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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

SUBSCRIBE TO CITY WEBSITE
You can now subscribe to the City of Golden website to receive a weekly summary of “what’s new” in the City, delivered right to your email inbox. The email you receive contains a synopsis of new information posted to the website including the latest happenings in the city, police and fire department news, upcoming events and transportation updates. You can then click on any story that interests you, to read more.

This is a free service and you can unsubscribe at any time through the website. In the future, we will be adding text messaging notifications for emergency situations. Simply follow this link: http://www.cityofgolden.net/account/registration/ or go to the homepage and click on “E-newsletter Signup” under Additional Resources to create your account today.

HONOR AND SUPPORT SERVICE IN GOLDEN
The Golden Civic Foundation (GCF) will hold its 37th annual Dinner and Auction from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. Tickets are $90 or $850 for a table of 10.

The GCF was founded in 1970 to raise funds, primarily from private sources, and to use them for the betterment of Golden. Since then, it has contributed over $2.5 million to charitable, cultural and civic projects in the Golden community. Funds raised this year benefit Golden’s schools and non-profit organizations.

The event is open to the public but reservations are required. For reservations, visit www.goldencivicfoundation.org, email goldencivic.org@gmail.com or call 303-910-8492.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Get ready for that extra hour of sleep! Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 4, which means you get to set your clocks back one hour. The change in time occurs at 2 a.m., which is believed to be the time that has the least impact on workers, businesses and schedules.

After you change your clocks, be sure to change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors and CO2 detectors. Approximately 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but it is estimated that one-third of those have dead or missing batteries.

CITY HOLIDAY HOURS
The City of Golden’s administrative offices will be closed on Nov. 22 and 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will return to regular business hours on Monday, Nov. 26. The Golden Community Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, but will continue normal business hours on Friday, Nov. 23.

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.

Nov. 1 Rescheduled Regular Business Meeting
Nov. 8 Regular Business Meeting
Nov. 15 No Meeting
Nov. 22 No Meeting
Nov. 29 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 welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
In our nation’s darkest moment, President Abraham Lincoln ordered the last Thursday of November “set apart” for Americans to reflect on the many blessings in our lives. This year, Goldenites have so much for which to be thankful.

We live in a town of heart-stopping natural beauty. On his visit to our Lions Park, President Barack Obama took the stage and commented that Golden is “just too pretty” and so “spectacular” that he didn’t know how we “got any work done around here.” NBC national news featured downtown Golden and Golden residents in a segment on undecided voters. The many professional and amateur photographers who have come to town quickly realized that Golden looks idyllic from any camera angle. In everyday life, it’s easy to take our setting for granted.

The very reason the President and reporters came to town may be another source of gratitude. Elections are essential to our democracy – and Golden has played an outsized role this year in the presidential race. Because every vote in Colorado and Jefferson County is hotly contested, the President spoke in Lions Park and Republican nominee Governor Mitt Romney held an event at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Golden residents have had the opportunity to take the candidates’ measure on our home turf, making us some of the best-informed voters in the country.

We have a community filled with caring and giving residents. Last month we honored community volunteers who exemplify our culture of volunteerism. These individuals have spearheaded the local stage of the USA Pro Challenge, added value to our children’s education, worked on community communication, encouraged additions to our open-space lands, and repaired, then donated, bicycles to those who could use them. Many others donate countless hours to our civic life. As stated in the *Mother Earth News* article about “Eight Great Places You’ve (Maybe) Never Heard Of,” 2012 Edition, Golden residents give priority “to ensuring the health of both individuals and the community,” and “making choices with an eye to sustainability.”

We are also fortunate to have City employees who are committed to providing the best service possible. We don’t often take stock of what these folks do for us – maintaining our roads; ensuring our reliable, clean water supply; keeping us safe; encouraging sustainable best practices; developing opportunities for Golden’s businesses; and making our parks “pristine” (as described in the Livability.com article naming Golden the No. 2 best small town in the nation).

On a more pensive note, Abraham Lincoln’s Thanksgiving resolution called for special recognition of “all who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers” as a result of war and civil strife. In our Thanksgiving remembrances, we may include a welcome to our returning service men and women, a cheer for the recovery of those wounded in war or civil violence such as the recent incident in an Aurora theater, and an expression of sorrow for those we have lost. This Thanksgiving, in our own ways, we can take a moment to reflect, remember, and give thanks.

*Happy Thanksgiving.*
When you picture the future of regional transportation in and around Golden, what do you see? That was the question we asked residents during two open houses in September. The City of Golden invited all residents to discuss transportation options and where you want us to focus our time and money in the future.

About 150 Golden residents attended the open houses, hosted at Fossil Trace Golf Club and the Golden Community Center. It was an open forum with stations offering information and plenty of opportunities for people to submit their opinions on transportation issues.

As a starting point, the City presented three options and asked attendees to pick their favorite, least favorite and then provide comments on sticky notes.

**ALTERNATIVE #1 – JUST SAY NO.**
The basic idea is that Golden should continue to actively oppose the Jefferson Parkway and other efforts to add development-generated traffic to SH 93 and US 6. Of those who voted, 20 liked this idea with comments such as “We have been involved too long to give up the fight now.” Twenty-eight people disliked this idea, commenting that “Seems like we are past this point already” and “This idea is risky without support.”

**ALTERNATIVE #2 – QUIT FUNDING THE FIGHT.**
This alternative proposes that Golden should scale back its expensive opposition to the Jefferson Parkway, and move to a more reactive stance if future traffic increases or other projects in our area are proposed. There was an overwhelming amount of dislikes for this option. Only two people liked it, with one commenting “The money spent fighting this fight would have paid for the road! I don’t think it should be a toll road but must be built soon.” On the other side, 41 people posted their dislike with comments such as “Continue the fight, do not leave it to others to choose for us” and “Money spent to define what we want and what will be built is the best money spent.”

**ALTERNATIVE #3 – FIGHT FOR GOLDEN IN NEGOTIATIONS.**
This, the most popular of the three options, essentially proposes that Golden should seek to be a partner/participant in any legitimate regional effort to implement transportation solutions that meet our Golden Vision 2030 values and goals, and also reasonable compromises on beltway-related issues. Six people disliked this idea, with comments such as “If compromise means tolled lanes through Golden, it is wrong” and “City Council needs to completely fight this.” Alternatively, 68 people liked this idea, commenting that “Golden should negotiate the BEST deal possible in all cases” and “Golden needs to have a say, but we need to consider the surrounding areas and how to draw them in rather than push them away in any plan.”

A quick poll also revealed that most participants drive on US 6 and SH 93 nine or more times a week, and feel that addressing current and future transportation needs along those roads is very important. When asked about funding options, an overwhelming majority said that a regional sales tax would be better than tolling. Comments included, “A regional sales tax would be an okay way to fund the highway” but many warned “These improvements should be paid for by the entire metro area, or at least an area far beyond Golden’s boundaries.”

Residents were also invited to participate in a webinar online in early October. It outlined these same options and gathered feedback. The entire list of comments was given to City Council for consideration in future decisions. The Council strives to be as transparent as possible in this process, and the City will make sure any actions will be presented to our residents for their feedback before action is taken.

You can view all of the results from the community meetings at www.GetTheFactsGolden.org.
Because Golden is the county seat of one of two swing counties in Colorado, and Colorado is one of the few swing states expected to make a big impact on the elections, Golden found itself time and again in the national spotlight in recent months.

We were visited by both candidates; and on the night of the first Presidential debate, Golden was featured on the NBC Nightly News as Tom Brokaw interviewed some Golden residents and business owners who were still undecided voters at that time.

Splendidly representing our city were Golden residents John Ellis, V.P. for the National Western Stock Show; Attorney Amy Ruhl of Moye White LLP; Nancy Mason, owner of Baby Doe’s Clothing; and Optometrist Kelley Jackson-Condon, owner of Table Mountain Vision.

The producer of NBC Nightly News chose Golden because of its relevance to the election, but also because of its scenic beauty. “This city is ideal,” said producer Clare Duffy. “This is what I picture Colorado looks like. It’s the fantasy.”

Mr. Brokaw hadn’t been to Golden since he was a college kid who made a road trip to get Coors beer. He said his interest in Golden was mostly political, but he couldn’t help take in the beauty of our little town, as did all of his millions of viewers.

The City of Golden recently received national recognition in the areas of livability, sustainability and healthy workplaces for its outstanding programming and community assets; proving once again why Golden is the place to live, work and play.

Golden was picked as one of the best small towns in America by Livability.com, a comprehensive online resource on more than 500 of America’s Best Places to live, visit, work, play and explore. Golden was ranked #2 on the Top 10 Small Towns list.

Livability.com examined cities with less than 25,000 residents that offered a relaxed lifestyle with beautiful scenery, cultural amenities, great restaurants and lots of outdoor activities.

They also considered the median household incomes and home prices, crime rates, unemployment rates, average commutes and distances to large cities. “Golden is a gateway to the Rocky Mountains, home of the Coors Brewery and one of the best small towns in the country…” Livability.com wrote. To read the entire article, visit http://livability.com/top-10/top-10-small-towns-2012/golden/co.

Golden was also given the honor of “Great Places You’ve (Maybe) Never Heard Of” by Mother Earth News, a national magazine focused on sustainable living. Golden was one of eight communities on the list for 2012.

“While Golden honors its unique past, it also has its eye on the future with innovative open space and renewable-energy programs to protect its natural resources,” K.C. Compton, senior editor for the magazine, said in a news release. The Great Places list appeared in the October-November issue of Mother Earth News and can also be accessed at www.motherearthnews.com.

In addition, the City of Golden was recognized for having one of the healthiest work places for medium-sized companies in Colorado by the Denver Business Journal. Employers were evaluated on having a tobacco-free workplace policy, access to wellness initiatives, health risk assessments, Biometric screening and other wellness programming. Read more at http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2012/09/19/denver-business-journal-announces.html.

The City of Golden is pleased to receive so many accolades and honored to be recognized for its programming and community assets.
Typically, the phrase “Gone to the Dogs” means failure. But this is a story of selflessness, heart and ultimately success, that quite literally goes to the dogs.

Back in August, a couple hiking on Mt. Bierstadt, one of Colorado’s famous 14ers, came across an injured dog that had been left for dead. They gave the dog food and water, but were unable to lift the large German Shepard mix off the steep mountain. So as soon as they got down, they posted a call for help on a local hiking website, www.14ers.com.

The response was overwhelming. Within hours, a group of hikers, led by City of Golden employee Brandon Vail, began hiking up the mountain to try to find the dog. They hiked throughout the night and by 1:30 a.m., got to the spot where the missing dog was seen. A night trek up that mountain is very dangerous, but Brandon said he heard the dog might not make it through the night and he just couldn’t wait. “I just had a gut reaction that I needed to do something,” said Brandon. “I don’t think I would’ve been able to sleep that night. I looked at my dog and thought of her up there by herself…that’s what did it for me.”

Brandon’s group did not find the dog but were hopeful she heard them and knew people were looking for her. One day later, another group of eight strangers made the same climb and eventually did find the dog alive. She wasn’t moving much, her paws were shredded and she was about 15 pounds lighter than when she was abandoned eight days earlier. But she was still 98 pounds of dog that rescuers took turns carrying on their backs to bring her down safely.

Since then the dog, renamed “Lucky,” has been adopted by one of the rescuers and she is doing great. The original owner was found guilty on the charge of Animal Cruelty and relinquished custody of the dog. Lucky truly lives up to her name.

Brandon, who is the Aquatics Coordinator for Golden’s Parks and Recreation Department, was one of the rescuers who got to travel to California to be on the Ellen Show in September to tell Lucky’s story. He and the other rescuers were each awarded with a gift card from Columbia Sportswear for their heroic actions. “It’s something that I never thought would happen for just doing the right thing,” said Brandon. “It’s been an amazing and rewarding experience and inspiring to see what the outcome can be when the power of strangers comes together for a genuine purpose.”

Now, Brandon and the other rescuers are busy forming a new organization named BOLSAR, which stands for Brothers of Lucky Search and Rescue. They hope to train with professional search and rescue teams to learn the best ways to perform canine rescues. You can learn more about their group at www.bolsar.org.
FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- This yard waste collection is available to Golden’s Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) trash and recycling customers only.
- Yard waste may be placed where your trash is collected on your designated day, in reusable containers of your choice.
- Yard waste should be placed for collection by 8 a.m. on your designated collection day.
- Acceptable waste includes grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, weeds and branches that are no longer than four feet and no larger than four inches in diameter, sawdust, ground or chipped wood.
- Branches may be bundled with string, yarn or rope - please do not use wire for bundling. Bundles should be four feet in length and no more than two feet in diameter.
- Yard waste will be limited to three cubic yards per resident which is equivalent to:
  - an area that is approx. 4’ x 4’ x 4’
  - 21 compostable 30 gallon bags
- Collected yard waste will be recycled. Please do not contaminate this material with any of the following:
  - NO food waste (fruits, vegetables, etc.), plastic, dirt, cactus, tree stumps, branches greater than four inches in diameter, ashes, animal waste, treated lumber, logs, old garden hoses or broken flower pots.
  - No construction material is allowed for this service. Plastic bags are not allowed.
- Material that is not bundled, not in reusable containers or in non-compostable plastic bags will not be picked up.
- Compostable bags can be purchased locally from Meyers Hardware, The Home Depot and EDS Waste Solutions, Inc.

For more information, please contact EDS directly at 303-278-8600 or visit the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash.

REMEMBER – Avoid extra expenses while diverting yard waste from going to the landfill by subscribing to EDS’ subscription Green Waste program. The Green Waste Program will be available beginning in May through October 2013 which includes every other week pick up of your yard waste cart at your curb. It’s cheap, efficient and convenient. Call EDS today at 303-278-8600 to enroll.
Let’s Talk Turkey

Over the past few years, this newsletter has dished up many ideas about greening the holidays. Consider these for a sustainable Thanksgiving:

• Buy a pasture-raised turkey from any one of more than 40 local farms on the Front Range. Visit www.eatwild.com to search for farms in our area.
• Take the 100-mile Thanksgiving Challenge. See how much of your meal can be sourced locally. Vegetables, drinks, even your pie can come from local sources. See www.localharvest.org to find the best organic food that’s grown closest to you.
• Like to fry yours? Don’t forget to recycle your used vegetable oil at the City’s Recycling Drop Off site in north Golden.
• Who doesn’t like leftovers? If you’re hosting friends and family, ask them to bring a reusable container to help reduce disposable waste.
• Use natural decorations. Use your creativity with sticks, leaves, flowers, and branches from your neighborhood.

DID YOU KNOW?

Does someone in your house leave the TV or computer on for hours at a time? These electronics burn about 300 watts and draw five to ten watts continually, even when shut down. Solution: use a power strip to turn off those phantom loads.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY 101

Over half of America’s energy budget goes to heat, cool, and light our buildings. Renewables are a good step forward, but it’s cheaper to save energy than to make energy. Mother Earth may say, “You have to eat your energy efficiency vegetables before your renewable energy dessert.” If you want to save $100 a month in utility bills, the right place to start is not with a solar array on the roof, but with insulation under it. Here are three easy steps:

1. Look At Your Heating Bills. It’s easy to find out how many kilowatt hours (electricity) and therms (natural gas) you use through your Xcel Energy bill. Most homeowners can save 20 to 25 percent by caulking air leaks around windows, doors, and foundations.


3. Get An Audit. Audits include a blower-door test to locate air leaks and radon testing for lower levels. Sign up for a comprehensive, professional audit through www.cityofgolden.net/links/resourcesmart.

Local Golden firm Gunslinger Paint receives an Environmental Leadership Program award from the State Dept. of Health. Left to right: Mark Pahan, Quality Manager, Gunslinger Custom Paint; Lynette Myers, Administrator, Colorado Environmental Leadership Program; Meghan Stinton, Marketing Manager, Gunslinger Custom Paint.
Nov. 1 and 15
**MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers**
MOPS is a support group for mothers with children from birth to kindergarten. First and third Thursdays of every month through April 2013. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1805 Washington Ave. For information call 303-279-4605 or visit www.fbcgolden.org under Families.

Nov. 3
**JSO Recital Series Kick-off**
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra recitals are an opportunity for music lovers to enjoy classical music in a more relaxed and intimate setting. 7 p.m. at the Golden First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. For details and tickets call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

**Coffee with a Councilor**
Sip on your favorite beverage and talk with City Councilors about the city’s budget, all things “transportation,” and any topics you want to discuss. 9 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For more information, contact Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

Nov. 3 and 4
**Craft Show and Bake Sale**
Features a wide variety of homemade crafts and on Saturday only, baked and canned goods. Door prizes both days. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Terrace Village Communities’ Clubhouse, 17801 W. Colfax Ave. For details call Kecia Newland at 303-278-8812.

Nov. 9 through Dec. 23
**Greetings**
Miners Alley Playhouse presents this holiday-themed comedy. Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and information call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Nov. 10
**Freshly Brewed History**
Grab some coffee and a pastry and discuss important Golden landmarks with history professor Thomas J. “Dr. Colorado” Noel. 9 to 10 a.m. at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St. $5 non-members, $3 members. For details call 303-278-3557.

**Golden Civic Foundation Dinner**
The Golden Civic Foundation will host its 37th Annual Dinner and Auction from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. Tickets are $90 or $850 for a table of 10. Funds raised benefit Golden’s schools and non-profit organizations. For reservations, visit www.goldencivicfoundation.org, by email at goldencivic.org@gmail.com or call 303-910-8492.

Nov. 13
**Golden and Rocky Flats**
Hear about the history and relationship between Golden, Rocky Flats and the Cold War. 5 to 6 p.m. at Golden History Center, 923 10th St. $3 non-members, free for members. For details call 303-278-3557.

Nov. 14
**Holiday Business Expo**
The Golden Chamber of Commerce hosts this event filled with food, drink and music. Free to the public. 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Ave. For details call 303-279-3113.

Nov. 15 through Dec. 31
**Our Christmas Carol**

Nov. 24 through Dec. 29
**A Christmas Carol, with a Dickens Twist**
Nov. 27 through Dec. 30

**Holidays at the Astor House**

Enjoy fun holiday crafts, entertaining Victorian games, and the holiday beauty of the historic boarding house. Astor House Museum, 822 12th St. $3 for non-members, members are free. For details call 303-278-3557.

Nov. 30

**Candlelight Walk**

Gather at Foothills Art Center (15th and Arapahoe streets) at 6 p.m. The walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Golden Chamber will be selling candles for 50 cents.

**After the Candlelight Walk:**

- **Golden Visitors Center** will serve hot beverages and cookies. There will also be entertainment for kids and a fun holiday show to watch. 1010 Washington Ave.
- **Rotary Amphitheatre on Clear Creek** presents Music and Merrymaking, a family sing-a-long at 7 p.m.
- **Clear Creek History Park** hosts the D’Evelyn High School Concert Choir performance and sing-a-long at 7 p.m.
- **The Colorado School of Mines music program** presents a Christmas Festival of Fanfares, Alleluias and Halleluiahs at 7:30 p.m. on the Bunker Auditorium staged in the Green Center, 924 16th St. Admission is free and open to the public. For details call 303-384-2073.
- **Golden Library** hosts its Holiday Book Sale with over 2,000 gently used books. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. For details call 303-235-5275.
- **Golden History Museums** free admission to all three locations: Golden History Center, Astor House Museum and Clear Creek History Park. 7 to 9 p.m. For details call 303-278-3557 or visit www.GoldenHistory.org.

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Golden Holiday Open House
The following merchants will extend their hours and offer special sales, refreshments and entertainment for your shopping pleasure. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (hours vary).
- Ace Hi
- Avenue Gifts
- Baby Doe’s Clothing
- Bloom Boutique
- Chelsea’s of London
- Creekside Jewelers
- Foothills Art Center
- Golden Himalaya
- Golden Museums and Cultural Groups
- Golden Library
- Golden Sweets
- Jalopyz Gift Shop
- Red Wagon
- Spirits in the Wind Gallery
- The Clothes Mine
- The Silver Horse
- Windy Saddle Café

Dec. 1
Christmas with a French Flavor
The Golden Concert Choir presents this concert at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1800 Ford St. For details call 303-279-6649 or visit www.goldencochamber.org or call 303-279-3113.

Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22
Olde Golden Christmas on Parade
Come see a true olde fashioned hometown parade infused with a fun, only-in-Golden spirit. Floats, clowns, Christmas characters, music, Santa, even elves on unicycles! Afterwards, catch a free horse-drawn carriage ride or kids can enjoy a free ride in a Newfoundland dog cart. On Washington Avenue from 11 to 11:30 a.m. For details on these events, visit www.VisitGolden.com or www.goldencochamber.org or call 303-279-3113.

Holiday Open House
The Golden Visitors Center hosts an open house with cookies, candy and refreshments from noon to 4 p.m. at 1010 Washington Ave. Call 303-279-3113 for details.

Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23
Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Pick up your ride on 12th Street between Washington and Arapahoe and stroll through Historic Downtown Golden. Noon to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Call 303-279-3113 for details.

Dec. 8
Breakfast with Santa
Meet Santa and experience the Christmas showcase from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Buffalo Rose Event Center, 1119 Washington Ave. Tickets are $8 and reservations are required. Call 303-279-0200 to reserve your spot.

Dec. 9
Denver Young Artists Concert
Come listen to horn player Michael Thornton at 2:30 p.m. in Bunker Auditorium at Colorado School of Mines, 924 16th St. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for students and can be purchased at the door. For details call 303-384-2073.

Dec. 13
Holiday Gear Party
The American Mountaineering Museum hosts a silent auction with ski and mountaineering gear from leading retailers. Live music and local brews. 6 to 9 p.m. at 710 10th St. Call 303-996-2763 for details.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, Nov. 2 & Dec. 7
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.
Chair massages..........$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions .........$13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce .....$20 per 15 minutes

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/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

FREE Seminars Available!
Sign up in the Front Porch.

Computer Training for Life-long Learning
Nov. 6 - iPad Basics
Nov. 13 - Free downloadable resources at your library: E-Books, audio books and music

Nov. 13 – Gratitude: Appreciate What Is
During this class, we will re-awaken your sense of wonder and playfulness through enjoyable activities. We will also explore how to make gratitude an ongoing spiritual practice.
      Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Stranahan’s Colorado Whiskey Distillery Tour and Dinner - #35004-1
www.stranahans.com
The first Colorado-born whiskey, Stranahan’s is dedicated to making the smoothest most distinctively flavored whiskey on the market. We will take a tour of the distillery, sample the product and have an early dinner at the Rackhouse right next door.
      Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2:15 to 6 p.m.
      $9 (van, tour included, bring money for dinner)
      Register/Cancel by Nov. 5.

Lifetime Candles Demonstration in Bennett - #35005-1
www.lifetimecandles.com
Lifetime Candles are hand carved and custom made in "German Old World Tradition". The uniqueness of the candle is preserved with an oil insert, so you may enjoy the beauty of the candle for a lifetime. This family-run operation’s demonstrations and hospitality should not be missed. There is a wonderful dessert bar available and we will learn how to carve the candles. Afterwards we will have a bite to eat at the Aviator Bar & Grill at the Front Range Airport.
      Tuesday, Nov. 13, 8:30 a.m.to 2:30 p.m.
      $15 (van, tour included, bring money for lunch)
      Exertion Level: 4 (stairs in the facility)
      Register/Cancel by Nov. 9.
Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan extends her congratulations to seven Golden residents who have made exceptional contributions to our community. Each honoree was presented a 2012 Mayor’s Award for Excellence in October.

HERE IS A LIST OF THE AWARD WINNERS:

- **Carrie Bazewicz** for her outstanding contributions to the education of children attending Golden schools.
- **Dan Dwyer** for his exceptional achievements in improving the health, fitness and community spirit of Golden residents.
- **Tracy Evanko** for her quiet but unflagging efforts toward implementing the Golden Vision and helping to create Movies and Music in the Park.
- **Mary Kay** for his long-term encouragement of all that is good in Golden including representing our city as mayor.
- **Julie Kerwin** for establishing a healthy method of fundraising at Shelton Elementary with a 5K Run instead of the sale of unhealthy foods like candy and cookie dough.
- **Greg Poulos** for founding, guiding and chairing the Golden Schools Foundation, an organization designed to set high standards for Golden students and schools.
- **Ted Rains** for his 33 years of spearheading the Golden Optimists Bicycle Recycle Program, repairing and distributing nearly 9,000 free bicycles to residents of Golden and around the world.
- **PharmaJet** is the Business of the Year for its remarkable contribution to global health: transforming the way vaccines and liquid medications are delivered by developing a unique, efficient, affordable and life-saving needle-free syringe.

Golden Recognized for Downtown Excellence

Golden was honored twice this year with Governor’s Awards for Downtown Excellence, given by the statewide organization Downtown Colorado, Inc. The awards recognize outstanding projects and people that reflect an attitude of perseverance and dedication to community revitalization in Colorado.

“The Best Downtown Promotion” award was given to the 2011 USA Pro Cycling Challenge Stage 6 committee. “When we bid to host a stage start of the inaugural year of a new international bike race, we knew we had to go big in order to keep spectators in Golden and get the exposure we wanted,” said Mark Heller, Executive Director of the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA). “We went huge, thanks to the hard work of several dozen people for a solid year and then hundreds of volunteers and city employees during the race weekend.”

The “Downtowner of the Year” award was given to Gary Wink, the director of the Golden Chamber of Commerce. Gary was recognized for his nearly two decades of organizing the great events and network that have made downtown Golden such a successful and dynamic place. Among his events are the Golden Farmers Market, Golden Fine Arts Festival, First Friday Street Fairs and the Knock Your Boots Off Chili Cook-off and Beer Festival.
PLANNING A SAFE ESCAPE
The Golden Fire Department wants to share the theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Week, “Have Two Ways Out,” to help you develop a home escape plan. You can survive a fire in your home if you plan and practice your escape. Here is how to make a home fire escape plan.

- Draw a map of your home which shows all doors and windows.
- Visit each room and find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms and that they have fresh batteries.
- Pick a meeting place outside in front of your home where everyone can find each other.
- Make sure your address numbers can be seen from the street.
- Talk about the plan with everyone in your home.
- Practice your home fire escape plan.

TURKEY FRYERS
Thanksgiving is just around the corner. One tasty method for cooking a Thanksgiving turkey is to fry it. Every year fire and burn incidents occur as a result of unsafe use of turkey fryers. The following are some safety tips that can help you safely fry your turkey.

- Keep fryer in FULL VIEW while burner is on.
- Place fryer in an open area AWAY from all walls, fences, or other structures.
- Never use IN, ON, or UNDER a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or any structure that can catch fire.
- Raise and lower food SLOWLY to reduce splatter and avoid burns.
- COVER bare skin when adding or removing food.
- Check the oil temperature frequently.
- If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn gas supply OFF.
- If a fire occurs, immediately call 911. DO NOT attempt to extinguish an oil fire with water.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT
It’s the only time of year the City of Golden encourages open flames! Experience the beauty of the season as you walk down the main street of Golden, candle in hand, singing holiday carols. The annual Candlelight Walk is Friday, Nov. 30, followed by a festival with hot beverages, cookies and entertainment provided at several businesses and cultural facilities. Gather at 6 p.m. at the Foothills Art Center located at 15th and Arapahoe streets. The Golden Chamber of Commerce will be selling candles for 50 cents.

The holiday fun continues through December with the Olde Golden Christmas on Parade on Saturdays at 11 a.m. Enjoy a parade on Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22. You’ll see floats, clowns, Christmas characters, music, Santa, even elves on unicycles. Afterwards catch a free horse-drawn carriage ride or kids can enjoy a free ride in a Newfoundland dog cart. The parades are on Washington Avenue and last a half hour. For more details, visit www.VisitGolden.com or www.goldencochamber.org or call 303-279-3113.

Courtesy of www.FPW.org.
Comic Book Heroes
Become a Comic Book Hero! Transform yourself into an environmental superhero and help solve one of the earth’s biggest problems. Use innovative comic book software, digital art and your own photos to illustrate your solution.

Age: 7 - 12 years
Mondays, 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.
Nov. 5 - 26
$75 Resident, $80 Non-resident

FIRST LEGO League Challenge
Join our Jr. Engineering club and be a part of the team! Work in groups using your imagination to create LEGO® Dacta kits to design and build moving, mini-fig sized models to solve challenges.

Age: 5 - 7 years
Mondays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 5 - 26
$59 Resident, $64 Non-resident

Intro Classes with Sera Schools Music
Intro classes for the student who is just beginning his or her musical adventure, as well as for those students who already have some experience. Students meet and learn in a group setting with others their age that have the same musical ability and interests. For more information on piano and guitar lessons, visit www.rec.cityofgolden.net.

Pet First Aid & Emergency Response
This course covers common health and safety related issues, first aid basics, when to seek professional care and disaster planning steps for the proper care of pets.

Age: 12 years and older
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Nov. 17
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
This course is designed for the pre-teen (11 - 13 year olds) and helps them prepare for those first babysitting opportunities. Students will learn basic responsibilities. Also stressed will be home and fire safety, infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures. Certification provided.

Age: 11 years and older
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Nov. 3
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Sailing the Solar System
This program will take your child on a hands-on and minds-on adventure through the Solar System where they will get to explore the moons of Jupiter and Saturn, search for signs of life on the many worlds of our Solar System, build their very own SpaceTime Planetary Landers, pilot a remote controlled planetary rover.

Age: 4 - 6 years,
Thursdays, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.
Nov. 1 – 29 (No class Nov. 22)
$42 Resident, $47 Non-resident

Clay Animation
Working in teams, students do it all - from story creation to making the characters and sets. As they learn the production process, they will animate, record, download, assemble and edit their own movies.

Age: 4 - 6 years,
Wednesdays, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.
Nov. 7 - Dec. 5 (No class Nov. 21)
$49 Resident, $54 Non-resident

Bug Club
Hands-on insect building with kidK’NEX® and computer exploration bring nature and engineering together in a big way.

Age: 4 - 6 years,
Fridays, 12:45-1:45 p.m.
Nov. 9 - Dec. 7 (No class Nov. 23)
$49 Resident, $54 Non-resident

Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!
Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen.
Call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates.
Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.
Most Golden residents have met, worked with, or call themselves a friend of Larry Rock. A Golden resident for 36 years, Rock became a City of Golden employee on April 1, 1994; the same year the Golden Community Center opened its doors, the first center of its kind in the region.

Rock brought with him expertise in guest services, having worked for Coors Brewery as the Senior Guide and Supervisor of Evening Programming. Always the entertainer, his motto "who says work can't be fun" continued at the City of Golden.

Rock’s career at Golden began as a Facility Coordinator at the front desk of the Golden Community Center. He was promoted to a full-time Facility Rentals Coordinator in 2005. Whether renting a pavilion in one of Golden’s fine parks, celebrating a wedding, hosting a large meeting, or reserving time on the Clear Creek Whitewater Course, Rock ensured rentals and events were worry-free and a good time was had by all.

“It has been a fun ride at the Golden Community Center, my friendships and the experiences I have gained throughout the years will be memories I will cherish for the rest of my life,” Rock said, “Thanks for the Golden memories.”

Rock’s last day will be Friday, Nov. 30, marking the end of an era. Thank you Larry, for 18 years of service and a Rock’n’ good time!

Ripe for the Picking

The Rotary Club of Denver West is holding its second annual Citrus Sale. For $25 you can purchase a 20 pound box of either Texas Navel Oranges and/or Rio Star Ruby Red Grapefruit. The fruit will be delivered fresh, straight from the grower in Texas.

In your box, you will have the choice of 16 to 24 grapefruit, 36 to 44 navel oranges or a combination of both. Boxes can be picked up on Dec. 8 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Proceeds go to help support the Denver West Club charities. For details and to place your order, visit www.DenverWestRotary.org or call Tom Srsich at 303-263-4058.
The Territory of Colorado existed from 1861 until 1876 when the area became the 38th state to be admitted to the Union. The capital of the territory bounced around from Colorado City to Golden to Denver during the 1860s, and there was even a period of “shared custody” between Golden and Denver during the latter half of the decade. Finally, in 1867 the debate over the final resting place came to a head. It was Golden City versus Denver, and a vote was scheduled for that December.

As emotions and tempers ran high over votes, the Colorado Transcript was not above personal attacks, and in this case Governor Evans was the main focus, as the Dec. 4, 1867 issue of the paper demonstrates.

“As to the true question of the location of the Capital, whether Golden City is the place best calculated to subserve the interests of the community at large, we do not assume to say, but we do not hesitate to state that bribery on a large or small scale cannot make the people of Colorado believe that its location in Denver is a sine qua non to the prosperity of the Territory. What would better suit the purposes of Mr. Evans than to have the Legislature squatted upon some of his town-lots, that he might the easier manipulate himself into the United States Senate? Does he think everybody is stupid or blind, that they cannot see through this nice little game? The Denver schemers remind us very much of the silly Ostrich who, when he gets his head concealed by a tuft of grass or a hole in the ground, forgets that his tail feathers are exposed to view...If the State men and those who favor a change of the Capital sustain others who are guilty of using unfair measures to accomplish their ends they are against the honor and manhood of our people.”

There were many factors at play in Denver’s win as the capital. It had better infrastructure, a telegraph, the executive offices stayed in Denver, and of course the Queen City of the Plains had better accommodations for the legislatures. Golden resident W.A.H. Loveland and the Jefferson County legislatures worked to better equip Golden to be the capital, including opening a post office and telegraph in one of the hotels to ease communication issues. But in the end, the improvements were not enough to steal the distinction from Denver. The House of Representatives approved moving the capital to Denver by a vote of 13 to 7 and the Senate approved the move by a narrow vote of 7 to 6.

*Roughly meaning that without Denver as the capital, Colorado would not prosper.*
One-of-a-kind artistic treasures are in Golden for the holidays! The Holiday Art Market (HART) exhibition, a 38-year Foothills Art Center tradition, fills the galleries with fine art and unique crafts from Nov. 10 through Dec. 30. Displayed in a stunning holiday setting, visitors will find gifts in all price ranges, handcrafted by 100+ Colorado artists.

Special holiday programming—including visiting artists, demo days, and fun kids’ activities—make HART a truly festive experience. To support this incredibly popular exhibition, Foothills Art Center is extending its hours of operation to include Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during HART. Admission and activities are free.

SPECIAL HART EVENTS AT FOOTHILLS ART CENTER INCLUDE:
• Nov. 9 – Meet the artists at the HART Opening Night Reception
• Nov. 30 – Free photos with Santa, before the Golden Candlelight Walk
• Dec. 1 – Meet demonstrating artists in the gallery
• Dec. 8 – SCFD Family Day, with free holiday art activities for kids
• Dec. 15 – Meet demonstrating artists in the gallery
• Dec. 22 – Holiday art activities for kids

Visit www.foothillsartcenter.org for details on the HART exhibition and special events or call 303-279-3922.

DECK THE HALLS GOLDEN STYLE

The annual Golden-themed Christmas ornament is now on sale. The collection of ornaments goes back to the 1980s and this year’s ornament is just as unique as all of the others.

Bill Robie brought about the idea for the Christmas ornament back in 1985. While traveling in New England, he and his family came across an ornament depicting a scene from that area. As chance would have it, a Denver company named Topperscott had produced the bulb. When Robie returned to Golden, he presented the idea to the Leadership Golden Alumni Association (LGAA) Board of Directors for consideration as a fundraiser. The group agreed and the first ornament was produced in 1986. The artist was Hal Shelton. Of all of the fundraisers held by LGAA at that time, this is the only one still in existence.

The 2012 ornament was created by local artist Jesse Crock. It’s titled, “The Welcome Arch and Bicycle” to represent the USA Pro Cycling Challenge Stage 6 held for the second time in Golden. Jesse also created the winning artwork for Stage 6 of the bike race, and he was the designer of this year’s collectible poster at the Golden Fine Arts Festival.

The Christmas ornaments are $8 and on sale at the following locations: Golden Visitors Center, Avenue Gifts, Jalopyz and Creekside Jewelers. For more information, call 303-279-3113.
Celebrate the holiday season in a place that’s as close to your home as it is to your heart. Gather on Washington for a true hometown Christmas parade, shop the avenue, and then stroll down Clear Creek illuminated with thousands of twinkling lights. Indulge in the warmth of friends and family and experience Christmas the old fashioned way. Find your holiday spirit at www.VisitGolden.com.

Kick off your holiday celebrations with the Candlelight Walk on Friday, Nov. 30 and rejoice with your neighbors as Christmas lights illuminate downtown.