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The City of Golden held a general municipal election coordinated with Jefferson County by mail ballot Nov. 1. Councilors for Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 were elected and voters decided not to approve two Council-initiated Charter amendments.

Jefferson County announced the unofficial election results, which are listed below. If you have questions about the municipal election, call the City Clerk’s office at 303-384-8014.

If you have questions about other items on your ballot, contact the Jefferson County Elections Department at 303-271-8111 or visit www.co.jeffco.co.us.

Newly elected Councilors will take office at the first regular City Council meeting of the new year, Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006.

### CITY COUNCIL WARD 1

- Larry L. McInroy: 487 votes, 48.31%
- Mary A. Weaver: 521 votes, 51.69%

### CITY COUNCIL WARD 2

- Brian Bookmyer: 655 votes, 48.74%
- Arthur Chen: 689 votes, 51.26%

### CITY COUNCIL WARD 3

- Diane Pasquarelli: 257 votes, 17.66%
- Jim Dale: 572 votes, 39.31%
- Diane L. Chesbro: 626 votes, 43.02%

### CITY COUNCIL WARD 4

- Jacob Smith: 696 votes, 69.60%
- Barbara J. DesMarteau: 304 votes, 30.40%

#### 200 - CITY OF GOLDEN COUNCIL INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENT

SHALL SECTIONS 5.10 (D), (F), AND (G) OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN’S HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ORDINANCES BE PUBLISHED IN FULL, AND INSTEAD REQUIRE THAT ORDINANCES BE PUBLISHED BY DESCRIPTIVE TITLE WITH COPIES OF THE ENTIRE ORDINANCE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND BY SUCH ELECTRONIC MEANS AS PRACTICABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING TECHNOLOGY?

- **Yes votes:** 2,464 (48.51%)
- **No votes:** 2,615 (51.49%)

#### 201 - CITY OF GOLDEN COUNCIL INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENT

SHALL SECTION 11.5.3.C OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF GOLDEN BE ENACTED TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL LIMITED EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR VOTER APPROVAL FOR SUBSIDIES AND INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS SO LONG AS SUCH SUBSIDIES AND INCENTIVES DO NOT EXCEED MORE THAN 1/3 OF THE NEW TAXES OR 1/3 OF ANY FEES GENERATED SOLELY BY EACH OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS WITH A PAYMENT PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 10 YEARS?

- **Yes votes:** 1,691 (33.42%)
- **No votes:** 3,369 (66.58%)

#### FINAL INFORMER OF THE YEAR

In order to report the municipal election results to citizens in a timely fashion, the Golden Informer’s regular monthly schedule has been modified.

The Informer is normally mailed the first of the month, but the City decided to hold the November issue and have it printed immediately after the election results were announced by the City Clerk. As a result, the Informer is being mailed slightly later than usual.

Because of the late publication of the November issue and the shortened City Council schedule for holiday break in December, the City chose to combine the November and December issues into one.

This is the last issue of the Informer that citizens will receive this year. The next issue will arrive in the mail by Jan. 1. If you have any questions, please contact Communications Manager Sabrina Henderson at 303-384-8132.
This has been a great year for Golden. We have managed to improve much of the City and to complete many projects. We have done this within budget and without increasing taxes. You should be proud of the place you call home.

In June, Golden was one of only 30 competitors in the All-America City contest. The City’s presentation focused on the significant progress the City has made in improving downtown, adding amenities and working for the betterment of the City and its citizens. Let’s review a few examples of how well our City is doing.

Volunteerism: Golden has a large cadre of volunteers who contribute immeasurably to making the City a great place to live. More than 50 volunteer firefighters do a fabulous job in responding to a variety of emergencies within Golden and the surrounding areas. Many other volunteers for dozens of organizations contribute to our quality of life. Without these volunteers, the City would not be able to provide such great services to our citizens.

Infrastructure maintenance: For many years, Golden has repaired and replaced sidewalks, sewer and water lines, curbs, gutters and streets as part of ongoing maintenance. The quality of our infrastructure is exceptional. The City has made significant improvements downtown with the addition of a number of new buildings and plans for others.

Adequate water: The City for many years has secured our water rights for its citizens. Golden completed Guanella Reservoir two years ahead of schedule. The reservoir will store excess water for periods of drought so that the City can avoid water usage restrictions like we had in 2002. The design, construction and management of this project have won multiple national awards.

Amenities: Golden has made a great many improvements to downtown along with trails along Tucker Gulch, Clear Creek and other areas. It has added a skate park, inline hockey rink, kayak course, dog parks and a new golf course. It has preserved the fossils at the golf course, expanded the public art program and added a pavilion on Clear Creek. We have also addressed several of the drainage problems that arose in 2004 with the 100-year floods.

Quality of life: Golden has worked diligently to protect your quality of life. The City Council took courageous action to fight a proposed supertower on Lookout Mountain and protect the health and wellbeing of our citizens. We are extremely pleased with the recent Jefferson County Commissioners’ 2-1 vote against the supertower rezoning. We are currently working to acquire property on Lookout Mountain to protect our mountain backdrop and to prevent further development in this area. The City also continues to vigorously resist plans to put a high-speed, 6-lane highway along Highways 6 and 93.

Professional Excellence: During the past year, Golden has received more than a dozen prestigious awards for the quality of our City staff and work, including awards for the design of the golf course, our quality communications through the Golden Informer publications, the planning and implementation of Guanella Reservoir, the quality of our financial report, and many others.

City Council and the City employees are continually working to ensure the quality of life for our citizens. A survey conducted in 2003 indicated that over 80% of our citizens are happy with the direction of the City.

In 2006, we will swear in our newly elected City Councilors and shortly thereafter will hold a retreat to discuss the City’s needs and establish priorities. The City Council looks forward to receiving input from citizens. Please communicate your ideas to your Ward and District Councilors, City staff or me. Our contact information is listed on Page 2.
City Praises Ruling Against Supertower

The Jefferson County Commissioners voted 2-1 to deny the proposed Lake Cedar Group rezoning for a supertower on Lookout Mountain on Sept. 27. The City of Golden is extremely pleased with the courageous decision made by the County Commissioners. The Commissioners appropriately followed the law to protect the health and safety of Jefferson County residents.

“When this case began two years ago, Golden City Council committed tremendous amounts of energy, funds and resources to fighting the rezoning because we believed it was the right thing to do,” said Mayor Pro Tem Bob Nelson. “Against the odds, the City of Golden showed that when our small community has its back against the wall, we have the will and capability to push back and do right by our citizens. Today, the Commissioners showed that same level of courage and dedication to their citizens.”

As a separate matter outlined in the October 2005 Informer, Golden City Council recently adopted a resolution stating its intent to acquire some of the LCG property, along with several adjacent properties, for Open Space. Both the City and County have had a long-standing desire to preserve the mountain backdrop for the quality of life of current citizens and future generations of not only Goldenites, but also visitors to the Rocky Mountain foothills. The City intends to move forward with negotiations with Lake Cedar Group to acquire the property, which sits in between two other large areas of Jefferson County designated Conservation Open Space.

“The City is acquiring this land because of its importance as Open Space, not because of the supertower,” said City Manager Mike Bestor. “Thus, the County’s decision does not affect our interest in acquiring this property as a crown jewel of our open space program.”

The City is finalizing appraisals of the properties on Lookout Mountain and intends to offer the land owners fair market value to acquire the parcels for Open Space. City Attorney Jim Windholz said the City is prepared to take up eminent domain proceedings if the property owners are not interested in selling.

HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

2006 Budget Being Finalized

This regular column in the Golden Informer identifies some of the items of greater community interest that are likely to be scheduled for community discussion in coming weeks. For specific agendas and schedules, visit www.cityofgolden.net.

The City of Golden’s 2006 Budget hearings began in October and continue through a final public hearing Nov. 10. Come learn more about how your tax dollars are spent and then let City Council know what you think. The remaining budget hearings are scheduled as follows:

Nov. 9 – CBAC review of 2006 Budget recommendations from Council and public hearing

Nov. 10 – PUBLIC HEARING on 2006 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, Council amends 2005 Budget and adopts 2006 Budget and CIP, Council sets mill levy for 2006. Council will also discuss the City shops financial plan and Rooney Road Sports Complex at this meeting.

The final, adopted 2006 Budget will be ready for public distribution on Dec. 31. If you have questions about the City Budget, call 303-384-8020.
The City of Golden is currently working on plans to move its Shops facility to a new location.

The project is the result of a 2003 facilities study that analyzed the City’s current needs and projected space requirements for employees and equipment through 2012. While the results of the study showed all City departments are significantly short on space, the most pressing need was in the Public Works Department. The study identified a need for 45,000 to 69,200 additional square feet needed immediately in this department.

After reviewing the study, City Council appropriated $750,000 in the 2004 Sales and Use Tax Capital Fund for in-depth engineering and architectural analysis and programming for the needed Public Works and shops facilities (currently located just west of Lions Park).

Early this year, the City assembled a professional team of ACR Engineering, RNL Design, TST Engineering and Pinkard Construction to develop a value-engineered plan with reliable cost estimates. This team began by examining six potential properties in the City that might be adequate for the required new City shops.

The extensive analysis concluded that a property on Eighth Street would be the most cost-effective, long-term solution for the overdue upgrade of the City shops facilities. Unfortunately, that property owner was not willing to sell the property, despite City Council offering more than the parcel’s appraised value. Because the current Golden City Council has opted not to acquire property through eminent domain for City facilities, the City looked to the next best location.

That location, north of Golden Gate Canyon adjacent to the Jefferson County yards, is referred to as the “Kilgrove property.” The City Council has entered into a lease-purchase agreement for the 29-acre site with a $600,000 down payment and total price of $3.965,000.

While the City did consider this location’s drawbacks in travel time and gas costs for the City’s fleet, it was identified as the next best option because the first-choice location could not be purchased.
Once the shops have been relocated, the City plans to defray some of the additional costs of this location by selling off the upper part of the current shops location. Additionally, the entire 29-acre Kilgroe parcel will not be needed for the new shops facility, and the excess land will be subdivided and sold, also helping to offset costs. The City expects to recover $3.8 million from the sale of these properties.

The City is currently moving forward with architectural plans for the new facility. Design and construction of the shops is expected to cost approximately $12 million to $13 million, and the City Council is considering financing options. The longer the project is delayed, the more it will cost as a result of construction inflation and rising interest rates. If you would like more information or details on the Shops project, contact Public Works Director Dan Hartman at 303-384-8150.

In addition to the new Shops, the facilities study also indicated urgent space needs in other City departments.

The Golden Volunteer Fire Department conducted a strategic planning process that concluded a significant need to expand and upgrade Fire Station No. 1, 911 10th St., to provide day room and dormitory space for firefighters.

The Golden Police Department, also located at City Hall, 911 10th St., is crowded in locker room and training space, but its dispatch (9-1-1) call center would be far too costly to move from its current location.

The facilities study also identified significant current space needs in Public Works, Planning and City administration.

Currently the City Council is considering adding about $1 million of additional funding for the Fire Station No. 1 expansion to the cost of the City Shops construction. Because of the cost of these two projects, plans to expand the police department and relocate City administration have been scrapped for the time being.
There’s a Plan for Keeping City Streets Snow- and Ice-Free

It’s the kind of thing most of us don’t think about until there’s a bad snowstorm and there’s somewhere we need to be… snow and ice control are an important part of the City services provided by the Public Works Streets Division.

During the 2004-2005 winter season, the City had 17 storm events that totaled 88-inches of snow on our streets! During those storms, the Streets Division worked 784 regular hours and 376 overtime hours to apply 462 tons of salt/sand and 260 tons of IceSlicer over 12,951 lane miles. This was an average of 120 pounds per lane mile of salt/sand and 99 pounds per lane mile of Ice Slicer. The City’s Streets Division currently maintains 230 lane miles (a lane mile is 10-feet wide by 1-mile long).

In order to keep the streets clear of hazardous conditions, the Streets Division follows a specific plan. The City’s complete Snow and Ice Control Plan is 15 pages long, and can be downloaded from the City’s Web site at www.cityofgolden.net.

This plan prioritizes the order in which the Streets Division maintains the 230-lane miles of asphalt pavement in the City limits. Every City street is plowed and sanded during each storm. Alleyways, however, are not maintained for snow and ice control.

The Streets Division utilizes the National Weather Service and Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department for up-to-date weather forecast information. It also coordinates with the Golden Police Department to determine when snow and ice control operations should begin. Officers in the field notify the City’s dispatch center when potentially adverse road conditions exist, serving as the eyes and ears of the Streets Division. City policy is to begin plowing once 2- to 3-inches of snow has accumulated, and to plow before sanding begins.

The City’s seven snowplows are equipped with computer-controlled sanders that calibrate sand spreading. The City uses one part salt mix to five parts sand mix, and sands priority areas, such as bridges, inclines, curves, fire stations and schools before other areas.

Early deicing is done with a special product called Ice-Slicer as conditions dictate on specified routes. This product melts ice much faster than sand and salt, and lasts longer, requiring no sweeping of sand residue after the storms. Sand is swept after each storm as soon as conditions allow.

The City of Golden is working hard to keep the streets free and clear of snow and ice to provide you safe transportation this winter.
The 30th annual Golden Civic Foundation auction and dinner will begin at 5 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Denver Marriott West. The theme of this year’s auction in ‘70s Retro with the catch phrase “Groovin’ in Golden, Still Truckin’ After 30 Years.” This event is considered by many to be the social event of the year in Golden, and most of the proceeds go to the Foundation’s grant programs that benefit various Golden organizations and city projects. The event is open to the public, but seating is limited, and tickets go fast. Tickets are $80 each or $750 for a table of 10. Call 303-526-0524 for tickets.

THROUGH NOV. 30

Men of the Cloth
A fascinating and enlightening exhibit of quilts by men will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave. While quilting is historically associated with women, men are turning to this art in greater numbers each year as a medium for expressing their creativity. Their backgrounds are as diverse as their styles, as the artists in this seventh biennial exhibit show in their wide range of quilts. Call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

CHINTZ REPRODUCTION QUILTS
Lori Stubbs has fallen in love with quilts from the late 18th and early 19th centuries. She has collected reproduction fabrics of those periods and created many masterpiece quilts in the style of the time. Her rich and color intense medallion quilts are a treat for the eye. Come and enjoy these beautiful quilts and the stories behind their creations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave. Call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

THROUGH DEC. 16

Write to Santa
North Pole Golden, U.S. Postal Box for Santa, Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. Bring your letters to Santa’s mailbox and Santa will answer them. Call 303-279-3113.

THROUGH DEC. 31

Golden City Tastes and Traditions Cookbook
This is the perfect holiday gift and is available at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. This is not only a collection of great recipes, it is a collection of unusual stories and facts about Golden. Regular price is $19.95 plus tax, on sale through Nov. and Dec. for only $8 including tax! Call 303-279-3113.

Heritage Square holiday play
Heritage Square Music Hall “I’ll be Home for Christmas” at Heritage Square Music Hall includes the play and musical review to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Dinner and show or show-only tickets are available. Call 303-279-7800. The Children’s Theatre will feature “The Night Before Christmas” from Nov. 12 through Dec. 31.

NOV. 13

Quilt Tour and Lecture
Lorie Stubbs will give a gallery tour and lecture about her quilts at 2 p.m. at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave. Guest fee is $5, RMQM members admitted free. RSVP by calling 303-277-0377.
The 31st Holiday Art Market at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., will feature unique handcrafted gifts for holiday shoppers. All items are original in design and creatively crafted by hand. Come by between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, or from 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Call 303-279-3922.

NOV. 18
Opening Holiday Reception
Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., will hold its opening holiday reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Free admission.

NOV. 18 THROUGH DEC. 18
“Inspecting Carol” holiday play
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Miners Alley Playhouse in Historic Downtown Golden presents “Inspecting Carol” as the featured holiday season play. For reservations, call 303-935-3044.

NOV. 19 THROUGH DEC. 30
Holiday Art Market
The 31st Holiday Art Market at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., will feature unique handcrafted gifts for holiday shoppers. All items are original in design and creatively crafted by hand. Come by between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, or from 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Call 303-279-3922.

NOV. 24 THROUGH 25
Thanksgiving Holiday
City of Golden offices will be closed Nov. 24 and 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

DEC. 2
Olde Golden Candlelight Walk
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Dress festively and gather at 6 p.m. at 15th and Arapahoe streets for caroling. Hot beverages will be served by the Golden Lions Club at the top of the hill. The Golden Chamber of Commerce will sell candles for 50 cents. The Walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. This year’s Candlelight Walk will be led by the Colorado School of Mines Concert Choir and Santa Claus. After the Walk, the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave., will serve hot beverages, cookies (compliments of Golden Safeway) and toys (compliments of McDonalds). The Golden Visitors Center is decorated inside and out with lights galore and a two-story Christmas tree decorated with more than 200 snowflakes hand-crocheted by Esther Papenfus. Live reindeer will be in the parking lot for children to pet. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided at several businesses and cultural facilities. Call 303-279-3113.

Fridays and Saturdays in December
Hot Cider and Cookies
The Golden Hotel, 800 11th St., will serve complimentary hot cider and cookies in the lobby from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24. Call 303-279-0100.

Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17
Olde Golden Christmas on Parade
Come see a true olde-fashioned hometown parade with floats, clowns, winter and holiday characters, music and Santa. Join us from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 3, 10 and 17 and enjoy the true spirit of Christmas on Washington Avenue. Golden’s Victorian Carolers will stroll the Avenue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 303-279-3113.

Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 3 through 18
Free Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides
Free horse-drawn carriage rides will be available through historic downtown Golden. Pick up your ride on 13th Street between Washington Avenue and Arapahoe Street from noon to 4 p.m. Call 303-279-3113.

Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 3 through 18
Ride the Train and Take Photos with Santa
Santa Claus arrives at Heritage Square at noon! Ride the train with Santa Claus (weather permitting) and see Radio Disney at the Square from noon to 2 p.m. on Dec. 3 only. Have your photo taken with Santa at his house from noon to 3 p.m. Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18. Call 303-277-0040.

CSM Christmas Concert
The Colorado School of Mines Christmas Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Green Center in Bunker Auditorium. Visit www.mines.edu

Library Open
The Golden Library, 1019 10th St., will be open until 8:30 p.m. for the Candlelight Walk. Come and enjoy the refreshments and live entertainment! Check out books, CDs, videos, books-on-tape, and DVDs. Browse the Internet. There will be a display of holiday materials available for checkout, and a sale table from our Friends Gift Shop, so bring your library card, your pocketbook, your appetite and a friend. Call 303-279-4585.

Leadership Golden Ornament Signing
Artist Gene Youngman of Golden High School will be available at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave., to sign this year’s Leadership Golden tree ornament from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This
year’s ornaments are $8, with $1 going to support the Golden High School Art Department. Past ornaments will be for sale at $6 each. Call 303-279-3113.

Joy Egan’s Christmas Fest and Radio Disney

Joy Egan’s Christmas Fest will be featured at the end of the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. A special performance by Radio Disney Commotion will be at 7:15 p.m. Call 303-384-8100.

Free Museum Admission

Enjoy free admission at the Astor House Museum and Clear Creek History Park after the Candlelight Walk, from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be historical interpreters in 1800s dress to answer questions and demonstrate historic crafts. Refreshments available. Call 303-278-3557.

Chestnut Roasting and Caroling

The Golden Pioneer Museum, 923 10th St., will roast chestnuts and serve its famous apple cider, Christmas cookies and popcorn from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. The D’Evelyn High School Concert Choir will perform at the museum after the Candlelight Walk. Call 303-278-2755.

DEC. 3

Olde Golden Christmas on Parade, free carriage rides, cider and cookies, photos with Santa and more! See Multiple Date Events sidebar on Page 10.

Holiday Chili Cookoff

The Holiday Chili Cookoff will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 13th Street and Washington Avenue. Call John Montgomery at 303-831-5000.

Holiday Book Boutique

The Golden Library, 1019 10th St., will host the Holiday Book Boutique from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Friends Gift Shop. Call 303-279-4585.

Free Baroque Folke Holiday Concert

Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., will host a free Baroque Folke holiday concert from 1 to 2 p.m. Call 303-279-3922.

Cowboy Christmas Ball

The Buffalo Bill Days committee invites one and all to come for dinner with cash bar and live entertainment from 6 to 11 p.m. Dress Western or Victorian – prizes will be given for best outfits. Cost is $40 per person or $75 per couple. Call 303-384-0003.

Children’s Choir to Perform

The Children’s Choir of Golden, directed by Allison Olsson, will perform a Winter Celebration of Readings and Carols at 7 p.m. in Calvary’s Great Hall, on the corner of 14th and Arapahoe streets. The program includes music from around the world, with the Training Choir (ages 4-7) joining in for a few songs. Artwork created by the children will adorn the hall; the children will also be the readers. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for children ages 6 to 11 years old, and free for children under the age of 6. Call 303-279-2932 or visit www.goldencommunitychoirs.org.

DEC. 4

Free carriage rides, photos with Santa and more! See Multiple Date Events sidebar on Page 10.

JSO Holiday Concert

The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra’s Holiday Family Concert, featuring La Fiesta de la Posado - Brubeck, and the ever-popular holiday sing-along, will start promptly at 7 p.m. at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center, 16th and Cheyenne streets. The concert will include Ludwig van Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 3 in E-flat, Op. 55.” Call 303-278-4237.

DEC. 10

Olde Golden Christmas on Parade, free carriage rides, cider and cookies, photos with Santa and more! See Multiple Date Events sidebar on Page 10.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**DEC. 10**

*Children’s Art with Santa*
Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., will host a Children’s Free Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arts, crafts, entertainment, Santa Claus and refreshments. Ages 4-10 years. Call 303-279-3922.

**Handel’s Messiah Concert**
The Golden Concert Choir, with director Carma Romano-LaMorte, will perform Handel’s *Messiah* at 7 p.m in the Colorado School of Mines Green Center. Call 303-279-5177 or visit [www.goldencommunitychoirs.org](http://www.goldencommunitychoirs.org).

**DEC. 10 AND 11**

*Victorian Christmas Carols and Tea Luncheon*
Come enjoy the very special Victorian Christmas Carols and Tea Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Astor House Museum. Take in the beautiful voices of the women’s A Capella quartet, 4 Ever More – a joyous way to start off the holiday season. Hear traditional Christmas carols of the 1800s and 1900s, and learn the history and meaning of carols from the Victoria era. Cost is $21 for members or $25 for non-members. Call 303-278-3557.

**DEC. 17**

*Olde Golden Christmas on Parade, free carriage rides, cider and cookies, photos with Santa and more! See Multiple Date Events sidebar on Page 10.*

**DEC. 18**

*Free carriage rides, photos with Santa and more! See Multiple Date Events sidebar on Page 10.*

**DEC. 21**

*First Day of Winter*

**Men’s Night Out**
Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., hosts the popular annual Men’s Night Out, a wonderful opportunity for men to do their holiday shopping with the assistance of our personal shoppers. Call 303-279-3922.

**DEC. 23 & 24**

*Free cider and cookies and more! See Multiple Date Events sidebar on Page 10.*

**DEC. 25**

*Christmas Day*

**DEC. 26**

*Hanukkah*
City of Golden offices are closed in observance of the winter holidays.

**DEC. 31**

*New Year’s Eve*

**JAN. 1**

*Happy New Year!*

**JAN. 2**

City of Golden offices are closed in observance of the new year.

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To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:
Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to shenderson@ci.golden.co.us. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
In November 2004, Jefferson County voters approved a bond election providing Jeffco Public Schools with $323.8 million for building, renovating and repairing school facilities. This was the first time voters had approved increased funding for county school buildings since 1999. With the guidance of the Citizens’ Capital Oversight Committee, the district developed a list of 440 capital improvement projects scheduled to be completed over the next six years.

Included in that list is the complete facility replacement and site redevelopment of our own Golden High School. The construction timeline is set from October 2006 through January 2009, with the expectation to occupy the new high school and begin holding classes starting in August of 2008. The budget for the construction is $33 million.

The existing Golden High School will be totally replaced on the existing site. Classes will continue in the existing building during construction. Once the new building is completed, the existing building will be razed to make way for a new parking lot, parent drop-off area and bus loop. Simultaneously, the baseball and softball fields will be completed in their new locations. The soccer field and tennis courts will be moved offsite to the Johnson Facility site.

The design process began early in 2005, and includes participation by students, staff and community members. The school district is working with the City of Golden on access points and plans for a revamped intersection near 24th and Jackson Street.

During construction on Golden High School there will be some impact on the neighborhood such as noise from heavy machinery and trucks as well as dust in the air and dirt or mud on the street. The district asks that contractors water down the site for dust control and clean the streets when necessary. The school district, working with the City of Golden, will attempt to notify the community of road and parking changes.

Work hours are limited to between 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. weekdays in most cases. Weekend and later or earlier working hours are not expected, but will be dependent upon the construction schedule and weather conditions. For safety purposes, Jeffco Public Schools asks anyone not working on the construction project to gain prior approval before entering the work site. The construction site will be completely surrounded by safety fencing. Safety is our greatest concern.

If you have questions or would like to get involved and give your input about the project, contact GHS Principal Mike Murphy by calling 303-982-4200 or email memurphy@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Don’t Get Sick, Get Vaccinated

This winter, don’t get bit by the flu bug — get the influenza vaccine! The City of Golden is providing the flu shot for your convenience:

LOCATION: Golden Community Center, Bear Creek South Room, second floor
DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 16
TIME: 7 to 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m.
COST: $25

People getting flu shots at this location must be at least 4 years of age or older. Pneumonia vaccines will also be available to those 18 years of age and older. We accept Medicare Part B, Secure Horizons and Rocky Mountain Health Plan upon presentation of insurance card. Please wear a short sleeved shirt on “shot day.”
Protect Yourself from Holiday Thefts

With the holiday season knocking on our doors, the Golden Police Department would like to remind residents that not everyone does their holiday shopping in stores. Below are a few suggestions to help you have a fun and safe holiday season.

Keep your house doors and windows locked when you are not home. Occasionally walk around the outside of your house and check seldom used doors and windows. Often you will be surprised to find one or two open.

Close your garage doors when you are not in it. Garages offer ample opportunities for potential thieves to make a quick theft of easily accessible items including bicycles, sports equipment, tools and items inside a vehicle.

Do not leave your vehicle running unattended on cold mornings, even if you are only going to be gone for a minute. Car thieves are specifically targeting neighborhoods on cold mornings hoping for an easy steal. A professional car thief can break into your vehicle and drive away in just a few seconds.

When shopping, lock your car and place your gifts in your trunk or cover them with a blanket. Thieves frequently cruise through mall and shopping center parking lots looking for easy items to steal.

Over the last few years, the Golden Police Department has noticed an increase in lawn decoration thefts. If you have an expensive lawn decoration, place it next to a large tree or solid object and use a bicycle chain to secure it in place.

Beware of holiday donation solicitations. If you would like to make a donation to a charity, contact the organization directly. If you receive a phone solicitation, ask for a main phone number, confirm it in the phonebook or on the Internet and then call them back.

After opening any gifts, place empty boxes, manuals and assembly instructions inside a black trash bag before leaving them curbside for trash pick up. Thieves are able to inventory all the new items houses have inside by driving through neighborhoods on trash day and noting what gifts they received.

If you have any questions about other steps you can take for crime prevention, please call the Golden Police Department Administrative Services Division at 303-384-8031.

Learn to Prevent Crime at Home or Business

The Golden Police Department Community Services Division is committed to reducing crime in the community through proactive policing. Recently, two officers completed a certification class called Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). The program is intended to reduce potential crime through landscape and building designs for new construction and current properties.

After completing a survey of the property, officers complete a written recommendation for the property owner with suggestions on possible changes. Frequently, the suggestions are as simple as pruning trees and shrubs or installing lights. Both private homes and businesses can take advantage of the survey to help reduce theft, robberies and break-ins.

The CPTED program is free to any Golden resident or business owner. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact the Golden Police Department Community Services Division at 303-384-8031.

Code Q & A

Q: Does the City of Golden have a law requiring you to shovel your sidewalks?

A: Yes. Golden Municipal Code section #11.08.140 requires any owner or occupant of any property, whether a private residence or business, to remove any accumulation of snow more than 1-inch no later than 24 hours after the snowfall stops. The Municipal Code also requires the removal of any accumulation of mud, ice or any other obstruction from the sidewalks around the property.

If you have any Code Enforcement related questions please call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045 and ask to speak to a Code Enforcement Officer, or check out the Municipal Code on the web at www.cityofgolden.net.
Prominent Golden business leader Chip Parfet was Tased with 50,000 volts of electricity Oct. 29 by the Golden Police Department in Parfet Park. Parfet volunteered to demonstrate the use of the Taser to show the importance of this vital law enforcement tool. Parfet is attempting to raise $15,000 to donate to the Golden Police Department for purchasing enough upgraded tasers for each officer to have their own.

Golden Business Leader Tased

The Golden Police Department tased Golden business leader Chip Parfet on Oct. 29 in Parfet Park at 10th Street and Washington Avenue as a demonstration of this vital law enforcement tool. Parfet is attempting to raise $15,000 to donate to the Golden Police Department for purchasing enough upgraded tasers for each officer to have their own.

Golden Aids in Hurricane Relief

The City of Golden, its residents, businesses, service organizations and nonprofits are pitching in to help Hurricanes Katrina and Rita victims in a variety of ways.

The City of Golden offered its employees the opportunity to help hurricane victims by cashing in and donating a portion of accrued sick and vacation time balances. The City collected more than $5,100 that was donated to the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund on behalf of City of Golden employees.

Golden Firefighters Kim Canarecci, Alex Dorgan-Ross, Tucker Smith and Jeremy Nichols left Golden Sept. 8 to assist FEMA in the aftermath response to Hurricane Katrina. They were stationed in downtown New Orleans and assisted in operations.

Other local groups involved in hurricane aid efforts included the Golden Relief Group, Golden Change Drive, Katrina Relief Concert in Parfet Park, Golden Lions Club, Miners Alley Playhouse, the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce and Golden Farmers Market vendors. For more detailed information, visit www.cityofgolden.net and click on “View All News Items.”

Determining Whether a Vehicle is Abandoned

The City considers a vehicle to be abandoned if left unattended on private property for a period of 72-hours or on public property for a period of 24-hours. Also any vehicle not capable of travel under its own power or not bearing current registration is deemed abandoned. Hobby repair work and vehicle parts must be completely contained within a garage type enclosure. This does not include minor vehicle maintenance, such as changing oil, sparkplugs or tires.

An abandoned vehicle can be towed by the City at the owner’s expense and the owner can be criminally charged.

For a printed version of the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance, look on the City’s Web site at www.cityofgolden.net under the Municipal Code section for Health and Sanitation. To report an abandoned vehicle, call the Golden Police Department non-emergency number at 303-384-8045. Please include the location, description and license plate of the vehicle being reported.
How to Have a Happy, Fire-Safe Holiday

With the winter holiday season upon us, the Golden Fire Department reminds everyone to keep your home safe from potential fire. Each year, holiday season fires nationwide injure 2,000 individuals and cause over $500 million in damage. The Golden Fire Department recommends the following safety tips to ensure a safe and happy holiday season.

TURKEY FRYER SAFETY TIPS

Reports of fires and burns related with turkey fryer use are increasing throughout the United States. Fires start when the oil reaches excess temperatures or oil comes in contact with the open flame of the fryer. The splashing of hot oil can cause severe burns. It is very important that consumers closely monitor the temperature of the oil. If any smoke is noticed coming from the pot of oil, turn the burner off immediately.

When using a turkey fryer the Golden Fire Department recommends you thoroughly thaw and dry all meats before cooking in hot oil to help prevent splashing of oil when the turkey or other meat is added. If you receive a burn, immediately run it under cool water for 15 minutes. Keep the fryer in full view while the burner is on. Use the fryer outdoors away from buildings and any other material that can burn. Never use turkey fryers on a wooden deck or in a garage. Raise and lower food slowly to reduce splatter and avoid burns. If a fire occurs, immediately call 9-1-1. Do not attempt to extinguish the fire with water. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to determine the proper amount of oil to add.

SELECTING AND CARING FOR A LIVE TREE

Needles on fresh evergreen trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches. Bounce the tree trunk on the ground, if many needles fall off, the tree is too dry and could be a fire hazard. Cut a couple inches off the bottom of the tree and place it in water as soon as possible after purchase. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree.

When disposing of your tree, never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or woodburning stove. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling area set up in the City of Golden, or have it hauled away by a community pick-up or trash service.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory. Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Make sure to periodically check the wires—they should not be warm to the touch. Do not overload electrical outlets. Do not leave holiday lights on unattended!

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CANDLES

If you do use them, make certain they are in stable holders or in some type of a container and place them where they cannot be easily knocked over. Make certain the candles are placed away from curtains or any flammable material. Never leave the room or house with candles burning.

FIREPLACES AND WOOD STOVES

Clean and inspect your chimney or wood-burning stove annually. Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves. Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire. Use only seasoned hardwood. Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove. Do not leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. When cleaning your fireplace or wood stove, put all ashes in a metal container with a lid and store outside your home.

FINALLY...

Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis. Replace the battery in your smoke alarm at least once a year!

For more information, call the Golden Fire Department at 303-384-8094.

Please Recycle Your Tree

If you have a live Christmas tree, the City encourages you to recycle it at an appropriate location. Golden will provide tree recycling beginning Dec. 26 at a site to be determined. Please visit [www.cityofgold-en.net](http://www.cityofgold-en.net) or call City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141 to learn where your tree can be taken. The location will also be published in the Jan. 1 issue of the Informer.
Annual Pottery Show and Sale Nov. 26-27
Join us for the annual Student/Instructor Pottery Show and Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 26 and 27 at the Golden Community Center. This show and sale is an excellent way to begin your holiday shopping for unique and handmade gifts. Everything is a one-of-a-kind.

Book Your Event at the Community Center
If you are looking to book a holiday event, wedding ceremony and/or reception, graduation, or any other event, call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates. Make your event special — have it at the Golden Community Center.

COME TO CAMP SNOWBALL!
Don’t sit around at home during the holidays. This camp is guaranteed to keep everyone busy! Activities include arts and crafts, gym time, cooking, field trips, swimming, climbing wall and more. Don’t miss out during this holiday break! All campers are required to bring a sack lunch. An afternoon snack will be furnished.
Ages: 6 to 12 years
$28 resident, $33 non-resident per day
Drop Off: 7:30 to 9 a.m.
Pick Up: 4 to 6 p.m.
Camp Program: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Registration #34400
  (1) Friday, Dec. 23
  (2) Monday, Dec. 26
  (3) Tuesday, Dec. 27
  (4) Wednesday, Dec. 28
  (5) Thursday, Dec. 29
  (6) Friday, Dec. 30
  (7) Monday, Jan. 2
  (8) Tuesday, Jan. 3
  (9) Wednesday, Jan. 4
  (10) Thursday, Jan. 5
  (11) Friday, Jan. 6

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Weight Room Orientation
Learn general fitness guidelines and how to correctly use the weight machines in this one-hour orientation. For ages 16 and older, registration is required as space is extremely limited.
Free for Silver Sneakers members (please swipe your membership card at the front desk), $5 all others.
6 p.m. Nov. 16

Boot Camp
Intermediate/Advanced class when you’re ready to change up your routine a notch.
6 to 7 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Nov. 15 through Dec. 29
(no class Nov. 24 or Dec. 22)
$72 residents, $77 non-residents, or drop-in for just $8

Intro to Pilates
This class is required before taking any other Pilates class at the Community Center. Learn the basics and the lingo of Pilates in this intro level class. Register early, space is limited and fills up quickly!
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 7 through Nov. 21
$20 residents, $25 non-residents, no drop-ins

Beginning Yoga
Yoga is a great way to center yourself before you start your stressful day. This class is for those who are new to the Yoga experience.
7 to 8 a.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 30 through Dec. 14
(no class Dec. 21 or 28)
$18 residents, $23 non-residents, or drop-in for $8

Yoga
This popular evening class is 1½ hours so you can enjoy your Yoga experience longer!
6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 3 through Dec. 15
(no class Nov. 24)
$54 residents, $59 non-residents, or drop-in for $10

And Much More!
Don’t forget to check out our aerobics drop-in schedule (all drop-in classes are covered under the facility fee) at www.cityofgolden.net and see what other great classes we offer, such as kickboxing, step aerobics, Silver Sneakers, Muscle classes, and total body classes. They’re a great way to get in shape!

The Golden Community Center is located at 1470 10th St., on the north edge of Lions Park. You can register for any of the following classes and more online at www.goldenrec.com or by calling 303-384-8100. Please let us know that you read about us in The Informer.
Board Preserves Golden’s Historic Legacy

By Genevieve Hale

Founded in 1859 during the Colorado gold and silver booms, the City of Golden has a rich Western legacy, of which Goldenites are very proud. In fact, Goldenites have endeavored to retain Golden’s character by successfully preserving historic buildings, homes and other significant structures. In response to the need for preserving Golden’s historical character, the Historic Preservation Board was formed in 1983. The Board is comprised of seven members and one alternate, all of whom are Golden residents who have submitted applications, been appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the majority of City Council. Appointments are for four year terms.

Current Historic Preservation Board members are Traci Case, Lynda Wentworth, Roger Mattson (chair), Laura McCall, J.W. Hunt, Shannon Smith, Judy Mott and Sean McVay (vice chair). Golden Director of Planning and Development Steve Glueck serves as an advisor and a liaison between the City Council and the Board. In addition to serving on HPB, all Board members are required to serve as a liaison to at least one other City board, commission and/or historic preservation group and to regularly attend those meetings, as well. All Board members must also attend various seminars and conferences provided by accredited historic associations.

The HPB has a myriad of responsibilities, foremost of which is evaluating and deciding what properties merit historic preservation designation. The Board raises public awareness about the value of historic and cultural preservation, and it evaluates and comments on decisions by other public agencies that have an impact on the physical development and land use patterns in or that affect designated historic places. The HPB may also, among many other things, make recommendations to City Council concerning the following:

• How grants from federal, state or private sources can be used to promote the preservation of historic or architecturally significant buildings in Golden;
• The manner in which property contracts can be used for the purpose of historic preservation where private preservation is not possible; and,
• When façade easements can be acquired and other restrictions imposed for historic preservation purposes.

The HPB, along with staff support from the Planning and Development Department, is also responsible for representing City museum interests. The role of the Board in this capacity is to:

• Advise the City Manager on the type and level of financial support for the City-owned museums (this includes the Pioneer Museum, the Astor House Museum and Clear Creek History Park);
• Evaluate reports, operational plans and programs provided by the non-profit organizations that operate and manage the museums;
• Advise the non-profit organizations operating and managing the museums regarding historic preservation issues and opportunities for additional funding; and,
• Provide support for long-term planning efforts by the management organizations.

Historic Preservation Board meetings are held on the first Monday evening every month in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. Study sessions are occasionally scheduled for the third Monday of each month. Meetings are open to the public and are listed online at www.cityofgolden.net. You can also read the Board’s meeting minutes online.

Nominate an Endangered Site

The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) is seeking nominations for its 2006 Endangered Sites List. Golden’s historic places are under the constant threat of development and deterioration or neglect. In order to bring attention to special places not currently protected by historic designation, HPB annually identifies our town’s most endangered landmarks and landscapes. With the aid of the public, HPB honors Golden’s historic treasures through the annual Endangered Sites List. The list brings awareness and attention to Golden’s historic treasures, as well as educating the community on the value of historic preservation of our town’s unique places. Nomination forms will be available beginning Nov. 14 online at www.cityofgolden.net or by calling 303-384-8097. HPB encourages anyone interested in historic preservation to submit a nomination.
Fill out this entry form and bring it to any participating Golden merchant this holiday season to enter the “Holiday Surprises, Golden Prizes” sweepstakes and have a chance to win the following great prizes.

PRIZES INCLUDE:
★ $100 GOLDEN CHAMBER BUCKS GIVEN WEEKLY
★ GIFT CERTIFICATES TO PARTICIPATING STORES
★ GRAND PRIZE OF $1,000 GOLDEN CHAMBER BUCKS!

PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS:
• Foothills Art Center • Ptarmigan Clothiers • Foss General Store
• Baby Doe’s Clothing • Plummer’s Jewelry • Country Mouse of Golden
• Anthony’s Pizza & Pasta • Meyer Hardware • Golden River Sports

The above information may be used by City of Golden or participating businesses only, for future mailings. All prizes are final. Must be 18 years or older to enter and win. No purchase necessary for initial entry. New entry required for each of the following remaining draw dates: 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21. CODE: INFORMER#1