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# Ward 2 Councilor Chen to Resign

At the end of the Feb. 2 Golden City Council meeting, Ward 2 Councilor Arthur Chen announced that he would resign his seat as soon as a special election could be held to find his replacement.

Chen was first elected in a special election last April to replace Councilor Marcie Miller, who resigned before her term ended to move to Hawaii. Chen was then re-elected to the seat in the November elections.

"I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding with respect to my recent space



*Councilor  
Arthur Chen*

had many employees unclear on their future employment.

"I had very little information to relay beyond that I was on indefinite assignment in California beginning in November. To my relief, I finally have an update regarding my future," Chen said in a follow-up

of absences from City Council meetings," Chen said. He explained that the acquisition and merger of his company with another last year

statement. "On Jan. 27, I accepted an offer from my employer to take a position in California. I regret to say that this will necessitate my resignation from the City Council effective upon my successor being chosen in a special election, or the sale of my residence in Golden, whichever comes first."

City Council is expected to set Tuesday, April 25 as the date for the special election. If you live in Ward 2 and are interested in running for City Council, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 303-384-8014 or 303-384-8015.

## Special Election April 25

A special election will be held April 25, 2006, to replace Councilor Arthur Chen in Ward 2. Below are a list of important deadlines related to the election.

### March 6

First day to pick up and circulate nomination petitions from City Clerk.

### March 24

Last day to file nomination petition with City Clerk.

### March 27

Last day to register to vote for April 25 Special Municipal Election.

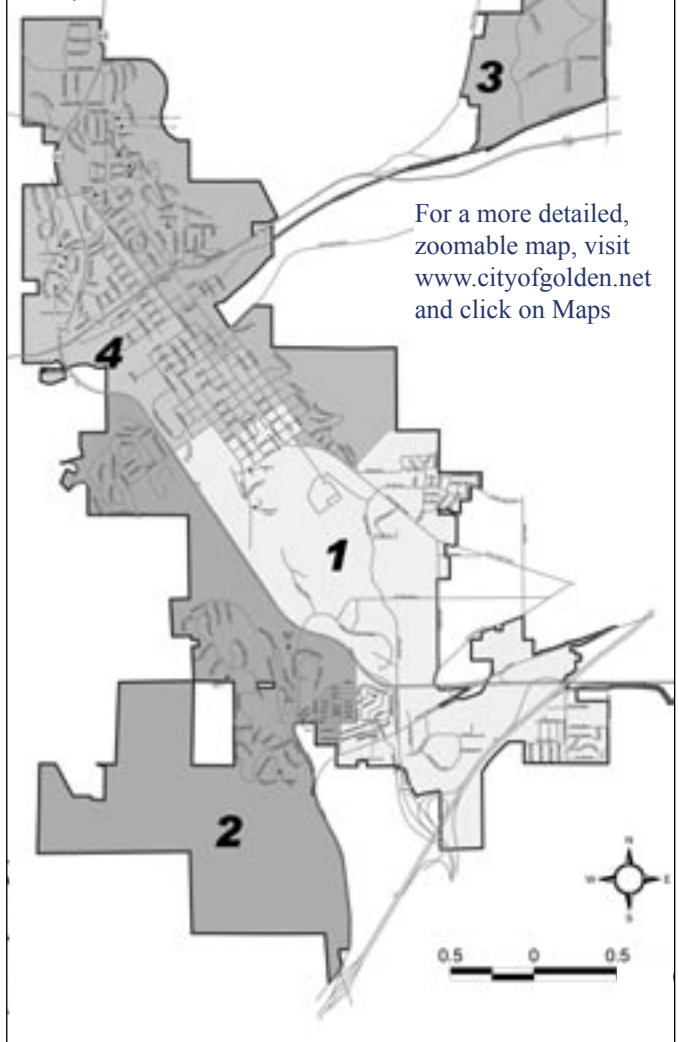
### April 21

Applications for **absentee ballots** may be requested from the City Clerk's Office either verbally or in writing between now and Friday, April 21. Call 303-384-8014 or 303-384-8015. For this election, if you want to vote absentee you must request an application from the Golden City Clerk. Prior requests made to Jefferson County cannot be used for this election.

### April 25

This will be a polling place election and is for Ward 2 only. The polling place for Ward 2 will be Fire Station 4 at 151 Heritage Road in Golden.

### City of Golden Wards Map



For a more detailed, zoomable map, visit [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) and click on Maps

## 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 2**  
**Study Session & rescheduled**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 9**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 6**  
**Study Session**

**Council's upcoming agendas and meeting minutes are available** on-line under the City Council link at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net), or by calling the City Clerk's office at 303-384-8015.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



### *Your Voice Counts Most When You Vote*

*By Mayor Chuck Barock*

**R**egrettably, on Feb. 2, current Ward 2 Councilor Arthur Chen resigned from City Council after learning his company would be transferring him to California. As a result, a special election will be held April 25. This will be the third time in about a year that Ward 2 citizens will elect a candidate to represent them.

In this election, the voters will be required to go to the polling place at Fire Station No. 4 and vote on a paper ballot. Between now and March 24, we encourage people interested in running to come forward and seriously consider their candidacy. We also need for citizens to get out and vote for the best candidate to represent them. In a typical special election, only between 30% and 40% of the registered voters turn out. We'd like to see that improve.

Democracy works best when voters turn out and have choices for candidates they feel good about. The 2005 Citizen Survey shows that 87% of Golden citizens are satisfied with the direction of local government, but you must get out and vote for candidates who you feel will continue that responsible and responsive governing.

While at press time we do not yet know who will throw their names into the hat, we do know that there are a great many dedicated citizens in Ward 2 who would make fine candidates. If you are not sure about the requirements to run for City Council, but you think you might be interested, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 303-384-8014 or the City Manager at 303-384-8010.

I encourage voters in Ward 2 to learn as much about the candidates as possible. Please take the time to ask them about how they would represent you and your interests on City Council. And most importantly, don't forget to cast your vote for the candidate who best represents your ideas and principles.

If you have questions about whether or not you are registered to vote, contact the City Clerk's office at 303-384-8014 or visit [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) and click on Elections.

*C. Barock*

## HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

### *Rooney Road Fields Contract Before Council*

*This regular column in the Golden Informer identifies some of the items of greater community interest that are likely to be scheduled for community discussion in coming weeks. For specific agendas and schedules, visit [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net).*

**C**ity Council will vote at its rescheduled regular meeting March 2 on a contract and intergovernmental agreement the City

negotiated with Jefferson County regarding the Rooney Road Sports Complex operations and maintenance, as well as the contract with the Table Mountain Soccer Association. Both are resolutions, so citizens may comment during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the City Council meeting.



## Council Meetings to be Aired on Ch. 8 and Web

**B**eginning April 6, City Council will embark on a new communications strategy, reaching out to Golden citizens by making City Council meetings available on Comcast cable Channel 8, the City's Web site ([www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net)) and at the Golden Public Library.

City Council indicated interest in reviewing options for a **trial period** in which to record and publicize City Council's regular meetings.

By conducting a test for a trial period on a contract basis, the City can determine the relative value of the service to the community without spending large amounts of money on installation of a permanent system.

Of the range of options presented for discussion, City Council decided to contract with a company called CEAVCO Audio Visual (which also works closely with Ch. 8 in Lakewood, Aurora and Brighton) to provide a video engineer with two joystick-controlled cameras and a live content producer. This equipment will enable the City to cablecast Council meetings on Ch.

8 **live**, as well as be left with a tape to schedule to run on Ch. 8 at later times and to stream on the City's web site. This system allows for multiple camera angles, including wide-shots as well as zooming in to a particular speaker, the City Manager, City Attorney, City staff making presentations, members of the public commenting from the podium and the audience.

In addition to being cablecast on Ch. 8, Council also determined that a VHS and DVD should be made available for check out at the Golden Public Library, 1019 10th St.

The City will also contract with Broadband Video to provide video streaming of the Council meetings online. This system automatically chooses the appropriate bandwidth to stream for that particular viewer so that there are fewer "delays" and other viewing problems during playback.

A benefit to Webcasting Council meetings is that Golden is a much more Internet-connected than cable-connected community. According to an August 2001 survey, while

### WHEN TO WATCH

Council's regular meetings and study sessions will air **LIVE on Comcast Cable Channel 8** beginning April 6 (*see full Council schedule on Page 4*).

Meetings will be rebroadcast on Ch. 8 at various times to be announced in April.

**Web casts will be available at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net)** the Saturday after the Council meetings.

less than half of the homes in the City have Comcast cable, 87% had Internet access at home and 40% had high-speed broadband at home. Because of general Internet-industry growth, it is likely that number has increased since 2001.

This three-month trial program will cost less than \$17,000. City staff is developing criteria by which to measure the success of the program to help Council determine whether to continue the program after the trial run is complete. If you have thoughts about the program you would like to share with City Council, email them at [citycouncil@ci.golden.co.us](mailto:citycouncil@ci.golden.co.us) or call 303-384-8132.

# The 2005 Citizen Survey Results Are In:

The citizens of Golden have spoken, and they're satisfied with their City government.

The City of Golden contracted with Customer Connections & Innovations, Inc. (CCI), to conduct a survey to obtain citizen input on the City of Golden and City government. The survey gave Golden citizens the opportunity to provide input to the City on what is working well, what is not and to communicate priorities for community planning and resource allocation.

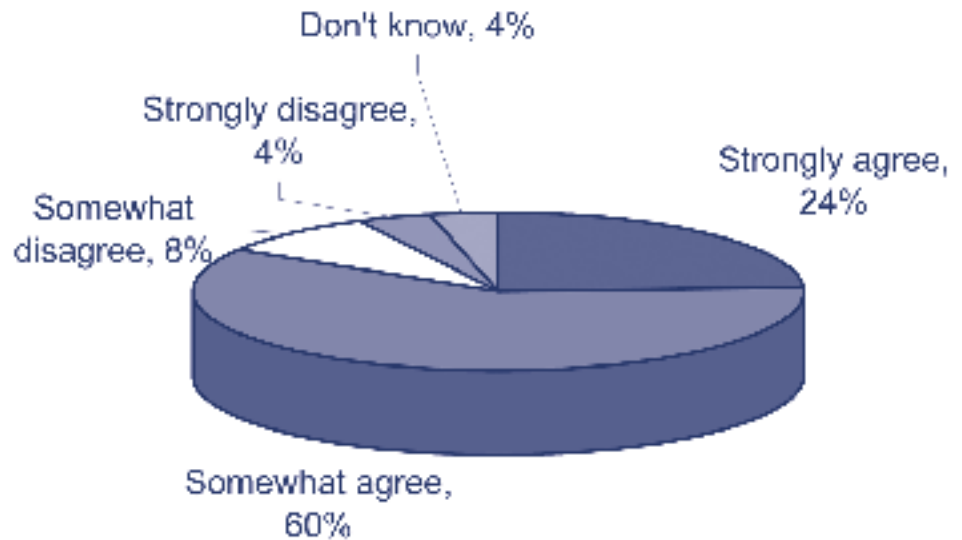
The last Citizen Survey was conducted in May 2004. This most recent survey was conducted in late November and early December 2005. A representative sample of 380 Golden citizens were called, yielding a +/- 5 confidence interval.

**The full 2005 Citizen Survey is available to the public online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) or by calling 303-384-8132.** The major highlights of the survey are addressed in the "Key Findings" section at the beginning.

Among those highlights, the survey indicates that City Council has overwhelming support in the community for its direction. A full 84% of Golden citizens somewhat or strongly agree with the overall direction the City is taking. This represents an 8% increase from the last survey.

City Council also has support from the community on the City's biggest issues. More than half of the respondents said the City is devoting about the right amount of effort to acquiring more open space, historic preservation, opposing the northwest corridor, opposing

## I am pleased with the overall direction the City is taking:



the supertower, and rejuvenating/promoting downtown Golden. In fact, 71% of respondents felt the City is devoting the right amount of effort to historic preservation and rejuvenating/promoting downtown. These improvements represented statistically significant increases in the areas the City asked about in the last survey.

Almost half of those surveyed have had contact with a City of Golden employee in the past year, and more than 65% said their contacts with employees were excellent or very good. Once again, overall satisfaction with City employees improved significantly from the last survey.

Of those surveyed, 72% of Golden residents were aware of the City's 1% residential growth limit, and 63% believe it is adequate growth control.

And finally, the survey showed

that City staff has been responsive to the direction of City Council, achieving positive improvements in code enforcement and communications.

Council directed staff to step up code enforcement in a number of areas. Compared to the last survey, significantly more citizens felt that the City is doing about the right amount of code enforcement now. Far fewer citizens believed the City was too lenient.

Council also directed staff to improve communications with the public. Since the last survey, the City's monthly newsletter, *The Golden Informer*, has become the most often used information source to obtain information about Golden, tied with word of mouth. More than 60% said they use *The Informer* often. This was a statistically significant increase in readership since the last survey.

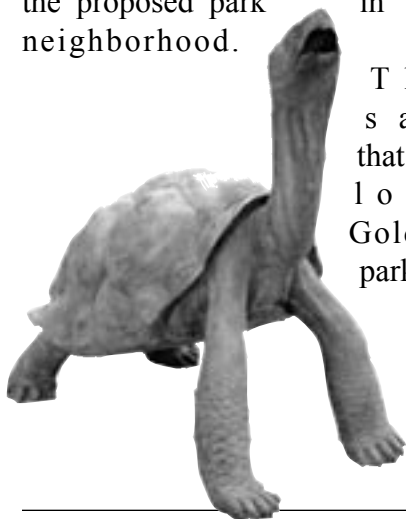




# Help Us **NAME THE PARK**

In January 2004, as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board took public comment on the creation of a new park at 23rd and Illinois streets, they were approached by several children from the area.

Andrew Townsend, 6, Weston Burcar, 9, and Ciera Dolechek, 11, had researched a number of parks throughout the metro area. They had put together a design board full of photos of creative things they wanted to see done in the proposed park in their neighborhood.



They said that they loved Golden's parks, but

thought it would be fun to do something truly unique.

They said they liked having rocks to climb on and boulders to sit on and places to play pretend and to use their imaginations.

The Parks board listened intently and then invited the children back to review the landscape architect's proposal.

Thus, the park on 23rd and Illinois streets was born from the imagination of three neighborhood children.

The park has since been built and includes a climbing wall, a giant bronze tortoise, a dinosaur structure, an excavating pit and a grass labyrinth.

Now, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has decided to hold a contest to name this distinctive park. People of all ages are invited



to enter the naming contest. Simply visit the park, think up an appropriate name and submit it with your name and phone number by April 12 to:

Golden  
Community  
Center

1470 10th St.

Golden, CO 80401

or [kluchetta@ci.golden.co.us](mailto:kluchetta@ci.golden.co.us).

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will review the submissions and chose one winning name.

The person who submits the winning name will win a party package at The Splash aquatics park, plus their name and the winning park name will be announced in *The Golden Informer*.

If you have questions about the contest, please call Kim Luchetta at 303-384-8127.

## WHOOPING COUGH VACCINE AVAILABLE

The Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment announced that there were 330 persons reported with pertussis (commonly called Whooping Cough) in Jefferson County in 2005. This compares with 163 confirmed cases in 2004.

Pertussis is a bacterial respiratory disease, most notable for the persistent, often severe, and long-lasting cough in those infected.

Until recently, there was no pertussis vaccine available for anyone over the age of six. However, two new booster vaccines have been licensed. The pertussis booster is administered as a combination vaccine called Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis). The new Tdap vaccines are recommended to replace the tetanus diphtheria (Td) vaccine and are especially recommended for adolescents and for adults who have close contact with infants.

For more information, or to report cases, call JCDHE at 303-232-6301 or visit <http://health.jeffco.us>.

## *Big Tree Cottonwoods Removed, Cabin Saved*

On Jan. 27, Mayor Chuck Baroch wrote a letter to neighbors of the former Big Tree Mobile Home Park informing them that, sadly, many of the trees in the City's right-of-way were unable to be saved.

When Big Tree's owners made the decision to replace the manufactured homes that had been on the site (west of Jackson Street between 22nd and 23rd streets) for decades with new townhomes, the City Council heard many concerns from neighbors. Many citizens and preservation groups were very concerned about the potential loss of a historic stone cabin, as well as the large, old trees on the property.

In response to those concerns, the City Council insisted that the stone cabin be saved and preserved at the cost of the developer and took steps to ensure that as many of the trees would remain as possible.

The City's Forestry Division assessed the trees on the property in consultation with an independent tree care professional. Unfortunately, the City's attempts to preserve many of the large cottonwood trees on the property were not feasible due to the extremely poor condition of the trees. Upon his initial review of many of the trees, the Forester determined that many of the trees would not survive much longer, especially once construction was underway, which would likely damage their root systems.

Strong winds in the Golden area in December revealed further deterioration than was initially thought to exist, as many of the trees' limbs were broken off. A large spruce on 23rd Street the City Forester had hoped to save was blown down during the December storm.

Even with heavy dead branch removal, the trees had high probability of trunk failure, making them a danger to the public. These trees were located along a sidewalk used by many students on their way to Golden High School, as well as on

a busy street.

Therefore, the City permitted the developer to remove the three cottonwood trees in the City right-of-way along 22nd Street in conjunction with the removal of four other previously-identified cottonwoods in the right-of-way along Jackson Street that were heavily compromised and also not likely to survive. The developer paid for the removal of the trees, which likely would have died and had to be removed after construction at a cost of nearly \$20,000 to the City had they been left on site.

One large cottonwood remains on 23rd Street and is expected to survive.

While the City of Golden regrets the necessary removal of these old trees, the City is committed to having the trees along the right-of-way replaced.

One of the benefits of being such an old City is that Golden has many beautiful old trees. Unfortunately, trees have a lifespan and ultimately die just like all living things. Cottonwoods, like those removed at Big Tree, typically live to be about 100 years old in city environments like ours. The trees removed were believed to be 130 years old, and had far outlasted their expected lifespan.

While the City Forester estimates we lose about two dozen old trees per year from public property, over the past four years, the City has planted an average of 155 trees per year along streets, in parks and other public lands.

"We are planting many more trees than we are losing," said City Forester Dave High. He said that the City's continual support for community tree care is a sign of how much we value our trees. He said he thinks people are becoming more and more aware of the great value of trees to a community.

If you have further questions about the removal of trees at Big Tree, please call 303-384-8095.



# 2006 Endangered Sites Announced

In order to bring attention to special places not currently protected by historic designation, the Golden Historic Preservation Board (HPB) annually identifies our city's most endangered landmarks and landscapes. The Endangered Sites List brings awareness and attention to Golden's historic treasures, and educates the community on the value of historic preservation.

Individuals and organizations nominate sites to give a site breathing room while seeking funds or other assistance in preservation, and to prompt public conversation about saving historic places. The four sites selected in 2006 reflect the exceptional role that local parks and water conveyance have played in the history of Golden.

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

## **HERITAGE SQUARE THEME PARK**

Heritage Square, formerly known as "Magic Mountain," was the second theme park created in the United States. It was built between 1957 and 1959 by Marco Engineering, Inc., and attempted to copy the successes of Disneyland. Magic Mountain operated as a popular regional amusement park for several years until the park went into bankruptcy. The park was

reopened as Heritage Square in 1971, featuring a variety of amusement park rides and small businesses for shopping. Now, Heritage Square's future is uncertain and the ornate theme-park style building facades are in need of maintenance in order to prevent significant deterioration.

## **BRICKYARD MANAGER'S HOUSE**

The Brickyard Manager's House was built in 1890 for Golden Pressed & Fire Brick Co. Manager William Gay. The house was built with the company's bricks in a unique architectural design. Golden Pressed & Fire Brick Co.'s bricks were featured in many new homes, businesses and industrial facilities in the Front Range. The Brickyard Manager's House is in need of considerable structural repair and continues to deteriorate over time. The City of Golden intends to purchase the property and a request-for-proposal soliciting ownership of the building will be issued this year.

## **LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PARK**

Starting in 1889, portions of the current Lookout Mountain Park area were developed into a resort, various campgrounds, picnic grounds and park areas. Auto tourists and health-seekers enjoyed the mountain air in the park as an escape from the cities of the metro area. Lookout Mountain Park was acquired by Denver Mountain Parks in 1917 and is now recognized as a part of the Lariat Loop Heritage Area. A 65-acre parcel of land owned by the Lake Cedar Group remains as one of the last undeveloped pieces of the historic park. That parcel is now under the threat of development.



*Heritage Square*

## **WOODEN FLUME AND WELCH DITCH AT CLEAR CREEK CANYON**

The Welch Ditch was built by the Vasquez Flume and Ditch Co. for agricultural water diverted from Clear Creek. The ditch irrigated approximately 4,000 acres of land in central Jefferson County. In 1874, Edward Berthoud and W.A.H. Loveland purchased shares in the ditch and rebuilt it as a portion of the Agricultural Ditch System, extending it to the northern slopes of South Table Mountain. The wooden flume and other ditch structures (valves and gates) perched high on the north-facing hillside at the mouth of Clear Creek Canyon are examples of early water conveyance structures. Around the turn of the last century, hollowed-out wooden logs supported by metal bracing were often used to move water along steep hillsides from natural waterways into ditches. The wooden flume and Welch Ditch structures at the mouth of Clear Creek Canyon are always in danger of deterioration due to the steep slope of the hillside. Additionally, plans to build a nearby recreational trail further threaten the existence of the ditch structures.

# GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MARCH 11

### *Tea Time and the Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder*

Enjoy tea time at the Astor House museum as you learn about the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder. She was born in a little log house in Wisconsin in 1867, the same year the Astor House was opened for business. This presentation is great for kids and adults alike. Tea time includes a 1-hour performance, fine specialty teas, either lunch or desserts, and a self-guided tour of the museum. The lunch is a full meal at 11:30 a.m. and costs \$22 for members or \$25 for non-members. Desserts is a lighter treat at 3 p.m. and costs \$13 for members or \$15 for non-members. Paid reservations are required. Call 303-278-3557. The Astor House museum is located at 822 12th St.

## THROUGH MARCH 12

***Kent Ullberg: Retrospective***  
***Ron Kingswood: Perspective***  
Sponsored by First National Bank, Foothills Art Center hosts a blockbuster exhibition of works by two international artists, each interpreting our natural world in distinct ways. Swedish native Kent Ullberg, widely recognized as one of the world's leading wildlife sculptors, offers a retrospective of 48 sculptures in bronze and stainless steel. Canadian painter Ron Kingswood's large-scale canvasses emphasize habitat, with the animals tucked away in their environment, as we so often see them in the wild. Together, both artists create a magnificent visual celebration of nature. **For more information, visit** [www.foothillsartcenter.org](http://www.foothillsartcenter.org). Foothills Art Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 seniors, free for students and members.

## MARCH 16

### *State of the City presentation and Chamber membership luncheon*

The Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon will feature Golden City Manager Mike Bestor giving the State of the City presentation from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fossil Trace Golf Club. The presentation will include a recap of 2005 revenues and expenditures, 2006 revenue projections, capitol improvement projects and economic development updates. Cost is \$20 for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members. Payment is due when reservation are made. Call 303-279-3113.

## MARCH 26

### *Jefferson Symphony Orchestra spring concert*

The program for the concert includes Tangazo, Variations on Buenos Aires by Astor Piazzolla; Symphony No. 3 in F Major, Op 90 by Johannes Brahms; concerto for clarinet and orchestra by Aaron Copland played by Young Artist Winner Alexey Gorokholinskiy, a junior at the Julliard School in New York. A clarinetist, he plays both chamber music and orchestral music. All concerts are held at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center. Concerts start at 7 p.m. Call 303-278-4237 for tickets and information.

## MARCH 28

### *Tuesday Night Book Group*

The Golden Library book group will discuss "Magic Street" by Orson Scott Card. Join us for lively conversation and light refreshments at 7 p.m. at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Call 303-279-4585 for more information.

## APRIL 22

### *Dance Around the World*

The Children's Choir of Golden, directed by Allison Olsson, and the Westside Flyers Violin Ensemble, directed by Laura Barnette, will present "Dance Around the World" at 7 p.m. in Calvary Church's Great Hall, at the corner of 14th and Arapahoe streets. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 to 11, and free for children under age 6. For more information, call 303-279-2932 or visit [www.goldencommunitychoirs.org](http://www.goldencommunitychoirs.org).

## ONGOING

### *Homework Help*

Students from the Colorado School of Mines are available to assist children and teens with homework in the Children's Room of the Golden Library every Tuesday and Thursday in February from 3 to 5 p.m. No appointment necessary — just drop in with the assignment for which you need help.

**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](mailto: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.

# Main Street 101 Training March 21-23

The Golden Urban Renewal Authority is proudly sponsoring this year's Colorado Community Revitalization Association Main Street 101 Training conference March 21 through 23 at the Golden Hotel.

With it's focus on economic development within the context of historic preservation, the Main Street Approach has proven to be one of the most powerful downtown revitalization tools available. Developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the late 1970s and early 1980s, the Main Street Approach has been utilized in 44 states and more than 1,600 communities nationwide.

The Colorado Main Street program, administered by the Colorado Community Revitalization Association, was established in 2001 with funding assistance from the Colorado Historical Society's State Historical Fund.

## WHY ATTEND MAIN STREET 101?

CCRA's sixth annual Main Street 101 is an in-depth training on the four points of the Main Street Approach: design, economic restructuring, organization and promotion. Main Street 101 is the basic training ground for new Colorado Main

Street towns, staff and volunteers. **It is open to any community or individual** interested in learning about the Main Street Approach.

## PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Gain inside information about the Main Street Approach from local, state and national experts;
- Train staff and volunteers in successful downtown revitalization methods;
- Network with community leaders from throughout Colorado and other states;
- Take part in small group discussion, hand-on learning opportunities and a walking tour of Golden.

## HOW TO REGISTER

The cost for the three day conference includes lunch on March 23 and an evening reception March 22. CCRA members pay \$185 and non-members pay \$215.

To register for the conference, you must complete a registration form and submit it with your payment to CCRA. For more information about the program, or to register, call CCRA at 303-282-0625 or visit [www.ccraonline.org](http://www.ccraonline.org) or [www.mainstreet.org](http://www.mainstreet.org).



## SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AVAILABLE

Because of downtown Golden's importance, the Golden City Manager's Office will sponsor two scholarships for Golden residents 16 years and older to attend the conference.

To apply for a scholarship, you must act quickly. Send a letter to Scholarship Opportunity, c/o City Manager's Office, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, stating in 400 words or less why you want to attend this conference and how your attendance will benefit Golden.

The deadline is Friday, March 10. If you have questions, call Communications Manager Sabrina Henderson at 303-384-8132.





# CODE CORNER

Did you know that in 7 years, one female cat and her offspring can produce over 420,000 kittens? One female dog and her offspring can produce over 67,000 dogs in 6 years.

For this reason the Golden Police Department Code Enforcement Officers would like to remind pet owners of the importance of getting your pets spayed or neutered if you do not intend to breed them. Although 90,000 animals were adopted last year in Colorado, over 43,000 animals were euthanized due to the lack of adopting families.

Colorado taxpayers can donate a portion of their tax return to the Pet Overpopulation Fund. The fund was created to assist with subsidizing the costs associated with spay/neuter procedures and to provide educational information about the dangers of uncontrolled animal breeding.

For more information on the Pet Overpopulation Fund or to find local resources for spay/neutering procedures, visit [www.SaveColoradoPets.org](http://www.SaveColoradoPets.org).

## YOUTH INVOLVEMENT



### *Applications Being Taken for Youth Citizens Academy*

The Golden Police Department is now accepting applications for the 2006 Youth Citizens Academy, which will run from June 12 to 16.

The Academy is designed to allow youth between the ages of 13 and 15 an opportunity to receive an inside view of the many potential aspects involving a career in law enforcement. Academy participants 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 all five days of classes and actively participate. Certificates will be awarded during a graduation ceremony Friday, June 24. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the graduation ceremony.

#### **APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:**

- 13- to 17-years-old
- Pass a criminal background check
- 500 to 700 word essay explaining why they would like to attend and how they 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

Application packets will be available at the Golden Police Department Dispatch Center, local school offices and online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) by clicking on Departments, and then Police Department.

**The application deadline is May 8.** For additional information, call Officer Ryan Custer at 303-384-8193, or contact your local School Resource Officer.

# Police, Citizens Honored at Awards Banquet

Police employees and citizens alike were recognized and honored for their contributions to law enforcement during 2005 at the Golden Police Department's third annual awards banquet Feb. 2.

Communications Supervisor Kimberly Culp was awarded as the Department's 2005 Employee of the Year. A newly developed Leadership Excellence award was presented to Sgt. Dave Farley for his active role in mentoring officers into supervisory roles.

Distinguished Citizen Awards were presented to Matthew Brochin, a 13 year-old who saved his friend's life, and to Valerie Skorka, who saved a 7-month-old baby locked inside a hot car.

Citizen Commendations were presented to Lorna Crawford for her continued support of the police department and the community. Dan Shea, who has been a volunteer with the department for over 13 years, was also recognized for his commitment and dedication to the department.

Other awards presented at the ceremony included:



## **CHIEF'S COMMENDATION:**

Officer Matt Cole  
Officer Al Joyce  
Evidence Technician Amanda Montano  
Officer Glenn Moore  
Officer Rick Pearson  
Dispatcher Carrie Schmidt  
Officer Mike Welch  
Senior Team Leader Bob Wilson

## **LIFE SAVING:**

Officer Gary Bristow  
Dispatcher Chris Cain  
Dispatcher Jamie Hendershot  
Officer Al Joyce  
Officer Denise Mehnert

Reserve Officer James Mershon  
Officer Phil Morgan

## **PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:**

Dispatcher Kathy Cline  
Officer Matt Cole  
Officer Dave Galbraith  
Detective Guy Garner  
Records Supervisor Rachael Hudson  
Administrative Assistant Jodie Marquez  
Code Enforcement Officer Jamie Segal

## **COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING AWARD:**

Officer Marcus Williams

## **CHIEF'S STAR:**

Dispatcher Tara Adlfinger  
Detective Doug Allen  
Dispatcher Chris Cain  
Officer Chelsea Dame  
Officer Gino Depalma  
Officer Britt Dinsmore  
Sgt. Dave Farley  
Officer Eric Jones (two awards)  
Officer Jeff Hesalroad  
Volunteer Coordinator Jan Martynuska  
Officer Denise Mehnert



# Fire Department Celebrates Service

The Golden Fire Department held its annual awards banquet Jan. 14 at Fossil Trace Golf Club. Fire Department Chaplain Kevin Kirby emceed the event, while Mayor Chuck Baroch, City Manager Mike Bestor and Fire Chief John Bales presented awards to various firefighters and others in attendance.

Appreciation Awards were presented to Tina Edwards, Stephanie Day and Leslie Lutz who planned, organized and managed a Children's Christmas party sponsored by the Golden Fire Department.

An Appreciation Award was presented to Communications Supervisor Kimberly Culp for her work in managing the 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center for the City of Golden.

Another Appreciation Award was presented to Fire Chaplain Kevin Kirby for his role as Fire Department Chaplain and all of the leadership and guidance he has provided to the members of the Golden Fire Department.

The Safety Award was presented to Division Chief Kevin Milan for his leadership in ensuring safety programs within the City and the Fire Department are second-to-none and for his leadership on the City of Golden's Employee Safety Committee.

A State of Colorado Association Presidential Award went to Division Chief Jerry Stricker for completion of two and a half terms as President of the Fire Marshals Association of Colorado for the last 5 years.

Units Citations were presented to the following:



Captain Tom Young and Media Assistant Anna Trzeciak for their design and production of the internal department newsletter "Smoke Signals," which won and Award of Merit for the City and County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) in August 2005; Division Kevin Milan, Firefighters Craig Weimer, Joe Gross and Dan Sekavec for their exemplary performance in the search and recovery of a child in the Platte River in Weld County as part of Golden's dynamic swift water rescue team; and Captain Joe Nelson, Firefighters Bobby Maillot and Joe Gross for their life-saving efforts and care of an elderly victim in respiratory arrest.

The Federal Disaster Service Award was presented to Firefighters Alex Dorgan-Ross, Kimberly Canarecci, Jeremy Nichols and Tucker Smith for their performance and service as part of FEMA's Task Force 83 during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

The Award of Merit was presented to Asst. Chief Kevin Ferry and Administrative Technician Debbie

Testroet for their work in the enhancement of the Department's incident reporting system and placing it in compliance with all national standards.

A special award was presented to retired Firefighter Jim Hinkle. "The Fire Chiefs Recognition of Service Award" was presented for over 30 years of dedicated service to the department during his tenure as a firefighter and for service after his retirement. A video tribute to his career was played for all in attendance.

The Award of Honor was presented to Firefighter Aaron Giesick for his outstanding work in the area of equipment and apparatus coordination.

The Recruit of the Year was Firefighter Alex Dorgan-Ross.

The Jack Harvey Award was presented to Firefighter Matt Finley for all his volunteer efforts, not only with Golden Fire but his participation in other civic groups in the area as well.

The Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to Captain Gerard Lutz.



# Annual Tree & Shrub Sale Begins

The Golden Parks and Recreation Department's annual Tree and Shrub Sale provides citizens with an inexpensive and convenient way to purchase small trees and shrubs for their yards.

The City provides a diverse mix of both deciduous and coniferous trees and flowering shrubs well-adapted to our climate. Deciduous trees are 1.25-inches in 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 \$65 to \$115 and shrubs cost from \$10.75 to \$19.75.

Plants may be purchased from **March 1 through April 7**. Orders must be paid for in advance. Place your order by filling out a tree order form (available at the Golden Community Center or online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net)) or by calling 303-384-8127.

Get a complete listing of plants and prices at the Golden Community Center front desk or online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://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.

Trees and shrubs will be available for pick up the week of April 24.

## SOME OF THE SPECIES OFFERED:

### Trees

- Burr Oak
- Imperial Honeylocust
- Patmore Ash
- Chanticlear Pear
- Spring Snow Crabapple
- Radiant Crabapple
- Autumn Blaze Maple
- Cockspur Thornless Hawthorne
- Colorado Spruce
- Pinon Pine
- Austrian Pine

### Shrubs

- Alleghany Viburnum
- Blue Muffin Viburnum
- Apache Plume
- Common Purple Lilac
- Miss Ellen Wilmott Lilac
- Cheyenne Privet
- Gold Drop Potentilla
- Pawnee Buttes Sand Cherry
- Purple Leaf Sand Cherry
- Three-leaf Sumac
- Froebel Spirea
- Blue Mist Spirea
- Regent Serviceberry
- Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush
- Chicago Fire Burning Bush
- Dwarf Burning Bush
- Cheyenne Mock Orange
- Canada Red Chokecherry
- Boulder Raspberry
- Knock-Out Rose, Red
- Knock-Out Rose, Pink
- Meidiland Bonica Rose, Pink
- Woods Rose
- Purple Flowering Raspberry
- Monge Lilac
- Saugeana Chinese Lilac
- Mohican Wayfaring Viburnum
- Pixwell Gooseberry
- Gambel Oak
- Anabelle Hydrangea
- Red-Twig Dogwood
- Autumn Magic Chokeberry
- Flame Maple

• = drought tolerant



## NATIVE GRASS SEED MIX FOR SALE

The Jefferson Conservation District is offering native grass seed mix for sale at discounted prices.

Flatlander Mix for altitudes of 5,000 to 6,000 feet is available in a 5-species mix by calling 720-544-2870. The mix includes 30% blue grama, 15% buffalograss, 15% sandberg bluegrass, 15% sideoats grama, and 25% western wheatgrass.

This special mix is a drought tolerant, native mix that creates a natural look and provides general revegetation. The mix relies on normal precipitation, but temporary irrigation until it is established can speed up growth. If mowing is thought to be necessary, it should not be done more than three times a year. More frequent mowing is similar to overgrazing. The seed mix can be planted as long as the ground is not frozen.

For altitudes between 6,000 and 10,000 feet, Foothills mix is also available. Please call Jefferson Conservation District at 720-544-2870 or visit [www.jeffersonscd.org](http://www.jeffersonscd.org).



# Golden Community Center

## *activities calendar*



### PLAY BALL!

Spring softball is getting underway in Golden and we are anxiously anticipating the arrival of summer.

Once again, we have a full slate of softball leagues for everyone. No matter what level of competition you are looking for or what night of the week you want to play, we have something for everyone.

Don't have a team? Contact us, we'll help you find one!

Look for our summer softball brochure in your mailbox, at the Golden Community Center and at some of your favorite local businesses.

All of our program information can also be found on our website at [www.cityofgolden.net/park-sandrec](http://www.cityofgolden.net/park-sandrec).

For more information, or to be added to our mailing list, please call Becky at 303-384-8194.

### *What's New at the Community Center?*

#### **RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING**

For the swimmer in the family, Red Cross Lifeguard Training registration is open. To receive certification, students must complete required reading, actively participate in all classes, correctly demonstrate all the skills, perform the final three skill scenarios satisfactorily and pass the final written exam with a minimum of 80% correct in each of the four sections of the test.

Lifeguard and First Aid training are valid for three years. CPR for the professional rescuer is valid for one year. All certifications can be renewed later in shorter "challenge" or review classes. *Please note:* This class requires passing a pre-test class prior to registration. Please visit [www.goldenrec.com](http://www.goldenrec.com), call 303-384-8100 or stop by the Golden Community Center to register for the pre-test.

Fee: \$150

#### **RIGHT SIZING WORKSHOP: A HOME ORGANIZATION SERIES FOR PROACTIVE ADULTS**

Be prepared for the future, don't let crisis dictate what happens to you and your belongings. "What will I do with my valued possessions? Do I have systems in place so people know what my wishes are? Where and how do I begin the sorting process?" These questions and more will be answered in this important workshop series. In four sessions, we guarantee to motivate you to start the process of downsizing. Let us help you move in the right direction. Space is limited to the first 20 proactive seniors. As a bonus,

workshop participants may bring one friend or one family member as a guest at no extra charge.

10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesdays, March 7 or 14, or Fridays, March 10 or 17.

Fee: \$90

#### **SENIOR TRIP AND TOURS**

##### **The Phantom of the Music Hall**

Join in frivolous family fun with the famous musical phantom of London's catacombs. The Phantom of the Music Hall is an encore production of one of Heritage Square Music Hall's most popular comedies ever. Fee includes dinner, tip, show ticket, transportation and escort. The show begins at 7p.m. Limit 10.

5:30 p.m. to late in the evening, Thursday, Feb. 23.

Fee: \$34

##### **Measure for Measure**

The Denver Center for Performing Arts' Web site reads: "Wickedly comic, unbearable raw and strangely tender, Measure for Measure is one of Shakespeare's most unpredictable and least classifiable dramas. Vienna is a hotbed of lechery and something has to be done. Duke Vincentio entrust the puritanical Angelo to do the job-closing down brothels, imprisoning pimps and arresting unwed parents but ultimately getting caught up in his own erotic dream." Fee includes ticket, transportation and escort. Limit 10.

5:15 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Fee: \$48

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

# IT'S CAMP TIME IN GOLDEN

**P**ack a sack lunch and send the kids to camp at the Golden Community Center this spring break and summer! Camp activities include arts and crafts, gym time, cooking, weekly field trips, swimming, hiking, climbing and more.

The Community Center's state-licensed camp program takes pride in the unique amenities available to campers — such as a climbing wall, indoor pool, hiking trails, weekly field trips, themed days and special guests — all at a competitive rate for the surrounding area.

**Coconut Camp** is held during **spring break** from March 20 through March 24. **Registration is open now.** So hurry in to catch those last few spots, as Coconut Camp fills up fast. Rates are \$28 per day for residents of Golden and \$33 per day for non-residents.

Along with the camp activities above, **Summer Adventure Day Camp**



participants will enjoy sun time at The Splash at Fossil Trace. The Splash is a slide-filled water park located on Illinois Street next to the Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. The Splash offers two twisty water slides, a sand box, lap pool, bustling activity pool complete with fountains, wading areas and a 500-gallon dump bucket.

City of Golden residents get the first opportunity to complete **registration** at the Community Center for Summer Adventure Camp from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15**, through a lottery system. Non-residents can register for remaining slots beginning at 8 a.m. March 16. Summer camp rates are \$28 daily or \$125 weekly for residents, and \$33 daily or \$135 weekly for non-residents. All camps are for children ages 6- to 12-years-old. Camp registrations are not currently being taken online.

The Golden Community Center also offers Camp Snowball, which is typically held during the Jefferson County holiday break the last week in December and the first week of the New Year.

For more information on the Community Center's camp programs, visit [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) or contact Tracy Hagelund at 303-384-8124.



## OTHER CAMPS IN GOLDEN

### THIS SUMMER

**T**he city of Golden is full of fun and educational camps for kids throughout the summer months. Here is a sampling:

#### **Clear Creek History Park**

##### ***Hands-On History Summer Sessions***

Seven session between June 12 and Aug. 4, daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ages 6-10

\$135 for members, \$165 for non-members  
11th and Arapahoe streets  
Call 303-278-3557

#### **Foothills Art Center**

##### ***Summer Art Camp***

Every full week in June from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays; and July 5 - 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays  
\$90 for members, \$100 for non-members per session  
809 15th St.  
Call 303-279-3922

#### **Golden Independent School**

##### ***Summer Adventure Camp***

June 19 - Aug. 4  
Ages 6-11 (some exceptions, please ask)  
1280 Golden Circle  
Call 303-279-3708



## PHONE BOOK RECYCLING AT THE SPLASH

Because of expanded recycling programs now available, the City of Golden will not have a separate phone book recycling location this year. Instead, citizens are encouraged to recycle your phone books at the Recycle America Alliance dumpsters located at The Splash water park parking lot and the Golden Transcript.

## Extraordinary Service Professional

Each quarter, the City of Golden recognizes an employee who goes the extra mile in their job. These Extraordinary Service Professionals are nominated by their coworkers and must meet several specific criteria.

The fourth quarter 2005 ESP Award recipient is Golden Fire Department Media Services Assistant Anna Trzeciak.

While there are many employees who go above and beyond their regular duties, Anna is a shining example of just how much a person can give to their work.

Anna is the personal assistant for Media Services Capt. Tom Young, who was injured while on a call for the Fire Department over 10 years ago that left him as a high-level quadriplegic.

Anna's typical work day includes activities that enable Tom to continue working in the Fire administration offices and other locations, while maintaining the highest possible quality of life.

In addition to assisting Tom, Anna's basic duties include operation of Golden's government access cable Channel 8, multimedia presentations and video activities. For example, Anna was responsible for filming the fire at the Old Capitol Grill



**ANNA TRZECIAK**  
*Media Services  
Assistant*

building. It was later used by the department for training purposes.

Last fall, Anna was also instrumental in the video and live presentation of the All-America

City presentation the Golden contingent gave in Atlanta. During this period, she performed admirably while maintaining her assistance to Tom.

As part of the Life and Fire Safety Public Education Team, Anna assists with public school and day-care centers presentations, and can often be seen playing the role of Sparky the clown at various events.

"It takes a person of special commitment and dedication to the department to do the career she has chosen," said Fire Chief John Bales in his nomination of Anna on behalf of the entire Fire Department. "I feel very few people could accomplish what she does in a typical day."

"Her daily routine is commendable and I seriously doubt that very many people could keep up with the pace she maintains," said Bales.

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### *Chamber Awards Presented: GURA Among Recipients*

Each year, the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce presents three prestigious awards at its annual business luncheon in late January.

This year, the Chamber's Civic Award was presented to the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA). This award is given to an organization or individual that has contributed greatly to the quality of life in Golden.

Golden has had an Urban Renewal Authority since 1989, when 20% of downtown business space was vacant. By 1992, 35% of Washington Avenue

business space was vacant. Since then, there have been 25 projects to revitalize property in the renewal area, representing more than \$50 million in private and public investment. GURA has financially participated in 16 of these and provided consultation and support on all of them.

GURA Chair Ted Bickart and Executive Director Mark Heller accepted the award.

Rose Ann Jones was this year's recipient of the Charlie O'Brien Award, and Epilog Corp. was named the 2005 Business of the Year. Congratulations and thank you to all of this year's winners.



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## 2006 Claim Form for 2005 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 2005 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person's tax return.

**The refund amount for 2005 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 2005? \_\_\_\_\_ 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, 2006.***

### ***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): \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Office Use Only:***

Account #013031-6190 STR Vendor # \_\_\_\_\_ Received \_\_\_\_\_ Payable \_\_\_\_\_



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# SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**VOTED ONE OF THE  
BEST PLACES TO WORK  
TWO YEARS IN A ROW!**

The City of Golden  
was named among the  
Top 10 Places to Work  
in 2004 and 2005  
in the large business  
category by the Denver  
Business Journal.  
This is an excellent  
opportunity to  
join our team!

### MAINTENANCE

Cemetery, Parks and Forestry  
Seasonal Maintenance Workers  
20 to 40 hours per week  
**\$7.50 to \$14 per hour**

### THE SPLASH AQUATIC PARK

Lifeguards and Swim Instructors  
Concession Workers  
**\$6 to \$11 per hour**

•  
Customer Service Representative  
**\$7.50 to \$14 per hour**

•  
Food and Beverage Asst. Manager  
**\$9 to \$16 per hour**

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Food and Beverage Manager  
Aquatic Park Manager  
**\$9 to \$16 per hour**

### RECREATION

Customer Service Representatives  
Youth Program Leaders  
Day Camp Leaders  
Field/Gym Supervisors  
**\$7.50 to \$14 per hour**

•  
Batting Cage Attendants  
**\$6 to \$11 per hour**

•  
Fitness Instructors  
**\$10.50 to \$21.90 per hour**

### FOSSIL TRACE GOLF CLUB

Guest Services  
including Starter, Player Assistant,  
Range/Cart Attendant  
**\$6 to \$11 hour**

•  
Seasonal Maintenance Workers  
**\$7.50 to \$14 per hour**

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE AS EARLY AS MARCH!

For more information and to apply online, visit [www.cityofgolden.net/Employment.asp](http://www.cityofgolden.net/Employment.asp),  
stop by City Hall, 911 10th St., or call the Job line at 303-215-8882, Option #6000.

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