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City of Golden Department Managers
**HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items**

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET NOV. 13**

The City will hold a final public hearing on the 2009-2010 Budget during City Council’s regular business meeting on Nov. 13, including taking public comment on the proposed document. Following public comment, Council is expected to amend and adopt the 2009 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan and set the Mill Levy for 2009. City Council meets in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. and public comment is taken shortly thereafter. A sign up sheet will be available at the entrance to the Chambers. For more information on the Budget, contact Finance Director Jeff Hansen at 303-384-8020 or jhansen@cityofgolden.net.

**BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

City Council announces two vacancies on the Campaign Election Board, expiring in March 2009 and March 2011 respectively.

The board, appointed by City Council, is empowered to hear any alleged violation of Chapter 1.05 which may be brought before it by any resident of the city or city employee charged with duties related to the Chapter and set forth in the Chapter.

The board is composed of three residents of the City of Golden who are registered electors and are not currently serving on another board or commission appointed by City Council. The terms are for four years.

Questions regarding the board should be directed to City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014 or Deputy City Clerk Andrea Banks at 303-384-8015 or clerks@cityofgolden.net.

Applications, on forms provided by the City Clerk, or at www.cityofgolden.net at Boards and Commissions/Campaign Finance Board, will be accepted until 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21 at 911 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401, or by email to clerks@cityofgolden.net. Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held by City Council, in the evening, Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission is continuing with the Neighborhood Planning process. There will be a public hearing on the North Neighborhoods Plan at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the City Council Chambers. The plan can be downloaded from the Planning and Development Department at www.cityofgolden.net, or by calling 303-384-8097, or emailing PlanningCommission@cityofgolden.net. You can contact the Planning and Development Department for updates on other projects, as well.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The City of Golden’s administrative offices will be closed Nov. 27 and 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. These offices will return to regular business hours Monday, Dec. 1. The Golden Community Center will also be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, but will be open during regular hours on Friday, Nov. 28.

Please be advised that Golden City Council will not have a study session on Nov. 20 and will not meet for their regular business meeting Nov. 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. This regular business meeting has been rescheduled for three weeks prior on Nov. 6.
Colorado’s residents have long had a reputation for our good health, and last year we again earned accolades for being the slimmest state in the country. But even living in a state with such spectacular scenery and countless opportunities for exercise doesn’t guarantee that we’ll stay healthy and fit. In fact, we are seeing evidence that physical activity is declining and obesity is increasing among Coloradans of all ages. It is clear that maintaining our community’s health and wellness will require an ongoing commitment.

Earlier this year, the City of Golden renewed our commitment to promoting the physical health of our community as part of a regional Health and Wellness campaign. In Golden it begins with the city itself, and promoting health and wellness among our city employees just makes sense. The healthier the city’s employees are, the less we spend on health care, the fewer sick days our employees use, and the more productive they are. Especially in light of the continued and dramatic increases in health care costs across the country, that’s a good deal for taxpayers and for the employees.

Golden’s commitment to health and wellness extends to our entire community. Our Community Center, with its weight room, aerobic equipment, swimming pool, courts, classes, and activities for kids, is a well-used focal point and a model for other communities. Golden sustains a strong commitment to maintaining our trails and parks, and we continue to add to the system when we can. The new Discovery Park is one example, and we are now getting ready to build a new bicycle/pedestrian trail connecting Golden Hills and Golden Heights with the rest of the community and a new trail on the south side of Clear Creek.

We’ve got health- and fitness-oriented events all year long, including the First Annual Golden Recreate 5K sponsored by the Golden Parks and Recreation Department a month ago. The City supports other events promoting healthy habits, such as Bike-to-Work-Day and our Farmer’s Market. And our growing commitment to improving walkability and bikeability in Golden will continue to make it easier to get around town in ways that reduce our use of fossil fuels and improve our health.

There are some regional challenges to promoting health and wellness in our communities. Air quality remains an especially difficult challenge, and we continue to collaborate with other communities in the region, through the Denver Regional Council of Governments and in other ways, to reduce our exposure to harmful ozone and other pollution.

Finally, I’m also encouraging my colleagues on the City Council to do their part to be healthy as well. For example, four of us participated in the America on the Move challenge earlier in the year, committing to increasing our daily walking by 2,000 steps per day and wearing pedometers for six weeks to measure our progress.

I want to invite you to join me and the rest of City Council in our ongoing commitment to health and wellness, and I look forward to continuing to see so many of you at our health-oriented events, at the Farmers Market, out on the trails and, especially during the winter months, at the Community Center.
On October 3 and 4, the City hosted “Let’s Talk Trash”, an open house event that looked at the City’s current system of trash and recycling collection and ways that the system might be improved. Over 100 citizens attended the two-day event which included information on the challenges of our current trash and recycling collection as well as many alternatives.

The current drop-off site for recyclables, located in north Golden, has steadily increased in popularity and is used by both City of Golden citizens and residents of outlying areas. In late 2007, City Council adopted seven sustainability goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while at the same time save money for residents and our local government. One of the City’s sustainability goals is to reduce the city’s solid waste stream by 25 percent in ten years. When you think of the many trash and recycle collection trucks that drive over our city streets, there are a lot of impacts. Fuel use, air pollution, and wear and tear on our city streets; it all adds up! Opportunities for improvement of the current system include:

- Expanding the current recycle site
- Requiring waste haulers to include curbside recycling in the price of their services
- Create a new trash collection department within existing city operations
- Contract with one waste hauler to serve the entire city
- A pay-as-you-throw system whereby families that recycle more and produce less waste spend less.

To view the “Let’s Talk Trash” presentation or to provide your own comments, visit the city website, www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability. Over the next several months, information on all of these options will be collected and presented to the public through the Web site, mailings and in public meetings. Following a thorough investigation of all options, City Council will consider adopting strategies to improve the current system in early 2009.

For more information about these improvements, please contact Theresa Worsham, sustainability coordinator at (303) 384-8117, tworsham@cityofgolden.net or Chris Naber, environmental specialist at (303) 384-8183, cnaber@cityofgolden.net.

Foreclosure Assistance

Colorado State Representative Gwyn Green visited Golden City Council on Oct. 9 to give them and the community an update on what’s going on at the state level of government. She spoke mostly about the economy, as it has been a major concern recently, especially for people who are faced with losing their homes.

Representative Green pointed out that people who are concerned about foreclosure shouldn’t hesitate to call the Colorado Foreclosure Hotline at 1-877-601-HOPE(4673), a free service which connects borrowers with non-profit housing counselors who can provide information on available options.

Colorado has also recently become eligible to receive nearly $250 million in federal funding to help strengthen the housing market and assist state and local governments in stabilizing neighborhoods negatively impacted by foreclosure. This funding will go to refinances and more housing counseling. More information on these programs can be found at www.chfainfo.com.
Spotlight on Historic Golden

“Spotlight on Historic Golden” is a feature provided by members of The Golden Historic Preservation Board to highlight significant historic properties in Golden.
By Corinne Magid

When the beloved mayor of Golden, Francis E. Everett, committed suicide in 1884, much of the community believed he had submitted to a fit of temporary insanity. It was only after his death that the community discovered his true motivations.

In 1871, Everett moved to Golden and became a cashier with a local banking house, T.J. Carter and Company. A year later he purchased it and renamed it the Banking House of F.E. Everett. A year after that he built the Everett Block to house his bank and other businesses. This building still stands today at the southwest corner of 12th Street and Washington Avenue.

Everett became Mayor of Golden in 1881 and again in 1884. At the time of his death in 1884, Everett still ran and owned his banking house. In response to Everett’s suicide, the bank issued a statement promising “[t]he untimely death of Mr. Everett is not attributable to any financial difficulties or embarrassments” and the bank “had a large surplus.” When the bank failed to reopen several weeks after Everett’s death, the community became suspicious.

Shortly thereafter, it was revealed that Everett had defrauded his banking depositors to speculate in mining operations. For five years prior to his death, Everett had fallen deeper into financial ruin by speculating money on various ventures. Everett would speculate depositors’ money and if the venture failed, he would post his own personal note to balance the account.

Everett, it seems, believed he would make thousands of dollars in his mining speculations and replace all the money he had taken. At the time of his death he had stolen $80,000 from his depositors, adjusted for inflation this is approximately equivalent to 1.7 million dollars in today’s funds. After auctioning off the Everett Block and the remaining assets of Everett’s estate, most depositors received payment of approximately 33 cents on the dollar for their deposits.

At the time of Everett’s death, he was mourned as a beloved civil leader. A few months after his death, the Golden Globe, a local newspaper, reported that Everett had gambled his depositors’ money “until he found he was bankrupt beyond hope of redemption and he endeavored, insofar as he could, to atone for his rascality by taking his own life.”

Author’s Note: Any items in quotations are directly quoted from “Golden the 19th Century—A Colorado Chronicle” by Lorraine Wagenbach and Jo Ann Thistlewood, published by the Harbinger House; Littleton Colorado, in 1987. This publication also provided all history in this story.

About the Golden Historic Preservation Board: The Golden Historic Preservation Board is an advisory board made up of community members who provide guidance to residents on how improvements to properties affect the preservation of historic Golden.
While the heavy snows often don’t hit Colorado until spring, winter is fast approaching, as are the first big snowfalls of the season. When the snow comes, the City of Golden’s Public Works Streets Division will be busy to ensure residents and commuters have a safer drive on the city’s 230 lanes miles (a lane mile is 10-feet wide by 1-mile long). The city’s Snow & Ice Control Plan prioritizes the order in which the Streets Division maintains pavement within the city. The Streets Division maintains every city street during each storm. Since their focus is on a safe commute, alleyways are not maintained for snow and ice control.

The Streets Division utilizes the National Weather Service and Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, and several Web site sources 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.

City policy is to begin plowing once 2- to 3-inches of snow has accumulated, and to plow before the application of de-icing materials begins. Golden’s six snowplows are equipped with computer-controlled sanders that calibrate material spreading. The City uses a product called “Ice Slicer” and also a mixture of one part salt mix to five parts sand mix, and applies this to primary, secondary and residential streets, in that order. Priority areas, such as bridges, inclines, curves, schools and fire stations are also maintained.

Ice-Slicer melts snow and ice much faster than sand and salt, lasts longer, and requires no sweeping of sand residue after the storms. When sand is used it is swept after each storm as soon as conditions allow.

You can view the City’s Snow and Ice Control Plan and maps at http://www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=82. The plan’s city-wide map shows which roads are plowed by the city, which roads are plowed by another jurisdiction and which are privately owned. Throughout the year, the City will be evaluating the potential cost effectiveness and any related reduction of services as they relate to implementing sustainability goals in the future. Suggested changes would be put before public comment before being implemented.

Plowing in front of driveways

When the snowplows come through, they are not removing snow from the streets, but rather plowing it out of the driving lanes into the curb line where it is left to melt. Plowing therefore leaves what is called a “wind row” (hill or pile) of snow in the path along the curb, including in front of driveways. While snowplow operators do their best not to “plow you in,” it is recommended that citizens wait to shovel their driveways and sidewalks, if possible, until after the snow has stopped and the plows have made their final pass through your neighborhood. By waiting, you will not have to re-shovel to get out of your driveway.

Shovel your walks: It’s the law

The City also reminds citizens that it is the law that you must shovel your walks. Section 11.08.140 of the Municipal Code requires any owner or occupant of any property, whether private residence or business, to remove any accumulation of snow more than 1-inch no later than 24-hours after the snowfall stopped. Citizens are asked not to shovel the snow into the streets, but instead into your yard or other landscaping. To report a sidewalk that has not been cleared a day or more after a snowstorm, call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.
Misinformation Leads to Confusion

Misinformation being spread throughout the community has caused confusion and fear after the Sept. 11 City Council decision regarding the management of the three city-owned museums, the Astor House, Golden Pioneer Museum and Clear Creek History Park. There is apparent concern about what the decision means for all of the museums and, specifically, the Golden Pioneer Museum.

The museums are currently managed by private vendors. Clear Creek History Park and the Astor House are managed by Friends of the Astor House, and the Golden Pioneer Museum is managed by the Golden Pioneer Museum Board. The two management contracts were set to expire at the end of 2008. City Council requested proposals from those interested in managing all of the museums. Proposals were submitted by Friends of the Astor House, Golden Pioneer Museum Board and the City of Golden.

After much consideration, debate and public comment, City Council awarded the new management contract to Friends of the Astor House at their meeting on Sept. 11. They will begin managing all three museums on Jan. 1, 2009.

City Manager Mike Bestor has assured the community on several occasions that no museums will be closed as a result of the decision. Misinformation has been disseminated stating that the Golden Pioneer Museum has lost its lease and will be leaving its current location. That is not accurate, as the city owns the building where the museum is located and 90 percent of the exhibits inside the museum. The city has heard that the Golden Pioneer Museum Board intends on moving the “museum” to a new location, however, the city-owned artifacts will remain housed in the Golden Pioneer Museum’s current location at 923 10th St. While the museum will no longer be managed by the Golden Pioneer Museum Board, the city values the knowledge and dedication of the employees and volunteers who have made the museum mean so much to so many people.

Washington Avenue Bridge Update

The Washington Avenue Bridge project is moving along on schedule. The east side, north bound beams of the new bridge have been placed and the concrete sub deck has been poured. The abutments for the accompanying pedestrian bridge have also been poured and the pedestrian bridge is being assembled in the center median of Highway 58 below. When the pedestrian bridge is in place and the approach slab to the new bridge section is complete, traffic will shift to the new bridge. This is expected to happen sometime late November. Remaining portions of the old bridge will then be removed for construction of the west side of the new bridge. The project is planned for completion in November 2009, but construction crews are projecting an earlier finish.
Interactive Maps Make Downtown Shopping Easier

Golden residents and visitors can now review and select downtown destinations from their computers thanks to a joint effort by the Golden Urban Renewal Authority and OnlineGolden. Simply visit www.gura.com/maps/ or www.onlinegolden.com to select maps featuring downtown’s cultural attractions, tourist-related businesses and services, hotels, restaurants and bars, and commercial vacancies.

The maps display dots on a street grid of downtown indicating the locations of these sites, and placing your mouse over the dots will bring up a photo, phone number, address, and website of the location. Clicking a dot will bring up the website for the location if it has one. It is hoped that these maps will increase the exposure of all that downtown has to offer and encourage folks to visit.

It is probably more important now than ever to visit downtown so that we can benefit from all the great things that are so close to home, cut down on driving, and keep our tax dollars in the city!

FREE Sales and Use Tax Workshop

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

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.

Dec. 3, 2008 ..................8 to 10 a.m.
Jan. 7, 2009 ..................8 to 10 a.m.
March 4, 2009 ................8 to 10 a.m.
April 1, 2009 ..................8 to 10 a.m.
June 3, 2009 ..................8 to 10 a.m.
July 1, 2009 ..................8 to 10 a.m.

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

FREE Building Use Tax Workshop

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

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.

Nov. 5, 2008 ..................8 to 10 a.m.
Feb. 4, 2009 ..................8 to 10 a.m.
May 6, 2009 ..................8 to 10 a.m.

Classes are free, but space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
**Through Nov. 9**

**“The Hound of the Baskervilles”**

A spooky fun mystery at the Heritage Square Music Hall is their adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s Sherlock Holmes stories. Tickets are $27.50 to $40.50 for dinner and show. Call 303-279-7800 for information.

**Nov. 1**

**Folkatones and Jubilant Bridge in concert**

This is a special “unplugged” performance of the popular alt-country-folk-rock singer-songwriters Mike Butterworth and Jason Walsmith at Acoustic Alley at Miners Alley Playhouse. Doors open at 6:45 for the 7:30 p.m. performance. Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 at the door. Call 720-870-0397 for more information.

**Nov. 2**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Story Time**

Come and enjoy Story Time at Clear Creek Books, 1200 Washington Ave. Children and adults will enjoy different stories each week at 10:30 a.m.

**Nov. 7**

**Golden’s First Friday**

Enjoy extended shopping hours with Golden’s downtown merchants. 5 - 8 p.m.

**Nov. 9 & 10**

**Roger McGuinn in concert**

Founder of The Byrds comes for a solo acoustic performance. Jaime Michaels opens. Sunday’s performance is at 2 p.m., Monday’s is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 in advance or $45 the day of the show. Tickets are available by phone only at 720-870-0397.

**Nov. 11**

**Veteran’s Day**

**Nov. 14 & 15**

**“Under the Influence”**

This TGR extreme skiing film is a fundraiser for the CSM Ski Team Club. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 8 p.m. movie at Coolbaugh Hall #209, at 14th and Illinois streets. Tickets are $10 at the door or at www.wantickets.com.

**Nov. 15**

**SCFD Free Day**

Enjoy free admission all day at the Golden Pioneer Museum and the Colorado Railroad Museum.

**Nov. 27**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Nov. 29 & 30**

**Pottery Show and Sale**

The show will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Golden Community Center and features local potters and participants in the Community Center’s pottery program. Call 303-384-8124 for more information.

**Nov. 29 & 30**

**Thanksgiving Train at Colorado Railroad Museum**

A historic narrow gauge passenger train powered by a steam or diesel locomotive will run at 20-minute intervals between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The museum is located at 17155 W. 44th Ave. For more information call 303-279-4591.

**Dec. 4**

**Looking Forward Presentation Series**

The Implications of Climate Change, Rising Energy Costs, and Peak Oil on Golden’s Future. Hunter Lovins of Natural Capitalism Solutions will provide an overview of these key long-term trends and their implications for sustaining Golden’s health and vitality. The presentation will be during the City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. at 911 10th St.

**Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!**

For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.2HourVacation.com.

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**Information is subject to change.**

Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event.

To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to: Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to jbrooks@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
**Nov. 5**

**Holiday Business Expo**
Free to the Public, the Golden “Holiday Business Expo” is from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Ave. Food, refreshments and entertainment provided by Table Mountain Inn and Golden Chamber of Commerce.

**Nov. 7 through Dec. 21**

**“An O. Henry Christmas”**
“An O. Henry Christmas” is showing at Miners Alley Playhouse, at 13th Street and Washington Avenue. Tickets are $20 through 303-935-3044 or www.minersalley.com

**Nov. 12 through Dec. 24**

**Foothills Art Center’s Holiday Art Market 2008**
Foothills Art Center will be hosting the free annual Holiday Art Market at 15th Street and Washington Avenue. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Nov. 14 through Dec. 31**

**“Cricket on the Hearth”**
Visit Heritage Square Music Hall for a classic Dickens tale. A Christmas Comedy Musical Revue follows the show. Tickets are $27.50 to $40.50. Call 303-279-7800 for more information.

**Nov. 17 through Dec. 14**

**North Pole Golden: US Postal Box for Santa.**
Bring your letters to Santa’s mailbox at the Golden Visitor’s Center and Santa will answer them. Call 303-279-3113 for more information.

**Nov. 21, 22, 23**

**Olde Golden Holiday Open House**
The holiday season begins with a stroll through historic downtown Golden’s unique shops and boutiques. Festive activities will be featured throughout the weekend. Participating merchants will be extending hours and offering special sales, refreshments, and entertainment. Participating merchants include:
- Astor House Museum
- Avenue Gifts
- Baby Doe’s Clothing
- Blue Canyon Bar & Grill
- Bridgewater Grill @Golden Hotel
- Clear Creek Books
- Clear Creek History Park
- Creekside Jewelers
- Foss Building Wine & Sprits
- Golden T-Shirt
- Golden Quilt Company
- Juna, Your Boutique!
- Meyer Hardware
- Miners Alley Playhouse
- Patrice Designs
- Pickets
- Rocky Mtn. Quilt Museum
- Spirits in the Wind Gallery
- The Alley Sandwich Shop
- Vintner’s Cellars
- Windy Saddle Café
- Don’t forget to shop the museum gift stores this Holiday Season.

**Nov. 21, 22, 23**

**Holiday Mart At The Rose**
The Buffalo Rose Event Center, 1119 Washington Ave., will be filled with holiday gifts and demonstrations to celebrate Golden’s Holiday Open House. Hours will be Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Call 303-279-3113 for more information.

**Nov. 22 through Dec. 27**

**The Santa Rescue**
Heritage Square Music Hall Children’s Theatre offers its younger patron, ages 2-12, a fun-filled hour of entertainment each Saturday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Call 303-279-7800 for more information.

**Dec. 4**

**A Messiah-Sing-Along**
Presented by the Colorado School Of Mines Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Bob Klimek. The concert starts at 7 p.m. at Bunker Auditorium in the Green Center. The concert is free and open to the public. Audience members are welcome to sing along with the choir performance from the audience area. The Messiah will be followed by carols and holiday music from the CSM Concert Band and Orchestra. Call 720-934-4539 for more information.

**Dec. 4**

**Holiday Craft and Project Night**
Enjoy Holiday Craft and Project Night from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Windy Saddle Café, 1110 Washington Ave. Call 303-279-1905 for more information.

**Dec. 5**

**Candlelight Walk**
Gather in festive attire 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 as well as afterward at the Golden Visitor’s Center. The Golden Chamber of Commerce will be selling candles for 50 cents. The walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. Afterward, the Golden Visitors Center will be serving cookies compliments of the Golden Safeway, and toys from Golden’s McDonalds. Live Reindeer for petting and a puppet show by Le Chock will be in the Holiday Square in the Visitor’s Center parking lot. Call 303-279-3113 for more information.
Golden Visitors Center Holiday Stage will kick off at 6:50 p.m. with Coaches Fun Crew and Golden Community Center Dance Arts Christmas Fes.

Colorado Mountain Club will have an open house with free admission and refreshments from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 710 10th St. Stop by and see the Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum. Call 303-279-3080 for more information.

Baby Doe’s Clothing, 1116 Washington Ave, will host internationally known guitarist Bruce Brock from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Whosville Part Two! Dancing On the Creek will be at the Rotary Amphitheatre. Come see the Grinches and Whozits who stole Olde Golden Christmas perform from 7 to 8 p.m.

Clear Creek History Park and Astor House Museum will have free admission from 7 to 9 p.m. Watch traditional dancers and warm yourself with hot chocolate while enjoying the festive Victorian holiday décor.

Golden Pioneer Museum will offer free admission from 7 to 9 p.m. and have roasted chestnuts, homemade cookies, old-fashioned cider, popcorn and caroling while a pianist plays an old-fashioned pump organ.

Leadership Golden signed ornaments by artist William Bowles of Golden will be available from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Golden Visitor’s Center. This year’s ornaments are $8, and they feature a holiday image of the Golden Arch. Past ornaments will be for sale for $8.

The Golden Hotel will be serving complimentary hot cider and cookies in their lobby from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Golden Library will have refreshments and live entertainment from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Visit the holiday book display with more than 1,000 “like new” used books.

Windy Saddle Café, 1110 Washington Ave., will be open late so you can warm up before and after the Candlelight Walk.

 Spirits in the Wind Gallery, 1211 Washington Ave., will have wine tasting and chocolates with Turquoise Mesa Winery and Crown Chocolates, along with a miniature art show during their extended evening event.

Pickets, 1118 Washington Ave., will have refreshments and live music during the Holiday Season.

Juna, Your Boutique!, 1205 Washington Ave., will host internationally known guitarist Bruce Brock from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 6

Olde Golden Holiday on Parade

Voted Best Yuletide Celebration in Westword Newspaper’s 2006 “Best of” Edition. Come see a true Olde-Fashioned Hometown Parade. Join us and enjoy the holiday spirit. Washington Avenue from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

Ride through Historic Downtown Golden. Pick up your ride on 13th Street between Washington and Arapahoe streets. Carriage runs from 12 to 4 p.m.

Jefferson Symphony Orchestra

Enjoy a traditional holiday concert at the Green Center, 924 16th Street on the Colorado School of Mines campus. The performance is at 3 p.m. Tickets are $17 for adults, $15 for seniors 62 and over. Discount tickets for college students and (K-12). Group rates available. 303-278-4237.
Digital TV Transmission is on the Horizon

Digital television is coming on Feb. 18, 2009. Midnight on Feb. 17 is the time and date set by the federal government when all full-power stations across the United States must transition from broadcasting in analog to broadcasting in digital or high definition digital television (HDTV), in order to comply with the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act.

This transition really only affects the way free TV can be received through a rooftop or indoor antenna. Televisions connected to cable or satellite will continue to function without any interruption. After the February deadline, the cable and satellite companies will automatically convert any digital signal for their customers needing an analog signal and they must continue to provide this service through 2012 before they switch to all digital.

Any TV connected to an over-the-air antenna will work without any additional equipment if it has a built-in digital tuner (ATSC tuner). Since July 2005 the government has required TV sets with screens 35 inches and larger to have a digital tuner. TV sets 25 inches and larger have been required to have a digital tuner since March 2006. Since March 2008, all TVs, regardless of size, have been required to have a digital tuner.

If you have an older TV with an analog tuner (NTSC tuner), you will likely need a digital-to-analog (DTA) converter box, or you will need to subscribe to a cable or satellite service in order to receive a television signal. Many new VCRs, DVD and DVR recorders also have a built in digital tuner that can be used to receive a signal. DTA converter boxes are sold at major retailers and electronics stores for about $40 to $80. Television owners can apply for a maximum of two federal government coupons, for $40 off each DTA converter. The application can be found at www.dtv2009.gov; or you can call the 24-hour hotline at 1-888-DTV-2009; you can mail a coupon application to P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208-2000; or you can fax the coupon application to 1-877-DTV-4ME2.

WILL YOU GET HDTV?
Digital TV does not necessarily mean HDTV. HDTV is an ultra-high quality television signal in a widescreen format, requiring a special television monitor to display the programming. Digital broadcasting doesn’t necessarily need a special monitor. It can be seen on television sets most people currently have in their homes.

HISTORY
The Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 was passed by Congress and signed into law on Feb. 8, 2006. It gave the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authority to terminate the analog licenses of full-power television stations and reclaim the frequency spectrum for public safety and commercial wireless broadband services. Broadcasters had been given spectrum for digital television in 1996, with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The original transition date had been Dec. 31, 2006 but manufacturing and broadcasting delays forced a push-back of the date.
Last month three citizen task forces presented their recommendations to City Council. These were the Walkability, Housing Affordability, and Bikeability Task Forces. Each of the task forces began in early 2008 as City Council looked for ways to increase citizen involvement. Each task force was given guiding goals specific to that area.

**WALKABILITY**

The goals of the Walkability Task Force were to identify major barriers to walkability or opportunities to improve walkability in the community, provide specific recommendations to City Council and staff for the 2009-2018 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and to prioritize by walkability to schools, as an alternate means of transportation, then by recreational activities. Based on these goals and priorities, the task force came up with fifteen top recommendations for the CIP beginning with the Jackson Street corridor from 13th to 24th streets, the US Hwy 6 and 19th Street intersection, Ford Street from 7th to 10th streets, and enhanced signage of trail crossings. They also made over 20 policy recommendations such as ensuring all new developments include complete sidewalks, sidewalk replacement quality standards, signal timing, and ideal sidewalk design. Importantly, an appendix was added to the report to include ADA recommendations.

**BIKEABILITY**

The Bicycle Task Force goals were to review the City Bicycle Master Plan, assess changes and improvements made in the plan since it was adopted in 2003, make specific recommendations on updating the plan, and provide recommendations for the CIP that would make it easier for citizens to bicycle for recreation or transportation. They were to prioritize these recommendations the same way as the Walkability Task Force. Policy recommendations included having a Bicycle Coordinator for the City, a permanent Bicycle Advisory Board, and continued establishment of a bicycle friendly community. CIP recommendations began with improving general bikeability at the local elementary schools, improving the railroad crossing at 44th and Salvia Street, and improving Washington Avenue between Hwy 58 and 18th Street.

**AFFORDABILITY**

The goals and priorities set out for the Housing Affordability Task Force were more in depth, involving analyzing the supply and demand of housing in Golden, determining any gaps, defining housing affordability challenges in Golden, evaluating potential housing programs, and making recommendations for housing affordability programs. This included the fiscal impact of such programs, ongoing City responsibilities, and the likely effectiveness and viability of recommended programs. The task force’s final recommendations included providing more education about previously existing programs provided by the county and state, direct Community Block Grant Funds to existing grant and loan programs for rehabilitation of owner-occupied single family homes which are cost burdened, partner with existing programs such as the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority or the Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation, and direct contribution of City of Golden funds to develop new programs.

City Council and staff appreciate all of the hard work of the task forces in making these recommendations. To view the full report of any of the task forces, log on to www.cityofgolden.net and follow the Boards and Commissions link.
Golden Police Celebrate Their Volunteers

Volunteers and members of the Golden Police Department gathered at the Table Mountain Inn on the evening of Sept. 18 to celebrate the volunteers and thank them for their many contributions to the department and the City. During 2007 the volunteers logged 2,025 hours performing tasks in Support Services, Evidence, Records, Patrol, Investigations and the annual National Night Out event “Golden Night in the Park.” This year they are on track to exceed that number. Without their support many of the tasks they perform would not be accomplished. Their presence and help are greatly appreciated.

The police department has 15 volunteers who commit to volunteer time on a regular basis. The have about 30 volunteers who participate on an as-needed basis.

If you would like to volunteer for the Golden Police Department, contact Jan Martynuska at 303-384-8106 or at jmartynuska@cityofgolden.net.

Volunteers John Wengrovius, Dan Thoemke and Bethany Thomas

Winter Safety Tips From Golden Fire

As the seasons change and we make our way into winter we would like to remind everyone of a few safety tips to make the snowy months safe and enjoyable.

Have a home emergency kit with essential items that can be used if the power goes out or you get snowed in. A couple of good ideas include, but are not limited to:

- Blankets;
- Flashlights;
- First-aid kit
- Canned food & opener;
- Water (1 gallon a day per person for at least three days);
- Medication;
- Radio

Dress appropriately for the weather.

You should layer your clothes and add gloves and a hat to prevent loss of body heat.

When shoveling snow avoid overexertion. Heart attacks from shoveling heavy snow are a leading cause of deaths during the winter. Take frequent breaks, drink plenty of fluids and, if needed, stop shoveling for the day. Watch out for slippery surfaces.

Make sure your car is also ready for winter. Have it winterized and have an emergency kit that you can put in the vehicle. Go out only if you must during bad winter driving conditions!

If you are driving and you get stuck you should:

- Stay with your car;
- Call for help if you have a cell phone. If you do not have a cell phone make sure someone knows where you are going, when you are expected back and the route you will take prior to leaving.
- Start the car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour or as needed. Move around as mush as possible to help keep yourself warm.
- Leave your overhead light on at night so you can be seen and tie a brightly colored cloth to your antenna for rescuers to see.

Always remember to be alert to changing weather conditions, avoid any unnecessary travel and be safe!
Gourmet Gifts from the Kitchen
What could be better than a basket of gourmet delights? Learn how to create easy, delicious culinary delights for unique gift giving. We’ll make herb vinegar, French tapenade, herb garden seasoning mix, marinated goat cheese/sun dried tomato parfait, holiday spiced nuts and easy English Toffee. Recipes and generous tastings included. Take home vinegar, herb mix, spiced nuts and toffee.

Ages 14 years and older
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 18
Fee: $15 Resident, $30 Non-resident, Additional $15 material fee payable to instructor

Digital Photography
With a digital camera, you’ll know if Uncle George lost his head at the family reunion! No waiting to get the pictures back to see if you aimed correctly, had your thumb over the lens or missed the action. “What you see is what you get” and if you don’t like it, delete the picture and try again! This course will teach you to use your camera and enhance the photos by cropping and shading. Your friends will love you when you erase wrinkles and remove extra pounds with Photoshop Elements®!

Ages 18 years and older
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursdays Nov. 6 to Dec. 11 (no class Nov. 27)
Fee: $70 Resident, $75 Non-resident

Golden Jr. Engineers Club (JFLL Prep)
Work in groups to create from LEGO Dacta™ kits and design and build moving mini-fig-sized models to solve challenges. You can also form your own Jr. FIRST LEGO League Team™ and compete in future events! Teams can be formed with schools, scout troops or friends. Competitions are an additional fee.

Ages 7- to 14-years
5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays Nov. 4 to Nov. 25
Fee: $50 Resident, $55 Non-resident

Rockin’ Rockets Workshops
Prepare for LIFT OFF! Take an out of this world ride into the fascinating world of rocketry as you build and launch different kinds of rockets in the SpaceTime ROCKIN’ ROCKETS Workshops. Learn about the science of rocketry, craft your own SpaceTime Cosmic Cruiser, explore the challenges of space travel by building and launching different kinds of rockets and much more.

Ages 6- to 12-years
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday Nov. 8
Fee: $18 Resident, $21 Non-resident

Space Explorers Workshops
Get ready for an amazing journey into the Final Frontier! With SpaceTime’s Space Explorers Workshop you will get to experience what it’s like to explore the cosmos by taking a virtual journey to an alien world, experiencing life on other worlds by taking an anti-gravity boot planet hike, making alien space slime, driving remote controlled robots and rover and much more!

Ages 6- to 12-years
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday Nov. 22
Fee: $65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
This course is designed for the pre-teen (11-13 years) and 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, infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures. Bring a sack lunch to class. No refunds for no shows.

Ages 11 years and older (no exceptions)
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Nov. 8
Fee: $65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view! Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen.

Call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates. Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.
The summer season wrapped up with 167 runners, joggers, and walkers at the Golden Parks and Recreation Department’s First Annual Recreate 5K on Saturday, Sept. 27. Food and goodie bags were provided by local sponsors with entertainment by City of Golden staff. Recreate 5K was successful in its mission to provide a self-funded community event promoting health and wellness and engaging all levels of racers from elite runners and joggers to families with strollers and members of the four-legged variety!

“For the first year of Recreate 5K, we were elated with the number of participants. Race day registration alone had over 50 registrants,” said Angela Shea, Recreate 5K Coordinator and Golden Community Center Wellness Coordinator. “The community embraced the event and enjoyed time with their families, including their dogs.”

The Golden Parks and Recreation Department is looking forward to Recreate 5K in 2009. In the week following the race, participants who provided an email address on their registration form received a five-minute survey seeking information to assist staff in improving Recreate 5K. Anticipated changes for 2009 include a new race route and additional sponsors. Look for information on Recreate 5K 2009 at www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec. If you would like to make a suggestion for Recreate 5K 2009, email Angela Shea at ashea@cityofgolden.net.
Check out the Golden Community Center’s Front Porch – designed specifically for people 50 and older. The Front Porch offers respite and entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, including bridge, dominoes and mah jong. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.

Here’s what’s happening this month:

**Celebrate Health! Health Fair**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7
Free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies!
Chair massages, $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions, $13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce, $15 per pedicure
This will be a comprehensive health day, with lung testing, a seminar on healthy living at any age, and spinal thermography screenings.

**Athletics & Wellness**
For a complete schedule of exercise programs, stop in at the Front Desk for information or visit www.goldenrec.com.

**Games, Classes & Clubs**
Enjoy everything from Book Club, Bridge, Pinochle, Dominoes, Mah Jongg, Billiards, Quilting, Pottery and more.

**Volunteer Activities**
Whether you want to sew, collect cans, provide administrative duties, or converse with International School of Mines students – we have people who could use your help!

**Receive the Front Porch News online!**
The Front Porch News is now available on our Web site, and you can also receive the newsletter via email! Or you can subscribe for $7 per year and receive it at home. http://www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=334

**TRIPS & TOURS**

**Mid Life! The Crisis Musical**
Join us on our popular excursion to the Boulder Dinner Theater.
5 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 5;
Class registration #35045
$55 (van and admission)
Register/Cancel by Nov. 3

**Miramonte Castle, Manitou Springst**
A tour of the castle and gardens with lunch in the Queen’s Parlour Tea Room.
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13;
Class registration #35050
$18 (van and admission; bring money for lunch)
Register/Cancel by Nov. 11

**Alaska – slide show with Dick Boley**
Wild and beautiful adventures in Alaska. We provide the popcorn!
11 a.m. to noon, Monday, Nov. 17;
Class registration #35055
Free
Register/Cancel by October 24

For more information:
• Stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Community Center, 1470 10th St.,
• Call 303-384-8130,
• Sign up for the Front Porch Newsletter,
• Check out the Recreation brochure, or
• Visit www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=334
Welcome Arch Maintenance

By now, many have noticed that Golden’s signature Welcome Arch that hangs over Washington Avenue is missing. Repair work on the arch began the week of Oct. 13 with sections of the arch being removed and taken away for refurbishing. The work will repair fading and peeling paint on the panels and the structure, and will also boost the reflectivity of the lettering.

While the arch is getting worked on, the metal frame and supports will also be getting a facelift to remove rust spots in several areas. Much of the work being done is dependent on the weather, but the arch is expected to be reinstalled in sections between Nov. 17 and Nov. 21.

During some of the maintenance, there may be occasional parking restrictions along Washington Avenue, as well as sidewalk closures for safety reasons. Businesses will remain open during those times.

The arch should be back in place in time for the Candlelight Walk and Olde Golden Holiday on Parade, Dec. 5 and 6.
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