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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

FUTURE OF NORTH CLEAR CREEK NEIGHBORHOODS
If you have a vision for the future of the North Clear Creek Neighborhood including 8th, 9th and 10th streets as well as Goosetown, we want to hear it. Golden’s Community and Economic Development Department will host two more community meetings to gather your feedback and create goals to help shape the North Clear Creek Neighborhood Draft Plan.

The City hosted the first of the three meetings back in January. Participants took a survey and shared their ideas for future change. Join City planners for the second meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. At this meeting City planners will share the results of the survey and begin to set goals for the neighborhoods. The third meeting will be a workshop to provide input that will help draft the official neighborhood plan. That will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at the Golden Community Center. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/NClearCreekPlan for more information.

GOLDEN PRIDE DAYS
We’re getting close to the time of year to do some spring cleaning, get rid of your junk, and take pride in your neighborhoods! Golden Pride Days is an annual event for residents of Golden, which gives you the opportunity to bring all sorts of unwanted items to our City shops for safe disposal. This is the stuff that is maybe too big for your normal trash, or large items that can be recycled like electronics and tires. This event does NOT include hazardous material disposal. This year Golden Pride Days will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1. Be sure to check out the April edition of the Golden Informer for details on what items will be accepted, along with other details on this great event. Meantime, start making your plans to clean up and clear out all of your unwanted junk!

COFFEE WITH A COUNCILOR
Did you know you can sit down face-to-face with some of your City Councilors and really talk about what you think is important in Golden? Coffee with a Councilor was started by Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves as a way to reach out to her community rather than wait to hear from them. She holds her event on the first Saturday of every month. She is the District One Councilor, more commonly referred to as the South Neighborhoods of Golden. Now, her fellow District Councilor Casey Brown plans to follow in her footsteps and hold a similar event for the residents of District Two, or the North Neighborhoods. This is a great way to share viewpoints, hear what’s important to others, and get some diverse perspectives. The upcoming Coffees with a Councilor are at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Road for Councilor Charis-Graves. Councilor Brown will host his at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 20 at Natural Grocers, 2401 Ford St.

Below is Golden City Council’s monthly calendar. Meetings are held on Thursdays and begin at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

March 3
No meeting

March 10
Regular business meeting

March 17
Rescheduled regular business meeting

March 24
No meeting

March 31
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.
In beginning my second term, I’ve developed an image of “Team Golden” —various elements joined together to make our city work best, taking the steps and pulling in the same direction, with continuous upward movement. These elements include the fresh energy that comes with a new city manager, expertise of a seasoned professional staff, an experienced and diverse city council, and a citizen-oriented vision to guide us.

The element rounding out my image comes from our citizen-appointed boards and commissions. These volunteer groups are the community’s voice, influencing public policy and decisions that impact the entire city.

“Serving on a citizen board or commission is one of the most valuable ways a resident can help our community achieve common goals and assure that the Golden of the future continues to be the unique and special place it is today. By sharing your individual perspective on the community and how we can improve, you will not only assure that City Council has balanced input into decisions, you may also influence community decisions that will affect your family and neighbors, and know you have done your part.”
~ Steve Glueck, Director of Community and Economic Development

Serving on a board or commission lends the citizen volunteer a unique insight into the decision-making process of the City. For instance, a person might be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board with experience as a bicyclist, but learn to appreciate the perspective of a golfer, a runner, a kayaker or a parent with young children. This broad spectrum also helps city staff get a quick and easy “read” on the citizen perspective related to a particular issue or ordering of city-wide priorities within their area of expertise.

“Serving on Golden’s boards and commissions was a terrific experience. I was able to have a direct and meaningful role in guiding City policy and operations. And I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with my fellow volunteers and make new friends with smart and thoughtful people from across our community.”
~ Casey Brown, District Two Councilor

Think you don’t “know enough” to apply? While some skills are useful on a particular board or commission, more important is the ability to think through a challenge and discuss in a thoughtful manner with your fellow citizens.

“I was appointed to the Planning Commission after failing twice (!!) to get on the Sustainability Committee. I am happy that things worked out as they did. As a member of the Commission I provided input to the sustainability rules that all developers must use for major upgrades and new builds. In addition, being part of the Community Mixed Use (CMU) zoning discussions was gratifying to help meet Golden Vision 2030. Finally, as now chairman of the Commission, I help guide our discussions, e.g., around working with the city to help gain access to housing that is affordable, and projects to slip into the Capital Improvement Plan.”
~ Don Cameron, Planning Commission Chairperson

Golden needs YOU! Please consider becoming part of the team that makes Golden not just good but as great as it could be.
Now is your chance to help shape the future of Golden! The City relies heavily on citizen volunteers to be members of our boards, commissions and committees. Right now there are a variety of openings and the City is taking applications.

Members of these groups help the City to study special community issues, provide staff direction, obtain public comment on key projects and take action or offer recommendations to City Council on any number of matters. You could be part of the community’s voice that influences public policy and decisions that impact the entire city.

You can find the application at www.cityofgolden.net/links/JoinABoard, along with more information on the specific boards with openings, as well as details on the application and interview processes.

If you are interested in applying, you will need to complete the application form. You may be considered for up to three different boards on one application. You must be a resident of the City of Golden to be considered. After completing the application, save and email it to: clerks@cityofgolden.net. The deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 11.

SAVE THE DATE for interviews which are scheduled to be held by City Council in the evening on Thursday, April 7. If you have questions contact the City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014, 303-384-8015 or clerks@cityofgolden.net.

NEW SPECIAL EVENTS POLICIES DESIGNED TO PROTECT CITY’S BEST INTERESTS

A fter a year-long review and evaluation of the special events application process, the City of Golden has lifted the moratorium on new events. During 2015, events that were new to the City were not eligible to apply for a special events permit. The moratorium was prompted by an unusually large number of new event requests, many of which had no ties to the Golden community in any way.

During a normal year the City issues approximately 70 special event permits, mostly for the months of June through September. While many love the annual events that liven up the summer in Golden, we were at risk of becoming overwhelmed by the number of events, and the impacts - such as traffic, noise, and parking - that go along with them. We had to be able to manage the number of events, and to find a way to encourage events that have strong community ties and reflect our community goals and values.

The evaluation process included a citizen survey, surveys of event participants and many conversations with residents, merchants, visitors, event organizers and other stakeholders. The new policies reflect what was heard throughout this process. We were told over and over again that events are an important part of what makes Golden a vibrant city, however, it’s important to find a balance between the impacts and the benefits. The new policies, adopted by City Council on Jan. 19, reflect this concern. Among other things, event organizers will see an increase in fees associated with events, stricter management of alcohol sales and consumption at large events held on public property, and more restrictions on closing Washington Avenue. A new Special Events Review Committee made up of staff and residents will evaluate new event requests and determine if they align with the City of Golden’s community goals and values.

In light of this new policy, City Manager Jason Slowinski has lifted the moratorium that Golden had imposed on new events in 2015. The moratorium was set to expire on March 31 of this year, but was lifted on Feb. 1, thanks to the actions of City Council. Event organizers who are proposing new events that did not occur in Golden in previous years, may now apply for a permit. If you are an event organizer and would like to hold your event in Golden, email the Special Events Coordinator at events@cityofgolden.net.
Wayne Rogers is following in the footsteps of his father as a Golden Elk. “I was raised by my parents to understand the importance of community service,” said Rogers. “My wife was raised with the same principals and together we believe the best way to help any community is to help the youth.” The Elks are a group whose sole purpose is to better the communities they serve. In Golden, the Elks help everyone from school kids to veterans. A Veteran himself with a passion for youth, Wayne says the group is the perfect fit for him.

Wayne helped start the Golden chapter of the Elks club 27 years ago. The first Elks Club was founded in 1868 in New York City by a group of 12 actors and entertainers. At first it was a social club exclusively for entertainers to have a place to drink alcohol on Sundays, when all other places were closed. The members would hold fundraisers and entertain the crowds in order to collect money for their Sunday gatherings. But over the years, the Club grew and evolved. Eventually, it was opened up to non-entertainers, then to all males and now, females are also members. The purpose also changed from a party club to a service club.

Now, the Elks are all over the country. Denver is the 17th lodge and Golden’s chapter, which was founded in May of 1988, is number 2,740. Between dictionaries for elementary school kids to scholarships for high school students to services for veterans, The Golden Elks donate about $30,000 each year in time and money to the Golden area.

Right now there are just 168 members left in the Golden Elks Club. Wayne says in order for the group to continue its legacy of service, they need to grow back up to about 300 members. The Golden Elks spend about half of their time putting on fun, family-oriented events, and the other half of their time working with kids and vets. Wayne quips, “We raise money so that we can give it away.” If you are interested in learning more about the Golden Elks, contact Wayne at golden2740@hotmail.com or call 303-947-2532.

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**PROJECT: SOBER HERO**

The Golden Police Department (GPD) is excited to bring a new program to the City of Golden, Project: Sober Hero. The program, developed by Sergeant Matt Porter and Officer Jake Lizakowski, brings attention to the dangers of drinking and driving and promotes safe driving behaviors.

In 2013, more than 10,000 people died in the U.S. as the result of alcohol involved traffic crashes; that’s one death every 51 seconds. Motor vehicle crashes where alcohol is involved costs more than $37 billion annually. In 2015, Golden police officers arrested 143 drivers who were under the influence of alcohol. Officers investigated 12 alcohol related traffic crashes, two of the crashes involved injuries.

The GPD believes this program will help reduce alcohol involved vehicle crashes by bringing attention to and rewarding citizens who choose to be designated drivers. Designated drivers are highly valued members of our community and help save lives. Project: Sober Hero is a reward program to help encourage responsible driving.

Here’s how it will work. The Golden Police Department will partner with Golden businesses that serve or sell alcohol and will encourage other Golden businesses to participate as well. The businesses will be asked to donate $5 gift cards or certificates for local Golden businesses. When GPD officers spot designated drivers, they will be given a gift card voucher. The citizen would then redeem the voucher at the Golden Police Department, 911 10th St.

Anyone who is interested in helping with funding this program can purchase $5 gift cards from local businesses. The gift cards can be dropped off at the Golden Police Department, 911 10th St. For more information, email Officer Jake Lizakowski at jlizakowski@cityofgolden.net.
Linking Lookout Project Underway

Construction started on the US 6 & 19th Street interchange in early February, with most of the activity taking place away from existing roadways. The first phase of construction focuses on constructing the on and off ramps that will link US 6 to 19th Street. Once these ramps are constructed they become the detour for all the traffic from US 6 while the highway is lowered and the new 19th Street bridge is built. While the ramps are being constructed, traffic on US 6 and 19th Street will stay in their current lanes and will be largely unaffected by the construction. You’ll notice construction signs and barrels along the shoulders, but will not be asked to take detours. On the west side of US 6, you’ll likely notice that retaining walls are being constructed and that a lot of trees are being removed. Part of the project will be to plant a tree for every one that is removed, so it is only a temporary loss. On the east side of US 6, the ramps are being constructed where the existing 6th Avenue Trail is located. As a result, the trail will have to be closed from the Kenney’s Run crossing all the way to the Clear Creek Trail for the entire construction project. Pedestrians and cyclists on the 6th Avenue Trail will be detoured onto Illinois during construction. A map is available at www.cityofgolden.net/links/TrailDetour. Pedestrian and bicycle access on 19th will not be impacted during this early phase.

If you have questions about the project, or want more information, visit www.LinkingLookout.com or call and leave a message on our Hotline 303-277-8777.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

During construction, speeds along US 6 will be reduced south of 19th Street from 55 mph to 45 mph. This reduction is necessary for your safety and for the protection of construction workers on the site. Please observe these new speed limits as they will be strictly enforced. The 6th Avenue Trail will be closed between Illinois Street and the Clear Creek Trail for the entire project (February 2016 through September 2017). Please do not attempt to use the trail by going past the closure barricades. The new on and off ramps for westbound US 6 will be constructed on the current trail alignment. The existing trail will be demolished very early in the project and if you go past the barricades, you will find yourself in the center of a construction project. This is not a safe place to be. Use the detour along Illinois Street during construction instead.
Golden Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick encouraged his staff to nominate each other for outstanding work throughout the last year. It wasn’t hard to find case after case where our officers went above the line of duty to help those in our community. In their annual awards ceremony, a record 93 awards were given out. In some cases, it was the individual work of a particular officer that was recognized. But more often than not, it was the teamwork shown by our officers which stood out as award-worthy. Here are just a few examples of a job well done.

**THE WORK DAY IS NEVER OVER**
Officer Melissa Manzanares witnessed a head-on crash as she was driving to work. She immediately stopped to help, just as the car burst into flames with a person inside. Dressed in regular clothes and flip flops, Officer Manzanares helped to get the window of the car broken out and then walked over shards of glass to try and save the man. When they realized they could not get the driver out, she then worked to push the crowd of bystanders back so that no one else would be injured. Officer Manzanares received the Meritorious Service Medal.

**DEER IN A WELL**
Animal Control Officer Jamie Segal responded to a situation where an elk had fallen into a 20-foot deep drainage well and was submerged up to its neck in water. With some ingenuity and help from residents David, Mitchell, Tyler, Braden and Jake, they devised a lever system and were able to free the animal. Officer Segal then covered the elk with a blanket because it was hypothermic. When he went back to check on him, the elk was gone. Officer Segal received the Certificate of Commendation and the residents who helped received Distinguished Citizen Medals.

**THE ULTIMATE TEAMWORK**
Golden Police quickly became involved in a pursuit of a suspect being chased by Colorado State Patrol, when the suspect entered into Golden. He ditched the stolen car he was driving and broke into a home to try and hide, ordering the female inside not to call police. He then fled again, but Golden Police, CO School of Mines Police and the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department established a perimeter to catch the suspect. Meantime, Golden’s Dispatch center only had one dispatcher on duty who was fielding all of these calls and all other emergency calls that came in while the chase was happening. He was also working on a new dispatching system that had only been in place for a few hours. For this incident, a variety of awards went out to the following: Sgt. Ryan Custer, Dispatcher Mark Derham, Sgt. Doug Allen, Officers Joe Page, Emily Carreno, Ryan Beale, and Deputies Steve Pike and Chris Caro.

Congratulations to all of the men and women who work for and with the Golden Police Department, for the job you do every day and the extraordinary measures you take to make our community a better, safer place to live. Also, congratulations to the GPD Employee of the Year, Officer Mark Donahue!
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Accolades for Golden Firefighters

E ach year the Golden Fire Department appropriately honors its staff, which includes more than 85 volunteer firefighters, with an awards banquet. These firefighters are called upon day and night for some of the most challenging situations imaginable.

Among their amazing accomplishments in 2015, the crews performed several difficult and technical rescues to help rock climbers, hikers and car crash victims. Other situations ranged from saving the life of a man having a heart attack, to saving the belongings of a victim of a rollover crash who was fighting cancer, moving to a new home, and had everything she owned in the wrecked car.

Congratulations to all of the men and women of the Golden Fire Department who helped our citizens when they needed it most.

Retiring Firefighter Bruce Peters gives Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan a big hug after she recognized him for 15 years of service to Golden.

Training Captain Jeanette Kehoe presents Recruit Firefighter of the Year to Will Watts.

Fire Chief John Bales awards Marcus Staley Jr. with the Firefighter of the Year award. Just last year, Staley Jr. won for Recruit Firefighter of the Year.

This group was honored for rescuing a hiker who had fallen in a steep and rugged area in Clear Creek Canyon. The highly technical rescue took seven hours to perform. (Left to Right: Firefighter Sean Arbuthnot; Firefighter Nathan Beckman; Firefighter Brent Klingemann; Asst. Chief Rocco Snart; Lieutenant Jeff Steinhoff; Engineer JJ Risch. Not pictured: Firefighters Anthony Hittle, Sonja Klopf and Adam Phipps.)
March 3
*Shelton Elementary Fundraiser*
Proceeds from Shelton Elementary’s 6th Annual Silent Auction benefit the school’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs. 6-8 p.m. at Red Rocks Country Club. Admission is $27. The auction will be held at Red Rocks Country Club on Thursday March 3, from 6-8 p.m. The auction will also be conducted online via [www.handbid.com](http://www.handbid.com), so relatives and friends across the country can participate! For more information, visit [www.sheltonptsa.org/winterfest](http://www.sheltonptsa.org/winterfest).

March 5
*Coffee with a Councilor – South Neighborhoods*
Chat with your District One City Councilor at 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-279-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

March 7 to April 15
*Boot Camp Challenge*
Get the benefits of a personal trainer with the affordability of group training. For every fitness level. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. on Mon., Wed. and Fri. at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For details call Kim at 720-628-2901 or kim@completefitnessdenver.com.

March 10
*Daylight Saving Time*
Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour and change the batteries in all of your smoke and CO detectors.

March 17
*St. Patrick’s Day*

March 20
*First Day of Spring*

March 21-24
*Train Stories*
Explore a different children’s story each day of spring break, all featuring trains. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Families will enjoy crafts, activities, storytelling and more. Free with Museum general admissions. For details visit [www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org](http://www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org) or call 303-279-4591.

Monday: *Dinosaur Train*  
Tuesday: *Thomas the Tank Engine*  
Wednesday: *Folktales*  
Thursday: *The Hogwarts Express*

March 25 to May 1
*You Can’t Take it With You*
Fresh off its Broadway run, this play introduces audiences to the freethinking Sycamore Family and the mayhem that ensues when their daughter’s fiancé brings his conservative, straight-laced parents to dinner on the wrong night. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and show times call 303-935-3044 or visit [www.minersalley.com](http://www.minersalley.com).

Through March 26
*Exhibit: The Engaged Object*
Thirty artists use fine craft media such as glass, textiles, ceramics and metal to address social, political and environmental challenges from diverse viewpoints. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For information on hours and tickets, visit [www.foothillsartcenter.org](http://www.foothillsartcenter.org) or call 303-279-3922.

April 9
*Young Life Golden Fundraiser*
Learn how Young Life is impacting the lives of kids in Golden and Central Jefferson County. Dinner, wine tasting and silent auction. 6 to 9 p.m. in the Blaster Room at the CSM Marv Kay Stadium. All proceeds go to Young Life participants in Golden and Wheat Ridge. For details contact Olly Summers at ojsummers@yahoo.com or call 713-305-6752.

Through April 26
*“No Girls Allowed! Quilts Made by Men”*
Do men really make quilts? The answer is most definitely yes, as more and more men choose to express their creativity through quilt-making. This exhibit showcases quilts made by men… one of the museum’s most anticipated and popular events. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details call 303-277-0377 or visit [www.rmqm.org](http://www.rmqm.org).
JEFFCO OFFERS MEDIATION SERVICES

It’s a service you hope you never need… but if you do, Jefferson County wants you to know they have it. Mediation is a way to solve problems and settle disagreements with neighbors, family members or people threatening to take you to court. It’s faster, cheaper, easier, and provides more control than going to court.

Mediation is a win-win. Each side contributes ideas and decides the issues resulting in an agreement that works for both sides. Through use of active listening and developing creative ideas, BOTH sides win in an agreement made through mediation. As a result, over 70 percent of these cases reach an agreement.

JCMS has more than 250 mediators who work on cases. These mediators are highly-trained professionals with the experience and knowledge to handle even the most complex conflicts.

Jefferson County Mediation Services (JCMS) is the most comprehensive community mediation program in Colorado. They offer free mediation services for most areas of conflict including: workplace disputes; neighbor-neighbor conflicts over noise, animals and property lines; contract disputes; landlord/tenant issues; truancy and other school problems; code enforcement issues; and family issues such as parenting and eldercare. For more than 20 years, JCMS has proven that people who invest in the process of mediation are successful and satisfied with the results.

For more information, contact JCMS at jsmediation@jeffco.us, call 303-271-5060 or visit www.jeffcomediation.com.
The City of Golden Art in Public Places program was formally established in 2013 to manage and add to the City’s collection of public art. The management efforts are guided by a handbook that requires the Public Art Commission (PAC) to review the collection biannually and to consider both additions and deletions. The PAC conducts a formal review and decision whether or not to retain an art piece based upon several potential factors. In this process, the Commission recently discovered that there are six pieces that are fraudulent and/or mass produced without the consent of the artist. The status of a specific art piece as fraudulent (sometimes referred to as a “knockoff”) is one of the criteria to consider removal from the collection. Another consideration is whether the PAC should continue to fund maintenance or repairs of knockoffs.

The pieces under consideration at this time are Bear and Two Cubs, Brother and Sister at the Rodeo, Eddie at Bat, Kids Sledding, Two Deer, and Victorian Dress-Up. These artworks are located along the Clear Creek Corridor. One of the goals of the PAC is to display original works of art. Artists make their living off the sale of their artwork, and having the inauthentic pieces in the collection is considered a detriment to support for legitimate artists. That being said, the Commission understands that these pieces may have sentimental value. No final decisions have been made and before they are, the PAC wants feedback from the community. There will be a public hearing at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 5 in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 911 10th St. If you cannot attend, email Aleah Menefee at amenefee@cityofgolden.net and share your thoughts.

Golden’s Art in Public Places Program and City staff are teaming up to install a new public art piece along the Clear Creek Trail corridor behind the Golden Library. Internationally recognized artist Roberto Delgado was awarded the project to create imagery for twelve 2’ by 2’ diamond-shaped tiles along the corridor that were planned when the trail was built in the summer of 2014. The tiles will feature images from Golden’s rich history, as well as our community’s natural landscape and other present day images. Installation is set for this spring. For more details about the Art in Public Places Program please visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/PublicArt or email Redevelopment Specialist, Aleah Menefee at amenefee@cityofgolden.net.

Art Pieces Under Consideration for Removal

The City of Golden Art in Public Places program was formally established in 2013 to manage and add to the City’s collection of public art. The management efforts are guided by a handbook that requires the Public Art Commission (PAC) to review the collection biannually and to consider both additions and deletions. The PAC conducts a formal review and decision whether or not to retain an art piece based upon several potential factors. In this process, the Commission recently discovered that there are six pieces that are fraudulent and/or mass produced without the consent of the artist. The status of a specific art piece as fraudulent (sometimes referred to as a “knockoff”) is one of the criteria to consider removal from the collection. Another consideration is whether the PAC should continue to fund maintenance or repairs of knockoffs.

The pieces under consideration at this time are Bear and Two Cubs, Brother and Sister at the Rodeo, Eddie at Bat, Kids Sledding, Two Deer, and Victorian Dress-Up. These artworks are located along the Clear Creek Corridor. One of the goals of the PAC is to display original works of art. Artists make their living off the sale of their artwork, and having the inauthentic pieces in the collection is considered a detriment to support for legitimate artists. That being said, the Commission understands that these pieces may have sentimental value. No final decisions have been made and before they are, the PAC wants feedback from the community. There will be a public hearing at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 5 in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 911 10th St. If you cannot attend, email Aleah Menefee at amenefee@cityofgolden.net and share your thoughts.

New Public Art Project along Clear Creek

Golden’s annual tree sale is underway, sponsored by the Golden Parks and Recreation Department. This is your opportunity to add trees to your yard while helping to increase tree diversity in our community. The selections available are all known to adapt and thrive in our area.

This year you can choose from: Hedge maple, Bigtooth maple, ‘Hot Wings’ Tatarian maple, American yellowwood, Chanticleer pear, Northern catalpa, ‘Ivory Silk’ Tree lilac, Bur oak, English oak and columnar English oak.

All of the available trees, with the exception of the Hedge maple, cost $55 (plus tax), have approximately 1” diameter trunks, are 6’-9’ tall and have either air-pruned container rootballs or are balled-in-burlap. The hedge maple is in a slightly larger container and costs $80.

Quantities are limited and customers may order no more than five trees. Purchase yours at the Golden Community Center until April 15 or while supplies last. Proof of residency is required. For details visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/TreeSale.

Questions? Call the Forestry office at 303-384-8141.

TREE SALE TIME!
Golden Resident among the Top 20 Women in Sustainability

To celebrate this year’s International Women’s Day, The Guardian compiled a list of women tweeting about sustainability that you should be following. We’re proud to say that Golden’s own Julie Urlaub made the list. Follow her at @TaigaCompany and see all 20 women in the Twittersphere sharing interesting commentary and useful links on a range of sustainability issues here: http://goo.gl/Idkx8K.

Sign Up Now for Year Round Green Waste Service

Anyone that lives within the city limits can now sign up for the voluntary green waste pickup service through Alpine Waste & Recycling. This bi-weekly, year-round service is provided by the City’s waste contractor and is directly billed to you for $9.45/month. Not just yard waste, but all types of organic kitchen waste is accepted, even those greasy pizza boxes and meat & bones. Contact Alpine at 303-277-TRASH (8727) or email golden@alpinewaste.com.

What You’ll Get: a 96-gallon cart, countertop kitchen waste container, and a roll of biodegradable kitchen waste bags to start your collection.

Nominate Someone for a Sustainability Award

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 (CSAB) is soliciting nominations for outstanding individuals and groups who have committed their efforts toward achieving a more sustainable city. The City is looking for nominations for the following categories:

- Student
- Individual
- Business
- Community Group

Nominations are open through March 18 and applications can be downloaded at www.cityofgolden.net/links/Sustainability. City Council will present the awards in celebration of Earth Day in April.
American Red Cross Lifeguard Class
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. For details and a list of prerequisites, visit rec.cityofgolden.net.

Bob Ross Landscape Oil Painting
Learn landscape oil painting using the Bob Ross Wet on Wet Technique®. No materials are required – we provide everything! Questions in regards to painting call Chuck 303-238-6847 or www.mysticmountainart.com.

Summer Camp Lottery for Ages 5-12 years
Submit your child’s emergency packet and immunization record before the summer camp lottery. Forms are available online at rec.cityofgolden.net. Camp lottery: Residents Monday and Tuesday, March 7-8 and Non-Residents Monday and Tuesday March 14-15. The lottery will spin on Wednesday each week. Parents may log in online and review the after-lottery-receipt to check the registration status.

Teen Adventure Fridays
Every other Friday, the teens ages 13 to 15 will enjoy field trips like Indoor Skydiving, X-Arena Challenges, Battle Dartz and Lucky Strike Bowling. Register at rec.cityofgolden.net.

Babysitting Courses
This course is designed for the pre-teen and helps them to prepare for those first babysitting opportunities. Certification provided.

Space Mission Mars Workshop
Kids get to go on a virtual space mission to Earth’s next door neighbor, exploring the challenges of a 6-month rocket ride through space.

Spanish for Preschoolers
All instructors are fluent Spanish speakers with years of experience teaching Spanish as a second language. The Spanish Institute Curriculum will be used and is broken down into three sections: circle time, story time and art time. **Parent does not need to attend with the child.** All sessions are 6 weeks.

Spanish for Toddlers
All instructors are fluent Spanish speakers with years of experience teaching Spanish as a second language. **Parents are asked to attend with their child.** All sessions are 6 weeks.
Celebrate Health!
Friday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. The first Friday of each month we offer healthy refreshments and presentations on a variety of wellness topics. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.
Chair Massages………….$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology Sessions……..$13 for 15 minutes

Golden Book Club
This group meets in the Front Porch the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
March: Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare
If you are interested in joining, please email Jan Bradbury at bobjanbradbury@comcast.net.

Front Porch Library
We are pleased to announce that our library is full and thriving! Because we have so many books, please be so kind to relocate them to their proper place. They are organized on each shelf by the author’s last name. Thank you for your assistance with this!

No Can Recycling
Just a reminder that the Front Porch is no longer accepting cans for recycling at this time. We ask that you utilize the mainstream recycling that your waste company offers.

MARCH TRIPS & EVENTS
Boulder Dinner Theatre - Peter and the Starcatcher
#351400-1
Sunday, March 6
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
$46 (Transportation, show and meal included.)
Exertion Level: 1
A wildly theatrical, hilarious and innovative retelling of how a miserable orphan came to be The Boy Who Never Grew Up, Peter and the Starcatcher upends the century-old legend of Peter Pan.

History Colorado Center #351500-1
Wednesday, March 16, 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$18 (Transportation and admission included.
Bring money for lunch, location TBD.)
Exertion Level: 3
The History Colorado Center is a dynamic tourist destination, a hub for learning, a thought-provoking center for civic conversation, and an environment that encourages an inspirational journey into the future by understanding the past. History Colorado is a Smithsonian Affiliate, and Smithsonian Affiliations Director Harold Closter described the History Colorado Center as “the first great history museum of the twenty-first century.” The building houses core and traveling exhibitions, education/public programs, the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, the State Historical Fund, the Stephen H. Hart Research Library, and other History Colorado functions.
2016 Claim Form for 2015 Sales Tax Refund

The sales tax refund is limited to senior, low-income or disabled individuals who have lived within the city limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2015 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return. The refund amount for 2015 is $50. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden and partial year at age 65.

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 2015? _____ 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, 2016.

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 ________
As you walk through Downtown Golden on a bright summer day, the raised flower beds along the businesses are blooming with brightly colored flowers. But through the winter and into March, the flowerbeds are empty.

So where did all of those flowers go? Some of the flowers are taken to the compost, but many are brought back to the Parks Department’s greenhouse. They will be used to propagate more plants for this year’s annual flower displays.

March is typically too cold and too early for the big downtown displays. But many of our parks have perennials still blooming. Ornamental grasses, berry shrubs, and Lenten Rose are all planted at the Golden Community Center, Parfet Park, Norman D. Park and Vanover Park. These plants give winter interest, swaying in the wind, or the tiny pop of color coming through freshly fallen snow. Even during our many snow storms, walking the Clear Creek and Tucker Gulch trails, a variety of native plants will catch your eye.

Colorado’s many seasons bring a chance to grow different plants. Although they are not all blooming, the City is filled with flowers throughout the seasons. The Parks Department started a bulb program, so now more than 5,000 daffodils, tulips, and crocus have been planted along our many trails, in parks, the Cemetery and the Downtown flowerbeds.

Meantime, as we wait for those to bloom, take this opportunity to explore our trails and parks, and enjoy all that they have to offer.

Garden In A Box – On Sale Now!
Beautiful landscapes made easy.

Garden In A Box, a selection of professionally designed, perennial gardens that use Xeric (low water) plants, offers residents a simple approach to an eye-catching yard. These do-it-yourself garden kits come with 15 to 30 starter plants, a comprehensive Plant and Care Guide, and one to three plant-by-number maps. Regardless of expertise, you can save water and beautify your landscape with these affordable gardens.

Whether you are looking to redesign a portion of your yard, attract bees and butterflies, or simply increase your curb appeal, Garden In A Box makes it easy! All the plants are locally grown, and once established will need little to no irrigation to thrive, giving you big, beautiful savings. Plus, with many options to choose from, you can find the perfect garden for shade, sun, and everything in between.

Gardens are offered by the City of Golden in partnership with the Center for ReSource Conservation in support of our community’s commitment to water conservation. As a City of Golden water customer you are eligible for a $25 discount on Xeric gardens while supplies last. To view the full garden collection visit ConservationCenter.org/gardens or call 303-999-3820 x222 with questions.

- Garden options for 2016 include eight different gardens (six Xeric and two veggie) with options for sun, shade, and high altitudes.
- Gardens are offered for areas ranging in size from 18 to 96 square feet.
- Gardens contain 14 to 30 plants (hardened off, starter plants that come in 2.5” or 4” pots).
- Gardens range in price from $74 to $144.
- All Xeric gardens (except the Greatest Hits of Xeriscape) are eligible for the $25 discount. The veggie gardens are not.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE?
One of Golden History Museums’ most storied and visually arresting objects is an impressive 12’ x 24’ American flag. The flag bears 38 stars, representing Colorado’s admission as the 38th state of the Union, and was the country’s official banner from 1877-1890.

The flag was gifted to the museum by Melinda Koenig Reed, granddaughter of Nick Koenig, who was the proprietor of Koenig Mercantile Co. and a prominent member of the Golden community. Nick Koenig purchased the dry goods building from Miranda Loveland, wife of William A. H. Loveland, in 1883. While owned by the Loveland family, the building was used as a meeting place for the Colorado Territorial Legislature. It served as the meeting place for the sixth and seventh sessions of the Territorial Legislature in 1867. The Koenig/Loveland building at 1122 Washington Avenue is now the Old Capitol Grill restaurant. The flag was found in a burlap bag on the second floor of the building and was handed down through the Koenig family until it was donated to the museum in 1980.

Oral tradition and museum records indicate that this flag flew over Golden’s capitol building while the legislature was in session. Records also stated that a 38th star was added to the flag when Colorado gained statehood. However, museum staff has recently done some research and investigation, calling this long-held story into question.

Little visible evidence suggests that a star was ever added to the flag, meaning that it is unlikely that the flag was made before Colorado became a state. Also, the sheer size of the flag would require an unusually tall and sturdy pole, so it’s unlikely it ever flew outdoors. Despite some of the spurious legend surrounding it, the flag is doubtless an important object that ties directly to two of Golden’s founding families during the early statehood era.

The flag will be undergoing professional textile conservation work in March to help preserve and repair the artifact. Work will include documentation of the flag’s condition, cleaning, stabilization of tears and holes, humidification to relax creases, and preparation for storage using acid free materials. Due to the flag’s massive size, Golden History Museums is partnering with History Colorado to temporarily use their much larger space for the conservation work.

In addition to the conservation, Golden History Museums and History Colorado will partner for related programs. Between March 14 and 19, you can participate in many events in Golden and at History Colorado. Full descriptions of these programs are at GoldenHistory.org/events. Register for these events by calling History Colorado at 303-866-2394. Be sure to mention your Golden History Museums’ membership for a discount.
The Green Bus Route is Changing
Starting April 25

Beginning on April 25, the circulator bus will be rerouted for approximately 18 months to avoid this intersection and any associated delays due to construction work. This temporary route has now been finalized, as shown on the map. Please contact the Golden Planning Division at planningcommission@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8097 for more information.

By May, the 6th Avenue and 19th Street interchange construction project, known as “Linking Lookout,” should be fully underway. In order to prepare for this traffic interruption, City and RTD staff have developed a plan to temporarily reroute the green circulator bus to minimize the impact on transit passengers.
The City of Golden will soon be accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, the Splash Aquatic Park, Fossil Trace Golf Club, and the Cemetery.

Opportunities include:
• Lifeguards
• Swim Instructors
• Youth Sports Coach
• Day Camp Leader
• Day Camp Coordinator
• Parks, Forestry, Cemetery Maintenance
• Golf Maintenance
• Pro-Shop Guest Services at Fossil Trace
• Cashiers and Food & Beverage workers at The Splash

Check out our website at www.cityofgolden.net/work/jobs/ for job availability.