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Mrs. O’Byrne wears fresh corsage daily
Few words can describe the personality of Mrs. Dorothy Foss O’Byrne, the vivacious vice-president of the Foss Drug General store. Known throughout Golden as one of the early natives who shaped the city’s downtown progress, her gracious manners have attracted customers who drop by just to say

“The Foss Drug Store in Downtown Golden as It Appears in 1913.

Mrs. O’Byrne wears a fresh corsage daily. She normally greets people and assists them near the entry to the Carriage room, but to call her hostess would be an injustice. Mrs. O’Byrne is the First Lady as far as Foss Friends are concerned.

Each day she wears a fresh corsage, a gift of Mimi Foss, the store’s manager and her son. He began the custom nearly 25 years ago, and every day since then Mrs. O’Byrne has worn a beautiful floral arrangement, tricking her bright personality.

She first began greeting visitors when the first founain was installed in the original drug store opened by Henry Foss, sr., in 1909. Her avocation has produced a first-name friendship which few people can even challenge.

Rosés A Favorite
She has always had an affection for flowers, although she hesitates to name a particular favorite. She says, in a soft spot for every Stitt, who took over the then-Neff store last March.

Every morning the Stitts deliver the corsage to the store, and on Saturday evening they deliver a cymbidium orchid—a flower which will keep fresh overnight for Mrs. O’Byrne’s Sunday gatherings.

The choice of the daily flower is in the hands of the florist, but Mrs. O’Byrne will call in advance if the color of her dress conflicts with floral coloring.

The Carriage room was finished while Mrs. O’Byrne was on a five week tour of Europe. She returned in mid-November.

First of 750,000 Retained by Store
Henry Foss, sr., filled his first prescription 40 years ago, and since that time more than three-quarters of a million orders have been filled by Foss pharmacists.

The original Foss prescription was dispensed through the prescription counter throughout the Foss Drug General store grand opening.

Mrs. O’Byrne

And Now

Over than thirty years ago,
It may not be a new Parkinson’s law, but it means considerable savings for Foss customers.

‘Meet Your Friend’ Continues at Foss
Trade names and business slogans have given rise to the reputations of many firms and products. Probably the best known slogan at Foss is one which has grown as the store expanded.

The old slogan, “Meet Your Friends at Foss” caught on and has stayed for 48 years.
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**HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items**

**NOV. 5 IS ELECTION DAY.**
The Municipal Election ballots were mailed out by Jeffco to all registered voters in Golden between Oct. 15 and 18. If you did not receive a ballot, go to Jefferson County Elections Department, 3500 Illinois St., Suite 1100 in Golden to register and vote, or if you feel you are registered, to find out why you did not receive a ballot.

There are numerous locations for ballot drop off instead of mailing. One location is Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. By this time you may want to drop off your ballot to be sure it is received in time. Go to [www.jeffco.us/elections/](http://www.jeffco.us/elections/) for information about your ballot, the election and voting processes.

Election results will be posted on the same Jefferson County site and at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) after the final count on Election night.

**ATTENTION DDA VOTERS**
Separate from the Jefferson County mail ballot, most residents, owners, and businesses in our downtown area should have received a form and letter notifying them of a mail-in ballot relating to the establishment and funding of a Downtown Development Authority, or DDA. GURA’s downtown project funding will end after 2014, but similar funding could be provided via a DDA. The ballot questions are: the creation of the DDA and its boundary; a potential 5 mill property tax levy, authorization to borrow for DDA projects; and to retain tax revenue and enter into multi-year obligations.

These ballot questions are only for those within the proposed DDA; the rest of the city would not vote on or be subject to these ballot questions, nor could the DDA fund projects beyond its downtown boundary.

By the time this article is published, DDA electors will need to vote in person by bringing a completed "Affidavit of Qualified Elector" to the City Clerk’s Office, 911 10th Street, through 7 pm on November 5, Election Day. If you are a downtown resident, business owner, or property owner but didn't receive the Affidavit form, contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.

**CIVIC FOUNDATION DINNER & AUCTION**
Get your tickets for the 38th Annual Golden Civic Foundation Dinner and Auction at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Denver Marriott West Hotel, 1717 Denver West Blvd. The honorees this year are Jack and Joy Brandt for their years of service in the Golden community. The theme is Denim and Diamonds, so western apparel is suggested. For more information, contact Marcie Miller at Marcie@goldencivicfoundation.org or 720-326-8636.

**CITY HOLIDAY HOURS**
The City of Golden’s administrative offices will be closed on Nov. 28 and 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will return to regular business hours on Monday, Dec. 2. 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. 29.

**HERITAGE ROAD INPUT MEETING**
The City is scheduled to repave Heritage Road from Eagle Ridge Road south to about Apex Gulch in 2014. City staff is preparing alternative designs to address needed sidewalks, bike facilities and efficient traffic flow. A meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13 in the Shelton Elementary School library, 420 Crawford St. to review preliminary designs and collect your comments and ideas.

Below is Golden City Council’s monthly calendar. Meetings are held on Thursdays and begin at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

Nov. 7
No Meeting

Nov. 14
Regular Business Meeting

Nov. 21
Rescheduled Regular Business Meeting

Nov. 28
No Meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at [www.CityofGolden.net](http://www.CityofGolden.net).

Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
In our increasingly turbulent world, the recent September storms provide a stark reminder of why we engage with each other to develop a strong sense of community. Through our neighborhoods, our schools, our faith and service, and through our government we are greater as a whole than we are as individuals.

This fall I urge you to understand the value of contributing to the local, school, and state political communities in which we live.

Our participation truly matters. We can be active first by voting in this election and understanding the issues on the ballot – in Golden we’ll pass the baton to enthusiastic fellow citizen politicians in January. I hope we will encourage, respect, and support the neighbors who will give their energy and time in the coming years on our behalf. Beyond voting, City Council is finalizing Golden’s $50 million budget and your voice should be included in our decision making!

In Golden we are building a sustainable future, overcoming difficult community challenges, and protecting our valued small town culture. Driving these accomplishments are citizens who care enough to take time away from family, sports, work, and play to engage each other and City representatives. Our hard work, tough investment decisions and forward thinking have paid dividends, as evidenced by how we as a city and the infrastructure we rely on weathered the storm.

And like our Community Garden, the effort of many people over time creates a beautiful, productive, vibrant and livable space to enjoy.

City Council has unanimously approved a special election to form a Downtown Development Authority to provide a continuing funding source for our city’s cultural center. Residents of Downtown Golden will have an opportunity to vote on this important matter.

Amendment 66 is a statewide ballot initiative that all Golden residents will have the opportunity to weigh in on. Amendment 66 is designed to overhaul Colorado’s education funding efforts to impact our children’s future. I encourage you to understand this important ballot measure and consider casting your vote. City Council recently passed Resolution 2293 in support of this ballot initiative. To watch the Council meeting and see the entire Resolution, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/agendas and go to the Oct. 10 meeting.

Recent election changes mean we will have a mail only election, and all citizens registered to vote will receive ballots. Read more about election changes at http://jeffco.us/elections/. Please note ballots are due by November 5th.

In this, my final column as Councilor, I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve. I wish to express gratitude to the City’s excellent, forward-thinking and energetic staff. This experience broadened my perspective, enhanced my respect for public service, and deepened my appreciation for all that is Golden.

And I am grateful to my wife Kathy and our boys for their understanding when Dad has been away so many nights these last six years. I hope the Golden we are building and living in has been worth the sacrifice.

Thank you!

[Signature]

Leaving Council with a Deep Respect for Our City
By Councilor Bill Fisher
It’s once again snow time in Colorado. We often get the question, “when will my street be plowed?” City policy is to begin plowing once two to three inches of snow has accumulated, and to plow before the application of de-icing materials begins. Golden has seven snowplows that are equipped with sanders. The city applies ice slicer and also a mixture of salt and sand to priority areas first, which include bridges, inclines, curves, schools and fire stations. In all, Golden’s Streets Division is in charge of 242 lane miles to plow.

You also need to do your part to clear the snow. By law, the occupant of any property has to remove snow from their sidewalk more than one-inch deep no later than 24-hours after the snow stops falling. We suggest that you wait to shovel until after the city plows have come through and shovel snow into your yard, not back onto the streets. To report a sidewalk that has not been cleared, call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.

Building a Better Golden

More often than not, a change or improvement within a community starts with a single idea from one individual. From there, it takes a team of people to make that idea a reality. But it has to start somewhere, with someone committed to the idea and to their city. Golden is fortunate to have many people who love our town and take the initiative necessary to get things done.

Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Golden, recently honored five of those outstanding members of our community for their service and dedication. The 4th annual Mayor’s Awards of Excellence were given out at a ceremony at the American Mountaineering Center. Each honoree was given an award, along with a letter from Congressman Ed Perlmutter acknowledging their achievements in the official Congressional Record.

**HERE IS A LIST OF THE AWARD WINNERS:**

- **Chuck Baroch**, for his long service leading the Golden Civic Foundation, which supports economic development and nonprofit organizations in Golden, and for his 13 years on City Council, the last six as mayor. Chuck brought an inclusive and gentlemanly manner to his interactions.

- **Ed Dorsey**, for his long-term efforts as the exemplary volunteer contributing to the success of a variety of activities in Golden. Ed has served in several key organizations including the Leadership Golden Board, Visitors Center Board, Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, GURA, the Buffalo Bill Days Committee and the Lions Club, just to name a few.

- **Preston Driggers**, for his decades of citizen service to our community. From working toward the open space purchases of both table mountains and the Bachman property to serving on the GURA board, Preston has always made sincere, important and unselfish contributions.

- **Hugh King, M.D., PhD.**, for his 14-year humanitarian career as co-founder of Namlo International, an organization that enables education and a better quality of life to citizens of Nepal, Nicaragua, the USA and Spain. Hugh, a full professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines, and his co-founder and wife Magda, founded Namlo to help communities take responsibility for their schools.

- **Dan Thoemke**, for building community and making Golden a better place for all. Dan’s contributions can be seen in many venues including his leadership with the Together Church of Golden, a voluntary group of pastors from all denominations; the Golden Backpack Program; Neighborhood Rehab Project, City Unite, and as Chaplain for the Golden Police Department.

Plowing Ahead

From L to R: Melanie Keene Knaus from Congressman Ed Perlmutter’s office, Dan Thoemke, Hugh King, Magda King, Mayor Marjorie Sloan, Preston Driggers, Chuck Baroch and Ed Dorsey.
The unprecedented rains in September caused significant damage in Colorado, but Golden only sustained relatively minor areas of washout and little damage. This was the result of good planning, preparation and a little good luck.

First let’s talk about the planning. In 1997, the Golden City Council instituted a city-wide drainage utility. The initial function of the utility was to fund completion of drainage master plans that had been done in conjunction with the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District. The plans were complete, but prior to creating the utility there was never funding to make the improvements. Now, the city has completed nearly all of the improvements to drainages throughout Golden, and it appears that the planning was good.

Next is preparation. A storm drain system or river channel is only able to carry the planned amount of flood water if it is open and free of debris. Flood detention ponds are also only effective if they are cleaned of sediment, and outlet structures are maintained to function as designed. Golden’s stormwater division inspects, cleans and maintains 2,550 inlets, 239 detention ponds, 47 miles of storm pipe and 11 ½ miles of channel. The work they did to have all of this open and clean before the storm started, as well as the continuous inspection and clearing of any blockages as the storm occurred, allowed all the facilities to function at full capacity.

Finally in any natural event of this magnitude a little luck never hurts. In Golden’s case we were lucky that the rains never concentrated in high amounts over short periods of time in our area. During the worst parts of the storm, we saw about two inches of rain in 40 minutes in the southwest section of town, which did cause minor street flooding and median damage. Also, Clear Creek rose from 420 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 1,500 cfs in about two hours. But those levels are what we typically see during the spring runoff so the creek can handle that flow. Unlike Boulder and many other unfortunate areas, we did not see drastic concentrations of rain in short periods of time. This avoided sharp peaks so the system, though very full, could manage the water we got in Golden.

Why We Avoided the Big Floods

City crews worked to clear debris from streets after heavy rains.

The Mile High Million (MHM) Tree Initiative was launched by Denver in 2006 with an aim to add one million trees by 2025 to the 10.7 million already growing in the metro area. Today, they are a quarter of a way there.

It all began with a study of Denver’s urban tree canopy (UTC), which determined the area covered by the leaves of trees makes up 15.7 percent of the metro area (which includes Golden), offering a $551 million boost to property value increases, energy savings, carbon storage, stormwater runoff reduction, and air quality benefits annually. Planting more trees and doubling the UTC to 31 percent would increase that value to $1 billion, along with the less quantifiable environmental and health benefits.

The UTC in Golden is already higher than most of Denver, at 21.9 percent, but still offers generous swaths of grassy and bare soil areas that could easily support more trees. The study estimates that there are about 100,000 vacant planting sites in the City. Golden is targeted to plant 48,680 trees, which should increase our UTC, once the trees are mature, to almost 35 percent. Planting these additional trees and allowing them to mature will benefit the entire city with property value increases, stormwater runoff reduction, and cooling energy savings. In addition, planting trees in vacant sites will help mitigate urban heat hot spots, which means better air quality in the summer.

For more information on this study or initiative, contact The Mile High Million at million.trees@denvergov.org or call 720-913-0631.
FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

• This yard waste collection is available to Golden’s Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) trash and recycling customers only.
• Place yard waste where your trash is collected on your designated day, in reusable containers of your choice. **Make sure it is placed by 8 a.m.**
• Yard waste includes grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, weeds and branches that are no longer than 4 feet and no larger than 4 inches in diameter, sawdust, ground or chipped wood.
• Branches may be bundled with string, yarn or rope – no wire. Bundles should be 4 feet in length and no more than 2 feet in diameter.
• Yard waste will be limited to 3 cubic yards per resident which is equivalent to:
  - an area that is appx. 4’ x 4’ x 4’;
  or
  - 21 compostable 30 gallon bags
• This 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 4” 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 from Meyers Hardware and The Home Depot.

For more information, contact Waste Management directly at 303-278-8600 or visit the City’s website at [www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash).

NEWS FLASH! - CURBSIDE GREEN WASTE COLLECTION HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH NOVEMBER!

Next summer, avoid extra expenses while diverting yard waste from the landfill by subscribing to Waste Management’s subscription Green Waste program. The Green Waste Program service begins each spring and continues into the fall. This program provides convenient, every other week, curbside collection of yard waste. It’s cheap, efficient and convenient! Call Waste Management at 303-278-8600 to enroll for spring 2014!
In keeping with meeting the City’s goals for alternative fuels within the Sustainability Initiative, Golden Police Department has replaced four older vehicles with new Ford Fusion Hybrid cars. Why Hybrid, you ask? Hybrid cars have two different power plants under the hood: an electric motor powered by a lithium-ion battery pack and a conventional gasoline engine. The electric motor is ideal for moving the car during slow-speed driving — such as through a residential neighborhood or in stop-and-go city traffic.

The miles per gallon (mpg) for the new Ford Fusion is estimated at 47 city/44 highway (source: EPA). Adding in local government discounts, the hybrid vehicles made for a smart financial choice as well. The Hybrids will be used by non-patrol staff including investigations, detectives and administrative personnel.

“The Police Department continues to seek ways in which it can contribute in a meaningful way to the city’s sustainability efforts and so the conversion of a portion of our fleet to Hybrid technology made a lot of sense.”
– Chief Bill Kilpatrick, Golden Police

**Scholarships Available to Local Start-up Businesses**

The City of Golden Economic Development Commission (EdComm) will once again offer scholarships to local innovators or small start-up companies for participation in the Innovation Center of the Rockies’ (ICR) Early Stage Business Program. The idea behind this program is to increase entrepreneurial activity in Golden as well as support the possible expansion or growth of an industry within the City limits. “Those entrepreneurs or businesses chosen will receive outside evaluation, vetting and mentoring to answer commercially relevant questions,” said Steve Glueck, Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Golden. “It’s a great opportunity to move your business to the next stage of development.”

To be eligible, applicants may either be a company physically located within the Golden city limits or whose principals (at least one of the executive team) reside in Golden and are formally accepted by the ICR. For applicants that have not been formally accepted to the program, the scholarship award will be conditioned upon such acceptance.

2014 applications are available by emailing edcomm@cityofgolden.net and are due by Jan. 31, 2014. Awards will be announced shortly thereafter. The EdComm scholarship would cover up to one-half of the monthly cost up to a maximum of $2,400 and at least three scholarships will be offered.

For more information visit the EDComm section on the City website or email edcomm@cityofgolden.net.

**LOCAL COMPANY RAISES FUNDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

The Golden Fire Department (GFD) is mostly made up of volunteers, and some of the funding for new equipment comes from donations. To help Golden Fire better serve the citizens of our city, the Golden City Brewery (GCB) held its annual GoldenFest fundraiser in September at their brewery on 12th Street. To raise money, GCB sold special edition mugs and also had community members volunteer at the event to collect funds.

Volunteer firefighters parked a fire truck in front of the brewery and interacted with the public throughout the event, and there was also food and live music. In all, GCB raised more than $3,500 for the department. The GFD thanks Golden City Brewery and all of the members of the community for their generous contributions.
Let's Talk Turkey (Oil)

The deep fried turkey is growing in popularity as a new twist on the traditional Thanksgiving staple. But disposing of three to five gallons of used fryer oil can be a day-after nightmare. While it may seem harmless to pour your used oil down the drain, dumping any amount of cooking oil into the sink can damage local sewage systems. Grease clings to pipe walls in small particles that latch on to each other, leading to massive clogs over time – and not just in your kitchen sink. To make it convenient, the City’s Recycling drop-off site in north Golden accepts all cooking oil that is then filtered by a local company and reused as biofuel for vehicles. With the satisfaction of knowing your waste is getting put to good use, you can now relax on the couch with yet another turkey sandwich.

WHAT ABOUT AUTOMOTIVE OIL?
If you’re a do-it-yourself kind of person and you need a place to recycle old engine oil, there are two convenient options in Golden:

Rooney Road Recycling Center
Drop-off or pick-up by appointment only.
303-316-6262
(Small co-pay required)
151 South Rooney Road

O’Reilly Auto Parts
Free drop off at metro-area stores.
17505 South Golden Road

Social, Economic & Environmental Issues

In the Green Spotlight

In the new Business Sustainability Handbook, Golden author Julie Urlaub shows how going green can not only help the environment but can also boost the bottom line for businesses. This guide presents down-to-earth practical advice on how effective employee engagement, smart energy practices, and management leadership can help a company break through to the forefront of today’s socially responsible business environment. Urlaub reveals how sustainable practices and strategies are making a difference in the global economy and how some of the biggest brands are winning with sustainability. Today, Golden businesses both small and large – from Woody’s Wood-fired Pizza to the new Earth Treks Climbing Center – are getting in front of the sustainability curve. Why? Because it makes good business sense. This easy-to-read book provides insights and information that can help businesses from day one. With more than 38,000 Twitter followers, Urlaub and her sustainability social media consulting firm, Taiga Company, are reaching beyond Golden to a global audience.

In the Green Spotlight

The Golden Informer
Nov. 2
Homemade Craft and Bake Sale
A great place to start your holiday shopping. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Terrace Village Clubhouse, 17601 W. Colfax Ave. For details call Bonnie or Kecia at 303-278-8812.

Coffee with a Councilor
Chat with your City Councilors at 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

Nov. 7 and 21
MOPS
Mothers of Preschoolers, a program designed for mothers of children aged from birth to kindergarten. 9 to 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Golden, 1805 Washington Ave. For details call 303-279-4605 or visit www.fbcgolden.org.

Nov. 8
McConkey
A movie profiling the story of pro skier Shane McConkey’s life and legacy. 8 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Money raised goes to McConkey’s family trust. For details contact Powder7 Ski Shop at www.powder7.com or call 303-237-7547.

Nov. 8 through Dec. 22
It's a Wonderful Life
The Radio Play
Inspired by the classic American film, this play is performed as a 1940’s live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and show times call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Nov. 13
Holiday Business Expo
Food and refreshments are provided and “Subatomic String Band” will perform. Expo sponsored by Table Mountain Inn and Golden Chamber of Commerce. 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Table Mountain Inn. For information call 303-279-3113.

Nov. 15 through Dec. 31
Santa Needs a Holiday
This final holiday show is presented by Heritage Square Music Hall Children’s Theatre (show times vary). Reservations are recommended as performances often sell out. For more information call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com/web.

Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10
Paper Making and Holiday Decorations
This Foothills Art Center workshop offers an introduction to the paper making process with artistic techniques that will result in wonderful 3D holiday ornaments. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Nov. 16
21st Annual Backcountry Bash
The Colorado Mountain Club’s signature winter fundraising event. Enjoy food, drinks and both silent and live auctions. Stay for a special screening of one of the season’s hottest ski films. 5:30 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. For tickets, visit www.cmc.org/bash.

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Nov. 22
Winterfest Concert
Presented by the Colorado School of Mines Music Program, enjoy a free concert of Christmas music from around the world, a Broadway Christmas sing-a-long, and Dr. Robert Klimek on the Allen Theatre organ. 7 p.m. at the Green Center, 924 16th St. For more information call 303-273-3000 or visit www.mines.edu.

Nov. 30
Golden's Shop Small Holly-Day Event
Experience the best of local holiday shopping in downtown Golden, with refreshments, entertainment, and special deals and sales from 8 to 11 a.m.
Redemption’s Bell Book Signing
Meet local author Coni J. Billings and have her autograph on this delightful historical novel about the history of Golden. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Ave. For information call 303-279-3113.

Celebrating 100 Years of the Foss Building
A celebration of both the 100-year-old building as well as the tradition of generosity, innovative ideas, social vision and involvement of the Foss family in Golden. Join the ribbon cutting ceremonies at 1 p.m. and then tour the Foss Building, which is now home to 11 businesses. For more information, call 303-279-2833.

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21
Olde Golden Christmas Parade & Activities
Parade from 11 to 11:30 a.m. on Washington Avenue between 10th and 13th streets.
- What the Dickens? Victorian Carolers (11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)
- Santa Claus Meet and Greet at Avenue Gifts (noon to 3 p.m.)
- Newfoundland Dog Cart Rides (noon to 3 p.m.)

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Rides through historic downtown Golden start at 12th Street between Washington Avenue and Arapahoe Street, weather permitting. Rides are from noon to 4 p.m.

Dec. 6
Pictures with Santa & Hot Cocoa Bar
Enjoy free pictures with Santa and hot cocoa at the Foothills Art Center at 5 p.m., prior to the Candlelight Walk. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Golden’s Candlelight Walk
Gather at Foothills Art Center (15th and Arapahoe streets) at 6 p.m. The walk begins at 6:30 p.m. down Washington Avenue to the Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. where there will be a show and holiday celebration. For details call 303-279-3113.

Dec. 7
Holiday Card Creation Station
Create free beautiful and thoughtful holiday cards for family and friends while under the instruction of Foothills Art Center’s talented art instructors. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at FAC, 809 15th St. For details call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Pottery Sale and Museum Store Open House
Free of charge at the Golden History Center, 923 10th St., sponsored by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District. 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For details call 303-278-3557 or visit www.goldenhistory.org.

Barbershop Choir Concert
11:30 a.m. to noon. Listen to the Colorado School of Mines Harmonic and Melodic Miners and the Denver Mountainairs sing barbershop classics in front of the Golden Hotel, 800 11th St.

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Dec. 7

Art Demonstration
Meet artist Ed Slack as he paints Golden Scenes in oil on canvas at Spirits in the Wind Gallery, 1211 Washington Ave. Free and open to the public, from 1 to 5 p.m. For details call 303-279-1192 or www.spiritsinthewindgallery.com.

Dec. 7, 14, 21

Olde Golden Christmas Book Signing
Meet local author Barb Warden and pick up a signed copy of Olde Golden Christmas book and a free holiday Golden magnet. Join the dedication of the book at 12:15 p.m. For details, call 303-279-3113.

Dec. 8

JSO Holiday Concert
Performing Church Windows by Respighi and traditional holiday music. 3 p.m. at the Green Center, 924 16th St. For details visit jeffsymphony.org or call 303-278-4237.

Dec. 12

Holiday Party at the American Mountaineering Museum
Enjoy a night filled with live music, local brews and a silent auction featuring mountaineering gear from leading outdoor retailers at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Proceeds benefit the AMM. For details call 303-996-2763 or visit www.americanmountaineeringcenter.org.

Dec. 14

Breakfast with Santa
Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus in this fun holiday show. 9 to 11 a.m. at the Buffalo Rose, 1119 Washington Ave. Tickets are $10 per person and reservations are required. For details, call 303-279-0200.

Winter Sweat Shirt Decoration
For $5, decorate a sweatshirt or hoodie to keep you warm throughout the winter. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For details call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Celtic Music Concert
Enjoy the classic melodies of Celtic guitarist, Jerry Barlow, while shopping for friends and family from 1 to 3 p.m. at Meyer Hardware, 1103 Arapahoe St. For details call 303-279-3393 or visit www.meyerhardware.doitbest.com.

“Holiday in a Nutshell” Christmas Show
Enjoy this annual variety show featuring some of Golden’s finest dancers of all ages at 1 and 3:30 p.m. at Bell Middle School, 1001 Ulysses St. For details call 303-795-3183.

Christmas Tea Time at the Astor House
Join the time-honored tradition of Tea Time at the Astor House with lunch, dessert, and of course, tea, presented by servers in Victorian dress. Go back in time with entertaining stories and Christmas music. For details and times call 303-278-3557 or visit www.goldenhistory.org.

Dec. 21

Ginger Bread House Construction Zone
Build gingerbread houses and gingerbread men with a myriad of candies and icing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Cost is $10 and includes all supplies needed.

Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Party
Stop by the Spirits in the Wind Gallery from 4 to 6 p.m. for a Christmas Eve Pizza Party, and shop till you drop with free Christmas wrapping. For details, call 303-279-1192 or visit www.spiritsinthewindgallery.com.

Be a Storyteller in Your Local School!
Jeffco Spellbinders® storytellers volunteer in local schools by telling stories to grade school children. To learn more visit www.spellbinders.org/ or email Barbara Morrissey at bb.morrissey@comcast.net.

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 killey@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.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, Nov. 1 & Dec. 6
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

Receive the Front Porch News Online!
Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Computer Training for Life-long Learning
These introductory computer classes are presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library. Each class is designed to accommodate all skill levels! Space is limited, Min/Max: 4/8. Sign up in the Front Porch or call 303-384-8130. Classes are held in the library’s book mobile in the Golden Community Center’s 8th St. parking lot.

Mondays, 1-3 p.m. on the E-Train
Nov. 4 - Excel Basics
Nov. 18 - iPad Basics
Nov. 25 - Social Networking Basics
Dec. 2 - Managing your Digital Photos (bring your own digital camera with photos.)

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS
The Cell - #35005-1
The Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab’s (CELL) exhibit is a dynamic, interactive experience that is a great educational tour on the prevention of terrorism. We will visit this state of the art exhibit located in Denver and have lunch downtown.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
$14 (van, tour included; bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by Nov. 13.

Wildflowers Tea Room – #35007-1
We’ll have an authentic English tea at this boutique hotel in Broomfield and enjoy the holiday décor.

Thursday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
$10 (van included, bring money for the tea - $21.95 not including tax and gratuity)
Exertion Level: 1
Register/Cancel by Dec. 1.

Saturday Night Dance at the Clements Center - #35008-1
Enjoy three hours of dancing to a live band and refreshments at our neighboring community center. We will stop for dinner on the way and arrive early enough to secure a table before we dance the night away. Please bring $7 cash for your entrance fee.

Saturday, Dec. 21, 4:45 to 10 p.m.
$9 (van, bring money for dinner and $7 entrance fee)
Exertion Level: 4
Register/Cancel by Dec. 18.
A nyone who has a history in Golden knows the importance of the name Foss. It is attached to the once thriving Foss Drug Store which served the Golden community for 94 years before closing its doors in 2007. The drug store was one-of-a-kind. You could go in there and spend hours just looking at the eclectic array of stuff. If you ever needed a gift for someone and didn’t know what to get them, you could go to Foss and find something that was just right.

Yet the family behind the Foss name is what really makes it special. Never before and never since has Golden had a family more committed to the residents of our town. This year we celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Foss building, located at 1224 Washington Ave. But what we are really celebrating is the fascinating and heartwarming history of Henry, Dorothy, Heinie and Barbara Foss, along with all of the Foss family members who carry on their tradition to this day.

Henry Foss was a pharmacist who, along with his wife Dorothy, moved to Golden to open up Foss Drug in 1913. In 1917 they had a son, Frederick Allen known as “Heinie,” and sadly only one year later, new dad Henry died of the WWI flu epidemic. His dying wish was to keep Foss Drug running as a legacy for his son. Probably never in his wildest dreams did Henry think the many generations of Foss’s to come would take that legacy so seriously.

Four years after Henry’s death, Dorothy married Joe O’Byrne who was a professor at the Colorado School of Mines and designed the “M” on Mount Zion. Together they kept Foss Drug a thriving and viable store. But in 1929, Joe died and left Dorothy a widow once again. Foss Drug had its ups and downs over the years. During different parts of its history, the store grew to include over half a block of retail space and shrunk back closer to its original 1,300 square feet when times got tough. Over the years, it included a giant underground warehouse, a soda fountain, a restaurant, an ice cream and chocolate factory, large appliances, clothing, cosmetics and a lot of liquor.

As a matter of fact, the renamed Foss General Store held Colorado’s oldest liquor license. When Coors was forced to stop making beer due to Prohibition, Foss was able to continue selling alcohol. At that time, doctors could prescribe alcohol to patients, so 100-proof bourbon whiskey was part of doctor’s orders. But during the Depression business was scarce and store operations were cut back. At one point, Dorothy borrowed against her wedding rings just to make sure her employees got paid.

After growing up in the drug store, Heinie Foss eventually got his Pharmacist license and took over operations. His love and devotion to the store and to his mother is part of why nearly everyone in Golden thought of the Foss’s as friends. They took their marketing slogan, “Meet Your Friends at Foss” to heart so even if you weren’t meeting someone at the store, you would always see a friend once you got there. According to a Colorado Transcript article from 1961, Dorothy was at the store every day to greet people.

She normally greets people and assists them near the entry to the Carriage room, but to call her a hostess would be an injustice. Mrs. O’Byrne is the First Lady as far as Foss friends are concerned. Each day she wears a
fresh corsage, a gift of Heinie Foss, the store’s manager and her son. He began the custom nearly 25 years ago, and every day since then Mrs. O’Byrne has worn a beautiful floral arrangement typifying her bright personality.

According to the article, Dorothy was so loved by the employees that they also chipped in and got her a fresh flower arrangement once a month. Although she loved all sorts of flowers, she had a special fondness for sweetheart roses and glamelias. And on occasion, she would have to get a different corsage because the one made for her clashed with her outfit. Dorothy kept her title of Golden’s “First Lady” until her death in 1963.

At one point, the Foss pharmacy became an official Walgreen Agency Store, solidifying its importance in the community for many more years. It ranked as a national leader in size and sales... well over $1 million annually. A big change from Foss Drug’s early years, when a “big day” was $100 in over-the-counter sales. Heinie and his team successfully ran the store and expanded it several times to include more store space and parking behind Miners Alley in the back. He created the Foss Fund and established a downtown parking district in which Foss Drug and neighboring local merchants taxed themselves to raise money for customer parking areas, rather than ask the city for help. Heinie also helped found the Golden Civic Foundation, which is still one of the premiere volunteer organizations helping Golden to this day.

The Foss family had help from several equally devoted employees along the way, including Bob Lowry who was the President of the Foss Company when it closed its doors for good in 2007. Although the closing of Foss Drug was the end of an era, it was not the end of the Foss family or their contributions to the Golden community. The Foss family, in partnership with Bob Lowry, still owns the Foss building under the company name Mesa Meadows Land Company. It is now home to a plethora of stores including Blue Canyon Bar & Grill, Foss Building Wine & Spirits, the award winning Miner’s Alley Playhouse, Peak Cycles, Vital Outdoors and many more. The mural on the 13th Street side of the building depicts the history of Foss Drug; and the Foss descendants continue to make our community and their namesake proud.

HELP CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF FOSS

Join members of the Foss family, city leaders, the Golden Chamber of Commerce and many others in celebrating Foss’s 100 year anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 30. The celebration will be held at 13th and Washington starting with an honorary ribbon cutting at 1 p.m. There will be food, fun, giveaways and a great look at the history of the building. This celebration is in conjunction with Small Business Saturday which celebrates shopping local and exemplifies the Foss spirit of doing business.
Inside the Astor House, a new publication by Golden History Museums, will be released this month to help celebrate the Astor House’s 40th anniversary as a museum. The book will include stories about two of the famous owners, Seth Lake and Ida Goetze, as well as building information about the hotel turned boarding house and other boarding houses in Golden. Below, read an excerpt from the book, written by Ashleigh Hampf.

THRIVING AND SURVIVING: IDA GOETZE AND THE GERMAN-AMERICAN STORY

Ida Goetze is a recognizable character to those familiar with the Astor House’s history. She purchased the hotel in 1892, changed the name to Hotel Boston and ran the establishment as a boarding house. Recognized for her kind nature and superb cooking skills, Ida gained the nickname Mother Goetze when caring for ill and homesick students. Ida’s life was emblematic of German life in late nineteenth and early twentieth century America. After immigrating, Ida immersed herself in American culture and had to choose between German tradition and her new American identity. Ida’s story is an example of how German Americans thrived, struggled, and adapted to life in the United States.

In June 1854, Ida Froeb was born in Lobenstein, Germany. Ida and her sister Hulda left Germany in 1874 and were among the many travelers in the largest wave of German immigrants to America. Between 1870 and 1890, 2.7 million Germans immigrated to America due to overpopulation, economic decline, and warfare, which may also have influenced Ida and Hulda’s decision to leave Germany. Nineteen-year-old Ida and 30-year-old Hulda purchased tickets from Bremen to New York. Ida and Hulda traveled on the ship named the Koeln in the steerage compartment.

Tickets were cheapest in steerage, but conditions verged on horrific. Between nine and fourteen hundred immigrants packed into the lower bowels of the ship. The travel took between nine and twelve days and steerage passengers stayed in uncomfortable bunk beds. There was little privacy and immigrants often had to change garments in front of other passengers. Toilet facilities and fresh water was limited. Within the tight confines of steerage, passengers often experienced sea sickness. Regardless of their circumstances, Ida and Hulda at least had each other while immigrating. Throughout their lives, Ida and Hulda retained a close friendship, solidified by their similar obstacles as German immigrant women.

Once they arrived in New York in 1874, Ida and Hulda did not remain in New York for long. Like many immigrant women, Ida and Hulda went to live near their brother Huldreich Froeb, who immigrated to the United States in 1845 and lived in Terre Haute, Indiana. In 1883, Ida chose to move to Colorado. However, in order to start over in Colorado, Ida had to grapple with her German traditions and new American identity…

Hear the rest of Ida’s story and the history of the Astor House in Golden History Museum’s new publication Inside the Astor House being released this month.
The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum (RMQM) is asking for help from the quilting community, to provide quilts for flood victims. The museum is asking for new quilts, made of 100 percent cotton fabric in twin, full and queen sizes. “Even though many of us can’t physically help the nearly 1,800 Colorado families whose homes have been destroyed or the 17,500 whose homes have been damaged by the recent flooding,” says RMQM Executive Director Karen Roxburgh, “quilters can provide some comfort to those in need with the gift of a homemade quilt.”

Donations can be delivered to the RMQM, 1213 Washington Ave. or at the museum office, 651 Corporate Circle, Suite 102. Quilt donations will be accepted through April 30, 2014. For more information or museum hours, call 303-277-0377 or www.rmqm.org.

The Jefferson Symphony needs up to 12 volunteer host families to provide meals, lodging and local transportation for some very talented young musicians. The artists, mostly college-aged students, will be coming from all over the world to participate as finalists in the 55th International Young Artists Competition. This year’s competition is for all orchestral instruments except piano.

The musicians will arrive on Thursday, Jan. 2 and leave on Sunday, Jan. 5. The competition takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Arvada Center. For details and to apply, call Frani Bickart at the Jefferson Symphony at 303-278-4237 or iyac@jeffsymphony.org.

HOLIDAY ART MARKET
NOV. 16 – DEC. 29

The annual Holiday Art Market (HART) is back at the Foothills Art Center. This is your chance to buy holiday gifts of fine art and crafts made in Colorado. HART begins on Nov. 16 and runs through Dec. 29 and represents over 100 Colorado artists offering gifts in ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, paintings, woodworking, photography and much more. All gifts purchased help support both local artists and the Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Admission to HART is free. In addition, there are all sorts of fun art events for kids. For hours and special events, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.
**Shop Small Holly-Day Event**

Kick-off the holiday shopping season during Golden’s Shop Small Holly-Day event on **Saturday, Nov. 30** prior to the first Olde Golden Christmas parade. Golden offers the perfect small town holiday shopping experience with dozens of one-of-a-kind boutiques, fine art studios, toy stores and more! Golden’s historic downtown will be buzzing with excitement starting at 8 a.m. as stores open early offering refreshments, entertainment and special holiday deals and sales. Stop by the Buffalo Rose for free gift wrapping and pictures with Santa. Also, don’t forget to bring a stocking and visit participating businesses for a FREE stocking stuffer! Whether you’re looking for handcrafted candles for mom, power tools for Dad, eco-friendly pet toys for your furry friend or classic toys for the kids, Golden is a festive alternative to the mall and a great place to buy local and support small businesses. For details call 303-384-8172.

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**Candlelight Walk**

Experience the beauty of the holiday season while walking down Washington Avenue, candle in hand, singing holiday carols during Golden’s annual Candlelight Walk. Gather at 6 p.m. at Foothills Art Center at 15th and Arapahoe streets for pre-walk caroling and music by the CSM brass trio. Visitors can purchase candles for .50 cents and enjoy a free dance recital. The walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will end in front of the Golden Visitors Center for the annual Christmas Showcase and lighting of thousands of holiday lights all along Clear Creek. Afterwards, hot beverages, cookies and entertainment will be provided at several businesses and cultural facilities including roasted chestnuts at the Golden History Museum, musical performances along the creek, and live reindeer at the Visitors Center. Festive dress is encouraged. For details on holiday festivities in Golden, go to [VisitGolden.com](http://VisitGolden.com).

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**GOLDEN TOY DRIVE**

Help the children of the Golden community get a present this holiday season. The Rotary Club of Golden is sponsoring the 7th annual Golden Toys for Kids drive. Between now and Dec. 24, drop off new, unwrapped toys to any of the following locations: The Golden Hotel, Meyers Hardware, Golden Community Center, Guaranty Bank on Colfax and Big 5 Sports.

All of the toys collected will be distributed to local children during this holiday season. Last year our community donated more than 700 toys, giving hundreds of children a gift who may not have received one otherwise. This year we hope to collect 1,200 toys. Monetary donations are also being accepted and will be used to purchase toys. Send checks to the Rotary Club of Golden, P.O. Box 851, Golden, CO 80402.

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**OLDE GOLDEN CHRISTMAS PARADES**

Watch Santa zoom around in his sidecar motorcycle, heckle the Grinch as he drives by in his corvette, or cheer on elves as they race on unicycles during the weekly Olde Golden Christmas parade. Watch the parade at 11 a.m. on Saturdays Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21. Children will cheer as the parade travels down Washington Avenue. Local shops will have hot chocolate and other goodies available for kids during the parades. For details call 303-279-3113.
Shop SMALL
Saturday, Nov. 30

Shop early before the Olde Golden Christmas Parade!

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