COMMUNITY CENTER CELEBRATES 10 YEARS p. 8

Don’t forget to vote Nov. 2 p. 3

Flood Report Released p. 6

Budget Season Begins ps. 4 & 5

Net Business Growth Up in Downtown p. 7

North Table Mountain Open Space Dedicated p. 19

History Guides Lead Halloween Cemetery Tours p. 13
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 residents. All City departments contribute material for use in this publication. Comments on the newsletter format and its content are welcome. Please write to:

City of Golden, 911 10th St.
Golden, CO 80401
Attn: Sabrina Henderson; or call, 303-384-8132 or e-mail shenderson@ci.golden.co.us.

City of Golden
Department Managers

City Manager:
Mike Bestor
Planning and Development:
Steve Glueck
Public Works:
Dan Hartman
City Clerk:
Susan Brooks
Parks and Recreation:
Rod Tarullo
Police Department:
Bill Kilpatrick
Fire Department:
John Bales
Finance:
Jeff Hansen
Human Resources:
Teresa Reilly
Communications Manager:
Sabrina Henderson
City Attorney:
Jim Windholz

To reach the entire City Council, e-mail citycouncil@ci.golden.co.us

Council’s Corner

Below is a copy of the Golden City Council’s calendar. Council meetings and study sessions are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Thursdays in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

- Oct. 7 Study Session
- Oct. 14 REGULAR MEETING
- Oct. 21 Study Session
- Oct. 28 REGULAR MEETING (public hearing on budget)
- Nov. 4 Study Session

Council’s upcoming agendas and previous meeting minutes are available online at www.cityofgolden.net under the City Council link, or call Deputy City Clerk Karla Leibelt at 303-384-8015.

In This Issue

- Council’s Corner ......................................................... Page 2
- General Election Nov. 2 .............................................. Page 3
- EDComm Launches Updated Web Site ............................ Page 3
- City Begins Biennial Budgeting Process ....................... Pages 4 & 5
- Streetwise: How would you spend the budget? ............. Page 5
- Report Addresses Flooding Concerns ......................... Pages 6 & 7
- Flood Insurance Information ................................. Page 6
- Net Business Growth Up ...................................... Page 7
- Community Center Turns 10 .................................. Page 8
- Community Center Activities ................................ Page 9
- Community Calendar ............................................. Pages 10-11
- Halloween Safety Tips .......................................... Page 12
- Smoke Alarm Testing ............................................. Page 12
- Consumer Product SafetyRecalls ............................ Page 12
- Halloween Cemetery Tours .................................... Page 13
- Community Profile ............................................. Pages 14 & 15
- Volunteers Needed .................................................. Page 15
- Code Enforcement Corner .................................... Page 15
- Can Challenge Benefits Soccer Fields ....................... Page 16
- How Local Government Works ............................... Page 17
- Fall Leaf Sweeping ............................................ Page 18
- Native Grass Seed Available ................................ Page 18
- North Table Mountain Open Space Dedicated ............ Page 19
- Triceratops Trail to be Dedicated ............................. Page 19
- Public Meetings on Beltway Upcoming ..................... Page 20
General Election Nov. 2

Election Day is just around the corner on Tuesday, Nov. 2. This year’s coordinated general election ballot will feature a charter amendment proposed by the City of Golden (see story at right). FasTracks and a school bond issue will also appear on the ballot, along with the state Senate and U.S. Presidential races.

The Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder’s Election Office is responsible for voter registration and administration of this election. If you need to register to vote, find out where your polling place is, need an absentee ballot, or have other questions related to the election, please call 303-271-8111, visit www.co.jefferson.co.us and visit the Clerk and Recorder’s page, or stop by 100 Jefferson County Parkway.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2 for the general election. Early walk-in voting will be available from Oct. 18 through Oct. 29 at the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Building, as well as select motor vehicle branch offices and some Jefferson County libraries. Again, call the County Clerk and Recorder’s Office for more information.

Absentee ballots can be obtained from the County Clerk’s Office or online, but must be completed and submitted by no later than close of business on the Tuesday prior to the election. Absentee ballots must be received by the County Clerk’s Office by no later than 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2 to be counted in the 2004 general election.

Again, please direct all questions to the County Clerk’s Office.

Election Date Clean Up

City Council put a charter amendment on the ballot in the November election to clean up some conflicts in election dates related to TABOR matters and municipal elections. Since only you, the voters, can make a change, watch for it on your ballot!

Golden was one of 33 cities with a Charter provision (section 4.3) requiring general municipal elections to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd numbered years. But TABOR elections are required on the first Tuesday of the month of odd numbered years. In years like 2005 and 2011, when the first Tuesday falls before the first Monday, the City would have had to conduct two separate elections a week apart. The charter amendment on this year’s ballot corrects the problem.

EDComm Launches Updated InGolden.com Site


The site had been the same for the past two years, and it was time for a facelift. EDComm wanted the site to coordinate better with the ad campaigns and promotions it has contracted Cohn Marketing to produce. You may know them from the “Small town, BIG fun” campaign and “When in Golden, Win in Golden” promotion.

“It was time to give the site a fresh new look and give it some tie-in to the new ad campaign,” said project leader Scott Kessler of Cohn Marketing.

Kessler said they also wanted to add some flash graphic animations to the site so that there would be something different to catch visitors’ eyes when they got to the home page.

A secondary, but important goal for redesigning the site was to make it easier for City staff to update and add new content to it, particularly events and merchant listings.

Cohn’s technical advisor Greg Strutton explained that the big difference is that the new site is database driven, where the old site was static.

“Whenever there is a new item to add, like an event or merchant listing, we (Cohn) would have to go in and edit those ourselves,” Strutton said. “Now, the City of Golden staff can log on to the site and make changes that immediately go into effect on the site.”

New areas on the Web site allow merchants to request modifications to their listings that are sent directly to City staff. The same is true for events.

Cohn Marketing also added the ability to reflect ongoing promotions EDComm is doing, including an explanation of the promotion. The new site allows an icon to be placed next to merchant listings to indicate whether they are participating in the promotions.

“The whole site is a lot more dynamic,” Strutton said.

EDComm’s www.InGolden.com site is separate from the City of Golden’s site, www.CityOfGolden.net. EDComm’s site is focused primarily on economic development through promotion of Golden businesses.
City begins biennial budgeting process

It’s that time of year again – or in Golden’s case, every other year – the City begins its biennial budgeting process. In coming weeks, City Council will undertake the financial planning process and approval of where the City’s revenues (including your tax dollars) will be spent and when.

Citizens are invited to weigh in on the budget at a series of public hearings scheduled as follows:

**Oct. 28 – Public hearing on the 2005-2006 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan**

**Nov. 11 – Public hearing on the 2005-2006 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan**

Council is scheduled to make its final decision and adopt the budget at its Nov. 11 meeting after the public hearing.

The Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) met Sept. 22 to go over the budget and provide feedback to City staff, before advising City Council. Each year, after the budget is adopted, CBAC produces an informational brochure about the budget that is mailed to all City households.

There are no tax rate increases proposed for 2005/2006. However, City Council will discuss water and drainage rate increases.

**How it works…**

There are a number of different revenue sources the City takes in, as well as a variety of expenditures. The City of Golden prioritizes its expenditures according to its commitment to making Golden the best place for you to live, keeping Golden a safe place for you and your children, staying focused on the strategic vision developed with your input, and providing you with excellent and responsive City employees.

The City of Golden is a full-service municipality that provides the community with the following services and programs (just to name a few): volunteer fire rescue; police department; utilities (including water, wastewater, storm drainage and flood control); parks and recreation for all ages; planning and economic development; and maintenance of streets, sidewalks and trails.

**Where it comes from… revenues (all funds):**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Charges for Service</th>
<th>Intergovernmental</th>
<th>Transfers</th>
<th>Water Fund land sale</th>
<th>Miscellaneous</th>
<th>Sales and Use Tax</th>
<th>General Property Tax</th>
<th>Charges for Service</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>33%</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Charges for services include:
- $1,711 General Fund
- $7,107 Water/Wastewater/Drainage
- $1,130 Community Center
- $263 Cemetery
- $204 Splash Aquatic Park
- $3,175 Fairview Trace Golf Course
- $164 Sports Complex
- $3,857 Internal Service

Total sales and use tax revenues are budgeted at $8.036 million for 2005. That’s a little more than 20% of the City’s total revenue sources. About one-third of the sales and use taxes collected are budgeted for capital improvements, and the remainder are for police and fire protection, park maintenance, snow plowing and other governmental functions.

In addition to utilities and sales and use tax revenues, the City collects about $3.5 million in commercial and residential property taxes. Did you know that only 15% of your property tax bill goes to the City of Golden? The remainder is allocated to Jefferson County R-1 School District and the Urban Drainage Flood Control District. A house with an assessed value of $250,000 and a total property tax bill of approximately $2,000 only...
paid about $300 in property taxes to the City of Golden in 2004.

Almost $6 million in revenue is generated through intergovernmental sources, such as grants, state highway users tax, open space funds, county road and bridge and others. Interest earned on the City’s pooled investments (managed by an external money manager in accordance with City policies) is another small source of revenue. And only about 1% of the City’s revenues come from court fines.

In total, the City budgeted just less than $46 million in revenues in 2004. Revenues for 2005 are projected to be $45 million, not counting an estimated $7.6 million from the final sale of the City’s Beaver Brook property.

**How it’s spent…**

Of the revenues the City collects, the pot is divided up between the various City departments and capital expenditures. Of the total City expenditures, about 28% is budgeted for capital improvements. This includes replacement and maintenance of streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, water and wastewater lines, and floodwater drainage control.

During the budget process, City staff evaluates the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan, which lays out all of the capital projects that are being planned. The CIP is proposed, potentially modified and then adopted by City Council. It allows the City to schedule desired projects long-range, and then coordinate them with the biennial budget.

When planning the budget, the City maintains reserves of 10% to 15% of operations, or nearly 20% of the total budget.

About 20% of the budget is spent on Utilities. About 25% of the City’s expenditures are for Parks & Recreation. Just under 15% goes toward public safety, including capital equipment, 41 sworn police officers and 52 volunteer firefighters.

Public Works accounts for about 17% of the City’s expenditures, and just under 5% for Planning and Economic Development. The City’s Finance Department, Courts, Communications, and Administration account for about 8% of the expenditures, about 4% for insurance, and 2% for Information Systems. Just under 1% of expenditures go toward the Golden Urban Renewal Authority, which is an independent entity.

Finally, about 13% of the City’s expenditures are paid toward debt service, specifically for the recreation campus, water and drainage.
On June 27, nearly four inches of rain fell on parts of Golden in about an hour and a half, causing damaging floods in isolated parts of the City. Several homes sustained basement flooding and flood lines reached within inches of the ceiling in one home below Sixth Street.

In response to residents’ concerns about the cause of the flooding, the City of Golden and its insurance carrier, CIRSA (Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency), obtained an independent firm, Wright Water Engineering (WWE), to study the flood and report its findings to City Council. WWE presented its report to Golden City Council during a study session Aug. 19. The study session was, of course, open to the public, and more than 400 potentially affected citizens were sent notice of the meeting. About 100 people showed up, filling Council Chambers at City Hall.

The report focuses on the two areas hit hardest by the unusually heavy rainstorms: Arapahoe Gulch between Second Street and Clear Creek and near the Fossil Trace Golf Course tributary. The purpose of the report was to determine whether actions or inactions by the City of Golden contributed to the extent and magnitude of the flooding.

WWE conducted interviews with many citizens in the area and City staff, performed field investigations, reviewed engineering calculations and previous Master Plan studies, investigated the history of flooding in the City, and modeled the two drainage areas to compare “what if” scenarios. The scenarios modeled included whether drainageway improvements, modifications to existing structures and other measures would have alleviated the impacts of the June 27 floodwaters, and whether new upslope development aggravated the flood.

Major conclusions from WWE’s hydrologic models include:
- Flood flows on Arapahoe Gulch would have been essentially the same during the June 27 event, even if upslope development had not occurred;
- Detention ponds constructed to reduce peak flow rates from new development functioned as expected.

Each year, the City of Golden publishes the following notice to homeowners, lending institutions, real estate and insurance agents regarding flood insurance. As a public service, the City of Golden will provide you with the following information upon request:
- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area as shown on the City’s current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM);
- Additional flood insurance data for a site such as the FIRM zone, and the base flood elevation or depth; and
- A handout of the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help those in the Special Flood Hazard Area in trying to obtain a mortgage or loan.

You can find out more about the Flood Insurance Rate Map Zone by providing a street address, subdivision lot and block number (if known) to the Public Works Department, 1445 10th St., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, or by calling 303-384-8156. There is no charge for this service.

Heavy rain in parts of Golden north of State Highway 58 on June 27 flooded many Golden streets and damaged several homes, including one that is no longer livable. The City hired an independent engineer to research whether the City was in any way negligent or whether the downpour was simply more water than most drainage systems could have successfully diverted. The report found that while the City was aware that Arapahoe Gulch could not hold such a large storm, the City was not responsible for damage that resulted from the extremely unusual storm.

Report Addresses Flooding Concerns
As the City begins budgeting for 2005-2006, it’s helpful to know that net business growth is up in downtown Golden.

In the downtown Golden area between August 2003 and September 2004, 26 businesses had terminated their sales tax licenses with the City, but 35 new licenses had been issued. (New licenses can include a change in management, or a completely new business. Also, business licenses do not terminate if the owner wishes to continue operating in a new location, including a home office.)

The dollars you spend at local businesses help generate sales tax for the City of Golden, which goes back into increasing your quality of life as a resident here. The City encourages you to shop in Golden, and welcomes the following new businesses (since August 2003) to town:

- Anthony’s Pizza
- Avenue Bridal & Tux
- Bikram’s Golden Yoga
- Clear Creek Mortgage
- D’Deli
- Everyone Has a Story
- Fitness Together
- Golden Hotel Management
- Golden Pilates
- Golden River Sports
- George K’s Frisco Lunch
- Gibson Arnold & Associates
- Health & Harmony Massage
- Hebert Advisory Services Inc.
- Instant Imprints
- Invisible Structures
- KAP Trading LLC (DBA Rhapsody’s and Café Touche)
- KAP Investment LLC
- Measurement Inc.
- Metalmax
- Navigant International
- Navteq North America LLC
- O’Dell & Fell LLC
- PDB Investments Inc.
- Pentax Imaging
- Pickets Inc.
- Scissors Edge
- Suzanne Benz CPA
- Table Mesa Mortgage
- Table Mountain Soccer Assoc.
- The Colorado Connoisseur
- The Homecoming Inc.
- The McBroom Co.
- TMCX Colorado LLC
- Veco USA Inc.

Golden City Council has hired Wright Water Engineering to develop a new master plan for improvements to Arapahoe Gulch using new data obtained from the June flood. WWE will produce a number of potential design alternatives that would improve the gulch to effectively handle a 10-year storm event. The firm expects to present the initial options to City Council by the end of the year, and begin final design of the chosen alternative in 2005.

In the meantime, City Council took a tour of the Arapahoe Gulch with City maintenance staff to familiarize itself with the scope of the project and the potential impacts on residents living along the gulch.

To give the Council your input on drainage issues and the Arapahoe Gulch improvement project, email citycouncil@ci.golden.co.us.
For some it’s hard to believe that an entire decade has passed since the Golden Community Center first swung its doors open to the public.

The Community Center was funded through a voter-approved sales tax increase of one cent on the dollar that created the City’s Capital Improvement Fund. The increase, called Question No. 1, passed in a special election May 21, 1991, by a mere 11 votes. It covered costs for the Community Center, as well as the downtown streetscape and other capital improvement projects throughout the City.

A little more than three years later, the City had built the Community Center at 1470 10th St. A sneak preview was held on Oct. 1, 1994, and residents got to try out the new swimming pools during a free day Oct. 2, 1994. Official grand opening ceremonies were held Oct. 8, 1994.

It was a long road to get the Community Center built for those most closely involved with the project. But their hard work culminated in a successful Community Center that continues to serve the public well 10 years later.

Among those honored for their work at the ribbon cutting and grand opening with a champagne toast were Golden Mayor Marv Kay, former City Manager Sharon Bennetts, City Manager Mike Bestor, and Parks & Recreation Director Charlie Fagan. A decade later, they are remembered by current staff for having had the vision to create a City known for its amazing recreational opportunities.

The Community Center cost only $6 million for 55,000-square-feet, and was built on time and under budget. (For comparison, Wheat Ridge spent $17 million building its 70,000-square-foot rec center in 1998.) Golden’s Community Center includes pools, a weight room, 20-foot climbing wall, a gymnasium and a jogging track.

The Community Center includes classrooms and meeting rooms, crafts rooms, a community room that can be divided into three smaller rooms (with an adjoining kitchen), and a dance/aerobics room.

In addition to the usual men’s and women’s locker rooms, the Golden Community Center also has a unique family locker room, where parents can help kids of the opposite sex get in and out of swim suits, for example. The pool area features a 25-meter lap pool, a hot tub, and leisure pool with a slide, fountains, log walk and vortex.

A youth room offers kids a place to play ping-pong, watch television and listen to music. There are also childcare and preschool areas with an outdoor play area.

The Front Porch senior center features card tables, pool tables and its own reception area with views of the pool and weight room.

Today, the Community Center continues going strong, adding programs and activities for people of all ages and abilities. It is a gathering place for the community to congregate, and its staff is always striving to find ways to do even better.

In commemoration of its 10th anniversary, the Community Center will host open houses, complete with trivia contests and giveaways Oct. 13 through 17.

Texas Hold ‘em Poker is scheduled from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13. Adult dodgeball will get started at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14.

A pizza party will kick off Kids Day at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 (as there is no school that day). Kids Night Out Too! will run from 6:45 to 10:45 p.m. for kids ages 9 to 14.

Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17 will be Family Days with inflatables in the pool and gym, giveaways, drawings and program demos. Saturday night, the Community Center will sponsor Golden Gigs teen bands and dancing from 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday Sundaes will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 17 before the big Denver Broncos vs. Oakland Raiders game.

Please join us in kicking off another 10 years of fun! For more detailed anniversary event schedules, call 303-384-8100.
**Yoga for People Who Aren’t Advanced Enough to Take a Beginning Yoga Class (a.k.a. Yoga 101)**

For the Yoga illiterate, unbendable, willing but unable, and the uneasy. Wear clean socks and comfortable clothes.

11 to 11:55 a.m. Saturdays, Oct. 2 to 16
$18 Resident, $23 Non-resident or $8 Drop-in

**Tai Chi Chih**

Meditation in motion of 20 easy to learn, gentle movements that relax and rejuvenate.

7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 20 to Dec. 1
$36 Resident, $41 Non-resident or $8 Drop-in

**Indoor Parent/Tot Soccer**

Parents, grab your little ones and join us for this fun, informal soccer class. The very basics of soccer will be covered, as you and your little one learn to maneuver the soccer ball together. This interactive class will give you and your little one an opportunity to play together, and with other close to their age. *A parent or guardian is required to attend at all times.*

Age: 2 - 3 years     Min/Max: 8/16
Registration #33090
3:25 to 3:55 p.m. Mondays
(2) Session II: Oct. 18 to Nov. 8
$25 Resident, $30 Non-resident

**Pee Wee Indoor Soccer Kids**

Hands off in this class! This is a great class for little kickers! It's time for your little one to use their feet and legs while learning the very basics of soccer with an emphasis on having fun. Skill development will include dribbling, passing, shooting and defending. Non-marking gym shoes are required.

Ages: 4 - 6 years     Min/Max: 8/14
Registration #33055
4:50 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays
(2) Session II: Oct. 18 to Nov. 8
$30 Resident $35 Non-resident

**Silly Slapshots Floor Hockey Program**

Join us for this new program designed for the younger, beginning hockey player. This floor hockey class will cover the basic fundamentals of holding the stick, playing the ball (no puck used at this level) and other beginning aspects of the game without the stress of having to inline skate.

Ages: 5 to 7 years     Min/Max: 6/12
Registration #33095
3:20 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays
(2) Session II: Oct. 20 to Nov. 10
$35 Resident $40 Non-resident

**Mini-Hoopster Basketball**

If you have a young hoopster in your house, then you don’t want them to miss out on this basketball class. Your child will enjoy a modified basketball setting with lower baskets and smaller balls. This lead-up class concentrates on fun and simple activities involving a few skills while introducing dribbling, shooting and passing. Games will be played as class progresses. The emphasis is on having fun! Non-marking gym shoes required.

Ages: 4 to 6 years     Min/Max: 8/14
Registration #33043
4 to 4:40 p.m. Mondays
(2) Session II: Oct. 18 to Nov. 8
$25 Resident $30 Non-resident

**Everybody Moves**

Toddlers enjoy games and activities that challenge their boundless physical energy. This class will discover new rhythms, move to music, peek under parachutes, run obstacles and jump to new heights. Take a deep breath and off you go together. Come join the fun! *We reserve the right to ask for a birth certificate for age verification. A parent is required to participate.*

Ages: 18 months to 2 years*     Min/Max: 5/15
Registration #33015
2:15 to 2:45 p.m. Mondays
(5) Session II: Oct. 18 to Nov. 8
$30 Resident $35 Non-resident

The Golden Community Center also has some great **Personal Trainers** to help you reach your fitness goals! All of our trainers are nationally certified and professional. Learn to exercise safely and effectively, call the Community Center for rates at 303-384-8100.

A full catalogue of courses is available at the Golden Community Center or online at www.goldenrec.com. **Pre-register for all classes at the Golden Community Center, online at www.goldenrec.com or by calling 303-384-8100. Some classes break during holidays.**
OCT. 2 & 3
Women’s Intro to Rock Climbing
The Colorado Mountain Club is offering “Women’s Intro to Rock Climbing” on Oct. 2 and 3. The class is $100 for CMC members and $125 for nonmembers. To register, call 303-279-3080, x2, or visit www.cmc.org/education.

OCT. 5
Puppet Show
The Golden Public Library, 1019 10th St., will host a puppet show for kids at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5. Pick up free tickets beginning two weeks in advance for “Bug People from Outer Space,” spooky fun for all ages.

OCT. 11
Columbus Day
The City of Golden is open Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 11.

OCT. 13
Flu Shots Available
The City of Golden will have flu shots available to Golden citizens on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Shots will be given in the Bear Creek South room at the Golden Community Center from 7 to 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. The cost is $20. We will accept Medicare Part B, Secure Horizons and Rocky Mountain Health Plan.

Flu shots will be given to those 4 years and older. Children under 9 years old receiving their first dose ever will need a booster at least a month from the first dose (info will be available as to where those shots can be obtained).

The City of Golden also will offer pneumonia shots for $30 and tetanus/diphtheria shots (booster needed every 10 years) for $30. For those with Medicare Part B, Secure Horizons, and Rocky Mountain Health Plan, there may be no charge. Please be sure to bring your card.

OCT. 15
Best of Business Expo
All sorts of local businesses will show their stuff at the 2004 Best of Business Expo from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 at the Colorado Mills mall. For more details or to reserve a display table, call the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113.

OCT. 17
Library Chautauqua Series
The Golden Public Library, 1019 10th St., and the Golden Pioneer Museum present the Chautauqua Series by “William Jennings Bryan” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, with support from the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities. The event is free and no reservations are required.

OCT. 18
Mountain Book Festival Family Literacy Day
The Colorado Mountain Club and Wilderness Kids presents Mountain Book Festival Family Literacy Day from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18. The free event features storytelling with Kate Lutz, a sneak preview of the CMC Press’s new kids book “What’s up with Altitude,” an indoor and outdoor scavenger hunt, and a photography exhibit of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

OCT. 22
Chamber Luncheon
Colorado School of Mines homecoming will begin with a Chamber of Commerce luncheon kickoff on Friday, Oct. 22. The guest speaker will be Marcia Neville from Channel 4 NEWS. Cost is $15 payable upon reservations. Call 303-279-3113.

OCT. 23
Mines Homecoming
Colorado School of Mines will hold
its homecoming with a parade and a football game against New Mexico State University on Saturday, Oct. 23. Visit www.mines.edu for more schedule information.

**Healthy Fair**
Golden Family of Churches Health Ministries is hosting its 5th annual Healthy Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Parish Center, 969 Ulysses St. next to Bell Junior High School. Flu shots are available for $18, pneumonia shots are $40, and a broad range of other free and low-cost services are available. A continental breakfast also will be offered. For more detailed information, please call 303-279-5379, x27, between 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Wednesday.

**OCT. 31**

**Halloween**
As usual, the downtown Golden merchants will hand out candy for trick-or-treaters, and fun-filled events will be held at the Clear Creek History Park, including ghost stories around the camp fire. Call the Golden Visitors Center at 303-279-3113 for more information.

**Daylight Savings Time ends**
Don’t forget to turn your clocks back an hour (“fall” backward, “spring” ahead) on the evening of Sunday, Oct. 31 as Daylight Savings Time ends.

**NOV. 2**

**Election Day**
Please be sure to get out and vote!

---

**THROUGH OCT. 30**

**Hope and Remembrance: An exhibit of breast cancer quilts**
Come and be inspired by the amazing images of courage, support and healing of those who faced the life-changing challenge of breast cancer. Steeped in symbolism and emotion, these quilts tell stories that are sure to touch your heart and soul.

**Korean Delights: Floral interpretations of ancient art**
Contemporary quilt artists interpret the work of one of Korea’s most illustrious women: 16th century painter and artisan Sim Saimdang.

---

**TICKETS ON SALE**

**Historic Downtown Golden Cowboy Christmas Ball**
Tickets are on sale for the 3rd annual Historic Downtown Golden Cowboy Christmas Ball, to be held from 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 20 this year at the Buffalo Rose Saloon. This year’s ball will feature two great western music performances and a fantastic chuck-wagon dinner. The evening kicks off with Jon Chandler and the Wichitones (visit www.jonchandler.com), followed by Liz Masterson and Sean Blackburn with the Cactus Crooners (visit www.lizmasterson.com). If you like to two-step, waltz, cha-cha, west coast swing, east coast swing or line dancing to western music, you will not want to miss this event. Tickets are $45 each. To purchase tickets, call 303-949-1046 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is a non-smoking event.

---

**BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTIES**

Book Your Holiday Parties Now
Don’t forget to start booking your holiday parties now at the City of Golden Community Center and Fossil Trace Golf Club! Both facilities offer excellent spaces for holiday get-togethers, whether for work or family. Reservations fill up quickly, so call now: Community Center, 303-384-8133; Fossil Trace, 303-216-8010.
Test Your Smoke Alarms during National Fire Prevention Week: Oct. 3 - 9

About 70 percent of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Because fire grows and spreads quickly, a working smoke alarm can mean the difference between life and death. Smoke alarms with batteries that are missing, disconnected or dead can’t alert you to danger of smoke in your home.

The Golden Fire Department would like to remind you to:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Make sure there is an alarm outside every separate sleeping area. In an existing home it is recommended that you place a smoke alarm in every bedroom; this is required by fire code in all new homes in Golden.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month.
- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms at least once a year, preferably twice a year. You can remember to do this by remembering when you change your clocks, also change your batteries.
- Remember, smoke alarms can’t warn you if batteries are missing or disconnected.
- Don’t disable your smoke alarm. If it sounds “nuisance alarms,” relocate it away from cooking fumes or steam.
- Plan home escape drills to ensure that everyone in your family knows what to do if the smoke alarm does sound.

If you have questions about your smoke alarms, please call the Golden Fire Department at 303-384-8094.

Consumer Product Safety

Keeping you and your family safe is important to the Golden Fire Department.

To find information on product recalls and safety news, you can access the Consumer Product Safety Commission Web site at: www.cpsc.gov

You also may report unsafe products on this site.

Recent recalls have been issued on:
- Slidecarver Scooters from BMW
- Nike “Get-Go” and “Little Get-Go” children’s athletic shoes
- Schwinn Brand Toddler Bicycle Helmets

For additional information on these product recalls, visit the CPSC Web site.

Have a spooktacularly safe Halloween

Planning ahead can help make this Halloween a fire-safe one. Taking simple fire safety precautions, like making sure fabrics for costumes and decorative materials are flame-resistant, can prevent fires.

During 1999, decorations for special events accounted for an estimated 1,000 home fires, most often involving candles, and causing five civilian deaths and $10.7 million in direct property damage.

Here’s what you can do to have a fun and safe Halloween:

- Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won’t easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources.
- Use extreme caution when decorating with candles, and supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack-O-Lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from all combustible items.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating pumpkins, walkways and yards.
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire.
- Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costumes.

This information was provided by the National Fire Protection Agency, which does not test, label or approve any products.
Cemetery Tours Offer Glimpse of Golden’s Past

Golden’s rich western heritage is comprised of many colorful historical characters whose final resting places can be found in the City of Golden Cemetery. As part of an effort to educate residents and visitors alike about the lives of Golden’s well-known historical residents, the Astor House Museum, Clear Creek History Park and the Golden Pioneer Museum have once again teamed up with the City of Golden Cemetery to host tours from 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 23 and 24. Tours will form every half hour at the cemetery.

According to Astor House Museum Curator Christie Kirsch, the event is “well-received and lots of fun.” Approximately 10 volunteer guides take groups of about 40 people through the cemetery. Museum volunteers dressed in period clothing portray well-known Golden figures. Tour guides describe the area’s history and point out significant monuments as well.

Each year the line up of historical figures changes. Previously portrayed figures include General George West, who founded the Colorado Transcript newspaper in 1866 (now called the Golden Transcript); Seth Lake, who built the Astor House Hotel in 1867; Caroline Milikin; Matilda Palmer; and others.

This year, volunteers will reenact the lives of Captain E.L. Berthoud, who discovered Berthoud Pass in 1861; Sarah Russell and her son, Willie; and Cora Barber; among others.

“This event is a wonderful opportunity to bring to light some of the major individuals who played an important role in shaping Golden’s history,” said Gabrielle Kelley, education coordinator for the Golden Pioneer Museum.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, please call the Astor House Museum at 303-278-3557 or the Golden Pioneer Museum at 303-278-7151.

If you decide to go, be sure to dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. Because of ongoing road construction on U.S. Highway 6 and Ulysses Street, it is a good idea to check alternate route information before heading to the cemetery. The cost is $12 for museum members and $15 for nonmembers. Tickets can be purchased at either the Astor House, 822 12th St., or the Golden Pioneer Museum, 923 10th St. Please note that the history tours are geared toward adults and last approximately an hour. Refreshments will be served.

Owned and operated by the City of Golden since 1873, the cemetery, located at 755 Ulysses St., is currently managed and maintained by City of Golden employee Steve Toler and his staff, who take great pride in preserving the historic nature of the cemetery. They maintain the cemetery mission to provide dignity and respect for the deceased in a serene, beautiful setting that serves as a living memorial to loved ones forever.

Should you miss the museum tours Oct. 23 and 24, there are guided historic tours available year-round for groups or individuals upon request. Please call Cemetery Manager Steve Toler at 303-279-1435 for an appointment or more information.
You may not know his name, but if you’ve spent much time in downtown Golden or attended any parades, you probably recognize Steve Stevens and his antique, high-wheel bicycles. Stevens brings smiles to the faces of many on the streets of Golden as he rides by in his 1880s costumes on a bike with the very large front wheel and very small back wheel. He is a piece of living history, and he brings a huge amount of fun to learning about history.

Stevens took up bicycle history for fun, and is currently researching the early history of cycling in Colorado for a book he plans to write. He also established an antique cycling museum in the basement of his home, which you can find information about online at [www.brekus.org/wheelmen/goldenoldy](http://www.brekus.org/wheelmen/goldenoldy).

Stevens was born in Toledo, Ohio, in 1944. He went to Indiana University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in math and physics in just three years, not to mention Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Pi Sigma, Pi Mu Epsilon, High Distinction and departmental honors. He then earned a master’s degree and was a Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science.

He worked for 35 years in research and development of telephony and international technical market development and support at AT&T Bell Telephone Labs. His career and interests took him all over the world, including 116 trips to Korea, 22 to Australia, 20 to New Zealand, 11 to Mexico, 9 to China, 8 to Japan (not counting 100 times through the airport), 8 to the Philippines, 4 to Thailand, 3 to Brazil, 3 to Egypt, 3 to Venezuela, 2 to Russia (including a month-long bike tour staying in Russian homes), untold numbers of trips throughout all of Europe (France, Germany, Czech Republic, Luxembourg, Italy, Switzerland, Belgique), as well as trips to Indonesia, South Africa, Ghana, Bulgaria, India, Panama and others long-forgotten.

In addition to his travels, Stevens lived in Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa, from 1960 to ’61, and in Seoul, Korea, from 1982 to ’83.

Amidst all of his travels, Stevens managed to find time to continuously volunteer for various organizations, creating a resume of volunteer activities more than a page long.

Perhaps best known, as the Colorado Captain of the antique bike club, The Wheelmen, Stevens was responsible for organizing the 2002 International Convention, during which the club set a Guiness record for the largest “high wheel stack,” with 83 high wheel bicycles with riders sitting on them all stacked in a row next to each other.

Stevens also sat on the Golden Historic Preservation Board for two years. He promoted local historian Rick Gardner’s idea to have signs about the history of Golden installed on the columns of the new Washington Avenue bridge. Stevens chaired the historic sign committee, drafting, editing and otherwise reviewing the signs from start to finish. In his role on HPB, Stevens also led the fight to save three historic barns on the grounds of the state run Lookout Mountain Youth Services Center in Golden. After a long and highly publicized battle, the barns were ultimately torn down, but Stevens efforts enabled the time needed to accurately and effectively document the barns for future generations to learn about.

Stevens has also volunteered at Clear Creek History Park and Astor House Museum, providing bike displays, performing blacksmithing for special events, and teaching a weekly class on bicycle history.

Community Profile:

Steve Stevens
The City of Golden’s volunteer Planning Commission is short a valuable member. If you are interested in the City’s planning process and have time to volunteer, Golden City Council encourages you to apply for the vacant seat.

To apply, you must be a resident of Golden. The term for the seat expires January 2008.

Applications can be picked up in the City Clerk’s office at City Hall, 911 10th St., by calling 303-384-8014 or 303-384-8015, or online at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on boards and commissions. More information about the position is available on the Web site, or through the Planning & Development Department at 303-384-8097.

Applications are due by no later than Thursday, Oct. 14. City Council has tentatively scheduled to interview applicants the evening of Thursday, Oct. 21.

Planning Commission Needs Volunteers

Did you want to become more involved in your community? Victim Outreach Information (VOI) offers opportunities to work directly with crime victims, offering support and access to resources during a critical stage of trauma.

Victim Outreach Training Volunteer Advocates

The City’s signage codes say that you must get a permit from the City of Golden to place signs, including political signage, in the public right of way. No signs may ever be placed on public property like parks, City Hall or fire stations. Signs may be placed on private property with the owner’s permission. There are size limitations for each of these (contact the City’s Planning Department for details). During election season, candidates must get permission from the City’s Planning Department to place signs, which can only be installed in the public right of way during weekends. As of press time, no signs have been permitted for this election cycle to be placed in the public right of way. For more information, call the City’s Planning Department at 303-384-8045. To report improper signage, call Code Enforcement at 303-384-8048.

Victim Outreach Training Volunteer Advocates

Volunteers are being accepted for fall training, which begins in October. Contact Carol Haberly at 303-202-2196.
Can Challenge Benefits Soccer Fields

Start collecting your aluminum cans! The City of Golden encourages citizens to participate in this year’s Aluminum Can Challenge.

The Can Manufacturers Institute (CMI) is sponsoring the Aluminum Can Challenge to demonstrate the industry’s commitment to the importance of recycling. CMI asked aluminum industry members to sponsor community wide collections of aluminum beverage cans and donate the value of the cans to a charity. The three facilities nationwide that collect the most cans (per capita) will receive an extra $500 gift for their charities.

As a result, Broomfield based Ball Corp. and its Golden can plant are sponsoring the local challenge, which will culminate Monday, Nov. 15, which is America Recycles Day. Coors Brewing Co. and Rocky Mountain Metal Container (a joint venture between Coors and Ball) are helping Ball with this challenge by having collection containers for their employees.

All cans dropped off between now and Nov. 15 at one of the local recycling locations listed below will be counted toward the challenge.

The money made from the value of the cans will be donated to the Table Mountain Soccer Club. The club is conducting a fund-raising drive for the new soccer fields to be built on Rooney Road in Golden in partnership with Jefferson County and the City of Golden. This will be the home soccer field for more than 1,200 soccer players.

This event gives you an opportunity to renew your commitment to recycling and participate in a community-wide fund-raising campaign to help young, local soccer players. So, kick in your cans for soccer!

The following three recycling facilities will be collecting cans from the public for the challenge:

- **Ball Metal Container**, 4525 Indiana Street
- **Road Runner Soccer Field**, Ford St. & Johnson Rd.
- **The Splash at Fossil Trace**, 3151 Illinois Street
Golden’s City Council is made up of dedicated women and men who serve a vital role in meeting community needs and upholding the democratic process. They spend countless hours meeting with and responding to constituents, attending local, regional and state meetings, and studying issues important to the community. They do all those things in addition to their other legislative and governmental responsibilities, which include:

- Conducting City legislative functions;
- Approving the budget;
- Planning capital improvements;
- Adopting city ordinances;
- Selecting citizens for city boards and commissions;
- Approving the issuance and selling of municipal bonds;
- Purchasing and selling property;
- Appointing the city manager, the city attorney and municipal court judge; and
- Working with the city manager to formulate the City’s annual work program.

Council members are elected in non-partisan City elections. Once elected, they serve 4-year terms. Golden’s City Council has seven members. They are:

**Mayor** (elected at-large): Chuck Baroch

**Ward 1**: Councilman Dave Ketchum

**Ward 2**: Councilwoman Marcie Miller

**Ward 3** (and Mayor Pro Tem): Councilman Bob Nelson

**Ward 4**: Councilwoman Gwyn Green

**District 1**: Councilwoman Lynne Timpeiro

**District 2**: Councilwoman Karen Oxman

In Golden, District 1 is comprised of Wards 1 and 2, and District 2 is comprised of Wards 3 and 4. All citizens have three elected representatives serving them: a ward, district and mayoral representative.

The first regular City Council meeting in January following each general municipal election (held every other year), is the organizational meeting. Presently, the City Council meets at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings at City Hall, 911 10th St. All regular and special council meetings are open to the public. The first and third Thursday of each month are study sessions, the second and fourth Thursdays of each month are regular meetings, and no meeting is held on fifth Thursday falling in any month. At regular meetings, citizens have an opportunity to voice their thoughts, ideas, opinions and concerns during a public comment period at the beginning of the agenda. The City Council may hold special meetings. They also may hold executive sessions at regular and special meetings.

Councilors may only act by ordinance, resolution or motion during a regular meeting. The City Charter states that all legislative enactments shall be in the form of ordinances and all other actions may be in the form of resolutions or motions. Minutes are taken at all regular Council proceedings and are recorded in the City’s official records (including online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net)).

Every ordinance requires, for final passage, an affirmative vote of the majority of the 7-person council. Final passage of resolutions and motions, however, only requires the affirmative vote of the majority of Council members present.

A Council member may not vote on any issue in which there is a conflict of interest. Furthermore, unless excused by the unanimous consent of the Council, every Council member at Council meetings must vote and have their votes made public.

City Council members must follow a strict code of ethics outlined in the City’s municipal code, pertaining to such issues as: financial transactions, public contracts, disclosure and disqualification, confidential information, city employment, appearances, use of public property, and equality of treatment. These ethics requirements are in addition to those that public officials must adhere to by the laws of the United States, the State of Colorado, or otherwise contained in the ordinances, rules and regulations of the City.

To conclude, the most important role and responsibility that City Council has is to serve the best interests of the community as a whole.

Genevieve Hale is pursuing a master’s degree, and is participating in an internship at the City of Golden.
The City of Golden’s Streets Division of the Public Works Department wants to remind citizens that fall leaf clean up is part of the City’s regularly scheduled street cleaning routine. However, the Streets Division also has some ideas of how you can help keep streets and gutters debris free.

Street cleaning services are provided for community safety, health, environmental and aesthetic purposes.

Beginning in October, the Streets Division begins sweeping leaves as the season dictates and weather permits with the City’s mechanical and vacuum sweepers. Temperatures must be above 35 degrees and a minimum of 90 percent of the streets must be exposed (free of snow).

The following areas are swept on a rotating basis:
- The area between 11th and 24th streets from Mt. Zion area east to Belvedere Drive;
- The area north of 11th Street to Brickyard Circle from Pine Ridge Road/Canyon Point area east to McIntyre Street;
- The area south of 24th Street to Ulysses Street from Jefferson County Parkway and West Sixth Avenue east to Salvia Street; and
- The Heritage Dells, Eagle Ridge, Corporate Center and Golden Heights areas.

Once these areas are completed, if weather permits, the Streets Division will continue leaf pick up again in the same order. Leaves collected are stockpiled by the City and used for compost by our neighbor, Coors Brewing Co.

Residents also are encouraged to maintain their own composting area at home. Otherwise, leaves can be disposed of in curbside trash pickup, according to your carrier’s specifications.

Once colorful autumn leaves have given way to winter snow, the Streets Division will begin plowing the streets. Spring cleanup will begin in April, when the City will begin clearing all streets of sand and accumulated winter debris. Watch for future articles in the Informer for information on snow plowing and spring sweeping.

For more information, call the Street Cleaning Message Line at 303-384-8167.

**Fall Leaf Sweeping Rotations to Begin**

Native grasses are adapted to our natural conditions and don’t require additional irrigation, fertilizer or maintenance. The grass seed mixes you find at many stores contain introduced species, many of which are aggressive and can displace native vegetation and disrupt the ecological balance. Use caution when buying grass and wildflower seed mixes. Make sure all species are listed and native to Colorado.

Seeding of native grasses can be performed in the fall, up until the ground freezes.

This is referred to as dormant seeding. The grass seed lies dormant over the winter – providing conditions that many native species require in order to germinate. Dormant seeding enables grasses to begin growth as early as conditions are favorable, taking advantage of wet, spring snow.

You also can purchase a drought-tolerant native grass seed mix, which works well in the Golden area, from the Jefferson Conservation District. For more information, call the District at 720-544-2870.

**Native Grass Seed Mix for Sale: Don’t Wait ‘til Spring**
After years of negotiation and fine-tuning, Sept. 2 brought members of Jefferson County, the City of Golden, Jefferson County Open Space, Lafarge Corp., members of the media, and community members to the base of North Table Mountain in Golden to celebrate the completion of one of the most significant land exchanges in the history of Jefferson County.

The exchange involved a parcel of Open Space land adjacent to Lafarge’s Specification Aggregates Quarry in Golden. As a direct result of a complex land transaction, Lafarge acquired reserves for at least a 30 year period. In return, Open Space got 450 acres of North Table Mountain that Lafarge owned.

Speakers at the event included Lafarge’s ML Tucker (instrumental in negotiating the land swap with the various stakeholders) who started the event by thanking the media for coming to cover a positive event, along with Western U.S. President Bob Cartmel.

Golden Mayor Charles Baroch said Lafarge did “an outstanding job of listening/talking, listening/talking, listening/talking” and was thankful to all involved.

Jefferson County Commissioners Michelle Lawrence, Rick Sheehan, and Patricia Holloway echoed the Mayor’s statements. Lawrence included that she was as excited about the exchange as a citizen of Golden as she was as a Commissioner. She commented that it’s rare to get a win-win situation in government, and was delighted that this deal was beneficial to all. Holloway said the beauty of North Table Mountain is magical and spiritual, and talked about the joy of being able to preserve it as Open Space forever.

ML Tucker closed the dedication looking toward the future, saying, “Let’s move on to the next mountain.”

When the City of Golden began developing Fossil Trace Golf Club, it came across some very special items forever fossilized in the clay ground on the property. From the moment of discovery on, the City of Golden has worked with the state, Colorado University Dinosaur Trackers Research Group, Friends of Dinosaur Ridge, and many others to preserve the unique fossils on the golf course site.

Working together to preserve dinosaur, palm and raindrop fossils, the various stakeholders together created an interpretive trail that would be accessible to the public on a continuous basis.

The result of these efforts is the Triceratops Trail, which will be dedicated from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 at Parfet Historic Preserve at the north end of Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. Friends of Dinosaur Ridge guides will lead tours of the five interpretive stops along the trail, pointing out the dinosaur-era fossils and describing them to visitors.

At 11 a.m., a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the beginning of the trail, just off the bike path. Golden Mayor Chuck Baroch will congratulate all of the dedicated volunteers and the Friends of Dinosaur Ridge who worked so hard to oversee construction of the trail and to create the interpretive signs along it.

Refreshments and educational brochures will be available at a tent at the entrance of the trail. For more information, call Friends of Dinosaur Ridge Executive Director Joe Tempel at 303-697-DINO or email Joe_Tempel@dinoridge.org.
The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will be holding its third series of public meetings on its Northwest Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in coming weeks.

The EIS will determine how to address traffic needs in the northwest Denver metro region. While Golden is dedicated to improving traffic conditions in the corridor, the City maintains a beltway, likely to be tolled, is not the right solution.

Jefferson County, Arvada and Broomfield County favor a solution that would connect the C-470 beltway from the newly built Northwest Parkway in Broomfield County through Arvada’s undeveloped western areas through Golden to C-470, destroying the small town character and quality of life here.

Golden has worked with Jefferson County and neighboring communities (all of whom signed and agreed to the solutions found by the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study in 2002) to find traffic solutions that benefit all of the communities in the region. While highway proponents, primarily Arvada, say Golden is taking a NIMBY (not in my backyard) position on the beltway, Arvada’s own City newsletter featured an article saying it doesn’t want a beltway alignment through its communities either. Golden asserts that a beltway is not necessary — and if no one wants it, and it will have to be tolled to pay for it — why build it?

*A beltway doesn’t need to be built in anyone’s backyard.*

Instead, the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study found that a series of improvements to existing north/south arterial roads in the region, including highways 6 and 93 in Golden, would be more judicious and effective at improving traffic flow.

For this reason, the City of Golden highly encourages citizens to attend the upcoming public meetings and voice your thoughts and concerns to CDOT.

**The meetings have been scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m.** Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Faith Bible Chapel, 6250 Wright St. (off Ward Road); **Monday, Oct. 25 at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center, 924 16th St.;** Tuesday, Oct. 26 at the Louisville Rec/Senior Center, 900 W. Via Appia; and Thursday, Oct. 28 at the Broomfield Community Center, 280 Lamar St.

For the most up to date information, call the EIS hotline at 303-220-2545, or visit www.NorthwestCorridorEIS.com. CDOT is also planning to notify the public through newspaper ads, postcards, newsletters, fliers and email. The City of Golden also will publicize the meetings in its calendar on Comcast Channel 8 and on its Web site at www.CityOfGolden.net.