Bell Students Working for NASA
page 9

PAYT Fall Yard Waste Collection This Month
page 12
The Golden Informer

is produced and published monthly by the Golden City Manager’s Office and mailed as a source of news and information to all residences and businesses inside the City limits. Comments on The Informer are welcome.

Please write to: City of Golden, 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, Attn: Karlyn Tilley; call 303-384-8132; or e-mail ktilley@cityofgolden.net.

Graphic Designer Sarah Yongprakit

The Golden Informer is the proud winner of the City/County Communications and Marketing Association’s prestigious 2005 and 2007 first place Savvy and 2006 second place Silver Circle national awards for city- and county-produced external printed newsletters in communities of up to 45,000 people nationwide.

IN THIS ISSUE

Cover Photo: An early season snow in Golden. Courtesy Andrew Terrill Graphic Design.

Heads Up: Important Upcoming Items........................................................................................................ Page 3
Council’s Corner ........................................................................................................................................ Page 3
Councilor’s Message: Grateful for Golden.................................................................................................... Page 4
Golden Residents and Businesses Honored ................................................................................................ Page 4
Be a Part of Public Art ................................................................................................................................ Page 5
US 6 & 19th Street Interchange Takes Shape ............................................................................................... Page 6
Shop “Small” in Golden to Win BIG on Small Business Saturday ............................................................... Page 7
Race on Small Business Saturday to Benefit Neighborhood Rehab Project ............................................... Page 7
Celebrate the Spirit of Giving in Golden ....................................................................................................... Page 8
Donate Life .................................................................................................................................................. Page 8
Bell Student Project to Go to Space ............................................................................................................ Page 9
Golden Community Calendar .................................................................................................................... Pages 10-11
PAYT Customers, Start Planning Now! ........................................................................................................ Pages 10-11
Fall Yard Waste Collection Scheduled For Nov. 8, 15 & 22 ..................................................................... Page 12
Golden Sustainability: Social, Economic & Environmental Issues .......................................................... Page 13
Front Porch News ...................................................................................................................................... Page 14
Don’t Let Your Bike Grow Legs .................................................................................................................. Page 14
Help Prevent Traffic Accidents: Drive Defensively .................................................................................. Page 15
Golden Community Center Activities Calendar .......................................................................................... Page 16
Playground Makeovers ............................................................................................................................. Page 16
Golden Gallop a Success: More Money for Local Schools ....................................................................... Page 17
Golden Fire Chosen to Host International Leaders .................................................................................. Page 17
Golden History Museums ........................................................................................................................... Page 18
Candlelight Walk Dec. 5 .............................................................................................................................. Page 19
Holiday Window Contest ........................................................................................................................... Page 19

City of Golden Department Managers

Mike Bestor
City Manager
303-384-8010
mbestor@cityofgolden.net

Dan Hartman
Public Works
303-384-8150
dhartman@cityofgolden.net

Steve Glueck
Comm. & Econ. Development
303-384-8004
sglucek@cityofgolden.net

Susan Brooks
City Clerk
303-384-8014
sbrooks@cityofgolden.net

Rod Tarullo
Parks and Recreation
303-384-8120
rtarullo@cityofgolden.net

Bill Kilpatrick
Police
303-384-8033
bkilpatrick@cityofgolden.net

John Bales
Fire
303-384-8090
jbales@cityofgolden.net

Jeff Hansen
Finance
303-384-8020
jhansen@cityofgolden.net

Teresa Keilly
Human Resources
303-384-8017
treilly@cityofgolden.net

Karlyn Tilley
Communications
303-384-8132
ktilley@cityofgolden.net

To contact the entire City Council, e-mail citycouncil@cityofgolden.net
HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET PROCESS
In November, your City Council will hold Public Hearings on the City Manager’s proposed 2015 – 2016 Budget and his recommended 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Those hearings will be at the Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 Council meetings. Both meetings start at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 911 10th St. You are encouraged to come and share your views and priorities or send Council an email at citycouncil@cityofgolden.net.

The Manager’s proposed budget can be found at www.cityofgolden.net/links/CityBudget. After the Public Hearing on Nov. 13, City Council will make final amendments, adopt a budget, authorize 2015 spending, and set the property tax mill levy. (There will be no property tax increase.) The proposed budget and capital plan are well within the same financially sound budget policy that Golden has followed for 20 years. Your City is in great financial shape and if you have any questions about the budget or Golden’s financial policies you are welcome to contact Finance Director Jeff Hansen at jhansen@cityofgolden.net.

PRICE INCREASE
AT GOLDEN CEMETERY
City of Golden Cemetery & Cremation Garden plot and burial space prices will increase as of Jan. 1, 2015. For information contact the cemetery office at 303-279-1435. For current prices please visit the Cemetery website www.goldencemetery.com.

CHANGES TO PAYT
City Council will soon consider some significant changes to the Pay-As-You-Throw trash collection program. Whether you are a current customer or not, this could affect you. Please see the full article on p. 13. We welcome your feedback.

BE A PART OF PUBLIC ART
On Sept. 25, City Council adopted policies created by the Public Art Commission, which was seated in August 2013. The policies will help guide the seven commissioners in reviewing art currently in the City’s collection and to more strategically identify and acquire future art to enhance Golden. The Commission is looking to expand the types of art and culture represented in the community, and to build a diverse collection that is engaging for Golden tourists, residents, children and adults alike.

If you are a Golden resident and would like to be part of the Public Art Commission, watch for an opening to be posted in January. For more information about the Public Art Commission, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/PublicArt.

LIGHT THE LIGHT CONTEST FOR KIDS
At the end of the Candlelight Walk on Dec. 5, the Mayor will flip the giant switch that makes the Clear Creek Corridor sparkle with thousands of lights.

The Mayor is looking for one child to help her light the lights. The rules for selection are simple:
1. Eligible children live in a Golden zip code and are from 5 to 10 years old.
2. There are cards at the Visitors Center to fill out with the child’s name and age, a parent’s name, the family’s address, and a phone number.
3. Drop only one card per child in the box at the Visitors Center by Sunday, Nov. 30.
4. The Mayor will draw one card on Monday, Dec. 1 and call the lucky child who will join her on stage and help kick off the holiday season!

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. 6
Rescheduled regular business meeting

Nov. 13
Regular business meeting

Nov. 20
No meeting

Nov. 27
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.
Gratitude. It has been almost as popular on social media these last several months as dumping a bucket of ice water on one’s head and memes of overly curious cats. Gratitude often takes the form of a “challenge” in which for three days in a row you list three things for which you are thankful and then invite your friends to reciprocate.

What exactly is gratitude and why has it become such a hot topic lately? We know it has something to do with being thankful. Psychology Today takes it a step further and states that gratitude is an emotion expressing appreciation for what one has. Research studies show that gratitude increases positive emotions and decreases negative ones. Additionally, grateful thinking—and expressing it to others—is associated with increased levels of energy, optimism, and empathy. With all of these benefits, it is no wonder gratitude is spreading!

I am grateful for many things in my life, but admittedly, have not made it a practice to be actively grateful. Thankfully (pun intended) there are many ways to start expressing gratitude.

~ **Write a gratitude letter** – think of this as a belated thank-you note to someone detailing a kindness they did in the past.

~ **Start a gratitude journal** – remember good things that happened throughout the day and write them down. Try it for seven consecutive days and then reflect on what you have written.

~ **Make a gratitude creation** – exercise your artistic side by creating something that represents all for which you are thankful.

~ **Make a gratitude appointment** – set aside a specific time each day to be grateful.

~ **Take on a gratitude challenge** – join the Facebook gratitude challenge, the 100 Happy Days Challenge, or any of the others out there.

As for me, I am going to embrace the whole month of November as the time to be thankful and express my gratitude. By making gratitude a daily habit instead of a once-a-year Thanksgiving Day tradition, we might all enjoy the healthy benefits.

To begin the month, I am grateful for all of you, my Golden community. I am thankful for this opportunity to be your Councilor and engage in civil discourse to make our city a better place. I appreciate the dedication and professionalism of our city staff whose work is often unrecognized yet critical to our quality of life. I am humbled by the selflessness of so many volunteers who help our community in a myriad of ways. Thank you for making Golden the most wonderful place to live.

Happy Thanksgiving,
The Golden Informer

November 2014   Page 5

Golden Residents and Businesses Honored

In early October, Mayor Marjorie Sloan presented her annual Mayor’s Awards of Excellence to six individuals who represent Golden’s character and energy. These are individuals who have made exceptional contributions to our community. Some of the qualities the awards committee looks for are: Take initiative; exercise leadership; solve problems; create community value and serve as a role model.

The theme of this year’s event was Go Golden! (And Golden People Who Make Things Go). For their outstanding efforts, the winners were Erik Weihenmayer, Vicki Wagner, Heather Schneider, Nancy Taylor Mason for Baby Doe’s Clothing and Ted and Frani Bickart. A big thanks to the Awards Committee: Gina Viola Brown, Jeannie Collopy Bach, Ed Dorsey, Tyler Freeman and Sarah Labosky.

Mayor Marjorie Sloan would also like to thank the sponsors of the event. The lead sponsors were the Rotary Club of Golden and the City of Golden. The prime sponsors were The Golden Hotel and Mad Greens. Supporting sponsors were the Golden Chamber of Commerce, Golden Civic Foundation, Golden.com, Golden Lions Club and Together Church of Golden.

After the awards presentation, the audience was treated to a speech by Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett. Mayor Cornett has been recognized both nationally and internationally for the changes he has made to his city to improve quality of life and opportunities to promote a healthy community. His inspiring speech had the crowd mesmerized.

Host Families Needed

The Jefferson Symphony needs up to 12 volunteer host families to provide meals, lodging and local transportation for finalists entering the live round of its 56th International Young Artists Competition (IYAC), which takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood. This year’s competition is for piano, so host families with excellent pianos are preferred. Most finalists (usually college students, some from other countries) will arrive on Thursday, Jan. 8 and leave on Sunday, Jan. 11. Finalists are delightful guests.

To learn details and to apply, contact Frani Bickart through the Jefferson Symphony at 303-278-4237 or iyac@jeffsymphony.org.

The 2013 IYAC winner, 23-year old Violist Danny Lai, grew up in Colorado. He is now a member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

(L to R): Councilors Marcia Claxton and Pamela Gould, Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan and Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves.

The 2014 Mayor’s Award winners pose with the Awards Committee, Mayor Marjorie Sloan and Colin Anonsen with Rep. Ed Perlmutter’s Office, who presented the winners with a Congressional Letter.

The 2014 Mayor’s Award winners pose with the Awards Committee, Mayor Marjorie Sloan and Colin Anonsen with Rep. Ed Perlmutter’s Office, who presented the winners with a Congressional Letter.
After six months of public input and preliminary design, the City now has the direction it needs to begin planning the exciting transformation of the US 6 and 19th Street interchange. The results of the public input were presented to City Council in late September, and the Council provided final direction to the design team. Here’s what is planned for the intersection.

Instead of a bridge, there will be what’s best described as a lid over the lowered portion of US 6. On top of the lid, the aesthetic facade will pattern the historic Lariat Loop towers, with a Golden-esque arch spanning over US 6. The towers will anchor the ends of the arch and that theme will be carried into all project retaining walls.

The area on top of the lid will tie to the Lariat Loop theme with a Mountain Park atmosphere that will be an appropriate gateway to Golden and a starting point for the trip up Lookout Mountain. The area on the lid will include 19th Street and needed ramping, but the majority of the 300 foot wide overpass will be dedicated to connecting the areas of Golden on either side, and eliminating the divisive barrier that the major highway has become. The actual elements and recreational uses that will occur in the Mountain Park area will be developed by the Parks Advisory Board over the next year.

Finally, the 19th Street roadway and ramps to US 6 will follow the “free left” alternative. This provides free movement to the predominant traffic flow coming from the east on US 6 to 19th Street into Golden, and from 19th Street to US 6 heading towards Denver. This configuration provides a great level of service and will minimize traffic delays for everyone who uses 19th. There is one unique feature to the plan, which will tuck the on-ramp from 19th to westbound US 6 under the lid, eliminating one street-crossing for bikes and pedestrians using the park connection between Beverly Heights and Downtown. To accomplish this, a roundabout will be added at Elm Street which allows drivers west of US 6 on 19th to make an easy U-turn to access the tucked ramp. The roundabout will also greatly improve the intersection at Elm and provide a safe pedestrian crossing between the CSM lot south of 19th and the campus.

The project will now go into a period of detailed design and state approvals, that will be finished in about a year. There will likely be a couple of early start items, utilities and possibly the Elm street roundabout, but real construction will begin in the fall of 2015 with estimated completion by spring of 2017.
Shop “Small” in Golden to Win BIG on Small Business Saturday

Shop and dine in Golden on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 29 for a chance to win a $500 Golden holiday shopping spree or five $100 cash prizes.

Shoppers are encouraged to visit local Golden retail shops and restaurants on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 29 to find the 25 Golden Elves located throughout town. The Golden Elves will be clearly visible and accessible for contest participants to find.

Once a shopper or diner finds a Golden Elf they will need to take a selfie photo with the elf and post the photo on Visit Golden’s Facebook page or Instagram account using the hashtag #GoldenElfontheRun, along with the business name. Participants can enter as many times as they like.

This contest is one day only and will end at midnight on Saturday, Nov. 29. Visit Golden, Golden’s community marketing program, is sponsoring the new contest and providing the prizes. Winners will be chosen and contacted the following week. Chances of winning are one in 200. For full contest rules and more about the Golden Elf contest, visit www.visitgolden.com/goldenelf.

Kick-off the holiday season in Golden on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 29 in historic downtown Golden with the Be a Tool 5K Run and Elf Parade.

This all-ages event will take runners and walkers in elf costumes through the heart of Golden along Clear Creek with a finish under Golden’s iconic arch on Washington Avenue.

The 5K will start at 8 a.m. with check-in starting at 7:30 a.m. The Elf Parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Parfet Park and travel south on Washington Avenue to 12th Street to the after-party that will include a free pancake breakfast for all participants and prizes from Golden’s local businesses. Prizes will be awarded for the best elf costumes! Categories include adult, child, family-themed and pet.

Race participants will also receive a reusable goodie bag with coupons to Golden businesses and event t-shirt. The first 200 registrants will also receive a free elf hat.

Register at www.beatool.org. Adults are $30 and youth (under 12) are $15 for the 5K Run and Elf Parade through Oct. 31, when prices will increase to $35 for adults. Participants can choose to register for only the elf parade for $10 (adult or child). Walk up registration for the 5K Run for adults will be $40.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Golden’s Neighborhood Rehab Project (NRP). The NRP is a project of Community Faith in Action, a 501(c)3 nonprofit that works to help homeowners in Golden with their warm, safe and dry household needs through empowering “Be A Tool” volunteers and purchasing materials to meet those needs. For more information about the NRP or 5K Run, visit www.beatool.org.
Celebrate the Spirit of Giving in Golden

Golden is blessed by a wealth of natural beauty, innovative businesses, history and small town charm. What also makes it such a remarkable community is its vibrant nonprofit sector. Golden boasts a renowned symphony, an award winning theatre company, the best engineering college in the country, nationally ranked schools and more museums per capita than any community in Colorado. A diversity of service organizations, from Christian Action Guild and Community Faith in Action to the Foothills Animal Shelter, improve the lives of all who call Golden home.

On Dec. 9, Golden nonprofits will join hundreds of others from around the state in participating in Colorado Gives Day. Now in its fifth year, Colorado Gives Day is a partnership between Community First Foundation and First Bank that celebrates and increases philanthropy across the state. Last year, Colorado Gives Day raised $20.5 million for nearly 1,500 participating organizations. That number is expected to grow even more in 2014.

This year, the Golden Civic Foundation, Golden Chamber of Commerce, and Golden Cultural Alliance are teaming up to present the first ever Colorado Gives Day Holiday Celebration & Expo from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Ave. This free event is open to the public and will showcase the tremendous programs and services Golden nonprofits offer the community year round. Enjoy delicious appetizers provided by Table Mountain Inn and beer from MillerCoors. Live entertainment from Golden performers will add to the festivities. As a special thank you, individuals who contribute to a Golden nonprofit during Colorado Gives Day will receive special discounts and services from local merchants. It’s a fun, festive occasion to celebrate the season of giving in our tremendous community.

Donate Life

You don’t have to go far to save a life. Just stop by the Bonfils Bloodmobile in the parking lot of the Golden Library on Wednesday, Nov. 12, get your blood drawn, and make a huge difference in someone else’s life.

Golden has been a mobile location for blood donation for a decade, with about six blood drives each year. Nov. 12 is the last blood drive in Golden for 2014. The times to donate are from 10 to 11:40 a.m. and then again from 1 to 3 p.m. The Golden Library is at 1019 10th St. To reserve a time, call 303-363-2300 or sign up online at https://donors.bonfils.org/ and use code #5538.

On average, Golden donates about 150 units of blood each year. Bonfils officials say that translates to nearly 4,300 lives saved by generous Goldenites since the local program began.

Bonfils Blood Drive

Wednesday, Nov. 12
10 - 11:40 a.m. & 1 - 3 p.m.
Golden Library Parking Lot, 1019 10th St.
Reserve your spot now!
On any given day at Bell Middle School, a group of students will pull out a box full of red worms to study their ability to turn compostable waste into soil. An amazing process here on earth, but these students are preparing the worms for space. Composting in space could help eliminate the amount of trash astronauts have to bring back with them, and it also could be the base for food production in space. But first, students must make sure they can provide a sustainable environment for the worms to last up to two months in a zero gravity environment, and create a way to monitor the results.

The Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS) chose just three schools in Colorado to receive a grant for this experiment and Bell is the only middle school. The students at Bell who are working on this project are in iSTEM, which stands for Innovation, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The iSTEM program is designed to not only educate, but also engage kids in learning and communication. While iSTEM must meet all educational standards of Jefferson County Public Schools, it is an alternative to traditional learning based on the three C’s: Collaboration, Communication and Critical Thinking. “It’s about real world problem solving and communications,” said Assistant Principal and iSTEM Coordinator Susan Arntson. “Math and science are only a piece of it. But just like math, it’s a piece of building the whole in a team oriented environment.”

The City of Golden, the Economic Development Commission and Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) gave the initial funding needed to get the program started at Bell. Now, students have a choice between four types of learning: traditional, honors, special ed and iSTEM. “In the simplest terms, it’s created pathways,” said Bell Principal Bridget Jones. “Students have more choices, or pathways, in how they learn. The curriculum is essentially the same for all students, but the techniques and approach to learning is completely different for each pathway.

The addition of iSTEM has had a tremendous impact on student retention. Since the program began three years ago, there has been a nearly 60 percent increase in the number of Golden-area students choosing Bell over other middle schools. In fact, there is now a wait list for students to get into 7th grade.

So now back to the space worms. They are set to launch into space in April. Between now and then, students are working with two very dedicated teachers, Shanna Atzmiller and Jesse Swift, who get to school at 7 a.m. once a week to have an online meeting with CASIS representatives, experts from Texas A&M and teachers from the two other schools involved with the project. They discuss the previous week’s findings and work on a game plan for the upcoming week. The project must meet very strict standards from NASA in order for it to work.

Students are treated to field trips, guest speakers and partnerships with RRCC, Colorado School of Mines, the City of Golden and Warren Tech. They also get to participate in competitions to show off their work and problem solving skills and test them against other iSTEM students in the district. But let’s face it… what better way to show off, than to say their project was on the space shuttle.
Through Jan. 24  
**Wishes through Our Hands**  
Come see 29 quilts on display, made by three noted Japanese quilt artists and their students, to support and comfort the survivors of the 2011 earthquake and subsequent tsunami, the most powerful to ever hit Japan. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

**Nov. 1**  
**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 303-2709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

**Nov. 4**  
**Election Day**

**Nov. 6**  
**Golden Women in Business Fall Expo**  
Meet, learn and shop products and services from women who own their own businesses in Golden. 4 to 8 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. For a list of vendors and other information, contact Lora Engesser at loraengesser@gmail.com or 720-291-2122 or “like” them on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/GoldenWomenInBusiness.

**Nov. 7 & 8**  
**Holiday Craft Fair**  
Browse through 27 vendors featuring handmade crafts, food items, artwork and white elephant gifts. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Golden First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St.

**Nov. 11**  
**Veterans Day**

**Nov. 14 thru Dec. 21**  
**Songs for a New World**  
An exciting and inspiring musical celebrating the stories and characters of today. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and showtimes call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

**Nov. 15**  
**Golden Civic Foundation Auction**  
The 39th annual dinner and auction will begin at 5 p.m. at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. This year’s theme is “Bob’s Garage” so casual attire is recommended. For more information call Marcie Miller at 720-326-8636 or buy tickets online at www.GoldenCivicFoundation.org.

**Nov. 15 through Dec. 28**  
**Holiday Art Market**  
The Holiday Art Market (HART), a Foothills Art Center tradition, fills the galleries with fine art and unique crafts by Colorado artists. Displayed in a festive holiday setting, you will find gifts in all price ranges from a wide selection of ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, paintings, woodworking, photography and much more. Admission is free. Visit www.foothillsartcenter.org for more information.

**Nov. 21**  
**CSM Seasonal Sing**  
Enjoy the sounds of the season at this festive holiday concert. Admission is free and open to the public. 7 p.m. at the Green Center, 924 16th St. For details call 303-273-3000 or visit mines.edu.

**Nov. 21 through Dec. 28**  
**The Polar Express™ Train Ride**  
The famous story is theatrically re-created using actors and the sights, sounds and intrigue of the classic children’s tale along with treats, train rides and Santa. Ticket prices and performance times vary. For details call 720-253-1023 or visit coloradorailroadmuseum.org/polarexpress.

**Nov. 27**  
**Thanksgiving Day**  
**The Great Turkey Chase**  
Three mile fun run starting at 8:30 a.m. in Parfet Park. Register at Runners High, call 720-583-2911 or visit www.runnershighco.com.

**Nov. 27 & 28**  
**City Holiday Hours**  
The City of Golden’s administrative offices will be closed on Nov. 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving. Offices will return to regular business hours on Monday, Dec. 1. The Golden Community Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, but will continue normal business hours on Friday, Nov. 28.

**Nov. 29**  
**Be a Tool 5K Run and Elf Parade**  
Runners and walkers in elf costumes march through downtown Golden, and then participants get a pancake breakfast before enjoying Small Business Saturday.
Proceeds benefit Golden’s “Be a Tool” Neighborhood Rehab Project. Begins at 8 a.m. Register at beatooll.org.

Dec. 4  
**JSO Holiday Concert**  
Join the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra for beautiful holiday music and festive favorites. 7 p.m. at the Green Center, 924 16th St. For details call 303-278-4237 or visit jeffersonsymphonyorchestra.org.

Dec. 5  
**Candlelight Walk**  
Walk down Washington Avenue, candle in hand, singing holiday carols. Gather at 6 p.m. at Foothills Art Center, 15th and Arapahoe streets, and end at Parfet Park with entertainment, treats and the lighting of thousands of lights along Clear Creek. CBS4 Meteorologist Ed Greene will emcee the event! Details call 303-279-3113 or goldencochamber.org.

Dec. 6  
**Olde Golden Christmas Parade**  
Come watch this old-fashioned holiday parade beginning at 11 a.m. along Washington Avenue in downtown Golden. For details call the Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113 or visit goldencochamber.org.

**Cantatas of Celebration Concert**  
The Golden Community Choir will perform a Christmas Cantata. 7:30 p.m. at Golden High School, 701 24th St. Purchase tickets online or at the door. For details call 303-279-6649 or goldencommunitychoirs.org.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF HOLIDAY EVENTS, GO TO VISITGOLDEN.COM.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!
PAYT Customers, Start Planning Now!
Fall Yard Waste Collection Scheduled For Nov. 8, 15 & 22

FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES
• Yard waste collection is For Pay-As-You-Throw customers only.
• Place yard waste next to your trash cart collection spot.
• Place yard waste out for pick-up by 8 a.m. on your assigned day.
• Yard wastes are grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, weeds, sawdust, ground or chipped wood, and branches less than 4 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter.
• Bundle branches with string, yarn or rope - do not use wire.
• Bundles must be less than 4 feet long and less than 2 feet in diameter.
• Collection is limited to 3 cubic yards per residence. 3 cubic yards is approximately equal to:
  - 4 ft. x 4 ft. x 4 ft. pile or 21 compostable 30 gallon-sized bags
• Do not contaminate this material with any of the following:
  - NO food waste, plastics, dirt, cactus, tree stumps, limbs more than 4 inches in diameter, ashes, animal wastes, treated wood, logs, old garden hoses, broken flower pots, etc.
  - No construction or demolition material.
  - No non-compostable plastic bags.
• Material must be bundled, in reusable containers, or in compostable bags. Material in non-compostable bags, unbundled or in loose piles 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/YardWaste.

CURBSIDE GREEN WASTE SERVICE
Next summer, avoid extra expenses while diverting yard waste from the landfill by subscribing to Waste Management’s Green Waste program. The Green Waste Service begins in April and continues through the end of November. This program provides convenient, every other week, curbside collection of yard waste. Call Waste Management at 303-278-8600 to enroll for Spring 2015.
More than 3,400 Golden households are now in the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program. Since 2010, 500 households in homeowners associations have voluntarily joined the program. Golden residents are now diverting more than 30 percent of their waste from the local landfill through this program.

To build on the successes of this program, City Council will consider an ordinance at a public hearing on Nov. 13 to expand the PAYT concept to all other residential areas in the City. Primarily, this ordinance affects households within homeowners associations and multi-family complexes, who will still be able to collectively choose and contract with their own haulers. The ordinance does not propose to require these households to join the City’s existing program, but rather places requirements on haulers to set volume-based pricing and ensure recycle access for all.

Haulers would need to meet a more rigorous licensing requirement to provide the following to the City:

- Curbside service with pricing based on volume, with a 32-gallon minimum size and increasing increments (e.g. 32-, 64-, and 96-gallon sizing).
- Multi-family areas utilizing dumpsters would still retain this type of trash service, as dumpsters are already priced based on volume of materials.
- Provision for recycling service in a 64- or 96-gallon size, to be included in the total monthly cost.
- The option of rolling carts, bags, or tags to administer the service, to be determined by each hauler.
- Additional licensing requirements such as reporting of overall diversion of materials, equipment standards, and proof of insurance.
- A six-month preparation period for haulers to adjust and create their programs and submit for licensing before the program would be implemented on July 1, 2015.

Your opinion matters on this issue. Please visit www.cityofgolden.net/live/sustainability-initiative/waste-reduction/ to learn more and to submit comments.

Yard waste is one more opportunity for drop-off.

With no regional programs to address slash waste, brush and tree limbs take up a significant amount of space in our landfill. To help divert this waste stream, Golden residents will have a free opportunity to bring this material to a collection event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 5 through 8 at the drop-off site at 1151 Catamount Drive in north Golden. Residents can bring branches, limbs, yard trimmings, brush, and tree trunks (no leaves) to the event. For more details and a map to the site, visit the City Calendar for this date at www.cityofgolden.net/calendar.
Celebrate Health!
Friday, Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m.
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!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Sew and Sews
The Sew and Sews are looking for holiday sewers, knitters and crocheters! They need help with basic sewing needs for stockings, totes, and other items. All materials and supplies will be provided for you. If interested, contact Mary Kuhn at 303-278-2058.

Fitness Room Improvements
New carpet will be installed in the fitness area of the Golden Community Center from Friday, Oct. 31 to Sunday, Nov. 2. There may be limitations on the equipment available in order for the install to go smoothly and safely. The goal is to have all of the equipment up and operational by Monday, Nov. 3.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Morrison Natural History Museum 
#35029-1
Discover Colorado’s dinosaurs with expert guides and hands-on exhibits at Jefferson County’s original paleontology museum. Encounter historic and modern fossil finds and see research in progress at the Paleo Lab. A visit is the perfect orientation to the Red Rocks and Dinosaur Ridge areas.
Thursday, Nov. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$15 (van, tour included, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Nov. 5.

Candlelight Dinner Playhouse-Miracle on 34th St.
#35031-1
A white-bearded gentleman claiming to be the real Santa Claus brings about a genuine Miracle on 34th Street, spreading a wave of love throughout New York City, fostering camaraderie between Macy’s and Gimbel’s Department Stores, and convincing a divorced, cynical single mother, her somber daughter and the entire state of New York that Santa Claus is no myth.
Saturday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
$60 (van, driver, show, dinner, beverage and gratuity included)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Nov. 19.

Check out the Golden Community Center’s Front Porch - designed specifically for people 50 and older.
The Front Porch offers respite and entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, sports, social events, trips and volunteer activities. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.
Whether you bought your bicycle for $50 or $5,000, your bike is worth stealing. Thieves who target bicycles can re-sell them to customers or pawn shops, or at the very least, sell them for parts.

Law enforcement agencies from across the country report an estimated $350 million worth of bikes and bike parts are stolen every year. In just the past three years, Golden Police recorded over 110 cases of stolen bikes, but those are only the cases that are reported. About 80 percent of bike thefts go unreported.

The Golden Police Department wants to help you keep your bike from being stolen.

1) **Always lock up your bike** – sounds simple, but it’s amazing how many people neglect to do this. Whether it’s in a backyard, balcony, hallway, porch or garage, lock it up.

2) **Lock it to something solid** – Use tall poles, signposts, bike racks or railings. Lock it in a well lit and high traffic area.

3) **Lock it properly** – Lock up as much of the bike as possible. If your front tire comes off easily, take it off and lock both tires and the frame together.

4) **Use a high quality locking device** – low quality devices can be easily compromised.

5) **Store your bike inside** – Storing a bike inside a building or home, out of the public view, gives you more security and limits access.

6) **No permanent address** – Don’t leave your bike locked up at a location for long periods of time.

7) **Write down your bike information** – Store your bike’s brand, model, serial number and distinguishable characteristics. If your bike is stolen, this will increase your chances of getting it back.

8) **Decorate** – Unique paint colors, stickers or markings that make your bike stand out from the rest will cause thieves to think twice about stealing it.

9) **Report Immediately** – The longer it takes to report a stolen bike, the harder it is to recover. Also, put your bike’s info on Craigslist and monitor EBAY to see if it shows up.

10) **Register your bike** – Register your bike at the National Bike Registry (NBR) at www.nationalbikeregistry.com. This is the only true national database for recording bike ownership.

---

**Help Prevent Traffic Accidents: Drive Defensively**

The Golden Police Department and its traffic team do everything within their control to minimize traffic accidents. Public and interdepartmental education, traffic monitoring and enforcement, traffic accident causation analysis and constant communication with city engineers and CDOT are all parts of the traffic teams’ shift everyday in an attempt to reduce accidents.

Unfortunately, neither the Police nor you can control the actions of other drivers. It’s no surprise that a large number of accidents are caused by driver distractions like cell phones, car radios, eating and texting. The best way you can prevent an accident is to be aware of the cars around you and avoid distractions while you drive. Educate yourself on the rights of cyclists on the road and commit to no texting or talking on your cell phone.

Most accidents are caused by red light violations, unsafe lane changes and following too closely (often times symptoms of distracted driving). In 2013, these were the top four accident-prone areas in Golden:

- US 6 and 19th Street – 31 accidents
- C-470 and I-70 – 26 accidents
- Hwy 93 and Washington Avenue – 23 accidents
- US 6 and Heritage Road – 21 accidents

Here are some resources for teens and adults to improve driving skills and knowledge of the law:

- www.drivesafecolorado.com – offers driving skills classes
- www.msf-usa.org – offers classes specific to motorcycle riders
- www.hottmanlawoffice.com – offers classes for drivers and bicyclists regarding bike laws.

Slow down, watch the road, be aware and educate ourselves. These small steps would make a great community even better, and more safe.
Recognizing the value of revitalized play after renovating Vanover Park and Norman D. Park in 2013, funding was budgeted in 2014 to make improvements to two additional Golden neighborhood playgrounds that were both over 20 years old. Golden Heights Park and Beverly Heights Park received new playgrounds and safety surfaces. Before redesigning the parks, the city went through a public input process, which included surveys and public meetings, to gain feedback from neighboring residents and visitors.

A celebratory ribbon cutting was held at Golden Heights Playground on Sept. 5 and Beverly Heights Playground on Sept. 26 as a part of the Mayor’s Go Golden! event. Children of all ages enjoyed healthy snacks, hikes with the Mayor and Councilors, and new playground amenities including a tree house, three story slides, climbing boulders and more!

Snowball Camp
It is never too early to register for Snowball Camp held during the holiday break Dec. 22 to Jan. 2. Our state-licensed day camp is guaranteed to keep your child busy. Activities include field trips, arts & crafts, gym/sports, cooking, swimming, climbing and more. All campers are required to bring a sack lunch, but an afternoon snack will be provided. Required paperwork before attending camp includes an emergency packet. Summer Camp paperwork is retained and may be used for this camp. Visit rec.cityofgolden.net for more information and to register! Hurry, Snowball Camp fills up very quickly.

14th Annual Turkey Bowl Softball Tournament
Get your gobble on! Before the hectic holiday season sets in, come out and have some fun in the City of Golden’s 14th Annual Turkey Bowl Coed Softball Tournament. The tournament will be held Saturday, Nov. 8.

The Turkey Bowl is a one-pitch tournament where all base runners run the bases backwards (3rd, 2nd, 1st, home). There are divisions for competitive, intermediate and recreational coed teams. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games. The team fee of $195 covers all team and player fees.

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Brackets will be announced by noon on Thursday, Nov. 6. Call Beau at 303-384-8194 for more details.

Music for Tots and Tiny Tots
The Tiny Tots program is designed for children between four and twenty-four months with a developmental focus including bouncing, massage, rhymes and tickling songs, while exploring a variety of instruments and movement to music. In the Toddler program, your child will enjoy finger plays, action songs, movement to music and fun instruments. Classes incorporate motor skills, social interaction, body awareness, and learning to have fun through music. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Several sessions are available but they fill up fast! For more information and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.
The Golden Informer

November 2014   Page 17

GOLDEN FIRE CHOSEN TO HOST INTERNATIONAL LEADERS

The Golden Fire Department had the honor of hosting a group of nearly two dozen international guests in September. The International Visitor Leadership Program, sponsored by the State Department and WorldDenver, brought together leaders from volunteer organizations from around the world, including countries such as Israel, Pakistan, Cambodia and Nigeria.

The Golden Fire Department (GFD) was asked to host the group, who were in the U.S. for three weeks to learn about volunteerism in our country. The GFD is a mostly volunteer fire department with only a handful of paid staff. Most of Golden’s volunteer firefighters hold full time jobs and some are career firefighters in other jurisdictions, but they choose to volunteer their spare time with Golden. Because of GFD’s national reputation as an outstanding volunteer department, we were chosen to host this special group of men and women who lead volunteer organizations within their own countries.

Golden Gallop a Success: More Money for Local Schools

The Golden Gallop is a 5K and 10K race through historic downtown Golden that raises funds for the Golden Schools Foundation (GSF). In this 9th year of the run, it was larger than ever, attracting more than 1,000 participants of all ages to the race, which was held at the end of September.

This year the Golden Gallop partnered with PE teachers in local schools. Teachers were provided with fun giveaways for students to encourage and promote the benefits of walking and running. Each school with at least 10 students registered for the race received $100 to spend on PE equipment. The five schools who won the money were Mitchell, Ralston, Kyffin and Shelton Elementary Schools as well as Bell Middle School. The rest of the money raised is directly invested in the Golden articulation area schools through Enrichment Grants and Teacher Recognition Awards.

The Golden Gallop was started in 2006 by Gretchen and Don Guerra, to help raise awareness for Pancreatic Cancer after Gretchen lost her father to the disease. After many successful years, the Guerras decided to step back from the race in 2012, but they didn’t want it to end. So they handed the reigns over to the GSF and it was repurposed as a fundraiser for local schools. Guerra is a former teacher and felt confident the GSF would carry on a great fundraising tradition. That has proven to be true, as the race has grown every year and raises thousands of dollars.

For more information and to sign up for ConnectED, the GSF’s monthly enewsletter, visit www.goldenschoolsfoundation.org.
Among museum professionals there’s an agreed upon procedure for dealing with items that are literally “found in collection.” Golden History Museums’ curator, Mark Dodge, had to call on those instructions recently when he stumbled on a remarkable find in the off-site storage area. An 1859 Golden City map was wrapped in tissue paper, waiting to be found. It was in fair condition, mounted to cardboard with a newspaper backing. It showed evidence of water damage, the upper left corner was missing, and the entire perimeter was covered with nail holes.

Since there was no documentation or record on file, Dodge spent some time looking for clues, researching its background, and confirming the map’s authenticity. Colorado Gold Rush era maps are rare, and as it turns out, this one is now the earliest known map of Golden in existence. (It surpassed Berthoud’s 1864 map of Golden by five years.)

This priceless map predates the establishment of the Colorado Territory, Jefferson County and Golden City governments. Best of all, says Dodge, “it showcases elements from a past landscape, a vision for the future, and the entrepreneurial spirit of town-building.”

The map shows some interesting details.

- A legend in the lower left corner designates the two different developers: Clarke & Co. and Cheney & Snow, men who clearly hoped to make money speculating real estate. Clarke & Co. were in the lumber business too, and it’s fitting that their sawmill operation is prominently displayed on the east edge of town where Coors and Schueler would later build their Golden brewery.
- Clear Creek is drawn as a single channel, rather than the wider delta that shows up in later Golden maps, the result of major flooding in the 1890s.
- Some street names are the same: Washington, Ford, and East Streets are identified on the map.
- Some street names are quite different from today’s: Today’s Illinois Street was originally named Mary Street after Mary Boyd while Maple Street was once Helen Street after Helen Berthoud. Both are wives of early pioneers.
- A public square is shown between 16th and 18th Streets just west of Washington, a rather neglected public space that existed until the 1950s when the land was sold to Jefferson County for a new courthouse and jail. The site is now part of the Colorado School of Mines campus.

Historically and monetarily the map is priceless. It was earmarked for a conservation evaluation and with outside funding support, paper conservator Karen Jones examined and conserved the map earlier this year. The matte board backing was removed, the surface was cleaned, and it was re-housed in a protective enclosure. In the future, it will be digitized for easy online access and continuing research.

Learn more about exciting finds in Golden History Museum’s object and photograph collections at GoldenHistory.org.
Candlelight Walk Dec. 5

Experience the beauty of the holiday season while walking down Washington Avenue, candle in hand, singing holiday carols during Golden’s hometown Candlelight Walk on Friday, Dec. 5. This offers an authentic way to start the season of lights, and is free and open to all. Gather at 6 p.m. at Foothills Art Center, 15th and Arapahoe streets, for pre-walk caroling and music. Take pictures with Santa. Visitors can purchase candles and enjoy a free dance recital. The walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will end in Parfet Park for the annual Christmas Showcase emceed by CBS4 Meteorologist Ed Greene, and lighting of thousands of holiday lights along Clear Creek. Stick around for hot beverages, cookies and entertainment in Parfet Park and at several businesses and cultural facilities within walking distance. Make sure to stop by the Clear Creek History Park for roasted chestnuts and the Astor House for crafts. Join a School-of-Rock Sing-along in the amphitheatre on the creek, and visit live reindeer at the Visitors’ Center. Festive dress is encouraged. For more information about the Candlelight Walk, go to VisitGolden.com.

HOLIDAY WINDOW CONTEST

The Golden Chamber of Commerce is hosting a holiday window decoration contest for businesses in North Golden, South Golden and Historic Downtown Golden. Encourage your favorite stores to participate! The windows should have a Western theme, and all of the stores need to have their displays in place by Friday, Nov. 28 in order to participate. Judges will score the participants based on creativity, use of lights and use of theme. The winner will get recognition at the Candlelight Walk on Dec. 5, a mention in the Golden Transcript, Golden Informer and Golden Chamber Weekly Update, and of course a blue ribbon to hang in the store! For more details contact Carol Ann at 303-279-3113.
Small Business Saturday, Nov. 29

Start Time: 8 am - 5K; 9:30 - Elf Parade
Location: 5K starts at Welcome Arch
Entry Fee: 5K Run and Elf Parade Combo:
  Adults $35*, Youth (under 12) $15
  Elf parade only - $10 (adult or child)
Day of Event registration 5K adult $40
*Register by 10.31.14 for discount

Elf Parade
After the 5K Run, join the family-friendly Elf Parade down Washington Avenue for festival holiday fun! The parade will start in Parfet Park and travel south to 12th Street to the after party. Festive dress is encouraged! Prizes will be given for best costume!

Pancake Breakfast
All participants of the 5K Run and Elf Parade are invited to the after party for a FREE pancake breakfast provided by 5 Star Baking Company.

Goodie Bag & Prizes
All participants will receive a reusable grocery bag filled with coupons to Golden’s local businesses for Small Business Saturday and SS Tech t-shirt. Prizes will also be given at the after party using bib numbers!

Golden Elf Contest
You could WIN BIG by shopping small after the run. Find a Golden Elf in participating shop or restaurant and snap a photo and post online for a chance to win a $500 shopping spree or $100 cash prize.

REGISTER TODAY
www.beatool.org