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The year-long dispute involving one of Golden’s museums has been settled after the District Court recently issued an order that finalized its previous orders pertaining to the use of the trademark “Golden Pioneer Museum,” as well as the ownership of the artifacts.

While the Golden Pioneer Museum has been renamed the Golden History Center to better encompass all that the museum offers to the community, the City fought to maintain ownership of the name so that it could not be used by other entities and could not be confused with the City owned museum. The District Court reaffirmed that Golden owns the trademark name.

The City is in the process of completing a full inventory of artifacts and is returning any artifacts to third party donors who have requested their return in accordance with a court order. The Court ruled that the vast majority of the artifacts are owned by the City.

One of the biggest areas of public concern is the City owned collection of more than 1,000 historic photographs which was packed up and has not been seen since November 2009. The City will continue its inventory of the more than 10,000 artifacts still in storage so that complete status of the Golden History Center’s collection can be determined. The City is hopeful that the collection of photographs will re-surface in this process and that the community will continue to benefit from their availability in the Golden History Center.

DON’T FORGET TO VOTE! ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 3.

The City’s general municipal election is a mail ballot election coordinated with Jefferson County and all ballots must be received by the county clerk by Tuesday, Nov. 3, no later than 7 p.m. The Councilors for Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be elected. Election information is available at www.co.jefferson.co.us/elections or by calling 303-271-8111. Results will be available on the City’s Web site the following morning at www.cityofgolden.net. New members of City Council will be sworn in on Jan. 14, 2010.

MAYOR’S NEW NUMBER

City of Golden Mayor Jacob Smith has changed his phone number. You can now reach him at 303-810-6017.

HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

TRAIL TEMPORARILY CLOSED

A portion of the 6th Avenue Trail near the Jefferson County Administration Building will be closed through fall 2010 for west corridor FasTracks construction. The suggested alternative route is to follow Jefferson County Parkway. Detour signage will be posted.

CITY HOLIDAY HOURS

The City of Golden’s administrative offices will be closed Nov. 26 and 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will return to regular business hours on Monday, Nov. 30. The Golden Community Center will also be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, but will be open during regular business hours on Friday, Nov. 27.

Museum Dispute is Settled

Below is the Golden City Council’s calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

November 5
Regular business meeting

November 12
No meeting

November 19
Regular business meeting

November 26
No meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net.

Public comment is welcomed on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
November is the month of short days and cold nights, municipal elections, the ski season kickoff, and the beginning of the holiday season. For the City Council, it's also time to make decisions about the city’s 2010 budget. Our job, in a nutshell, is to make sure we invest the community’s resources wisely, providing the high quality services residents want while protecting our property values and our quality of life. I've written a few times this year about the city's strategy for navigating the recession, and these key points are still true:

- Recognizing the challenges ahead, last year we built up the city's reserve account to 25% of the total annual operating budget, which is more than the normal amount we maintain (10-20%) and substantially more than most cities.
- We always maintain our existing infrastructure - maintain what we have - before spending on anything new. This saves money in the long run and keeps everything working well.
- We have a very conservative debt policy, only borrowing where we come out ahead as a result.
- Because of Golden's strong record of financial management, we have exceptional bond ratings and consistently win awards for our budgets and financial reporting.

City Council and city staff have spent the last few months carefully reviewing this year's budget, our financial reports, and the financial projections for 2010, as well as carefully listening to input from the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee and other community members.

Based on all of this information and public input, here’s what to look for in the 2010 budget:

1) We are using very conservative budget projections and comparably conservative spending.
2) We will continue ensuring that all of our public safety needs are met, and we'll continue making sure we take care of what we have before doing anything else.
3) We will continue providing high quality community services, but we will scale down according to revenue levels. You may notice things like less frequent park maintenance and reduced hours at some city facilities.
4) We will complete the Golden Vision 2030 process and produce an updated Comprehensive Plan that clearly lays out our community’s vision for the future.
5) We will continue investing in key community initiatives. This includes Safe Routes to Schools and other pedestrian safety efforts, our Sustainability Initiative (including reducing the city's energy costs) and our Parks and Recreation Master Plan. However, our investments in the community will be based on our revenues and will probably be very modest.
6) We will keep the beltway out of Golden and promote responsible transportation solutions along Highways 6 and 93.
7) We will maintain a very strong operating reserve and annual capital improvement reserves of $500,000.

Please weigh in if you have any thoughts about the overall budget or specific programs and projects. We still have one more study session discussion scheduled on Nov. 5 and public hearings – formal opportunities to weigh in with your views – on Nov. 19 and Dec. 3.

On a final note, if you haven't yet turned in your City Council election mail-in ballot, you have until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3 to hand deliver it. There are competitive elections in all four wards, so your vote matters. Locally, ballots can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., and the Jefferson County Administrative and Court Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway. The Jefferson County location has a drive-up ballot box available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are signs at the facility that will direct you to the box.
Quiet Success

In the past few years the City of Golden has looked for opportunities to help block neighborhoods from traffic noise. This year, a lot of work has been done to do just that. For example, the City received a permit to complete a noise mitigation barrier along Highway 93 at Virginia Street. Noise studies show drastic results on the southern end of the wall, with noise levels reduced from 70 to 55 decibels and at the north end from 67 to 59 decibels. That’s like dropping the noise level of a vacuum cleaner down to the level of a conversation at home or a restaurant. This wall will also provide the opportunity to complete a trail to the north City limits.

In other areas, a large amount of “free fill” or dirt, has allowed noise berms to be constructed along US 6 and Highway 93. The berms that have been completed have dropped the noise levels in the Mountain Ridge and Parfet Estates neighborhoods.

The City of Golden began looking into noise standards back in 1999, when citizens asked what could be done. Extensive testing was conducted by various experts and the City spent over a year holding public meetings to collect feedback from citizens. At the end of this process, the City adopted outdoor noise target levels in 2001.

That’s where the process began. It will take many more years to upgrade all of the areas which do not currently meet City goals. But the success of recent projects shows the City of Golden is quietly changing for the better.

Happy Trails To You

One of the last major missing pieces of Golden’s regional trail system is about to be complete. Work began in October on the trail adjacent to 6th Avenue, which will run from 19th Street to Clear Creek, with a new pedestrian bridge over Clear Creek just east of 6th Avenue. This project will connect north and south Golden along 6th Avenue and join together the existing trails in the area. The trail should be completed in January 2010.

The trail will be a 10 foot-wide concrete walkway, perfect for walkers, joggers and bicyclists. This project was one of the top priorities of the 2008 Citizen Task Force related to walking and biking. Council’s goal is to make walking and cycling more viable and popular forms of transportation in Golden for all age groups.

Another major trail project scheduled to start construction this year is a joint project between Golden, Lakewood, and Jefferson County to construct two missing sections of trail near Green Mountain. The project includes a 10 foot-wide concrete trail along the 6th Avenue Service Road, adjacent to the County Fairgrounds and new animal center, as well as an extension of the C-470 trail to West Fourth Avenue near Golden Heights Park. The City of Lakewood is managing this project which was scheduled to go out to bid in October, and start construction later this year.
Meeting Housing Needs

Let’s face it. Many people who work in Golden can’t necessarily afford to live in Golden. So City leaders created a Housing Affordability Task Force, whose main purposes were to look for opportunities to add affordable housing and also help lower income residents maintain their properties. The City has already been successful with both.

In a few months, you will start to see construction on a new housing project at West 10th Avenue and Johnson Road, directly across from the Ulysses Park softball fields. By the fall of 2010, this will be 56 brand new apartments to accommodate singles and families. Nice, new and affordable; these apartments will be some of the highest quality rentals in the City. The private nonprofit group Archdiocesan Housing of Denver is the sponsor, developer and owner of the complex.

Traditionally, when people think of affordable housing, they sometimes think of old dilapidated public housing (the "projects") or old Section 8 housing. Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties are neither of these. LIHTC properties are generally new, efficient, high-quality, well maintained properties that are funded through public/private partnerships and serve working families and seniors. As such, the term "Workforce Housing" is often used to describe these properties to avoid common misconceptions. In order to qualify for the Archdiocesan Housing apartments, applicants must have a job or other income source and have a household income ranging from a minimum of about $21,000 to a maximum of approximately $56,000.

This is an $11 million project. The City of Golden is directing $212,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds and Jefferson County is contributing $400,000 from the same source, which will leverage approximately $10.7 million in non-local private and federal funding. It’s a relatively small investment for the City, with a huge return. By providing more diversity in our housing stock, and making it easier for folks who work in the area to live here as well, the entire community benefits. With the low levels of residential construction in recent years, the addition of 56 new rental properties still falls well within the parameters of the City’s 1% growth cap.

Rental prices for the new apartments will be about 30% less expensive than the average market prices in Golden:

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Affordability is not the only attraction for renters. The location of the housing complex is appealing for a variety of reasons, including its proximity to large employers like the Jefferson County facilities, Denver West office park, Colorado School of Mines, MillerCoors, Colorado Mills Mall and many small businesses in downtown Golden. The complex also gives renters easy access to Highways 40 and 6, C-470 and I-70 and will be just four blocks away from the new light rail station. Not to mention there will be walking access to some local schools.

According to the 2003 Golden Needs Assessment, “Renters are more likely to choose locations close to where they work if they can find a place that is affordable to them.” It’s all about location, location, location. Thanks to City efforts, more local employees will be able to enjoy Golden without breaking the bank.

If you would like more information on this project, please call Archdiocesan Housing, Inc. at 303-830-0215.

Graphic representation of the new housing at West 10th Avenue and Johnson Road.
Homeowner Joan Archer and her son Gary live in a home in south Golden which needed quite a bit of fixing up. The Archers had plenty of projects, but didn’t have the money to get them completed. So they submitted an application to the Housing Affordability Task Force to help get some help. Help is exactly what they got.

On Oct. 3, 22 volunteers from Hillside Community Church, Calvary Church, Golden First United Methodist Church and Golden First Presbyterian Church did all of the hands-on work. The churches are all part of a group called Together Church of Golden, which takes on community improvement projects to help citizens in the City of Golden.

The volunteers, including three pastors from the various churches, worked on the Archer house for nearly 10 hours in one day, then went back later in the week to finish up their handiwork. Volunteers put in new living room and hallway floors, including better insulation underneath the floors. They also replaced the stove and dishwasher, painted the outside of the house, built new landings and steps for the front and back doors, repaired the roof and did new landscaping in the front and back of the house. In all, volunteers put in 160 hours of their own time to help the Archer family.

Joan and Gary Archer were thrilled with the work done and couldn’t believe how much could be accomplished in just one day to improve their quality of life. It was also a memorable moment for the volunteers. “It was a great experience in serving others who live in our community,” said Rev. Bethany Thomas of Calvary Church. “Most of the volunteers asked to be involved when the Together Church of Golden does this again. It was a wonderful day of fellowship and working together on a common goal.”

Splash Gets Shady

In October, the parking area of the Splash outdoor pool got a shady new look. Ten Eagle Scout volunteers from the Denver Area Council Troop 130 helped the City of Golden plant 23 shade trees in many of the parking lot islands. This will provide a beneficial cooling effect for summertime users of the Splash facility by shading both the visitor’s cars and the pavement. The $5 thousand needed for the project comes from Tree By Tree – The Mile High Million, a program of the City and County of Denver, whose goal is to plant 1 million trees in the metro area by 2025. To find out more, contact Golden’s Forestry office at 303-384-8141.
When the Snow Flies

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.

Residential streets may be considered finished once they have reached the “passable” stage, which is when bare pavement has been reached in the driving lanes. Widening curb to curb may not be performed depending on upcoming weather forecasts.

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 are plowed by another jurisdiction and which are privately owned.

PLOW IN FRONT OF YOUR DRIVEWAY

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.
Have you wondered where your drinking water comes from? Where your wastewater goes after it goes down the drain? You’re lucky to live in the City of Golden, where your drinking water comes from pristine Clear Creek and is purified at the Golden Water Treatment Plant. When used water leaves your home through the drain or toilet, it goes through the sewer to a wastewater treatment plant, where it is treated and released back into Clear Creek, downstream from Golden.

Scientists around the world have recently identified a pollution issue in wastewater. Trace amounts of chemicals from products we use every day such as shampoo, soap, and detergent are being found in downstream rivers. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove these chemicals, so they may still be in the treated water released back into the environment. These chemicals are known as “contaminants of emerging concern” (CECs). Many of these chemicals are suspected or known to be bad for wildlife and the environment – they may be toxins, endocrine disruptors, or carcinogens. Scientists have not defined what concentration levels of these chemicals might be harmful to humans.

The City of Golden is partnering with the Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) for a CEC pilot project, which will use community education to proactively reduce and prevent the contamination of the water we send down the drain. IES is a local non-profit that uses science and community involvement to address environmental challenges. It is Golden’s leadership in environmental protection that led to the new partnership on the downstream water pollution prevention project.

You can help to reduce your “chemical footprint” by thinking about the soap, detergent, cleaning products, shampoo, conditioner, cosmetics, sunscreen, and other products that you buy and use. Could you use less or choose a more environmentally-friendly alternative? Stay tuned – over the next 6 months, the Golden Informer will feature information on what you can do to reduce your chemical footprint – and protect the fish downstream. IES shares the City of Golden’s mission to keep citizens, families, wildlife and communities downstream safe from this emerging concern.

H1N1 SWINE FLU REFERENCE GUIDE

The Colorado Department of Health and Environment has put together the following information to guide you through flu season.

The symptoms of H1N1 influenza A in people are similar to seasonal flu:

- Fever greater than 100°F
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Stuffy nose
- Chills
- Headache and body aches
- Fatigue

People with the “Swine Flu” are considered infectious from the day before symptoms appear to 5-7 days after symptoms start. Children, especially younger children, can be contagious for longer periods.

If you get the H1N1 flu, avoid close contact with others as much as possible. Do not go to work, school or travel while ill. Seek medical care if you are severely ill, such as having trouble breathing. It is recommended that you stay at home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, meaning the fever should be absent without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

Here are some quick links for more information:

**Colorado Department of Health and Environment:**
www.cdphe.state.co.us/epr/H1N1.html

**Swine Flu Key Facts:**
www.cdc.gov/swineflu/key_facts.htm

**School and Childcare Guidance:**
www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools/
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Through Nov. 14**

*“Sleeping Beauty”*
Enjoy this fairytale on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m., ages 2 to 12, at Heritage Square Music Hall Children’s Theatre, 18301 W. Colfax Avenue. Tickets $6, seniors $5. Call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com for information and other show times.

**Nov. 6**

*Golden’s First Friday*
Enjoy extended shopping hours with Golden’s downtown merchants from 5 to 8 p.m.

**Nov. 7**

*Book Fair Benefiting Golden History Museums*
Golden History Museums receive a percentage of purchases made during the day when customers mention Golden History Museums at checkout. Denver West Barnes & Noble location, 14347 W. Colfax Ave. Activities include Pioneer dress-up with keepsake photo for kids, and drawings for prizes. Visit www.GoldenHistoryMuseums.org or call Doug at 303-278-3557 ex. 207 for more information.

**Nov. 9**

*Annual Golden Area Vocal Music Festival*
Free concert performance at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School gymnasium. This year’s theme is “A Tribute to Veteran’s Day” and features the JeffCo Brass. Local elementary school students will perform along with the Golden High School choirs.

**Nov. 10**

*Golden Area Instrumental Music Festival*
Begins at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School gymnasium. For more information, call 303-982-4153.

**Nov. 13 through Dec. 20**

*“It's a Wonderful Life… a 1940’s Radio Play”*
A holiday classic with a twist, at Miner’s Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Tickets are $20 at the door. Senior, student and group discounts are available. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

**Nov. 13 through Dec. 31**

*The Haunted Man*
Heritage Square Music Hall Presents Charles Dickens. Christmas comedy/musical revue follows the show. 18301 W. Colfax Ave. Call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com for more information.

**Nov. 6**

*Through Nov. 14*

Enjoy extended shopping hours with Golden’s downtown merchants from 5 to 8 p.m.
Nov. 14

Artisan Show
From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bell Middle School gym, 1001 Ulysses St. There will be more than 40 booths. The proceeds benefit Bell Middle School. Contact Becky Kyger at 303-273-9309.

Golden Civic Foundation Dinner and Auction
Golden Civic Foundation dinner and auction will be held at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. Starts at 5 p.m. Graduates of Golden High School from the 1930s will be honored. Tickets $85 per person. For reservations and information, call 303-278-9697 or www.goldencivicfoundation.org by Nov. 11.

Nov. 14 through Dec. 30

Holiday Art Market
The 2009 Holiday Art Market, at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., will display works by more than 120 Colorado artists with unique arts and fine crafts for gift-giving. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Call 303-279-3922 for information.

Nov. 18

Holiday Business Expo
Check out products & services, gift ideas, entertainment, lots of great food & beverage! Presented by the Golden Chamber of Commerce, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., at Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Ave. Free to the public. Music provided by “Atomic Prado.”

Call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org for more information.

Nov. 19 through Nov. 21

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream”
Presented by Golden High School’s Stage Right Productions. All performances are in the GHS theatre, 701 24th St. Performances are at 7 p.m. with an additional showing at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are $7 at the door. For information, contact Mr. Scott Hasbrouck at shasbrou@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-4229.

Nov. 21 through Dec. 30

“The Christmas Rescue”
A fun-filled hour of entertainment on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. Shows are targeted for ages 2 to 12. Reservations are recommended. Heritage Square Music Hall Children’s Theatre, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. Tickets are $6, seniors $5. Call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com for more information and special show times.

Nov. 26

Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 30 through Dec. 18

Boot Camp Challenge
Three week group fitness program designed for all levels of fitness. Meets Monday through Friday from 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. at the Golden Community Center. Cost is $200. For more information, contact Kim Cragg at 720-628-2901 or kim@bootcamp-challenge.com.

Dec. 4

Jim Hyatt Band and Silent Auction
This fundraiser supports The WilLiv Center in Lakewood, which helps women and children going through divorce. From 7 to 11 p.m. at the Buffalo Rose Event Center, 1119 Washington Ave. Enjoy dancing and a silent auction. Tickets are $40 per person, $70 per couple. Contact Marla at 303-232-2143.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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 ktilley@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. 15 through Dec. 11

North Pole Golden!
At the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. Bring letters to Santa’s mailbox for Santa to answer. Call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org for more information.

Nov. 20, 21, 22

Golden Holiday Open House
These merchants will be extending hours until 6 p.m., offering sales, refreshments, and entertainment. Call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org for information.

• Avenue Gifts
• Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum
• Baby Doe’s Clothiers
• Bella Notte Gift Shop
• Chelsea of London Lingerie
• Creekside Jewelers
• Foothills Art Center
• Foss Building Wine & Spirits
• JUNA, your boutique!
• Pickets
• The Clothes Mine

Nov. 21

Holiday Boutique
See 20 different vendors from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at The Buffalo Rose Event Center, 1119 Washington Ave. Call 303-278-6800 for information.

Dec. 4

Candlelight Walk
Gather at 6 p.m. at Foothills Art Center, 15th & Arapahoe streets, for caroling. The walk begins at 6:30 p.m. Afterward the Golden Visitors Center will serve beverages compliments of Golden Lions Club; cookies and eggnog from Golden Safeway, and toys from Golden McDonalds. Enjoy live reindeer and a puppet show by Le Chock. Call 303-279-3113 for more information.

Photos with Santa
Bring your camera for photos with Santa from 5 to 6 p.m. at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Call 303-279-3922 for information.

Golden History Museums
Celebrate holiday traditions at the Astor House, Clear Creek History Park, and Golden History Center. Music, stories, hot cocoa and cookies at each location. Events are free after the Candlelight Walk until 9 p.m. Call 303-278-3557 for information.

CSM Seasonal Sing
The Colorado School of Mines Seasonal Sing, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bunker Auditorium in the Green Center, 924 16th St. The concert band and festival choir will perform various selections, including an old-fashioned Christmas sing-along. Audience participation is encouraged at this free event. Seating is on a first come basis. Call 720-934-4539 for more information.

Dec. 5

Chili Cook-Off
The Chili Appreciation Society International chili cook-off begins at noon outside The Golden Hotel, 800 11th Street. $5 to taste 25 different chilis. Proceeds benefit Golden area charities. For information, call John Montgomery at 303-831-5061.

Holiday Story Telling
Clear Creek Books, 1200 Washington Ave. “Grandma Karen” Oxman with her granddaughter Claire Osmun playing violin, accompanied by dad, Mark Osmun. 3 to 3:30 p.m. Call 303-278-4593 for information.

Old Time Radio Show and Christmas Concert
The Golden Concert Choir and Confluence present at 7:30 p.m. at Applewood Valley United Methodist Church, 2035 Ellis Street. Call Martha at 303-234-9384 for information.

Dec. 5, 12, 19

Olde Golden Christmas on Parade
Olde Fashioned Hometown Parade down Washington Avenue. with floats, clowns, characters, music and Santa. From 11 to 11:30 a.m. each Saturday. Call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org for information.

Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20

Free Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides
Ride through downtown Golden. Pick up on 12th Street between Washington Avenue and Arapahoe Street. Noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting. Call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org for information.

Newfoundland Dog Cart Rides
These rides are for children. Pick up point between 12th and 13th Streets at Miners Alley, noon to 3 p.m.
Recycle Glass Locally

When you recycle your glass bottles and jars in Golden, the material is made into new beer bottles for MillerCoors! Typically, glass containers are collected along with your other recyclables, transported to a Denver sorting facility and then delivered back to Rocky Mountain Bottling Company for recycling. During the sorting process, the fragile glass material takes a beating and some is lost due to breakage. A new pilot program in Golden aims to ensure that more glass is recycled locally.

MillerCoors has provided designated glass-only bins at the City’s drop-off site in north Golden that will take glass materials straight to Rocky Mountain Bottling Company. This local collection saves on gas and air pollution and reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), which is one of the City’s sustainability goals. As a bonus, the process will ensure that a larger percentage of the glass material is recycled. For Golden residents who want to know that their hard work will pay off, it may be a simple solution to bring your glass containers to the MillerCoors bin at the City’s recycling drop-off site. For those who prefer the convenience of single-stream recycling, continue to include your glass materials in with your other recyclables and rest assured that your glass is still recycled locally.

Cash For Clunker Appliances

Did you know that the average home spends about $2,200 on energy bills every year? Home appliances consume 20 percent of the energy used in a home. Now is the time to start thinking about replacing those old, inefficient appliances. With federal stimulus funding, the State of Colorado will be offering rebates for your old appliance trade-in. Qualifying appliances include dishwashers, clothes washers, refrigerators, water heaters, high-efficiency furnaces, and gas boilers. Rebates are expected to be in the $300-$700 range and the program is expected to be released in January 2010, so watch for details on how you can take advantage of this benefit. For more details, visit the City website at www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability/energy or call Sustainability Coordinator Theresa Worsham at (303) 384-8117.

BABY, IT’S COLD OUTSIDE

As fall ends, the wintry weather reminds us to finish those weatherization projects before the snow flies. Adding weatherstripping to your doors and windows is a good start, but most heat loss in a home goes through the attic and roof. Adding insulation can be a quick and inexpensive way to cut your heating bills. Installing a programmable thermostat is easy and homeowners can recoup their costs in a few short months. Golden’s local hardware stores offer many weatherization products and they can help you choose the right products for your home.
Small Changes Improve Quality of Life

A recent article posted on Your Hub by Mo Lukens of Mo’s Family Portraits gave kudos to the City for their efforts to improve conditions for pedestrians on Kimball Avenue. Mo wrote, “Thanks to the City of Golden, City Council and our Councilor Joe Behm. The folks on Allen Street ate very happy to have new larger sidewalks up Kimball! Now we can go for walks side-by-side and not single file. It is finally safer from cars and it slows drivers down. We are just so happy we thought we would let our great City of Golden know!”

This project began when Kimball Avenue appeared on the Public Works 2009 repaving list. Employees thought it was a great area to apply the complete streets concept, making an area safe and accessible for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. They held a community open house where they presented several possible designs to the residents. The community members in that area chose the final design. The paving part of the project was completed in late summer. Some final touches to the landscaping will be completed soon. This project is a perfect example of how community involvement can change an area for the better.

National Honors for City Employee

Dave Ackley, the Stormwater Supervisor for the City of Golden, is the 2009 recipient of an Individual Achievement Award and Management Innovation Award from the American Public Works Association.

With limited staff and operating dollars, Dave implemented four programs that have saved the City thousands of dollars and continue to make a big impact on the environment.

One of those programs utilized volunteers to help clear channels and drainageways of trash and overgrown vegetation. This has greatly reduced the possibility of flooding to residents and cut down on the amount of pollutants discharged downstream.

Through Dave Ackley’s efforts, innovation and persistence, the City of Golden has been in the forefront of stormwater management programs nationwide and is considered a model for other agencies to follow.
During the colder winter months we are more susceptible to carbon monoxide poisoning because we tend to use our furnaces and fireplaces and maybe even idle our cars in the garage to warm up. That’s why you should install a carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home, mainly near sleeping areas. This is especially important if you have solid or gas fuel burning appliances, a fireplace in your home, or an attached garage. Carbon monoxide has been dubbed the “Silent Killer” because it is a colorless and odorless gas that can be deadly. Carbon monoxide detectors are designed and tested to detect and audibly warn occupants of the presence of carbon monoxide before it reaches dangerous levels. Carbon monoxide has a density near the same but slightly lighter than air so it will tend to disperse throughout a home. Detectors can be placed anywhere in a room and many simply plug into a normal electrical wall outlet. This is different than smoke alarms, which are designed to be mounted on a ceiling or on a wall close to the ceiling because smoke rises.

Compared to smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors are a relatively new technology; but they should be treated just like smoke alarms when it comes to maintenance. Carbon monoxide detectors should be tested monthly and have batteries changed twice a year.

Also be aware of common signs or symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure which can include headaches, dizziness, nausea, weakness, irritability and eventually unconsciousness. If you have one or more of these symptoms and/or your carbon monoxide detector goes off and you are not sure, ventilate your house and get out. Getting yourself and others to fresh air is the first thing to do. Then call 911 from a cell phone or a neighbor’s phone.

The Golden Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and happy winter and holiday season.

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

Carbon Monoxide Detectors are easy to install. Many models just plug in to a regular outlet.

**HERE ARE A FEW OTHER WINTER AND HOLIDAY TIPS:**

- If you scoop or blow snow, avoid piling snow around fire hydrants.
- Make sure that heavy snow does not block vents or exhausts around your home.
- Shovel two pathways out of your home in case you need an emergency exit.
- Make sure your house address is visible to emergency responders.
- Check your holiday lighting for damaged or exposed wires and other faulty parts before installing.
- Avoid staples or nails that can puncture holiday wiring and cause electrical shorting.
- If you enjoy cut holiday trees, water often to avoid the tree drying out too soon and becoming a serious fire hazard. Keep candles and other heat sources well away from natural cut holiday trees.
- Extinguish candles and turn off holiday lighting when you leave your home or go to sleep.
Ask any of the older adults participating in the Golden Community Center’s sports programs and they will tell you - you really are as young as you feel! From seasonal bicycling treks to medal-winning ladies’ basketball, the GCC offers a variety of athletic opportunities for the mature sports set.

The medal-winning ladies’ basketball teams at the Golden Community Center continue to make a name for themselves across the county. The teams recently attended the National Senior Games (formerly called the National Senior Olympics) in Palo Alto, Calif. on the Stanford University Campus. In order to participate in the games, teams and individuals had to qualify by winning either first or second place in their sporting event at a state level. All of the Golden ladies’ basketball teams qualified in Colorado at the Senior Games held in Greeley in 2008. 2010 will also be a qualifying year to become eligible for the 2011 National Senior Games held in Houston, Texas.

Four teams attended the National Senior Games this year. The 50-54 age team was most successful by capturing second place out of 23 teams. The team impressively won every game leading into the championship game only to lose by one basket in double overtime. The 70-74 age team took fourth place coming off a first place win earlier this year at the Arkansas Senior Games in Hot Springs. The 60-64 age team grabbed seventh place with two injured players. The 55-59 age team also qualified for the trip to the National Senior Games but did not place. The National Senior Games is not limited to basketball; Golden also had competitors in biking, discus, javelin, hammer and badminton.

If you are a woman 50 or older and looking for physical activity, competition and fun, join the ladies’ 3-on-3 half court basketball practice Wednesday evenings, Friday and Sunday mornings. Sunday morning includes a 45-minute skills clinic. No experience or skill is necessary to join. For more information, contact Janis Hayes at 303-234-0667 or Joy Kaylor at 303-582-5815. Drop-ins are welcome with payment of the Golden Community Center general admission.

For the older adult with sports aspirations other than basketball, the Golden Community Center Front Porch can provide more information on senior softball, volleyball, cycling, walking and a variety of wellness classes targeted to those 50+ including aqua aerobics and yoga.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4
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

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events.
www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=334 or sign up for email!

ADULT TAP CLASSES (for the kid in all of us!)
Adult Tap Beginners Ages: 14 years and older*
A great class for those who want to learn to tap. If you need to brush up on your skills or just want to get started, this class is for you. Bring your own tap shoes.
Mondays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Classes start Oct. 5 and run for 4 weeks.
Fee: $40 Resident, $45 Non-resident
* $5 discount per session is available for all of our mature dancers ages 60 and older.

Adult Tap Intermediate/Advanced
Ages: 14 years and older*
If you are comfortable tapping and would love to get together with other tappers, this is the class for you. Dust off those tap shoes and come on in.
Mondays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Classes start Oct. 5 and run for 4 weeks.
Ask at the Front Desk for more info.
Fee: $40 Resident, $45 Non-resident

Here’s what’s happening this month:

TRIPS & TOURS:
Invitational Wii Bowling Tournament, Wheat Ridge Senior Community Center - #35050
Monday, Nov. 9; 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Register/Cancel by Nov. 5
$10 (includes meal, team admission fee and van)
Four bowlers per team; This trip is limited to eight people. The Wheat Ridge Senior/Community Center is hosting a Wii Bowling Tournament. Plan on having a blast and try bowling in a new dimension.

Van Gogh Workshop with Abrakadoodle - #35055
Monday, Nov. 16; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Register/Cancel by Nov. 12
$15 (includes materials)
Bring $4 for a box lunch.
(Chicken, Turkey or Vegetarian)
Join Abrakadoodle to create art - Van Gogh style. This drawing class will focus on techniques such as one-point perspective and horizon vanishing points. Develop your inner artist while taking some hints from our Dutch artist of inspiration, Vincent van Gogh.

Singing in the Rain, Boulder Dinner Theater - #35060
Wednesday, Nov. 18; 5 to 10:30 p.m.
Register/Cancel by Oct. 30
(bookings early are recommended)
$55 (van, admission, dinner)
Come join in for some of the funniest scenes, most enjoyable singin’, dancin’ and splashin’ about in a rain puddle!
Annual Pottery Show and Sale  
Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-22  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
The Annual Pottery Show and Sale has moved to the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St.

JumpNrope  
A new session of JumpNrope begins Nov. 3. JumpNrope is a great opportunity to learn the fundamentals of jump rope, an exciting routine and the chance to perform in the Holiday Show. For more information, visit www.goldenrec.com

Youth Clay  
This class will give the younger generation an opportunity to experience the tactile qualities of clay. Students will learn how to hand build with clay through pinch, coil and slab construction. The finished products will be fired in an electric kiln and the students will decorate with a non-toxic and food-safe glaze.  
Ages: 7-12 years  
Thursdays, Nov. 5 to Dec. 3  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Fee: $45 Resident, $50 Non-resident

Mud Makers  
Together parents, tots and preschoolers will explore and experiment with shape, texture and tools as they create with clay. Finished projects will be glazed. All glazes are non-toxic and food safe.  
Ages: 3-6 years  
Thursday, Nov. 5 to Dec. 3  
3:30 to 4:15 p.m.  
Fee: $40 Resident, $45 Non-resident

A young participant shows off her clay project.

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.

Update from RTD-FasTracks: Interstate Lane Closures

Work on westbound I-70 between the Colfax Avenue and 6th Avenue exits is scheduled to continue through November. Westbound traffic can expect night time work with lane closures from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Westbound I-70 is scheduled to be completely closed down the weekend of November 6 and 7. Advanced warning and notification will be visible as the full closures approach. Once work on top of I-70 is complete, crews will move off of the highway and begin digging out the dirt under I-70 for the light rail tunnel. For more information on the project, visit http://www.RTD-FasTracks.com. They can help you choose the right products for your home.

FasTracks construction at 6th Avenue and Indiana Street.
After hours upon hours in the kitchen, the Golden Cultural Alliance has come up with a cookbook to satisfy both lovers of food and of history. The “Golden City Tastes & Traditions Cookbook” contains more than 250 recipes, all of which have been triple-tested and tasted in the kitchens of volunteers. Only in this book will you find such delightful recipes as Washington Avenue Wings, South Table Strata, Lariat Trail Salad, Colorado Sunset Smoothie and Purple Mountain Majesty Margarita. The cookbook provides pages of recipes each of appetizers and beverages; breads and brunches; soups and salads; main courses; sides and vegetarian fare; desserts; bison, venison and native plants; as well as a section of Golden specialties.

This is not only a collection of recipes, but also a collection of unusual stories and facts about Golden and information about local organizations and events that have helped define Golden over the years. There’s even a section of old fashioned home remedies! This is the perfect holiday gift and is available at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. The regular price of the cookbook is $19.95, but it will be on sale in November and December for only $8. Call 303-279-3113 for more information.

Colorado School of Mines goes PINK

CSM’s Blue Key Honor Society had a great idea 10 years ago. Members attempted to turn the “M” pink, using pink light bulbs, in support of the fight against breast cancer. Unfortunately, the bulbs appeared white, not pink, and the idea had to be abandoned.

But Blue Key turned lemons into lemonade by decorating the pink bulbs, turning them into ornaments and holding a fundraiser. Each bulb has a School of Mines logo with a Susan G. Komen ribbon etched into it. The bulbs were offered at the Golden Farmer’s Market for a donation of $10. Blue Key wanted to honor the original intent of their idea, so all proceeds benefit the Denver affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. It takes 551 bulbs to light one color on the “M” and none of these pink bulbs ended up in a landfill. Some ornaments may still be available. Anyone interested in purchasing a bulb ornament can email the Blue Key Honor Society at pinkfromblue@gmail.com.

The CSM Blue Key Honor Society is committed to helping the Golden/Denver community. For more information, visit http://organizations.mines.edu/bluekey/

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. 2, 2009 .......... 8 to 10 a.m.

Although these classes are free, space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
When you live in Golden, there’s two hours of fun, two minutes from home. So we suggest getting away by staying right here. Get a double scoop of ice cream and meander down Washington Avenue. Stroll through our amazing art galleries or museums. Shop in one of our unique stores. You’ll be surprised at all there is to do right here under your nose. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.