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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

COMMUNITY PRIDE DAYS MAY 4-5
A reminder to bring your household and back yard trash to the Golden City Shops at 1300 Catamount Dr. from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5. The city will dispose of your trash for free, but you must show proof of residency. Accepted items include: Household trash, electronic waste, paper to be shredded, metal recycling, tires and tree brush. Items not accepted include: Propane tanks, batteries, pharmaceuticals and hazardous waste. For details visit www.cityofgolden.net under Hot Topics or call Paul Burkholder at 303-384-8140.

GOLDEN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SEEKS BOARD CHAIR
The Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) is looking for a dynamic and visionary individual to lead the foundation in its next phase of growth, impact, and achievement for Golden’s schools. The board chairperson will be responsible for the integration of GSF’s development and operational elements. Key priorities include board engagement, oversight of GSF initiatives and programs, and fundraising.

GSF currently has an active and engaged Board of Directors with representatives from the neighborhood schools. This is a great opportunity to have a real and meaningful impact on the well-being of Golden’s children and families.

Ideal qualifications include public, nonprofit, or business leadership experience; the ability to work with local government, school principals and PTA groups, Jeffco School District leaders, media, business professionals and key donors; and the skills to effectively use existing funding and help establish new funding.

If you are interested in this position, submit a resume and letter of interest to Suzanne Morrisette, Board Member at suzannemorrisett@hotmail.com or Jessica Henley, Communications Chair, at jessica@gaiacreative.com.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION
For the past year, Planning Commission has been discussing ways to maintain our strong one percent growth system while using it to encourage smart growth projects such as near the new light rail station. At their May 1st meeting, Commission may make a specific recommendation to Council for further discussion to allow a process for a certain type project to start while they are collecting allocations. Commission will also consider a recommendation to phase out current potentials for exemptions, and to lower the average rate from 1% to 0.9% starting in 2015. Look for more information in the Planning Division section of the City web site.

I-NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS
Available: Small Grants up to $500 and Matching Grants up to $2,500. Small grants are intended for block parties, neighborhood clean-up days and other small neighborhood events and projects. These grants do not require a match but must be a benefit to the neighborhood community. You may apply anytime during the year until funds run out.

Matching grants are for larger projects, a match by the neighborhood is required. City Council has final approval. The match must be met with cash; pro bono and in kind contributions or sweat equity.

For detailed information visit www.cityofgolden.net or contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.
Reporting Back, Thinking Ahead, and Planning Forward

By Mayor Marjorie Sloan

Golden residents, City Council, and City staff have worked together for decades to address transportation issues within our community. Though strategies have changed over the years, the goals have remained the same: preserving our small-town way of life, connecting neighborhoods, keeping noise down, and allowing regional traffic to flow safely and smoothly.

These efforts have continued this year, with an emphasis on reaching a practical solution that respects Golden's unique needs and, at the same time, recognizes the Colorado Department of Transportation’s (CDOT’s) responsibility for state roadways. Council and CDOT representatives met in an informative study session to discuss CDOT's evolving policies and limited funding options. The scene shifted from elected officials sitting around a negotiating table to technical staff members working at a drawing board. After reaching a preliminary concept, based on Golden's 2003 Muller Plan, the engineers shared it with Golden residents at two open houses and an online forum. As part of this outreach, council and staff asked community members to provide their opinions and participate in a strategy poll. A strong majority of respondents urged the City to continue to work toward transportation improvements consistent with Golden Vision 2030. The engineers took the public's charge seriously and completed their project.

The modified Golden Plan is now ready for an up-or-down vote, which will take place at the May 9 city council meeting. Golden's residents are engaged and smart. Ideally, a broad cross-section of our community will find time to review the materials and come to council on May 9 ready to express an opinion specific to the modified Golden Plan. In last month's column, I described the specific changes from the original Muller Plan and indicated that complete information can be found at GettheFactsGolden.org. An open house review and a staff presentation will be included in council proceedings. At its core, the Plan incorporates Muller design standards, amenities, and noise-abatement measures. It also provides that there will always be at least two free lanes on US 6 and one free lane on SH 93. If future transportation improvements along our 6/93 corridor comply with the Plan, Golden can reasonably be assured that they will meet our City's needs and benefit the entire region.

In hammering out the Plan, both Golden and CDOT made some concessions. From Golden's standpoint, agreeing to the Plan implicitly acknowledges that our authority is limited to matters within our own borders. It may also evoke long-term uncertainty about tolling and road widening. On the other hand, not agreeing to the Plan would create even more unpredictability. If we reject this technical work and rebuff the cooperation of CDOT officials, we can have no expectation that our goals will be taken into consideration when state roadway projects are planned through Golden.

Council makes its decisions after public comment and as a body. But in the absence of an eye-opening and persuasive argument to the contrary, I will urge my fellow councilors to endorse the Plan, formalize an enforceable agreement with CDOT, then go forward with efforts to fund and implement it. It is my personal belief that this course is the best way to safeguard our quality of life for generations to come.
On May 9, Golden City Council will consider approving a draft agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) that would create a roadmap for transportation projects within our city over the coming years and decades.

The story of how we got to this point follows a long and winding road that’s worth revisiting to provide context and perspective.

Pressure to complete a beltway around the metro area has been mounting for decades. There have been many efforts to complete a section through the Northwest part of the region; all have assumed that the road would follow the 6th Avenue and SH 93 corridor through Golden. That would make Golden the only established community that would be bisected by the beltway anywhere in the metro area.

In 1989, area voters defeated a ballot issue to fund construction of the proposed W-470 toll road with a new $10 vehicle registration fee. But that did not deter beltway proponents. The Northwest Parkway Highway Authority was created in 2001, and completed its segment of the highway from I-25 at E-470 to US 36 in Broomfield. At the same time Jefferson County, Golden, Arvada, Lakewood, Westminster and Wheat Ridge hired infrastructure consulting firm CH2M Hill to do a transportation study of the northwest quadrant of the metro area. That study concluded that there would be little traffic benefit from completion of the beltway through Jefferson County and that transportation needs would be better addressed through improvements to existing roads in the region – namely a parkway along 6 and 93 and similar improvements on Indiana and McIntyre.

Golden citizens and city leaders came together in 2003 to outline a vision for improving transportation within Golden city limits, responding to the needs defined in the CH2M Hill study. The result of a year of study and extensive community discussions, including nine public meetings and hundreds of citizen comments, found that traffic needs could be met through a specific set of upgrades or realignments of existing roads (including 6 and 93). This Golden plan, which would also keep traffic noise within reasonable levels while connecting neighborhoods and preserving the natural and historic beauty of the area, was unanimously adopted by City Council.

Jefferson County and Arvada responded by forming a highway authority to build the Jefferson Parkway toll road from Broomfield to SH 93 north of Golden. This effort was supported with a $15 million environmental study by CDOT that showed a 70-mph six-lane freeway all the way through Golden along 6 and 93. This process ignored the plan that Golden had defined in 2003 and prompted strong disagreement between Golden and CDOT.

There was an effort in 2011 by Golden, CDOT and other local governments to find a compromise but that fell short. However, the current CDOT leadership appointed by Gov. John Hickenlooper expressed a renewed commitment to find a real solution.

Golden last year held another community-wide transportation conversation with residents to evaluate possible 6 and 93 corridor designs that would be consistent with residents’ vision for our small town. Based

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on that feedback, City Council directed Golden staff to work with CDOT for the past year to identify potential improvements for the 6 and 93 corridor in Golden that work for our community. This was part of a deliberate strategy to have the political folks step back and let technical staff see if there was a compromise that might satisfy Golden, CDOT, and benefit the entire region.

Those meetings led to some changes to the original 2003 Golden plan, which include:

- Maintain the current speed limits of 45 mph for any future road improvements, except between Heritage and 19th on US 6, which would stay at the current 55 mph speed limit. CDOT originally showed 70 mph speed limits throughout the corridor. Golden’s original position was a maximum speed of 45 mph for the entire stretch of road to control noise levels.

- Leave the section between Heritage Road and 19th Street as is. We originally were looking to rebuild it with a few 45 mph curves to keep speed down. As a part of this proposed compromise, we would use the median as a raised and landscaped area, like Johnson Road, to help with both speed and noise.

- Golden staff is considering a compromise with CDOT that would prohibit expansion of US 6 to six lanes unless traffic volumes reach no less than 70,000 vehicles per day. CDOT had always wanted to complete a six-lane freeway through Golden. We cannot predict when or if that traffic volume trigger might be met, but traffic modeling shows that even by 2035 we will not be close to that threshold. Modeling we have completed shows traffic volumes in 2035 of only 31,000 vehicles per day on SH 93 and only as high as 51,000 vehicles per day between 19th Street and Heritage Road. Golden has always insisted on a maximum of four lanes because of these model numbers and because we fear that additional lanes would attract additional traffic. So this compromise would ease our concerns but also allow for CDOT’s expansion needs decades from now if traffic levels warrant it.

- The final change is the possibility that an additional lane in each direction could be managed. Managed lanes may have variable tolls or carpool requirements depending on traffic congestion or the time of day. The City has always been against tolling within Golden because residents need the corridor for trips to school, the grocery store, into downtown, etc. US 6 since 1951 has served as a community street, as well as a route for regional traffic. Tolling for Golden residents has always been out of the question. CDOT understands this, which is why its staff proposed the possibility of tolling only on the new lanes. With this proposal, there would always be at least two free lanes in each direction on US 6 and one free lane in each direction on 93.
GOLDEN OPTION 19Th Street and US 6

A conceptual interchange at US 6 and 19th Street. The bridge is significantly larger than a traditional highway interchange to provide room for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Last year’s community-wide conversation indicated that Golden residents could live with these modifications to the city’s 2003 plan, provided that safeguards (not less than 70,000 vehicles per day required for additional lanes and no tolling on existing lanes) are clearly documented.

City staff has developed a draft agreement with CDOT that would incorporate the compromises outlined above and define what the corridor would look like. Council is now considering the formal adoption of this agreement.

Because the agreement between Golden and CDOT staff reflects long and delicate negotiations, Golden believes that City Council has only two choices – to endorse it in its entirety or to reject it outright. Staff believes that any changes by Council to the plan would cause the negotiated agreement to collapse. This proposed agreement in no way states that Golden has lifted its opposition to plans for the Jefferson Parkway north of Golden.

Council will listen to community comment and vote on this issue on May 9. If the agreement on these transportation improvements is approved by City Council, Golden would apply for funding through CDOT’s new Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnership (RAMP) funding program. The city would apply for funding for the 6 and 19th interchange and potentially for widening and noise improvements to 93. Completing this agreement with CDOT is necessary to make those applications for funding. Even with an agreement, the projects will be done only when funding is available. But the likelihood of getting available funding increases with CDOT’s blessing to our project list.

For more information on this proposal and history, visit www.GetTheFactsGolden.org.
SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- This yard waste collection is available to Golden’s Pay-As-You-Throw trash and recycling customers only.
- Yard Waste may be placed where your trash is collected on your designated day, in a reusable container of your choice.
- Yard Waste should be placed for collection by 8 a.m. on your designated collection day.
- Yard Waste for this collection includes grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, weeds and branches that are no longer than four feet and no larger than four inches in diameter, sawdust, ground or chipped wood.
- Branches may be bundled with string, yarn or rope - please do not use wire for bundling. Bundles should be four feet in length and no more than two feet in diameter.
- Yard waste will be limited to three cubic yards per resident which is equivalent to:
  - an area that is approx. 4 ft. x 4 ft. x 4 ft.; or
  - 21 compostable 30 gallon bags.
- This yard waste will be recycled. Please do not contaminate this material with any of the following:
  - NO food waste (fruits, vegetables, etc.), plastic, dirt, cactus, tree stumps, branches greater than four inches in diameter, ashes, animal waste, treated lumber, logs, old garden hoses or broken flower pots.
- No Construction material is allowed for this service. Plastic bags are not allowed.
- Material that is not bundled, not in reusable containers or in non-compostable plastic bags will not be picked up.
- Compostable bags can be purchased at Meyers Hardware, The Home Depot and other local home improvement stores.

For more information, contact Waste Management directly at 303-278-8600 or visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash.
Sign up for Waste Management's Green Waste Program! It's available from May to October and includes pick up of your yard waste cart at your curb every other week. Call Waste Management at 303-278-8600 to enroll.
Social, Economic & Environmental Issues

Reasons to Recycle Yard Waste

Yard waste takes up as much as 30 percent of the space in landfills, and contributes to the formation of methane gas which can cause problems many years after a landfill closes.

But yard waste is highly recyclable and is also very useful in Colorado’s arid climate. Both compost and mulch help to retain soil moisture, conserve water through reduced watering, and assist in the stabilization of soils which reduces erosion.

Recycling yard waste also keeps organic materials like grass clippings and leaves out of the City’s storm sewer system and Clear Creek. These nutrient-rich materials can harm local water sources by removing oxygen from the water and killing critical aquatic life. Using compost and mulching grass clippings helps reduce the amount of chemical fertilizer needed for healthy lawns and helps retain critical moisture in our extremely dry environment. With so many benefits, it only makes sense to recycle yard waste.

As the City’s contractor for the Pay-As-You-Throw trash and recycling program, Waste Management’s Green Waste Program will be starting up for the summer season in May and will continue through October. This economical service provides every other week collection of yard waste from your curbside throughout the summer and will help avoid additional expenses for extra trash. These materials are then taken to a facility where they are recycled into a useful gardening product. To enroll in the Green Waste Program today, call Waste Management at 303-278-8600.

2013 Sustainability Progress Report Now Online

Golden is five years into our ten-year Sustainability Goal Plan. You can check out how we’re doing so far, by viewing our progress report on the City’s website.

A few interesting facts in the Report include:

• More than 2,000 kilowatts of solar photovoltaic panels have been installed on Golden homes and businesses since 2008. Put together, a system this size would cover more than 10 acres.
• Since 2009, more than 500 pounds of pharmaceuticals have been collected and diverted away from our landfills and groundwater.
• More than 3,400 Golden households use the Pay-As-You-Throw waste and recycling service.

To view the report, visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/departments-divisions/sustainability/.

GRANT AWARDED FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Golden and its partners, Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA), the Renewable Energy Demonstration Center and Golden Real Estate will receive more than $37,000 from the Regional Air Quality Council to install six dual-charge electric vehicle charging stations in and around downtown Golden. Installation is expected to start in June and chargers will be available for public use at 12 spaces total, including access in the two public parking garages downtown. To find out when and where the stations are planned, visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/departments-divisions/sustainability/.

DID YOU KNOW?

Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) has decreased by more than 10 percent in Golden since 2007. That means more people are getting out of their cars and choosing to walk, bike or take alternative transportation.
Even in years of drought, flooding is a very real possibility. The most serious flooding in Golden has historically happened between May and September.

Floods are dangerous. Even though they appear to move slowly, floodwaters only six inches deep moving at three feet per second can knock a person off his feet. If a 100-year flood happened on Clear Creek at Ford Street, water could move as fast as 11 feet per second.

Your property may not have 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 percent chance that you will experience flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage.

Homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Golden participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy at a 15 percent discount. This insurance is backed by the Federal Government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded, and no matter where they are located. Remember that there is a 30-day waiting period before the flood policy becomes effective.

Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Golden Public Library. You can also visit the Engineering or Building Divisions at 1445 10th St., to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. If so, they can give you more information, such as flood zone, depth of flooding, etc. The Engineering Division will review flood information on file and produce a free written Floodplain Determination for your property upon request. Call the City’s Engineering Division at 303-384-8115 or visit www.cityofgolden.net/government/departments-divisions/public-works/engineering/. Information is also available at www.floodsmart.gov or www.fema.gov.

Free Sprinkler Inspection

The city is partnering with the Center for ReSource Conservation to offer Golden water customers a free sprinkler inspection. By participating, you can save money on your water bill, improve the appearance of your landscape and receive a customized watering schedule.

By doing these inspections, we’ve learned that only 10 percent of irrigation systems were operating properly. Inefficient watering schedules were a common problem and are often fixed during the inspection. Also, a “cycle and soak” schedule is appropriate for nearly every property (see information below).

The process takes about two hours for an average property. Inspections are scheduled from June until August and fill up quickly. To reserve your spot, you must receive water from the City of Golden and have an operating underground irrigation system.

WATER CONSERVATION – CYCLE & SOAK

One important message resulting from sprinkler system inspections conducted in Golden is that residents with clay soils need to use a watering technique called “cycle and soak” to promote infiltration and prevent runoff. Clay soil absorbs water very slowly, but most sprinkler systems have high precipitation rates that apply water very quickly. As a result, sprinklers often apply more water than the soil can absorb and the excess water runs off the lawn, and down the gutter.

Cycle and soak irrigation involves watering for several short cycles, separated by enough time for the water to soak in. This practice results in a deep soak, but without water lost to runoff. For clay soils, water for three cycles of seven minutes each, with an hour in between each cycle.

For a free sprinkler inspection and recommendations specific to your system, please contact the Center for ReSource Conservation at www.ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x217.
Through May 26
The Memory of Water

Through June 30
Edgar Degas: The Private Impressionist
This exhibit explores beyond Degas’ familiar ballerinas, featuring a unique selection of his drawings, prints and photographs. Visit www.FoothillsArtCenter.org or call 303-279-3922 for a full list of events, in-gallery experiences, studio classes and more.

Through July 27
Machine Artistry Old and New
Sisters Sue Nickels and Pat Holly are famous for their machine-made quilts and this exhibit displays antique quilts from their collection. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. Call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

May 2
GHS One Act Plays
Five student-directed one-act plays. At 7 p.m. in the Golden High School auditorium, 710 24th St. For details contact Scott Hasbrouck at shasbrou@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-2813.

May 2 and 16
MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers
MOPS is a support group for mothers and children from birth to kindergarten. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1805 Washington Ave. For information call 303-279-4605 or visit www.fbcgolden.org under Families.

May 4
Golden Community Choir Concert
“An Evening of Great Composers” at First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. Silent auction at 6 p.m. and concert at 7:30 p.m. For details and tickets visit www.goldencommunitychoirs.org.

May 5
Cinco de Mayo
The Mesa Festival & Mesa Run
Compass Montessori School’s Mesa Festival includes a 10-mile race, a 5K race, and a kid’s 1-mile sprint; food, live music and family fun. Begins 7:30 a.m. at Tony Grampsas Memorial Sports Complex, 4471 Salvia St. All proceeds benefit the school. For details visit: www.mesarun.com.

May 12
Mother’s Day

May 16 and 17
GHS Pops Concert
Golden High School’s Music Department will present its Annual Pops Concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School auditorium, 701 24th St. For tickets and information, contact Angela Becker at abecker@jeffco.k12.co.us.

May 27
Memorial Day
Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

VisitGolden.com
For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.VisitGolden.com.

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 killey@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.
Dry conditions may have you wondering… is it ok to have outdoor fire pits, barbeque grills or bonfires? Not all outdoor fires in the City of Golden are illegal, unless there is an explicit ban on all types of fires during periods of extreme fire danger. But outside of fire bans, the Golden Fire Department (GFD) relies on the 2012 International Fire Code, adopted by the City of Golden, to define and regulate recreational fires.

So what does that mean for you? Four types of defined outdoor fires are: open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces. Open burning is the burning of materials outside of an enclosed chamber. Open burning is used for vegetation or wildfire mitigation control. Bonfires are smaller than open burning fires and larger than recreational fires and are used for ceremonial purposes. Both open burning and bonfires require permits and approval from the GFD and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment Air Pollution Program.

Recreational fires are smaller fires where the fuel pile size is three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height. Recreational fires are not to be used to dispose of yard waste; instead are used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. Recreational fires need to be 25 feet from a structure or combustible material such as your neighbor’s wood fence, storage shed or firewood piles. Portable outdoor fireplaces, chimineas or ground pits covered with mesh screen are allowed with a 15 foot clearance.

All outdoor fires must be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is extinguished. It also requires a minimum of one portable fire extinguisher or other fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck to be available for immediate use. While recreational fires do not require a permit, these fires may be ordered to be discontinued by a GFD officer at their discretion if conditions are not optimal or the rules are not being met. If you plan to have a recreational fire, you’re encouraged to call the GFD non-emergency number at 303-384-8045 and let them know your address and when you plan to burn. That will help in case the Fire Department gets calls about seeing smoke.

Wondering about barbeque grills? Both gas and charcoal grills are allowed unless there are fire restrictions and then only gas grills are allowed. Open flame cooking devices that use solid fuel, like charcoal grills, are not allowed on balconies of multi-family dwellings. Gas grills are allowed on such balconies, but must have a gas cylinder of 20 pounds or less. It is best to keep all grills at least 10 feet away from combustible construction to reduce the potential of hot embers or cooking flair ups causing an uncontrolled fire. If you have any questions about what’s allowed or not allowed, call Fire Education Specialist Kevin Kirby at 303-215-8886 or kkirby@cityofgolden.net.

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER GARDEN-IN-A-BOX KITS**

A limited number of low-water garden kits are on sale at a discount for Golden residents. Each garden kit comes with 15-28 plants; an easy to follow professionally designed 'plant-by-number' design and a care and maintenance guide. Perennials come ready for planting in 4" pots that will bloom beautifully throughout the growing season.

Garden kits must be pre-purchased by May 7. To view and order visit GardenStore.ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x. 222. Garden kits will be available for pick-up at the Greener Golden event May 11 – see p. 19 for details.
Celebrate Health!

Fridays, May 3 & June 7
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.

Chair massages $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions $13 for 15 minutes

Receive the Front Porch News Online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

FREE Seminars Available!
Sign up in the Front Porch.

Computer Training for Life-Long Learning
These introductory computer classes are presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library. Each class is designed to accommodate all skill levels! Space is limited; sign up in the Front Porch. Min/Max: 4/8

Mondays, 1 to 3 p.m., on the E-Train
May 6 - Excel Basics
May 13 - iPad Basics
May 20 - Social Networking Basics
June 10 - Managing your Digital Photos
June 17 - iPad basics

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

New Belgium Brewery Tour - #15013-1
www.newbelgium.com
Live Storytelling, beer-sampling, art gazing and fun are all part of the New Belgium Brewery tour, home of Fat Tire Beer. We will have lunch on our way to Ft. Collins.

Wednesday, May 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$24 (van, tour included, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 4
Register/cancel by May 9.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge: Disappearing Treasures: National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository Tour – #15014-1
This one-of-a-kind facility stores confiscated and illegally imported animal products from U.S. borders and manages the Native American Eagle Feather Program. Space is limited.

Friday, May 17, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
$11 (van and tour included bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by May 15.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo & Will Rogers Shrine - # 15015-1
www.cmzoo.org
After visiting the zoo we will drive up to see the Will Rogers Shrine. Be prepared for a lot of walking at higher altitudes.

Monday, June 3, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$24 (van only, bring money for zoo admission & lunch)
Exertion Level: 5
Register/Cancel by May 30.
More than 1,300 students in Golden are eligible for free and/or reduced lunches during the school year. And for many of those kids, the meals at school are the only meals they get. About five years ago, Rotary Club member Peggy Halderman discovered a disturbing fact: weekends are often a painful time with little or no nourishment available for these students. So Peggy, with help from her Rotary club and the City of Golden, started the Golden Backpack Program (GBP). The Program’s philosophy is that if the stomach is full, it’s much easier to feed the mind.

The Program now provides weekend food to well over 500 kids in the Golden area elementary, middle and high schools. The success of this program has allowed the program to now expand even further, since the challenges on weekends likely extend to summer breaks for many students. So on July 1, Peggy and her crew will begin serving lunch at two locations in Golden to any child up to 18 years old, no questions asked.

One fun part of this project is how the lunches will get to those locations. Granted, we live in Golden, which is known as a beer town. But did you ever think lunches for kids would be delivered in a beer bus? “Because of the unique geographical dispersion of kids in need, it was decided that a mobile food pantry would be the best way to connect kids with food,” said GBP Executive Director Peggy Halderman. “The next day I received a phone call from a young man who wanted to donate a bus to our cause, it was amazing.”

People from every part of the community have stepped in to rehabilitate the donated “beer bus” into a functioning mobile food pantry. The effort has included help from the City of Golden, Community Faith in Action, Kingdomsight Designs, Pleasant View Elementary and many concerned Golden residents.

“Childhood hunger is a hidden problem in Golden,” said Peggy. “But it is a solvable problem. We can be a community that makes sure that every child in our city is fed and has the ability to flourish and succeed.”

The Food Bank of the Rockies will provide the food for the wagon at no cost, but the cost to rehabilitate the bus and buy materials for the sites will cost between $15,000 and $20,000. If you would like learn more about this program or make a donation, visit www.goldenbackpack.org.

Rotarian Internationally Recognized for her Work in Golden

After retiring from a career in public service, Peggy Halderman became a professional chef and an advocate for hungry school children. In 2008 she began the Golden Backpack Program (featured in the article above) and has been helping to feed Golden’s school children ever since.

In early April, the White House honored 12 Rotary International members as “Champions of Change.” The motto of the Rotary is Service above Self. Peggy demonstrates this with her passion for helping to feed the stomachs and the minds of Golden’s children.

“It’s a great honor to see these dedicated Rotary members recognized by the U.S. White House as Champions of Change for their work to improve the lives of people around the world,” said Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka of Japan. “Their commitment to humanitarian service reflects that of our worldwide membership of 1.2 million men and women, all of whom deserve to share in this recognition.”

If you ask Peggy, she does not believe she deserved such a high recognition. But the City of Golden also recognizes Peggy as one of our city’s “Champions.” The City supports Peggy, the Golden Backpack Program and the good deeds of the many volunteers who help make our city such a great place to live, work and play.
**Help Stamp Out Hunger**

On Saturday, May 11, your postal carriers will be picking up more than just your mail. They will be collecting donated food to give to needy families. The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) is holding its *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive. This is a nation-wide effort, but the food you donate in Golden stays right here in town.

Here’s how it works. Put a sack full of non-perishable food items out by your mailbox on Saturday, May 11. The Golden Postal Carriers will take the donated food back to the Golden Post Office where members of the Golden Lions Club will collect it and take it to the Christian Action Guild. It will then be sorted and distributed to those in need right here in our community.

The Christian Action Guild is a non-denominational, all volunteer group that is supported by many local businesses, churches, schools and civic groups. It is located at 1401 Ford St. For more information, call the Christian Action Guild at 303-279-5674.

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**HELPING LOCAL COMPANIES GET A STEP UP**

Here’s a great opportunity for Golden businesses to move to the next stage of development. The City of Golden Economic Development Commission (EDComm) is offering scholarships to local innovators or small start-up companies for participation in the Innovation Center of the Rockies’ (ICR) *Early Stage Business Program*, to increase entrepreneurial activity in Golden as well as support the possible expansion / growth of industry within the City limits.

The scholarships are intended to assist local entrepreneurs investigating viable technologies with large market potential. The Program assists early stage companies overcome strategic obstacles, build their team and refine their approach to raising capital with their pitch prep program.

To be eligible, applicants may either be a company physically located within the Golden City limits or whose principals (at least one of executive team) reside in Golden and be formally accepted by the ICR. Applications are available by emailing edcomm@cityofgolden.net and are due by May 24. Awards will be announced in early June. Any remaining available funds will be distributed on a first come first served basis until all funds are used.

The EDComm scholarship would cover up to one-half of the monthly cost up to a maximum of $2,400. At least three scholarships will be offered. For more information, visit [www.cityofgolden.net/government/boards-commissions/economic-development-commission/](http://www.cityofgolden.net/government/boards-commissions/economic-development-commission/) or email edcomm@cityofgolden.net.

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**Good Will for Goodwill**

Sometimes the best presents are not the ones you get, but the ones you get back. One Golden teen learned that the hard way when his mountain bike was stolen outside of the Goodwill store in Golden a few months ago.

The teen immediately reported the theft to store managers and also to Golden Police. Officer Brian Radulovich responded to the call and started an investigation. With help from surveillance video and some very observant Goodwill employees, they were able to identify the suspect quickly. Officer Radulovich went to the home of the suspect. He was not there, but the mountain bike was in his garage.

Officer Radulovich was able to return the stolen bike to its young owner with a lesson learned to never leave his bicycle unattended without locking it up first. The suspect was arrested and charged with misdemeanor theft about a week later.

A few months later, Officer Radulovich was recognized by the Goodwill corporation, for his work in helping to quickly solve this crime. It is this kind of “good will” that Golden Police are known for in the community. They show us that no crime is too small for their full attention, because every crime has a victim.
Summer Adventure Day Camp
The Golden Community Center state licensed summer camp programs are full days with drop off between 8-9:30 a.m. and pick up between 4-6 p.m. Both programs offer one field trip per week for the first 20 registered participants within our field trip age group as follows: Tuesdays 5-6 years, Wednesdays 7-8 years and Thursdays 9-12 years. Splash Aquatic Park field trips will start week two and rotate every other week. Indoor swim days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Jr. Summer Day Camp and on Wednesdays for Adventure Day Camp.
Age: 3-12 years
$30 per day Resident,
$35 per day Non-resident

Teen Adventure Fridays
Every other Friday June 14 through August. Join us on Fridays this summer for days filled with field trips, thrills and excitement. Teens will pay for the field trip on-their-own at the destination. The registration fee covers transportation and supervision. Field trips include Family Sports Center, Chautauqua Hike & Glacier Ice Cream Tour, Wings Over the Rockies & Splash, Jump Street & Mall Walk/Ice Cream and Adventure Golf and Raceway. Emergency forms due one week before attendance day. This program will fill up fast, register online today!
Age: 13-15 years
$20 Resident, $22 Non-resident
- Teens pay for field trip at destination.

LEARN OR IMPROVE YOUR GOLF GAME AT FOSSIL TRACE!

Purchasing Clubs at Fossil Trace Golf Club
Fossil Trace Golf Club is proud to offer our expertise in custom fitted golf clubs using the latest in fitting systems from the top lines. We not only specialize in custom fitting, but we also offer affordable, brand name club options for players of all levels, including beginners, women and juniors. Many sets will include clubs and often times a golf bag—items needed for a great start in the game—at an affordable price! Call the Golf Shop to schedule your fitting at 303-277-8750.

Fossil Trace Private and Semi-Private Instruction
All private lessons are tailored to each student’s ability and goals. To assist in the learning process, private lessons use V1 Golf video analysis. Student and instructors work together on a lesson plan, including short game or on-course lessons if available.

Adult Private Instruction
½ Hour Private Lesson .................. $50
1 Hour Private Lesson.................. $90
3 Hour Private Lesson Package ........ $260
5 Hour Private Lesson Package ........ $425

Adult Semi-Private Instruction – 1 Hour Lessons
Semi-Private with 2 Students ........... $60 each/$120 total
Semi-Private with 3 Students ........... $50 each/$150 total
Semi-Private Series of 4 (2 Students) ... $230 each/$460 total
Semi-Private Series of 4 (3 Students) ... $190 each/$570 total

Junior Private Instruction (Up to 17)
½ Hour Private Lesson .................. $45
1 Hour Private Lesson .................. $80
3 Hour Private Lesson Package .......... $225
5 Hour Private Lesson Package .......... $360

Junior Semi-Private Instruction (Up to 17) – 1 Hour Lessons
Semi-Private with 2 Juniors .......... $50 each/$100 total
Semi-Private with 3 Juniors .......... $40 each/$120 total
Semi-Private Series of 4 (2 Juniors) ... $180 each/$360 total
Semi-Private Series of 4 (3 Juniors) ... $140 each/$420 total

Booking Your Lessons
Both private and semi-private lessons may be scheduled by visiting www.fossiltrace.uschedule.com or by visiting our website www.fossiltrace.com and clicking on “Golf Academy.” You may also call the Fossil Trace Golf Shop at 303-277-8750 to arrange a lesson time.
iSTEM Growing at Bell

They say variety is the spice of life, but Bell Middle School iSTEM students have learned that biodiversity is the variety of life. Students in the program have been studying biodiversity, which looks at the variety of species on the planet, their genetic make-up and the natural communities in which they occur.

The iSTEM students at Bell are part of a program with a focus on teaching science, technology, engineering and math. This semester, they researched biomes and presented their findings at a showcase of the program in March. A large part of their unit was the construction of an aquaponic system. It is run and maintained by students and facilitated by iSTEM instructors and community partners. It was constructed in collaboration with students and staff at Warren Tech and supports fish and plants.

iSTEM students worked in various groups that facilitate learning. They have worked with SparkFun Electronics and CSM to program Arduino boards to run constant data on pH levels in the water, temperature, light and salinity. They also set up GoPro Cams for a live video feed for the fish. They have identified ways to educate the community and develop awareness about sustainability and biodiversity on a local, regional and global level.

The students have also studied the Tilapia fish in the system, keeping track of the fish and maintaining the tank. The fish waste provides nutrients for the plants. They monitor and chart plant growth in the system and have worked with Warren Tech on a sprout sale of Colorado Native plants that Warren Tech students planted in one of the grow beds.

They have set up school tours and assemblies to teach students in other schools about the aquaponics system and are working on setting up a website and Facebook page, which should be live soon.

The iSTEM program will continue to grow next year as the program expands to include both 7th and 8th grade classes. If you can contribute to the program in any way, either financially or through knowledge and experience, please contact the director, Andrea Schulz, at aschulz@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-4328.

Mines Volunteers Clean Up for History

When Colorado School of Mines (CSM) student Matt McNew asked his friends if they wanted to do a day of volunteer service in Golden, 120 of them replied, "Yes!" So on Saturday, March 30, volunteers from the Undergraduate Student Government at CSM helped clean up, fix up, paint and plow at The Golden History Center, Clear Creek History Park and The Astor House Museum.

"We thought we'd see 30 or 40 volunteers," says Katie Marsh, Interpretation Coordinator of the Golden History Museums, "but Matt contacted every group and person he knows and they all turned out." Katie and Matt helped guide volunteers as they dug trenches, painted walls and siding, raked leaves and debris and even readied the gardens at both Clear Creek History Park and The Astor House.

As their contribution, the group provided the gravel and reshaped the pathway in front of the buildings at Clear Creek History Park. "Things got done that otherwise would have taken a long time," Katie said. "All of Golden is grateful for the energy and effort these folks have put into the work." The City of Golden applauds the thoughtfulness and generosity of the CSM students. They are part of what makes this city special, and this kind of volunteerism sets a good example for everyone.
In the early twentieth century the rise in popularity of silent films nurtured the lure of Hollywood. While film acting was initially seen as frivolous compared to stage acting, silent stars like “America’s Sweetheart” Mary Pickford, the swashbuckling Douglas Fairbanks and the comedic Charlie Chaplin helped elevate the respectability of the profession.

Morrison’s own Charles “Chick” Morrison grew up in the town named after his grandfather. He worked as a cowboy and built a reputation for expert horsemanship by appearing in riding contests and rodeos. After taking a job as a stunt double and showing off his skills during a film being produced in his home town, Chick caught the acting bug and moved to Hollywood. He soon made a name for himself and prompted his brother George, nicknamed Pete, to follow him to California.

Pete worked for the Colorado Central Railroad until he found out he could make as much money in two weeks working in movies as he could in months with the railroad. The brothers worked on many silent westerns until Chick’s untimely death after an on-set riding accident in 1924. Pete stayed in the movie business until the early 1930s, after which he returned to his ranch near Golden and became a deputy sheriff for Jefferson County. He held that position for 37 years.

The Golden Landmarks Association maintains the Pete Morrison collection of film memorabilia in its archives.

Pete drove the wagon team in parades for the Holland House, a local hotel and restaurant formerly located where Table Mountain Inn is today. The photo shows Pete during a parade in Denver.

ATTEND SUMMER HANDS-ON-HISTORY CAMP
Kids ages 9-11 enrolled in Silent Stars learn to act without sound and how to digitally edit footage to tell a story. Campers write, act in and film their own silent movie just like cowboy star George Morrison.

Make history this summer at Hands-on History Camp. HoH connects campers to history with engaging activities designed to keep them active and learning. Campers experiment with 19th century technology, create a vaudeville style show and even cook on a woodstove.

Weeklong camps start June 4 for ages 6-8 and 9-11. Call for details 303-278-3557 or visit www.GoldenHistory.org/hoh.
**Start Your Summer with a Splash!**

The Splash will open for the Summer 2013 season on Saturday, May 25. Season passes or punch cards are available at the Golden Community Center and you will receive a 10% discount.*

*The Splash is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The pools will be cleared 15 minutes prior to the facility closing. There will be a rest break/adult swim daily at 10 minutes to the hour. If the weather forecast calls for 65 degrees or below, The Splash will not open.

**What is The Splash?**
The Splash is an exciting outdoor facility that has five water slides for all ages and sizes; a playhouse with water dumping bucket, a sandbox play area, a tyke spray ground, and an eight-lane lap pool with diving board.

*All passes and punch cards must be purchased by May 24 at The Golden Community Center to receive the 10% discount.*

For more information, visit [www.SplashinGolden.com](http://www.SplashinGolden.com).

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**Greener Golden Event**

Please join the City of Golden for our 4th Annual Greener Golden celebration to kick-off the growing season! **When:** Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon  
**Where:** The City of Golden Public Works Administrative building and the Golden Community Garden. Parking is available at 1445 10th St.

- Pick up your *pre-ordered Garden in a Box.* Individual xeric plants and water-wise products will also be available for sale.
- Tour the Golden Community Garden and learn about opportunities to participate.
- Have your questions answered by CSU Extension Master Gardeners and meet members of our local garden clubs.
- Take a tour of Golden’s Water Treatment Plant and learn about backflow preventers and their proper maintenance.
- Learn about the City’s Environmental Services programs, including water conservation and free sprinkler inspections.
- Find out details for the summer Green Waste curbside collection program (available to participants of the city’s Pay-As-You-Throw program).
- Pick up free compost to amend garden soil. Bring your own container to fill (buckets, trash cans, old potting mix bags).
Golden’s new Community Call-n-Ride Bus

For more information visit: www.cityofgolden.net/links/GoldenTransit