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At its May 4 study session, City Council will have a discussion about the public art program, which is largely funded by the Golden Civic Foundation. Several Councilors want to discuss how the independent Public Art Committee operates and whether it should be an official City Council-appointed board.

Council will also discuss its objectives for cable- and web-casting its meetings on Channel 8 and www.cityofgolden.net/Channel8 and how to determine whether the program is successful enough to continue long-term after the three month trial period is up.

During its May 11 regular meeting, City Council will vote on the award of contract for the Rooney Road Soccer fields construction. (The Council voted unanimously in favor of the project at its April 13 meeting.)

City Council will have a shortened schedule during June so that Councilors may attend the Colorado Municipal League conference. As a result, Council will hold combined study sessions and regular meetings on June 1 and June 8, with public comment taken both evenings.
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 4**
Study Session

**May 11**
REGULAR MEETING

**May 18**
Study Session

**May 25**
REGULAR MEETING

**June 1**
Study Session and RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING

**June 8**
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING

No Council Meetings
June 15, 22 or 29

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) or by calling the City Clerk’s office at 303-384-8015.

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**Golden a Leader in Infrastructure Repair and Replacement**

*By Mayor Chuck Baroch*

I was in Washington, D.C., to attend the National League of Cities conference from March 13 through 16 and was yet again reminded of another reason why I am so proud to live in Golden. At the meeting, there were many cities and speakers urging Congress to provide more federal funding to the cities. The funds would be used for block grants, improvements in infrastructure (streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, etc.) and for upgrades to water and sewer systems. They were also seeking more funds for schools and health care. This column will address the issues of infrastructure, sewer and water.

Golden certainly wouldn’t refuse federal funds. However, Golden is able to take care of the infrastructure, water and sewers with its own source of funds. The infrastructure upkeep is funded by property, sales and use taxes. These taxes represent about 55% of the revenues for the general operation of the City. The water and sewer systems are funded by charges to users of these services.

For more than a decade the City has allocated funds for the repair of streets, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. (Prior to 1992, property owners were responsible for the cost of repairing sidewalks adjoining their property.) The level of funding for a specific infrastructure use is dependent upon the expected life of the item and the expected cost for the repair or replacement. For example, sidewalks are expected to have a useful life of 20 years. Therefore, Golden will pay for the repair/replacement of 5% of all the sidewalks in Golden each year at no cost to the homeowner.

Golden has purchased high priority water rights and has built Guanella Reservoir while maintaining the water system and sewer lines. Golden purchases sewer treatment services from Coors Brewing Co. Golden’s water rate for 2006 is $3.74 per thousand gallons.

Because of the City’s financial position and wise spending of tax dollars, you can depend on the City, not the county, state or federal government, to provide you the needed services and infrastructure upkeep.
Golden City Council announced Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7 as Golden Community Pride Days.

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

For the second year in a row, 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.

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 6, and Sunday, May 7

- The Splash at Fossil Trace water park, 3151 Illinois St., will collect rubbish, construction materials, metal, tires and communication electronics (There is no charge for dropping electronic items at the Splash site.)
- West of Clear Creek History Park, 11th and Maple streets, will collect natural wood, tree limbs, shrubs and branches (no construction lumber, roots, dirt or trash, 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.
YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Mock City Council Approves Smoking Ban

The 2006 Junior Leadership Golden class conducted a mock City Council session April 13 in Council Chambers at Golden City Hall. Twelve students spoke during the public comment period. City Attorney Jim Windholz acted as himself. The 7-student City Council voted 4-3 in favor of a no-smoking ordinance for the City. Mayor Chuck Baroch attended and commented how impressed he is with these Golden High students’ leadership skills.

LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY

City Council announces a vacancy on the Golden Local Licensing (Liquor) Authority Board for a term that will expire in December 2006. The authority approves new liquor licenses, new registered managers, modification of premises and hears show cause hearings when there is an alleged violation of the Liquor Code. The LLA meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 911 10th St.

Members must be residents of the City of Golden, be at least 21 years of age and have no interest in a business that holds a liquor or 3.2% beer license and serve without compensation. Terms are for four years.

Applications are available from the City Clerk or at the City of Golden’s Web site, www.cityofgolden.net under Boards and Commissions, and will be accepted at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401 until 5 p.m. May 24. For more information, call City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held by the City Council the evening of Thursday, June 1.

GOLDEN URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

The Golden Urban Renewal Authority is looking for two new members for appointments expiring in June. GURA commissioners 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. Commissioners each serve five year terms.

For more information on the responsibilities and activities of a GURA commissioner, call 303-279-4162 or visit www.gura.com

Applications, on forms provided by the City Clerk or from the City’s web site, www.cityofgolden.net, under Boards and Commissions, will be accepted at the Office of City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401, until 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, in person, by mail, email to sbrooks@ci.golden.co.us or faxed to the attention of the City Clerk 303-384-8001.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council Study Session the evening of Thursday, June 1 in the Council Chambers at Golden City Hall, 911 10th St.
Enjoy Golden’s Avenue of Flags this Memorial Day

On Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day each year, more than 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 memorial during these special times of the year.

The idea was initially proposed in the mid-1980s by Astor House Museum Curator Vi Hader. 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. Together, 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 Veterans Day 1987, the first Avenue of Flags, consisting of eight flags, was proudly raised at the front gate of the Golden Cemetery.

“I never envisioned the 300-plus flags we display today,” Toler said.

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 29, weather permitting.

“I never envisioned the 300-plus flags we display today.”
– Cemetery Manager Steve Toler
History Park has Baby Chicks for Opening Day

Join Clear Creek History Park for its eighth season opening day celebration with a free day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 6.

Children and adults alike will be delighted by the park’s new baby chicks, as well as interactive pioneer games like stilts and graces.

See volunteers in costume cook a meal on a wood stove and demonstrate the ancient skill of blacksmithing at the forge. Hands-on gold panning will engage all ages.

You can also watch our gardeners plant and tend this year’s heirloom vegetable and herb gardens, and take your seat in a desk in our original 1800s one-room schoolhouse. This free day is made possible in part by Wells Fargo.

Clear Creek History Park is a three-acre living history museum located along the banks of Clear Creek in historic downtown Golden at 11th and Arapahoe streets. The Park features six original 1800s buildings, as well as heirloom gardens and chickens. Regular admission is $3 for adults, and $2 for children ages 6 to 16, $2.50 for seniors, and children under 6 are free. Call 303-278-3557 or visit www.clearcreekhistorypark.org for more information.

Habitat for Humanity Partners with City on Salvage Project

On Saturday, April 22, the City of Golden invited Habitat for Humanity to salvage property inside of two homes that will have to be demolished and sell the items in the charity’s outlet store.

When the City purchased land off of State Highway 93 to construct new municipal shops facilities, it was determined that the main residence and guest house on the old “Kilgrove property” would have to be demolished in order for the City to preserve some of the site’s other unique features, including the historic Brickyard House and the Tucker Gulch tributary that runs through the property.

Despite their necessary demolition, Deputy Director of Public Works Anne Beierle thought that both homes had nice interior fixtures that could be saved and reused, such as cabinets, appliances, light and plumbing fixtures, and solid wood doors. Beierle set about trying to find a salvage company that would be willing to pay the City for the opportunity to save the valuables. (The City cannot give public property to for-profit firms.)

When she couldn’t find an interested party, instead of calling a landfill, Beierle called Habitat for Humanity. She met this week with the charity’s representatives, who were thrilled at the opportunity to deconstruct the two houses and save as much as possible.

Beginning April 22, a large Habitat for Humanity crew will disassemble the interior of the house. In order to ensure the site does not become an unattractive nuisance, crews will return to the site just prior to demolition to salvage any exterior doors and windows.

In addition to this project, Golden City Forester Dave High is working to salvage the trees on the site. As many trees as possible will be relocated to the municipal Fossil Trace Golf Club, The Splash water park and the City’s North Reservoir.
This document was prepared by the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) in cooperation with the City of Golden Finance Department staff. It is CBAC’s goal to provide citizens easy access to budget information. Page one represents a distillation of the 2006 budget’s principal revenue sources and expense categories, with additional details 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 our meetings are open to all citizens. They take place at 7:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month from March through November. For further information, call Denise at 303-384-8011, or check the City’s web site at www.cityofgolden.net.

Utilities revenue consists mostly of:

- Water Sales to Customers .................. $4.06 million
- Wastewater Service Fees .................. $1.44 million
- Drainage and Flood Control ............... $0.77 million

Water, wastewater and drainage charges are enterprise funds, used only in support of those utilities. No tax money is used to pay for these operations. Your water fund has a long-range plan to ensure that Golden will always have plenty of water.

**Total Sales and Use Tax**

Total Sales and Use Tax is budgeted at $13.32 million for 2006; 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 functions.

**Your City government is committed to:**
- Making Golden the best place for you to live
- Keeping Golden a safe place for you and your children
- Staying focused on the strategic vision developed with your input
- Providing you with excellent and responsive City employees

**The City of Golden is a full-service municipality providing the following services and programs:**
- Volunteer fire and rescue
- Police Department
- Utilities: water, wastewater, storm drainage and flood control
- Parks and recreation for all ages
- Planning and economic development
- Maintenance of streets, sidewalks and trails
## City of Golden 2006 Revenues

### 2006 Budget Summary

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**Total** .................................................... **$65,523,978**

* Enterprise Funds
** Total does not include interfund transfers, Golden Downtown General Improvement District, or the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

The City is committed to replacement and maintenance of streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, water and wastewater lines, and flood-water drainage control.

Capital expenditures are $26.2 million, or 40% of the City's budgeted expenditures.
Golden has four fire stations staffed by 8 paid staff and 51 volunteers. The City provides comprehensive training and contributes to a retirement plan volunteers are eligible for after 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 32,779 calls in 2005.

Golden's water fund supports 106 miles of water mains, 833 hydrants, 2,533 valves, 5,266 water meters, 5 pump stations, 9 treated water storage tanks, 3 raw water reservoirs, 1 tunnel, and 1 diversion structure, treating and moving nearly 4.1 million gallons to residents each day. The Wastewater Fund maintains 1,941 manholes and 74 miles of sewage lines, which ship sewage to the Coors sewage processing plant.

Recreation is a high priority in Golden, with 17 parks, 2 swimming pools, 5 tennis courts, 2 skate parks and a world-class kayaking course. The Community Center is budgeted to receive a $399,055 General Fund subsidy and a $125,000 Sales and Use Tax Fund subsidy in 2006. The Parks & Recreation Department offers more than 30 recreational opportunities for youth, including preschool, ballet, Kids Night Out, 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 159,230 participants in 2006.

Golden has 230 miles of streets, that 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 & Poor’s ratings of A for both the Sales and Use Tax Revenue Bonds and Drainage Utility Bonds.

Golden maintains internal service funds, that 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 2006. 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 are budgeted to receive a total of $240,500 in City funds in 2006. This does not include in-kind services for landscaping and maintenance provided by the City.

In 2006, the Cemetery Operating Fund will operate as a true Enterprise Fund, without subsidies from the General Fund or the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

The 2006 Budget maintains a fund balance in the General Fund of 14%, within the acceptable range of 10-20% per the City’s long range budgetary policies.
GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 2

Homework Help
From 3 to 5 p.m., students from the Colorado School of Mines are available to assist children and teens with homework in the Children’s Room of the Golden Public Library. This will be your last chance to get free help with your homework this year! No appointment necessary. Call 303-279-4585, Ext. 2, for more information.

THROUGH MAY 7

Colorado Clay 2006 Exhibit
Foothills Art Center proudly presents Colorado Clay 2006, a juried biennial exhibition showcasing the very best in contemporary ceramics by Colorado artists. Colorado Clay 2006 boasts a variety of techniques, surfaces and thematic approaches. This group of artists explores figurative, architectural, organic, functional, narrative and installation concerns. Call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org for more information, admission prices and hours.

MAY 7

After School Fun — Alex Rider
Come to access highly classified information on Alex Rider, 14-year-old spy, at 4 p.m. for students in grades 1 through 6. Free tickets are required and will be available at the Golden Public Library now. Call 303-279-4585, Ext. 2, for more information.

“Our American Musical Heritage” concert
The Golden Concert Choir, under the direction of Carma Romano-LaMorte, will present Our American Musical Heritage at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at Calvary Church’s Great Hall, corner of 14th and Arapahoe streets. The concert will include Moravian Hymnody, Early California Mission Music, Shaker Hymns and African-American Gospel. Tickets are $15 for adults, $9 for seniors and students, $5 for children 6-11, and free for children under 6, and may be purchased at the door. For advance tickets or more information, call Judy Denison at 303-279-5177 or visit www.goldencommunitychoirs.org.

MAY 12-26

Art Display
Golden High School students will display their art in the Children’s Room at the Golden Public Library. This is always the high point of the art displays. Be sure to drop in and see the students’ amazing work! Call 303-279-4585, Ext. 2, for more information.

JUNE THROUGH JULY

Summer Reading Club
“Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales” – Kids of all ages may come into the Golden Public Library at the beginning of June to sign up and get more information about this year’s free Summer Reading Club. If you read for eight hours, you’ll receive a free paperback book in August! Call 303-279-4585, Ext. 2, for more information.

JUNE 9

Good News Social
The Golden Civic Foundation’s Good News Social will begin at 5 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center. Come and learn about all kinds of good things going on in Golden. Cost is $15 and includes food and beverages. Call Chuck Baroch at 303-278-9697 for reservations. Tickets go fast, so reserve your seats today!

DON’T MISS THE WILD WEST AUTO ROUND-UP
Kick off your summer by attending the Wild West Auto Round-Up, a festival of vintage cars, live music, food and fun for the whole family Saturday, June 10 in historic downtown Golden.

There will be more than 200 vintage automobiles on display along Washington Avenue, Golden’s main street. Live bands will perform throughout the day on the main stage on Washington Avenue and in Parfet Park.

The “Golden Idol” finals will be held on the Washington Avenue main stage as well. Food and beverage stations will line the area. Parfet Park will be filled with games and activities for children, along with family entertainment on the stage.

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.
Trash and Junk — Golden Community Pride Days is being held May 6 and 7, allowing residents to properly dispose of trash and junk. The Golden Police Department Code Enforcement Officers want to take a minute to remind you about the municipal ordinance involving 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 that are not presently being used, or 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, must not emit offensive odors and must not 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 trash can area. All junk, trash and garbage within covered containers must be removed from the property on a regular basis.

This ordinance does not exclude the use of grass clippings or other vegetable or animal wastes 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 click on Municipal Code. Navigate to the Health and Sanitation section, and look under 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.

Do You have a Law Enforcement Question?

The Golden Police Department is now expanding its Code Q & A section in The Golden Informer to include all law enforcement related questions.

Do you have any questions about the Golden Police Department, criminal or traffic law, or law enforcement in general? If so, you are not alone!

Please email your questions to Officer Ryan Custer at rcuster@ci.golden.co.us. All questions will receive an answer via email and some will be included in The Golden Informer.
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.

Why is there Foam in the Creek?

Have you seen what appears to be foam or suds in Clear Creek? Some foam or suds in the stream are natural, especially as snowmelt runoff occurs in the spring. When aquatic organisms, such as algae, die and begin to decompose, fatty acids are produced. These fatty acids are very similar to those found in common soap products. Aeration of the water as it cascades over rocks causes the fatty acids to form foam, often accumulating along shorelines and river banks, and in coves and eddies.

Foam is generally white, breaks down relatively quickly, and smells like fish or earth. Foam from silt or erosion is usually a dirty brown color. In contrast, foam from detergent will have a noticeable perfume smell from the additives that give your wash a fragrant scent. Natural foam is often seen in early morning and is usually gone by midday.

If you see foam in the stream that is more than a few inches high, looks like bubble bath, has a perfume scent and doesn’t break apart easily, detergent may be in the stream. If so, please notify Environmental Services by calling 303-384-8181 for further investigation, or call the police non-emergency line at 303-384-8045 during non-business hours.
The Golden Informer

Get Ready for Farmers Market

The Golden Farmers Market will begin Saturday, June 3 with a larger selection than ever. The market will have a variety of fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, fresh-made jams, sweets and snacks, potted and cut flowers, soaps, oils, pasta, salsa, goat cheese, fresh-baked breads and pastries, BBQ to eat at the market or take home, fresh made breakfast burritos, and much, much more.

The Golden Cultural Alliance will have a big presence displaying the local museums’ wares and exhibits. There will be two Golden businesses featured each Saturday with products and services they offer.

And Denver Carriage will have two horse-drawn carriages to take you on a tour of historic Golden. This unusual event at a Farmers Market is FREE. Tours will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Golden Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 3 through Oct. 7 (except July 29 during Buffalo Bill Days) in the City parking lot just west of the Golden Public Library, 1019 10th St., (across the street from the Golden Transcript offices). Parking is available downtown on 11th Street near Clear Creek History Park and you can walk over Clear Creek on the Billy Drew Bridge, which takes you directly to the market.

Find Family Fun at Fishing Derby

Co-sponsored by the Golden Parks and Recreation and the American Legion Taylor-Miller Auxiliary Post #21, grab your hook, line, sinker and bait and come out to catch some fish! Bring Mom and Dad or Grandma and Grandpa to the Fishing Derby from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 3 Lions Park pond, 10th and Maple streets, for a morning of family fun. Keep your catch, or release them to swim again. Prizes will be awarded for various categories of fish caught, as well as for the best Huck Finn and Becky Thatcher look-alikes. This free family event is for children 12-years-old and younger.

PROPOSALS WANTED FOR BRICKYARD HOUSE

City Council has released a Request for Proposals seeking recommendations for the restoration and future use of an historic structure on property purchased by the City for the new city shops project.

The Brickyard House, located north of Golden Gate Canyon Road, is one of the remaining structures of the Golden Fire Brick Company Plant, which operated from the late 1800s through the middle of the 20th Century.

Council is seeking proposals from private parties and/or non-profit groups interested in restoring the structure and utilizing it for a productive use. The proposals are due back to the City by June 5, 2005. For more information or a copy of the Request for Proposals, visit www.cityofgolden.net/RFP.asp.

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Golden Community Center
to activities calendar

What’s New at the Golden Community Center?

Fighting Against Frauds & Scams
What can you do to protect yourself against identity thefts, frauds and scams? Defend yourself with information – you have the power! No one is immune from the efforts of scam artists and frauds, so let’s fight this together! This seminar will provide you with valuable tips on how to avoid identity theft, and to identify phone, email, and Internet scams, as well as credit card fraud, and more. In addition, resources will be provided that will assist you in determining if charity is legitimate, how to get removed from marketing lists, how to add your name to the national no call lists, how to get free credit reports, and how to report someone if you suspect them to be a fraud. Join the Fraud Squad and arm yourself with information.

10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 16
Fee: $10 per person, includes workbook and resource materials

Right Sizing – Right Now®
A polite way of saying “down-sizing,” Right Sizing is a workshop series for proactive seniors and their families. Bring a friend or family member to this workshop and learn how to get motivated and organized! By attending this interactive series you take an important step toward being proactive and in charge. This series will focus on:

Session One
Getting to know each other
Setting objectives
Where and how to begin

Session Two
Sorting through your belongings
Identifying your treasures
Working with a professional

Session Three
Building your resource bank
What is and isn’t working
Executing your plan

Session Four
Making the move
Before, during, and after
Learning to use the new tools
Register for this workshop today and start moving in the “Right Sizing” direction!
6 to 8 p.m. consecutive Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28
Fee: $90

Red Cross Lifeguard Training
For the swimmer in the family, Red Cross Lifeguard Training registration is open. To receive certification, students must complete required reading, actively participate in all classes, correctly demonstrate all the skills, perform the final three skill scenarios satisfactorily and pass the final written exam with a minimum of 80% correct in each of the four sections of the test. Lifeguard and First Aid training are valid for three years. CPR for the professional rescuer is valid for one year. All certifications can be later renewed in briefer “challenge” or review classes. Please note: This class requires passing a pre-test class prior to registration. Please visit www.goldenrec.com, call 303-384-8100 or stop by the Golden Community Center to register for the pre-test.

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

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

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

Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.

Located at the north edge of Lions Park, you can register for any of the following classes and more online at www.goldenrec.com or by calling 303-384-8100. Please let us know that you read about us in The Informer.

The Golden Community Center is located at 1470 10th St., on the north edge of Lions Park. You can register for any of the following classes and more online at www.goldenrec.com or by calling 303-384-8100. Please let us know that you read about us in The Informer.
Looking for a good time this summer? Enjoy sun time at the largest water park in Jefferson County, The Splash Aquatic Park. Splash is a slide-filled water park located on Illinois Street next to the Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. Splash offers two twisty water slides, a sand box, a 25-meter lap pool, bustling activity pool complete with fountains, wading areas and a spectacular 500-gallon dump bucket.

Splash is perfect for families of all ages. Multiple slides and a playground built right into the water entice the kids. Separate lap lanes and diving boards are inviting to older children and adults looking to swim laps.

What about lunch? Splash has a full-service concession stand with burgers, hotdogs, sodas and much more. For those who like to pack a lunch, coolers are welcome in the aquatic park. There are plenty of lounging chairs and shaded areas to round out a fantastic picnic location.

Looking for more incentive to visit Splash this summer? Admission to Splash is free for seniors and tots under two, and Community Center annual pass holders are eligible for reduced price season passes.

Splash also offers private rentals and birthday party packages to make your event extra special. If you are looking for a place to have a company picnic, church outing or family reunion, Splash is available for private rentals from 6:30 to 10 p.m. If a worry-free birthday party is what you’re after, Splash offers multiple birthday party packages to fit your needs.

Splash is easily accessible from all major highways. Travel time takes approximately 10-20 minutes from the Denver-metro area and surrounding communities. For more information, rates, and hours of operation, call 303-384-8700 or visit www.splashingolden.com.

**Stingray Package**
$99 includes:
- Up to 15 children
- 4 adult chaperones
- Reserved picnic table in the party pavilion for 1½ hours
- You bring the goodies (plates, cake, drinks, etc.)
- Each additional child is $3
- Each additional adult is $4

**Dolphin Package**
$119 includes:
- Up to 15 children
- 4 adult chaperones
- Reserved picnic table in the party pavilion for 1½ hours
- ¼ sheet cake
- ½ gallon ice cream
- 3 pitchers of soda
- Paper products
- Each additional child is $3.50
- Each additional adult is $4.50

**Shark Package**
$159 includes:
- Up to 15 child entries
- 4 adult chaperone entries
- Reserved picnic table in the party pavilion for 1½ hours
- ¼ sheet cake
- ½ gallon ice cream
- 5 pitchers of soda
- Paper products
- Combo meal for each child and chaperone
- Each additional child is $4
- Each additional adult is $5
Need to Cool Off?
Why use your water when you can use ours!

Open 10am to 6:30pm daily
Memorial Day through Labor Day

- 5 water slides for kids of all ages
- Water playhouse with a 500-gallon dumping bucket
- Spray pad
- Sand play area
- Lap pool with diving board
- Great place for birthday parties
- Special rates for Golden residents

www.splashinggolden.com

303-277-8700
3151 Illinois St.

* Valid only during 2006 season and not valid for groups.
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 5 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### COMMUNITY PRIDE DAYS COUPON

**Good for one FREE household hazardous chemical drop.**

Value of $13 for up to 10 gallons of latex, 25 gallons of oil, 5 car batteries, or 75 pounds of all other material. A fee of $1 per pound for heavier items will be charged.

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

**Reservations Required.**

Call 303-316-6262

Rooney Road Recycling Center, 151 S. Rooney Road

**Coupon Expires May 19, 2006.**

Golden residents only.

### COMMUNITY PRIDE DAYS COUPON

**Good for one FREE curbside appliance pick up and recycling by calling Complete Recycling.**

Appliances accepted include:
- Washers
- Refrigerators
- Dryers
- Freezers
- Dishwashers
- Air conditioners
- Compactors
- Water heaters
- Microwaves

**For pick up, call 303-255-0379**

Complete Recycling

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