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2010 Golden City Council

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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

DON’T FORGET TO VOTE!
ELECTIONS ARE TUESDAY, NOV. 2
Make sure your ballot is received by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2. On the ballot this year you’ll vote for individuals to represent Golden in the state legislature and in Congress as well as for the candidates who will represent all Coloradans as Governor and in other statewide offices like State Treasurer and Attorney General. This is your chance to make a difference, so don’t miss out! For voter information, visit www.elections.colorado.gov/.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, NOV. 11
The City of Golden will hold a final public hearing on the 2011-2012 Budget during City Council’s regular business meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, including taking public comment on the proposed document. Following public comment, Council will discuss, may amend, and then is expected to adopt the 2011-2012 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan and set the Mill Levy for 2011. City Council meets in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. A sign-up sheet to speak at the Council meeting 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.

RECYCLE OLD TRASH CANS
EDS collected old trash and recycling containers from residents during the week of Oct. 25. If you missed the pickup, don’t worry. You can still turn in the old containers. Please bring your unwanted containers to the EDS office at 410 Orchard St. or to the City of Golden Public Works Office at 1445 10th St.

If you have any questions, contact Chris Naber at 303-384-8183 or cnaber@cityofgolden.net.

TRASH ASSISTANCE
The City has been contacted by a few individuals who are not able to place their trash out for pickup due to physical disabilities. If you are a person with disabilities and do not have an individual living at your residence who can wheel the trash container to its pickup location, please contact Chris Naber at 303-384-8183 and the City will arrange for help. Please make sure you have documentation from a doctor or other authority which details your disability or condition.

A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE
The Golden Civic Foundation (GCF) celebrates 40 years of service to Golden at its annual dinner and auction. Through their grants and loans program, the GCF donates money and services to revitalizing historic downtown Golden, many of the community events and local charitable organizations.

The dinner and auction is from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. The cost is $85 per person or $800 for a table of ten. The event is open to the public but reservations are required. To make reservations, call Chuck Baroch at 303-278-9697 or visit www.goldencivicfoundation.org.

CITY HOLIDAY HOURS
The City of Golden’s administrative offices will be closed Nov. 25 and 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will return to regular business hours on Monday, Nov.29. The Golden Community Center will close at 4 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25 but will continue normal business hours on Friday, Nov. 26.
Everyone who lives or works in Golden knows how remarkable this community is. The reasons include our long history, our small-town character, our thriving downtown and Clear Creek Corridor, our location nestled in a small valley buffered from the Denver Metro area by mountains and open space, and two premier research and education institutions, the Colorado School of Mines and the National Renewable Energy Labs.

In my State of the Community presentation last month I highlighted another reason why Golden is a strong, vibrant, and resilient community: the way in which everyone collaborates to solve problems and make great things happen. Faith community groups team up with service organizations to make sure that all of Golden’s kids are well fed enough to learn when they arrive at school. Parents and teachers build incredible fundraising collaborations with students and neighbors to support charities and people in need; such as the animal shelter, service men and women stationed abroad, families impacted by Hurricane Katrina, and families in need right here in Golden. Golden residents self-organize to create new community amenities like the Golden Community Garden and the new Golden Bike Skills Park. Volunteers and Golden businesses pull together the resources and community support to host Golden’s keystone events like the Fine Arts Festival, Buffalo Bill Days, the Candlelight Walk, and new events like the First Friday Street Fairs.

One common thread in all of these stories is the role of the city. For some things – public safety, maintaining a strong transportation system, and investing in community infrastructure like water and parks – your city government is a vital community tool for protecting our quality of life. But for many of the most important things that happen in Golden, it is our neighborhoods, service organizations, faith community, business community, arts and culture nonprofits, and schools that take the lead. The city can play a helpful role in encouraging and facilitating, but for many of these things our role is and should be as a supporting actor.

One of our great strengths, in other words, is that so many people in the community are willing to step up and play linchpin roles, often without fanfare or recognition. At the State of the Community event, in order to highlight some of these individuals, we also presented this year’s “Mayor’s Awards for Excellence” to eight individual community members who are playing these extraordinary roles, going far beyond the call to make sure Golden is and remains a remarkable community. I am really pleased here to acknowledge those eight individuals: Rebecca Archer, Rick Baldessari, Bob Burrell, Helen Leith, John Polli, Karen Setzer, Dave Shuey and Barb Warden.

Recently, I had a chance to chat with the students at one of our Golden-area elementary schools about what makes a community. From the kindergarteners to the sixth graders, they had thoughtful and insightful answers: being nice to one another, helping each other out, making friends with people you don’t know. It’s refreshing and encouraging that our youngest had as strong a sense of what makes a healthy community as the groups and individuals I highlighted last month. If our kids already understand what makes a great community and what it means to be a member of such a community, the future of Golden is in good hands.
The City of Golden is in the process of redesigning and rebuilding the City’s web site to make it more user-friendly. In order to make it the best web site it can be we need your input. Please visit our web site at www.cityofgolden.net and play around on the site to see what features you like and what needs improvement.

Please then fill out our brief survey, which is at www.cityofgolden.net/WebSurvey. You can also find the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/COGwebsitesurvey.

We also encourage you to attend one of our focus group sessions the week of Nov. 8. We are looking for residents, business owners, visitors, students and people who work in the City of Golden to attend this one hour session. You will be able to give more detailed feedback on what would make the City of Golden web site most useful to you. Space is limited so please email Communications Manager Karlyn Tilley at ktilley@cityofgolden.net or call 303-384-8132 to get the details and reserve your seat today.

Golden is Bike Friendly

The City of Golden joins the ranks of the nation’s most bike friendly communities. Golden received a Bronze Award from the League of American Bicyclists, which is a national organization that rates cities according to bike friendliness. There were more than 400 applicants for this honor.

To date, Golden is one of 158 Bicycle Friendly Communities in 43 states. There is an extensive application process, where communities must demonstrate success in engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation. Golden applied for the award in 2008 but was denied. Since that time, the City created a Bike Task Force to address the needs of cyclists in the community.

Here are some of the improvements made to Golden since 2008 that made the Bronze award possible:

- Bike lanes around each of the schools to improve safety for children
- Safe Routes to School program to educate children on bike safety
- Adult bike class sponsored by the City to improve bike commuter safety
- Additional bike lanes on major routes through the City
- Additional bike and pedestrian bridges connecting neighborhoods to downtown
- “Complete Streets” policy adopted by City Council so that road improvements also address needs of cyclists, pedestrians and transit
- “Bike Golden!” brochure and information
- Numerous local bike clubs, shops, parks, tracks, rides and races that demonstrate Golden’s interest and commitment to bicycling

Encouraging bicycling is a simple way towards improving public health. With more people bicycling, communities experience reduced traffic demands, improved air quality and greater physical fitness. Bicycle Friendly Communities fit right in with Golden’s goal: a place with a high quality of life, where people want to live, work and visit. For more information, contact Golden City Planner Rick Muriby at 303-384-8097 or rmuriby@cityofgolden.net.
Golden Fire Department Chief John Bales is set to receive a national Leadership Award from the International Association of Fire Chiefs. The award recognizes a Chief Officer of a volunteer or combination fire department who stands out on the local and/or regional level as a true professional who has demonstrated leadership, integrity and outstanding moral values within the fire service. “This award is a testament to both Chief Bales’ leadership and to the entire department,” said Mayor Jacob Smith.

Chief Bales was nominated by Fire Marshal Jerry Stricker, Acting Division Chief of Training Gene Quador and Fire Administrative Assistant Debbie Testroet. They were told Chief Bales won the award “hands down.” And when you look at just a few of his accomplishments, it’s easy to see why.

Chief Bales approached City Council to approve a Volunteer Firefighter Length of Service Award Plan in order to recognize the dedication and commitment of Golden’s volunteer firefighters to the citizens and community of Golden. This was unanimously approved by Council. The Golden Fire Department is a combination department with a volunteer fire and emergency response force. There are currently 85 volunteer firefighters and nine career administrative staff, five of which respond on daily calls.

Because of Chief Bales’ efforts, the GFD received over $65,000 in grant funding to purchase new gear and rescue tools. He also wrote for and was awarded a grant through SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) for the Volunteer Coordinator position, which expanded the volunteer ranks to both residents and non-residents, contributing to a 115% growth in the department over the last four years. Under his command, the newest fire station on 10th Street was built with many sustainability features and still came in under budget. Now, two years after it was built, the fire station dropped its energy cost by over a third of what the older, smaller building used to cost.

Chief John Bales has worked in the fire service for more than 40 years. He started in Golden as the Training Officer before his promotion to Chief. He has been a member of the Golden Fire Department for more than 10 years. Written on the award application, “He is very passionate about the fire service and has fought hard to get the volunteers the best of equipment, ease of certification processes, safety equipment and overall approval of the citizens of Golden as he does not hesitate to put credit where credit is due.”

Congratulations to Chief John Bales on a job well done.

Aquatic Accolades

Congratulations to Aquatics Supervisor Kristi Marosy for winning Aquatic Professional of the Year. Kristi is in charge of The Splash Water Park as well as all swim-related activities at the Golden Community Center. The award honors her work with the City as well as what she’s done in the community, the relationships she’s built with other professionals and her commitment to coaching.

The award was presented to Kristi at the state professional conference presented by the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association. The award acknowledges a professional in the field of Aquatics that has given significant time and energy fulfilling the Aquatic Section’s mission, advancing the Aquatic profession and providing outstanding aquatic services.

Kristi will serve as the Chair for the Aquatic Section this upcoming year and will then act as a Colorado Park and Recreation Association Board liaison to the section after her term is up. In 2008, Kristi received the Jefferson County High School Swimming Coach of the Year Award. Since 2007, she has served as President of the Foothills Swimming Association that governs 11 summer club swim teams in the area. She was also part of the Golden Aquatics Team responsible for a 4th place win at the 2010 Colorado State Lifeguard Games Competition.
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Here is an excerpt from the book:

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While attending the art institute in Denver, each day I rode either the 84 interurban or the 83 interurban, which went in the valley. I really didn’t like 83 as well as 84 because on its route we had to go into Arvada, which made the trip longer. Going into Arvada was troublesome because the street car backed into the city and then went forward into either Denver or Golden.

My summer job was being the first and only guide for Adolph Coors Company, then a much smaller company. If someone showed particular interest in the tour, I took them on a special trip through the malted milk plant, and we were given a big chunk of the dried malted milk to chew on. That was indeed a treat.

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A Big Screen Celebration of the Environment

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The movies are from six countries and sixteen states and range in length from two minutes to two hours. Five of the productions are from Colorado. This is by far the largest number of films shown at CEFF, covering a wide range of topics including pollution, exotic pets, exploring caves, global warming, recycling and the celebration of wilderness. There will also be two family film segments.

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A Sustainable Thanksgiving

Take the Thanksgiving Challenge this year and buy at least one ingredient for your Thanksgiving dinner that is locally produced. There are lots of delicious ways to take this challenge, from trying an organic turkey to finding a locally grown squash. Search the Eat Well Guide at www.eatwell.org to find a local farm or market.

Also, if you’re planning to fry a turkey this year, there are several places that accept used cooking oil. One of the easiest ways is to contact a local restaurant and ask if you can recycle your oil along with their waste oil. Check out www.recyclemyoil.com for Denver locations or EcoCycle in Boulder.

A Sustainable Local Business: A1 Organics

Throughout the year, yard waste and other organic waste can consume up to 60 percent of available landfill space. With landfill space diminishing and new landfills becoming harder and harder to permit, alternatives become much more important. Composting is one such alternative that works to keep organic waste out of the landfill while providing a useful alternative. A1 Organics operates the Yard Waste Recycling Program at the Rooney Road Recycling Center, 151 South Rooney Road.

At the site, A1 receives green waste including brush, slash, tree limbs, grass, leaves, untreated and unpainted lumber, sawdust, ground or chipped wood, Christmas trees and pine needles. The cost to Golden residents is $4 per cubic yard, or about $10 per truckload. Periodically, A1 grinds the green waste and transports the material for composting to one of its main facilities. A1 currently produces in excess of 350,000 cubic yards of compost and soil amendments per year, from materials collected along the Front Range. A food waste compost program is also offered for restaurants and food service establishments. The Rooney Road green waste facility is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week, no appointment is necessary. For questions, please call 303-710-9120 or visit www.a1organics.com.

PLAN YOUR GREEN HOLIDAY PARTY

Holiday celebrations and gatherings can mean a lot of extra trash. To avoid going over your trash bag limit, here are a few suggestions to help cut down on holiday waste:

• Send your invitations electronically. There are several online services that will allow you to easily set up a holiday party website that will even handle the last-minute reminders for you.

• Reusable dishes, cups, and silverware. Secondhand stores often have full sets of inexpensive dishware. Mix and match the sets for fun and pass them along to friends for future parties. If you have to purchase disposables, check out Eco Product’s compostable party packs, made with cornstarch and plant-based materials.

• Make recycling easy. Keep recycling containers in plain sight so your guests can responsibly dispose of their bottles and cans throughout the night.

• Decorate your home by bringing the outdoors in. Pick a few twigs from your neighborhood pine trees or collect pine cones to create a natural, aromatic décor.
Plowing Through Winter

When the snow comes, the City of Golden’s Public Works Streets Division is busy ensuring residents and commuters have a safer drive. The City maintains a Snow and Ice Control Plan to maintain all streets, but prioritizes the order in which they are plowed. Alleyways are not plowed by the City.

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 seven snowplows are equipped with computer-controlled sanders that calibrate sand spreading. The city applies “Ice Slicer” and also a mixture of salt and sand to priority areas, such as bridges, inclines, curves, schools and fire stations before other areas.

When the snowplows come through, they leave what is called a “windrow” (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. Remember, it’s the law that you must shovel your walks. 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.

You can view the city’s Snow and Ice Control Plan and maps at www.cityofgolden.net/SnowIcePlan. There you will find a city-wide map that shows which roads are plowed by the city, which are plowed by another jurisdiction and which are privately owned.

SHELTER FROM THE STORM

Severe weather funding from past years is no longer available to serve Jefferson County’s homeless populations on the coldest nights in the winter. In the past, motel vouchers were available to those in need on nights when the temperature dropped below 20 degrees or when it was wet outside and below 32 degrees. Last winter there were 71 such nights, endangering lives, especially those of children and the elderly. Statistics show that on any given night last year there were at least 1,242 homeless people in Jefferson County… almost half of them children.

Heading Home is an independent collaborative effort in Jefferson County of non-profit organizations, public agencies and concerned citizens working to create a plan to meet this challenge. This group includes members from faith based organizations, law enforcement, schools, human services, city/county representatives, non-profits and individuals.

Funds are needed to continue the severe weather voucher program this year. $45 provides for a one night motel stay for a family, $15 provides transportation to the hotel and a meal for a family and $10 provides a meal. If you would like to donate, contact Tom Lose at 303-467-2604 or tlose@thefamilytree.org.
GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Through Nov. 7
Dracula
Heritage Square Music Hall presents dinner and a show featuring Dracula. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For tickets and information, call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

Nov. 2 through Jan. 29
Holiday Red and Green Quilt Exhibit
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information, call 303-277-0377.

Nov. 2
Election Day
Ballots due by 7 p.m.

Nov. 5 through Dec. 22
A Child’s Christmas in Wales

Nov. 7
Fall Back
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 10
Chronic Pain/Chronic Illness Support Group
The Golden Family of Churches is holding a free seminar, “Healing is a Choice” from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Mesa View & First Presbyterian Churches, 1707 W. 16th Ave. For more information, call Parish Nurse April Struck at 303-279-2776.

Nov. 11
Veterans Day

Nov. 12 through Dec. 31
Holiday Art Market
With handmade art and holiday delights around every corner, this merchandise exhibition offers everything from ceramics, wood and jewelry to glass, fiber and more. Admission is free. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922.

Nov. 12 through Dec. 31
I’ll Be Home for Christmas
A holiday USO show for the family at Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. Tickets available for dinner and the show or the show only. Call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com for more information and special show times.

Nov. 13
Dinner and Auction
The Golden Civic Foundation celebrates 40 years of service to Golden at its annual dinner and auction. 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. Tickets are $85; table for 10 is $800. For reservations call Chuck Baroch at 303-278-9697 or visit www.goldencivicfoundation.org.

Nov. 25
Thanksgiving

Dec. 3
Candlelight Walk
Gather at 6 p.m. outside Foothills Art Center, 15th and Arapahoe streets,
for caroling. The Golden Chamber of Commerce will sell candles for .50 cents each. The walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. The walk ends at the Golden Visitors Center, where there will be a stage show with a variety of performances. The Golden Visitors Center will serve hot beverages compliments of Golden Lions Club; cookies compliments of Golden Safeway and toys from Golden McDonalds. Enjoy live reindeer and a puppet show by Le Chock. Call 303-279-3113 for more information.

Golden History Museums
Stroll through the Astor House Museum, Clear Creek History Park and the Golden History Center after the Candlelight Walk. Sing carols, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. The Golden High School Jazz Demons will sing jazz holiday carols. 7 to 9 p.m. at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St. For more information call 303-278-3557.

CSM Seasonal Sing
The Colorado School of Mines Orchestra, Concert Band and Chorus will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Bunker Auditorium in the Green Center, 924 16th St. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 720-934-4539 for more information.

Dec. 4
Golden Concert Choir Concert
Vivaldi’s “Gloria” is the featured work at the Golden Concert Choir’s Christmas Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Applewood Valley United Methodist Church, 2035 Ellis St. For more information call 303-279-5177 or visit www.goldencommunitychoirs.org.

Dec. 4, 11, 18
Olde Golden Christmas on Parade
A true old-fashioned hometown parade with floats, clowns, music and Santa. From 11 to 11:30 a.m. on Washington Avenue. Call 303-279-3113 for more information.

Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12 ,18 ,19
Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Pick up your ride on 12th Street between Washington Avenue and Arapahoe Street. Noon to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Call 303-279-3113 for more information.

Dec. 11
Breakfast with Santa
Enjoy a breakfast with Santa and the Christmas Showcase from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Buffalo Rose Events Center, 1119 Washington Ave. Tickets are $8, reservations are required. Canned goods will be collected for the Christian Action Guild. To make a reservation, call Donna at 303-279-0200.

Dec. 12
Holiday Concert
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra presents Tchaikovsky’s Romeo and Juliet along with traditional holiday music. 3 p.m. at the Green Center on the Colorado School of Mines Campus, 924 16th St. For tickets and information call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

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

Inside your home you want to make sure your furnace is in proper working order. Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning is more likely if you have a faulty furnace that is not properly maintained. A good CO detector can give you an early warning, so make sure you have a working detector on every level of your house.

Have a home emergency kit filled with essential items that can be used if the power goes out or you get snowed in. A few of the basics are blankets, flashlights, a first-aid kit, canned food & opener, plenty of water (1 gallon a day per person), medication and a radio.

When you do venture out into the cold weather, layer your clothes. This will keep you warmer than one big heavy coat. Wearing a hat and gloves also helps prevent losing body heat.

Be cautious when shoveling snow and avoid overexertion. Heart attacks from shoveling snow are a leading cause of death during the winter. Make sure to take frequent breaks, drink plenty of fluids and if needed, stop shoveling for the day.

To make sure your car is also ready for winter, have it winterized and keep an emergency kit in the vehicle. Your car should have at least a half tank of gas at all times. If you do not have a cell phone to call for help, be sure to let someone know when you leave your house and where you are going. If you’re driving and you get stuck you should:

- Stay with your car; never try to walk to safety.
- Start the car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour or as needed.

As the holidays come around and you prepare to decorate, remember some simple safety tips to make it an enjoyable and safe season:

- When decorating your house or hanging lights make sure you use a ladder and do not get onto the roof if it’s wet or snowy to prevent slipping.
- Always unplug your holiday lights when leaving the house or going to bed.
- Try to place Christmas trees next to outlets and avoid using extension cords. Make sure the tree does not block any possible exits.
- Double check that all smoke alarms and fire extinguishers in the house are working. Don’t forget to install, test and maintain these devices regularly.
- Develop and practice a fire escape plan for your household so overnight guests are familiar with your procedures.
It's easy to **Buy Local** when shopping for holiday items and distinctive gift ideas. In addition to a wide variety of retailers along Washington Avenue, the Foothills Art Center hosts its 35th annual Holiday Art Market (HART). This event showcases an astounding assortment of handcrafted artwork and fine craft from over 140 Colorado artists. HART is a unique holiday shopping experience that supports the local artist community and Golden’s commerce. It also allows gift-givers to shop in the comfort of their own community and away from the stress of the shopping mall.

From stocking stuffers to fine works of art, the HART will carry merchandise to fit every price range, taste and preference. This year’s exhibition will feature exceptional selections in ceramics, jewelry, glass, fiber art, ornaments, paintings, and much more, all set against a winter wonderland backdrop in Foothills Art Center’s main galleries and quaint historic building.

The Holiday Art Market runs from Nov. 13 to Dec. 30 and admission is free. The Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

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**2010 ORNAMENT AVAILABLE**

The 2010 Leadership Golden Christmas Ornament features the Coors Original Family Home. The ornament is silver with black ink and the artwork was done by Gail Coors.

William Coors wrote a brief history of the house. Here is part of his story:

*This old house is known by some as Manor Coors, and by members of the Coors family simply as the Residence. My grandmother called it Villa Coors for the 60 years that she lived in the home. It had a humble beginning, according to family lore, as a dance pavilion and bandstand for the beer garden that my grandfather operated in conjunction with his brewery in the late 1870's. He married Louisa Weber in 1879 and to provide living quarters for his bride and himself, he converted the pavilion to a modest apartment. Over the following 20 years they had eight children, six of whom survived into adulthood. As the family grew, so did the house on which rooms were added as needed. The house reached its present footprint about the turn of the 20th century. My father and mother both died in 1970 and the house has been unoccupied since.*

**What Are We Up To?**

Golden’s Parks, Cemetery and Forestry Division gets many questions from the public about what projects they are doing around town and why. This is the monthly report to explain various projects. November is a transition month for the Division. All of the seasonal employees have left for the year and winter projects are in full swing.

**FORESTRY**
- As leaves fall, November is a time for quality tree inspection and maintenance.
- Young trees are wrapped with crepe paper to help protect against sunscald. Sunscald is the damage done to thin-barked trees in the winter time, due to freeze and thaw cycles and bright and warm sunshine during our Colorado winters. For further information go to [www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/2111.html](http://www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/2111.html).

**PARKS**
- Parks staff has been performing maintenance seven days a week since the spring. As the weather turns cold and visitation drops, Parks staff no longer performs weekend maintenance.
- Early in the month turf and native mowing is performed, likely for the last time this year.
- As the trees shed their leaves they must be removed from the parks. A turf vacuum is used to pickup as much of the debris as possible. Wind during this time of year is another effective method of removal.
- In anticipation of the holiday season, lights are strung in the Clear Creek Corridor and along South Golden Road. This task takes several weeks going into early December.
- Equipment is winterized and placed in storage until the spring.
- Newer staff is trained on snow removal equipment and routes.
- Staff plans for summer maintenance in the winter and winter maintenance in the summer. In November, irrigation parts are ordered and stocked.

**CEMETERY**
- Restoration of the Cemetery offices will begin this month. Temporary office space can be found near the maintenance shop in the southeast corner of the Cemetery.
- Early in the month, staff continues to install new sod at new gravesites.
- One final trimming around each headstone is performed.

For more information, contact Parks, Cemetery and Forestry Manager Paul Burkholder at 303-384-8140.

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**Tennis Court Makeover**

This may seem like a strange time of year to talk about tennis, but the City recently made some major upgrades to the public courts. There are courts open year round at two locations: Lions Park, 1201 10th St. and Southridge Park, 17450 W. 16th Ave. Improvements include the installation of tennis backboards for solo play at both locations and crack repairs to the asphalt surface at the Lions Park location.

Asphalt unfortunately cracks due to soil movement and our freeze and thaw cycles. In repairing these cracks, an expanding fabric is laid over the damage with the edges feathered into the hard court, producing a smooth playing surface. New cracks can and will develop over time, and will be dealt with using short term crack repair methods until a new surfacing is scheduled in six to ten years.

Southridge courts were built utilizing post tension concrete construction methods and have therefore remained crack-free, though surface chipping is a slight problem. The Southridge courts will be resurfaced in a few years.

The Golden Recreation Division offers multiple lesson programs for all ages to meet your needs. Please check out tennis and other class options at [rec.cityofgolden.net](http://rec.cityofgolden.net).
Check out the programs offered this month at the Community Center.
To register, visit rec.cityofgolden.net

Lifeguard Training
Participants will receive American Red Cross Certifications for Lifeguarding, CPR/AED and First Aid. Register at the Community Center Front Desk or online at https://rec.cityofgolden.net. For information, contact Brandon at 303-384-8143 or bvail@cityofgolden.net.

- **Age**: 15 years and older
- **Monday through Friday**
- **Dec. 27 to 31**
- **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- **$150 Resident, $175 Non-resident**

13th Annual Turkey Bowl
Have fun in the City of Golden's 13th Annual Turkey Bowl Coed Softball Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 13, snow or shine. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games. $195 per team. Register by 5 p.m. on Nov. 10. For information and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net or contact Brian at 303-384-8125 or bharris@cityofgolden.net.

Tiny Tumbler & Parent
The class is a semi-structured program that introduces tumbling basics. Parent must attend with child.

- **Age**: 2 to 3 years
- **Thursdays, 4 to 4:45 p.m.**
- **Nov. 4 to Dec. 2 - No class Nov. 25**
- **$35 Resident, $40 Non-resident**

Little Leapers Tumbling
Basic tumbling techniques will be introduced. Parent or guardian must attend with child.

- **Age**: 4 to 6 years
- **Thursdays, 5 to 5:45 p.m.**

Fun-ineering
Explore simple machines using larger LEGO Duplo pieces, which are easier to manipulate for small hands.

- **Age**: 4 to 6 years
- **Tuesdays, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.**
- **Nov. 9 to Nov. 30**
- **$40 Resident, $45 Non-resident**

If You Give a Kid a Paintbrush
Children will make projects using imaginative art supplies

- **Mondays, Nov. 8 to Nov. 29**
- **Age**: 3½ to 5 years
- **4 to 4:45 p.m.**
- **Age**: 6 to 12 years
- **5 to 6 p.m.**
- **$52 Resident, $57 Non-resident**

Abrakadoodle Art with Parents/Grandparents
Young children pair up with a special adult for this fun art class. Fee includes materials.

- **Saturdays, Nov. 6 to Nov. 27**

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

- **Age**: 1½ to 3 years
- **10 to 10:45 a.m.**
- **Age**: 3½ to 5 years
- **11 to 11:45 a.m.**
- **$52 Resident, $52 Non-resident**
- **Fee is per adult/child.**

Youth Clay
Students will learn how to hand-build with clay through pinch, coil and slab construction. They get to take home their finished piece of art.

- **Age**: 7 to 12 years
- **Mondays, 4 to 5 p.m.**
- **Nov. 1 to Nov. 22**
- **$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. All materials will be provided. Parents are required to participate with their child.

- **Age**: 3 to 6 years
- **Tuesdays, 3:15 to 4 p.m.**
- **Nov. 2 to Nov. 23**
- **$40 Resident, $45 Non-resident**

A VENUE WITH A VIEW
For more than a decade, the Golden Community Center has hosted Kids Nite Out Across America®. Kids Nite Out is a weekly program providing a safe, supervised environment for kids ages 8 to 14 to be active, have fun, make friends and win prizes.

Kids Nite Out is from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday nights through March. Admission to the facility is $10, cash only. Each night has a theme such as Fear Factor or the Olympics. Activities include gym games and contests such as floor hockey, basketball, soccer, dodgeball, kickball, baseball, relay races and tournaments. Kids will also dance the night away with a DJ in the dance room and jump on inflatables. There are also snacks at the concession room.

Parents are encouraged to enjoy a worry-free night out. But first, parents must personally come into the facility and sign a Kids Nite Out Waiver of Liability for their children. In addition, each youth must fill out a Kids Nite Out Membership Form once per school year.

For more information, a monthly calendar of events, and entry forms, visit www.kidsniteout.org, then choose Locations and Golden.

City Employees Earn a Trip Around the World

This summer, 45 employees from the City of Golden took a trip around the world... on foot. The employees were broken up into nine teams, who tracked their exercise activities and converted them into steps. Over three months, the employees walked a total of 29,700 miles which took them to locations like France, Egypt, India, China and the Galapagos Islands.

The trip may have been virtual, but the steps, the exercise and the health benefits were real. This is part of the City of Golden employee wellness program, which provides health screenings and resources to help employees maintain and improve their health. Good health not only contributes to quality of life, but helps reduce insurance costs, days away from work and injuries.

A WIN FOR YOU AND FOR GOLDEN

The Golden Lions Club, with support from Mile High Harley Davidson and the Buffalo Rose, is conducting a fundraiser for their Community Betterment Fund by holding their third annual motorcycle raffle. This year’s grand prize is a 2010 Harley Davison Road King Motorcycle. Only 300 tickets will be sold at $100 each and they usually go fast. The Golden Lions Club will pay the sales tax for the winner, saving them about $1,300. The winning ticket will be drawn before midnight on New Years Eve at the Buffalo Rose, 1119 Washington Ave. You do not need to be present to win.

The Golden Lions Club has used its Community Betterment funds for many City projects over the years, including Lions Park, the Lions Ball Fields, public restrooms, park pavilions, the Ulysses Park core building, picnic shelter roof replacement at Grampsas Park, gazebos in neighborhood parks, trail clean-ups, repairs and improvements to Clear Creek History Park, and financial support to the Golden Visitors Center, the Golden Fire Department and many other Golden non-profits.

For more information on the raffle, call Ed Dorsey at 303-829-5195 or visit www.goldenlionsclub.org.
Celebrate Health!
**Fridays: Nov. 5 and Dec. 4**
We’ll have free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies.
Chair massages ..................... $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ............ $13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce ......... $15 per 15 minutes
Call 303-384-8130 to make your appointment.

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net (Active Older Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

**TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS MONTH...**

**ZUMBA® Fitness for Older Adults**
This Latin style fitness class is set to a slower pace than an original Zumba class.
* Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.
  Golden Community Center

**Adult Swim Lessons**
Private and Semi-Private lessons available. For more information, contact Brandon at 303-384-8143.

**NOVEMBER / DECEMBER TRIPS & EVENTS**

**Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes - #35018**
Enjoy lunch in Denver before heading over to the show at the Pepsi Center. There is limited space available on this trip. Register early!
* Sunday, Nov. 14
  Register/Cancel by Nov. 1.

**Hot Sulphur Springs - #35019**
Spend some time in the soothing waters of Hot Sulphur Springs located up near Granby. Plan on a relaxing day out, where there are seven natural springs that have been flowing constantly for hundreds of years.
  * Tuesday Nov. 30
    Register / Cancel by Nov. 25
    8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
    $28 (van; bring $17.50 for admission and lunch)

**50th Annual Georgetown Christmas Market - #35021**
Come experience a traditional holiday where Christmas hasn't changed in 100 years: roasted chestnuts, holiday shopping, horse-drawn wagon rides through historic Georgetown, and wonderful sights and smells.
  * Saturday, Dec. 11
    Register / Cancel by Dec. 9
    9a.m. to 5p.m.
    $21 (van; bring money for lunch and shopping)

**Trail of Lights at Chatfield Botanic Gardens - #35022**
With the Colorado foothills as a backdrop, more than one million twinkling lights will illuminate the beauty of the forest at Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield.
  * Wednesday, Dec. 15
    Register/Cancel by Dec. 10
    5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
    $11 (van; bring $7.50 for admission and dinner)
As the Communications Manager for the City and one of the spokespeople for the Golden Police Department, I decided it would be good for me to go through this year’s Police Citizens’ Academy to better understand the job of a law enforcement officer. Little did I know what was in store.

The Citizens’ Academy is a 15-week course that meets every Wednesday night for three hours, plus four Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. At first I thought this seemed like a lot of extra hours to put in at work. After the first class, however, I was completely drawn in and those three hours just flew by. Each class after that was equally fascinating and not only enjoyed the classes… I looked forward to them.

There is a good mix of classroom work and hands-on experience throughout the program. We learned about all facets of police work, ranging from code enforcement to investigations and drug enforcement to domestic violence. We got to take the police cars on a training track to learn precision driving techniques and control. We also went to the firing range to learn how to properly shoot guns, toured the jail (a place I don’t ever plan to visit again), and we gathered evidence at a mock crime scene. I couldn’t pick which class I liked the most, because I got something completely different out of each one.

Of course, everything we learned and practiced was in a controlled environment with no real threat of danger. The realities of the job make you wonder why anyone would want to do it. Hundreds of officers are killed or injured in the line of duty each year.

So why do they do it? Because it makes communities safer for our families and for theirs. Because they are dedicated to the cause and to our Constitution. Because someone has to do it. Because they love it.

There’s no doubt we need them. Every year there are about 33 million crimes… that’s one crime every two seconds. There are approximately 740,000 law enforcement officers in the U.S. who must perform their duties without passion or prejudice. That means they must know the law better than anyone. They also must be prepared for the worst in every situation.

For Golden officers, their devotion to the job outweighs the risks, but the risks are not taken lightly. Every officer has family and friends, and their goal on each shift is to make it home. They wear bullet proof vests, guns and badges but they are still just human like the rest of us.

As for the Police Citizens’ Academy, I will miss it. But I graduate this month with a new sense of respect, pride, and understanding of our Police Department that will last a lifetime. The Police Citizens' Academy is free and is put on once a year, so the next one will be in the fall. For more information on the Academy, call Officer Dan Hyde at 303-277-8746 or email dhyde@cityofgolden.net.
Come celebrate in a place that’s as close to your home as it is to your heart. Downtown Golden offers a unique shopping experience, friendly entertainment, and more holiday ambiance than you can imagine. Find your holiday getaway, a listing of shops and restaurants, and a complete schedule of events at 2HourVacation.com.

OLDE GOLDEN CHRISTMAS ON PARADE  See a true hometown parade complete with floats, holiday characters, Santa, music, and much more. Saturdays in December at 11am on Washington Ave.