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Council’s Corner

Below is a copy of the Golden City Council’s calendar. Council meetings and study sessions are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Thursdays in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

May 5 Study Session
May 12 REGULAR MEETING
May 19 Study Session
May 26 REGULAR MEETING

Council’s upcoming agendas and previous meeting minutes are available online at www.cityofgolden.net under the City Council link, or by calling Deputy City Clerk Karla Leibelt at 303-384-8015.

City of Golden Department Managers

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To reach the entire City Council, e-mail citycouncil@ci.golden.co.us
Golden City Council has announced Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15 as Golden Community Pride Days.

City staff will provide free collection sites on the designated days for rubbish, tree limbs, tires and metal recycling (see site list below).

In addition this year, the City will accept computers and electronics at the drop off sites, including PCs, TVs, monitors, printers, fax machines, scanners, copiers, cell phones, PDAs, stereo equipment, typewriters, keyboards, mice, VCRs, circuit boards and hard drives. (There is no charge for dropping electronic items at the Splash site; Rooney Road will also collect these items for a fee.)

Coupons for one free household hazardous chemical drop off and one free curbside appliance pick up are printed on the back cover, page 20, of this issue of the Informer. Details and reservation telephone numbers are listed on the coupons.

All services are for Golden residents only. Proof of residency is required (a current driver’s license or your most recent Golden water bill will serve as proof). We’re sorry, but no commercial drop-offs will be honored.

Call the Golden Info line at 303-215-8882, ext. 2617, for more information.

Drop-Off Sites

Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15

- The Splash at Fossil Trace water park, 3151 Illinois St., will collect rubbish, construction materials, metal and communication electronics. (There is no charge for dropping electronic items at the Splash site; Rooney Road will also collect these items for a fee.)

- Clear Creek History Park, 11th and Maple streets, will collect wood, tree limbs, shrubs and branches (no construction lumber, roots, dirt or trash, please).

- Golden’s City Shops, 1400 Ninth St. next to Lions Park, will collect tires only (limit of four tires per drop off, please).

No appliances or hazardous materials will be accepted at these sites. Please use the valuable appliance pick up and hazardous chemical drop coupons on Page 20.
Mayor Chuck Baroch, right, said goodbye to Former Ward 4 Councilor and current State Representative Gwyn Green, left, and outgoing Ward 2 Councilor Marcie Miller at a farewell party April 7.

Outgoing Ward 2 Councilor Marcie Miller talked with Councilor-elect Arthur Chen, who took over the Ward 2 seat later that night.

District 1 Councilor Lynne Timpeiro gives Miller a hug.

The oath of office was taken by Jacob Smith, above, to serve Ward 4, and Arthur Chen, below, to serve Ward 2 on Golden City Council.

Councilors-elect Jacob Smith, left, and Arthur Chen, clapped for outgoing Councilors Marcie Miller and Gwyn Green, who handed over their seats to Smith and Chen later in the evening. The newly elected councilors, who previously served on the City's Historic Preservation Board, both won large victories in the April 5 elections.
District/Ward meetings provide citizens an opportunity to hear updates on local issues relevant in their wards and districts, as well as to interact directly with their Council representatives. Your Councilors want to hear from you. Please plan to attend one of the following meetings.

**Free childcare will be provided** for children age 7 and younger, and supervised homework rooms will be available for older children.

**DISTRICT 1, WARD 1**
7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3
Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.
Mayor Chuck Baroch, District 1 Councilor Lynne Timpeiro and Ward 1 Councilor Dave Ketchum will host discussions and take questions.

**DISTRICT 2, WARD 3**
7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17
Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.
Mayor Chuck Baroch, District 2 Councilor Karen Oxman and Ward 3 Councilor/Mayor Pro Tem Bob Nelson will host discussions and take questions.

Items on the agenda to be discussed at both meetings include:

- **Transportation:** Beltway, Fastracks
- **Tower**
- **Water**

Plenty of time will also be allowed for public comments and questions on other subjects to be addressed. If you have questions, please contact Communications at 303-384-8132.

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Chen, Smith Take Seats as Green, Miller Say Goodbye

Two new councilors were elected in a special election in the City of Golden on April 5. Election results showed Arthur Chen won in Ward 2 with 240 votes, and Jacob Smith won in Ward 4 with 232 votes.

The official election results were as follows:

**WARD 2**
- Kimberly Brock: 67 votes
- Arthur Chen: 240 votes
- David Lack: 31 votes

**WARD 4**
- Barbara DesMarteau: 44 votes
- Jacob Smith: 232 votes

The special election was held after Ward 2 Councilor Marcie Miller and Ward 4 Councilor Gwyn Green announced their resignations Jan. 13. Golden’s City Charter requires a special election be held if a seat on City Council will be empty for more than 180 days.

Green left her seat vacant immediately after announcing her resignation Jan. 13, and Miller said she would leave her seat after the new Councilor elected to her seat took office April 7. The public was invited to bid farewell to Green and Miller prior to the April 7 Council meeting, when Chen and Smith took the oath of office.

The next regular election will be held in November, when the same seats in Wards 2 and 4 will again be up for election.

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What’s Happening Where You Live? What Do You Think About It?

Former Ward 4 Councilwoman and current State Representative Gwyn Green, left, talked with Golden residents Rick Gardner and Vi Hader at a farewell party April 7.
On Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day each year, over 300 U.S. flags are carefully hoisted along what is known as the Avenue of Flags at the Golden Cemetery, 755 Ulysses St. Many of these very special, oversized military burial flags were draped over veterans’ caskets. Each flag is donated by the family and displayed in memorium during these special times of the year.

The idea was initially proposed in the mid-1980s by Astor House Museum Curator and active Golden resident Vi Hader. Her hometown of Holdrege, Neb., had a flag display on Memorial Day and she thought it would be nice to have one in Golden, as well.

Hader contacted Golden Cemetery Manager Steve Toler and formed a committee that also included former Cemetery Sexton and Veterans of Foreign Wars commander Art Meinecke and American Legion representative Dave Litke.

The group decided to include the names of the deceased veterans on each memorial flag. They rallied a group of volunteers from VFW Post 4171 and American Legion Taylor-Miller Post 21 to be responsible for raising and lowering the flags.

On Nov. 11, Veterans Day, 1987, the first Avenue of Flags, consisting of eight flags, was proudly raised at the front gate of the Golden Cemetery.

“I laugh now at the memory of the four of us standing across the road, proudly admiring the awesome display,” Toler said. “I never envisioned the 300-plus flags we display today.”

The growth in the number of flags over the years has required additional volunteer help. Those interested in assisting with the project are encouraged to contact the Golden Cemetery at 303-279-1435.

The Avenue of Flags will be displayed in observation of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, weather permitting.
Come Join the Fun!

NEW Fees
Lower Season Pass Rates
Children Under 2 FREE
One Senior FREE with a Paying Guest
Bring Your Picnic in With You
NEW Birthday Party Packages

303-277-8700 www.splashingolden.com

3151 Illinois St. in Golden, just north of the Jefferson County court house, off U.S. Hwy 6 and Heritage Road

Opening May 28th!
On April 1, two award-winning, highly-respected businesses officially formed a scrumptious partnership. Three Tomatoes Catering announced an exclusive contract to run the restaurant and pub at Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. This adds another exciting venue option for corporate and social clients of Three Tomatoes Catering and an excellent dining experience for the patrons of Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Three Tomatoes Catering is proud to extend its reputation for excellence in banquet food and service to the new restaurant, pub and concessions at Fossil Trace. Three Tomatoes is known for its fine work as the exclusive caterer for the Denver Botanic Gardens, the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Colorado History Museum, in addition to their catering business.

Named one of the 10 best golf courses in the country, with scenic fairways and greens, Fossil Trace is also home to successful celebrations, banquets, meetings and outing events in its clubhouse.

The restaurant and pub are perfectly suited for pre- or post-round relaxation and casual gatherings. Memorable events and other special occasions can take place in the Ballroom; and business meetings and lunches work well in either the Mesa or Fireside Rooms.

In the off-season, the entire facility can be rented for weddings or corporate parties – all overlooking the beautiful foothills of the Rocky Mountain Front Range, including North and South Table Mountains.

The 9,800-square-foot clubhouse offers views from the deck unlike any other as you look out over five separate holes from your elevated perch while enjoying the panoramic scene of the Front Range and Golden Valley. There would seem no better place to relax, enjoy lunch or dinner and chat about the day and experiences at Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Three Tomatoes at Fossil Trace is open to the public for breakfast and lunch from dawn to dusk seven days a week. For those interested in the course history, an exhibit in the clubhouse also features fossils found on the course along with descriptions and illustrations.

The clubhouse has a separate banquet room that comfortably seats 150 while the main dining room seats over 110 with an additional 60 guests on the deck. Fossil Trace Golf Club is an ideal venue for wedding receptions, corporate meetings and parties.

For more information on the golf club, visit www.fossiltrace.com or call 303-277-8750. For information on the restaurant, pub or facility rentals, banquets and meeting space, please contact Three Tomatoes at Fossil Trace at 303-277-8755.

“At Three Tomatoes at Fossil Trace, we believe that some things are always in season...
Like the quality and integrity of foods prepared from the bounty of the harvest.
And no matter what time of year, we always prepare and serve the most select meats, fruits and vegetables of the season with exquisite presentation.
Exceptional...Outstanding...Affordable!
It’s all here at Three Tomatoes at Fossil Trace.”
Each year, the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC), in cooperation with the City’s Finance Department, publishes this budget summary in order to communicate to Golden citizens how our community priorities are reflected and supported by the annual City budget process. It is CBAC’s goal to provide citizens easy access to budget information.

The first page of this document presents a distillation of the 2005 Budget’s principle revenue sources and expense categories, with additional details broken down on pages two and three. Page four describes additional information relating to Golden’s revenue sources and specific expense areas, as well as a few attributes that make this a great place to live.

CBAC assists the City in its budget planning and its meetings are open to all citizens. They are held at 7:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month from March through November in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. For more information, call Denise Hish at 303-384-8011 or visit the City’s Web site at www.cityofgolden.net.

**Utilities revenue consists mostly of:**

- Water Sales to Customers ......................... $3.84 million
- Wastewater Services Fees ...................... $1.44 million
- Drainage and Flood Control .................... $0.76 million

Water and wastewater charges are used only in support of those utilities. No tax money is used in support of water and wastewater services. Your water fund has a long range plan to ensure that Golden will always have plenty of water.

Total Sales and Use Tax is budgeted at $12.74 million for 2005; one-third of which must be used for capital improvements, and the remainder for police and fire protection, park maintenance, snow plowing and other general governmental functions.
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DID YOU KNOW?... A house valued at $250,000 will pay just $246 in property taxes to the City of Golden in 2005.

DID YOU KNOW?... Only 15% of your property tax bill goes to the City of Golden!
City of Golden 2005 Expenditures

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2005 Budget Summary

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GOLDEN – A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

With a population of just over 18,000 people, the City of Golden is a small and quiet town nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Just 20 minutes from the hustle and bustle of metropolitan Denver, unique geological features called the Table Mountains provide a natural buffer between Golden and urban sprawl to the east. This barrier has helped to insulate Golden, allowing it to retain its vibrant history.

Golden served as the first Territorial Capital from 1862 to 1867, when Denver became the capital of Colorado. The City incorporated in 1871. Golden is a Home Rule City with a Council / City Manager form of Government. The City boasts two elementary schools, two secondary schools, a university of global reputation, a vital and historic downtown shopping district, numerous museums, and extensive recreational facilities and cultural opportunities.

This is just a sampling of the spirit of Golden, Colorado. It’s yours to experience any time you choose. For more information, visit www.cityofgolden.net or www.ingolden.com, or call 303-384-8000.

It’s All About Services

Golden has four fire stations staffed by 8 paid staff and 54 volunteers. In addition to comprehensive training, volunteers are provided a very modest per-call stipend and accumulate retirement benefits after a minimum of 10 years of service.

Golden has one police station with 44 sworn officers, 17 full-time staff and 10 reserve staff, with 14 patrol units, 4 detective cars, 1 K-9 SUV, 1 code enforcement van, 1 evidence truck, and 2 motorcycles responding to 43,085 calls in 2004.

Golden’s water fund supports 96 miles of water mains, treating and moving nearly 4.1 million gallons to residents each day. (That is enough water to fill 12 football fields with 1 foot of water each day.) The Wastewater Fund maintains 72 miles of sewage lines, which ship sewage to the Coors sewage processing plant.

Recreation is a high priority in Golden, with 16 parks, 2 swimming pools, 5 tennis courts, 2 skate parks and a world-class kayaking course. The Community Center is budgeted to receive a $355,500 General Fund subsidy and a $125,000 Sales and Use Tax Fund subsidy in 2005. The Parks & Recreation Department offers over 30 recreational opportunities for youth including: pre-school, ballet, Kids Nite Out Too, in-line hockey, music, art, and all types of sports. There are also several programs for adults and seniors. Overall attendance (daily visits/recreation programs) is projected to be 169,125 participants in 2005.

The Guanella Reservoir is filled and will provide an adequate water supply for the citizens of Golden for many years to come.

Golden has 230 miles of streets, which the City repairs, replaces, sweeps and clears of snow. The City also funds the replacement of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.

Golden has a Moody’s rating of A-1 for its Water General Obligation Bonds, and Standard & Poors ratings of A and AAA for its Sales and Use Tax Revenue Bonds and Drainage Utility Bonds, respectively.

Golden maintains internal service funds, which allocate the cost of replacing vehicles and computer equipment.

With annexation and retail development of recent years, Golden’s sales and use tax revenues make up 20% of all revenues for 2005. Out of every 3¢ of Golden sales tax collected, 1¢ goes to fund capital improvement projects.

The Clear Creek History Park, Astor House Museum and Golden Pioneer Museum will receive $218,500 of City funds in 2005, not including in-kind services for landscaping and maintenance provided by the City.

In 2005, the Cemetery Operating Fund will receive $25,000 from the General Fund and $29,400 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund in subsidies.
Pilates Level 2
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, May 3 through June 7 (six weeks)
$36 resident, $41 non-resident, $8 drop-in

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays, May 4 to June 9 (six weeks)
$36 resident, $41 non-resident, $8 drop-in

Power Yoga
9:45 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.
Saturdays, May 7 and 14, and
June 4 through June 18 (five weeks)
No class May 21 or May 28
$30 resident, $35 non-resident, $8 drop-in

Yoga For People Who Aren’t Advanced Enough
To Take A Beginning Yoga Class (Yoga 101)
11 a.m. to noon
Saturdays, May 7 and 14, and
June 4 through June 18 (five weeks)
No class May 21 or 28
$30 resident, $35 non-resident, $8 drop-in

Intro to Pilates
7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Mondays, May 16 through June 6
(no class May 30 in observance of Memorial Day)
$20 resident, $25 non-resident, no drop-ins please

Kundalini Yoga
7:30 to 8:45 p.m.
Tuesdays, May 17 – June 28 (six weeks)
No class June 21, July 5 or July 12
$36 resident, $41 non-resident, $8 drop-in

Kundalini Yoga
7:30 to 8:45 p.m.
Thursdays, May 19 through June 30 (seven weeks)
No class July 7 or July 14
$42 resident, $47 non-resident, $8 drop-in

Tai Chi Chih and Qi Gong Sampler
Saturdays, May 21 through June 18
$30 resident, $35 non-resident, $8 drop-in

LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

BREATHE! Workshop
Learning how to breathe can affect your quality of life! Come learn more at noon Wednesday, May 25 at the Golden Community Center.

Please visit www.goldenrec.com or call 303-384-8100 for information on additional lectures and workshops as they are made available.

Community Center
Facility Rentals Available

Did you know that you can rent rooms in the Golden Community Center for all kinds of events and activities? That’s right: from small neighborhood organization meetings to large wedding receptions, the Golden Community Center can comfortably and affordably host your event.

Call Larry Rock at 303-384-8100 to find out which rooms might work best for your occasion and set up an appointment to come tour the facilities.

We have a large array of fitness and wellness classes that are covered under the Community Center’s general admission fee, as well as professional personal trainers. Please come in and check us out!
Downtown Golden will be the place to be this summer. We all know that downtown has been the core of the city and the main location to meet and interact with our neighbors for nearly 150 years. And the summer of 2005 will be even better.

The Downtown Merchants Association, in conjunction with the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) and the Economic Development Commission (EDComm), has planned a number of ongoing events and activities to add to your downtown experience.

On Saturday, May 7, downtown merchants will participate in a one-day sale, giving carnations to mothers in individual stores (while supplies last). One-day sales will continue downtown May 21, and then throughout the summer. Look for balloons at participating merchant locations.

The Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market will be the place to be every Saturday this summer, beginning June 4. The event is held in the parking lot at 12th and Jackson streets from 8 a.m. until noon. It’s your chance to meet your neighbors, catch up on local happenings, discover unique products and food items, and find farm-fresh produce.

For those of us who enjoy the chance to win exciting prizes, Golden merchants will repeat last year’s “When in Golden/Win in Golden” program. Look for entry forms in newspaper ads and at participating merchant locations. Major prizes this year will again include a SURPRISE getaway trip for four to California, $500 in gas, a new gas grill and supply of steaks, lots of gift certificates from participating merchants and much more. Don’t miss out on this benefit of visiting your local merchants.

For more up-to-date information about these and other exciting upcoming summer events, please visit EDComm’s visitor Web site at www.ingolden.com or the City of Golden Web site and community calendar at www.cityofgolden.net or call 303-384-8132.
Spring Showers Bring ... Flooding
FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

Several severe floods have been recorded in Golden since 1864. The most recent of which was June 27, 2004.

The history of flooding in the City of Golden indicates that the most serious flooding has been the result of cloudbursts occurring from late May through early September.

Floods are dangerous. Even though they appear to move slowly (3-feet per second), a flood 2-feet deep can knock a person off his feet and float a car!

Your property may be high enough that it was not flooded in the past, but the next flood could be worse, as not all storms are the same. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. If your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area, there is a 26% chance that you will experience flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage, and the odds are 96% that your property will be affected by the 10-year flood. For comparison, odds are only 1% to 2% that your house will catch fire during the same 30-year mortgage.

As a result, the City is offering tips on how you can protect yourself and your property from floods.

Remember, homeowners insurance policies DO NOT cover flood damage. However, because the City of Golden participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, homeowners are able to purchase additional insurance coverage specifically for floods. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been previously flooded, and no matter where they are located. (Remember: there is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective.)

In addition to insurance information, the City offers written floodplain determinations and reviews, flood safety and flood-proofing information at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on Public Works/ Engineering/ Flood Information, or by calling the Golden Info line at 303-215-8882, Option #2903. Flood elevation certificates are on file and flood maps are available at the City’s Public Works office, 1445 10th St. You can also call the City Engineer at 303-384-8156, or visit www.floodsmart.gov or www.fema.gov for more information.

Free Sprinkler System Check-Ups

Save water, money and create a healthier landscape by tuning up your irrigation system this summer.

The City of Golden, in partnership with the Center for ReSource Conservation, is offering free irrigation system audits to residents.

An irrigation audit will determine the application rate and application uniformity of the system. The auditor will also check soil type, root depth and sprinkler pressure to help determine how the efficiency of the system can be improved upon and to develop an appropriate watering schedule for the landscape.

Contact the Center for ReSource Conservation at 303-441-3278, ext. 10, to put your name on the list. Audits will be conducted from June through August, and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pothole Hotline Winners Announced

Congratulations to the City’s annual Pothole Hotline Contest winners. All winners received a fleece stadium blanket and wrist watch courtesy of the Adolph Coors Co. and an additional prize noted below.

WEEK 1 – Monte Lane – a complimentary tire rotation and balance courtesy of Golden Auto Clinic.

WEEK 2 – Scott Feldman – a complimentary lube, oil and filter change courtesy of Christopher Dodge

WEEK 3 – Linda Sauser – a complimentary lube, oil and filter change courtesy of Big O Tires.

WEEK 4 – Rosalyn Lemon – a complimentary lube, oil and filter change, tire rotation and balance courtesy of Goodyear Tire. Special thanks to all the contest prize donors.

WEEK 5 – Gloria Stelmokas – a complimentary lube, oil and filter change courtesy of Goodyear Tire.

Native Grass Seed for Sale

Native grasses are adapted to our natural conditions and don’t require additional irrigation, fertilizer or maintenance. The grass seed mixes you find at many stores contain introduced species, many of which are aggressive and can displace native vegetation and disrupt the ecological balance.

Use caution when buying grass and wildflower seed mixes. Make sure all species are listed and native to Colorado. You can purchase a drought tolerant native grass seed mix that works well in the Golden area from the Jefferson Conservation District. For more information call 720-544-2870.
Code Corner

Q: Does the City of Golden have an ordinance concerning vehicles parked with a “for sale” sign?

A: Yes. City Ordinance #5.07.020 is related to abandoned vehicles on public or private property. A vehicle, which must have current registration and be operable, may be legally parked on a public street, as long as it is within 50-feet of the owner’s property, with a “for sale” sign displayed. Any vehicle parked on a public street must be parked in a safe manner and not obstruct vehicle traffic or pedestrians. Vehicles may not be displayed anywhere else on public streets, outside of 50-feet of the owner’s property, without being considered abandoned. Abandoned vehicles left more than 24 hours may be towed by the police department at the owner’s expense.

If you have any Code Enforcement related questions please call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045 and ask to speak to a Code Enforcement Officer, or check out the Municipal Code on the City’s Web site, www.cityofgolden.net.

What is Considered Trash and Junk?

The City considers it unlawful for any land owner or occupant to allow or maintain the accumulation of trash, garbage or junk on any property. Although the definitions of trash and garbage are self explanatory, junk is defined as “any new, used or second hand materials of any kind, which are not presently being used, or they are so worn, deteriorated or obsolete as to make them unusable in their existing condition.”

The only exception is if the accumulation is maintained within a closed container on the property, such as a trash receptacle. The container must comply with the requirements of the city ordinance, including that the container must be closed, and may not emit offensive odors or constitute a public nuisance. The container may not be located in a building’s front yard or setback, or on a public right-of-way. Any containers exceeding 35 gallons must be enclosed within a structure, such as a fenced-in trash can area.

All junk, trash and garbage within covered containers must be removed from the property on a regular basis. This ordinance permits the use of grass clippings or other vegetable or animal waste to be used for a properly maintained compost pile, providing the compost does not constitute a nuisance.

For a printed version of the Trash and Junk Ordinance, visit www.cityofgolden.net and look under the Municipal Code section for Health and Sanitation, trash enclosures. This section also includes definitions and examples of junk. For questions regarding the ordinance, or to report a violation, call the Golden Police Department non-emergency number at 303-384-8045 and ask to speak to a Code Enforcement Officer.

Golden’s Traffic Unit

In 2005, the Golden Police Department started a dedicated traffic unit in response to requests from the community and with the intention of reducing traffic accidents. The unit currently consists of two motorcycle officers, one night time DUI unit and a fourth evening traffic car. A majority of the unit is paid from a grant issued to the police department from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

After completing a study, the traffic unit discovered the bulk of traffic accidents within the city occur along the HWY 6 and HWY 93 corridors. A majority of the daytime enforcement occurs along both corridors, with officers looking for aggressive drivers and speeding violations. The traffic unit also responds to accidents throughout the city and completes special traffic enforcement in requested areas.

The DUI officer’s sole responsibility is the detection and arrest of DUI drivers. The DUI position has been paid for through a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (LEAF) for the last three years. For 2005 the department is required to take one year off from the LEAF grant, but has remained dedicated to DUI enforcement and will maintain the position. The police department continues to increase the number of DUI arrests each year, with a record 241 arrests in 2004.

If you have a question about the traffic unit or would like to request enforcement in your area, please call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045 and ask for a traffic unit Sergeant.
Into Historic Preservation?

Are you interested in historic preservation? Do you want to be more involved with your community? If so, the Golden Historic Preservation Board (HPB) needs you! The City Clerk is currently taking applications to fill two positions on HPB. As a member, you would work on a variety of historic preservation issues, including evaluating the merits of sites for historic designation, public education, preparing grants and promoting the preservation of historic sites in Golden.

HPB meets the first Monday evening of each month in public hearing. Study sessions are usually scheduled for the third Monday of each month.

To apply, you must be a resident of the City of Golden. Call 303-384-8014 for an application. Applications must be received by the City Clerk no later than Thursday, May 12. City Council will interview applicants Thursday, May 19.

Help Spark Urban Renewal

Would you like to be directly involved with maintaining and improving the vitality of Downtown Golden? If so, please consider applying for one of two available positions with the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA). GURA commissioners provide policy direction and oversight to staff on a variety of downtown redevelopment issues ranging from lightpole banners to major construction projects. GURA meets publicly on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month. Commissioners have terms of five years each. For more information on the responsibilities and activities of a GURA commissioner, call 303-279-4162 or visit www.gura.com.

To apply, visit www.cityofgolden.net/files/bccapp.pdf or call 303-384-8014. Applications must be received by the City Clerk no later than Thursday, May 12. City Council will conduct interviews Thursday, May 19.

How Your Local Government Works

Ethical Government is Not an Oxymoron

There has been a lot of press the last few years about ethics in government at the local, state and federal levels. Unfortunately, there have been some notorious cases of government officials at the local, state and federal levels violating ethical standards of conduct and subsequently disgracing themselves and their organizations. When this occurs, public confidence in government erodes, government employee morale declines, precious organizational time and resources are wasted, and suspicion spreads even to those who are innocent of any wrongdoing.

Clearly then, high ethical standards are vital to a government’s credibility. Furthermore, high ethical standards encompass more than just not doing obviously bad things like lying and stealing. Public servants often face ethical dilemmas that by their very nature are not so obviously egregious but that nonetheless demand ethical solutions.

Local government is the level of government that most directly affects citizens. Turning on your tap, driving down the street, visiting a park, dialing 911, and so forth, are all made possible through local government. Moreover, local government employees and officials are the ones most likely to have daily interaction with citizens because of the nature of local government and the services it provides. Thus, local government sits in a fishbowl, always under intense public scrutiny. With that said, high ethical values become an important element of successful government.

Government can foster ethical values in many ways. One way to establish high ethical values is to develop a written Code of Ethics.

The City of Golden has a very specific written Code of Ethics found in its Municipal Code, Section 2.32. Golden’s Code of Ethics addresses a broad range of topics including: public contracts, financial interest in transactions, legislative action, disclosure and disqualification, confidential information, conflict of interest as related to city employment, appearances, use of public property, equality in treatment, requests for opinion, enforcement, violations-penalties, employees’ code of ethics, and distribution.

The Code of Ethics applies to both City staff and to City officials. Golden’s Code of Ethics defines an official as someone who holds a position, either appointed or elected, in the service of the City, whether paid, unpaid or volunteer. This includes members of the City Council and any member of a City board, agency or commission.

In addition to a municipal code of ethics that City employees and officials must adhere to, there are various professional organizations to which the City of Golden’s employees belong. These professional organizations regulate their members through professional codes of ethics. For example, Golden’s finance department staff belong to the Government Finance Officers Association, which has its own code of professional ethics. Golden’s Public Works Department staff belong to the American Public Works Association, which also has standards for professional conduct. In fact, staff from departments throughout the City belong to their respective professional organizations at the state or federal level or both, and follow their profession’s own code of ethics.

City of Golden staff and officials strive to make Golden a great place to live and work and having high ethical standards in local government helps to achieve that goal.

Genevieve Hale is pursuing a master’s degree, and is participating in an internship at the City of Golden.

By Genevieve Hale
Golden Fire Department Chief John Bales is one of only 459 people worldwide to have successfully completed the process that awards him the professional designation of “Chief Fire Officer.” The Commission on Chief Fire Officer Designation met March 30 to officially confer the designation, and Bales was notified by letter April 12.

The Chief Fire Officer Designation program is a voluntary program designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate their excellence in seven measured components, including experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement and technical competencies.

A Board of Review consisting of members of the fire and emergency services profession, academia, and municipal agencies reviews each application and recommends successful candidates for designation to the Commission.

Bales has been with the Golden Fire Department for five years. He said he is honored to be acknowledged with this designation.

“We have always known that Chief Bales exhibits the highest level of professional standards,” said Golden City Manager Mike Bestor. “We are very pleased that he is being officially recognized by his professional organization for his efforts and achievements, and for being among the best in the world at what he does. Golden is proud to have him at the helm of our fire department.”

At this year’s Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) awards banquet, the following City of Golden employees and projects were recognized with industry awards.

Water Resources Pump Control Technician Will Stambaugh received a Certificate of Achievement in the Utility Operations category. Stambaugh was invaluable in helping Golden meet the responsibilities of maintaining two new, remote water assets using existing internal resources. He met the operational reporting requirements at the Vidler Tunnel and made improvements to the collection system that are expected to increase yield by at least 25%. He also met the start-up and operating requirements at Guanella Reservoir.

Hope Yu received an Individual Achievement Award in the Utility and Environmental Administration category for implementing a water quality monitoring program at the City’s golf course. She trained golf course employees, conducted sampling, coordinated with testing laboratories, and established a cooperative sampling event with the Colorado Division of Wildlife to evaluate habitat on the golf course. The City has been able to show demonstrable benefits to water quality at the golf course due to Yu’s efforts.

Guanella Reservoir received recognition as Project of the Year in the Utilities, Drainage and Environmental category. The City’s Asset Management System won the Program of the Year award in the General Public Works category.
MAY 3 & MAY 17
District/Ward Meetings
See story on Page 5.

MAY 4
Literacy Volunteer Training
The Literacy Coalition of Jefferson County is recruiting tutors to help others learn to read. An informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 4 at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Please come.

MAY 8
Mother’s Day
Don’t forget mom.

Messa da Requiem
The Golden Concert Choir, Boulder Chorale and Jefferson Symphony Orchestra will present Verdi’s “Messa da Requiem” 7 p.m. at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center. Tickets are $17 for adults, $15 for seniors, $10 for college students, and $5 for children under 12, and will be available at the door. Call 303-278-4237.

MAY 12
Coffee with Councilors
Ward 1 Councilor Dave Ketchum and District 1 Councilor Lynne Timpeiro meet for coffee, conversation and maybe even a light breakfast at 7:30 a.m. the second Thursday of each month at Cousins (formerly Jake’s), 17695 S. Golden Road, near Johnson Road. The restaurant is smoke-free and the coffee is free. Golden citizens, particularly those in District One, are encouraged to stop by.

MAY 14 & MAY 15
Community Pride Days
See story on Page 3.

Learn More About Golden

The Leadership Golden program is a series of seminars spanning a 10-month period designed to create more informed citizens. The seminars provide participants with knowledge of the relationship between government, education, business and the community of Golden, and help them to build a network of informed resources.

If you’re interested in learning more about and getting involved in your community, Leadership Golden is taking applications for the program that begins in August and runs through May. Anyone who lives in Golden, has a Golden address, works or has a business in the city limits is eligible to participate in the program and it is tuition free.

The series includes a leadership retreat and City facilities tour, presentations on Golden history, government, education, arts and recreation, justice, public finance, growth and development, community participation, and an experience in governing through a mock City Council meeting. The emphasis is on these areas as they function within Golden. The presenters for the sessions are city and county officials, county school officials and other members of the community, depending on the subject of the session. The class size is limited to 15 to 20 students, in order to provide a better opportunity for group interaction with the presenters. The series culminates with a special graduation dinner.

Brochures and applications are available beginning May 1 at Foss Drug, Plummers Jewelry, the Golden Community Center and the Golden Visitors Center. The deadline for applications for the upcoming program is June 30. For more information about the program, call 303-279-7243 or 303-279-5006, or visit www.leadershipgolden.org.

To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:
Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401,
or by e-mail to shenderson@ci.golden.co.us. 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.

MAY 22
Bridging Ceremony
Girl Scout Troop 1508 will hold a special symbolic “Bridging Ceremony” and celebration from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Billy Drew Bridge and along Clear Creek Trail. Girl Scouts will cross the bridge symbolizing their bridging over to the next level of Scouting.

THROUGH JUNE 11
Typing, Biking and Women’s Dress exhibit
What do a sewing machine, typewriter and the bicycle all have in common? Come learn more at this exhibit now through June 11 at the Astor House Museum, 822 12th St. Call 303-278-3557 or visit www.astorhousemuseum.org.
2005 City of Golden

COMMUNITY PRIDE DAYS
Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15

As part of the City of Golden’s Community Pride Days event, Golden residents may use the following coupons, good for one free hazardous chemical drop and one free curbside appliance pick up. Drop off sites will be available for other rubbish.

PLEASE SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

2005 City of Golden Community Pride Days Coupon

Good for one FREE household hazardous chemical drop. Value of $13.

You can bring:

- Antifreeze
- Automotive batteries
- Batteries
- Drain cleaner
- Expired medicine
- Furniture polish
- Floor cleaner/wax
- Lacquers/paint
- Oven cleaner
- Paint thinner/ remover
- Radiator flushes
- Rodent poison
- Waste oil

No containers more than 75 pounds, please.

RESERVATION REQUIRED
For reservations, call 303-316-6262
Rooney Road Recycling Center, 151 S. Rooney Road

Golden residents only.

2005 City of Golden Community Pride Days Coupon

Good for one FREE curbside appliance pick up and recycling by calling Appliance Removal and Recycling.

Appliances accepted include:

- Washers
- Dryers
- Dishwashers
- Compactors
- Microwaves
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Air conditioners
- Water heaters

For pick up, call 303-255-0379
Appliance Removal and Recycling

Golden residents only.