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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

High School Construction Plans and Land Use Cases Continue

Each month, City Council and the other boards and commissions work on a number of topics and issues of interest to the community. This regular column in the Golden Informer will identify some of the items of greater community interest that are likely to be scheduled for community discussion in coming weeks. For specific information on agendas and schedules, visit our City Web site at www.cityofgolden.net. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail updates through the Web site for items that are of a regular interest to you.

Your City Council and appointed boards and commissions continue to discuss a number of land use issues of interest to the community. Some of the items preliminarily scheduled for discussion this month include the following:

A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 at Golden High School to discuss construction of the proposed new high school and how the immediate neighborhood will be impacted during construction.

Two potential projects mentioned last month in this column may be scheduled for City Council discussion in October. These projects include the proposed rezoning of the old Hested’s store, 1299 Washington Ave., and a proposed Walgreens on South Golden Road across from the King Soopers Center near Ulysses Street. Check the City Council section on the City’s Web site, www.cityofgolden.net, for up to date agenda information on these projects.

In addition to these cases, look for future discussions of the Overlook property rezoning in the Golden Heights area and the Canyon View Filing No.3 final subdivision plat.

The Planning Department has received an application and petition for annexation to Golden of a 15-acre parcel on the north side of South Golden Road east of Ulysses Street. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled before Planning Commission on Wednesday, Oct. 19 to begin consideration of the request.

Golden Firefighters Assisting with Hurricane Aftermath

On Sept. 8, four firefighters from the Golden Fire Department flew out of Denver International Airport to assist in the aftermath response to Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf coast area. They are Firefighters Jeremy Nichols, Kim Canarecci, Alex Dorgan-Ross and Tucker Smith. All four volunteered to go. They participated in two days of training in Atlanta, Ga., before being assigned to duty with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association). If you’d like to send them your comments and wishes for a safe return, please send them to cityofgolden@ci.golden.co.us.

The Golden Police Department is also preparing to send an officer to assist in the Gulf region.

The City of Golden has also permitted its employees to cash out vacation and sick time to be donated to the American Red Cross.

For more information on several local hurricane assistance efforts, visit www.cityofgolden.net.

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. 6  Study Session
Oct. 13  REGULAR MEETING
Oct. 20  Study Session
Oct. 27  REGULAR MEETING

Council’s upcoming agendas and previous meeting minutes are available online at www.cityofgolden.net under the City Council link, or by calling the City Clerk’s office at 303-384-8015. Council agendas include brief descriptions of items to be discussed, as well as the proper City contact to obtain additional detailed information.

Councilors have individual pages on the City’s Web site, www.cityofgolden.net, where they can regularly post their individual commentaries. Log on and check it out! Or subscribe to receive Council information automatically sent to your email address as soon as it’s posted to the Web site.
Last month, the City of Golden began to actively pursue a Mountain Backdrop Preservation Program. The City Council voted unanimously to move forward with efforts to purchase about 160-acres of land on Lookout Mountain that is in danger of development.

This land has been planned for as Open Space by both the City of Golden and Jefferson County at least since the early ‘90s. This property is particularly attractive, in part, because it sits in between two other large areas of already designated Conservation Open Space. Developing it would forever mar the gorgeous mountain backdrop that surrounds the Golden valley.

Your elected City Councilors feel strongly that it is their responsibility to preserve the backdrop for the quality of life of current citizens and future generations of Goldenites, as well as visitors to the Rocky Mountain foothills, even if it means standing up to powerful media corporations.

Lake Cedar Group (LCG), a consortium of several television broadcast companies, does own about 60- of the 160-acres the City of Golden wishes to purchase on Lookout Mountain. LCG has been embroiled in a controversial rezoning case being heard by the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners.

LCG wants to build a supertower on the land – a tower Golden City Council believes has many negative consequences, including danger to our citizens. LCG has opportunities to build its proposed supertower on other sites that would have less impact on people and the environment while servicing metro area customers just as well. The City’s move to purchase this property would not impact the operation of the towers Lake Cedar Group currently owns on other parts of the mountain.

The City of Golden has entered into fair, arms-length negotiations with LCG. The City intends to have the land valued by a professional appraiser and will pay fair market value for it.

Golden citizens are passionate about preserving Open Space both in and around Golden, and City Council has received much local support on this matter. We hope all our citizens will support our effort to protect this beautiful undeveloped land in order to maintain it as Open Space for future generations to enjoy.

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Citizens Comment on Mountain Preservation:

Great job...we have enjoyed the city of Golden since moving to the Denver area in 1997. Golden’s charm ranges from its small town atmosphere including a caring, close-knit community to the spectacular surroundings, with biking, kayaking, hiking, parks, golf, fishing, and Splash too, that are woven throughout the city. Fortunately, we were able to become Golden residents in October of 2004...what a great first year it has been.

Of course, our family has been paying attention to local issues and want to make a positive impact on the future of Golden. We appreciate your concern for the variety of outside interests that may alter the quality of life that residents of this city currently enjoy. Included, is the ongoing decision about whether to build a “supertower” on Lookout Mountain.

Recent information, as quoted by 9News, has proven without a doubt that Golden puts the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens first: “The city of Golden has offered to buy property on Lookout Mountain where Denver’s main television stations...want to build a new broadcasting tower. The City Manager says if the stations won’t sell, Golden will exercise its powers of eminent domain and seize the land for open space.”

Way to go...we fully support you. Thanks to the City Council and you for all the time and effort put forth on this critical decision that will effect the future of our great city.

Best Regards,
Kevin, Christy and Max Borud
Stonebridge at Eagle Ridge

What a wonderful idea to make OUR Mountain even more beautiful! The effort you are making not only will be esthetically better, it will more importantly safe-guard the health of our families, and our future generations. Golden is and will remain the “Premier City of the Rocky Mountains.” And because of your efforts and hopefully successful result, there is no other place I would rather live in the world... Thank you.
Shara Todd
Stonebridge resident

I fully support the move to the land on top of Lookout to keep the supertower from being built. Great move.
Russ Lucken
Jefferson County resident

I fully support the City’s concept of purchasing the land where the LCG group would like to build their tower. I think this is a perfect use for taxpayer money! Great idea!
Regards,
Dr. Dorothy Colagiovanni
Stonebridge at Eagle Ridge subdivision resident

I am a Golden resident who can’t thank you enough for doing the right thing opposing the Lake Cedar Group. The Jefferson County Commission has continually proven that they are not looking out for the good of Jefferson County residents, and this is a stark contrast to the City of Golden. Thank you so much, and if there is any way that I can support the cause, please let me know!
Don Giffels
Golden resident

I just learned of a proposal for the City of Golden to purchase the land where the towers on Lookout Mountain are located. I would be in favor of this idea. It would be an ideal open space purchase and would help to solve the issue of whether or not to build the new tower in that location.
Thank you,
Jennifer Combs
Stonebridge at Eagle Ridge resident
City Communications Nationally Recognized

The Golden Informer, the City’s monthly newsletter, was nationally recognized for its Communications achievements at the City and County Communications and Marketing Association’s Savvy Awards competition Aug. 25 in Atlanta, Ga.

The City’s monthly newsletter, The Golden Informer, won the first place Savvy award in the category for “Printed Publications – External Newsletter” in communities with populations of up to 45,000 people. The 20-page publication is produced entirely in-house by Communications Manager Sabrina Henderson with information generated by all City departments. It is mailed to all 9,500 households and businesses inside the City of Golden limits by the first of each month and posted online at www.cityofgolden.net.

The Golden Fire Department’s monthly newsletter, Smoke Signals, brought home the third place Award of Excellence in the category for “Printed Publications – Internal Newsletter” in communities with populations of up to 90,000 people. It is produced by the Golden Fire Department’s Media Services Manager Tom Young and Media Services Technician Anna Trzeciak, and includes articles contributed by various officers and members of the department. It is posted online at www.cityofgolden.net for members of the public with a special interest in the Fire Department.

The City’s visitor Web site, www.ingolden.com, created by Cohn Marketing on behalf of the City’s Economic Development Commission (EDComm) also was awarded the third place Award of Excellence in the category for “Communication Technology – Web Site” in communities with populations of up to 45,000 people.

The City and County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) received 709 entries for the Savvy awards this year.

“The Golden City Council made ‘communicating with our citizens’ one of their top priorities. These awards show how hard we have worked to meet City Council’s expectations,” said City Manager Mike Bestor. “Congratulations and thanks to Sabrina, Tom, Anna and everyone involved with this effort!”

Record Turnout for Movies and Music in the Park

There was record turnout at this year’s Movies and Music in the Park series, produced in collaboration between the City of Golden and GREAT (Golden Resource for Education, Arts and Theater). Between 400 and 750 people turned out for each of the five Friday night movies or concerts in Parfet Park. People brought blankets and chairs and picnic dinners to camp out in the park for a few hours of fun and entertainment with their neighbors. Thanks for making it such a successful series!
City to Offer Flu Shot Clinic

The City of Golden’s annual flu shot clinic will be held in November instead of October this year. The clinic will be held from 7 to 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Golden Community Center, upstairs in the Bear Creek South room. The clinic is free to all City of Golden employees and just $25 for members of the general public. Diphtheria and pneumonia vaccinations will also be available and more information on their cost will be published in next month’s Informer.

New Police Officer Sworn In

The Golden Police Department would like to welcome its newest member to the ranks of the department. Officer Matt Porter was sworn in by City Clerk Susan Brooks during a ceremony Aug. 29 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. After completion of his field training, Officer Porter will be assigned to the Operations Division for the department working in patrol.

Is Your Smoke Alarm Working?

A home fire impacts the life of an American family every 85 seconds. By providing an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape, smoke alarms cut in half your family’s risk of dying in a home fire – but only if they work. So, when you turn your clocks back on October 30, also make a lifesaving change in your household – change the batteries in your smoke alarms. This simple habit takes just a moment, but is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.

This reminder to Change Your Clock Change Your Battery® comes from your local fire department, the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Energizer®Max® brand Batteries.
The Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) is a City board that, at present, consists of 14 members who advise City staff on the development, implementation and evaluation of the biennial City budget.

Committee members do a number of things with respect to their role as advisors. For example: they review and discuss the quarterly financial reports and the current year’s revenue and expenditure projections; they discuss philosophical and strategic issues that impact the budget; and they relay information learned in the meetings back to the community and conversely take community input back to meetings.

One of the most visible things CBAC does, in cooperation with the City’s Finance Department, is to publish a budget summary each year. The purpose of the summary is to inform Goldenites about how community priorities are reflected in the biennial City budget process.

The budget summary contains in detail such items as the City’s principal revenue sources and expense categories. The budget summary lists items the City government is committed to providing and the reasons why. Finally, the budget summary gives important facts about City services.

The 2005 Budget Summary published in the Informer showed that Golden’s City government is committed to:

- Making Golden the best place to live;
- Keeping Golden safe;
- Staying focused on the strategic vision developed with citizen input;
- Providing excellent and responsive City employees.

CBAC committee members volunteer for open-ended terms, and members can vote after attending at least five of the previous nine meetings. In 2000, voting committee members began electing a Chair and Vice Chair who had served on the Committee for at least one year. Every year since then the current Vice Chair assumes the position of Chair and a new Vice Chair is elected. The recording secretary is a member of the City staff. Currently the Chair is Jean Garrabrant, the Vice Chair is Lynda Wentworth and the Secretary is Denise Hish from the City Manager’s Office.

Decisions are made by voting that occurs at regularly scheduled meetings and which requires the presence of a quorum. A quorum is 50 percent of the current eligible-voting members. Decisions with respect to budget-related issues or recommendations are made either by consensus or by majority vote.

Participation in CBAC is a great opportunity to have input on the prioritization City tax dollars. If you are interested in participating, CBAC meets at 7:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month between March and November in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. The City encourages citizen participation.

For more information on Golden’s boards and commissions, or to see their schedules and meeting minutes, visit the City’s Web site at www.cityofgolden.net.

PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND 2006 BUDGET HEARINGS

The City of Golden’s 2006 Budget hearings begin in October. Come learn more about how your tax dollars are spent and then let City Council know what you think. The budget hearings are scheduled as follows:

- **Oct. 6** – Council study session review of 2006 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
- **Oct. 19** – Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) review of draft 2006 Budget
- **Oct. 20** – Council study session review of 2006 Budget
- **Oct. 27** – **PUBLIC HEARING** on 2006 Budget and CIP
- **Nov. 3** – Council study session review of 2006 Budget
- **Nov. 9** – CBAC review of 2006 Budget recommendations from Council and public hearing
- **Nov. 10** – **PUBLIC HEARING** on 2006 Budget and CIP, Council amends 2005 Budget and adopts 2006 Budget and CIP, Council sets mill levy for 2006

The final, adopted 2006 Budget will be ready for public distribution on Dec. 31. If you have questions about the City Budget, call 303-384-8020.
Mail Ballot Election Nov. 1

The City of Golden will hold a general municipal election Nov. 1, 2005. It will be a mail ballot election coordinated with Jefferson County. Councilors for Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be elected.

Jefferson County will mail ballots to registered voters between Oct. 7 and 17.

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 1 election is Monday, Oct. 3. Voter registration information is available at www.co.jefferson.co.us or by calling 303-271-8111.

If your Jefferson County voter registration is current and you live within the city limits of Golden, further registration is not necessary. If you are not sure if you are registered at your current residence, contact Jefferson County Election Department at 303-271-8111.

Voter registration forms are available at the Jefferson County Elections Office, the Golden City Clerk’s Office, and Driver’s License Offices. Registration forms are also available online at www.co.jefferson.co.us.

CITY WARD MAP

This map is available in color and larger format both online at www.cityofgolden.net under Maps and at the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Apply for Junior Leadership Program

The Leadership Golden Alumni Association plans to conduct another Junior Leadership Golden program beginning in January 2006. This program, designed for high school students and modeled after the adult leadership program, will be held in seven sessions on weeknights from 6 to 8:30 p.m. through April. Also included is a tour of City facilities on a Saturday morning in January. Information and applications are available at the main office at Golden High School and will also be distributed at Freshmen-Parent Night, Back to School Night and Parent-Teacher Conference sessions. For more information, contact Ed Dorsey at 303-384-9923.

Candidates Forum and City Charter Initiatives Amendment Debate Oct. 12

The Leadership Golden Alumni Association and the Golden Transcript will sponsor a candidates forum and debate on the proposed City Charter Amendment to add an additional limited exception to subsidies and incentives.

The public is encouraged to attend the forum from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12 in the Conference Center of the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. in Golden.

The evening’s moderators will be Tom Hughes of Leadership Golden and Mitch Pugh, editor of the Golden Transcript.

For more information, call Sandy Algermissen at 303-279-3281.
Beginning in a few short days, Jefferson County will begin mailing out ballots for the Nov. 1 election. This election is being coordinated with the City of Golden’s General Municipal Election to save voters time and reduce government expenses. As a result, Golden voters will vote on several City items as part of your ballot. Those items are listed below.

In order to help voters make educated decisions in this election, the City has published this special election issue of the Golden Informer.

Ballot issues 200 and 201 are City of Golden Charter amendments put on the ballot by a unanimous vote of the Golden City Council. Below you will find the language as it will appear on your ballot. Questions about the ballot can be answered by the Golden City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014.

On the following pages you will find Council Candidates’ profiles. Each candidate was offered the opportunity to submit up to 550 words and a photo for free publication in the Informer. Candidates were not provided with any set questions. Candidate profiles were not edited by the City for content or style.

We hope you find this special election issue of the Informer helpful when making your voting decisions. The City will hold the next issue of the Informer until after the election results are final, so expect to see your next issue in mid-November. As always, please let us know how we can improve at 303-384-8132.

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**200 - CITY OF GOLDEN COUNCIL INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

SHALL SECTIONS 5.10 (D), (F), AND (G) OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN’S HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ORDINANCES BE PUBLISHED IN FULL, AND INSTEAD REQUIRE THAT ORDINANCES BE PUBLISHED BY DESCRIPTIVE TITLE WITH COPIES OF THE ENTIRE ORDINANCE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND BY SUCH ELECTRONIC MEANS AS PRACTICABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING TECHNOLOGY?

YES _________

NO _________

**201 - CITY OF GOLDEN COUNCIL INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

SHALL SECTION 11.5.3.C OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF GOLDEN BE ENACTED TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL LIMITED EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR VOTER APPROVAL FOR SUBSIDIES AND INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS SO LONG AS SUCH SUBSIDIES AND INCENTIVES DO NOT EXCEED MORE THAN 1/3 OF THE NEW TAXES OR 1/3 OF ANY FEES GENERATED SOLELY BY EACH OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS WITH A PAYMENT PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 10 YEARS?

YES _________

NO _________

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**COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

Voters may elect one candidate to Golden City Council to represent the Ward they live in for a 4-year term. Below is a list of candidates by Ward. You can find out which Ward you live in online at www.cityofgolden.net or by calling the City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014.

**Golden City Council Ward 1**
(Vote for One)
Larry L. McInroy
Mary A. Weaver

**Golden City Council Ward 2**
(Vote for One)
Brian Bookmyer
Arthur Chen

**Golden City Council Ward 3**
(Vote for One)
Diane Pasquarelli
Jim Dale
Diane L. Chesbro

**Golden City Council Ward 4**
(Vote for One)
Jacob Smith
Barbara J. DesMarteau
I have lived in Golden for 46 years. I graduated from Golden High School and attended the University of Colorado. My wife, Dixie, and I have lived in Southridge at the base of South Table Mountain for 41 years. We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Our children, Bob, Ron and Susan, also graduated from Golden High School and went on to complete their higher education in Colorado.

I worked for 23 years for the Public Service Company of Colorado performing mechanical engineering and design work for the company’s power plants. Later, I developed a focus on Quality Assurance while working at the Fort St. Vrain plant, which resulted in another 22-year career as a Consultant for a wide spectrum of companies, and at various U. S. Government facilities.

I retired in 2004 but continue to do part time consulting.

The changes in Golden and the surrounding community over the years have been phenomenal. Not many will remember the time prior to I-70 or going to the movies at the Golden Theater on Washington Avenue. I have many fond memories of these early times.

This perspective of change is important in understanding how Golden has become such a wonderful place to live. The progress from those early times to the present was not always easy but Golden’s past and current leaders have worked hard in dealing with growth, our water supply needs and other important issues while maintaining Golden’s unique, small town character.

The skills I’ve developed in my work, will serve me well as a member of City Council. I’ve worked in high pressure, politically intense situations and from this I’ve developed valuable skills needed to facilitate and mediate difficult and sensitive issues in a non-threatening yet positive manner. I’m a good listener and, as a successful manager, I’ve developed a reputation for making responsible decisions. I have experience in dealing with technical and complex issues and I have a broad background in managing projects with large budgets governed by complex legal contracts.

I traveled extensively in my work and that prevented me from participating in Golden government at an earlier time. However, I’m now in a position to do so and I am eagerly looking forward to that possibility.

My commitment is to work hard to continue and enhance the quality of life in Golden while maintaining its very special and unique character. I will ensure that the residents I represent feel that they have a direct connection to the city and that their interests are properly represented. I will work diligently to address Golden’s traffic issues with alternatives to the Super Highway through Golden and I will work to ensure that Golden’s financial picture remains healthy well into the future.
As a relatively new resident to Golden, please let me introduce myself. I lived in Pueblo from 1970 to 2003 when I moved to Golden. I am a mother of three. I was widowed in 1999. My late husband and I had a Certified Public Accounting practice and I owned a specialty shoe store. I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Business with an emphasis in Accounting from the University of Southern Colorado. The majority of my working years have been spent in the accounting field. I am also a Vietnam Era veteran, I have held numerous positions on volunteer boards, helped establish a shelter for the homeless and, have more than twenty years working with families of alcoholics and drug users in a volunteer capacity. My business acumen, coupled with my ability to read and evaluate financial statements, will be a great asset on the Golden City Council. My many years as a volunteer have equipped me to work with a diverse population.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
The City Council has a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Golden. Their entire goal should be to provide services otherwise not readily available to the Golden citizen unless provided by the city government with the least amount of taxpayer dollars. I have spent numerous hours reviewing Golden’s audited financial statements and have done comparative analyses with other municipalities of similar size, population and resources. I firmly believe that Golden can be run in a much more efficient manner.

MORE EQUITABLE USE OF ASSETS AND FUNDS.
Many of our citizens are older and in need of services not currently provided. Affordable housing and transportation are major concerns for many seniors. As a Golden City Councilor addressing these issues would be a priority.

Maintaining our current capital projects and balancing our future capital expenditures by taking in to consideration all age groups serviced by Golden will mean a more equitable use of our assets and funds.

Recently the Golden City Council approved a purchase of land on the north end of town to relocate city shops, police department and eventually the City Hall. This decision by the Council disturbs me for many reasons but I will only elaborate on three.

First, rising gas prices with the added distance these vehicles will need to travel and the cost of new construction was never weighed against the cost of refurbishing the existing structures. Secondly, moving City Hall out of downtown will contribute to the demise of the small town atmosphere and the vitality of Golden’s main street.

Thirdly, there is no commitment from City Council to sell the existing land and allocate the proceeds to the cost of new construction. Many of you remember that a few years back Golden City Council purchased and demolished the old Mitchell school with taxpayers dollars then gave the land to a developer. Will history repeat itself? As your City Councilor I will preserve Golden’s assets.
My name is Brian Bookmyer and I ask for a moment of your time to assist you in making an informed voting decision. I am a Field Merchandiser for Home Depot, not a politician. I am a person asking to represent you in making common sense governmental decisions and do what is right. My 25 years of management and marketing experience have consistently brought favorable results. I ask for your trust and confidence to bring favorable results to Golden government.

Imagine a local government that truly represents the people it was elected to serve. Ideas that make sense, solutions that actually work and offer us a solvent future. Decisions made today for a better tomorrow. We all hope to achieve this simple goal.

Goals such as,

- Growth, that does not overwhelm us.
- Transportation that keeps us moving.
- Solvent financial planning for today and the future.
- City wide recycling, a community concerned about the future, the environment.
- Government with conscience, not a personal conscience, but the conscience of the whole of humanity.

I hope you all vote your conscience. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters between October 7th and October 17th. October 3rd is the last day to register and I have registration forms to assist you. I look forward to the future in representing you here in this great place to live. Together we can keep Golden golden.

Please, feel free to contact me anytime, my phone # is (303) 384-0953, e-mail is hope4humans@juno.com. Thank You.

Brian Bookmyer
Ward 2 Candidate
Hello again. My name is Arthur Chen, and I am running for re-election to City Council. It has been a profound honor to serve as your representative for the past six months. It is my hope that once the election has concluded, all the candidates in the four ward races will still have “plenty of fight” because Golden is truly worth fighting for.

Our challenges are many. By the time that this newsletter goes to press, a decision will have been delivered regarding the new broadcast tower on Lookout Mountain. For our children’s sake, let us hope that the County Commissioners get it right. Likewise, as a result of the Northwest Corridor Environmental Impact Statement, the beltway alternatives were narrowed to four, all bisecting Golden with sheer contempt for its topography, history and character. Notwithstanding, I remain opposed. I remain committed, and I will not veer.

In addition to these two critical issues, we Goldenites have many other opportunities to shape our city’s future.

I recently served on the selection committee for final engineering design services for the West Corridor light rail project. The engineering firm that was ultimately selected spoke closest to Golden’s needs such as grade-separated crossings, pedestrian bridges and transit-oriented development. During the coming public involvement process, I encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas for the end-of-the-line station, which is to be built just north of the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, so that it will express Golden’s personality and become a true gateway for our community.

Moreover, I know from speaking with Ward 2 residents that many of you share the dream of a pedestrian-friendly village at the intersection of U.S. 6 and Heritage Road. Rather than allow development to occur indiscriminately, it is key that we put forth a plan that aspires to achieve this vision of “Apex at Golden”.

I believe that the outcome of November’s ballot question concerning economic incentives will determine whether or not the City can carry through with several capital improvement projects like the proposed pedestrian bridge or tunnel at U.S. 6 and 19th Street. If we do not seize this opportunity by passing the measure, funds currently earmarked for a pedestrian bridge will most certainly be reallocated to meet other pressing needs.

You may recall that during my campaign for City Council last spring I proposed implementing a dark-sky ordinance to reduce light pollution in Golden. As promised, in the coming weeks, City Council will introduce an ordinance that will amend our existing code by establishing more consistent outdoor lighting standards. As with open space conservation, I believe our quality of life will improve by protecting our nighttime environment.

Like many of you, I was saddened by news of Mesa Music Fest’s dissolution. As someone who looked forward each summer to the event, I ask that organizers pass the torch to a new group to take up the cause of preserving Golden’s mountain backdrop and launch “Mountain Backdrop Music Fest” in 2006.

In closing, I again ask the residents of Ward 2 for your trust, confidence and support. If you too continue to share this vision of Golden, please cast your vote for me on Tuesday, November 1st. I still have plenty of fight.
During a quest for a new homestead, my husband and I discovered Golden. The historic look, the small town feel and the beautiful views were exactly what we wanted. But to be honest it was the stranger who walked up to us and asked, “Can I help?” that made the difference. That smile, the chit chat in the restaurants, the families enjoying Clear Creek and that warm welcome home feeling was the clincher. After being here for almost 10 years, I recognize Golden’s fine qualities have taken years of dreams, plans and hard work from dedicated citizens.

When arriving in Golden our first desire was to purchase a house. We chose a beautiful historic Victorian. Transforming this house into a home brought with it a lot of personal hard work and new knowledge in the topic of restoration. Wanting to become more active and involved in Golden’s community, I began to look for places that I could volunteer my time. I picked several places that I thought could use my help. I started at the Visitor Center and soon added the Chamber of Commerce, Cultural Alliance, and using my decorative skills helped with the Civic Foundation Auctions. Getting to know the community better I realized that I too wanted to become a part of Golden’s history. My husband and I thought that it would be nice to share our lovely historic home with others. That is when the idea of a Bed and Breakfast surfaced. Boy, oh boy, what an idea that was. Soon my knowledge expanded into building permits, code enforcement, set backs, business plans, budgets, advertising and neighborhood desires. I got to know city staff, local contractors, plumbers and electricians very well and that nothing is simple.

I then decided to expand my volunteer time. Regulars became Urban Renewal Authority, Miners Alley Playhouse, Downtown Merchants, Golden Christmas and the wonderful Christmas parades. Something had to give. The Staples House B&B is now The Silk Pincushion and still remains the beautiful Victorian Lady she was meant to be.

Now is the time for me to dedicate more of my energies to my home, my Golden.

In preparation for running for City Council I have spent the last year attending as many meetings as possible. I have become familiar with the City Budget, Comprehensive Plan, City Charter and the duties of city staff, Boards and Commissions.

I support economic vitality, diversity of ideas and keeping our genuine historic flavor. Without a healthy successful business community it will be impossible to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy. Incentives are a tool that if carefully used can continue to enhance Golden’s future. Parks and open space need to be protected and made available for all to enjoy. Budgets need to be examined and kept precise but flexible enough to allow for the unknown.

City Council may not have all the answers but council members do know whom to ask. City staff, appointed Commissioners and legal experts are always available to help with support, advice and guidance. To me being on City Council means listening, studying the issues, asking questions, getting input and finally making a decision that is best for our community as a whole.

I would be proud to serve and represent Ward 3 and help plan for Golden’s future.
My name is Jim Dale, and if you live in Ward 3, the long narrow ward below north and south table mountains, I’d appreciate your vote. Like my neighbors, I want to keep Golden a great place to live. I was raised on a small farm in Kansas where I learned to work hard, and I’ll work hard for you.

Soon after I graduated from Kansas State and spent a short time in veterinary practice, Uncle Sam called. I joined the Air Force for two years but stayed for thirty. I loved serving in the Air Force. The Air Force helped me earn Masters Degrees in Public Health from the University of North Carolina, and Business Administration from the University of Utah. Since 1999, I have been the Director of Environmental Health for the Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment.

While stationed in four foreign countries and eight states, I learned to work effectively and collaboratively with all kinds of people. I met my wife LouAnne in Turkey where she was teaching military dependents. We raised two wonderful children, Sara and John. I am a graduate of Leadership Golden and Leadership Jefferson County. On two occasions I served as president of Colorado public health organizations.

A high-speed beltway through Golden is unfair, unneeded, and fiscally irresponsible. I pledge to work hard to secure fair transportation solutions, collaborating with our Fairmount and Arvada neighbors and my contacts across the county to attain equitable, balanced traffic flow. We need multiple roads that help move traffic safely at reasonable speeds, with noise mitigation.

I will be a responsible steward of city finances. I’ve served five years on the Golden Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee and understand the Golden budget process. I understand finances. During my five years in Washington at the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General I provided oversight for Public Health and Prevention services for 500,000 service members and their dependents. I developed six-year projections and guided execution of the $25 million prevention budget, and assisted with constructing financial plans for the annual $15 billion Air Force Medical Service budget.

I strongly support the charter amendment for incentives for new, good businesses. We must compete with our neighboring cities who currently offer incentives. The win-win incentive amendment is an investment that will provide the city with two-thirds of all new taxes and fees, and the hand-picked new businesses one-third. These new funds will provide for continued high quality city services.

I firmly believe and will vigorously pursue the maintenance and enhancement of our quality of life; including strong public safety; fine streets, sidewalks and trails; and good recreation facilities with wonderful open space. Many in Golden have worked long and diligently to save our mesas. I will work to ensure a strong Golden voice in future plans for the mesas. Furthermore, I pledge my critical and thoughtful review of land-use issues to include roads, zoning, and developments. I favor “Smart Growth and Development” including such projects as the long vacant Hested building and new light rail station.

I’ll work hard for Ward 3 and all of Golden.
I have lived, worked, and played in Golden for twenty-four years. My husband and I are raising two sons in a small home on 21st Street. I am always thankful for the quality of life we have in Golden and often find myself telling others that I can’t imagine a better place to live. Like all of you I have a real stake in this town, I love it.

Over the past fifteen years, I’ve been lucky enough to work part time in downtown Golden. I earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Colorado. I am currently serving on Golden’s Planning Commission. I am an independent thinker and am able to listen to all sides of issues in a fair and open manner. Most importantly I am always learning.

**Limit Growth**

Like all communities we are striving to remain economically healthy, to provide good services and amenities to our citizens. Golden is unique compared to the suburban cities around us. It is as old as Denver. It has a real downtown and its vitality is very important. It is a community gathering place. The best way to insure its vitality is by maintaining this small-town distinct charm. Golden offers a wonderful alternative to large shopping malls, six lanes of traffic, and massive parking lots.

The 1% Growth Ordinance is beneficial financially and for the continuation of our small-town character. People move to Golden precisely because of the one percent. We must maintain our existing affordable housing stock and find ways to improve opportunities for affordable housing.

**Government Accountability**

*Both our City Council and our city staff must be accountable to the people they serve and never forget they work for the citizens of Golden.*

I would prioritize keeping the public informed giving you more of a chance to have a voice in decisions made in Golden, decisions that affect your neighborhood and quality of life. One way to do this would be to televise City Council Meetings. In these busy sometimes hectic times it is hard to leave your families and spend Thursday night at City Hall. Many communities around us such as Idaho Springs and Wheat Ridge are successfully televising already.
Since filling the seat vacated by Gwyn Green, I have been hard at work for Golden. I have delivered on my promise to fight the beltway, advocate for historic preservation, foster a thriving downtown, and ensure open government.

During my time on City Council I have focused on the fight for responsible transportation solutions that keep the superhighway out of Golden. We have a difficult fight ahead of us but I believe it is a fight we can win. We know we can improve on safety, congestion, and noise on Highway 93, and I am committed to solving these very real transportation challenges without building a high-speed superhighway through Golden. In addition to working with city staff, citizen groups, and other local governments, I am pleased to report that I was recently appointed to the intergovernmental committee that prioritizes federal highway projects. That means Golden now has a critical voice in which highway projects get funded and which ones don’t.

A second priority is my ongoing commitment to protecting the integrity of Golden’s historic character. As I told the Golden Transcript: “What sets Golden apart is our rich history, our historic districts, and our many historic structures.” I believe Golden’s Comprehensive Plan makes a clear commitment to preserving our historic character, and I will continue to insist – as I have done throughout my five months on City Council – that we honor that commitment.

My other priorities include promoting open, accessible, and accountable city government. It should be easy to understand and participate fully in the decisions that city staff and City Council are making. In my five short months on Council I worked with the City Clerk to improve the City Council meeting agendas so that anyone can read the agendas and understand what issues we will be discussing and deciding. Furthermore, the City Clerk is also planning to put all materials for each Council meeting on the web so that everyone in the community can easily read the details. With your support, I will continue promoting a city government that is transparent and accountable.

Some of our other accomplishments during these past few months include designating new parks, eliminating a water quality loophole that will help keep Golden’s water clean, and tightening restrictions on gifts to elected officials. I have really enjoyed serving on our City Council, solving problems for folks across town, and working hard to represent the interests of Ward 4. I look forward to continuing to serve our community.

This is a critical time for Golden. I am committed to keeping the superhighway out of our town, protecting our historic and small town character, and nurturing a thriving downtown. Thank you for considering voting for me on November 1st.
Barbara DesMarteau is an experienced executive with 20 years of diverse leadership and management experience in the public and nonprofit sectors. Currently she is the Director of the Adams County Human Development Department, which includes the One Stop Career Centers, Office of Community Development, and Head Start. Until this year, the county libraries were also under her leadership while the transition to an independent library district was official in 2005.

Adams County with a population of over 370,000 residents includes 10 cities and towns. Barbara is one of 9 cabinet level department directors appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Through her department, Barbara oversees a staff of over 170 and a departmental budget of $13 million. She also oversees three countywide boards, which include the Adams County Workforce Investment Board, the Adams County Head Start Policy Council, and the Adams County Community Development Advisory Board. Barbara continues to act as the Board of Commissioners’ liaison with the new Rangeview Library District and the Board of Trustees.

Before joining Adams County, Barbara served as the Executive Director of the Mi Casa Resource Center for Women; a non-profit community based organization with several locations in Colorado. Additionally, Barbara managed human services programs for the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Community Services Administration in Phoenix, Arizona.

Barbara completed the Senior Executive Program for State and Local officials at Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. She has completed the International Career Advancement Program at the University of Denver and the Head Start-Johnson & Johnson Management Fellows Program at the Anderson School of Business at UCLA. Barbara currently serves on the Adams County Economic Development Board, Audubon Colorado Board of Directors, Institute for Mestiza Leadership Board and the Museo de las Americas (Museum of the Americas-Art) Board of Trustees.

Barbara attended graduate school at the University of Kansas, and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. Barbara is an alumnae member of the National Hispana Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C.

Barbara’s extensive experience in government makes her highly qualified to serve on the City Council. As an appointed official for Adams County, she works directly with elected officials and has significant knowledge of federal and state funding resources. Barbara has excellent problem solving skills and ability to look at old problems in new ways. She has dedicated herself to leadership development for herself and others and has built a solid reputation for ethical leadership and integrity. Most importantly she has the courage to lead, the skills to build consensus and the commitment to serve.

Barbara is running for the City Council to bring her experience, expertise, high energy and enthusiasm for public service to the table. She is dedicated to sustaining the city’s quality of life, preservation and conservation. Her platform includes:

- Focusing on retention and support of downtown and economic development in Golden.
- Continued resistance to C-470 going through Golden
- Responsible growth
- Support for jobs
- Water storage and conservation planning

Barbara is a Colorado native. She and her husband Lee have been married for over 30 years. They reside at the Village at Mountain Ridge homes in Golden. Barbara enjoys golf, walking, reading and is an aspiring writer.
GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**OCT. 1 - 29**

**Historic Beauties in Red and Green**

Historic Beauties in Red and Green and Hopi Quilting Traditions are two quilt shows at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 111 Washington Ave. in Golden through Oct. 29. Visit from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1111 Washington Ave. For more information, call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

**OCT. 2**

**Jefferson Symphony Orchestra concert**

The 53rd season of the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra begins Sunday, Oct. 2 with a concert entitled, “Golden Brass.” Concerts are held at 7 p.m. in the Green Center on the Colorado School of Mines Campus. Tickets may be purchased by calling 303-278-4237, or at the door the night of the performance. For more information, visit www.jeffersonsymphony.com.

**OCT. 3**

**Last day to register for Nov. 1 General Election**

See more information on Page 8.

**OCT. 12**

**Candidates Forum and Charter Amendment Debate**

See information on Page 8.

**OCT. 15**

**Who Lives in Your Backyard:**

**A Nature Journal Class**

Experience the joy of keeping an ongoing nature journal. You will learn new techniques to improve your observation skills and sketching techniques that will help build confidence and enable you to do quick field sketches. No prior drawing experience is necessary. Everyone is welcome. The class is $20 for Colorado Mountain Club members or $25 for nonmembers. It runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. For more information or to register, visit www.cmc.org/education.

**OCT. 22 AND 29**

**Cemetery Stroll**

Fall colors frame a walk into the past to meet Golden’s famous “ghosts” from the 1800s with guided strolls from 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 22 and 29 at Golden Cemetery. Guides in Victorian dress will introduce you to the actors portraying the ghosts, point out interesting monuments and share fascinating tidbits about the Golden Cemetery. Strolls last approximately one hour. Tickets $15 per person, $12 for museum members. Free refreshments available before and after your stroll. Call the Astor House Museum 303-278-3557 for tickets or group reservations.

**OCT. 29**

**15th Anniversary Celebration**

The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is turning 15. Barbara Daubenspeck presents “The Life and Times of Eugenia Mitchell,” plus a short video retrospective on the Museum and much more. The evening begins at 7 p.m. at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center. For tickets, call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

**OCT. 30**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**OCT. 31**

**Halloween Crazy Days**

Many downtown Golden businesses participate in the Golden Chamber of Commerce safe city trick-or-treat event, Halloween Crazy Days, by passing out treats to little goblins from 3 to 6 p.m. on Halloween. Come down and see us!

**NOV. 1**

**Election Day**

See Pages 8 and 9 for information.

**NOV. 11**

**Veterans Day**

**NOV. 12**

**30th Annual Golden Civic Foundation Auction and Dinner**

The 30th annual Golden Civic Foundation auction and dinner will begin at 5 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Denver Marriott West. The theme of this year’s auction in ’70s Retro with the catch phrase “Groovin’ in Golden, Still Truckin’ After 30 Years.” This event is considered by many to be the social event of the year in Golden, and most of the proceeds go to the Foundation’s grant programs that benefit various Golden organizations and city projects. The event is open to the public, but seating is limited, and tickets go fast. Tickets are $80 each or $750 for a table of 10. Call 303-526-0524 for tickets.

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To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to: Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to shenderson@ci.golden.co.us. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
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