Golden Honors its Extraordinary Men and Women in Uniform

Creativity Needed to Design a New City Flag
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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

GOLDEN ETHICS IN BUSINESS AWARDS LUNCHEON
The Rotary Club of Golden and the Golden and West Chambers of Commerce are holding the 7th annual Ethics in Business Awards luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 5 at the Denver West Marriott, 1717 Denver West Blvd.

Two organizations will be honored, one for-profit and one non-profit, for their distinguished records in adherence to the highest standards of ethics in business. The keynote speaker will be Jake Jabs, President and CEO of American Furniture Warehouse. Jake is an accomplished businessman as well as an active member of the community and philanthropist. The master of ceremonies will be Ed Greene, CBS4 weather and news anchor.

The luncheon costs $35 per person, and prepaid reservations are required; please note that seating is limited. Reservations can be made at www.GoldenRotaryEthics.org.

I-GOLDEN NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS ARE BACK!
There are two levels of grants. Small grants are intended for block parties, neighborhood clean-up days and other small neighborhood events and projects. Small grants are awarded up to $500. They do not require a match but must be a benefit to the neighborhood community. You can apply anytime during the year until funds run out.

Matching grants are awarded up to $2,500 and are for larger projects, with a match by the neighborhood required. The match must be met with cash, pro bono and in kind contributions or sweat equity. These projects should help build a more vibrant neighborhood and benefit the community as well. Any grants submitted by March 21 will go before City Council for consideration at the April 12 Council meeting.

Both types of grants need to support the Golden Vision 2030 neighborhood values, and take into consideration Golden’s sustainability goals. Golden businesses should be used for professional services and materials.

For detailed information go to www.cityofgolden.net, or contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.

HELP DIRECT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
GURA has a vacancy on the board that will expire in June. Applications will be accepted until March 21. The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) is a group of commissioners that provide policy direction and oversight to staff on a variety of downtown redevelopment issues ranging from light pole banners to major construction projects. GURA meets publicly on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month.

Interviews for the open position are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council Study Session on Thursday, April 5 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. For more information on the responsibilities and activities of a GURA commissioner, call 303-279-4162 or visit www.gura.com.

Applications are provided by the City Clerk or from the City’s website, www.cityofgolden.net under Boards and Commissions. They will be accepted at the Office of the City Clerk at 911 10th St. until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21. You can drop them off in person, by mail, email to clerks@cityofgolden.net or fax to the attention of the City Clerk at 303-384-8001.

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 1
Rescheduled Regular Business Meeting

March 8
Regular Business Meeting

March 15
No meeting

March 22
No meeting

March 29
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.
We all agree -- they don't make towns like Golden anymore. Those of us who have chosen to live here are committed to sustaining Golden's defining character. We want to safeguard our community spirit, historic downtown, welcoming neighborhoods, local businesses, city amenities, and natural environment.

The public spaces in Golden sustain our community by instilling a sense of belonging and pride. Our award-winning parks, lively sidewalks, and city streets are the backdrop for day-to-day interactions and our many community events. In spaces all over town and in all seasons, we hold celebrations, mix with friends and neighbors, and engage in social and economic exchanges. A priority of council, staff, and our platoon of dedicated volunteers is the planning and development of even better community gathering places. Share your thoughts on implementing the Central Neighborhoods Plan (particularly the commercial area across from the high school), furthering the Clear Creek Master Plan (the creek corridor), and creating an East Downtown Plan (the area east of Washington).

Sustaining Golden also means showing respect for the future environment and concern for the generations that come after us. Through our Pay-as-You-Throw Trash and Recycling Program, recycling has become a way of life in our town. This one-and-a-half year old program has met the disposal needs of Golden residents and, at the same time, made significant progress toward the City's goal of a 25 percent reduction in our solid waste stream. Sustainability features at the 2011 USA Pro Cycling Challenge included convenient stations to separate trash, recycling, and compost. A related effort supplied visitors with free water to re-fill their own bottles, thereby reducing the amount of waste generated by disposable bottles. Golden's recycling projects were so remarkable that they won awards from the Colorado Chapter of the Public Works Association.

Another sustainability goal will receive special attention in 2012. A Renewable Energy Technical Advisory Committee, consisting of Golden residents and experts from NREL, the State of Colorado, and the School of Mines, has been empaneled to explore ways to meet the City's renewable-energy goals. For the good of Golden, the participants have contributed their expertise on solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass energy. And, as usual, the hard-working Sustainability Board is putting thought and effort into reaching the other goals under their charge.

Golden's quality of life is sustainable, but it relies on broad community engagement. Public involvement, coupled with a responsive city government, has long been a Golden hallmark. In the coming months the City will again be asking for your thoughts and help in a variety of ways. You can answer survey questions, leave comments on the updated Golden website, and telephone or email council and staff. You can also participate in i-Neighbors.org, subscribe to councilors' newsletters, read community newsletters, check out Facebook pages, go to a District 1 coffee with a councilor, or just talk to me if I'm within hailing distance.

By Mayor Marjorie Sloan
Be Part of Golden History:
Help Design a New City Flag

Golden has countless attributes that any city would envy: beautiful surroundings, a quaint downtown, countless recreational opportunities; the list goes on and on. Yet, it lacks one thing that most other cities have – an updated city flag.

The most recent version of our city flag was adopted by City Council in 1996. You can see from the picture that it yields an outdated version of the city logo. This flag represents part of Golden’s history and will be preserved at the Golden History Center.

But now you can help make history. The City of Golden and the Golden History Museums are teaming up to hold a Golden Flag Design Contest! This is your opportunity to create a lasting symbol for the city that captures the history, beauty and uniqueness of our community. The contest is open to everyone, from amateurs to professional graphic designers. Winners will be honored during the Buffalo Bill Days Parade when their flag is unfurled publically for the first time.

HERE ARE THE OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES:
• Only one entry per person or firm.
• Maximum of five colors used in design.
• Entry may be submitted in any art medium, but artists must realize that the winning design has to be turned into a digital picture in order to make a flag. Therefore, designs might be slightly altered in the process.
• The winning design will become the property of the City of Golden.
• Voting will take place online at www.cityofgolden.net and www.GoldenHistory.org as well as in person at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St.
• The three flags with the most votes will be submitted to the City Council and Council members will decide which, if any, flag they want to adopt.

Submissions must be received by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 30. Entries must include:
- Name
- Company (if applicable)
- Phone
- Email
- Mailing Address
- Grade Level (if applicable)
- Description of flag design and explanation of design elements.

Entries can be emailed to Nathan Richie at nrichie@GoldenHistory.org or mailed to Golden Flag Contest c/o Golden History Museums, 923 10th St. Golden, CO 80401. More information can be found online at www.GoldenHistory.org/flag.php.

A MEANINGFUL WAY TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED
Victim Outreach Information (VOI) offers opportunities to work directly with crime victims, offering support and access to resources during a critical stage of trauma. Volunteer Victim Advocates are called out by law enforcement on evenings and weekends to respond on scene, to ensure victims’ rights are upheld and needs are met. VOI serves residents in Arvada, Wheat Ridge, Edgewater, Golden, Mountain View, Lakeside, Morrison and the Colorado School of Mines. The application process is selective and applicants must be at least 21 years old, submit to a background check, and attend a 40-hour training. No experience is necessary. Applications are now being accepted for the upcoming training that starts April 2012. Contact Jennifer at 303-202-2196 or victimoutreachinfo@gmail.com.
According to the judge who sentenced him, serial rapist Marc O’Leary hunted women like they were his prey. He was described in court as calculating, methodical and meticulous in his choice of victims. He assaulted them for hours at a time, taking pleasure in their fear. The judge told him he was “pure evil.”

By the time O’Leary was caught, there were six known victims… one of which was in Golden. Finding out the identity of the rapist started a pure chance. It just so happened that one of our Golden detectives is married to a law enforcement officer in Westminster, where one of the other victims reported her assault. Their casual conversation at home is where the pieces of the puzzle began fitting together. Aurora, Lakewood, Westminster and Golden worked with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the FBI to complete the picture.

The key moment was at a group meeting on Feb. 9, 2011 when Lakewood Police mentioned a white truck in the area of their crime. Golden Detective Stacy Galbraith knew there was a white truck in Golden’s surveillance video, and this launched a massive investigation into O’Leary, the registered owner of the truck. Hundreds of investigators worked furiously for thousands of hours to collect evidence against O’Leary. By Feb. 13, 2011, Golden Police were able to arrest O’Leary. He was sentenced to prison for 327 ½ years to life.
Each year, the Golden Fire Department honors its outstanding staff and volunteers for the extraordinary performances and contributions they make to the Golden community. These are the award winners for 2011.

**Retirement Awards**
 Joe Nelson – Served as an Assistant Chief and Captain in District 1 for 20 years.
 Gene Quador – Served as Division Chief for five years, in addition to 16 years at Rocky Flats Fire Rescue.

**Length of Service Awards**
 Craig Weimer – 20 years
 Joe Anderson – 10 years
 Noah Creaven – 5 years
 Lt. Phil Cordova – 5 years

**Training Division Awards**
 Division Chief Gene Quador presents this award to firefighters who gave a lot of their own time and talents to teach new recruits in the Fire Recruit Academy:
 Engineer Dan Roozen
 Lt. Jason Flickner
 Capt. John O’Connor
 Engineer Chad Wachs
 Firefighter Tyler Hecox
 Engineer Justin Fritch
 Firefighter Jared Stricker
 Engineer Nick Bunting

**Recruit Firefighter of the Year**
 Presented to Casey Dragos for an impressive first year as a volunteer firefighter.

**Appreciation Award**
 Recognizing more than 50 GFD personnel for their outstanding efforts during the Indian Gulch Fire that threatened Golden in March, putting in more than 1,000 hours in five days.

**Unit Citations**
 #1 - Presented to Firefighters Trevor Williamson, Noah Creaven, Marina Valenzuela, Tyler Hecox, Colin Winter, Lt. Jeanette Kehoe, Capt. Tina Gustafson, Capt. Aaron Giesick and Division Chief Gene Quador for their rescue of a fallen rock climber in Clear Creek Canyon.
 #2 - Presented to Capt. Aaron Giesick, Lt. Eric Gettenberg and Firefighter Ben Moline for putting themselves in a dangerous situation in order to rescue a man out of the creek.

**Award of Merit**
 Awarded to Capt. Aaron Giesick, Capt. Gerard Lutz and Lt. Eric Gettenberg for making a perilous rescue of a teen trapped in a mine.

**Fire Chief’s Award of Distinction**
 #1 - Lt. Jeanette Kehoe for scheduling 85 volunteer personnel during the USA Pro Cycling Challenge.
 #2 - Executive Asst. Debbie Testroet for recovering more than $26,000 in equipment and personnel costs from the Indian Gulch Fire.
 #3 - Golden Fleet Superintendent Joe King for being a long-time ally to the department and helping to maintain its fleet of vehicles.

**Jack Harvey Award**
 Firefighter Chad Wachs for helping to raise thousands of dollars for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation that supports the national memorial and the survivors of fallen firefighters.

**Firefighters of the Year**
 #1 - Capt. Joe Gross for his dedication to education, safety and training within the Fire Department and out in the community.
 #2 - Firefighter Ben Moline for being a leader in emergency responses and training hours, as well as his participation in many special events held in Golden.
The City of Golden is partnering with the Center for ReSource Conservation to provide a free seminar on the how-to’s of Xeriscaping and other water-wise landscape practices. The seminar is FREE and open to anyone. The seminar will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 at the Golden Community Center, Bear Creek South room (upstairs), 1470 10th St. For more information and to register visit www.ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x217.

You can add beauty and value to your landscape, as well as help benefit your entire community, by purchasing trees that are known to flourish in our area. The City of Golden is once again offering trees which are both practical and affordable and are selected for their adaptability and diversity.

The deciduous trees are approximately 1 ¼” in trunk diameter and 5’-8’ in height. Species offered include Tatarian maple, hackberry, redbud, crabapple, Glenleven linden and four species of oak.

The conifers for sale are approximately 4’ tall, except for the 3’ bristlecone pine. Other conifers offered are Vanderwolf’s limber, Scotch, Bosnian and ponderosa pines.

All selections are priced at $45 each, plus tax. The maximum number of trees a resident may order is five, and there are a limited number of trees available.

Orders will be accepted through April 10. Order forms can be found either on the City of Golden website, www.cityofgolden.net/links/TreeSale, or at the front desk of the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. This sale is restricted to City of Golden residents, who are required to show proof of residency.

Trees purchased will be distributed during the last two weeks of April. Contact City Forester Dave High for information regarding the sale at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net.

Don’t know the first thing about Xeriscape gardening? No problem! The City of Golden and the Center for ReSource Conservation have taken the mystery out of creating a beautiful, water-conserving garden by offering Garden-in-a-Box. If you pre-purchase any of the available gardens, you will receive a “plant-by-numbers” design, a selection of Xeriscape plants, and planting and care instructions, all below retail cost.

Here’s what others have said about Garden-in-a-Box:
“*It’s so beautiful! We have many admirers. For the first time in 20 years, I saw a hummingbird in my yard at the flowers.*”
“*Very pleased to have the guidance of what to plant and the plan makes it simple to have it look nice.*”

New gardens are available this year and are already on sale. You can learn about each garden and pre-purchase gardens by visiting www.ConservationCenter.org. Gardens will be available for pick-up Saturday May 12.
Nominations Open
For 2012 Golden Sustainability Awards

Do you know someone who is a stand-out supporter of sustainability? Someone who is vigilant about energy conservation or recycles that last bit of material? The Community Sustainability Advisory Board is soliciting nominations for outstanding individuals and groups who have committed their efforts toward achieving a more sustainable city.

We are looking for nominations for the following categories:
• Student
• Individual
• Business
• Community Group

Nominations will be accepted through March 30, and applications can be downloaded from the sustainability page of the city website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/sustainability. For more information, please contact Theresa Worsham at 303-384-8117 or tworsham@cityofgolden.net.

Bike Lanes Go Green

Cyclist safety is a key component in making it easy for residents and visitors to bike around Golden. As part of the recent improvements to the Jackson Street Corridor, the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) approved Golden as an experimental site for increasing visibility of bicyclists. This spring, the bike lanes along Jackson Street between 14th and 24th Streets will be colored green to promote user awareness.

Golden will experiment with green colored pavement to determine if it improves safe merging behavior and compliance with proper lane placement by both bicyclists and motorists. As part of the City’s agreement with the FHA, Golden will continue to periodically survey motorists about the effectiveness of the changes. Ultimately, the City hopes that the increased visibility of bicyclists will encourage more citizens to take advantage of Golden’s bike trails.
Through March 16

**Hal Shelton: Vistas, Mountains and Canyon Lands**
Hal Shelton had a long and prolific career as an artist and world renowned cartographer. Come see his works, both public and from the private family collection. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Through March 25

**Who Done It High School Reunion?**
The audience gets to help find the suspect in this comical murder mystery. Runs select Sunday nights, so check with the box office for dates. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. Call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

Through April 1

**Master Class**
A trip through the life of a glamorous diva, who proves that while the actress may have left the stage, she will never give up her audience. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For ticket information, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through April 6

**Boot Camp Challenge**
BCC is a session-based group personal training program for every fitness level. This session began on Feb. 27 but enrollment is taken through March 4. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information call Kim at 720-628-2901 or info@BCCDenver.com.

Through April 28

**Male Call: Quilts Made by Men**
The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum’s biennial showcase of quilts made by men continues to be one of its most anticipated and popular exhibits. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information, call 303-277-0377 or www.rmqm.org.

March 1,2,3,9,10

**Clue**
Golden High School’s Stage Right Productions presents “Clue” with three different endings and two separate casts; never the same show twice. Performances held in the GHS auditorium, 701 24th St. Tickets are $8 with discounts for students and teachers are free. For more information, contact Mr. Scott Hasbrouck at shasbrou@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-2813.

March 2 through 24

**Colorado Watercolor Society Exhibition**
80 innovative, remarkable paintings from today’s leading Colorado watercolor artists. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. $5 Adults, $3 Seniors, members and students free. For more information, call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

March 11

**Spring Forward**
Daylight Savings Time. Set your clocks forward one hour and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
March 17
St. Patrick’s Day

Golden on the Air
Tune in to Mines Internet Radio to hear a special radio play written just for the City of Golden, or watch it happen live at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., $3 at the door, members are free. For more information, call 303-278-3557 or www.GoldenHistory.org.

March 19
Middle & High School Concert
The Golden High School Orchestra and Bell Middle School present a concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School auditorium, 701 24th St. Suggested donation is $3 at the door. For more information, contact Dr. William Graves at wgraves@jeffco.k12.co.us.

March 20
First Day of Spring

Spring Concert
Golden High School’s Vocal Music Department presents its Spring Concert at 7 p.m. in the GHS theater, 701 24th St. Tickets are $3 at the door. For more information, contact Ms. Angela Becker at abecker@jeffco.k12.co.us.

March 21
Band and Orchestra Concert
The Golden High School Concert Band and Orchestra and Bell Middle School present a concert at 7 p.m. in the GHS auditorium, 701 24th St. Suggested donation is $3 at the door. For more information, contact Dr. William Graves at wgraves@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
March 7, 2012................... 9 to 10 a.m.
April 4, 2012..................... 9 to 10 a.m.
June 6, 2012..................... 9 to 10 a.m.

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

FREE
Building Use Tax Workshops
The City of Golden is hosting FREE Building Use Tax Workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors. 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 2, 2012..................... 9 to 10 a.m.

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

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 Art of Cycling

The USA Pro Cycling Challenge will once again host a nationwide contest inviting artists to create unique event posters for each of the 12 host cities, as well as a national event poster that will be seen throughout the world. All types of artists – professional, amateur, aspiring – are encouraged to let their creativity flow and submit their designs. All entries are being accepted on the USA Pro Cycling Challenge Facebook page at www.facebook.com/USAProCyclingChallenge. All rules and requirements can also be found there. Entries will be accepted until Friday, March 16, and the winners will be announced on Monday, April 16. Local artist and Art on the Brix business owner, Alyssa Graves, won the national poster contest for the 2011 inaugural USA Pro Cycling Challenge.

If I Were Mayor Essay Contest

7th and 8th Graders… this is your chance to give government a piece of your mind! The Colorado Municipal League (CML) is hosting its 5th annual essay contest for 7th and 8th graders in Colorado. The winners will receive a certificate of achievement, $500 to establish a scholarship account with CollegeInvest, and an opportunity to attend the CML Annual Conference in June to accept their awards.

Here is the topic of the essay: “During a recent council meeting a resident raises her hand and asks why citizens should care about local government. She doesn’t think city/town services have any impact on the quality of her life or the lives of her two young children. If you were mayor, how would you respond?”

The contest is open to all Colorado students enrolled in the 7th or 8th grades during the 2011-2012 school year. Students who are home schooled are also eligible. Only one essay per student may be submitted. Essays must be received by Tuesday, April 3. For a complete list of rules and entry form, visit www.cml.org/If_I_were_mayor_essay_contest.aspx.

Help Support the Rooney Road Recycling Center

Proper disposal and recycling of household hazardous waste is not free, nor is it cheap and the costs are rising. The Rooney Road Recycling Center (3RC) Foundation was created to help the recycling center fill a growing funding shortage as contributions from participating governments started to become more scarce. The 3RC Foundation serves a supporting role to the Rooney Road Recycling Center Authority by providing marketing and public outreach assistance as well as fundraising assistance that helps the Recycling Center maintain and expand the services offered. The 3RC Foundation is currently looking for a few new board members from local communities to help with its efforts. The time commitment is minimal and your efforts contribute to maintaining our local environment. For more information, call Chris Naber at 303-384-8183 or email cnaber@cityofgolden.net.
Thanks to great support from the community, this year’s ScramBowl for Lights raised enough money to keep the holiday lights burning brightly in 2012. The Scrambowl is a friendly bowling competition at Golden Bowl that raises money for the holiday lights that are displayed along South Golden Road each year. Nearly 50 teams participated in the 6th annual event put on by the Golden Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 6.

The Best Team Name went to Medved Autoplex for the “Show-Furs.” Applewood Builders got the best overall score, beating out last year’s winner, Golden Bowl, who came in second. The Kiwanis Club of Golden came in last; the good news is they can only go up next year!

Best Team Attire went to Gentle Smiles/Dr. Wachuta for "Safari"

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You Make the Difference Awards

The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make the Difference” awards which are 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; ability to think “outside” the parameters of their daily duties; genuine enthusiasm for day-to-day tasks and special projects; and ability to motivate others and encourage a positive work environment. Two employees were recently honored with the award.

Ofc. Al Joyce – Golden Police Department
Golden Fire was working a brush fire along Ford Street and Al Joyce was assigned to block the street so that traffic would not impede firefighting efforts. Suddenly a pickup truck came barreling around the blockade and speeding down the street, right toward the firefighters. Al Joyce quickly got in his police car, maneuvered around the pickup and was able to stop it just feet before it would've run into a fire truck and two firefighters. He then approached the vehicle and quickly realized that he was dealing with a person with severe dementia. Al was cautious, but he was never rough with the driver, even when the driver got combative. Al was able to calm the driver down, get his car taken away and get him to a hospital. Al's experience and training was evident. He handled the situation with grace and compassion, while still protecting himself and the rest of the people around him. Kudos to Al for proving what we always tell people… that Golden Police officers are the best!

Tye Garner – Parks Senior Maintenance Worker
Tye deserves to be recognized for an outstanding 2011. A few of his accomplishments include supervising the installation and troubleshooting the Parks Division's new Central Control irrigation system and assisting Utilities in their implementation of Sensus Park Meters. Every Monday during the summer and all of October he was the acting Parks Supervisor. It should be noted that the Parks division does not skip a beat during staff schedule changes and vacations thanks to Tye. He works hard, he works smart and is responsible for a large amount of the Parks Division successes. Tye has earned the respect and affections of his coworkers through his many years of service with the City of Golden. 2011 simply reinforced what we have always known and appreciated about Tye and that he is the best at what he does. Thank you Tye, from your crew!

Golden’s Holiday Lights Hit a Strike!

Thanks to great support from the community, this year’s ScramBowl for Lights raised enough money to keep the holiday lights burning brightly in 2012. The Scrambowl is a friendly bowling competition at Golden Bowl that raises money for the holiday lights that are displayed along South Golden Road each year. Nearly 50 teams participated in the 6th annual event put on by the Golden Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 6.

The Best Team Name went to Medved Autoplex for the “Show-Furs.” Applewood Builders got the best overall score, beating out last year’s winner, Golden Bowl, who came in second. The Kiwanis Club of Golden came in last; the good news is they can only go up next year!

Best Team Attire went to Gentle Smiles/Dr. Wachuta for "Safari"
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 2011 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return.

The refund amount for 2011 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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Age: __________________ Date of Birth: __________________
Address: __________________________ Golden, CO ZIP: _________
Phone: ________________________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2011? _____ 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, 2012.

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 ________
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, March 2 & April 6
Celebrate Health! is held upstairs at the Front Porch of the Golden Community Center. For more information, please call 303-384-8130.
Chair massages..............$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ........$13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce.....$20 per 15 minutes

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 Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

The Healing Power of Humor and Laughter-
Presented by Senior Reach
Research shows that laughter could be the simplest and surest way to reduce stress and improve physical and mental health. Join us for an informative program and a lot of laughter!
Tuesday, March 30, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
FREE!  Min/Max: 6/15

Abrakadoodle Art Experience - #15125
Each class includes background information on the artist who inspires the day’s lesson, art instruction in technique and style, and all the materials needed. Sign up at the Front Desk.
Wednesdays, noon to 2 p.m.
(3) March 14 - Klimt & Frieze
(4) April 11 - O’Keeffe & Watercolors

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS
Molly Brown House Full Tea -#15121-01
www.mollybrown.org
Enjoy Afternoon tea at the Molly Brown House with Molly and “Captain Smith.” Be there as Mrs. Brown personally welcomes Captain Smith to her home for tea as they politely discuss their upcoming voyage together on the luxury liner Titanic.
Sunday, March 11, noon to 4 p.m.
$35 (van, admission & tea included)
Exertion Level: 3 (4 flights of stairs required)
Register/Cancel by March 9.

Clyfford Still Museum - #15123-01
www.clyffordstillmuseum.org
Visit the newest museum in Denver. Considered one of the most important painters of the 20th century, Clyfford Still’s (1904-1980) Abstract Expressionist collection has been sealed since his death. We will stop for lunch.
Wednesday, March 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
$9 (van only, bring $6 for admission and money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by March 18.

Cherokee Ranch - # 15122-01
Cherokee Ranch and Castle is a beautiful historic destination for cultural events and the discovery of Western heritage. This tour covers details of the Castle's history and architecture, as well as its unique furnishings and collections of art from around the world. We will stop for lunch.
Thursday, March 29, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
$25 (van and tour included, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by March 15.
For more information and to register for Golden Community Center Programs, visit us online at rec.cityofgolden.net

Registration is open for last minute swimming lessons before the summer season! There are several levels and options to choose from. Visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net for more information and to register.

Red Cross Lifeguard Training
This American Red Cross (ARC) designed course is one of the national standards for Lifeguard Employment. Upon successful completion, the candidate will receive certification in ARC Lifeguard Training, First Aid and CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer.

Age: Must be at least 15 years old by completion of course
Tuesday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., March 27-30
Fee: $175 Resident/$200 Non-resident

SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP

The state-licensed summer camp program for ages 5-12 years is a full day program with drop-off between 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and pick-up between 4 to 6 p.m. The program offers one field trip per week for the first 20 registered participants within the field trip age groups. Splash Water Park field trips will start week two and rotate every other week. Indoor swim days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fee per day: $30 Residents/$35 Non-residents.

When is the online lottery registration?
The initial lottery for incorporated City of Golden residents is March 12-13. The initial lottery for non-residents is March 19-20.

How to Register?
Parent/guardian must register participant online at https://rec.cityofgolden.net (Parent’s Manual with the Emergency Packet is available on the website). The child’s Emergency Packet and Immunization Record must be submitted by March 12 for residents and March 19 for non-residents in order for registration to be approved.

When will I know if my child is enrolled?
All applicants will be put into a lottery system and will know their child’s status within five business days via email.

How much is due?
The fee for the month of June is due at registration along with the $20 registration fee. You will be required to provide a credit or debit card during the registration process to be set up for the monthly payment plan. The July fee is due on June 15 and the August fee is due on July 15. If you register after the initial lottery, all fees are due.

What if my child is waitlisted for a couple days?
If a cancellation is received, the first child on the waitlist will be automatically registered. An email notification with a confirmation date will be sent. There is no charge to be on the waitlist. Waitlisted days usually open up after the cancellation deadline or after the program begins. It is the parent’s responsibility to remove their child from the waitlist.

Cancellation or changes?
All cancellations and changes must be submitted via email or in writing by Sunday, April 29 and will be subject to a $5 cancellation fee per child, per separate cancellation (per time you provide a change). Please turn in all of your changes at once. Email Tracy at thagelund@cityofgolden.net for cancellations and changes.

Registering after the lottery:
If you are interested in registering after the initial lottery, turn in your child’s Emergency Packet and Immunization Record and visit the website https://rec.cityofgolden.net to register. The system will show you which days are available. Those registering after the initial lottery will be required to pay all fees at registration.
Founded in 2009, the goal of the Golden Community Garden is to foster a love of gardening and community. The Garden enables the citizens of Golden to work together to grow organic fruits, vegetables and flowers.

The Golden Community Garden is not only a garden, but a place to be shared much like a park. The newly constructed pavilion has become home to several community events including pumpkin carvings, potlucks, dance lessons and meeting space. The community is welcome to stop by and enjoy the butterflies in the butterfly garden, walk the new labyrinth and enjoy the orchard.

Gardening opportunities exist for individuals, people with special needs, families or groups of friends. Schools are encouraged to have a plot in the garden or construct a garden of their own. Dedicated group plots have included a Children’s Demonstration Garden, a pumpkin patch, a Permaculture Plot, raised beds for seniors and a Production Garden for local food banks. Combined with individual gardener donations, the amount of food donated to local food bank programs last year was over 400 pounds!

You can join in the growing fun. The 2012 Garden Membership Meeting will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20 at the First Presbyterian Church, 17707 West 16th Ave. The membership meeting is an introductory meeting to prepare for the 2012 growing season.

One of over 100 Denver Urban Gardens (DUG), the Golden Community Garden also offers educational classes on composting, organic gardening techniques, drip irrigation and more. DUG was established in 1985 to support Denver residents in creating sustainable, food-producing neighborhood community gardens.

The first class of the season will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 14 at the Golden Community Garden. The class, Succession Planting, will show gardeners how to create a detailed succession plan to eliminate the guesswork of what and when to plant later in the season.

Located at 1506 8th St., the Golden Community Garden can be reached at the west end of either 8th or 10th streets in Golden. Pedestrian gates are located at both the 8th and 10th Street entrances and to the west on the adjacent bike path. Look for upcoming classes and events, apply for a plot, and find more information on the Community Garden website www.goldencommunitygarden.org.
Have you ever rummaged through a bag of Jolly Rancher hard candies searching for your favorite flavor? If so, you might be surprised to learn that this popular line of sweet treats, which is today owned by candy-giant Hershey’s, actually began in Golden.

Bill and Dorothy Harmsen opened the first Jolly Rancher store at 1113 Washington Ave. in May 1949. (The original building burned down, but there is a plaque there today marking the building’s location). At first, they sold soft-serve ice cream, but when sales declined during winter, they offered boxed chocolates and a spicy cinnamon creation called Fire Stix.

The Jolly Rancher operation grew during the 1950s, and the Harmsens moved from the Washington Avenue location to their 10-acre farm in Wheat Ridge. Calling it the Sugar Bar Ranch, they initially raised flowers and grew fruit there to sell in Denver.

When the candy business grew, they converted the barn into a factory, and the farm land eventually made way for new kitchens. They hired “candy cowboys” and “candy cowgirls” to make, package, and deliver the products to their stores.

To keep up with the increasing demand, the Harmsens stopped selling chocolates, automated the candy-making process, and focused solely on their “famous for flavor” hard candies. The rest of the story is well-known by any kid with a sweet tooth.

At Golden History Museums this spring, children ages 6-11 will get an up-close look at some of this product line that was originally made in Golden. They will become candy cowboys or cowgirls, and will try their hand at making chocolates, making ice cream from scratch, and designing their own “famous flavors.”

That is one of the fun topics offered by Golden History Museums in the Hands-on History (HoH) Spring Break Camp on March 27, 28, and 29. HoH immerses kids in local history using unique session themes like the exploration of Jolly Rancher’s operations and meal preparation on an 1800s ranch. Read detailed descriptions at www.GoldenHistory.org.

Each day is a different theme, so you can sign up for one day, two, or all three. Camp lasts from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Prices are $30 for non-members and $27 for museum members. All activities take place at the Astor House Museum, Clear Creek History Park or the Golden History Center. Call 303-278-3557 x203 to register.
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**Take Advantage of Your Golden Ticket!**

_Anyone who has been around Golden for a while, likely knows about Golden Tickets. In fact, a record number of people used Golden Tickets in 2011 at our local merchants. We want to make 2012 even better. So, pull out your stack of Golden Tickets and do your part to stimulate the local economy. You may save up to 20 percent and if you’re lucky, you could win up to $500 in cash! Keep in mind, many of the current tickets expire on March 31, so use them soon._

_Here’s how it works. Bring your Golden Ticket into any of Golden’s participating businesses, and then scratch the gold box in front of the merchant to reveal your discount. Be careful not to scratch your Golden Ticket until you are ready to use it and can show the merchant. If you’re wondering what businesses accept the Golden Ticket, it’s easy. Just look for the “Golden Ticket Accepted Here” sign in the window of businesses in downtown Golden, Heritage Square, North Golden, Golden Ridge and South Golden Road. Visit [www.2hourvacation.com/deals.html](http://www.2hourvacation.com/deals.html) for a complete list of over 80 participating merchants._

_If you don’t have a Golden Ticket, you can get one at the Coors Brewery Tour or from the Golden Greeters who hand them out at a variety of community events, including First Fridays in downtown Golden._
2012 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 http://sitetools.cityofgolden.net/employment.asp for job availability.

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