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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
Golden City Manager Mike Bestor will make his “State of the City” address during the Golden Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon at the Fossil Trace Golf Club on Thursday, March 19. He will be presenting a recap of 2008 revenues and expenditures, a look at 2009 revenue projections, and updating capital improvement projects and economic developments. The luncheon begins at 11:15 a.m. and is expected to end around 1 p.m. The cost is $25 for members and $30 for non-members. Please RSVP to the Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113.

GOLDEN VISION 2030 LOOKING FOR HELP FROM GOLDEN CITIZENS
The City Council is looking for help from Golden citizens to form a vision for Golden’s future. The City of Golden considers public input and participation a critical component of decision-making.

Golden Vision 2030 is a two-year process to work with community groups and citizens to find out what makes Golden unique, to identify what are Golden’s “heart and soul” values, and to translate those values into a vision plan through fun community activities.

We invite you to attend the Golden Vision 2030 “Heart and Soul” kickoff event at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, in the Golden High School cafeteria, 701 24th St.

Three citizens-at-large are still needed for the advisory committee. For more information or to download an application, visit www.cityofgolden.net/GoldenVision2030.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS OPEN HOUSE
In an effort to get citizen input on improving the environment for walking and biking in residential neighborhoods, the City will be hosting an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, at Shelton Elementary School, 420 Crawford St. This effort is being done in conjunction with the Walkability, Bikeability and Sustainability Committees.

The concept of complete streets is designed to provide those who choose to travel by alternative modes better accommodation within City rights of way. Some methods already recommended by the committees include widening sidewalks through narrower streets, reduced street parking and widening roads with existing walks.

The City will be holding a number of open houses to get citizen input on these concepts. Kimball and Crawford streets are scheduled for repaving in the next two years and the City would like to incorporate any complete street improvements that are agreed upon by the community into those scheduled improvements.

ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE OPENING
The City of Golden is seeking individuals to serve on an accessibility committee. This committee will be asked to review and comment on the accessibility aspects of designs for City construction projects and to participate in developing the accessibility master plan. The plan will be developed based on the findings of an accessibility audit that the city is conducting. The master plan will include recommendations for buildings, parks, trails and sidewalks. Committee members will also be asked to provide feedback on the accessibility of city programs and services. Interested parties should contact Dan Hartman at dhartman@cityofgolden.net or (303) 384-8150.

Below is the Golden City Council’s calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

March 5
Regular business meeting (rescheduled from March 26)

March 12
Regular business meeting

March 19
No study session

March 26
No meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net.

Public comment is welcomed and on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
There is an attempt underway to recall six of seven members of our City Council, including myself. Many in our community object to this divisive and expensive recall because the nine people who started this have based their campaign on information that ranges from misleading to entirely untrue. Honest differences of opinion and respectful debate are hallmarks of a healthy democracy and a healthy community. Dishonest attacks are something else entirely.

Reasonable people sometimes disagree with our decisions, but the current City Council is living up to its promises. We pledged that an accountable and transparent city government would be a hallmark of our first year. It was: last year we set the highest standards and will set the bar even higher in 2009. We pledged to get a handle on growth. We are doing just that. We are honoring the 1% growth limit, we are adopting neighborhood plans to protect the character of our neighborhoods, we are rejecting development proposals that don’t fit in Golden, and we’ve launched the Golden Vision 2030 process to make sure that changes in our community match our community’s vision. We pledged to be fiscally responsible and to protect our city’s financial health and we have.

We welcome healthy and respectful debate about our decisions and about the important challenges facing Golden. We respect and take seriously every opinion in the community. We respect and take seriously the differences of opinion amongst ourselves. If you watch our City Council meetings, you will see the six people targeted by this recall working hard to find solutions that work for everyone. When we can’t come up with an answer that everyone supports, we agree to disagree, we vote, and move on to the next issue.

My pledge to our community is this: I will listen carefully to your thoughts and concerns, consider all the opinions and information, and make the decisions that are best for Golden. The other five City Councilors targeted by the recall share this commitment. We don’t expect anyone to support every decision we make, but this recall process is incredibly divisive and destructive. While the recall proponents obviously have the legal right to pursue this, their unwillingness even to talk with the City Council, much less attempt to resolve differences in a less destructive manner, is all the more disrespectful to our citizens.

We face very real challenges in the coming years, including the economy, protecting our small-town and historic character, bringing light rail to Golden, and making sure the proposed beltway does not destroy Golden’s quality of life. As we face those challenges, we should expect honesty and respectfulness. The health of our community demands it.
Golden Vision 2030 Plan Kickoff Event

The City of Golden considers public input and participation a critical component of decision-making. City Council is now looking for help from citizens to form a vision for Golden’s future.

Golden Vision 2030 is a two-year process to work with community groups and citizens to find out what makes Golden unique, to identify what are Golden’s “heart and soul” values, and to translate those values into a vision plan through fun community activities. Golden has received a $100,000 grant from the Orton Family Foundation to aid in the City’s efforts to reach out to the community. The Golden Vision 2030 process will include the preparation of long-term strategic plan recommendations for community investment. It will also include a storytelling project which is a powerful, inclusive way to engage members of a community in collaborative process, to gather information about community perspectives on land use and foster shared ownership of planning for the future.

City Council has formed a local advisory committee to ensure that the interests of all citizens, especially those not traditionally involved, are represented within the visioning process. We invite you to attend the Golden Vision 2030 “Heart and Soul” kickoff event at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, in the Golden High School cafeteria, 701 24th St. This is the perfect time to learn more about the visioning process, the storytelling project, and to get excited about this unprecedented community-wide initiative!

Three citizens-at-large are still needed for the advisory committee. For more information or to download an application, visit www.cityofgolden.net/GoldenVision2030.

FREE HOME ENERGY AUDIT

Xcel Energy is offering home energy audits to customers and the City is offering to help pay for the cost. A home energy audit can provide detailed recommendations by a local home energy expert. Homeowners may choose from three different audits, priced at $60, $90, or $120. The audit includes an inspection of your home’s doors, windows, attic spaces, furnace and appliances and identifies waste in places such as drafty windows, insufficient insulation, poor ventilation and inefficient heating and cooling systems. As part of its commitment to helping homeowners improve energy efficiency, the Community Sustainability Advisory Board is offering to subsidize up to $60 of the cost of the audit. Please contact Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Coordinator at 303-384-8117 or tworsham@cityofgolden.net for details on how you can receive your free audit.

CITY ADOPTS LEED® STANDARDS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS


City Council reviewed and accepted recommendations from the Community Sustainability Advisory Board to apply the LEED® Silver designation to all new construction and major remodels for future planned city building projects. The standard will only apply to building projects larger than 5,000 square feet, but the City will also incorporate as many best practices of green building concepts into the design of smaller projects.

LEED® promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. The adoption of LEED® will support the City’s sustainability goals and serve as an example to promote energy efficient buildings that can achieve significant cost savings over their lifespan. Silver is the second of four progressive levels of designation by the USGBC.

The U.S. Green Building Council is a 501(c)(3) non profit composed of leaders from every sector of the building industry working to promote buildings and communities that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work.
Even before I cast my vote, I knew I wanted to attend the inauguration of Barack Obama if he were elected. I requested tickets shortly after the election from both of Colorado’s senators and my representative. I was selected through a lottery system to receive them from Representative Diana DeGette’s office and became one of the fortunate people from Colorado who was able to get tickets to the inauguration of President Obama in January.

Actually getting to witness the historic event was another feat entirely. The day began by heading out before sunrise, in freezing temperatures that made this Colorado native cringe, in an attempt to get ahead of the crowds, the likes of which I could never have imagined. Upon arriving as close to the Capitol building as possible by train, a group of friends and I walked the rest of the way, only to find that most of the streets were already closed in preparation for the parade. There had also been a water main break at the planned cross point for people to get to the Capitol, which further limited access. Having to work our way around both obstacles added approximately five miles to the day’s walk, which was discouraging, but our group was determined to make it to this historic event.

Once we arrived at our ticketed section, getting through security proved to be another challenge, as there was not enough staff to handle the number of people arriving. The crowd was so thick that there was barely room to breathe, let alone move.

I was just across the Capitol’s reflecting pool, so I was close enough to see, and near a speaker so I could hear. Once the program got underway, the crowd that had been impatient and unhappy with the freezing weather and lack of preparation suddenly forgot all their complaints and listened anxiously for that one special moment. Everyone was very excited and many shed tears of joy, and cheered wildly when the moment finally came. There was an undeniable feeling of progress being made.

In the end, I felt that it was completely worth all the effort to be there, and to be a part of the historic moment. It was certainly an experience that I will never forget.

Wendi McLaughlin is an Executive Intern in the City Manager’s Office. She is currently working on her second Master’s degree and comes to the city through CU Denver’s Best and Brightest program.
The City of Golden’s annual Tree Sale begins March 2 and purchases can be made through April 6. Order forms will be available at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St., and online at www.cityofgolden.net.

Quantities of trees are limited, so early orders are encouraged. Prices range from $45 for any of the 12 different deciduous trees to $49 for a 4 to 5-foot Conifer. Sales will be limited to five trees per customer.

Take advantage of these wholesale prices and the many benefits that trees provide, including shade, improved air quality, cooling, storm water control, aesthetics and carbon storage. Purchased trees will be distributed the week of April 21.

The tree sale is restricted to Golden residents only and proof of residency in the form of your City of Golden water bill or your driver’s license is required at the time of purchase.

For more information, contact City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net, or Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amber Speedy at 303-384-8191 or aspeedy@cityofgolden.net.

### AVAILABLE TREES (* INDICATES LOW WATER-USE SPECIES)

**Conifers**
- Austrian Pine * $49
- Scotch Pine $49
- Limber Pine “Vonderwolf” * $49
- Bosnian Pine $47
- Bristlecone Pine $38

**Deciduous**
- 1¼ Trunk Diameter
- All deciduous trees are $45
- Tatarian Maple *
- Red Bud Horsechestnut “Ruby Red” *
- Serviceberry “Princess Diane” *
- Northern Catalpa *
- Hackberry *
- Thornless Cockspur Hawthorne *
- Kentucky Coffeetree *
- Cleveland Select Pear *
- White Oak *
- Red Oak
- Golden Raintree

For more detailed species descriptions and photos, visit www.cityofgolden.net.

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**Scotch Pine**

**Golden Raintree**

**Tatarian Maple**

**Red Oak**
The Golden Fire Department held its annual awards banquet on Jan. 24. Awards and honors were presented to staff and volunteers for outstanding performance and contributions to the department throughout 2008.

During the ceremony, Firefighter Phil Cordova was honored as Firefighter of the Year for 2008 for his continued dedication to the department. Cordova has been an active and vocal participant in numerous training programs offered by the Golden Fire Department. He has gone above and beyond by assisting with numerous hours of training during the recruit academy and through the development of his own course in the proper use of ladders.

Jason Flickner, Class of 2007-2, and Jason Mulari, Class of 2008-1, received Recruit of the Year Awards.

Division Chief Cris Brewer received the Award of Merit for his leadership during the 2008 Democratic National Convention. Brewer organized, scheduled, and supervised the West Strike Team which consisted of multiple fire units who were on stand-by in case their response was needed during the convention.

Captain Gene Quador received the International Association of Fire Chiefs Award of Excellence for the development, management and execution of the non-resident volunteer firefighter program which has increased volunteer membership by 100 percent over a three-year period.

Firefighter Shane McClellan, who recently retired after 10 years with the Golden Fire Department, was awarded the Jack Harvey Award for his work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. McClellan organized the annual Fill the Boot Campaign which raised more than $30,000 in 2008.

Five Awards of Appreciation were issued. Rick Pretz, who recently retired from the department, was honored for 14 years of service. Kevin Ferry was commended for providing leadership and guidance as an Assistant Chief for 10 years, which he will continue to do as a Firefighter/Engineer. Adam Simpkins, Jeanette
Kehoe and Bruce Peters planned and organized the 2008 Buffalo Bill Days Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction. Executive Assistant Debbie Testroet served as the Committee Chairperson and oversaw the planning and organization of the Fire Station #1 Dedication Day.

Unit Citations are issued to a group of two or more department members who work in a manner worthy of recognition and merit. Several firefighters received citations for outstanding dedication and service during the 2008 Recruit Academy where they provided dozens of hours or training to Recruit Firefighters.

- Firefighter Trent Beachy
- Firefighter Noah Creaven
- Firefighter Nathan Muller
- Firefighter Ryan Smith
- Firefighter Tony Zamora
- Firefighter Joe Anderson III
- Firefighter Phil Cordova
- Firefighter Adam Maiers

A second Unit Citation was awarded for personnel who responded to the Technical Rescue of a BASE jumper in Clear Creek Canyon on Nov. 9.

- Captain Joe Nelson
- Assistant Chief Bob Burrell
- Firefighter C.J. Adkins
- Firefighter Jonathan Ashford
- Firefighter Daniel Glynn
- Firefighter Neil Hutton
- Recruit Firefighter Kevin Kirby

- Firefighter Jeremy Nichols
- Firefighter John O’Connor
- Firefighter Bruce Peters
- Rescue Firefighter J.J. Risch
- Firefighter Adam Simpkins
- Firefighter Ryan Smith
- Recruit Firefighter Jared Stricker
- Firefighter Craig Weimer
- Firefighter Tony Zamora

The Strategic Planning Committee also received an Award of Merit for their role in developing the non-resident volunteer firefighter program. Firefighters Stefanie Tannery, Valerie Hastings, Captains Tina Gustafson and Rex Engstrom, Aaron Giesick, Gene Quador, Assistant Chief Rocco Snart, Deputy Chief Jerry Stricker and committee chairman Captain Gerard Lutz were all honored.

Several firefighters were recognized with length-of-service awards:

- Firefighter Bobby Maillot for 20 Years of Service
- Part-time assistant Linda Young for 10 Years of Service
- Firefighter Joe Gross for 5 Years of Service
- Firefighter Tony Zamora for 5 Years of Service

AN INCREDIBLE MILESTONE
Fire Chief Celebrates 40 Years of Service

Golden Fire Chief John Bales has reached an anniversary few people have achieved, 40 years in the fire service. Fire Chaplain Kevin Kirby led a celebration to honor that accomplishment at the annual Golden Fire Department (GFD) awards banquet which was held on Jan. 24.

Bales was surprised with an original song composed by Kirby, a comical video detailing his progression from son of a firefighter to chief of the GFD, and a roast by several colleagues who were invited as unannounced guests. Bales’ son, Denver Fire Lt. Steven Bales, also attended the event along with several other family members.

Chief Bales began his career as a volunteer firefighter with the Wichita Fire Department in 1969 and has held numerous positions including Division Chief of Operations/Training & Safety, Assistant Chief, Battalion Chief, Training Officer and Company Officer on engine, truck and rescue companies within the Denver Metropolitan Area.

John Bales has served as Chief of Golden Fire Department since 2001.
Through March 22  
*thINK: Prints with Purpose*
The art of printmaking designates all the processes of the creation and production by hand, on paper. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $5. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St.

Through April 5  
*The Visitor*  
Set in 1938 Vienna the Nazis have invaded Austria and are persecuting the Jews. Sigmund Freud is still confident in the future and refuses to leave. But on this April evening, the Gestapo arrest his daughter. Freud remains alone and desperate when, suddenly, a stranger enters through the window. The visitor, a frivolous and cynical dandy in a tuxedo & top hat, has some incredible things to say. Who is he? A mad man? A magician? Is this a dream? Or is he really as he claims, God in person? Performances at the Miners Alley Playhouse located at 1224 Washington St., Suite 200. Tickets: $20. Running Friday, Saturday and Sunday. through April 5. For more information call 720-870-0397. Located in the Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington St., Suite 200.

Through May 24  
*The Desperado at Heritage Square*  
This is one of the most popular shows from the early Music Hall years. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. show; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 p.m. meal; 8 p.m. show; Sunday Matinee, 12 p.m. meal; 2 p.m. show. Tickets are $27.50 to $40.50 with discounts for seniors and children. Visit http://www.hsmusichall.com/tickets.htm for ticket information.

Through May 31  
*On High: Cartography of Topography*  
American Mountaineering Museum, 710 10th St. This map exhibition includes some of the more important maps in the history of world cartography, as well as maps from the exploration of the western United States. Highlights include a map from the Lewis and Clark Expedition, world maps from the 15th-18th centuries, and Zebulon Pike’s map of the exploration of the Southwest. For more information please call 303-996-2755.

March 5  
*Acoustic Eidolon*  
*In concert at Acoustic Alley*  
Featuring Joe Scott on double neck guitar and Hannah Alkire on cello. These Colorado-based performers have graced stages throughout the US, Europe, Australia and Canada. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., show time is 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance, $18 the day of the show. For more information please call 303-935-3044 or go to www.minersalley.com.

March 6  
*Golden’s First Friday*  
Enjoy extended shopping hours with Golden’s downtown merchants. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

March 7 & 21  
*Blacksmith Demo Days*  
Join guest blacksmiths in our blacksmith shop and watch as they craft metal into useful, everyday items. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clear Creek History Park, 11th and Arapahoe streets. Admission is free. For more information please call 303-278-3557.

March 12  
*Connecting Through Printmaking*  
Artist and Associate Professor at CU-Boulder, Melanie Yazzie, tells stories of her collaborations with printmakers around the world. The event will include a 6 p.m. reception and 6:30 p.m. lecture at the Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Admission is free.
March 14
*Gallery Talk with exhibiting Artists*
Printmakers comment on the economy, environment, immigration, war, presidential politics and their effects on American life. Event begins at 11 a.m. at the Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St.

March 18
*Famous for the Tango and now quilts.....Lecture Series*
Much like the Tango, quilting is also greatly influenced by culture and design. Barb Broshous shares stories and pictures from a journey to Brazil and into the quilting world of South America. The lecture will run from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave. Tickets are $8-10. For more information please call 303-277-0377.

March 22
*Jefferson Symphony Orchestra - Young Artists Celebration*
Young artists will perform the Swan Lake Suite, Op. 20a by Peter Tchaikovsky and the Háry Jánus Suite by Zoltan Kodály. The performance will begin at 3 p.m. at the Green Center on the Colorado School of Mines Campus, 16th and Cheyenne streets. Tickets are $17 for adults, $15 for seniors, $10 for college students and $5 for K-12 students. For more information call 303-278-4237 or go to www.jeffersonsymphonyorchestra.org.

March 27
*Concerts in the Library - Michael Bratton, Cello Duet*
Concerts in the Library are sponsored and organized by Arthur Lakes Library at the Colorado School of Mines. Bring your lunch, sit back, relax, and enjoy music, poetry, theater and other fine entertainment! The show begins at 12 p.m. and admission is free. The performance will take place in the Boettcher Room at the library, 1400 Illinois St.

March 29
*Mendelssohn’s “Elijah” – Choir Concert*
Performed by The Golden Concert Choir, in collaboration with the Niwot Timberline Symphony Orchestra. The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the Rockland Community Church, 17 S. Mt. Vernon Country Club Road. For further information, please call Judy Denison at 303-279-5177.

March 30 through April 3
*Spring Break Smashup!*
Students will enjoy a five-day workshop of creative day-mation, playful printmaking and mixed media at the Foothills Art Center. Ages 5 to 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages 8 and up, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. $110 for five days. Call 303-279-3922 to make reservations.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

GOLDEN COLORADO
2HOURVACATION.COM
For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.2HourVacation.com.

Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to: Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to jashford@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
Police Officers and Citizens Honored

The Golden Police Department honored 22 officers and citizens for their actions in 2008 at their annual awards banquet on Feb. 11 in the City Council Chambers. They were honored for their actions, their commitment to the community and their dedication to the law enforcement profession.

DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD
Four citizens and a reserve police officer were honored for saving the life of 10-year-old Travis Berrett. On June 14, Berrett fell into Clear Creek and was immediately swept downstream in heavy run-off conditions. Without regard for their personal safety, citizens Dedi Sadagori, Amber Kenyon, Luke Endris and Shawn Fitzgerald entered the creek in an effort to save the boy.

When officers arrived, three citizens were still in the water with Berrett. A life line was thrown to them and they began to work their way out of the creek. As they neared the shoreline, Endris appeared to be losing strength and was having difficulty hanging onto Berrett. Reserve Officer Trent John entered the creek and pulled the boy to safety.

For their actions Sadagori, Endris, Fitzgerald, and Kenyon each received the Distinguished Citizens Award. Reserve Officer John was awarded the Meritorious Service Award.

LIFE-SAVING AWARD
The Life-Saving Award was given to Officer Jamie Guess. On July 27, Guess located a man walking in the middle of the road who had suffered serious head injuries. After contacting the man, she was able to convince him to allow paramedics to provide medical treatment which ultimately saved his life.

COMMUNITY ORIENTATED POLICING AWARD
Officer Glenn Moore received the Community Orientated Policing Award for the Silence is Golden campaign. The program is designed to reduce noise created by modified exhaust systems on vehicles as they travel through Golden. With the assistance of several downtown businesses, the program tries to educate vehicle owners about what is legal and what is not. The goal is to educate residents and visitors through a pro-active approach rather than simply issuing a large number of tickets.

CHIEF’S STAR AWARD
Dispatcher Jennifer Lepro – For handling dozens of 911-calls and more than 150 radio calls during a period of icy roads while she was working alone.

Officer Jeff Kreutzer and Det. Marcus Williams – For risking their own personal safety to provide aid to a civilian seriously injured in a traffic accident. Officer Kreutzer also received a Meritorious Award and Officer Williams a certificate for their actions.

Dispatcher Shany Pickett – Contacted a suicidal woman who was driving around Golden and was able to maintain contact with her for more than an hour.

Sgt. Jean Miller, Officer Melissa Manzanares, and Officer Ryan Beale – Through their investigation, they located a man who had been threatening people with a shotgun at an apartment complex and safely took him into custody.
Technical Investigator John Evans – He became one of only 600 people worldwide who have achieved certification as a Forensic Examiner.

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

One of the highlights of 2008 for the Golden Police Department was the achievement of national accreditation by the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This was awarded after a three-year process that involved a tremendous amount of work by numerous members of the department. Captain John Garavaglia led the department through the process. For his leadership and guidance, he was named Employee of the Year.

Commemorative Badge Celebrates 150 Years

In recognition of our 150th Anniversary, the Golden Police Department has unveiled a commemorative badge which officers will be wearing for 2009. The badge denotes the title of “Town Marshal.” The official title for law enforcement providers has changed several times since they began providing public safety service 150 years ago. Over the years, those titles have included: “City Marshal,” “Constable,” “Night Watchman,” and “Special Policeman.”

The commemorative badge itself is more symbolic than historically factual as the police department did not have an official badge until the Mayor issued them in 1915 “to show their authority” of enforcing laws in the city. The design of the badge is also symbolic as the public perception is that a “Marshal” wears a star consisting of five points incorporated into the circular, open badge shape.

Local law enforcement formally began in 1859, when Jefferson County was created and the newly appointed Territorial Governor appointed Walter Pollard as the first Jefferson County Sheriff. The Sheriff was afforded three Constables for court security and as many deputies as he deemed necessary. Golden City was the epicenter of activity in the county and became the County seat. As such, Golden City housed the Sheriff’s Office and jail.

In 1870, the population of Golden reached 587, and that is the year the town is credited with beginning to provide its own comprehensive law enforcement services. However, Golden still relied upon the services of the county sheriff’s office for serious crimes for a few decades beyond this.

Historical Highlights and Time Line:
- 1871 - First Golden City Town Marshall, Clarence P. Hoyt, elected.
- 1872 - Legal establishment of the “Golden City Police Department,” with the Town Marshall appointed “as needed” for no longer than a one-year term.
- 1913 - The mayor formed a committee to investigate speed enforcement for automobiles, and our first “motor policeman” to enforce traffic laws was created with a salary of “one half of the fines collected for violations.”
- 1915 - The Mayor issued the first police badges to “show their authority.”
- 1920 - City Ordinance denoted the head of the police department was to be called “City Marshal.”
- 1973 - First uniformed female under the title of “Matron” was created to serve limited duties including dispatch and search of female prisoners for the police department.
- 1974 - Golden Police Department staffed its first 24-hour dispatch center.
- 1977 - The first full-time, full-duty female police officer, Mary Nixon, was hired.

Other officers honored for their work during the accreditation process:
- Officer Adam Zutman – Meritorious Service Award
- Officer Britt Dinsmore – Professional Conduct Award
- Administrative Assistant Jodie Marquez – Chief’s Star
- Dispatcher Jenny Lepro – Chief’s Star
- Capt. Daryl Hollingsworth – Certificate of Commendation
- Sgt. Drew Williams – Certificate of Commendation
Did you think the traffic in Denver for the Democratic Convention was a pain? If not for one bribed vote, Golden could have been Colorado’s capital and all those political festivities could have been much closer to home.

In 1861 Congress created the Territory of Colorado. The first territorial legislature met in Denver in 1861, but then moved to Colorado City located near what is now known as Colorado Springs. The legislators completely disliked Colorado City as a capital because they were forced to camp and cook their own food. To demonstrate their dissatisfaction, it is said that they “hid out in the hills to prevent a quorum from meeting.”

To address these concerns, Golden was selected as the capital in 1862 and convened in the Loveland Building at what is now 1122 Washington Street. Golden remained the capital until 1867, when the rivalry between Denver and Golden became so heated that legislators decided to vote as to the true capital of Colorado. To entice a vote for Golden, Golden offered the legislators room and board for $6.00 a week including wood, lights and a free hall. A popular saloon owner even offered extra ice and whisky. According to local legend, however, these enticements proved fruitless in the face of a bribe to the deciding voter. The legislator who cast the deciding vote vehemently denied any wrongdoing, but nevertheless Golden lost the capital by one vote.

The Loveland Building, which now houses the Old Capital Grille, was named after W.A.H. Loveland, one of Golden’s most prominent founders. Loveland arrived in Golden in 1859 and quickly set up a mercantile business that prospered. Loveland dreamed of making Golden a hub for the railroad and commissioned Edward Berthoud, of Berthoud Pass fame, to survey a route through the mountains to bring the transcontinental railroad through Golden. This dream never materialized, but Loveland did build his Central Railway linking Golden to Denver.

Loveland was also the owner of the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News. He purchased the Rocky Mountain News in 1878 in hopes that it could assist him in his run for governor of Colorado. Another close vote decided the race and Loveland lost the election by only 3,000 votes.

In addition to the Loveland Building, many locations in Colorado are named after W.A.H. Loveland including a mountain, a mountain pass, and a town.

Author’s Note: Much thanks to the amazing publications listed below for providing the history cited in this article:

Any items in quotations are directly quoted from “Golden the 19th Century-A Colorado Chronicle” by Lorraine Wagenbach and Jo Ann Thistlewood, published by the Harbinger House; Littleton Colorado, in 1987. This publication also provided the interesting stories behind the history.


About the Golden Historic Preservation Board: The Golden Historic Preservation Board is an advisory board made up of community members who provide guidance to residents on how improvements to properties affect the preservation of historic Golden.
Boards and Commissions – City Openings

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Four appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, three regular members and one alternate, will expire in March. All appointees must be residents of the City of Golden.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Planning Commission and City Council regarding the development, expansion and growth of the parks and recreational facilities within the city. Regular meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each calendar month and study sessions are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Special meetings may be called as necessary.

Questions regarding the board should be directed to Rod Tarullo, Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf at 303-384-8120 or rtarullo@cityofgolden.net. Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held on the evening of April 16 during the City Council Study Session, in the council chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Applications, on forms provided by the City Clerk, or from the City of Golden web site, www.cityofgolden.net, under Boards and Commissions, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, will be accepted at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by email to clerks@cityofgolden.net until 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 9.

GOLDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSION BOARD

One appointment of a Golden citizen to the Golden Fire Department Pension Board will expire in April, 2009. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Golden and prior pension/financial experience is helpful, but not required. The terms of appointments for citizen participants are two years.

Citizen participants serve as advisors to the Pension Board and participate in quarterly meetings, including additional planning sessions as required.

The protection of confidential information discussed at board meetings is essential to protect the rights of individuals. Any information discussed at such meeting will be considered confidential.

Board members are to have a demonstrated interest in the fire department and desire to be involved with the process. For more information on additional duties and responsibilities of citizen participants, visit www.cityofgolden.net/News.asp?NewsID=64 or contact the Golden Fire Department at (303) 384-8094.

Application forms are provided by the City Clerk and the City of Golden’s web page at www.cityofgolden.net and will be accepted at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401, until 5 p.m. April 9. Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held on the evening of April 16 during the City Council Study Session, in the council chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

FREE

Sales and Use Tax Workshop

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

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

March 4, 2009........8 to 10 a.m.
April 1, 2009.........8 to 10 a.m.
June 3, 2009.........8 to 10 a.m.
July 1, 2009.........8 to 10 a.m.

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

FREE

Building Use Tax Workshop

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

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

May 6, 2009........8 to 10 a.m.

Classes are free, but space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make The Difference” awards handed out at quarterly employee meetings. Employees are nominated by their coworkers for consistent demonstration of higher productivity in their daily work performance; willingness to go above and beyond to provide extra assistance to fellow employees and/or citizens; ability to think “outside” the parameters of their daily duties for creative solutions to issues; commitment to their regular duties and willingness to work with other departments to achieve the best results for all; genuine enthusiasm for day-to-day tasks and special projects; ability to motivate others and encourage a positive work environment; and consistent demonstration of higher productivity.

Sarah Yongprakit, Graphic Designer

Sarah Yongprakit is the City of Golden’s part-time graphic designer. She performs the graphic design work for every City department and handles all requests both small and large. Sarah was honored with a You Make the Difference (YMD) Award at the City of Golden quarterly employee meeting on Feb. 11.

Although Sarah has only been with the City of Golden since May of 2008, she has made a monumental impact! Sarah is a resourceful person, continually striving to save the City money while improving the look and readability of numerous City publications.

One example of her efforts is the recently redesigned Golden Community Center Re•create guide, which underwent a full makeover in 2008. The redesign gave the guide full color and a revamped look. In addition to the Community Center recreation guide and the City newsletter, The Informer, Sarah designs and manages the production of all City-wide stationary, publications and almost any other project under the sun.

While Sarah technically works in the Communications Department, her attention to detail and thoughtful input makes her an asset to every department. Sarah is a credit to the City and a pleasure to work with.

City Thanks Volunteers for Clean-up Efforts

The City of Golden’s “Adopt-A-Street” and “Adopt-A-Spot” programs were extremely successful in 2008. Volunteers picked more than 203 bags of trash and debris from roadsides, trails and ditches. That is a record amount for the City of Golden!

The City would like to thank the Corbinator Family, Evergreen Disposal Service, Golden Elks Lodge 2740, Jefferson County Justice Service Department, Knights of Columbus, Lookout Mountain Youth Services Center, Rocky Mountain Metal Container, Rotary Club of Golden, Stockton Bail Bonds, Sue Hartwell, Bob Nelson, Gene Raymond, David Johnson and Kim Hagar.

In addition to more than 200 bags of trash being collected, volunteer groups from Hobys of Colorado and the Colorado Christian University removed over 3,740 cubic yards of debris, enough to fill 748 dump trucks, from drainage areas.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these programs contact Dave Ackley for drainage ways at 303-384-8165 and Ron Reavis at 303-384-8155 for the Adopt-a-Street and Adopt-A-Spot Programs.
Check out the programs offered this spring at the Community Center

Preschool
Golden Community Center Preschool strives to offer a creative place where children learn through play. The program is designed to encourage the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of each child. The program utilizes the Jefferson County Public Schools benchmarks and standards and the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s Developmentally Appropriate Practices.

The Golden Community Center Preschool registration via lottery will be held Tuesday, March 3, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Lifeguard Training
Students must complete required reading, actively participate in all classes, correctly demonstrate all skills, perform skill scenarios satisfactorily and pass a written exam with a minimum of 80% correct in each of four sections of the test.

Lifeguard and First Aid training certifications are valid for 3 years. CPR for the Professional Rescuer is valid for 1 year. Participants must attend the pretest. After passing pretest, they will be registered for Lifeguard Training and continue for the remainder of the day.

**Ages: 5 to 12 years**
- **Pretest**: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday
- **March 30 to April 3**
- **Fee**: $30/day Resident, $35/day Non-resident

**Camp Coconuts**
This state licensed day camp is guaranteed to keep your child busy! Activities include arts/crafts, gym, cooking, field trips, swimming, climbing and more. All campers required to bring a sack lunch. An afternoon snack will be furnished.

**Ages: 5 to 12 years**
- **March 30 to April 15**
- **March 3 to April 15**
- **Fee**: $30/day Resident, $35/day Non-resident

**Junior Engineering Club**
Work in teams using imagination to create from LEGO Dacta kits; design & build moving mini-fig sized models to solve challenges.

**Ages: 7 to 14 years**
- **March 3 to March 24**
- **Fee**: $50 Resident, $55 Non-resident

**Summer Adventure Camp**
Golden’s day camp is licensed by the State of Colorado. Activities will include field trips, arts/crafts, cooking, sports, swimming, hiking, play time in one of our beautiful parks, board games, movies, climbing wall and a trip to Splash every other week. Registration continues until the program is full.

**Ages: 5-12 years olds**
- **Monday, March 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** for residents, via a lottery system. Non-residents may register anytime the following day from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., via a lottery system.

**Golden Gear Swap**
The Outdoor Recreation Center (ORC) at the Colorado School of Mines is teaming up with City of Golden Parks and Recreation for the first annual Gear Swap. Please no knives, motorized equipment, firearms and any flammable items. Drop off for gear swap will take place at the Student Recreation Center on the Colorado School of Mines Campus, 1600 Elm St., in the Gym. For more information visit http://inside.mines.edu/Stu_life/recsports/morc, or call 303-273-3184.

**Equipment drop-off**: 12 to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 21
**Gear Swap**: 12 to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 22
**Fee**: Free for under 18, Mines students and sellers $5 all others

**Jr. Counselor-in-Training**
Jr. Counselor-in-Training is a great volunteer opportunity for ages 13 to 16 who are interested in becoming a Day Camp Leader. The program includes staff training and orientation, hands-on experience working in the camp program, CPR and First Aid Training, and leadership training. Jr. Counselors will receive incentives for successful hours worked such as movies passes, merchandise, food certificates and more. Apply at www.cityofgolden.net/employment.asp.

To register, visit www.goldenrec.com
Check out the Golden Community Center’s Front Porch - designed specifically for people 50 and older. The Front Porch offers respite and entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, including bridge, dominoes and mah jong. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.

Here’s what’s happening this month:

**Celebrate Health!**  
*Fridays, March 6 and April 3*
Free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies!
Chair massages $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions $13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce $15 per pedicure

**Athletics & Wellness**
**Games, Classes & Clubs**

**Volunteer Activities**
The Front Porch has all this and more! For a complete schedule of exercise programs, check at the Front Desk or view classes online at www.goldenrec.com. For a more leisurely pace, we have Bridge, Pinochle, Dominoes, Mah Jongg and Billiards, Quilting, Pottery and more. If you would like to spend your time helping others, we have a range of volunteer needs and can use your help!

**TRIPS & TOURS**

**Colorado Avalanche VS Minnesota Wild - #15195**
Thursday, March 12
6 to 10:30 p.m.
$50 (van, admission)
Register/Cancel by March 10

**Light Rail and Historic Downtown Littleton - #200**
Thursday, March 19
9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
$10 (escort, bring $1.50 for Light Rail one way, $5 for lunch)
Lunch and shopping in Downtown Littleton.
Depart Littleton at 2 p.m.
Register/Cancel by March 17

**The Great Stupa, Shambala Mountain Center - #15205**
Wednesday, March 25
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$35 (van, admission, lunch)
The Great Stupa is one of the most significant examples of Buddhist architecture in the world.
Located at Red Feather Lakes.
Register/Cancel by March 23

**Historic Hover home, Longmont - #15210**
Tuesday, March 31
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$18.00 (van, admission; bring $5 for lunch)
Elegant 1914 English Tudor, Gothic Revival home.
Some stair climbing. Tour is 1 hour 15 minutes.
Lunch at Lucile’s Restaurant first.
Register/Cancel by March 27

For more information:
• Stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Community Center, 1470 10th St.;
• Call 303-384-8130;
• Subscribe to the Front Porch Newsletter ($7/year);
• Check out the Recreation brochure; or
• Visit www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=334

Watch our schedule for new events this year, including Lunch & Learns, educational seminars during Celebrate Health! and more.
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 2008 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return.

The refund amount for 2008 is $50. 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 approval notification
  
  - 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 approval notification
  
  - 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 2008? _____ 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, 2009.

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 _________
2009 Summer Employment Opportunities

The City of Golden is currently accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, The Splash Aquatic Park, and Fossil Trace Golf Club. Opportunities include Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, Field Crew, Day Camp Leaders, Youth Program Leaders, Golf Maintenance, Pro-Shop Guest Services, and Cashiers and Food & Beverage Workers at The Splash.

Check our website at http://www.cityofgolden.net/Employment.asp for job availability

OR

subscribe to our website at http://www.cityofgolden.net/Login.asp where you can enter your email address and ask to be notified each time a new job is posted.