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Council’s Corner
Below is a copy of the Golden City Council’s calendar. Council meetings and study sessions are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Thursdays in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

Nov. 4 Study Session
Nov. 11 REGULAR MEETING (public hearing on the budget)
Nov. 18 Study Session and REGULAR MEETING
Nov. 25 No meeting for Thanksgiving holiday
Dec. 2 Study Session and REGULAR MEETING

Council’s upcoming agendas and previous meeting minutes are available online at www.CityOfGolden.net under the City Council link, or call Deputy City Clerk Karla Leibelt at 303-384-8015.

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Holiday shopping in downtown Golden is always a treat because of the unique ambiance the historic area lends to the holiday season.

With all of the Olde Golden Christmas events held by the Golden Chamber of Commerce and downtown merchants (see the Community Calendar on pages 10 and 11), the lights the City puts up in all the big trees on Clear Creek, special holiday museum exhibits, and the way business owners go all out decorating their storefronts, it’s a beautiful place to shop for the holidays.

But this year, holiday shopping on Washington Avenue will be a little easier, thanks to new directional signs installed by the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA).

These new signs have been installed on many of the corners downtown. They show locations for shops, restaurants, recreational amenities, and cultural and government facilities in and around the core downtown area.

GURA Executive Director Mark Heller said the signs will make it easier for shoppers to know what stores are downtown and find their way to them without delay. Now, you can figure out which way to the art gallery on your list, where to go for a bite to eat, or where to find the fine collectibles for that special person this holiday season.

Parking is never a problem in downtown Golden, where you’re not charged to park on the streets. And if a spot isn’t readily available on Washington Avenue, there are always spots in the free parking garage just west of the avenue on 12th Street, across from the post office.

The best part about shopping in downtown Golden for the holidays is that the money you spend in town benefits your City. Sales taxes collected on your purchases help pay for the City services you value, including police and fire, streets and parks.

So help support your City while having fun shopping for your holiday treasures in a unique, old

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For more information on holiday events in downtown Golden...
please see the Community Calendar on pages 10 and 11,
visit the Golden Visitors Center at 10th Street and Washington Avenue near the new bridge,
or call the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113.
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.

Last winter, the City had 15 major storm events. During those storms, the Streets Division worked 781 regular hours and 526 overtime hours to make sure 13,683 miles of Golden roads were clear of snow and ice so you could drive safely to your destination. The Streets Division put down 934.5 tons of sand and ice slicer.

In order to keep the streets clear of hazardous conditions, the Streets Division has a complete plan it follows. 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.

Among many things, the plan prioritizes the order in which the Streets Division maintains approximately 230 lane miles of asphalt pavement in the City limits. Every City street is plowed and sanded during each storm, as required by the plan. Alleyways 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 utilizes the Golden Police Department to determine when snow and ice control operations should begin. Officers in the field are able to notify the Dispatch Center when potentially adverse road conditions exist. In this way, the Police Department serves as the eyes and ears of the Streets Division and play a major role in the City’s response to storm conditions.

When it goes out during a storm, the Streets Division has a variety of different vehicles to do its job. There are currently three single-axle dump trucks with plows and sanders, three tandem-axle dump trucks with plows and sanders, a 4x4 dump truck with plow, a 4x4 one-ton truck with plow, two front-end loaders, a grader, a backhoe, a skidster, two mechanical sweepers and a vacuum sweeper. In addition, the City has agreements with outside sources for additional equipment and operators if needed.

The City’s seven snowplows are equipped with computer-controlled sanders that calibrate sand spreading. City policy is to begin plowing once 2- to 3-inches of snow has accumulated, and to plow before sanding begins. The City uses one part salt mix to five parts sand mix. It also uses a special product called Ice-Slicer.

The Streets Division reminds citizens that if they wait until the plows make their second pass through your neighborhood, you can avoid having to shovel your driveway off twice. Also, citizens should not shovel snow into the streets for the City to remove.

Regular routes are swept after each storm as soon as conditions allow to reduce winter sand build-up.

The City of Golden is working hard to provide you safe transportation this winter.
**Scooters Could be Illegal**

Parents may want to hold off on buying that goped or mini-motorcycle for their children this holiday season. As part of multiple suggested revisions to the City’s Model Traffic Code, City Council may make such vehicles illegal in Golden at its Dec. 9 meeting.

On Sept. 27, City Attorney Jim Windholz sent a memo to City Council suggesting that the City update its Model Traffic Code to bring it in line with the State’s and other cities’ traffic requirements. There are 21 sections of the traffic code the Council will contemplate revising. One of the recommended revisions would prohibit all unlicensed vehicles, including goped, mopeds, and mini-motorcycles (also called pocket bikes) on City streets, highways and sidewalks. Currently, Golden’s traffic code doesn’t address these vehicles, and so they are allowed. City Council is scheduled to hear the Ordinance on first reading at its Nov. 11 meeting and set Dec. 9 as the second reading and public hearing. On Dec. 9, the Council can choose to adopt the Ordinance as recommended, or they may amend it to allow such vehicles in certain instances, or they may vote it down entirely.

If you would like to comment on the proposal, you can email City Council before Dec. 9 at CityCouncil@ci.golden.co.us or speak during the public hearing Thursday, Dec. 9. Call 303-384-8132 for more information or with questions.

**Streetwise:**

“What’s your favorite thing about Golden in the winter?”

“The weather is gorgeous. Where we come from, we don’t have weather like this. And the fishing is great too.”

– Ron Covert, Golden (originally from Pennsylvania)

“The small village atmosphere. It feels more like a mountain town than a Front Range community.”

– Marvin Hutton, Centennial

“The proximity to everything: close to the city and mountains. And its not too big like Boulder.”

– Tod Barnes, Golden

“I come with the dogs to walk along the creek. And the way the light plays along the mountains.”

– Jean Wall, Denver

“I think seeing the snow on Castle Rock and on the ‘M’ from my house.”

– Harold Rickard, Golden

“It still has that old town feel, but with less tourists.”

– Beth Dufficy, Golden

**Golden Cookbooks Make Great Gifts**

Did you know Golden has its very own cookbook? Just in time for the holidays, you can order “Golden City Tastes and Traditions.” This cookbook comes to you as the result of a team effort of more than 150 people whose community spirit and love of Golden fill the pages with the tastes and traditions of our town.

Filled with not only recipes, but also anecdotes, history and fun facts to show off all that Golden has to offer, this cookbook is a steal.

It is currently being offered at the special holiday price of just $15 — a 25% discount (if you mention reading about it in the Informer).

This cookbook makes a perfect holiday gift, and your purchase benefits local cultural attractions, making it a win-win buy for everyone on your list and the City.

To purchase this special cookbook, send a check or money order to Golden Cultural Alliance, 923 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or call 303-278-7151. You can also ask about it while visiting any of the local museums, or online at www.goldencookbook.com.
Turkey Fryer Safety Tips

Reports of fires and burns from turkey fryer use are increasing throughout the United States, and are especially common during the holidays.

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:

- 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 911. Do not attempt to extinguish the fire with water.
- Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to determine the proper amount of oil to add. If those are not available:
  - Place turkey in the pot.
  - Fill the pot with water until the turkey is completely covered.
  - Remove and dry the turkey.
  - Mark the water level (you can use a permanent marker), dump the water out and dry the pot. Fill the pot with oil to the marked level.
  - Oil level will vary with the size of the turkey you are frying.

If you have any questions regarding turkey fryers or fire safety, contact Kay Woolley in the Golden Fire Department at 303-384-8094.

Snow Shoveling

As the days grow shorter and the weather gets cold, it’s time to dig out that snow shovel… City of Golden Municipal Code requires all property owners or occupants to remove any accumulation of more than one inch of snow, ice or mud from the sidewalks adjacent to their property. The City code does allow property owners and occupants up to 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling to clear their sidewalks. Please be considerate of your neighbors and school children who are walking in your neighborhood – do the neighborly thing and keep your sidewalks clear – it’s the law.
If developers want toll road to spur growth, they should fund study, City says

Requests to waste additional taxpayer funds on an ill-conceived study designed to promote a Jefferson County toll road should be rejected, Golden officials said late last month.

In a Sept. 30 letter to Jefferson County Commissioner Michelle Lawrence not made public until Oct. 20, Colorado Department of Transportation Executive Director Tom Norton and Transportation Commissioner Joe Jehn said that the Northwest Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project will “far exceed” its initial budget of $7.5 million, which has already been spent. In the letter, they ask Jefferson County to provide an additional $2 million toward the $4.5 million more needed to complete the draft EIS. The letter said CDOT would request help from “all of our local partners along the route.” As of press time, no one from CDOT had contacted the City of Golden.

“The state could have fixed a lot of bridges or improved a lot of roads that Jefferson County residents actually use today for the money they’ve already wasted trying to justify a beltway that simply isn’t needed to meet current or future transportation challenges,” said Golden Mayor Chuck Baroch.

“Let’s not throw good money after bad. The fact that they can’t even conduct a study within budget certainly doesn’t bode well for their ability to build a toll road that will pay for itself while addressing the region’s traffic needs,” Baroch added.

City Councilwoman Gwyn Green, who has actively opposed a beltway connection, agreed with the Mayor.

“The communities in this region already spent significant money on the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study in 2000. It concluded that a beltway wasn’t needed,” Green said. “Only a handful of developers would benefit from this proposed toll road and the growth it would generate. So, then the developers – not the taxpayers – should pay for the extra money they’ll need to manipulate the results of this study to reach a predetermined outcome.”

CDOT officials said the cost overrun is due to the “vast number of alternatives” that have caused it to “far exceed the original scope of work and budget.”

In recent newspaper articles, Arvada City Councilwoman Lorraine Anderson said the study’s cost overruns were Golden’s fault for wanting to consider too many possible alternatives to a beltway.

But throughout the Northwest Corridor EIS process, Golden has been constructively involved in suggesting ways to keep down the costs of the study. For example, Golden and others suggested that traffic patterns be modeled on just a few representative corridors initially. Instead, the EIS wasted considerable time and money developing data for more than 70 alternative routes.

Golden also kick-started the EIS process by commissioning, at its own expense, a comprehensive study of traffic solutions for State Highways 6 and 93 by Muller Engineering.

Despite Golden having endorsed the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study’s finding that no beltway needs to be built, Arvada officials have resorted to scare tactics to get their residents to go along with a beltway alignment that would cut through Golden on State Highway 93. In its city newsletter, Arvada Mayor Ken Fellman told residents to “wake up” before Golden rams a tollroad through their backyards, causing many of them to lose their homes and property.

Golden wants no such thing.

“Arvada’s elected officials know better than to fear-monger and try to scare Arvada residents in such a manner,” said Councilwoman Green. “They know as well as we do that a beltway doesn’t need to be built at all.”

Golden continues to support traffic solutions that would improve north-south arterial roads in the region, as recommended by the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study — the only completed traffic study available to date. Just think of how many roads could be improved with the $10 million CDOT wants to waste on a phony study.

For more information on the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study and how to best improve traffic in the region, visit www.BetterTrafficSolutions.com. You can even sign up to get involved!
It’s that time of year again – or in Golden’s case, every other year – the City begins its biennial budgeting process. In coming weeks, City Council will complete the financial planning process and approval of where the City’s revenues (including your tax dollars) will be spent and when.

Citizens are invited to weigh in on the budget in the final of a series of public hearings scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 at City Hall, 911 10th St., in Council Chambers. The regular meeting will include a final public hearing on the 2005-2006 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

Council is scheduled to make its final decision and adopt the budget during the meeting, after the public hearing. Each year, after the budget is adopted, the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) produces an informational brochure about the budget that is mailed to all City households.

There are no tax rate increases proposed for 2005/2006. However, City Council will discuss water and drainage rate increases.

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**Holiday Surprises Golden Prizes**

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 CHAMBER BUCKS GIVEN WEEKLY
- ★ GIFTS FROM PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS GIVEN WEEKLY
- ★ GRAND PRIZE OF $1,000 CASH! (DECEMBER 31ST DRAWING)

Name

Address

City State Zip

Phone

E-mail

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 draw dates: November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

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**Golden Holiday Open House**

**Historic Downtown Golden • November 5, 6, 7**

10–6 Friday, 10–6 Saturday, and Noon–5 Sunday (Hours Vary by Store)

**Open House Participating Merchants:**
- ~ 13th Street Wine Bar
- ~ Mrs. B’s Baskets
- ~ Baby Doe’s Clothing
- ~ Chelsea of London
- ~ Country Mouse of Golden
- ~ Pickets
- ~ Gene Bauer Goldsmith
- ~ Alice Rose
- ~ Foss General Store
- ~ Plummer’s Jewelry (FREE Ring Cleaning & Polishing)
- ~ Ptarmigan Clothiers
- ~ Anthony’s Pizza & Pasta
- ~ Cafe Touche
- ~ The Beauty Bar & Angel’s Spa
- ~ Golden River Sports

**Stop By For A Holiday Preview!**

+ In-Store Specials
+ Demonstrations
+ Gourmet Food Tastings
+ Meet Local Artists
+ Holiday Decor
+ Ornaments & Gifts
+ Free Parking
+ Free in-Store Gift-Wrap
+ Refreshments
+ Old-Fashioned Customer Service

Yoga for People Who Aren’t Advanced Enough to Take a Beginning Yoga Class (a.k.a. Yoga 101)
Leran yoga in the company of others who have no idea what they’re doing. Wear clean socks and comfortable clothes.
11 to 11:55 a.m. Saturdays, Oct. 2 to 16
$18 Resident, $23 Non-resident or $8 Drop-in

Intermediate Yoga
This class takes our regular yoga practice one step further by offering inverted postures. Please bring a blanket or “sticky mat” to class.
Ages 13 and older
9:45 to 10:55 a.m. Saturdays, Nov. 20 to Dec. 18
(no class Nov. 27 or Dec. 25)
$24 resident, $29 non-resident
Registration #32045-03

Tai Chi Chuan, Sun Style, Part 2
Part 1 is required before taking this class, and yes, the instructor will review the moves in case you’ve forgotten them!
Ages 8 and older
6:35 to 7:35 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 17 to Dec. 22
(no class Nov. 24)
$30 resident, $35 non-resident
Registration #32060-01

Intro to Pilates
Learn the basics of this popular form of exercise! Pilates is core conditioning… that’s your abs and back. This class runs three weeks to learn the basics, and if you find you enjoy it and want more, we have the level 2 class starting the week after this one ends!
Ages 14 and older
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 15 to Nov. 29
$20 residents, $25 non-residents
Registration #32020-03

Pilates Level 2
The continuation class from the intro class. Pilates lengthens and tones your muscles, improves postural problems, increases “core” strength, and heightens body awareness. Intro to Pilates is required before taking this class.
Ages 14 and older
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 2 to Dec. 16
(3 weeks due to the holidays)
$18 resident, $23 non-resident
Registration #32025-03

Basics of Kundalini Yoga
Drop in to try this beautiful form of Yoga. We will offer the class as a separate class fee starting on Jan. 13 to give participants the opportunity to progress further in their unique Kundalini practice.
7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays through Dec. 14 -- drop in!

Please check with the Community Center for the special holiday aerobics schedules during the week of Thanksgiving.

Golden Gigs
Teens, gather your friends and head to the Community Center for an evening of music and dancing. Live local teen bands Rcane Malice and Litany will be jammin’ the night away. Tickets will be sold at the door. Snacks and sodas available for purchase.
Ages 13 to 18
Doors at 6:30 p.m., show from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16
$3

Skyhawks Sports Night Scrimmages
Introduce your children to a team atmosphere as we encourage team play and sportsmanship in these organized evening scrimmages. A scrimmage is defined as a game between teams that serves to develop skills, build teamwork and have fun playing the sport! Children will spend 30 minutes highlighting the basics and one hour scrimmaging. During soccer scrimmages, participants must wear shin guards to play; all other equipment for the various sports will be supplied by Skyhawks. Children will be separated by age.
Ages 7 to 14
6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays Nov. 3 to Dec. 8 (no class Nov. 24)
$35 resident, $40 non-resident

Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
This course designed for the pre-teen (11-13 years) helps them prepare for those first babysitting opportunities. Students will learn to identify their own responsibilities, such as routine child care duties (feeding, bathing, and diapering). They will also understand basic child development and be able to provide activities for the developmental stages. Also stressed will be home and fire safety, and infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures. Bring a sack lunch to class.
Ages 11 and older
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6
$50 resident, $55 non-resident

Wee Ones on The Wall
Children have a natural desire and ability to climb. Let us teach them the right place to climb and the safe way to do it. The class is mostly experiential, with an emphasis on fun and safety. Participants should wear tennis shoes.
Ages 6 to 8
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 17
$8 resident, $13 non-resident

A full catalogue of courses is available at the Golden Community Center or online at www.goldenrec.com. Pre-register for all classes at the Golden Community Center, online at www.goldenrec.com or by calling 303-384-8100. Some classes break during holidays.
**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

**Homework Help**
Golden Public Library is offering homework help for elementary school students from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays (except Nov. 23 and 25). Tutoring is available in all subjects at no charge and no reservation is needed. Call 303-279-4585 for more information.

**THROUGH NOV. 21**

**Golden Nights Photography**
Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., is showing an exhibition of work by photographers who participated in the Denver Darkroom’s “Golden Nights” workshop. The students took photos in downtown Golden at night, and their work is on display until Nov. 21. As always, Foothills Art Center is free and open to the public. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Call 303-279-3922 for more information or visit www.foothillsartcenter.com.

**NOV. 4**

**Juggling and Comedy**
This free program for kids of all ages will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Golden Public Library, 1019 10th St. Pickup free tickets in advance in the children’s room. Call 303-279-4585 for more information.

**NOV. 6 - DEC. 30**

**Holiday Art Market**
Foothills Art Center is holding its 30th annual Holiday Art Market, a stunning exhibition and sale offering a diverse range of fine arts and crafts by 180 artists. With a dazzling selection of paintings, photographs, ceramics, jewelry, stained glass, fiber art, hand-blown glass, and much more, this sale is the perfect place to do all your holiday shopping. The market is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Admission is free. For more information, call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.com.

**NOV. 11**

**Veterans Day**
The City of Golden is open on Veterans Day. Please see page 20 for more information on Veterans Day celebrations.

**NOV. 13**

**Golden Civic Foundation 29th annual Auction & Dinner**
Put the date on your calendar and get your tickets reserved. The 29th annual Golden Civic Foundation Auction and Dinner will be held Saturday, Nov. 13. The theme this year is “Hollywood,” and the Golden Fire Department volunteers are the honored guests in celebration of the department’s 125th anniversary this year. Visit www.goldencivicfoundation.org for more information.

**NOV. 20**

**Historic Downtown Golden Cowboy Christmas Ball**
Tickets are on sale for the 3rd annual Historic Downtown Golden Cowboy Christmas Ball, to be held from 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 20 this year at the Buffalo Rose Saloon. This year’s ball will feature two great western music performances and a fantastic chuck-wagon dinner. The evening kicks off with Jon Chandler and the Wichitones (visit www.jonchandler.com), followed by Liz Masterson and Sean Blackburn with the Cactus Crooners (visit www.lizmasterson.com). If you like to two-step, waltz, cha-cha, west coast swing, east coast swing or line dancing to western music, you will not want to miss this event. Tickets are $45 each. To purchase tickets, call 303-949-1046 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is a non-smoking event.

**NOV. 25 & 26**

**Thanksgiving Holiday**
The City of Golden offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 25 and Nov. 26. Golden Public Library also will be closed on Nov. 25.

 Please be sure to get out and vote! NOV. 2

**Election Day**
DEC. 5
JSO Family Holiday Concert
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra will ring in the holidays with its Family Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 at Colorado School of Mines Green Center, 924 16th St. Performances include: Sinfonia Antartica (#7), Vaughan-Williams' harmonic expression of the power of the natural world, and Holiday Music, the always-popular audience sing-along, featuring soprano Mee Ae Nam. Tickets are available at King Soopers, by calling 303-278-4237 or at the Green Center the night of the performance.

DEC. 6
Holiday Book Fair
Barnes and Noble Booksellers is sponsoring a Holiday Book Fair and Author Night from 4 to 9 p.m. Dec. 6 at its Denver West Village location (off Colfax and Indiana) to benefit the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra. Special activities for young readers will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Book signings with local authors will follow from 7 to 9 p.m. Live music will be included in the evening’s entertainment, featuring performances by JSO musicians. Free gift wrapping is available.

ALL WEEK ON CHANNEL 8
“What’s Cooking at the Firehouse”
The Golden Fire Department invites you to watch this informative and fun senior cooking program on Channel 8 at 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

OLDE GOLDEN CHRISTMAS
The Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce hosts these and many other fun-filled holiday season events during December. For more information about these and other events not listed here, please call 303-279-3113.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3
Candlelight Walk
Dress festive and gather at 6 p.m. at 15th and Arapahoe Streets to kick off this year’s annual Candlelight Walk with caroling. The caroling will be led by the Colorado School of Mines choir. The Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce will sell candles for 50 cents. The walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. Hot beverages will be served after the walk by the Golden Lions Club at the top of the hill and at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. The Visitors Center will have complimentary candy canes provided by residents of Clear Creek Commons. Golden Safeway will provide cookies, and other refreshments and entertainment will be provided at downtown businesses and cultural facilities. Call the Chamber at 303-279-3113 for more information on specific happenings that night.

SATURDAYS, DEC. 4, 11 & 18
Olde Golden Christmas on Parade
Come see a true olde-fashioned hometown parade with floats, clowns, Christmas characters, music, and of course, Santa. Join the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the true spirit of the holidays from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in historic downtown Golden on Washington Avenue.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, DEC. 4 & 5, 11 &12, 18 & 19
Free Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides
Free horse-drawn carriage rides through historic downtown Golden will be available. Pick up your ride on 13th Street between Washington Avenue and Arapahoe Street from noon to 5 p.m.

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 email 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., Dec. 1 for the January issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
Don’t want to wait in long lines at the post office to get your passport?

Well, now you can stop by the City of Golden to apply for or renew your passport. Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., is designated as an official Passport Acceptance Facility by the U.S. Department of State. Staff in the City Manager’s office can accept and submit applications to the regional passport office.

To apply for a new passport, you must meet in person with the passport acceptance agent and provide the following:

- Proof of U.S. citizenship (a certified birth certificate, previous passport or certificate of naturalization);
- Driver’s license (or other form of official photo ID);
- Two identical 2”x2” color photographs
- A check or money order payable to the U.S. Department of State for $55 ($40 if under age 16); and
- A check or money order payable to the City of Golden for $30.

If you already have a U.S. Passport and need to renew it, please bring it with you, even if it is expired. This passport can be submitted with your application and will be returned to you with your new passport.

Applicants will usually be issued their passport within six weeks. Expedited service also is available for an additional fee of $60 (check or money order) payable to the U.S. Department of State.

Application forms are available at City Hall, or you can download one from [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). Along with your own personal information, you must know your parents’ birthplaces, birthdates and citizenship. In some cases, additional information is required, such as marriage certificates, court-ordered name changes, parental permission forms, etc. The passport agent can assist you in filling out these forms as required.

The City of Golden suggests that you call in advance to confirm what additional documents you may need to bring with you to complete your application.

The City of Golden accepts applications from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For more information, call Denise Hish at 303-384-8011.

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Tower Update

The City of Golden is continuing to fight the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners’ decision to rezone Lookout Mountain to allow Lake Cedar Group to build a supertower. We will keep you posted on the progress.

7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5

CARE/THREAT fund-raiser: An Evening with Lannie Garrett

Proceeds from this event will support the legal appeal of the supertower approval. The evening will feature a live auction, sumptuous appetizers, cash bar, and the delightful vocal and musical talents of Lannie Garrett and her band. Tickets are $75, and $55 of your contribution is tax-deductible. For more information, call 303-526-3093.

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Recycle Your Phone Books

Ah, the end of the year—out with the old and in with the new … including your phone books. It’s time to recycle your soon to be outdated Qwest Dex White and Yellow Pages and make room for the new edition.

The new Qwest Dex White and Yellow Pages phone book directories are tentatively scheduled to be delivered between Dec. 2 and Jan. 17. Through Feb. 3, Dex is promoting recycling options for your old phone books in your local area.

Golden residents can recycle their old books at the Safeway at 1701 Jackson St. Curbside recycling is available for Golden customers of D&D Disposal or Pro Disposal residential curbside recycling providers.

For more information or other recycling locations outside of Golden, call Dex at 800-422-8793.

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Street Light Out?

If you know of a street light in the City of Golden that is burned out, please report it to us by calling 303-384-8151. It’s extremely helpful if you provide the number that appears on the yellow decal sticker that appears on every light pole. The City can then forward the request for repair to Xcel Energy.
The Golden Lions Club just finished constructing two gazebo pavilions in the City of Golden’s Norman D Park. Both gazebo frames were completed in September and the roof work was finished in October.

The club donated a little more than $10,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the project, and the City covered remaining expenses. Lions Club member John Spice said the club prefers to participate in the construction of projects, in addition to donating money towards them.

The Golden Lions Club, started in 1943, spearheaded the creation of Lions Park and the Lions Ballfields in the early ’70s. The club had previously erected the gazebo pavilions in Lions Park, not to mention several other structures around town including the core building at Ulysses Park, so the new gazebo project seemed like the right fit for its newest project.

About 15 to 20 Lions have spent several hours each Saturday working on the gazebos since mid-August. Volunteers’ hard work enabled the club to complete the project several weeks ahead of schedule. The club took photographs of its progress on the gazebos and plans to show a photo timelapse on [www.HeartOfGolden.org](http://www.HeartOfGolden.org) and [www.GoldenLionsClub.org](http://www.GoldenLionsClub.org) when the project is complete.

The Lions felt that Norman D Park was especially deserving of the gazebos, as the park has a playground, but no covered shelters. When the gazebos are complete, not only will they provide a place to get out of the sun or rain, but the Parks and Recreation Department will outfit them with picnic tables, trash receptacles and mounted grills.

Depending on how fund-raising goes, the Golden Lions Club wants to purchase and build other gazebos in other City parks next year and the year after. If you are interested in getting involved with the Golden Lions Club, contact a current member or visit [www.GoldenLionsClub.org](http://www.GoldenLionsClub.org).
Few can say they’ve devoted their lives to improving their community — but Jo Ann Thistlewood can.

Jo Ann married her husband, Keith Thistlewood, 42 years ago. They moved into their home on Fifth and Arapahoe streets in Golden on their wedding day and have called it home ever since. They raised two sons, David and Joe, in the house, and now their daughters-in-law and four grandsons come to visit them there.

Jo Ann has spent a lifetime working to improve the quality of life in her hometown. She is primarily known for her work as the second president of the Christian Action Guild for the past 20 years, and a volunteer there for 15 years prior to that. The Guild is an ecumenical nonprofit that runs a food bank and thrift store, as well as offering rent, utility and medication assistance programs for needy people living in Golden.

In fact, it was Jo Ann that changed the Guild’s bylaws to require Golden residency as a requirement for assistance. She said they couldn’t provide the top-notch service they do for the whole state.

“We run the best food bank in the country — not the state, not the county, but the country. And it’s because the people in Golden care and see to it that we have everything we need to provide our families with nutritional food,” she said.

Now a Cardinal in Rome, Catholic Archbishop John Stafford spent the day at the Guild, and later named it one of only two food banks in the Denver Archdiocese to raise the quality of life for those in need.

For her work at the Guild, Jo Ann has been recognized multiple times. She is an honorary member of the Golden Rotary Club, who presented her with the State Governor’s Award and named her a Paul Harris Fellow. She was the first woman to receive the Golden Lions Club’s Anne Sullivan award in 2002. The Golden Kiwanis Club also recognized Jo Ann with its Community Service award.

In 1989, she received the Colorado School of Mines’ Medal of Honor for her work. In 2000, she received the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce’s prestigious Charlie O’Brien award. She was the first person to receive the Award for Excellence in Community Service from the National Society of the Daughter of the American Revolution in 1995.

Despite all the hoopla, Jo Ann humbly insists she simply tries to do the right thing. She said she always asks herself if what she’s doing is fair to all those concerned, and then she knows she’s on the right track. She added that the outpouring of community support has kept her going through the years.

“Golden has a history of taking care of its own,” she said. “We’re fortunate not to have to solicit because people here come to us.”

Amazingly, her work with the Guild is not the full extent to which Jo Ann has contributed to the community. She was a leader in the City’s bicentennial project to move the Guy Hill Schoolhouse down from the mountains to the site of the old Mitchell School in 1976. She spent three years working tirelessly on the project.

In large part due to those efforts, on July 4, 1997, Jo Ann was given a badge and dubbed Territorial Marshal for preserving and protecting Golden’s culture.

She served on a task force with a group of citizens that met every week for a year on downtown vitality. This group ultimately led to the formation of the Golden Urban Renewal Authority, which Jo Ann is particularly proud to have been a part of.

She also beams about being a graduate of the Golden Citizens Police Academy, and a Leadership Golden alumni who served on its board for six years.

But then, Jo Ann has always been known as a great student, as well as a leader. The South Dakota Mount Marty High School class of 1950 honored Jo Ann with the Distinguished Alumnus Service Award.

Amongst many other talents, Jo Ann turned out to be quite a writer, as well. She co-authored “Golden: The 19th Century” with Lorraine Wagenbach. In their traditional giving nature, Jo Ann and Lorraine gave the copyright for the book to the Golden Civic Foundation, so that all proceeds from the sale of the book go back to a Golden organization.

Besides her name being on her own book, Jo Ann was named in a book on the top 100 people in Golden’s history. She said it was quite an honor to be in the company of such impressive individuals.

“In looking back over the years, I honestly feel my efforts have been successful in helping make Golden a really great place to live and have fun in,” she said. “If I wasn’t having fun, I wouldn’t be here.”

The City of Golden commend Jo Ann Thistlewood for her dedication to the community and hopes she continues to have fun doing it for many years to come.

To volunteer or donate to the Christian Action Guild, especially during this holiday season, call 303-279-5674.
Volunteers Help Build Trail

On Sept. 18, dozens of volunteers from the community gathered to help convert what was once an unofficial footpath on South Table Mountain near the Lubahn Trail into an official trail connection.

Table Mountains Conservation Fund led the trail building effort, which required the acquisition of the Maurer property as open space by the City of Golden.

The Parks and Recreation Department and its Advisory Board supported the effort, and Golden City Council approved the open space purchase.

National Park Service trail builder High Osborne directed the project with lots of help from community groups and the Boy Scouts of Troop 999 working on the trail as part of Garrett Anderson’s Eagle Scout project.

The Parks and Rec Advisory Board presented Anderson with a letter of appreciation at its Oct. 19 meeting for spearheading this volunteer effort.

Nominate an Endangered Site

The Golden Historic Preservation Board (HPB) will be seeking nominations for the 2005 Endangered Site List. Starting on Nov. 15, nomination forms will be available on the City’s Web site, www.CityOfGolden.net or by calling Nicki Fauble in the Planning Department at 303-384-8096.

Golden’s historic places are under the threat of development, 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 citizens, community organizations, and preservationist organizations, HPB honors Golden’s historic treasures through the annual Endangered Site List.

HPB encourages anyone interested in historic preservation to submit a nomination for the Endangered Site List. Mark your calendar for Nov. 15, when the nomination forms will be available.

During the past 18 months, Information Services Technician Dan Krehbiel has been the driving force behind the City’s new Parks and Recreation online activity registration.

This is perhaps the most involved and complex project ever completed by the IT Department. Dan labored tirelessly and with good cheer in order to work out the details of Internet security, software design, business process analysis, and inter-departmental coordination required to launch this service. He worked countless hours, and was able to maintain his myriad other duties in the process. Near the end of the project, he worked numerous weekends and pulled several all-nighters in order to complete the project.

Now, thanks to his efforts, our citizens can enroll in and pay for Parks and Recreation activities over the phone or the Web, 24 hours a day. The result is a high-tech service of which the City can be proud.

To see his work, visit www.GoldenRec.com.
Have a Tale About the Table Mountains?

As visible signposts in our community, North and South Table Mountains trigger a wealth of stories and memories about Golden. The community is invited to share special tales and recollections about the mountains by submitting them to the Table Mountain Tales Writing Contest.

The contest is divided into categories for youth under 18 years old and adults. It is sponsored by the Golden Landmarks Association (GLA) and the Table Mountains Conservation Fund, Inc. (TMCF). GLA is a nonprofit organization created to help preserve and protect the history and traditions of the Golden area. TMCF is a nonprofit created to preserve and protect the mesas of North and South Table Mountains.

The following rules apply:

- Entries must be original and previously unpublished;
- One entry per person;
- Entries may be fiction or nonfiction;
- Entries may be handwritten or typed – no limit on length of entries; and
- Entries must include a title page listing the author’s name, complete address, telephone number and e-mail address.

No indication of the author’s identity may occur in the text of the entry.

Each entry is considered authorization to GLA for possible publication/distribution in book or electronic format. GLA will maintain First Rights on all entries.

Entries will be judged by a panel of volunteer community members. Entries will be evaluated in terms of theme relevance (North/South Table Mountains and Golden community), as well as reading enjoyment and human interest.

Adult entries are eligible for a $75 first place award, $50 second place award or $30 third place award. Youth entries are eligible for $30 award for the top three entries in the elementary school category, $30 award for the top three entries in the middle school category, or high school entry award of $50 for first place, $30 for second place and $30 for third place.

Questions should be directed to Cristy Shauck at 303-273-0444 or Karen Thorne at 303-279-1236.

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 10 and mailed to Golden Landmarks Association, Attn: Table Mountains Tales Writing Contest, P.O. Box 1136, Golden, CO 80402.
The dawn of agriculture coupled with the ability to store surplus food caused the decline of hunter-gatherer societies. With the change occurred the first appearances of villages and cities, nearly six-thousand years ago.

The earliest cities began in Mesopotamia and then developed in other places. The primary purpose for the formation of villages (and subsequently cities) was to ensure a better chance of survival for inhabitants.

The creation of cities allowed advances to take place in writing, farming, metallurgy, pottery making, weaving and social organization. Cities back then, as now, provided a multitude of economic, cultural and governmental functions. Every city throughout human history has developed out of unique historical processes, however, there are some things common to all cities’ development.

To begin, cities serve as centers of storage, trade and manufacturing, and thus serve an economic purpose. Indeed, cities are generally located near transportation and water routes that facilitate commerce.

Second, cities serve as centers of government.

Third, cities help facilitate the evolution of human culture in such areas as the arts, technical innovation and the sciences.

Finally, cities serve as centers of communication.

The City of Golden’s Origins

Golden City was officially designated in 1859. During the Colorado gold and silver booms, Golden City was a mining district gateway and supply hub.

 Merchants and ranching homesteaders catered to Golden’s booming population.

As one of the oldest communities in Colorado, Golden City quickly established itself as the territorial capital in 1862. It remained the territorial capital until 1867 when Golden City lost this title by one vote to Denver. Nevertheless, Golden has remained the seat of Jefferson County.

In 1871, Golden City was incorporated, and in 1872, the Territorial Legislature dropped “City” from its name. In 1871 the prestigious Colorado School of Mines was founded. Colorado’s first public high school, Golden High School, was opened in 1873.

Though Golden itself never had gold mines, its proximity to the mining districts made it important to Colorado’s mineral extraction and railroad industries. Another important industry in Golden was coal mining. Coal was shipped to nearby mountain mining towns for fuel and for use in local smelters. By the 1870s, Golden’s ranching and manufacturing industries were linked with the railroad industry, and by the 1890s, Golden had developed into a regional tourist destination.

Today, rail lines and coal mining no longer exist in Golden, however, tourism continues to be a pillar of Golden’s economy. Golden also continues to have a vibrant manufacturing sector and has become a magnet for high tech industries.

Golden Government

Golden’s present day governmental structure dates back to 1967 when it became a home rule city. Since that time, it has had a council-manager form of government.

The City of Golden provides many goods and services to its citizens, including but not limited to: water/sewer, police and fire protection, streets and sidewalks, parks/open-space recreation facilities, museums, and so on. These goods and services enable Golden to perform economic, governmental and cultural functions. Moreover, these goods and services are only possible because of municipal government.

Genevieve Hale is pursuing a master’s degree, and is participating in an internship at the City of Golden.
Are You Interested in Liquor Licensing?

Golden City Council is accepting applications for an appointment to be made to the Local (Liquor) Licensing Authority board in December.

Members must be residents of the City of Golden and at least 21 years old. Additionally, LLA members can not have any financial interest in the operation of any business holding a liquor license in the City.

Appointments are for a four-year term. The Authority meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Applications will be taken until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council study session, in the evening, Thursday, Dec. 2, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th Street.

The Local Licensing Authority board was formed by Ordinance No. 1501, adopted by the Golden City Council on June 8, 2000. The board holds public hearings on new license applications; considers transfers of ownership; holds “show-cause” hearings to determine if a liquor violation has occurred; and takes action on various other matters.

Application forms are available through the City Clerk’s office or on the City of Golden’s Web site at www.CityOfGolden.net.

Applications should be submitted by no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23 to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401.

For more information, please call City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014 or email sbrooks@ci.golden.co.us.

Dog Park Success May Lead to Others

Frequented by many dogs who love to run free, the 2.5-acre off-leash dog park that sits on one edge of the Tony Grampsas Sports Complex at 44th and Salvia was recently called “a jewel” in a “country-like setting” by FrontRangeLiving.com.

In fact, Golden’s only dog park has been such a huge success, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is putting together recommendations for additional dog parks to be added.

One of the locations the Board is considering is a few acres of parkland the City already owns between the Ulysses Park ballfields and the U.S. Post Office on Johnson Road. This park would be able to serve residents and their dogs living in the central part of the City.

Another possible location on the southern end of town is near Interstate 70 adjacent to the planned Rooney Road Sports Complex.

Parks and Rec Advisory Board Chair Jerry Hodgden said that dog parks are growing in popularity, and the board wants to make sure that there are parks that are easily accessible from wherever you live in town.

He said the current park is great for dog socialization. One example is that Table Mountain Animal Center uses the dog park to get dogs out of the kennels and exercising a bit, as well as interacting with other people and animals.

There is currently a picnic table available and lots of shaded areas. The Parks and Recreation Department is currently adding handicapped-accessible walkways at Grampsas, which also will be handy for dog park users because you have to enter at the far end of the park.

As the Board moves forward with recommendations to City Council, it has to consider that fencing for the dog parks is the major expense.

“We can’t build a new park every day, so we have to make thoughtful recommendations to Council,” Hodgden said. “Council makes the final decisions.”

If you have suggestions for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, you can find its contact information online at www.CityOfGolden.com.
The following letter was sent to Golden Mayor Chuck Baroch and the City Council regarding the City’s participation in the U.S. AID Sister Cities program with Bulgaria:

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
SOFIA  

September 2, 2004  

The Honorable  
Charles J. Baroch  
Mayor of Golden  
and the City Council  
911 10th Street  
Golden, Colorado 80401

Dear Mr. Mayor and the City Council:

I wish to extend my thanks to you for the outstanding contributions the City of Golden has made to the cities of Bulgaria.

In Bulgaria, cities are struggling to maintain and rebuild their infrastructure, and are hard-pressed to develop a strategy to prioritize the use of limited resources. At the same time, cities are also looking to build their local economies, to create new jobs for their citizens.

In each case, Golden has contributed hands-on assistance to Bulgarian cities, which has enabled them to better meet these difficult challenges. I am impressed by the high level of commitment and professionalism of the Golden participants. They provided not only technical assistance, but a model of professionalism and dedication to public service that is an excellent example for their Bulgarian counterparts.

I also appreciate and value the support that the Golden City Council has provided to the program. No one better represents the values of democracy and freedom than local governments dedicated to providing services to citizens. With your help, we have been able to share the Golden message—an efficient, effective, and responsive local government serving citizens to the best of their ability—with Bulgaria. I am pleased to report to you that, with such extraordinary messengers, the cities of Bulgaria, and the citizens of Bulgaria, are making great progress.

Thank you again for your invaluable support of the cities of Bulgaria.

Sincerely,

James W. Pardew  
Ambassador
In an annual tradition, Golden VFW Post 4171 and the Golden American Legion will again carefully hoist about 300 U.S. flags at the Golden Cemetery by 11 a.m. Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

Korean War veteran Al Rutherford said many people don’t know that they are special flags. They are oversized military burial flags that are draped over veterans’ caskets. He said about 95 percent of the spouses and family members of the deceased veterans buried in the military section of the Golden Cemetery donate the flags to the local VFW. The VFW then embroiders the deceased veteran’s name onto the flag and volunteers carefully hoist them all together each Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Flag Day on what is known as the Avenue of Flags at the cemetery.

“One once the flags are up, I don’t think words can describe it,” Rutherford said. The tradition of hanging the flags at the cemetery originated with the Daughters of the American Revolution and was later turned over to the VFW, which is frequently joined by the local American Legion branch in the honor.

“It’s another day that we get all the different branches of the services together because, when we do something like that, it doesn’t make any difference if you were in the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, whatever,” he said. “The main thing it means to me is that we’re honoring our veterans.”

At the end of the day, the VFW removes all 300-some flags and folds them into triangles, symbolizing the tricorn hats worn by colonial soldiers in the Revolutionary War. They are then stored in a semi-trailer donated by Coors Brewing Co. and cleaned regularly.

Golden City Council will honor the country’s veterans with a proclamation to be read at its Nov. 11 meeting. U.S. Marine Cpl. Robert M. Brooks with the Alpha Battery out of Buckley Air Force Base, who served in Kuwait last year and works at the Golden Cemetery, will accept the proclamation.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

**Veterans Day** began when an armistice, or truce, was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 declaring an end to “the war to end all wars” — World War I. The United States called the day of remembrance Armistice Day until after World War II, when it was recognized as a national holiday and the name was changed to Veterans Day to include veterans of all wars. People worldwide also observe the day, many simply calling it Remembrance Day.