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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

BELTWAY UPDATE:
The City of Golden would like to thank all of the residents who came out to our open houses in January and February to learn more about the issues regarding the proposed Jefferson Parkway and Golden’s attempts to protect our City from negative impacts to our roads. Based on the public feedback received at the meetings and comments submitted, the City Council made a plan for the City to move forward. To get all of the details and latest information on this issue, visit www.GetTheFactsGolden.org.

BOARD OPENINGS
The City of Golden announces four upcoming vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and one vacancy each on the Campaign Election Board and the Fire Pension Board. All applicants must be residents of the City of Golden. Applications, on forms provided by the City Clerk, or from the City of Golden website, www.cityofgolden.net, under Boards and Commissions, will be accepted at the Office of City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by email to clerks@cityofgolden.net. Applications for all openings are due by 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 30 with interviews tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 7 at City Hall, 911 10th St.

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. Four board appointments will expire in March.

Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Study sessions are held on the first Tuesday of each month and 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.

The Campaign Election Board is empowered to hear any alleged violation of Chapter 1.05 which may be brought before it by any resident of the city or city employee charged with duties related to the Chapter and set forth in the Chapter.

Members must be registered electors who are not currently serving on another board or commission appointed by City Council. The term is for four years. One appointment will expire in March. Questions regarding the board should be directed to City Clerk Susan Brooks 303-384-8014 or Deputy City Clerk Andrea Banks at 303-384-8015, or clerks@cityofgolden.net.

The Golden Fire Department Pension Board is involved in the evaluation and decision making process relating to issues that affect the City’s Volunteer Firefighters pension program. Board members should have a demonstrated interest in the fire department and desire to be involved with the process. Prior pension/financial experience is helpful. Citizen appointments are for two years. One appointment will expire in April. Regular meetings are held at least quarterly, as well as study sessions and special meetings when necessary. Questions regarding the board should be directed to the Golden Fire Department, 911 10th Street, Golden, Co 80401, 303-384-8094.

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 3
Rescheduled Business Meeting and Regular Study Session

March 10
Regular Business Meeting

March 17
No Meeting

March 24
No Meeting

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

Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
Golden has an incredible number of events every year, and plenty that make the highlights list. But three of the most important fly under the public radar: the annual award ceremonies for our dispatchers, our police department, and our fire department.

Every time I attend one of these ceremonies, I am humbled by the stories of exceptional service and bravery, and I’m reminded of how fortunate we are to live in a community with such dedicated public servants focused on the sometimes challenging task of keeping Golden safe.

I’m writing this shortly after attending the annual Golden Police Department banquet. As I tell them every year, Golden is extraordinarily lucky to have such a professional, high-caliber, and community-oriented department. What’s especially cool in Golden, and something that isn’t always true in other communities, is how much Goldenites genuinely like, respect, and value our law enforcement team. Golden residents are so supportive of the police department, in fact, that they make up the majority of a 45-person volunteer team, joining our officers, code enforcement folks, and the evidence team to provide the high level of service that our community deserves.

Our dispatchers are in a league of their own, with a very different and especially challenging job. No matter what the circumstances, and with enormous stakes, they have to handle incoming calls, dispatch emergency services, protect our police officers and firefighters, and deal directly with people who are facing the most stressful and frightening moments of their lives. And they have to continually do this with the very highest degree of composure. Our dispatchers are the unsung heroes of our public safety system. You can read more about them, in their own words, on the next page.

Our fire department is equally remarkable. They are a top-flight and highly skilled department providing Golden with exceptional fire safety, accident and fire response, and rescue services. This is all the more impressive because the department consists almost entirely of volunteers. The Fire Chief, the Fire Inspector, and a few other folks work as full-time fire professionals because of their workload, but the vast majority of our firefighters fulfill their training requirements, support our community events, and respond to calls on their own time as volunteers.

At the annual awards ceremonies, we also have opportunities to recognize community members who step up in extraordinary ways or even risk their lives to help out their neighbors. At the Golden Police Department awards ceremony in February, for example, our Police Chief recognized three community members who acted quickly to put out a house fire and another who saved the life of an off-duty Golden police officer after he suffered a stroke.

I make a point during the year to spend time riding with our officers, sitting in with our dispatchers, and joining the fire department during their trainings and events, and I tout their skill and dedication at every opportunity, but these banquets are a particularly important opportunity to pause and reflect on just how much they contribute to our quality of life in our community.

To everyone who serves in any capacity with our law enforcement and fire department, know of our gratitude for your service to Golden.
The Golden Informer

By Carrie Lorea,
Golden Police/Fire/EMS Dispatcher

If you have ever had to call 911, did you wonder about the voice on the other end of the line? Do you know where your local 911 center is, or what the voices of 911 do? Many citizens believe that 911 calls are relayed to a large, central, call center, perhaps managed by the county or state in which they reside. This is actually untrue. When you call 911 within the city limits of Golden, you reach the Golden 911, Police, Fire and EMS Communications Center.

We are a team of 8 dispatchers, each of which has been hand selected through a three-month hiring process and specially trained during a 17-week training process. Our tenures range from 25-year veterans, to one-year new hires. We are constantly training to improve our skills and better serve the community. Our center is housed within the Golden Police Department, inside City Hall, at 911 10th St. We operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

A common misconception is that communications centers only handle 911 calls. For the City of Golden, however, this couldn’t be further from the truth. In addition to dispatching police, fire and ambulance personnel, our dispatchers also answer all non-emergency calls received at 303-384-8045, the police non-emergency line. In 2010, the Golden Dispatch Team answered 44,125 emergency and non-emergency calls. We utilize six 911 lines and 12 non-emergency lines; as you can imagine, we are frequently busy. All calls are a priority to us, but it is important for a citizen calling the non-emergency line to understand that, in addition to your call, we may be potentially handling an emergency on a 911 line. In the event that we are on a 911 line, we may answer a non-emergency line, “Golden Police, do you have an emergency?” This allows us to quickly place a non-emergency line on hold and attend to the emergency call.

Our technology allows us to speak both on the phones and on the police and fire radios, back to back. This means that a dispatcher may be listening to a citizen involved in an emergency, while simultaneously pressing a foot pedal that allows the dispatcher to talk on the radio at the same time. This enables us to gather important information regarding an emergency and instantly update responding police and fire units.

While it is true that many things are happening in our dispatch center at any given time, each of us takes tremendous pride in what we do and are proud to serve the citizens, officers, and firefighters of Golden. We are glad to introduce ourselves to you and look forward to sharing more information in upcoming articles.
The Golden Police Department honored 21 officers and citizens for their extraordinary efforts and contributions to our community in 2010. Officers were honored for a wide variety of accomplishments; running into a burning building to save a resident, saving children from dangerous living conditions, using their time off to help train a new officer and catching a bank robber just minutes after the crime. 911 dispatchers were honored for their achievements including talking a suicidal man out of hurting himself. Our citizens were just as remarkable, placing themselves in harm’s way in an attempt to help save a person’s home from fire.

There was also one citizen who especially touched the hearts of every single Golden Police Officer. On January 4, Golden Police Dispatch received a 911 call from a woman who reported that a man had collapsed along the Clear Creek path. Little did she know that the man who fell was a 27-year veteran of the Golden Police force, Officer Jeff Hesalroad. Jeff suffered a massive stroke. He remembers there were several people around him when he fell, but he specifically remembers one person throughout the ordeal; the woman on the phone, Golden resident Kara Edewaard. Jeff credits her for keeping him calm and focused, and for making the quick call to 911 that ultimately saved his life. “People like Kara are what make it so easy to work for Golden. It’s all about the people here in Golden. People like Kara,” said Jeff with tears in his eyes. Kara was humbled by the recognition, but was very happy to see how it all turned out. “Just a wonderful feeling to see him standing, to see him talking, to see his recovery. It’s an amazing thing and I’m just glad that I could be there and that he’s doing so well,” said Kara. Jeff has many months of physical therapy ahead of him, but he is expected to make a full recovery and can’t wait to get back to work.

**HERE ARE THE 2010 HONOREES:**

- **Employee of the Year:** Stacy Galbraith
- **Distinguished Service Medal:** Ofc. David Hart and Ofc. Adam Zutman
- **Meritorious Service Medal:** Ofc. Mike Welch and Colorado State Patrol Trooper Michael Monckton
- **Distinguished Citizen Medal:** John Powderly and Wes Weber
- **Professional Conduct Award:** Ofc. Adam Zutman and Dispatcher Shanyn Cascia
- **Citizens Commendation:** Janet Weber
- **Award of Appreciation:** Kara Edewaard

*Officer Jeff Hesalroad and his family present an Award of Appreciation to Golden resident Kara Edewaard.*

*Golden Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick and 2010 Employee of the Year, Ofc. Stacy Galbraith.*
The Golden Fire Department held its 2010 awards banquet on Jan. 22. During the evening, awards and honors were presented to City staff and members of the Fire Department for outstanding performance and contributions.

**Retirement Awards**
Asst. Chief Kevin Ferry - 19 years of service.
Firefighter Kent McCreary - 19 years of service.
He was then hired as the department’s full-time Fire Mechanic.
Lt. JJ Risch - 10 years of service and now an active retired member.

**Length of Service Awards**
Engineer Doug Holschbach - 15 years
Capt. Aaron Giesick - 10 years
Capt. Tina Gustafson - 10 years
Capt. Gerard Lutz - 10 years
Lt. JJ Risch - 10 years
Firefighter Bruce Peters - 10 years
Firefighter Jeremy Nichols - 10 years
Capt. Adam Maiers - 5 years
Lt. Eric Gettenberg - 5 years
Firefighter Ryan Smith - 5 years
Firefighter Trevor Williamson - 5 years

**Appreciation Award**
Firefighter Sean Van Houten was recognized for his accomplishments in organizing and implementing a simulated traffic accident in front of Golden High School, designed to show students the results of driving drunk. The simulation took place just before prom weekend.

**Unit Citations**
This year the Unit Citation was presented to Lt. Eric Gettenberg, Lt. Jeanette Kehoe and Firefighter Derek Ferchau for their response and actions during the Dome Wildland Fire in Boulder County on Oct. 29, 2010 as part of the Jefferson County Task Force.

**Federal Service Disaster Award**
Asst. Chiefs Rocco Snart and Bob Burrell, Lt. Eric Gettenberg, and Firefighters Kevin Kirby, Daniel Glynn and Tyler Hecox received the award for their response as part of the West Metro Strike Team to the Four Mile Canyon Fire on Sept. 7, 2010.

**Fire Chief’s Award**
Shauna Paulson with the City's Information Technology Department, for her outstanding customer service to the staff of the Golden Fire Department for computer and other technology issues, trouble shooting and repairs.

Brooke Merkel, a Golden Communications Dispatcher, for her professionalism and calm demeanor during a major structure fire on Sept. 29, 2010 as the primary dispatcher in tracking three fire agencies, an ambulance company response, and several law enforcement agencies as well as many support agencies such as Red Cross, Xcel Energy and the media.

**The Recruit Firefighter of the Year**
was presented to Firefighter Adam Phipps for an outstanding first year as a volunteer firefighter.

**The Jack Harvey Award**
was presented for commitment demonstrated outside the normal duties of the fire department to Firefighter Valerie Hastings for her efforts as the Chairperson for the Golden Volunteer Firefighters Pension Board. Firefighter Hastings is also involved in many other volunteer activities and serves on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association for Western State College.

**Firefighter of the Year**
Lt. JJ Risch was awarded Firefighter of the Year for her demonstrated commitment through active participation and involvement in a variety of fire department activities in 2010, such as the Technical Rescue Team, Recruit Academy instructor, and assistance in some computer program development.
Mitchell Elementary Chosen to Represent Colorado

The 4th graders at Mitchell Elementary were chosen to represent the state of Colorado in a special presentation to the United Nations (UN). The UN designated 2011 as the International Year of Forests. One elementary school in each state was chosen to put together a “Forest Exchange Box” that highlights the unique characteristics of our forests. The Forest Boxes were displayed at a kick-off celebration at the UN in February, followed by an appearance in Washington D.C. During the rest of this year, they will travel throughout the U.S. as part of a celebration and awareness campaign.

Mitchell’s 4th graders put a lot of time into their box, filling it with things like maps, pinecones, branches and essays from the students detailing what they learned about our local forests. With the help of Golden’s City Forester Dave High and support from Mayor Jacob Smith, the students presented their finished box to State Forester Jeff Jahnke in January. The 4th graders were chosen because of their involvement in the Environmental Learning for the Future Program, a hands-on nature curriculum run and sponsored by the Mitchell PTA. Students in grades K-4 participate in the program five times a year.

This unique learning opportunity is presented by Project Learning Tree®, a program of the American Forest Foundation. Each year, this environmental education program trains nearly 40,000 teachers nationwide in incorporating environmental lessons across the curriculum.

Congratulations to Mitchell’s 4th grade class for representing Golden and the State of Colorado in such a positive way.

Promoting a Healthier Golden

The Golden City Council recently adopted two tobacco-related ordinances in an attempt to reduce youth access and exposure to tobacco while also helping to promote tobacco free living in the City. Ordinance No. 1886 prohibits smoking in any playground located in a Golden city park. Ordinance No. 1889 requires that tobacco retailers keep all tobacco products behind the counter requiring customers to seek clerk assistance to buy tobacco. This ordinance also requires anyone who sells tobacco products to put up a warning sign that says, “Warning: It is illegal for any person under 18 years of age to purchase cigarettes or tobacco products.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), each day nearly 4,000 adolescents between the ages of 12 and 17 try their first cigarette, and 1,000 children under 18 years old become daily smokers. Many of these children will become addicted before they are old enough to understand the risks related to tobacco use.

These ordinances supersede existing state and federal regulations and were passed to create a healthier community for Golden residents. The Jefferson County Public Health Department is working with local retailers to abide by the new ordinances by providing signage, distributing educational resources and answering questions. For more information, call Susan Westhof at 303-271-5705 or email swesthof@jeffco.us.
New Pay-As-You-Throw Program Showing Results

With the first few months of the PAYT program behind us, here’s a look at the progress so far:

• **Savings to You.** Over half of the participating households are now using the smaller size trash containers. These households realize a quarterly savings of $15-$30 over the average trash bill in Golden.

• **Recycling Participation.** In just four short months of the program, recycling rates rose from 23 to 36 percent. The average Golden household now recycles 60 pounds of material each month. That’s over 2.5 million pounds diverted from the local landfill each year.

• **New Customers.** In January, the City welcomed 120 additional homes from the *Mesa Meadows III* homeowner association to the program. Now, about 3,300 Golden households participate in the program; almost half of the total residential units within the city.

• **Program Refinements.** EDS Waste Solutions continues to work with City staff to allow greater alley collection by trimming trees and resolving overhead obstructions. Also in the works, the next curbside yard waste collection is planned for May.

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**Garden-in-a-Box**

Landscaping in our arid climate doesn't have to be a challenge. There are many wonderful plants that require little water and do well in our clay soils. Put a few of these species together and you've created a beautiful Xeriscape, or water-wise landscape.

The City of Golden is again partnering with the Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC) to offer Garden-in-a-Box to Golden residents wanting to create or expand a water-wise landscape. CRC has done the planning and design process for you to make establishing your own Xeriscape a breeze. The designs are created by professional landscape designers with the do-it-your-selfer in mind. They thrive in our arid climate and prefer full sun.

Stay tuned for details on our 2011 Garden-in-a-Box offerings and our May Greener Golden event to kick-off the growing season by visiting the City’s Sustainability page at [www.cityofgolden.net/gardeninabox](http://www.cityofgolden.net/gardeninabox).

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**GREEN CODES FOR GREEN HOMES**

As our community strives to make buildings more energy efficient, the Community Sustainability Advisory Board and the Planning Commission are working jointly to consider an appropriate green building standard for single-family homes. The Boards will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16 in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. to look at possibilities, including the EPA’s Energy Star® program and the National Green Building Standard. Interested members of the public and local contractors are invited to attend and provide input to the Boards. Following the Boards’ recommendation, City Council will consider adopting a single-family green building code at a later date.

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**PHONE BOOK OPT-OUT**

Tired of finding free phone books on your doorstep? There are several websites that allow you to forgo the extra waste. In the meantime, phone-books (minus the attached refrigerator magnets) can be recycled in your single-stream materials.

- **Dex** (request zero of each directory): [http://selectyourdex.dexknows.com/SelectYourDex/orderAction.do](http://selectyourdex.dexknows.com/SelectYourDex/orderAction.do)
- **SuperMedia** [http://my.supermedia.com/directoryoptout/](http://my.supermedia.com/directoryoptout/)
- **Echo Pages** (good for 1-year only) [http://www.echopages.com/request/decline-distribution.html](http://www.echopages.com/request/decline-distribution.html)
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Through March 13**

**“Habitat”**
An exhibition exploring the relationship between our natural and manmade worlds. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for seniors. Free for members and students. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

**March 4**

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

**March 7 through April 15**

**Boot Camp Challenge**
A six week fitness program designed for all levels of fitness. Get the results of personal training for less than $14 per class. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information call Kim at 720-628-2901 or email kim@bootcamp-challenge.com.

**March 9**

**Chronic Pain/Chronic Illness Support Group**
Golden Family of Churches hosts a free seminar about a free new alternative test for chronic pain. 1 to 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1707 W. 16th Ave. For more information call April Struck at 303-279-2776.

**March 10**

**Band and Orchestra Concert**
The Golden High School Concert Band and Orchestra and Bell Middle School will present a concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School auditorium, 701 24th St. Tickets $3 at the door ($10 maximum for immediate family). For more information, contact Dr. William Graves at wgraves@jeffco.k12.co.us.

**March 11 through April 24**

**Fiction**
A married couple, both writers, decide to read each other’s diaries and quickly find out that no life is an open book. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 6 p.m. For tickets and information call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

**March 12**

**Tea Time: Corsets and Cravats**
Enjoy a luncheon tea with an entertaining and educational presentation about Victorian undergarments from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Astor House, 822 12th St. Tickets $25/non-member, $23/member. Paid reservations are required. Call 303-278-3557 to register.

**March 13**

**Daylight Savings Time**
Set your clocks ahead one hour.

**March 17**

**St. Patrick’s Day**

**GHS Spring Vocal Concert**
Golden High School’s Vocal Music Department presents its Spring Concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School auditorium, 701 24th St. Tickets $3 at the door.
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra will present a concert on March 27 at the Green Center, Colorado School of Mines.

($10 maximum for immediate family). For more information, contact Ms. Angela Becker at abecker@jeffco.k12.co.us.

March 20
Spring begins

March 27
JSO Young Artist Concert
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra features its first place winner of the Young Artist Competition in a concert with the orchestra. The concert is at 3 p.m. at the Green Center, Colorado School of Mines, 924 16th St. Purchase tickets at 303-278-4237 or www.jeffsymphony.org.

Through April 30
Over Here: Quilts that Saw the U.S. through World War II
Quilts collected by historian Sue Reich are on display at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information, call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to: Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra’s International Young Artists Competition is a 52-year tradition. It attracts young musicians locally and from around the world. This year the event featured eleven finalists from six different countries, competing for a $5,000 annuity for first place as well as cash prices for other awardees. The competition alternates yearly between piano and all other orchestral instruments.

After a very competitive recital, the winner this year was pianist Sungpil Kim from Korea, who performed Chopin’s Piano Concerto No. 1 for the judges. Competition judge Olga Dashevskaya noted, “Many of the contestants showed a very high level of musicality, maturity and artistic intelligence. It is quite obvious that this competition is so prestigious and highly regarded, that it consistently attracts an impressive pool of strong applicants.”

Kim also won the opportunity to perform with the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra. That performance will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 27 at the Green Center on the Colorado School of Mines campus, 924 16th St. To purchase tickets, call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

2011 Finalists (left to right): Eric Tran, Meng Zhou, Shichao Zhang, Peter Mathys, Priscila Navarro, Sungpil Kim, Nina Zhou, Connie Kim-Sheng, Leah Dominy and Hsin-Ju (Cindy) Lo.

The tradition continues, as the City of Golden once again offers residents an affordable and practical way to plant new trees.

The 2011 sale will offer a diverse mix of ornamental trees, shade trees and conifers. The small deciduous trees will have trunk diameters of approximately 1¼ inches and range in height from four to eight feet at a cost of $45 each. The conifers are three to four feet tall and are priced around $50.

Quantities are limited and orders will only be accepted for five trees or less. Orders will be taken beginning March 1 through April 4. Order forms can be found on either the City of Golden website www.cityofgolden.net/TreeSale or at the front desk of the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. The sale is restricted to City of Golden residents, who must show proof of residency.

Trees will be distributed during the last two weeks of April. Please contact City Forester Dave High for details at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net.

Available Trees

Deciduous
- Tatarian Maple
- Serviceberry
- European Hornbeam
- Coralburst Crabapple
- Tree Lilac
- Catalpa
- Hackberry
- Turkish Filbert
- White Oak
- Red Oak
- Greenspire Linden

Conifers
- Scots Pine
- Vanderwolf’s Limber Pine
- Austrian Pine
- Bosnian Pine
Foothills Animal Shelter (FAS), one of the largest animal shelters in the metro Denver area, is excited to expand its programming for the community. FAS is now settled into the new 30,000-square-foot facility located near 6th Avenue and Indiana on the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden, and is introducing public dog training classes to its list of services.

The newly built shelter has a large community room which serves as a prime meeting space, and is ideal for dog training as well. The first sessions start this month and include both puppy and basic obedience training. Attendees may also purchase necessary training items at the Shelter, such as proper leashes, gentle leaders and harnesses. To sign up, call 720-407-5216. A special discount will be given to past dog and puppy adopters.

Mammal Madness, a celebration of small critters, also takes place this month. These pets include fish, birds, hamsters, rabbits and more. Adopters of these pets will receive a discount off the regular adoption fee during March.

For more information on adoptable animals and dog training, visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org or call 303-278-7575. Or just stop by the Foothills Animal Shelter, 580 McIntyre St., and see the programs and animals for yourself. You may just find the perfect addition to your family.
Celebrate Health!

Friday, March 4 and April 1
We’ll have free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies.
Chair massages.....................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ............$13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce ..........$15 per 15 minutes
Call 303-384-8130 to make your appointment.

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net (Active Older Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Golden Front Porch Ladies Basketball Teams Sweep Top Awards
Congratulations to the Golden Ladies Basketball teams, who swept the gold and silver medals at the Rocky Mountain Senior Games held in Greeley in September. The results qualify them for the 2011 Summer National Senior Games to be held in Houston, Texas.

In October, five players participated in the 70+ age division in a tournament in St. George, Utah taking 1st place. Players in three age divisions participated in a tournament in Santa Fe, NM in November. The 55+ division team took 1st place; the 60+ division team took 3rd place and the 70+ division team came home with another 1st place award! Congratulations Ladies!

Senior Softball
Male and female players ages 50+ needed for spring and summer softball leagues (April to mid-August). Play is held at the Tony Grampisas Sports Complex. Registration is required

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS
Denver Museum of Nature & Science - #15015
Spend an afternoon at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. The trip includes Museum entrance fee and tickets to the Planetarium presentation. Lunch at your own expense on the way to the museum.

Thursday, March 10 - Register/Cancel by March 7
10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$24 (van; admission; bring money for lunch)

Colorado History Lecture - #15016

Tuesday, March 15 - Register/Cancel by March 10
11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
$10 (van; bring $8.50 for admission; money for lunch)
The historic South Ford Street neighborhood, now also referred to as the East Street neighborhood, is a distinct historic neighborhood area which began as a preplanned neighborhood and has expanded over time. In 1867 Mt. Vernon businessman Calvin Kinney platted his 40-acre addition to Golden, since known as Kinney’s Addition. There he promoted quality development, offering low priced building lots contingent on prospective owners making a binding agreement to immediately build their house, of at least 18x24 feet in size, and 1½ stories high. In this way it wasn’t simply buildings being built on platted ground which congregated into a neighborhood, but it was a preplanned cohesive neighborhood from the beginning, and one of the first if not the first in Colorado to use deed restrictive prescribed design, at least when starting out (the use of deeds appears to have soon been dropped, but homes continued to be built according to Kinney’s specifications, indicating another means was likely found to enforce its design code). One of the formally deed restricted homes, the Saunders Residence built in 1867, still stands at 1509 Ford St.

In 1871 Charles Clark Welch platted Welch’s Addition adjoining Kinney’s Addition, and soon helped spearhead the Vasquez Flume & Ditch Company to bring water to his donated collegiate land to the south and to irrigate the building lots of his addition, as well as Kinney’s and more. This facilitated the full development of this area, by providing water for drinking and irrigation, and helped unify the area as a neighborhood through this common mode of development. The collection of homes encompassed a small portion of the Original Town plat of 1859 as well as the southern end of Johnson’s Addition platted in the 1860s.

The area became a neighborhood of one to two story single family homes made largely of wood or brick, with more intensive development towards its northern end while the southern end was made up largely of semirural small farms. Ford Street, along with 12th Street, was noteworthy as one of Golden’s beautiful tree-lined streets as early as 1902, further demonstrating the neighborhood’s coherence. However, its combination of urban and rural character could sometimes have a peculiar lifestyle, as noted from a City Council meeting by Golden’s Transcript newspaper in 1906: “Karl Wagner appeared before the council with the old complaint of the people of South Ford street – that cattle were continually allowed to range on their lawns. The matter was once more referred to the marshal.”

In 1909 the neighborhood was at last supplied by municipal water. After World War II, developer Charles W. Martin and his Martin Construction Company played a major part in creating infill in the southern part of the area by building badly needed housing, including the Golden Motel which stood at a southern gateway to the neighborhood. With full development of the area, more neighborhood businesses were built to serve it alongside others meant to serve the Ford Street thoroughfare, and the historic neighborhood developed the character it has now.

**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.**
Internet & Cell Phone Safety
Worried about the dangers that exist for your child on the internet and cell phones? Mike and Cassandra Harris, investigators who work on Crimes against Children with the Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office, will teach you “Just 3 Things!” Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to protect your child against online and cell phone predators.

Age: Kindergarten and up
Thursday, 6 to 7 p.m.
March 3
Free, but you must register

Coconut Camp
This state-licensed day camp is guaranteed to keep your child busy! Activities include field trips, arts and crafts, gym, cooking, swimming, climbing and more. All campers are required to bring a sack lunch. An afternoon snack will be provided. Required paperwork before attending camp: immunization record and emergency information pages from the Parent’s Manual. Summer Camp paperwork is retained and may be used for this camp.

Age: 5 to 12 years,
Drop-off: 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Pick-up: 4 - 6 p.m.
March 28 to April 1
$30/day Resident,
$35/day Non-resident

Summer Adventure Day Camp
Our state-licensed summer camp program for ages 5 to 12 years is a full day program with drop off between 7:30-9:30 a.m. and pick up between 4-6 p.m. Most of the time, children will be separated by age: 5-8 year olds together and 9-12 year olds together.

$30/day Residents,
$35/day Non-residents

The initial lottery for incorporated City of Golden residents is Monday, March 14. The initial lottery for non-residents is Monday, March 21.

All applicants will be put into a lottery system and will know their child’s status within five days via email. Our program will offer one field trip per week for the first 20 registered participants within our field trip age group (5-6, 7-8, 9-12 years). Splash field trips will start week two and rotate every other week. Indoor swim days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Emergency packets are available at www.cityofgolden.net/camp.

Pet First Aid & Emergency Response
This unique course is ideal for all pet owners and pet caregivers. Pet First Aid and Emergency Response covers common health and safety related issues, first aid basics, when to seek professional care and disaster planning steps for the proper care of pets.

Age: 14 years and older
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
March 26
$60 resident, $65 non-resident

What a Toy Story Camp!
Join the computer explorers Film Festival. Create all the artistic elements of a movie including characters, costumes and sets. Learn how to handle the movies' technical detail including the digital movie cameras, digital editing and adding special effects. Grand finale... a movie premiere!

Age: 7 to 14 years
Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon
March 28 to 31
$130 Resident,
$135 Non-resident

Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!

Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen.

Call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates.

Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.
Mountain biking is gaining in popularity and is a great way to get outdoors. On Oct. 30, 2010 about 300 people gathered at Tony Grampsas Park in Golden to inaugurate and ride Golden Bike Park for the very first time.

Golden Bike Park contains the first purpose-built, mountain bike only trails in Golden. Riding options include downhill flow trails, bi-directional access trail, skills area and a state-of-the-art pump track. The gravity-fed flow park features rollers, berms, chicanes and tabletop jumps that are suitable for beginners and offer options for advanced riders to launch their bikes.

On average, the park has 15 to 20 riders per day including several visitors to Golden. The park will offer training days for beginners and events in upcoming months including professional riders and racing teams.

Golden Bike Park was developed through a partnership between the City of Golden, Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA) and a group of dedicated local volunteers called the Golden Bike Park Group. There was no paid labor during the building of the park. The Golden Bike Park Group will kick off volunteer maintenance days the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon beginning in March. Visit www.goldenbikepark.com, email goldenbikepark@gmail.com or contact Pedal Pushers Cyclery at 303-365-2453 for conditions, upcoming training, events and to volunteer.

Tony Grampsas is located at 4471 Salvia St.; parking is available in the primary lot off Salvia Street. From the parking lot, ride or walk north on the perimeter gravel path around the archery range and next to the ditch to reach Golden Bike Park.

Golden Lions Club Increases High School Scholarships

The Golden Lions Club has increased its number of scholarship awards to graduates of Golden High School (GHS). The Lions Club will add two more $1,000 scholarships to be awarded in addition to the $1,000 annual Tom Plummer Memorial scholarship named for the past Lions President and community leader who graduated from GHS. Applicants will be evaluated on academics, activities and especially community service. Applications and guidelines are available from school counselors, on the GHS website, http://jeffco.k12.co.us/high/golden/, and on the Golden Lions Club website, www.goldenlionsclub.org.

Applications are due no later than March 31. Finalists will be interviewed in April and winners will be announced at Senior Awards night in May.

The Golden Lions Club has been serving the community since 1943. It is well known for its Chili Supper and 4th of July Community Festival. Vision programs are high on the list of projects and include eyeglass recycling, financial assistance for eye surgeries and eyeglasses, and eye screening of preschoolers and kindergarteners. The Lions have constructed many amenities in City parks and continue to do so each year.
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 2010 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return.

The refund amount for 2010 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: _______________

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Address: __________________________________________ Golden, CO ZIP: __________

Phone: ________________________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2010? _____ 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, 2011.*

**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 ________
Fossil Trace Golf Club has taken on the role of mentor to Golden’s youth. The idea is to introduce kids to the game of golf, and to an experience that gets them out of the classroom and into the scenic beauty that lies within their community.

Since 2009, Fossil Trace Golf Club and PGA Director of Instruction Steve Patterson have supported the Colorado Section PGA Golf in Schools (GIS) program, and recently received official certification in the program from the Professional Golfers Association (PGA). The staff of PGA Golf Professionals at Fossil Trace has presented the GIS program to more than 1,500 students from Mitchell Elementary, Golden High School, Shelton Elementary, Ralston Elementary and Rocky Mountain Deaf School. This year, Bell Middle School, Kyffin Elementary and Welchester Elementary will also be part of the program.

The GIS program is supported through the schools’ existing Physical Education programs. The golf pros come to their schools to provide instruction, but students also get field trips to Fossil Trace to get a feel for the game first hand. This program is free to schools and a unique opportunity many students would not get otherwise.

GIS is a collaborative effort between the Colorado Section PGA, Colorado Golf Association, Colorado Women’s Golf Association, Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendent’s Association and the Colorado Open Foundation.

Fostering Future Golfers

Fossil Trace Golf Pro Steve Patterson instructs a young group of eager students from Rocky Mountain Deaf School.

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Bowling for Lights

Thanks to the many sponsors and participants of this year’s ScramBowl for Lights on Feb. 7 at Golden Bowl. The friendly competition raises money for the holiday lights that are displayed along South Golden Road each year. Nearly 50 teams participated in the 5th annual event put on by the Golden Chamber of Commerce.

The City of Golden’s Utilities Department won for best team name with “The Sewer Rats.” It was no surprise that the top bowlers were on the team from Golden Bowl. The EDS Waste Systems team may be great at picking up trash, but not so good at picking up spares! They came in last place.

The ScramBowl has become a popular event in Golden. This year the spots were filled up a month before the event, with several companies on the waiting list. Thanks to great support from the community, the event raised several thousand dollars.
2011 Summer Employment Opportunities

The City of Golden will soon be accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, the Splash Aquatic Park and Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Be sure to check out our website at www.cityofgolden.net/Employment.asp for job availability. - OR- Subscribe to our website at www.cityofgolden.net/Login.asp where you can enter your email address and ask to be notified each time a new job is posted.

Opportunities include:

- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors
- Batting Cage Attendants
- Field Crew
- Day Camp Leaders
- Youth Program Leaders
- Parks
- Cemetery and Golf Maintenance
- Pro-Shop Guest Services at Fossil Trace
- Cashiers and Food & Beverage Workers at The Splash