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CORRECTION
We would like to correct a few statements made in the August edition of the Informer. In the article, “Coors Creativity, Ingenuity Kept Business Alive,” we stated that Coors Brewing Company merged with Miller Brewing Company. It was actually a joint venture between the two companies, each remaining intact. We also stated that “the future of Coors in Golden is unknown.” Miller Coors Communications Spokesperson Amy Valdez says, “Coors will remain an important part of Miller-Coors and brewery operations will remain in Golden.” Finally, we want to correctly state that the water used to make the beer does not come from Clear Creek. Instead, it comes from springs which are located on the Coors property. Clear Creek water is used only for cooling and cleaning equipment. We apologize for our mistakes.

Maximizing Energy Efficiency

The City has completed energy efficiency improvements to several city buildings that will result in energy and cost savings into the future. Through the City’s energy performance contract, local firm McKinstry, Inc. upgraded lighting, installed a solar thermal system at the Golden Community Center, and installed central controls to automate building heating and lighting systems. During the first year alone, the City will save over $85,000 in utilities and maintenance costs, over 170,000 kilowatt hours, and over 70,000 therms. This is equivalent to more than 450 metric tons of avoided greenhouse gas emissions. The City received a $25,000 grant from the Colorado Governor’s Energy Office and $500,000 from the Department of Local Affairs to help pay for the project. The City spent $650,806, but the project will pay for itself in seven years through money saved in energy efficiency.

SOLID WASTE DIVERSION IN CITY EVENTS

In June, the Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) sponsored a pilot waste diversion program for potential use at future city events. Mountain Fest, held by Colorado Mountain Club, included a new program to divert recyclables and compostable materials from the waste stream generated by the event. The Colorado Mountain Club was committed to making Mountain Fest a sustainable event through education for vendors, increasing awareness, and adopting a goal for low waste. The Board supported the event by providing specialized waste station tents, which contained bins for mixed recycling, compost, and landfill waste. With the help of several CMC volunteers and participation from event attendees, 69% of the waste was diverted from the landfill. Mountain Fest was a successful pilot effort that could serve as a model for zero- or low-waste strategies for future city events.

Bellow is the Golden City Council’s calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

October 1
Regular study session

October 8
Regular business meeting

October 15
Regular study session

October 22
Regular business meeting

October 29
No meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net.

Public comment is welcomed on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
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MAYOR’S MESSAGE

The Latest Twists and Turns in the Beltway Saga
By Mayor Jacob Smith

After years of trying to build a high-speed superhighway through Golden, under new leadership the Colorado Department of Transportation last summer dropped the idea. This was good news, of course, but it hasn’t deterred the beltway boosters from pursuing their dream of a new toll highway slicing across our part of the Denver Metro region. Their latest proposal still stands to benefit a handful of developers in grand fashion while nearly everyone else takes a big hit.

Their current proposal is to contract with private investors, possibly through a foreign corporation, to build a new toll highway running between Highways 128 and 93 along the east and south sides of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. Their plan has serious problems and impacts:

• It calls for crippling the taxpayer-built Indiana St. in order to force cars onto their new toll highway and Highway 93, reducing speeds by almost half.

• By their own analysis, it will significantly increase congestion on many key roads all across Northwest Denver Metro, including 64th, Indiana south of the new toll highway, and Wadsworth.

• Most egregiously, their proposal will add another traffic light on Highway 93, dramatically increase traffic and congestion on Highway 93, and increase safety problems as well.

Instead of improving transportation, which should be the goal, this proposal makes congestion and safety problems worse. That’s not surprising, since the point of the project is really proposed new sprawl, their Denver Tech Center-style development on the southern boundary of the National Wildlife Refuge.

Because this new toll highway project will have significant impacts to Golden, including large increases in traffic through town, we’ll continue to fight to protect our community. At the same time, we have some very real challenges here in Golden and we are committed to fixing those problems. Golden lies in a narrow valley, and Highways 93 and 6 create significant noise and air quality issues as well as physically separate many of our neighborhoods from the main part of town. We will work with our neighbors to make appropriate improvements to Highways 6 and 93, both in Golden and north of town.

This won’t be easy. Funding any project in the current environment is a challenge. We’ll need to look at all of the options, including federal funding and options like a Regional Transportation Authority. In fact, we’ve already started, submitting a formal proposal for federal stimulus funds to rebuild our highest priority intersection at U.S. 6 and 19th Street. That project would lower the highway, add on- and off-ramps, and create a very safe, comfortable crossing on 19th for bikes and pedestrians. And we have already made substantial investments of city funds in noise berms and other noise mitigation to help those neighborhoods closest to the highway.

There is a lot of work to do, and it won’t be easy, but we are committed both to tackling our community’s transportation challenges and to fighting the projects that harm our community.

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Golden Girl Comes Home

CBS4 Reporter Hired as Communications Manager

The City of Golden is pleased to welcome home Karlyn Tilley in her new role as Communications Manager. Karlyn replaces Jonathan Ashford, who left the position to pursue a career as a full-time firefighter with West Metro Fire.

Karlyn brings 14 years of media experience to the position. She also has a personal connection to Golden, since she was raised in the community and graduated from Golden High School. In addition, Karlyn has hosted Golden’s National Night Out for the past three years.

The City’s goal is to be forthright and transparent to its citizens and to the media. Karlyn will aptly be able to aid in this goal, since she knows what questions to ask and how to appropriately respond to inquiries.

For the last five years, Karlyn has been a reporter and anchor for CBS4 News in Denver. Before that, she held a similar position at KMGH Channel 7. Karlyn has extensively reported on the issues and concerns of our community and as a result, understands what it takes to make sure the City of Golden and its residents share a positive line of communication.

Karlyn graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and a minor in Spanish. She worked in several different television markets, including Boise, Idaho and El Paso, Texas before returning home. Her goal has always been to live and work in Colorado. “It’s a bonus that I now get to work for my hometown,” says Karlyn.

Karlyn shares her love for Golden with her parents who still live in the area and her brother who is just a few miles away. She and her German Shepherd, Radar, often take advantage of Golden’s many hiking trails followed by a splash in Clear Creek!

“I have always loved the City of Golden. But the warm welcome I’ve received upon taking this position has been overwhelming. I look forward to being a part of the great future in store for the City.”

You can reach Karlyn at 303-384-8132 or by email at ktilley@cityofgolden.net

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Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned

Fire prevention week is observed this year during the week of October 4-10. The National Fire Prevention Association theme for this year’s fire prevention week is “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.” In conjunction with NFPA, the Golden Fire Department urges all Golden citizens to follow recommendations to avoid burn injuries.

• Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.
• Have a 3-foot “kid-free” zone around the stove.
• Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.
• Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, ovens, irons, lamps, heaters.
• Install tamper-resistant receptacles to prevent a child from sticking an object in the outlet.
• Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle, portable heater, lit fireplace or stove, or where a hot appliance might be in use.
• Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
• Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees.
• Install anti-scald valves on shower heads and faucets.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Sept. 25 through Nov. 1**
“A Picasso”
*at Miners Alley Playhouse*
“A Picasso” shows at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. The Nov. 1 performance is at 2 p.m. Playing at Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Tickets are $20 ($21 online) with senior, student and group rates available. Call 303-935-3044 for more information.

**Oct. 3 through Nov. 1**
***BooTown for Kids***
BooTown is a non-scary Halloween maze with fun and exciting scenes and props suitable for children between 2 and 10 years old. Visit www.fishandfarm.com or call 303-PARTIES (303-727-8437.)

**Oct. 3 through 3**
“The Diary of Anne Frank”
Golden High School’s Stage Right Productions. Performances at the Golden High School theatre. Show times: 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets $7 at the door. For more information, contact Scott Hasbrouck at shasbrou@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-4229.

**Oct. 2**
Golden’s First Friday
Enjoy extended shopping hours from 5-8 p.m. with Golden’s downtown merchants.

**Oct. 3**
Golden Super Cruise
Several hundred car enthusiasts flock to South Golden Road. Cruisers meet at 6 p.m., cruise at 7:30 p.m. down Washington Avenue. Visit www.goldensupercruise.com

**Oct. 3**
Golden Farmer’s Market
Last chance to catch the Golden Farmer’s Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., located in the parking lot just west of the Golden Public Library at 1019 10th St.

**Oct. 8**
Golden High School Homecoming Parade
A high school tradition, the annual Homecoming Parade will go from 18th and Washington to 17th and Arapahoe beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**Oct. 9**
Golden High School’s Drumline
The GHS Drumline will perform in the Golden High School theatre at 7 p.m. Tickets are $5 at the door. For more information, call Dr. William Graves at 303-982-4153.

**Oct. 10**
“Knock Your Boots Off” Beer Tasting & Chili Cook-Off
There will be more than 60 beers to taste along with many homemade chilis. It’s from 1 to 5 p.m. in the 1200 block of Arapahoe Street. Tickets $15 in advance, $20 on the day of the event. For ticket details and how to enter your own chili, visit: www.goldencocochamber.org or call 303-279-3113.

**Oct. 10**
*Colorado School of Mines Homecoming Parade*
The parade will go from 18th and Washington to 12th and Washington beginning at 10 a.m.

**Oct. 20**
Golden High School’s Jazz Combos
Performance at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School Commons. Tickets are free but donations are appreciated. For more information, call Dr. William Graves at 303-982-4153.

**Oct. 27**
Golden High School Fall Concert
Golden High School’s Vocal Music Program presents its Fall Concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School theatre. Tickets are $2 at the door. For more information, call Ms. Angela Becker at 303-982-6306.

Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:
Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
In Their Own Words

In order to help voters make educated decisions in the upcoming mail ballot election, the City publishes candidate profiles in each of the races. In this election, citizens will vote for Councilors in all four of Golden’s Wards. You can call the City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014 to determine which Ward you live in.

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 this will encourage you to get out and vote!
Ward 1 Candidate

Marcia Claxton

SENSIBLE SOLUTIONS - REAL REPRESENTATION

Every morning when I step out into my neighborhood, I am reminded of why I love calling Golden my home. I feel a sense of belonging as I wave to neighbors, enjoying the small town feel and the sense of community. Then, looking around, I never tire of enjoying the natural scenery: South Table Mountain, the “M” on Mt. Zion, and the dramatic hogback rock formations. As I walk and bike around my Ward 1 neighborhoods, I pass by our beautiful, one year old Golden High School, connect to the 6th Ave. bike trail, or take the Splash Trail shortcut past the aquatic park to the Johnson Post Office. Then there are the memories and traditions, such as: the Candlelight Walk, the Super Cruise, Buffalo Bill Days and other fun festivals and events. Golden has so much going for it!

I am running for City Council because I want to contribute my energy and efforts to keeping Golden the gem that it is. I want to protect its natural attributes, its historic character, its vital downtown and other business centers, its diverse, thriving neighborhoods, and its small town charm. In the last few years, I have joined with other dedicated volunteers on three major initiatives to keep Golden “golden”: the Sustainability Group, the Walkability Task Force, and, most recently, the Golden Vision 2030 Citizen Advisory Board to chart the City’s course for the next 20 years. As your councilor, I will be committed to turning these plans into reality.

Change and challenges lie ahead for our community, and we need to anticipate and address these in a manner that ensures a positive outcome and bright future. Construction is already underway on the light rail system that is coming to Golden. It will have the greatest impact on Ward 1. With strong representation and leadership, we can prevent mistakes that could create problems for those living nearby. Instead, we can make light rail and any new development a plus for both the residents of Ward 1 and for the community as a whole. In addition, we need to continue to pursue better alternatives to the proposed beltway or toll road that outside entities want to impose on us when other methods would be much more effective and less costly.

In order to best represent Ward 1 residents, my goal is to establish “two way street” communication so that I can take your questions and concerns to City Council, and in a timely fashion, keep you posted on what City Council is considering and how it will affect you. If elected, I will work hard to improve and expand desired services in Ward 1, as well as to maintain and enhance what we already have. I will be an advocate for the South Golden Neighborhood Plan already underway. I will communicate regularly through my website, email, phone calls, meetings and events. Ward 1 deserves an active City Councilor who communicates well, attends events and is available to citizens.

I would be honored to serve you as your Ward 1 City Council Representative.

For more information about me and my candidacy, check out my website at www.ClaxtonforCouncil.com, or you can call me directly at 303-526-1214. Please contact me; I would love to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,
Marcia Claxton

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Mary Weaver

96 Fawn St.
Golden, CO 80401

I was born and reared in California, served in the US Navy as a Storekeeper, and attended the University of Southern Colorado, graduating with a Bachelor of Science with an emphasis in accounting, and owned and operated a CPA practice with my late husband. Ten years ago I was certified as a Pedorthist (one who is trained in making and modifying shoes, making orthotics, and accessing client footwear needs). Currently I own and operate Diabetic Shoe Company, work as a contract accountant and serve as the Golden ward one councilor.

As councilor for ward one during the preceding four years I’ve been privileged to serve Golden in the capacity of advocate for the health, welfare and safety of the citizens. My education and work experience (i.e. my years auditing governmental entities) has prepared me to read, and evaluate financial statements.

A role as city councilor requires of me an oath of office such that I am bound by the Constitution of the United States of American, the Colorado Constitution and Golden’s City Charter. It is upon these principles that I stand in service to you. Though others may question my integrity and devotion to these principles, suggesting self-serving decision making on my part………an assessment of previous council meetings and my voting record will reveal the consistency with which I practice my commitments.

A number of years ago, my husband asked me if I knew the difference between me and a bulldog. I replied that I hoped there were many things defining the difference.

He replied that the significant difference was that the bulldog would eventually let go!

The consistency with which I practice my principles and my role as city councilor are intrinsic to my character. I am indeed committed to my oath office as councilor, Golden, Colorado and to each and every citizen of Golden.

Golden affords us a quality of life that is not available to everyone. I am grateful to be a citizen of Golden. The quality of life that I enjoy living in Golden I share with my children and grandchildren. My youngest granddaughter’s favorite Golden activities are Splash and Heritage Square.

I look forward to serving you throughout the next four years.
Dear Golden residents, friends and neighbors:

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve you for the last three years as your Ward 2 City Councilor. When I ran for office in 2006, I promised to “keep Golden Golden.” And, I think that the decisions I have made and the stewardship I have given to the community I love, speaks to that promise.

I moved to Golden in 1994, following a career with the Town of Frisco as Chief of Marketing and Recreation. Prior to that, I crisscrossed Colorado, developing tourism and recreation programs for rural communities. Working with local governments, residents and small businesses has been a constant in my life and I have continued doing so as the Director of Marketing and Community Affairs for Fortune Valley Hotel and Casino in Central City. I am blessed with a wonderful family, my wife Kellene and our 2½ year old son, Max. You can find me at most of our community festivals and events and also regularly enjoying our local flavor (yes, the Behm’s shop Golden)!

Your Golden City Council shepherded a number of new community development plans and projects throughout the last few years. Some of the highlights and successes that I have been proud to be involved with include the initiation of Golden Vision 2030, adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan & Downtown Character Plan, creation of the Walkability, Bicycle and Housing Affordability Task Forces and the Sustainability Advisory Board. All of these could not have happened without significant public input and long hours of volunteer work—and I applaud those folks who worked hard to achieve positive results. While this may just seem like a laundry list of projects, I can tell you that this type of process goes a long way towards making Golden into the community we all enjoy today.

Some of the more “concrete” achievements of the last few years include the Rooney Road Sports Complex, Fire Station #1, our Community Center addition, US6/19th Street pedestrian improvements, sound wall construction along US6 and SH93, Washington Avenue gateway bridge over SH58, Cambria Lime Kiln reconstruction and numerous streets and sidewalk improvements throughout the City. It’s these kinds of projects that improve the health, safety and welfare of our residents and provide economic viability for our businesses.

If you choose to support me, I promise to devote my time and energy to our City and I will listen to you before acting. I will take a hard line with respect to those issues that you tell me are important to you and your families. Specifically, I pledge to keep Golden’s financial reserves high through these difficult times, continue to fight the Beltway and to seek sensible transportation solutions, require adherence to the 1% Growth Ordinance, fund Open Space acquisitions, maintain a healthy business community and make sound decisions regarding capital improvement projects. I have demonstrated that I am fair and reasonable and have the experience necessary to achieve results. I again ask for your support to continue to keep Golden Golden.

Please call me anytime, 303-279-1529 or email me: jbehm@fortunevalleycasino.com. Thank you again for the privilege of representing you.
My name is Bob Szulczewski; I am running for City Council Ward 2 in the Election November 3rd, 2009.

I moved to the Denver area in 1981 from Milwaukee Wisconsin, joined the United States Marine Corp from 1988 through 1995 and served as a Military Policeman during my 6 years enlistment.

In 1995 I returned to Colorado and worked for Eagle Hardware/Lowe’s, followed by Boise Cascade, a regional building material distributor.

October of 1998 I married my wife Cyndi in Golden, we live in the Heritage Dells neighborhood. In October of 1999 I started my own Business in Construction and Remodeling; this October will be my 10th Anniversary.

As I mentioned, I arrived back in Colorado in 1995, before leaving for the Marine Corp I frequented Golden often and thought it would be a great place to live, mainly because of the small town friendly atmosphere. I was able to move to Golden in 1998. I absolutely love living in Golden, but that’s not to say that I don’t have some real concerns as to the direction towards growth that Golden has taken over the years.

Obviously a City or Town without growth or a declining economy can have serious consequences. I am not against growth, but I am against growth that is being fast tracked and spending tax payer’s dollars on projects that are unnecessary or extravagant. If you’ve lived here long enough you may remember that the people of this great town voted for a 1% growth restriction. Do you ever ask yourself what happened to that? I know many of you do.

We have many issues to deal with in the coming years: such as Light Rail, the 470 Loop and the additional growth that these type of projects will bring. It is not only a City Government issue, but more importantly a Citizens issue. One we all need to be aware of. Golden is on the verge of being changed forever. We have always been separate from the rest of the Metro Area, which has made Golden very unique and has kept our property values and our quality of life better than the average. Let’s keep Golden one of the best places to live in Colorado.

This is the first time I’ve felt the need to get involved with City Government, but I’m not a stranger to helping our community. For over a decade I worked with a group of friends to raise money for Volunteer Fire Departments throughout Colorado. The event was known as the “Bob Run.” Golden eventually became the main recipient of this fund raiser, receiving approximately $25,000 over a five year period. These funds helped with the purchase of uniforms and equipment.

I look forward to meeting the voters in the coming weeks. My Goal is to let your voices and concerns be heard!

If you wish to contact me you may do so by emailing me at BobZWard2@aol.com.

Thank you for your time and hopefully your support in the coming election.

Bob Szulczewski
My wife and I first fell in love with Golden in 1994 when we were visiting the School of Mines for our son Jason. While enrolling him in school the following year, we purchased our home and started looking forward to our retirement.

My education and professional career includes a BS degree in Business Administration – Accounting and 31 years working as an accountant, financial systems software developer and a Manager of a computer center for a hospital in the Saudi Arabia. I retired in 1999.

I am running for City Council to keep Golden the type of place we all want to live. I want to bring common sense and fiscally responsible solutions to Golden’s problems and issues. I want our elected officials to decide issues on what a majority of their constituents want, not special interests. Staying in touch and the use of outreach is the best way to know what citizens want.

My goals are:
• Maintain Sound Fiscal Policies – With the current economic conditions, it is vital Golden maintains appropriate financial reserves, provide basic health and safety services, maintenance of existing infrastructure, reduce our debt and maximizing the bang for the buck on all expenditures.
• Improve our Economic Vitality – We need to do everything possible to keep our existing business strong, encourage new businesses to locate in Golden and have our citizens invest in Golden by supporting our local businesses. Our economic vitality is the engine to provide everything else we want for Golden.
• Keep Infrastructure Our Top Priority – Our top priority must remain our infrastructure, streets and sidewalks, police and fire protection, existing parks and recreation facilities, and our historic culture to keep Golden the City we all love.
• Retain Quality City Employees – We have an exemplary and dedicated city staff. With the soft hiring freeze, we are asking each employee to do more with less and they are responding as dedicated employees would be expected. It has been a pleasure to personally work with many of the city staff on projects over the last 10 years.
• Expand Utilization of Neighborhood Parks – I favor expanding the utilization of our existing neighborhood parks by providing cost effective facilities.

Running for City Council is just the next logical step in my community involvement and my personal commitment to Golden. I have served on the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) for 5 years and served as the Coordinator of the City Sustainability Building Group. Since my retirement in 1999, I have volunteered with the Golden Civic Foundation, Golden Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Golden, Golden History Museums and 9-Health Fair. I am a member of the Golden Lions Club. As Community Project Chair, I was instrumental in the Lions Club funding and constructing gazebos in Norman D, Beverly Heights and Southridge neighborhood parks. In 2009, I received the “Lion of the Year” award and the Lions International Foundation’s “Melvin Jones Fellow” award, their highest award for “Dedicated Humanitarian Services”. I am a member of Golden’s American Legion Post 21 and a U.S. Army veteran.

I welcome your support and your vote in the upcoming election. Please call me at 303-216-1688 or email me at SpiceC@comcast.net if you have concerns, questions or comments for the good of Golden.

John K Spice
Candidate for City Council – Ward 3
Friends and Neighbors,
I am Bob Vermeulen, the proactive Ward 3 candidate for City Council representing your ideas and concerns, rather than furthering a personal agenda. I want to thank everyone who has taken the time in the past year to express their thoughts and views to me and invite those who I haven’t yet had the opportunity to meet to contact me directly through email at BobVForWard3@gmail.com or phone at 303-218-0080 and visit my website at www.BobVForWard3.com.

Below is a summary of my background, my approach to campaigning for and serving on City Council that distinguishes me from the other candidates, and a summary of what I have learned from Ward 3 residents:

Background
I have an MBA, age 44, with 16 years of experience in finance, marketing and business management. I am married to Beth, co-Secretary of the Mitchell School PTA. We have two children: Bobby, 7, a Cub Scout, who enjoys the Jr. Engineering Club at the Community Center, and Anna, 5, who enjoys dancing in Ms. Joy’s classes and playing soccer.

Proactive Candidate that Will Work the Hardest for Golden
Since January 2009, I have participated in over 80 civic meetings. I was the first candidate to declare in April 2009. I have met with hundreds of residents at the civic meetings and, more recently, walking door to door in Ward 3.

Representing Ward 3 Concerns Rather than Furthering a Personal Agenda
I am running to represent you on Golden's City Council. Ward 3 residents, almost universally, want to talk about the qualities they feel are important in their City Council representative and the positions their representative will be taking on their behalf. Residents over and over said they are looking for leadership, ownership, and financial/business experience in their representative on the City Council.

• Leadership - residents have told me that they want someone on the City Council who will be proactive in representing the Ward. They said just showing up at City Council meetings with an open mind without finding out what the residents care about and researching the issues is not leadership. This is exactly why I have spent so much time in the past year learning the issues and speaking with the residents.

• Ownership - residents have repeatedly told me they want a City Councilor that will take responsibility. They don’t want to be told, “You need to call so and so at the city.” During my door to door canvassing, a senior woman resident told me about a poorly kept lawn in her neighborhood. I emailed city staff and we worked together to ensure that the woman’s issues were addressed.

• Financial/Business Experience - many residents have expressed their desire for a City Council representative that has a strong financial and business background. My experience creating and managing million dollar budgets, combined with my business education, will be an asset on the Council.

Positions Reflecting Ward 3 Residents' Values
The Beltway/Tollway
• Strongly opposed to a beltway/tollway dividing our city.

Supporting Our Downtown
• It is our local merchants that make Golden’s downtown unique compared to our chain store strip mall neighbors.

Sustainability
• Golden should be a leader in cost-efficient sustainability initiatives, but not intrusive mandatory programs.

Our Schools
• Our schools are the cornerstone of our community.
Ward 3 Candidate

Diane Chesbro

When I made my decision to run for re-election to City Council I thought back to what a fulfilling experience my first campaign had been. I was able to listen and talk to so many resident of Ward 3, many of whom were familiar to me through my many years of working downtown on Washington Ave.

Four years ago I ran a simple campaign, with $275.00 of my own funds and help from volunteers. Again this year, I am not accepting any financial contributions and will spend only a small amount of my own money.

My husband and I have lived here 28 years. We have two boys, John is 20 and attends Colorado State University and Peter is 13 and in 8th grade at Bell Middle School. After volunteering many years at Mitchell Elementary I now hold a part-time job assisting in the 3rd grade. I have a bachelors degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado and prior to my time on City Council I served as a member of the Golden Planning Commission.

Fight High Speed Beltway.
The biggest issue facing Golden is the possibility of a high speed roadway cutting through our town. Studies have shown it will not fix our transportation problems and there are better and cheaper solutions. In my recent walks around the neighborhoods the issue almost always comes up. Overwhelmingly residents believe we have to continue the fight. I am committed to continue the fight, directing our City Manager, planners and legal team to use their expertise to prevent this.

Limit Growth and Sustainability
From my early days in Golden I have supported limiting growth, and believe our one percent growth ordinance has served us well. The current recession has shown that high growth communities have been the first to get into trouble with the cost of servicing more development and the damage done by foreclosures. Sustainability and finding ways to improve efficiency are high priorities to me.

Neighborhood Planning and Vision 2030
Along with countless volunteers I strongly support our neighborhood planning processes. With these plans we will need to adjust our building and zoning codes to advance the goals and vision of these processes. Through the early stages of this planning we have updated our downtown development standards to better maintain the historic small town character that is so special. The height limits for Washington Ave. between 14th st. and 11th for any new or redevelopment will be limited to 3 stories, with the third story set back to protect the predominant 2 story character of the block. I believe this character is the most important marketing tool we have to support our local business.

Walking Friendly Town
Along with the beltway the most common issues I hear from constituents are about traffic, sidewalks and safe bike lanes. Council is committed to making Golden a more pedestrian friendly town. When sidewalks are to be replaced we will evaluate the possibilities for improvement. I have lived here 28 years. Golden is a great place to live. I have been honored to serve on City Council and look forward to hearing your thoughts and concerns. Feel free to call me 303-279-7603 or email dianechesbro@msn.com.
Ward 3 Candidate

Brenda Fisher

I have lived in Golden for over ten years. A third generation Colorado native, I love Colorado and beautiful Golden. A single mom for twenty years, I have three children and two dogs. The youngest of the children is a senior at Golden High School.

I have been working for Ball Corporation for almost 9 years. I have done accounts payable for 12 years and also worked in banking. I’m just an ordinary citizen like you who wants to make a difference by taking responsibility for what happens in our town. I am committed to listening to and working hard for the citizens of Golden who elect the councilors to represent them.

I want to make sure the taxpayers’ money is spent responsibly. For example, I am concerned that the city council has spent $1.8 million dollars to put decorative arches on the bridge over Highway 58 when many of our sidewalks are too narrow and have cracks and our streets are in bad shape.

I am concerned about the city possibly taking over the trash business in Golden. Surely something can be worked out to keep the city out of the trash business and still have fewer trucks using city streets. Maybe one resolution would be that each ward could be served by one trash company. Residents could choose to sign up with that company and pay them directly as they do now or choose not to have service. There must be a way that doesn’t involve government take-over of the trash business.

Over the years, even when I was not living in Golden, I was here visiting family and friends. I care about the history of Golden and the story the old buildings can tell. I am concerned that the changes in Golden make it look more like “every town” than the special little town I first knew. I would like to save what is left. Almost everyone talks about the small town feeling of Golden, but that has changed, too. I would like to do what I can to keep that feeling from disappearing and even improve it!

Much has been said about a proposed beltway through Golden and the traffic it would bring. I will continue to review the proposed beltway and work hard for a resolution that is best for the city and the citizens.

I will be pleasant to all. I will not be disagreeable to citizens or fellow councilors who may not agree with me.

As a write-in candidate, I need Ward 3 voters to write in: Brenda Fisher. Don’t forget to fill in the oval on the ballot before the name. Thank You!
Who am I?
Let me start by introducing myself - my name is Art Erwin, and I live and work in Golden. I have lived in or near Golden the majority of my life, attended Jefferson County Schools, and I was married to my wife, Cheryl, in the city of Golden. I have two children - Adam (27), Chloe (12) - who attends Bell Middle School – and one grandchild, Athena, who will be two in November. I have a 20-year career at Golden-based Christopher’s Dodge World as the Human Resource Director & Customer Relations Manager. I love Golden and its small town atmosphere. Visit www.arterwin.com.

Why do I love Golden?
When I travel through Golden, I relax – because I’m home. I love the views. I love the feel of the city. It’s like everyone is friends with one another. You walk down the street and everyone says “hello.” There is something in Golden for everyone, whether you prefer cars and the cruise nights, dining out, recreational activities, or music and dancing. Golden has a great diversity of neighborhoods - from mobile home parks, mini-mansions, historic buildings and homes, to the new homes and high school.

Why am I running?
I received a call the evening before the nomination petition was due telling me the person who was going to run against Bill Fisher pulled out due to a family emergency, and it was taking him out of town. As someone who has talked to friends, family, and neighbors about how the city council needs change, I felt I had to answer the call to help. Would I have liked more time to prepare? You bet. I am giving this my full effort because Golden needs a change in its leadership. What I see when I watch the council meetings is they spend and spend – and in this time of financial stress and recession, we need to curtail spending and not continue down a path of never-ending revenue. I drive through the streets of Golden and our beautiful neighborhoods and misplaced new construction. The smaller single-family home is demolished and replaced with a huge house or multi-unit dwelling that doesn’t really fit the street or neighborhood, but meets the zoning and construction guidelines.

Why do I think I can do a better job?
My experience in customer service and human resources has taught me how to work with people to look for solutions. I want to protect Golden’s charm. I have worked hard and faced my share of adversity. And through Christopher’s Dodge World, I have established a strong relationship with the Golden Police Department since our move Golden in 1999.

I hear the current council talk about decreased revenues, then it spends more money. I feel as long as the economy has slowed, the city should spend less as well. We shouldn’t spend money assuming the revenues will bounce back. We need to ask if this is really necessary right now, or can it wait for the revenue flow to turn around? I am for improving roads and highways, when revenue allows, but opposed to any toll road.

What I’m not:
I am not a professional politician. I am a Golden resident. So because I haven’t had an extensive political background, I still view issues as a member of this community.
Re-Elect Bill Fisher – City Councilor Ward 4

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Ward 4 as City Councilor. As I write this, our two boys have started school at Mitchell Elementary and my wife Kathy and I appreciate and feel privileged to call Golden home. We share a love of our vibrant and scenic small town, beautiful natural environment, and many wonderful friendships. When I first considered representing our ward I had four driving principles, which still guide my service.

Responding to Resident Issues
First, I will listen to your needs and work hard to resolve your concerns and promote your ideas to better Golden. On behalf of Ward 4 residents I championed noise mitigation walls and berms to protect neighborhoods, accelerated local road repairs and park improvements, and promoted walking and cycling trails such as the newly-approved 8th street corridor.

Long-term Planning, Vitality & Sustainability
I will provide a clear, consistent direction of our positive vision for a livable community. We must meet today’s needs and create a legacy for the future:
• Incorporate citizen input and guidance to finish Golden’s Vision 2030 process and Neighborhood Plans for a sustainable future.
• Mitigate threats from the Beltway Boondoggle and advocate for safety improvements along Highway 93.
• Develop a focused, conservative budget plan to ensure resources to maintain our quality of life, building stronger partnerships with major economic engines such as the School of Mines and National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).
• Collaborate to build a Community Bus system connecting our downtown, commuters and neighborhoods. Be ready for the opportunities and issues created by Light Rail in Golden.
• Advocate for more pedestrian and cycling trail connections throughout Golden.

Engaged Citizens
Active and well-informed residents make our town a true community. In 2008 we encouraged more residents than ever to become active and have interacted with hundreds more in 2009.
• I supported the new Golden Community Garden this year, a wonderful partnership driven by enthusiastic residents with the city.
• I communicate regularly with the community, hosting a website and blog at www.WilliamFisher.com, emailing the Ward 4 Community Newsletter, and meeting with residents and business-owners on a weekly basis.
• I attend dozens of events and citizen board meetings each year, from National Night Out to parades and the Vision 2030 Block parties.
• We implemented new ways citizens can engage City Council, installing video equipment for live web streaming and sharing public documents used by Council, and I am working to add new options to stay updated and give your input.

Preserve Historic Character & Community Values
I have protected our historic character by implementing neighborhood zoning and supporting our Historic Preservation Board’s efforts, including the recent Cambria Lime Kiln restoration efforts. I believe in the 1% growth ordinance in limiting unrestrained growth, and support a vibrant historic downtown.
If you share these principles and vision for our community, I ask for your vote for City Council Ward 4.

Thank you, Bill Fisher
To learn more about my priorities, sign up for the newsletter, or share your thoughts visit www.WilliamFisher.com and contact me at 303.588.3389 or email bill@williamfisher.com - I look forward to your input and guidance!
Check out the programs offered this fall at the Community Center
To register, visit www.goldenrec.com

**Golden Community Dance Arts**
Register your child for October through December sessions.

**Tumbling**
If your child has lots of energy, Tumbling is the class for them. New sessions begin Oct 1.

**JumpNrope**

**Youth Clubs**
Youth clubs offered at the Golden Community Center include SpaceTime Space Adventure Club, Golden’s Jr. Engineers Club (using LEGO®DActa kits) and Elementary Engineers Club. New sessions begin in Oct.

**Family Music Night**
The music will focus on ages six months through early elementary, incorporating bouncing and tickles for babies, sing-a-long favorites for older children and fun instruments and movement songs for kids of all ages.
- **Ages:** 6 months to 8 years
- **Tuesday, Oct. 27**
- **4:30 to 5:15 p.m.**
- **$20 per family up to 4**
  - ($3 per additional family member; infants under six months are free.)

**Folk Cures and Kitchen Remedies**
Join herbalist Susan Evans as she shares her favorite remedies.
- **Ages:** 16 and older
- **Wednesday, Oct. 21**
- **7 to 8:30 p.m.**
- **$18 Resident, $20 Non-resident**

**Youth Clay**
Students will learn how to hand build with clay through pinch, coil and slab construction.
- **Ages:** 7 to 12 years
- **Thursdays, Oct 8 to Oct. 29**
- **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**
- **$45 Resident, $50 Non-resident**

**Mud Makers**
Together parents, tots and preschoolers will explore and experiment with shape, texture and tools as they create with clay.
- **Ages:** 3 -6 years
- **Thursdays, Oct. 8 to Oct. 29**
- **3:30 to 4:15 p.m.**
- **$40 Resident, $45 Non-resident**

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**TRIPS & TOURS:**

**Pikes Peak Cog Railroad - #35035**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 6; 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**
- **Register/Cancel by Oct. 2**
- **$40 (van, admission; bring lunch or $$)**
- Minimum of 10 required.

**Byers-Evans House, Denver - #35040**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 21; 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **Register/Cancel by Oct. 19**
- **$15 (van, parking, admission; bring $$ for lunch)**
  - Lunch afterwards at the Cherokee Restaurant.

**Lunch & Learn: CommonCents - #35045**
Learn helpful hints in creating a budget and monitoring your financial transactions
- **Monday, Oct. 26; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- **Register/Cancel by Oct. 22**
- **FREE – Registration required.**
  - Bring $4 for a box lunch.
  - (Chicken, Turkey or Vegetarian)

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**Celebrate Health!**
- **Fridays, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6**

**Healthy Fair at St. Joseph’s Parish in Golden**
- **Saturday, Oct. 17; 8:30 a.m. to noon.**
  - Everyone is welcome.

**AARP Driver’s Safety Program - #15118-2**
Class is co-sponsored by AARP and the Golden Community Center. Pre-registration is required and accepted at the Front Desk. Must attend both days.
- **Age:** 55 and older only; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22-23**
- **$12 Resident, $14 Non-Resident**
  - checks payable to AARP.
The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make the Difference” awards which are handed out at quarterly employee meetings. Employees are nominated by their coworkers for consistent demonstration of higher productivity in their daily work performance; willingness to go above and beyond; ability to think “outside” the parameters of their daily duties; genuine enthusiasm for day-to-day tasks and special projects; ability to motivate others and encourage a positive work environment; and consistent demonstration of higher productivity. Seven employees were recently honored with the award.

Dane Schow, Parks Maintenance Worker
Considered a leader in the Parks Division, Dane Schow received his award for his consistent willingness to go above and beyond in his work efforts, his efficiency and his positive attitude. Dane recently developed a training video for the Parks mow crew, which will help future employees to more efficiently and safely perform the City mowing task.

Glenn Moore, Community Resource Officer
Glenn Moore received his award for going well beyond his official role as Community Resource Officer. When citizens complained of trash along Clear Creek, Officer Moore checked to see if there were any code violations. There were not and his job could’ve ended there. Instead, Officer Moore took a half hour out of his day to pick up the trash himself, helping to eliminate tensions between residents and businesses in the area.

Brian Matzke & Kyle Raley, Senior Maintenance Workers
Brian and Kyle received their awards for their quick thinking and creativity. During a routine jetting route, Brian and Kyle noticed a potentially toxic and costly problem with a sewer line running out of a business. Their fix was cost-effective, simple, functional and only took a few minutes to make.

Eric Casey and Tim Parker, Fleet Mechanics
Eric and Tim received their awards for their ingenuity in custom designing a replacement animal control vehicle for the Police Department. Tim put in more than 40 hours on flawlessly crafting a custom cage system for the new vehicle. Eric put in more than 60 hours on the wiring and platform design… making it possible to fit all of the necessary equipment into a smaller space.

Vivian Houston, Recreation Coordinator
Vivian received her award for going above and beyond her position with the Front Porch. As a part time employee, she packs the full time punch through her professionalism, organization, friendliness and eagerness to keep daily routines consistent for our seniors. Recently Vivian has been making sure the Front Porch is functioning, despite the absence of her supervisor and co-worker.
When you live in Golden, there’s two hours of fun, two minutes from home. So we suggest getting away by staying right here. Get a double scoop of ice cream and meander down Washington Avenue. Stroll through our amazing art galleries or museums. Shop in one of our unique stores. You’ll be surprised at all there is to do right here under your nose. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.