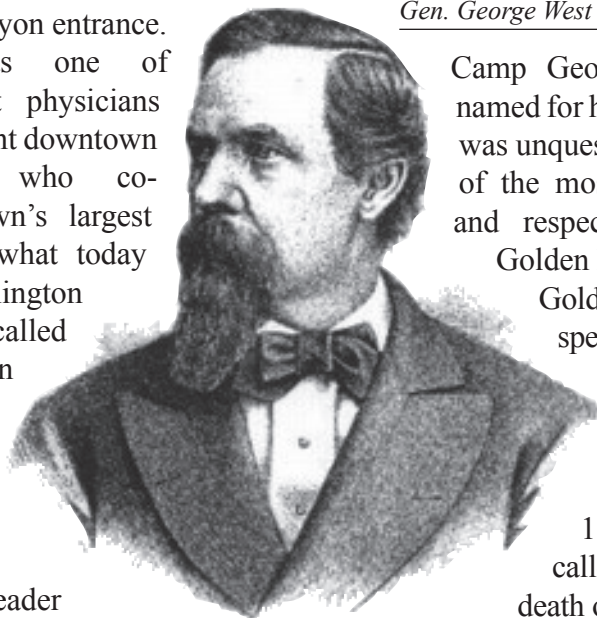
City at the canyon entrance.

Hardy was one of Golden's first physicians and a prominent downtown businessman who co-built downtown's largest storefront at what today is 1117 Washington Ave. It was called Metropolitan Hall and was where many public functions were held.

West was leader of the Boston Company, which was Golden's first business and helped found the town, and editor of the *Western Mountaineer*, Golden's first newspaper and the fourth in the state.

While on Council, Hardy served on the committee that prevented the Avenue Bridge from sustaining water damage, while the more colorful McCleery stood trial for the attempted murder of August Ingleman, likely over a claim-jumping dispute at the canyon entrance. Jurors couldn't agree whether Mayor McCleery intended to kill Ingleman or simply assault him, so the hung jury set him free.

McCleery and Hardy did not stay long after the Gold Rush, but West stayed on, serving in the Civil War, founding the *Transcript* newspaper in 1866, and was appointed to our permanent government when it was organized after an 11-year hiatus in 1871. He also served as Jeffco Schools superintendent and Colorado Adjutant General, and



Gen. George West

Camp George West is named for him today. He was unquestionably one of the most prominent and respected citizens Golden has known.

Golden's last special Council election took place

July 25, 1882, and was

called after the death of Capt. Peter

S. Reed, the respected Ward

3 Councilor who had been an officer on the Colorado Central Railroad. In the only Council special election for which vote totals are known, Andrew Holmes beat Michael Noller 44-14. However, Holmes's career took a mysterious turn afterward. He never took his seat on Council; but did take a written oath of office. It is likely that he was physically incapacitated, as much illness was reported around Golden at that time. Thus, the moment a Councilor takes their seat in April this year, they will do something no Councilor has done since George West during the Gold Rush.

Although Golden has two Council vacancies now, consider that the City has had 72 Council vacancies to date. Unexpired terms were usually filled by Council appointments, and some by the next regular election. This will be the first midterm election since Jan C. Schenck was elected Ward 2 councilor in 1987.

April's election will make history

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Chris Naber Goes Extra Mile for Environment

The Extraordinary Service Professional (ESP) award is a way to recognize City of Golden employees who go the extra mile in their jobs. Award recipients are nominated by their coworkers.

Chris Naber is an environmental specialist in the Public Works Department's Environmental Services Division. Chris has taken the Golden recycling program to new heights since taking it over in April 2004.

Through Chris's hard work and dedication, he has successfully gotten the word out about the benefits of recycling and has saved both the City and its citizens money. For example, more than \$5,000 was generated from aluminum can recycling that was put

toward the new Rooney Road Soccer Field complex.

He has worked closely with Coors Brewing Co. and Ball Corp. to make The Splash recycling location a great success. In a two month span, more than 10,000 pounds of aluminum cans were collected there.

The City gets \$5 back for each ton of paper recycled at The Splash. With approximately 8 tons of paper being recycled each month, the City gets money back that it uses to promote other recycling programs.

Numbers continue to increase for recycling all over Golden as a direct result of Chris's tireless efforts. In just a six-month span of collecting paper alone:

- More than 859 trees were saved;
- More than 354,000 gallons of water were conserved; and
- 202 cubic yards of waste was kept from going into local landfills.

Imagine how many resources are being saved when you add in the recycling of plastic and aluminum!

In addition, Chris routinely goes to The Splash location and cleans up the debris that is not recyclable that people carelessly throw away. Chris is very deserving of this award and our thanks.

Green not the first to wrestle with holding two offices

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in other ways as well. April used to be Golden's regular election month, and this will be Golden's seventh election on April 5, and our first April Council election since World War II in 1945. This will be the first Council special election in which women will be allowed to vote, much less run for office, as Golden's previous special elections took place before Colorado women gained the right to vote in 1893. Golden's known special election records will be shattered, but if a candidate gets 700 votes, they can safely lay claim to the unknown Gold Rush record as well, when all Councilors were elected at-large in the City of around 700 people. If they get 820 votes, they'll break Councilor Bob Nelson's record for most votes for a Ward Councilor set in 2001.

Councilor Green will be missed

by many, but she should not fret at passing on an historic opportunity to serve in both offices. Councilor Richard Broad, Jr., when elected to the Colorado Senate, wrestled with the same thoughts Green has. The seasoned political veteran, who also had served as a Jeffco commissioner, came to this conclusion in writing to our government on Dec. 2, 1932:

To The Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Golden, Colo.

Gentlemen:

I herewith resign as alderman from the First Ward. This resignation to take effect at once. I have been elected State Senator from the Eighth Senatorial District for the regular term of four years, beginning Dec. 7, 1932. My official connection with your honorable body will expire by limitation next April. As I have repeatedly stated, I would not have

been a candidate for re-election. A careful reading of the Constitution of this State convinces me that it is not entirely in accordance with its spirit that I should attempt to hold both offices. I thank your honorable body for the uniform courtesy with which I have been treated after nearly eight years of continuous service. In thus resigning, I wish to express my desire and intention of aiding you in the conduct of the affairs of this City if occasion seems to demand it. My talents, such as they are, are yours to command. I respectfully ask that my resignation be accepted.

*Yours very truly,
Richard Broad, Jr.*

Rick Gardner is a Golden historian. He operates www.gardnerhistory.com, a Web site devoted entirely to the history of the City of Golden.

What Exactly is a Special Election?

Due to the resignations of Golden City Councilors Gwyn Green and Marcie Miller in January, a special election will take place as required by Golden City Charter because the seats would be vacant more than 180 days. A special municipal election must be called by resolution of Council, or by ordinance. At its Jan. 27 meeting, the Council adopted Resolution No. 1548, calling for a special election April 5, 2005, for councilors in Wards 2 and 4 to serve the remaining term of the vacated seats.

According to the Golden City Charter, after a person is elected, he or she takes the oath of office at the next regular or special meeting of City Council and only then are they officially seated on the Council. The oath of office entails the Councilor-elect to take and file with the City Clerk an affirmation that he or she will support the Constitution of the United States, the Colorado State Constitution, the Golden City Charter and the ordinances of the City, and will faithfully perform the duties of the office.

In order to be nominated and elected as a Golden City Council member, a person must be an elector of Golden, a citizen of the United States for at least five years, and must have resided in the City of Golden for at least one year immediately preceding an election. Furthermore, each Council member elected from a ward or district must also be a resident and elector of that ward or district when nominated or elected.

According to the City Charter, a Council member cannot be a salaried employee of the City of Golden during his or her term of office, nor can a Council member, during his or her term of office, perform personal services for the City for compensation other than that as provided in section 3.5 regarding compensation in the City Charter.

You must be a registered voter to vote in any City elections, including the upcoming April 5 special election. If you are not registered to vote, you must register by March 7. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, you may request one from the

City Clerk's office, but you must do so by April 1. The special election on April 5 is a polling place election with polling places set up at Fire Station No. 4 for Ward 2 and at Golden City Hall for Ward 4. The Councilors elected April 5 will serve until Jan. 12, 2006, because in November 2005 there will be a regular general election for all four wards. Those elected in the November 2005 general election will take office Jan. 12, 2006. All City elections are non-partisan as required by the City Charter.

Voting is an important component of citizenship in a democracy. Moreover, in a small community like Golden, it makes a tremendous difference. It doesn't matter whether you are young or old, rich or poor, male or female, your vote matters – so do the civic thing on April 5 and vote!

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Genevieve Hale is pursuing a master's degree, and is participating in an internship at the City of Golden.



Public Works Recognized for Achievement Utilities Division

The Golden Public Works Department's entire Utilities Division staff was recognized for its outstanding response to six water main breaks during one week in December. The division worked long hours to open a frozen diversion from Clear Creek to the water treatment plant. Long hours were spent working to provide water to the plant while operating pumps both in and out of Clear Creek. Despite long hours and freezing conditions for one very long week, the Utilities Division continued to work diligently and with a great attitude. Our thanks and appreciation goes to the entire Utilities Division: Tad Cogan, Dan Garramone, John Green, John Jones, Mike Johnson, James Martinez, John Powderly and Will Stambaugh.





City of Golden

911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401

2005 Claim Form for 2004 Sales Tax Refund

The sales tax refund is limited to senior, low-income or disabled individuals who have lived within the city limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2004 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person's tax return.

The refund amount for 2004 is \$40. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden.

Please check one box only:

☐ **Senior Refund** (must be 65 years or older)

☐ **Low Income Refund**

Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:

- State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate Form 104PTC
- Proof of Medicaid benefits
- Proof of LEAP eligibility
- Proof of eligibility for food stamps

☐ **Disabled Refund**

Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:

- State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate Form 104PTC
- Proof of full benefits from Social Security Disability Income, SSI or the Department of Human Services
- Proof of total disability from a public or private insurance plan

Please print or type:

Name: Mr(s).

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: Mr(s).

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Golden, CO ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2004? _____ months

Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person's income tax form? ☐yes ☐no

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

This form must be submitted by no later than April 15, 2005.

Refund Donation Option:

You have the option to donate your refund to a City of Golden program or department by checking one of the boxes below:

☐ Golden Volunteer Fire Department ☐ Golden Cemetery ☐ Golden Senior Front Porch

☐ Other City program or department (please identify): _____

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Account #013031-6190 STR Vendor # _____ Received _____ Payable _____



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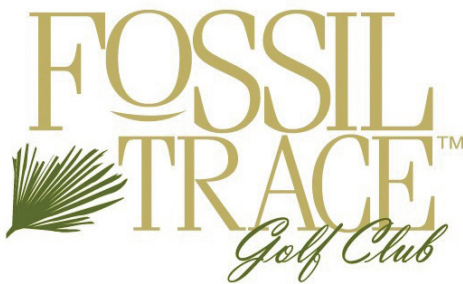
2005 Seasonal Employment Opportunities

The City of Golden is now accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, The Splash at Fossil Trace aquatic park, and Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Check out the opportunities listed here and on our Web site at <http://www.ci.golden.co.us/Employment.asp>.

You can also subscribe at <http://www.ci.golden.co.us/Login.asp> to be notified by e-mail each time a new job is posted.

City of Golden



FOSSIL TRACE GOLF CLUB

Guest Services
Pro Shop Assistants
\$6.50-\$11.25/hr

Maintenance Workers
\$7.50 to \$14.00/hr



MAINTENANCE

Cemetery, Parks, and Forestry
Maintenance Workers
20-40 hours/wk
Start @ \$10.00/hr

RECREATION

Customer Service Representatives
Youth Program Leaders
Day Camp Leaders
Batting Cage Attendants
Field/Gym Supervisors
\$6.50-\$11.25/hr

Fitness Instructors
\$10.50-\$21.90/hr



THE SPLASH AQUATIC PARK

Lifeguards & Swim Instructors
Cashiers
Concession Workers
\$6.50-\$11.25/hr

Food & Beverage Asst Manager
\$10 -\$12/hr

Food & Beverage Manager
Aquatic Park Manager
\$13-\$15/hr

Positions available as early as March! For more information or to apply:

visit www.cityofgolden.net, stop by City Hall at 911 10th St., or call the Jobline at 303-215-8882, Option #6000.

A City of Golden application must be submitted for employment consideration.

VOTED ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO WORK IN THE STATE!

The City of Golden was named among the Top 10 Places to Work in 2004, in the large business category by the Denver Business Journal. This is a dynamic opportunity to join our team!