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DISCUSSION ABOUT ASTOR HOUSE PRESERVATION

At City Council’s May 8 Study Session, staff will present a briefing about the Astor House including potential plans for refreshed visitor experiences and a preservation plan for the historic 1867 landmark. Engineering analysis of the building suggests a number of treatments should be considered to address pressing structural issues that threaten the nearly 150 year old boarding house. The briefing will also include an update on City of Golden Historic Collections and present numerous options that Council could consider to address the capacity-filled storage facility.

AMENDMENT 64 PUBLIC HEARING

City Council will consider the recommendations of the Amendment 64 Implementation Task Force and bring forward an ordinance regarding retail sales of marijuana in the City of Golden. The public hearing for the ordinance is scheduled to be held at the City Council meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5 in Council Chambers, 911 10th St. During that public hearing, Council will take comments from the public regarding the ordinance.

The Amendment 64 Implementation Task Force was charged with the identification and evaluation of all reasonably available options for the City to efficiently and effectively fulfill its obligations under the Colorado Constitution, laws and rules and regulations related to retail marijuana cultivating, testing and product manufacturing facilities, and retail marijuana stores, which options shall include the outright prohibition of any or all such uses. They brought their recommendations to City Council at their meeting back on April 24.

2014 LIVING LANDMARK HONOREES

The Golden Landmarks Association (GLA) will honor three individuals and organizations for its 13th annual Living Landmarks Dinner on Friday, May 16 at Mount Vernon Country Club. The dinner recognizes three honorees every year that exemplify dedication to improving the Golden community, and whose actions or efforts have had a positive impact on the Golden area.

The honorees for 2014 are T.J. Mullin, Barbara Warden and the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum. For tickets to the Living Landmarks Dinner, call 303-279-1236 or email gold@goldenlandmarks.com.

HELP STAMP OUT HUNGER

Help out those in need by leaving a little something extra for your postal carrier on May 10. The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) is holding its annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive. This is a nation-wide effort, but the food you donate in Golden stays right here in town.

All you have to do is put a sack full of non-perishable food items out by your mailbox on Saturday, May 10. The Golden Postal Carriers will take the donated food back to the post office, where members of the Golden Lions Club will collect it and take it to the Christian Action Guild (a food bank in Golden). It will then be given 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 details, call CAG at 303-279-5674.

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

May 1
No meeting

May 8
Regular business meeting

May 15
No meeting

May 22
Regular business 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.
Our children and youth make up Golden’s next generation. For them, we strive to be a city with an overall gentle touch – offering a safe environment, excellent learning opportunities, chances for positive interactions with others, and serendipitous connections with nature. In other words, Golden stands for great schools and libraries, plenty of play areas, family-friendly public spaces, and safe neighborhoods.

We seem to be on the right track. In one week, I met with first graders, middle schoolers, and high schoolers. The first graders told me that they love the Community Center, Lions Park, the Clear Creek Corridor path, the Splash, downtown, and ice cream. At Bell Middle School, iSTEM students responded to the question “what’s cool about Golden?” with a resounding “everything!” Leaders of the Golden High School student council explained how they want to showcase our town during the 2014 Colorado High School Activities Association Student Leadership Conference, to be held in Golden from Oct. 24-26.

Colorado School of Mines students, too, can be included in this demographic. (Emerging science suggests that full brain development is not reached until age 25). These smart young people, who have adopted Golden as their hometown, can be seen as they walk to class, enjoy our open spaces, use multimodal transportation options, and make purchases at our local businesses.

Going forward, the City is investing in maintaining and improving amenities and programs that benefit our children and youth. Our community center, parks, and museums promote a healthy, family-friendly lifestyle every day. The new play equipment at the Norman D. playground is bringing children and their families together. Soon, the Beverly Heights and Golden Hills/Golden Heights playgrounds will also be upgraded to strengthen interpersonal bonds and foster development of children’s bodies and imaginations. And the City is cooperating with the Jeffco Public Library to give children’s minds a workout at a soon-to-be remodeled, community-centered Golden library.

Interested residents, Parks and Recreation Board members, and city staff are editing a proposed Clear Creek Management Plan. When finalized, the plan will help protect natural resources and community values yet ensure that the creek remains a fun, safe place to play. In the meantime, the City has redesigned and reconstructed portions of the trail to promote more pleasant community use.

Discussions are underway about enhancing Washington Avenue and Miners Alley in our historic downtown. Community groups are busy planning terrific happenings, both small and large. In addition to our signature events, we can also look forward to the finish of Ride the Rockies, the return of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge, and a grassroots Better Block event.

Transportation improvements will make children safer when traveling through our community. The very successful Call N Ride bus service is available six days a week, to provide handy public transit for kids going to activities, friends’ neighborhoods, downtown, the Community Center, stores, or other local destinations. Based on residents’ ideas, Heritage Road will be rebuilt this summer with wide sidewalks and raised bicycle lanes. And we are on the cusp of a two-year, $25 million project (funded by CDOT, the City, and the Colorado School of Mines) at the intersection of Highway 6 and 19th Street. Upon completion, Highway 6 will go under 19th Street, which will have added bike lanes, sidewalks, and landscaping.

By this time, readers have probably noted that all efforts undertaken for young people improve the Golden experience across the age spectrum. As influential urban designer Enrique Penalosa put it, “Children are a kind of indicator species. If we can build a successful city for children, we will have a successful city for all people.”

Mayor Marjorie Sloan
Summer is finally upon us and Clear Creek continues to be Golden’s central hub of activity offering scenic beauty and numerous outdoor recreation opportunities right in the heart of town.

High temperatures and lower creek flows brought record numbers of visitors to Clear Creek the past few years. As a result, in 2013 City staff conducted an ecological assessment, developed a communications campaign about acceptable use in the corridor, and worked with the National Park Service to develop a written management plan for use of the Clear Creek Corridor. The Clear Creek Management Plan establishes a framework for managing the wide variety of recreational uses while balancing the need to restore and preserve the creek and its banks. View the plan at http://www.cityofgolden.net/media/ClearCreekManagementPlan.pdf.

This year residents and visitors will notice exciting changes to the creek and the trails which run beside it to enhance the user experience. Several access points have been added as well as hardscaped areas providing a place to rest and enjoy the view. A portion of the north side Clear Creek Trail behind the library has a whole new look and several areas of the creek bank are restored and protected as per the recommendations of the Clear Creek Ecological Health Assessment.

At the east end of Clear Creek, a new playground adorns Vanover Park, complete with a nature theme including log walks, tree stumps (both real and made for play) and an eight foot climbing tree providing challenges for kids of all ages. For those who enjoy having a quiet lunch, the western portion of the park remains contemplative with new tables positioned at the creek edge.

In the creek, boaters can look forward to the drop structure just east of Washington Avenue which was brought back to its former glory as well as several other in-creek improvements for a better boat or kayak experience.

Park Rangers are out patrolling the creek, providing information and ensuring everyone follows “The Golden Rule.” The Golden Rule encourages visitors to be kind to Clear Creek and its neighbors. City regulations will continue to be enforced with zero tolerance for smoking, alcohol and glass, and dogs off leash. The Golden Rule aims to make Clear Creek a safe and inviting location for the many different users of the corridor including bikers, sunbathers, walkers, joggers, boaters, tubers, gold panners, fisherman and more. Signage is posted throughout the corridor providing information and directing visitors to www.cityofgolden.net/links/CreekInfo for parking locations, directions, trail maps, shopping and dining.

Golden offers an abundant amount of all-day free parking including free, covered parking garages located in historic downtown Golden. Creek users are encouraged to use parking lots and garages to allow neighboring residents, access to their homes.

NOTE ABOUT PARKING: Visitors should note that the neighborhoods north and south of the creek now have resident only parking restrictions at certain times. For more information about convenient parking locations for both weekdays and weekends, visit www.cityofgolden.net or www.VisitGolden.com. Enjoy Clear Creek this summer!
Trash + Wind = A Big Challenge

Trash and recycling services in Golden have always been challenged by the wind and have not gone unnoticed by City Council or City staff. Over the last six months, City of Golden staff spent considerable time searching for ways to keep Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) cart lids closed until they are emptied, even if they are blown over. It turns out that installing a latch or clasp on the City’s carts is not the simple solution we hoped to find. From our research, a clasp or latch is not a guaranteed solution and has significant impacts to the cart’s warranty. Additionally, many options dramatically change the cost of providing trash and recycling service. The City feels that changes of this magnitude need closer examination, and are best incorporated into the PAYT program when the contract is rebid in 2015. However the City’s search for a solution will continue.

For now, the City has gathered some tips that may help minimize or reduce problems created by the wind.

- Place trash in plastic bags and tie them closed. Plastic bags are discouraged from use in the recycle carts.
- Place a paper bag or two filled with heavier recyclables on top of the other cart contents. This helps to contain loose papers and lighter items below the bag. Cardboard can also be used, but care must be taken not to wedge it in place so tightly that it does not allow the contents of the cart to fall into the truck.
- Make sure the lid sits flat and is completely closed. Do not over fill the trash or recycling cart as even if it is slightly cracked open, wind can enter and cause the lid to open completely.
- Do not place the carts out for service the night before they are serviced if wind is anticipated. Try to minimize the amount of time the cart is exposed to the wind.

The History of Mass Transit Meets the Future

More than 10 years in the works, the makeover of Denver’s historic Union Station is almost complete. The official grand opening for RTD’s new Union Station Transit Center is set for May 9. The multimodal transportation hub will offer light rail, the Free MallRide, the new Free MetroRide, Amtrak, B-cycle, and a spacious 22-bay underground bus concourse, all in one place. Starting in 2016, the new transit center will also be the hub for four new commuter lines (faster than light rail and featuring luggage racks for passengers), including one to Denver International Airport.

The nearby 1914 historic depot is being restored and converted into a 112-room boutique hotel with shops, offices, and restaurants that’s set to open in July 2014. Outside, there will be six new public plazas in one place, with pedestrian and bicycle connections.

Ribbon cutting and an opening ceremony for the Union Station Transit Center will be held at noon, May 9 in front of the new Wewatta Pavilion at 17th & Wewatta. The grand opening celebration will happen right after that, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. along 17th between the light rail station and the historic building. Golden residents can ride the West Rail Line directly to the festivities for only $4.
Spring is here again and it’s time for the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) semi-annual yard waste collection! This service is available to Golden’s PAYT customers only. Yard waste should be placed where your trash is collected by 8 a.m. on your designated day. Material may be placed in reusable containers of your choice or in compostable bags available for purchase at Meyers Hardware, Home Depot and other home improvement stores. Yard waste for this collection is grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, weeds, branches, sawdust, ground or chipped wood. Please note the collection order has changed this year.

**SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES**

- Branches must be less than 4” in diameter and bundled with string, yarn or rope.
- Do not use wire for bundling.
- Bundles should be 4’ in length or less, and no more than 2’ in diameter.
- Yard waste will be limited to 3 cubic yards per resident which is equivalent to:
  - an area that is approx. 4’ x 4’ x 4’
  - 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 4” 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.

For more information, contact Waste Management directly at 303-278-8600 or visit the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash. Remember – Avoid extra expenses while keeping large amounts of yard waste from going into the landfill by subscribing to Waste Management’s subscription Green Waste Program. The Green Waste Program is available beginning in April through November 2014 which includes every other week pick up of your yard waste cart at your curb. It’s cheap, efficient and convenient! Call Waste Management today at 303-278-8600 to enroll!

2014 Spring Yard Waste Collections for City of Golden PAYT Program will be April 26, May 10 and May 17
The Golden Library is leading the way in Jefferson County as the first in the county to receive a remodel that will be focused on better service and more usable space. The City of Golden and Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) are partnering to complete this major renovation of the Golden Library this year.

The library will be updated to reflect a new vision for library service, introduced in Jefferson County in 2013. The changes you can expect to see include an enhanced alignment of library materials, programs and services. The staff will be even better trained to help patrons navigate the increasingly complex world of information and technology, and the online library will be more robust (jeffcolibrary.org). In addition, the Library plans to add more dynamic programs, provide better access to evolving technologies, and offer an increased emphasis on community partnerships.

Residents can look forward to a more open and welcoming environment, lower shelving and better sightlines across the library and updates to the furniture and equipment. There will also be designated areas for children and teens, as well as improved meeting spaces. “We’re very excited to be able to fully implement our new service model at the Golden Library,” said Pam Nissler, executive director JCPL. “We are grateful to the City of Golden for its support of this opportunity, and we hope Golden residents will be excited to see this vision come to life.”

The total cost of the remodel is expected to be approximately $250,000, with the City of Golden contributing $85,000 and the Library contributing the rest. “Libraries are the heart of a community,” said Golden City Manager Mike Bestor. “It is important that we keep up with the times so that our library remains an invaluable resource to our residents.”

Now it’s time to decide on the exact design, which is why the Library would like to hear from you. An open house will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 19 at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. An overview of the project will be presented to City Council during its meeting on Thursday, May 8 in Council Chambers, 911 10th St. If you miss those meetings, don’t worry. There will be an opportunity for you to review and comment on design recommendations in June. Construction is expected to begin in August and completed by the end of the year.

We don’t often hear the phrase "Because of Public Works...", however it’s because of Public Works that we have clean water, safe streets and neighborhoods, efficient traffic and desirable communities. Golden, in particular, has the highest water quality, a secure water supply even in drought years, and is recognized for our livable neighborhoods, walkable streets and community-wide bikeability. Golden’s Public Works service levels are second to none, which is why our street sweeping and snow removal efforts are frequently praised.

In honor of National Public Works Week, we have developed a trivia contest to test your knowledge of Golden’s Public Works presence in our community. The trivia questions can be found at www.cityofgolden.net/links/NPWWTrivia. Answers will be posted online on May 27, and the winner will be recognized in the July informer. This year’s prize is a City of Golden Public Works backpack. Good luck and thank you for your continued support of our Public Works Department. Follow us on Twitter @GoldenPW.
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Have you ever wondered how Golden’s water is treated? How we maintain and repair infrastructure? How we map and track water, sewer and street-related assets within the community? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should join the Second Annual Public Work’s Citizens’ Academy. This free 20-hour program, which is geared toward adults, will kick off on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 2.

For one week in June, young adults who are accepted for the academy will learn what real police officers and police employees do in the performance of their duties and the rules and laws that guide them. Academy attendees will receive information on how crimes such as Domestic Violence and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs are investigated. They will learn how Traffic Accident Investigators handle car crashes. Attendees will meet a Police K-9 handler and see a demonstration of the K-9 in action as the handler and his dog work as a team. They will learn about the laws that allow an officer to use force, including the use of a Taser, on a suspect.

Attendees will experience what it is like to search a building for a bad guy, take a tour of the Jefferson County Jail and go to the firing range with firearms instructors and shoot a gun. They will spend a day with Detectives and Criminalists learning how to investigate a major crime, look for evidence and process a mock crime scene.

Interested youths between the ages of 13 and 17 (must have completed 8th grade by start date of academy). Apply online now at www.cityofgolden.net/links/PWCitizensAcademy. You have until 5 p.m. on May 12 to turn in your application. The process includes completing the application, attaching a 500-700 word cover letter written by the student expressing why they wish to attend the academy, what they expect to learn and how they will apply the skills and knowledge in their life. A letter of recommendation from a school administrator, teacher or clergy member is also required.

The Academy is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day between Monday, June 16 and Friday, June 20. For more information, contact Ofc. Dave Hart at 303-384-8052 or dhart@cityofgolden.net.

Apply Now:
2014 Youth Citizens’ Police Academy June 16 - 20

Do you know a young adult who likes to watch shows about law enforcement, who wonders if actual police work is like that on TV, or is considering a career in Law Enforcement? Then the Golden Police Department’s Youth Citizens’ Academy might be the perfect adventure this summer.

Have you ever wondered how Golden’s water is treated? How we maintain and repair infrastructure? How we map and track water, sewer and street-related assets within the community? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should join the Second Annual Public Works Citizens’ Academy. This free 20-hour program, which is geared toward adults, will kick off on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 2.

It will include interactive hands-on training activities, tours of City facilities and presentations by Public Works Staff. This program will include four Tuesday evening and two Saturday sessions. To conclude the program, graduates of the Academy will be awarded Certificates of Completion at the Sept. 25 City Council meeting. For additional information or to register, visit the City of Golden’s website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/PWCitizensAcademy. The registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 15. The class size is limited, so please register early.

We are excited to announce this fall we will also be offering a shortened Public Works Academy for Middle School aged children. This free 14-hour program will take place on Aug. 13 and Sept. 6. If you have specific questions about these programs, contact Amy Capwell at 303-384-8152 or acapwell@cityofgolden.net.

Second Annual Public Works Citizens’ Academy
Through May 4

The Road to Mecca
The story of an eccentric elderly artist facing pressure to give up her independent life and move into a retirement home. Miner’s Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through May 18

Splinter! Colorado Wood Today
Enjoy the work of some of Colorado’s most outstanding artists and artisans working with wood at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For exhibit hours and details on classes and lectures, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

May 1 through 3

Twelfth Night
Golden High School’s Stage Right Productions presents the Shakespeare classic in the GHS auditorium, 701 24th St. Showtimes are at 7 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets are $10 at the door or $8 in advance. For tickets and info visit www.goldenhighschool.com or contact Scott Hasbrouck at shasbrou@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-4200.

May 1 and 8

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

May 4

JSO Celebration of Spring
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra season finale will feature works such as Vivaldi’s The Four Seasons and Stravinsky’s Rite of Spring. 3 p.m. at the Green Center, School of Mines Campus, 16th and Cheyenne streets. For tickets and info call 303-278-4237 or www.jeffsymphony.org.

May 5

Cinco de Mayo

May 6

Taste of Golden
Enjoy food from more than a dozen local restaurants, plus Golden’s breweries, micro-brews and distilleries. Music and silent auction at this local cuisine and beverage showcase. 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Tickets are $20. For info contact the Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113 or info@goldencochamber.org.

May 8

Screamin’ Demons Improv Show
Golden High School presents this fundraiser improv show at 7 p.m. in the GHS auditorium, 701 24th St. Suggested donation is $3, proceeds benefit Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. For details contact Scott Hasbrouck at shasbrou@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-4200.

May 9

Rock Band Class Concert
Student rock concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School Auditorium, 701 24th St. Tickets are $5 at the door. For details, contact Katharine Parker at khparker@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-4187.

May 11

Mother’s Day

May 15 and 16

Pops Concert
Golden High School’s annual Pops Concert with the band, orchestra and choir at 7 p.m. on both days in the auditorium, 701 24th St. Tickets are $3 at the door. For details contact Angela Becker at abecker@jeffco.k12.co.us.

May 16

Living Landmarks Dinner
The Golden Landmarks Association is hosting a dinner for this year’s

SHOP AND GIVE

Did you know there is a thrift shop in Golden that uses all proceeds to help feed the less fortunate in our community? Check out the Christian Action Guild’s (CAG) Thrift Shop at 1401 Ford St. It is open Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for gently used clothes, household items, books, games, etc. All money raised goes to stock our Golden community food pantry. CAG is a non-profit, non-denominational organization. For details call 303-279-5674.
Living Landmark honorees. The dinner recognizes individuals or organizations whose efforts have made a positive impact on Golden. For more information about the Living Landmarks Dinner, call 303-279-1236 or email gold@goldenlandmarks.com.

May 18

**GCC Spring Concert**
The Golden Community Choir spring concert’s theme is “Grant us peace.” 3 p.m. at Golden High School, 701 24th St. For ticket prices and info contact Brian Birch at 303-502-6351 or btbirch@gmail.com. Also visit goldencommunitychoirs.org.

May 23 through June 29

**The Fantasticks**
Miners Alley Playhouse presents history’s longest running musical in its theatre at 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or www.minersalley.com.

May 26

**Memorial Day**

May 31

**Homesteaders’ Day**
Experience 19th century homesteading at the Clear Creek History Park. Try your hand at blacksmithing, cooking on a woodstove and feeding chickens. Both adults and kids can preview some of our most popular activities from Hands-on History camp. This is a free event. Stop by any time between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For details visit www.GoldenHistory.org or call 303-278-3557.

**REMINDER: GOLDEN PRIDE DAYS**
**Saturday & Sunday**
**May 3-4,**
**8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
**1300 Catamount Drive**
This is your opportunity to clean up and clear out your home and yard! For details, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/GoldenPrideDays.

**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 kitlley@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.

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 4, 2014 .............. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
July 2, 2014 .............. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

**FREE Building Use Tax Workshop**
The City of Golden is hosting a **FREE Building Use Tax Workshop** taught by our professional staff of auditors. Class is 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 7, 2014 .............. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Class is free, but space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
The City of Golden recently earned silver certification as a Solar Friendly Community, making it the 13th Colorado city to be recognized since the program began in 2012. The Solar Friendly Community designation is given to communities that are working to make it easier for residents to install rooftop solar systems by streamlining the permitting and inspection process, and making solar energy an affordable option.

“Through the Solar Friendly Communities program, Golden has achieved a win-win-win for residents, businesses, and the City by streamlining the permitting process and reducing the overall costs of solar,” said Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan. “With Golden's goal to provide 20 percent of the city's energy from renewable energy, this effort plays an important role in encouraging future solar investment.”

Golden earned 1,000 points out of a possible 1,600 to qualify for Silver Level recognition. The City has worked on a variety of ways to make solar permitting easier, including posting requirements in an online checklist, allowing electronic permit submission, and allowing inspections of different aspects of a system to be done in one visit. Golden also seeks to educate its residents about solar energy options.

While the costs of solar panels have dropped dramatically in recent years, the "soft costs" of solar, including permitting and inspection, now account for roughly 60 percent of the total price. By adopting policies that cut the time required to get rooftop solar systems installed, Golden is helping to cut the cost of the systems, making solar more affordable.

With this designation, Golden joins other certified Front Range communities to represent more than two million Colorado residents.

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**Slow the Flow Colorado**

**WHAT IS SLOW THE FLOW COLORADO?**
Slow the Flow Colorado is a free sprinkler inspection program available to Golden water customers. In addition to residential, HOA and commercial sites are also eligible.

**WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?**
- Professional service provided at no charge
- Learn simple ways to have a healthier, more beautiful landscape
- Receive a customized watering schedule
- Learn practical, easy, do-it-yourself sprinkler maintenance
- Learn how to improve the performance of your system
- Do your part to conserve Colorado’s water!

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**
Nothing.

**HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?**
The entire process will take about two hours.

**WHEN ARE INSPECTIONS AVAILABLE?**
Inspections are scheduled from June until August.

**HOW DO I SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION?**
If you receive water from the City of Golden AND you have an operating underground irrigation system, complete the request form online at ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x217. A limited number of inspections are available – sign up early!
MAKE EVERY TRIP COUNT!

Get rewarded for your pledge to reduce two car trips per week! The City of Golden and the Regional Air Quality Council are teaming up this year to reward Golden residents for helping to make the air cleaner and to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT). In 2013, the program eliminated over 1,284,000 VMT!

The goal of the Every Trip Counts program is to reduce auto emissions during the summer months when ground-level ozone pollution is the worst. To reward participants, the program will be providing a number of random prize drawings for transit passes during the summer ozone months.

Sign up today at www.EveryTripCounts.org!

WHAT TO DO WITH SLASH AND YARD WASTE?

Spring is cleanup time and if you missed the City’s annual Pride Days or the spring yard waste pickup through the Pay-As-You-Throw program, consider these options for your yard waste. Most places charge a minimal amount, but consider partnering with a neighbor for a truckload.

- Jefferson County has three events this summer that will accept your yard waste:
  - June 21 and 22, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Conifer High School: 10441 Hwy 73
  - July 12 and 13, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Fire Station #2: Hwy 72 and Camp Eden Road
  - August 9 and 10, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Fire Station #3 on Settlers Drive: 8445 S. Hwy 285

For more information, see www.jeffco.us/sheriff/emergency-management/remote-slash-collection/.

- Clear Creek County accepts slash for a nominal fee for out of county residents at 1531 Soda Creek Road, Idaho Springs, 303-679-2482, or www.co.clear-creek.co.us/documentcenter/view/4082.

- Pioneer Sand & Gravel will accept slash this summer at their Golden location. Visit 7608 Highway 93 Golden, CO 80403, call 303-279-4748, or see their website at www.pioneersand.com for more information.


Celebrate Health!
**Friday, May 2**
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. www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

**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, Min/Max: 4/8. Sign up in the Front Porch or call 303-384-8130. Classes are held in the library’s book mobile in the Golden Community Center’s 8th St. parking lot.

**Mondays, 2-4 p.m. on the E-Train**
May 5 - Microsoft Word 2
May 12 - downloadable Books (ebooks) and eReaders
May 19 - Buying Online (eBay & Craigslist)
June 2 - Online Searching

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

**Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge** - #15003-1
The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge is one of the largest urban refuges in the country and is home to more than 330 species of migratory and resident wildlife. We will take in some hikes and drive the wildlife loop trail. Pack water and money for lunch after.

*Tuesday, May 6, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*
$12 (van, driver included)
Exertion Level: 4
Register/Cancel by May 2.

**Cake Crumbs Tour & Snooze, an A.M. eatery** - #15004-1
Breakfast at the trendy Snooze eatery, then a tour of the Cake Crumbs bake shop to see how they make their tasty cupcakes and wedding cakes.

*Thursday, May 15, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*
$10 (van, driver, tour included, bring money for breakfast and cupcakes!)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by May 12.

**Runway Grill at Jeffco Airport** - #15005-1
Watch the airplanes arrive and take off with a beautiful view of the mountains while enjoying your lunch.

*Wednesday, May 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*
$10 (van, driver, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by May 19.
As World War II was raging in Europe, First Sergeant Frank Habersberger didn’t want to be drafted, he wanted to enlist. But he was rejected for a possible heart murmur. So he tried again, this time with the Navy. “I was disqualified for flat feet. Can you imagine that? Flat feet!” His face sobered a bit as he recalled, “So when I finally got drafted about three months later, everything had changed.”

The United States had officially entered the war.

So begins 99-year old Golden resident and WWII Veteran Frank Habersberger’s story, recorded as part of the Veterans History Project to be preserved by the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. In September 2013, Leadership Golden selected the Veteran’s History Project as a focus for its class. The members soon discovered a rich trove of stories with near-centenarian, Frank Habersberger. Following the interview, First Sergeant Habersberger was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan, and Congressman Ed Perlmutter.

Frank began his military training with the U.S. Army Medical Corp, which he described as “an exact duplicate of what’s on TV as M.A.S.H.” Over the course of the war, Frank served in Scotland, Greenland, England, and France. But it was in Scotland that he met his future wife, Agnes Gardner Patter, or “Nan” as he called her. “She was my life. Everything worthwhile that I did started with her.” They married three months after meeting, and after the war, she joined him to live in the U.S.

Frank rose through the ranks during his service to his final rank of Top Sergeant. He recalled once when he was ordered to safely deliver the personal items of a pilot who had been killed in service to a warehouse where they could be transported to his family. It was raining when he arrived and insisted the Lieutenant in charge be brought out of the Officer’s Club so that the belongings could be safely stored inside and out of the rain.

“He came down roaring mad and said, ‘Are you the guy that ordered my sergeant to call me?’ I said, ‘Yes I am.’ He said, ‘What’s your authority?’ I said, ‘General Eisenhower. I’m working for General Eisenhower today, and so are you. General Eisenhower takes a dim view of anybody that doesn’t take care of the private belongings of killed servicemen…shall we now proceed?’” In the end, the Lieutenant grudgingly complied, and as they parted ways afterward, burst out laughing, saying, “I hope I never meet another sergeant like you!”

First Sergeant Habersberger worked in Flight Control during most of his time in service, and saw the development of what would soon become the U.S. Airforce. Towards the end of his service, he was stationed in California and assigned to oversee the flight records, flying time and maintenance records of all the air transport command units serving in the Pacific Ocean.

After the war, Frank and Nan settled on the east coast, and discovered a mutual love of square dancing. He even served as president of the United Square Dancers of America. Today, Frank lives a quieter life here in Golden with family nearby.

As we celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, take a moment to remember and honor Frank and all of the military personnel, both past and present, who have honorably served and protected our country. For more information on the Veterans History Project, and to see more veterans’ stories, visit www.loc.gov/vets.
Summer Camps
Spots are still available in Jr. Day Camp (ages 5-8 years), Adventure Day Camp (9-12 years) and Teen Adventure Friday Camp (ages 13-15 years). Register online at https://rec.cityofgolden.net.

Summer Athletics
CARA Track Team, CARA Tennis Team, Skyhawks Sports Camps, Volleyball Training, Lacrosse Camps, and Tennis Lessons are all starting in June! Visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net for more information and to register.

Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic
The Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic is designed to teach the beginner golfer everything needed to play golf in just a few lessons. The clinic will be three sessions over a one week period combining fun, fitness and no pressure on-course experiences. Each session will feature basic swing mechanics including grip, alignment and posture. All Adult Get Golf Ready Clinics are Monday to Wednesday.

Get Golf Ready Women's Clinic
The Get Golf Ready Women’s Only Clinic is a series of three clinics during one week based on the same principles of the Adult Clinic; however it will be for women only. You will have the opportunity to learn side-by-side with women just like you in a no pressure learning environment focused on having fun. All Women’s Get Golf Ready Clinics are Monday to Wednesday.

The Fossil Five
Get Golf Ready graduates are encouraged to take advantage of the Fossil Five, giving you the opportunity to link what you’ve learned, to playing five holes. Fossil Five nights will encourage fun, pressure-free golf where you will get comfortable on the course. Fossil Trace Get Golf Ready graduates will receive their first Fossil Five outing FREE! Fossil Five nights are on select Tuesdays for five holes of FUN!

Junior Camp
The Fossil Trace Junior Golf Camp offers a three-day opportunity to be introduced to all aspects of the game of golf. Our talented instructors will encourage a positive attitude, provide an organized learning experience and promote social skills and friendships. The Junior Camp gift package includes a U.S. Kids custom fit hybrid with grip trainer, junior golf camp achievement certificate, four-bucket range pass and a complimentary pass for The Splash at Fossil Trace. All Junior Camps are Wednesday to Friday.

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

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

Call Brian Harris at 303-384-8125 or email bharris@cityofgolden.net for availability, facility tours and rates. Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.
The Splash will open for the Summer 2014 season on Saturday, May 24. 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 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 23 at The Golden Community Center to receive the 10% discount.

For more information, visit www.SplashInGolden.com.

Hundreds of photos are still needed to create a giant community mural that will adorn the CoorsTek building façade along Washington Avenue. The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) is collecting the photos.

TEN THOUSAND images will be needed to complete the mosaic! GURA will use specialized software to place the images in whatever order is needed to get the best image.

Here are the guidelines:
- Limit of 10 pictures per person.
- Images must be in JPEG format, and between 1.5MB and 12MB in size.
- Images must be in focus.
- Images must be submitted by a person legally authorized to use and distribute the images.

You may submit images taken at any time in history as long as they were taken in Golden.

Those submitting must either reside or work in Golden.

All photos must follow this naming convention:
- Last name_First name_Brief description_Image number 1-10.jpg
- Ex: Doe_John_Familyphoto_2.jpg

Answers to frequently asked questions:
- Watermarked, signed, or captioned images will not be accepted.
- Pictures of a group of people or employees enjoying Golden outside of your business are great, but pictures focused on your storefront or signage are not acceptable.

Pictures of crowded events, such as Buffalo Bill Days or the Candlelight Walk, do not require each person in the photo to sign a release form.

The participant assumes responsibility for having the permission to distribute any photos of small groups of people, including children. If you are submitting photos of small groups of children that are not your own, you are responsible for gaining the permission to use the photo from the legal guardians of the children pictures.

To submit images for the community mural, email your named pictures to: GoldenPortrait@artonthebrix.com. For questions, email elyse@gura.com. The deadline for submissions is May 31.
Golden History Museums has been doing research about the Astor House to find new information to update the exhibits. We have found some entertaining stuff searching through historic editions of the Colorado Transcript. We were shocked to uncover unknown stories about some very interesting characters, from different walks of life, that came through the Astor House.

For example, Madame Johnston stayed at the Astor House for over a month in 1885 to offer her services to the people of Golden as a chiropodist, or what we might call a podiatrist today. This “foot doctor” also acted as a pedicurist and would clean and cut toenails for her clients. Madame Johnston boasted that she could “treat all disease of the feet successfully.” A traveling chiropodist, she ran an ad in the paper so that people would know to visit her in the Astor House. She likely treated her patients in her boarding house room, or possibly in the hotel’s sample room, a room set aside specifically for traveling salespeople to use.

The Astor House would sometimes host mediums who offered readings and told fortunes. In 1896, there was an advertisement for two different mediums staying in the house at the same time. One of the fortune tellers offered readings to anyone who dropped in, just like a traveling salesperson who sold their services. The other, Professor Keenan, was a “blind test medium” who was hosting an event called a “dark circle” that had a 25-cent admission fee.

In 1911, the Astor House hosted a dinner with the Ladies’ Missionary society for 50 attendees. A missionary who spent 10 years in India and was the author of The Victory of Mary Christopher, Dr. Harvey Cawkins, spoke at the dinner. The article also identifies a second speaker as “Wm. John, a native Hindoo.”

Stay tuned for future Informer articles to learn more about research we’re uncovering.

Did you or someone you know get their room or board at the Astor House while it was still open? We would love to hear your story! Please contact Katie March at kmarch@goldenhistory.org to share what you know!
Celebrate a Greener Golden

Kick-off the growing season by joining the City of Golden for the 5th annual Greener Golden celebration. Pre-ordered Garden in a Box kits will be available for pick up, and individual xeric plants and water wise products will be on hand for purchase as well. Free compost will also be available (bring your own container!). The event will feature demonstrations throughout the morning including tree pruning basics, and an information session on the Emerald Ash Borer. CSU Extension Master Gardeners, Master Composters and Native Plant Masters will also be on hand to answer questions. Tours of both the Community Garden and Golden’s Water Treatment Plant will be offered, and information on the City’s Sustainability Environmental Services Program will be available.

The event takes place May 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the City of Golden Public Works/Planning Offices at 1445 10th Street.

Did you order yours yet? Gardens selling fast!

Garden-In-A-Box (GIAB) is a xeric garden intended to simplify water-wise gardening. The gardens include professional “plant-by-number” designs, a selection of xeriscape starter plants, and planting and care instructions. Depending on the design used, the gardens fill 70 to 100 square feet of space and come with approximately 15 to 29 perennial plant species or 10 plant species for the vegetable garden.

Garden kits are sold below retail cost ranging from $99 to $139 or $59 for a vegetable garden. Golden residents receive a $25 discount off the full price of an approved perennial xeric garden. Limited quantities are available so order yours now. Purchase online at GardeninaBoxCO.org. Gardens can be picked up at the Greener Golden event on Saturday, May 10 at 1445 10th St.

GREENER GOLDEN 5K

For the past several years the City has helped to sponsor the 5K 4 Earth Day run that benefits the Colorado Backflow Prevention Association (CBPA). This year, that 5K run will become a part of the Greener Golden event, moving from the Coors Tech area to the Clear Creek area.

The run will begin at 9 a.m. at the city’s Public Works/Planning office, 1445 10th St., and go along the banks of Clear Creek. To register, visit http://www.prerace.com/races/event/44896.

Sponsorships for the 5K are also available. Contact CBPA at www.backflow.org for further information. CBPA will also have a table set up at the Greener Golden Event with information on backflow prevention.
Golden Cruise
Last Tuesday of the Month
May - October