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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

SPASH OPENS
Splash opens Saturday, May 29 for the 2010 summer season. Splash passes and punch cards are now on sale at the Golden Community Center for discounted rates. For more information and specials, visit www.splashingolden.com.

PRIDE DAYS
Golden Community Pride Days takes place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. This popular event is provided each year for citizens by the City of Golden as an opportunity to get rid of unwanted items and debris. Proof of residency is required in order to participate. Please see additional coupons on page 13. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit www.cityofgolden.net and click on City News.

TRASH HAULER ORDINANCE
At the May 13 regular City Council meeting, Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Trash Haulers ordinance that will authorize a single hauler to provide service to approximately 3,800 residences, and an option for an additional 1,400 that currently reside within several homeowners associations. If the ordinance is approved, that same evening the contract for the single hauler will be awarded. See page 9 for more information.

FINANCE EXPERT NEEDED
The City of Golden has a term expiring for a financial professional to serve in a voluntary capacity on the City’s Investment Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to review and monitor the City's cash management and investment results, develop and recommend investment policies to City Council, and assist in the selection of investment facilitators and managers.

Applicants should be knowledgeable in the financial arena, with experience serving as representatives of banks or trust companies, representatives of primary government bond dealers, private sector cash managers, or finance directors or investment personnel in local governmental entities. Preference shall be given to professionals who live or work within the city limits of Golden.

Financial professionals are appointed for four-year terms. The Investment Advisory Committee meets at least semi-annually, typically in January and July, during the work day.

For more information contact Finance Director Jeff Hansen, 303-384-8020 or email jhansen@cityofgolden.net. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12 at the Office of the City Clerk, 911 10th St. Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be conducted by City Council during the May 20 Council meeting.

HELP “RENEW” GOLDEN
The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) has two appointments that will expire 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. Appointments are for five years. For more information on the responsibilities and activities of a GURA commissioner, call 303-279-4162 or visit www.gura.com.

Applications are provided by the City Clerk or from the City’s web site, www.cityofgolden.net, under Boards and Commissions and will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 12 at the Office of City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th St. Applications can be dropped off, mailed, emailed to clerks@cityofgolden.net or faxed to the City Clerk at 303-384-8001. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for May 20 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Below is the Golden City Council’s calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

May 6  Rescheduled Business Meeting
May 13  Regular Business Meeting
May 20  Regular Study Session
May 27  No Council 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.
Everyone remembers learning about the three branches of government in school – legislative, executive, and judicial – and how the framers of the Constitution balanced these three branches against each other, creating a system of checks and balances that helps prevent any one branch from becoming too powerful. Local governments like Golden’s typically work quite differently, often relying instead on a “council-manager” form of government. In the council-manager system, the voters elect the City Council which then hires a professional city manager to actually run the city’s operations. In turn, the Council focuses on setting the city’s vision and priorities and ensuring the city manager’s accountability to community goals. This is different from the “strong mayor” systems that large cities like Denver often have, where the mayor directly runs the city government and has wide decision-making authority and the City Council has a more limited role.

The authority of the City Council and mayor thus spans all three branches: they have legislative authority (the Council writes and amends the municipal code and adopts the budget), executive authority (the Council hires and gives direction to the city manager, who is responsible for city operations), and judicial authority (the Council hires the municipal judge and itself acts as a judge on many land use issues).

As a result, each individual in Golden has three representatives on the Council: their ward councilor, their district councilor, and the mayor. And Council must have a majority vote of four to move forward, which helps ensure that the broader community interests are always considered. In addition, by virtue of his or her professional city management background, experience, staff resources, and working full-time in the role, the city manager also wields a great deal of influence which should balance with the authority of the Council. In fact, the council-manager form of government was a response to the corruption of political machines in the 19th century and early 20th century. The idea was that by professionalizing the city management role and keeping the voters responsible for electing community leaders, we would see better run cities and more voter accountability. Term limits and the citizen initiative process provide two additional checks and balances.

The popularly elected mayor (which only began in Golden in 2003) is a full member of the Council but is also charged with providing a leadership role on the Council. City councilors also serve as advocates for community members. On neighborhood issues you should look to your ward and district councilor, and on community-wide issues you should look to the Mayor.

Finally, I want to highlight what a blessing it is that partisan politics don’t play a role in Golden’s elections or Council deliberations. Everyone on the Council brings their own values and political perspective to the table, and we acknowledge that we sometimes see things differently, but we tackle our work in a strong spirit of respectful pragmatism. We are there to resolve Golden’s challenges and chart our course for the future. It is by no means perfect, but over the years Golden’s citizens have created a strong, balanced, and effective system of city government.
Virtual Participation in City Council Meetings

In early April, the City of Golden launched a new tool that creates enhanced citizen participation in City Council meetings and encourages involvement from a broader audience. Citizens unable to attend a meeting are now able to review upcoming meeting materials and provide public comment on particular agenda items. This new technology, called e-Comment, is in addition to the live and taped streaming of Council meetings already available.

Prior to a meeting, citizens can log onto the City’s website www.cityofgolden.net, to find an upcoming meeting and click on the e-Comment link next to the posted Agenda. Citizens can complete an on-line form and formally weigh-in on particular items with a more informed opinion. This tool provides a convenient alternative to in-person testimony while allowing the public voice to be heard.

"While we always appreciate written letters and e-mails to Council, the e-Comment feature is fast and easy," says City Clerk Susan Brooks. "We take comments during meetings, but good ideas are best served with plenty of time for due consideration." The cut off time for the comments is 24 hours prior to a meeting which allows the City Clerk’s office time to format the comments and send them to Council for review.

e-Comment will also benefit administrative staff, allowing them to collect, track and manage responses prior to a meeting, giving Council members a “snapshot” of how the public feels on particular items.

This new service, along with the City’s streaming media solution, is provided by Granicus, a San Francisco-based company specializing in government transparency and citizen participation technology.

COMMUNITY SUMMIT: TAKE TWO

The second annual All-Ward Meeting brought more than 100 residents to Golden High School on April 14. Mayor Jacob Smith addressed the entire crowd to talk about important issues like transportation, economic vitality and the possibility of going to a single trash hauler. He also spoke about Golden’s newest pedestrian bridge and plans for new trails, which brought a round of applause from the crowd. After the Mayor’s speech, all of the Ward and District Councilors held break-out sessions to address specific concerns for their neighborhoods. The biggest topic of discussion was the possible routes for a circulator bus in Golden. Many residents in Ward One who live along Illinois Street spoke out against that street being used for the bus route. The meeting provided residents with an opportunity to meet their Councilors and Mayor, as well as give the City feedback on what it is doing right and what needs improvement. Residents also got to meet dozens of City staff members who were on hand to answer questions and provide information about projects happening in Golden. Thank you to everyone who attended!

All-Ward Meeting a Success

Mayor Jacob Smith spoke to Golden residents at the All-Ward Meeting.

Over the course of the last year, the Golden community weighed in on what makes the City special, unique, interesting, and at times, challenging. This Summit will focus on taking that information and refining it to define a set of guiding principles for growth and change in Golden.

Remember to stay tuned for the second Community Summit, which will be held on June 5. For more information about Golden Vision 2030, visit: www.cityofgolden.net/goldenvision2030.

Mayor Jacob Smith spoke to Golden residents at the All-Ward Meeting.
In the United States there has been a long standing affinity for customized vehicles. This love affair with custom vehicles has been culturally embodied in movies like American Graffiti with those amazing street rods and Easy Rider or Wild Hogs, with the “chopper” motorcycles. With the ever increasing numbers of baby-boomers reaching the age of retirement (or second childhoods), the numbers of these customized vehicles have also been on the increase.

Although new vehicles have exhaust systems mandated to meet federal noise control standards, many drivers alter the equipment by replacing or removing the original system. This action makes it illegal to operate the vehicle on public streets anywhere in Colorado. The resulting noise can be heard and often times felt a substantial distance away.

Essentially, the law requires any motor vehicle operated on a highway to be equipped with an adequate muffler that is maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise. Installing a cut-off, bypass or similar device is prohibited, as is any modification that will amplify or increase the noise emitted above the level emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle.

The “Silence-is-Golden:” Ride & Drive Community-Friendly Partnership, is a community partnership program which began in May of 2008. This program created a cooperative with the businesses and local events that specifically attract custom vehicle operators.

There are three equally important components of this partnership:

1. Educating motorists that they are expected to ride and drive quietly.
2. Engineering through restoring the legal exhaust system to include baffles, or ride quietly enough that the vehicle doesn’t draw police attention - (police won’t be looking for illegal exhausts but they will be listening for them).
3. Enforcing the law and issuing traffic citations to motorists who draw audible attention to their illegal mufflers.

To review all of the laws and requirements in the Model Traffic Code and the Colorado Revised Statues regarding illegal mufflers, visit www.dot.state.co.us. Click on Permits/Documents, then Traffic Manuals & Guides and select Various Federal & State of Colorado Traffic Manuals.

The City of Golden will continue to welcome custom vehicle motorists and hope that all will enjoy their visit while they ride and drive in a community-friendly manner.

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**DOG RULES FOR GOLDEN PARKS AND TRAILS**

Warmer weather attracts many people and their four-legged friends to Golden’s parks and trails. As a reminder, here are the basic rules which need to be followed in order to make the outdoor experience good for everyone.

1. You must pick up after your dog. Plastic bags are provided in most areas, but it is best to bring your own.
2. Dogs must be on a leash at all times, no matter how well the dog is trained.
3. It is unlawful to tie a dog outside of a vehicle or to a table if it is aggressive or destructive.
4. Be courteous to others.
5. Remember, not all people enjoy dogs.
6. Do not allow people who are unable to control the dog to be in possession of it. If the dog gets loose it is your responsibility.
7. Beware of rattlesnakes for both dogs and humans.
8. Do NOT lock dogs inside of vehicles. The temperature inside of a car can be lethal on a sunny day.
9. Do NOT drive with dogs unsecured in the back of a pickup truck.
10. Make sure your dog is properly licensed and has the tags on the collar to prove it.
The City of Golden has recently experienced a high number of car break-ins, known to police as the crime of first-degree criminal trespass. While not all of these types of crimes can be prevented, there are ways to reduce your risk of being a victim.

FACTS:
- In 2009 137 vehicles were reported broken into. That means one in 124 citizens was the victim of a car break-in during the year.
- The average cost of a broken car window is $400. Insurance deductibles are often higher than that, which means unexpected out of pocket expenses.
- Victims of car break-ins often become victims of identity theft. Criminals use items stolen from vehicles to victimize all over again.

TIPS:
- ALWAYS lock your car. Most often, cars are targeted because they are left unlocked making for easy access.
- Try to park in well lit and well traveled areas.
- Don't leave anything of value in the car.
- If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, make efforts to hide items from plain view.
- Do not leave portable garage door openers in plain view. Your garage door opener combined with personal information from your vehicle can make you a victim of a home burglary, as well. Whether or not your garage door opener has been taken during the break-in, change your door codes as soon as possible.
- Examples of items sought by criminals: IPODS, stereo faceplates, GPS units, purses, wallets or backpacks, sporting equipment, laptops, credit cards, checkbooks, identification, cell phones, even spare change and cigarettes.

The Golden Police Department does not want you to be the victim of this type of crime. Please help us help you. Together we can significantly decrease the prevalence of these crimes in Golden.


Save Money and Reduce Your Chemical Footprint

Washing clothes and dishes has come a long way since the days of toiling over a wash basin and using bars of soap. But, modern washers call for modernized washing habits and in general, use a lot less soap or detergent.

Conserving detergent means less is going down the drain and into the environment while clothes and dishes are just as clean. Many detergents contain fragrances and chemicals called surfactants, which, over long periods of time, can be harmful to fish and other aquatic wildlife. New technology and new manufacturing processes mean that dishwashing and laundry detergents are much more effective and concentrated than they have ever been. In other words, less is more!

When too much laundry detergent is used, it stays on clothing and skin. Using only the amount needed can help reduce skin irritation and environmental contamination. At the same time, we can all save money and reduce waste. Reducing our chemical footprint, saving money, preventing water pollution, and keeping clean are easy!

**Laundry:** Try using one-third of the amount of detergent and fabric softener for two weeks. At the end of two weeks, run your washer with two rinse cycles. During the second rinse, check the rinse water. Is the water soapy and sudsy? If so, reduce the amount used again for another two weeks and test. The goal is to have rinse water with minimal suds.

**Dishwasher:** Try using one-third of the amount of dishwasher soap for two weeks. Check the water during the final rinse cycle. If it’s still soapy or sudsy, reduce again.

**All household products:** Watch labels for the ingredients that include fragrance and triclosan. Try to avoid these harmful ingredients.
Please join the City of Golden and the Center for ReSource Conservation from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 at 1465 10th St. to kick-off the 2010 growing season.

The Center for ReSource Conservation will be distributing Gardens-in-a-Box. Pre-ordering is required. To order, visit www.ConservationCenter.org.

The Golden Community Garden will host garden tours for the 2010 grand opening and highlighting the benefits of community gardening.

Golden’s Sustainability Board will be offering free compost. We encourage you to bring your own container. Master Gardeners from the Jefferson County Cooperative Extension will answer questions on various yard and garden topics.

The Table Mountain Garden Club will offer helpful, local garden advice, information on club activities, membership and have specialty plants for sale.

The City’s Environmental Services Division and the Water Treatment Plant will be on hand to celebrate National Water Week by providing information about water conservation and water quality. Tours of the drinking water treatment plant will be offered throughout the day.

Visit our booths featuring:
- Local farms offering membership and delivery of this season’s produce
- Free sprinkler inspections to maximize your water conservation at home
- Compost bins and gardening supplies
- Xeric plants from local nurseries

Golden’s Award-Winning Trees

In celebration of Arbor Day, the City of Golden planted a tree at Mitchell Elementary School in April. Some of the schools’ fourth graders, teachers and community members took part in the planting. Representatives from the Colorado State Forest Service were on hand to provide information and support.

At the event, the City was awarded the Tree City USA award by the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. This is the 20th year in a row Golden has received the award, which is given to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America. The City also received the Growth Award, which demonstrates that a community has gone above and beyond the average in demonstrating a commitment to tree propagation and care.
### Let’s Talk Trash

Over the past year, City Council has considered a variety of programs to improve the current system of trash and recycling collection in the city. After soliciting bids from local waste haulers and an unprecedented amount of public input, Council will hold a public hearing to amend the City’s trash ordinances and consider contracting with EDS Waste Solutions to provide service to Golden’s low-density residential areas. The public hearing is scheduled for Council’s May 13 meeting and residents are encouraged to attend and provide input to Council.

If approved, households (single-families, attached homes, and townhomes) would be billed for trash and recycling service through the City’s existing water billing process. Residents may choose one of three service levels. Each service includes weekly trash service, bi-weekly recycling service, lease of two carts, and twice-annual pick up of yard waste. Prices are estimated as monthly charges but would be billed quarterly:

- 32-gallon trash cart plus 96-gallon recycling cart = $5.04
- 64-gallon trash cart plus 96-gallon recycling cart = $9.79
- 96-gallon trash cart plus 96-gallon recycling cart = $15.59

In comparison, Golden residents who were not part of a homeowner’s association paid an average of $25.07 each month for trash and recycling services in January. So the savings with a single hauler could be substantial.

Optional services would include a curbside green waste pickup ($5.85), tags for extra trash ($2.65) and large-item pickup. Because many homeowners associations have existing trash contracts, homes within an active HOA would have the option of joining the City’s program.

For additional information on the proposed program, please visit www.cityofgolden.net/solidwasteandrecycling or call Chris Naber, Environmental Services, at 303-384-8117.

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### ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES ARE FINALLY HERE!

As part of a $20 million statewide energy efficiency program, the Colorado Governor’s Office will be offering cash for your clunker appliances and rebates for energy efficiency improvements for your home. Check out [RechargeColorado.com](http://www.RechargeColorado.com) to find out what appliances and remodeling efforts qualify for the rebates and how to apply.

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### Last Chance for Waived Fees for Solar Permits

The Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) is offering waived permit fees for all residential solar photovoltaic and solar thermal installations until May 31. CSAB will waive all plan review and permit fees for solar projects, although homeowners will still be responsible for the building use tax. The fee waivers can reduce the payback period of a solar investment by about one year. Call a local solar installer or Xcel Energy to find out if solar is right for your home.
Through May 23

**The Pinch Hitter**

A baseball comedy complete with an actual game of baseball in the audience. Dinner and a show or show only. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. Dates and ticket prices vary. For information, call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

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May 6

**Ladies Only! Sample Tour**

A girl’s night out on the town with more than 40 merchants in downtown Golden. 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 per person. Purchase tickets at the Golden Visitor’s Center, 1010 Washington Ave.

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May 6

**GHS Community Concert**

The Golden High School Percussion Ensemble and Drum Line will host a Community Concert at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium, 701 24th St. Tickets are free but donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Dr. William Graves at wgraves@jeffco.k12.co.us.

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May 7

**Golden Civic Foundation Birthday**

The Golden Civic Foundation is celebrating its 40th birthday by holding the 19th annual Good News Social from 5 to 9 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. For more information or to make a reservation, call Chuck Baroch at 303-278-9697.

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May 8 and 9

**Mother’s Day Galloping Goosefest**

Enjoy Mother Goose stories, a Wild Goose egg hunt and the famous Galloping Goose railcars. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. Admission is $12. Admission for Mom is free. For more information call 303-279-4591 or visit www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org.

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May 9

**Mother’s Day**

**JSO Fantastique, Special Mother’s Day Concert**

The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra will have its season closing concert at 3 p.m. at The Green Center, Colorado School of Mines, 924 16th St. Tickets are $17 with discounts for seniors and students. $5 off Mom’s ticket. For more information call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

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May 10

**Arts & Commerce Golf Tournament**

The “Arts & Commerce” Golf Tournament will be at Rolling Hills Country Club, 15707 W. 26th Ave. All proceeds benefit the Foothills Art Center and the Golden Chamber of Commerce. Individual entry fee $175. Tournament info at Golf Shop 303-279-7858. Register at Chamber of Commerce, 1010 Washington Ave.

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May 10 through June 18

**Boot Camp Challenge**

A six week fitness program designed for all levels of fitness. Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. at the Golden Community Center. Cost is $240. For information, contact Kim Cragg at 720-628-2901 or kim@bootcamp-challenge.com.

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May 12 and 13

**Pops Concert**

Golden High School’s Vocal and Instrumental Music Program presents its Pops Concert at 7 p.m. in the school theatre, 701 24th St. Tickets are $3 at the door. For more information, contact Ms. Angela Becker at 303-982-6306 or...
Dr. William Graves at wgraves@jeffco.k12.co.us.

May 15
Confluence Concert
Golden Community Choir’s Confluence world premier concert. 7 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 9200 W. 10th Ave., Lakewood. Tickets are $15 with discounts for kids, students and seniors. For more information, visit www.goldencommunitychoirs.org.

May 15 and 16
Relay For Life of Golden
A fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money to help the American Cancer Society. 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. at Bell Middle School, 1001 Ulysses St. For more information visit www.relayforlife.org/goldenco or email Carla at Carla.Maniscalco@gmail.com.

May 16
Mozart “Requiem”
The Golden Concert Choir will perform the Mozart “Requiem” with the Loveland Orchestra at 3 p.m. at the Golden High School Auditorium, 701 24th St. Tickets are $15 with discounts for kids, seniors and students. For more information, visit www.goldencommunitychoirs.org.

Kyffin Elementary Cougar Tracks
Cougar Tracks is a 1K kids race and a timed 5K fun run. 8 a.m. at Kyffin Elementary, 205 Flora Way. To register visit www.active.com/running/golden-co/kyffin-cougar-tracks-2010. Registration is $20, students are $15. Registration closing date is May 13. For more information, contact Lorie at lorie.callahan@omnibussystems.com.

May 29
The Splash Opens
The Splash Water Park at Fossil Trace, 3151 Illinois St., opens for the season on Saturday, May 29. 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information, rates and hours of operation visit www.splashingolden.com.

May 31
Memorial Day
Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
June 2, 2010......... 8 to 10 a.m.
July 7, 2010......... 8 to 10 a.m.
Sept. 1, 2010........... 8 to 10 a.m.

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

FREE
Building Use Tax Workshops
The City of Golden is hosting FREE Building Use Tax Workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors. Classes are geared toward individuals who need to learn about building use tax concepts on an in-depth basis.

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
May 6, 2010........... 8 to 10 a.m.
Aug. 4, 2010........... 8 to 10 a.m.

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

Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to: Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
If you lived in Golden about 10 years ago, you might remember discussions about two new retail projects that have since become established elements in our community. Both the Golden Town Center at Ulysses Street and South Golden Road (the site of the King Soopers), and the Interplaza stores on Colfax (the site of the Home Depot and Kohl’s) only occurred with the help of economic incentive sales tax sharing arrangements approved by the City Council at the time. Given that there was a certain amount of controversy about the two agreements, you might also wonder how they worked out economically for the City.

Both were sales tax sharing agreements where the City did not provide any up front assistance to the two projects. Rather sales taxes were remitted by the businesses in the two projects, with one third of the sales tax returned back to the individual projects to help repay the extra development costs associated with the projects. There was a cap on the maximum amount for each agreement and a time limit for the rebate as well. Both agreements are completed, and all sales taxes are now kept by the City to provide services such as public safety, parks maintenance and snowplowing and street maintenance. A large percentage of the sales taxes also went to capital improvement projects such as U.S. 6 bike path, aesthetic improvements for the Washington Avenue bridges over Highway 58 and Clear Creek, public art and museum expansion. The funds also paid for one third of the construction costs for Fire Station #1 (911 10th St.) and the sustainability, “walkability” and “bikeability” improvements.

From when the stores opened in 1999-2000 through 2009, the results of the agreements were as follows:

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<td>Golden Town Center (including King Soopers)</td>
<td>$11,086,600</td>
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Totals:
- Sales Tax Collected Through 2009: $30,180,578
- Rebated Amount: $7,107,216
- Net sales tax to Golden: $23,073,362

Of this $23 million dollars of sales taxes that we would not otherwise have received, over $10 million went to our capital improvements fund to build community projects, and about $13 million was used in the general fund to provide services.

In addition to the tremendous amount of sales taxes these projects have generated and will continue to generate for many years, they also pay significant amounts of property taxes each year, and have provided hundreds of full and part time jobs for the community.
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 at the Rooney Road Recycling Center, and one free curbside appliance pick up from Complete Recycling. Use the City Shops drop-off site at 1300 Catamount Drive for other rubbish.

**FREE HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL DROP**

Good for one FREE household hazardous chemical drop. Value of $20 for up to 75 pounds of hazardous household chemicals, 10 gallons of latex paint, 4 fluorescent bulbs, unlimited volume of motor oil, and unlimited car batteries. A per-pound fee will be charged depending on material type and amount for all items over 75 pounds total – call for more information or pricing.

**You can bring:**
- Antifreeze
- Automotive batteries
- Batteries
- Drain cleaner
- Furniture polish
- Floor cleaner/wax
- Lacquers/paint
- Oven cleaner
- Paint thinner/remover
- Radiator flushes
- Rodent poison
- Waste oil

Rooney Road Recycling Center, 151 S. Rooney Road
www.rooneyroadrecycling.org

**NO DROP OFFS WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT • Wed. & Sat. only**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** Call 303-316-6262

**FREE APPLIANCE PICKUP**

Good for one FREE curbside appliance pickup and recycling.

**Appliances and Items accepted include:**
- Washers
- Microwaves
- Air conditioners
- Stoves
- Call Complete Recycling for details
- Dryers
- Grills
- Water heaters
- Ovens
- at 720-219-9604
- Dishwashers
- Refrigerators
- Scrap metal
- Propane Tanks
- (You may have to leave a message.)
- Compactors
- Freezers
- Barbeques
- Batteries

**PICKUP MUST TAKE PLACE BY MAY 16, 2010**
Special Mother’s Day Concert

The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra (JSO) will be presenting “Fantastique”, a special Mother’s Day Concert on May 9, which will include a special performance of the Golden Overture.

Guest cellist, Rodney Farrar, will be joining the 90-member orchestra. Farrar was involved in developing the Suzuki Method of cello teaching in this country. This is a teaching style which minimizes judgment and brings the pure joy of musical expression to the student.

JSO will be performing retired Associate Conductor David Ackerman’s Golden Overture which he wrote to commemorate Golden’s 150th birthday. The score was presented to the Golden City Council on Oct. 22, 2009. At the Feb. 21 concert this year, Golden Mayor Jacob Smith proclaimed, “Golden’s sincere gratitude to Dr. David Ackerman, Dr. William Morse, Chair Dennis Orr and the entire Jefferson Symphony Orchestra for your contribution to Golden’s 150th anniversary celebration and your continued musical regalement of the Golden community.”

“Fantastique” will be performed at 3 p.m. on May 9 at the Green Center, Colorado School of Mines, 924 16th St. For more information, to buy tickets, or to make a donation call 303-278-4237 or visit the new JSO website at www.jeffsymphony.org.

BUFFALO BILL DAYS CALL FOR PARADE ENTRIES

Due to the absence of records, the Buffalo Bill Days Committee is asking all organizations who had entries in last year’s parade to contact them regarding an application for the 2010 parade. The deadline for entries is July 1. Please call Bart Jones at 720-988-7041 or email Bart_Jones@mcafee.com.

Beverly Heights in the Loop on i-Neighbors

Thanks to Councilor Marjorie Sloan and a handful of local residents, the people of Beverly Heights are using www.i-Neighbors.org to stay informed about goings-on in their neighborhood.

i-Neighbors is a free service that increases social contact and participation at the neighborhood level. Golden’s own Beverly Heights has used the site to keep tabs on things like the neighborhood calendar, perennial planting exchanges and mountain lion sightings. Residents can use the site in many ways, including announcing garage sales and advertising babysitters. The site has elicited reactions like, “Suddenly we are real neighbors to a lot more folks!”

i-Neighbors lets you:

• Find neighbors with similar interests.
• Share information on local companies/services.
• Organize and advertise local events.
• Offer opinions on local projects.

Members can access neighborhood email lists, local directories, shared photo albums, a neighborhood messaging system, an opinion polling tool and a carpooling tool.

City Council may pursue this e-outreach tool in other neighborhoods of Golden. If you’re interested in participating in i-Neighbors, you can contact City Council at council@cityofgolden.net.
**Become a Leader in Golden**

**ARE YOU:**
- Ready to get involved with your city
- Interested in meeting new people
- Wondering how the city functions
- Have questions about the arts, recreation and justice systems in Golden

If you answered yes to any of these, then Leadership Golden may be for you!

The Leadership Golden program is offered once a year and runs from August to May. Anyone who lives in Golden, has a Golden address, works or has a business within the city limits is eligible to participate in this tuition-free program.

Leadership Golden is designed to create more informed citizens and to build for them a network of information resources. The Leadership Golden program consists of a series of seminars that provide the participants with knowledge of the relationship between government, education, business and the community of Golden.

The seminar series includes a Leadership retreat and City facilities tour, presentations on Golden history, government, education, arts and recreation, participating in the community, justice, public finance, growth and development and an experience in governing in the form of a mock City Council meeting. The emphasis is on these areas as they function within Golden. The series culminates with a graduation dinner.

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 20, in order to provide a better opportunity for group interaction with the presenters.

For more information about the program, brochures and applications, visit www.leadershipgolden.org, call 303-279-7243 or 303-886-5795, or go to any of the following locations: Avenue Gifts, Creekside Jewelers, Golden Community Center and the Golden Visitors Center. The deadline for applications is August 1.

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**Linking Golden to the World**

A unique system of language learning is happening in our community, and it has become a program of solidarity for world citizens visiting our city.

*Conversation*, a joint program offered by the Golden Community Center’s Front Porch and the Interlink Language Center at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM), gives older adults the chance to help Interlink students practice English and enjoy new friendships that grow during the sessions.

The program began 12 years ago as a way to meet students’ requests to talk with Americans while attending their nine week term.

The older adult volunteers from the Front Porch who attend *Conversation* have made the students feel welcome in Golden, and the students are learning from the experience of social bonding and cultural sharing. Students leave Golden with the impression of generosity and warmth from the citizens, and the volunteers love the interaction and ask to participate on a regular basis.

The Interlink Program takes place on four different campuses world-wide, and CSM is the U.S. headquarters. It provides international students in the program with English as a Second Language (ESL) training, cultural orientation and academic preparation to assure a successful and memorable educational experience in the U.S.

Participation in *Conversation* is required in the Interlink program. *Conversation* runs on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. when college classes are in session.

If you wish to get involved in *Conversation* and be placed on the call list, please contact the Front Porch at 303-384-8130.
Check out the programs offered at the Community Center
To register, visit www.goldenrec.com

Russian Kettlebell
Russian Kettlebell classes will be arriving at the Golden Community Center this summer. A 'kettlebell' or 'girya' is a traditional Russian cast iron weight and is considered the ultimate tool for extreme fitness. There is a separate fee for this class. For more information contact Guest Services at 303-384-8100.

Golden Sun Preschool Camp
Your child will enjoy a variety of activities including arts and crafts, circle time, stories, interactive play and outdoor play. Each week will have a different theme and snacks are provided. Registration is open first come, first served, and continues until the program is full. This activity is not available for online registration. The registration and emergency forms are available on-line at www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrecrec, select Recreation and then Preschool. Turn in the registration form, immunization record and Emergency Packet in order to be processed.

Age: 3-5 years

Guide to Chemical Contaminant-Free Grocery Shopping
Learn which chemical contaminants may be lurking in the food you buy. Attend this workshop and take steps to protect your health, drinking water and the environment. The workshop has no registration fee, but you must register and pay a material fee directly to the instructor.

Age: 13 years and older
Tuesday, May 18
6 to 7:15 p.m.
$10 Material Fee - payable directly to instructor

Wilderness First Aid
Learn practical skills and drills in self-reliant medical training for emergency or disaster preparedness in the wilderness or foreign setting. A test will be administered at the end of class and a card is awarded for those who pass. You must attend all three classes to get the card. The class meets requirements for Scouts, camps, guides and experiential teachers and is approved by the American Camping Association and is an appropriate lead-in to Wilderness First Responder.

Age: 14 years and older
Tuesday and Thursday, May 4 and 6
5 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 8
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$150 Resident, $155 Non-resident (registration within two weeks of class)

ABRAKADOODLE® SPARKS CREATIVITY
The Abrakadoodle® creative arts program will arrive at the Golden Community Center in June for ages 18 months through adult. Abrakadoodle® is dedicated to cultivating creativity, taking a different perspective in exposing participants to creativity in the world of color. The program offers classes for painting, sculpture, collage, mosaics, digital design and more. The classes ignite the imagination, but also build motor, language, social and cognitive skills.

Established in 2002, Abrakadoodle® has a partnership with Crayola® and uses only the finest art materials in classes. According to the Americans for Arts (www.americansforthearts.org), young people who participate in the arts for at least one full year are three to four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, excel in creative writing and related pursuits, participate in math and science fairs and become student leaders.

For more information on Abrakadoodle visit www.abrakadoodle.com or rec.cityofgolden.net to register for an upcoming session and get creative!
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, May 7 and June 4
Free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies; chair massages, reflexology sessions and foot care with Chalyce for minimal cost.
Call 303-384-8130 to make your appointment.

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Visit www.cityofgolden.net (Active Older Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

WHAT’S NEW THIS MONTH....

Caring for Your Parent, Caring for Yourself
A presentation to identify some of the typical healthcare, mental health, insurance, housing and other issues that adult children will face in planning for their parents’ future and well being.
Saturday May 15
10 to 11:30 a.m.
Free, registration required

Coots and Codgers Club
Gentlemen 50+ here’s a chance to socialize and join with like-minded geezers in the pure pursuit of frivolity. Plan to meet, to socialize, create and plan activities. $2 for light refreshments. First Thursday of each month.
Starting Thursday, May 6
7 to 9 p.m., Meet in the Front Porch

Here’s what’s happening this month:

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Free – Registration required.
Bring your favorite pen, a pad of paper or a special journal and an open mind!

“Murder in Hollywood!”
Adams Mystery Playhouse - #15175
Friday, May 14 -
Register/Cancel by May 10
5 to 10:30 p.m.
$55 (van, dinner)
Join us on the set for the filming of a major Hollywood movie where YOU are an "extra" in the "big dining room scene." Costumes are encouraged!

Denver Firefighters Museum Tour - #15180
Wednesday, May 19 -
Register/Cancel by May 12
9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.
$15 (van, admission, bring $$ for lunch)
Learn about Denver Fire Station One and firefighting in Denver, past and present. Lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Body Worlds, Denver Museum of Nature & Science - #25040
Thursday, May 27 - Register/Cancel by May 20
3:15 to 9 p.m.
$26 (bring $$ for early dinner downtown)
BODY WORLDS & The Story of the Heart, an all-new exhibition, will reveal – through the lenses of anatomy, cardiology, psychology and culture – how the heart nourishes, regulates and sustains life.
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: _______________

Name: Mr(s).

Age: _______________ Date of Birth: _______________

Address: ____________________________ Golden, CO ZIP: __________

Phone: ____________________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2009? _____ 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, 2010.

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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): ____________________________

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Office Use Only:

Account #013031-6190  STR  Vendor # _________  Received _________  Payable _________
You may have noticed that as soon as the snow melted at Fossil Trace Golf Club, the fairways and tees were covered with ugly brown holes. What you may not know, is that this process, called aeration, is a temporary sacrifice the course must make to be beautiful the rest of the season.

To maintain the superior playing surfaces for Fossil Trace guests, greens are aerated in the spring and fall. Spring aeration took place in April. During aeration, beautiful turf surfaces get a chance to take a deep breath and get some much needed water and nutrients. Unfortunately, this maintenance practice temporarily causes unsightly greens and rough playing surfaces. If this is the case, why does Fossil Trace aerate twice per season?

Preventative maintenance is an integral part of successful golf course management. Golfers view aeration as an inconvenience that takes the perfect greens out of quality play for a week or so, pulling cores from the greens and leaving holes that can affect putting for up to 10 days before healing.

Like so many things, the quality of a good putting green is more than skin deep. In fact, the condition of a green has a lot to do with what goes on below the surface. In order for grass to grow at 1/8-inch, it must have deep, healthy roots. Good roots demand oxygen. In good soil, they get the oxygen from tiny pockets of air trapped between soil and sand particles.

Over time, the traffic from golfers’ feet (as well as mowing equipment) tends to compact the soil under the putting green – imagine 40,000 guests walking through your back yard. When soil becomes compacted, the air pockets on which the roots depend are crushed, and the roots are essentially left gasping for air. Without oxygen, the grass plants become weaker and will eventually wither and die.

Aeration is a mechanical process that creates more air space in the soil 1/2-inch cores (those plugs you sometimes see near a green or in fairways) from the compacted soil, allowing for an infusion of air and water that brings a resurgence of growth. The spaces are then filled with sand “topdressing” that helps the soil retain air space and makes it easier for roots to grow downward.

Now that spring aeration is over, our beautiful plush green “country club” conditioned course beckons all players.

Lesson and clinic dates and times can be found at the Golden Community Center website, rec.cityofgolden.net, Fossil Trace clubhouse, 3050 Illinois St., or the Fossil Trace Golf Club website, fossiltrace.com.
When you live in Golden, there’s two hours of fun, two minutes from home. So we suggest getting away by staying right here. Get a double scoop of ice cream and meander down Washington Avenue. Stroll through our amazing art galleries or museums. Shop in one of our unique stores. You’ll be surprised at all there is to do right here under your nose. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.