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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY
The Rotary Club of Golden and Golden Mayor Jacob Smith present The First Annual State of the Community Presentation and 2010 Awards for Excellence on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at the Golden Hotel, 800 11th St. The night will begin with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. followed by the presentations at 6:30 p.m. Admission is $10. Mayor Smith will speak on the overall state of our community, focusing on the many partnerships in our City that work so effectively to make great things happen in Golden. The 2010 Mayor’s Awards for Excellence will be presented to members of our community in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to the Golden community. The event is sponsored by the City of Golden, Rotary Club of Golden, Golden Cultural Alliance, Golden.com, Golden Optimists Club, Kiwanis Club of Golden, Golden Civic Foundation, Golden Chamber of Commerce and the Bell Middle School PTA.

PAY-AS-YOU-THROW TRASH PROGRAM
In October, residents may see the first bills for the new City trash and recycling collection program. This service will appear as a line item on your water bill and is billed for past service to your household. To make changes to your waste service, please contact EDS Waste Disposal at 303-278-8600 or visit www.edswaste.com and follow the link to Golden PAYT (Pay-As-You-Throw).

CLEAR CREEK CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN
The Master Plan Process to guide the future of the Clear Creek Corridor began in February with a series of user surveys, a project website, stakeholder meetings, advisory committee meetings, City Council meetings and public workshops. The third and final Public Workshop will unveil a Draft Plan and final concept based on the great input received over the last year. The workshop will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

Ultimately, the Final Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan will guide the development and redevelopment of the corridor focusing on enhancing parkland and recreation opportunities, establishing cohesive character, improving circulation and parking, reducing user conflicts and improving opportunities for events and programmed activities.

The Clear Creek Corridor incorporates Lions, History, Parfet and Vanover parks and the areas between these parks along the creek. The future Corridor should seamlessly mesh with complementary land uses in the area, providing residents a truly unique multi-use area in which to recreate, shop and work; one that promotes synergy with the downtown environment and surrounding neighborhoods. For more information on the Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan Process and to review meeting minutes and public comment, visit www.clearcreekplan.net.

MOVIES AND MUSIC LOST AND FOUND
The City of Golden has a small collection of lost and found items which were left behind after the Movies and Music in the Park events each Friday night in August. Items include clothing, footwear, a stuffed animal and a dog leash. If these items sound familiar and you would like to claim them, please contact Communications Manager Karlyn Tilley at 303-384-8132 or ktilley@cityofgolden.net.

Below 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.

Oct. 7
Regular Study Session

Oct. 14
Regular Business Meeting

Oct. 21
Regular Study Session

Oct. 28
Regular Business Meeting

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

Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
Elections Matter

By Mayor Jacob Smith

On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November - that's Nov. 2 this year - Golden residents will cast their ballots. In this era of mail-in ballots, election day itself has become less important, but the act of voting remains as important now as it was during the nation's earliest days.

On the ballot this year you’ll vote for individuals to represent Golden in the state legislature and in Congress as well as for the folks who will represent all Coloradans as Governor and in other statewide offices like State Treasurer and Attorney General. The State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress face no shortage of challenges, and if you have opinions about which of the candidates are best able to provide good solutions, this is the time to weigh in.

In addition to voting for candidates, we'll also have a wide range of ballot initiatives to consider. While many of the initiatives on this year's ballot impact Golden and Golden residents, there are three in particular with substantial implications that will affect the ability of local governments to provide the services to which people in our community are accustomed, such as the quality of education by the Jeffco Schools and parks, snow plowing and emergency services by the City of Golden. Get informed about all three: Amendments 60, 61, and 101.

Voting is the most basic civic right and responsibility, but there are plenty of other ways to have a voice in shaping our community. Here in Golden, community members can serve on a wide range of citizen advisory boards and you can contribute to an incredible array of community service efforts. Every decision of consequence made by the City Council has a community process to identify issues and explore options where community members can directly impact the outcome. You can share your thoughts and ideas during the public comment period of City Council business meetings on most 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, you can call or email anyone or everyone on the City Council, and of course you can run for office yourself.

Transparency and accountability have become hallmarks of the City of Golden: the Informer, the City’s web site, televising and internet broadcasting of City Council meetings (and archiving them on the web), making all of the City Council documents available online, our new eComment and YourGOV systems, individual City Councilor newsletters and web sites, and the Community Accountability Report are some of the tools we use.

Ballots will be mailed out beginning Oct. 12 and early voting begins Oct. 18. Be sure your ballot is received by 7 p.m. on Nov. 2. Your best bet is to mail it in right when you receive it, but you can drop it off at the Jefferson County building or at Golden City Hall during that time as well (check the web for details).

Being an active participant in a democracy means a lot of things, but it starts with voting.
Golden residents now have the ability to report non-emergency related issues to the City right away, no matter what time of day or night. The application is called *YourGOV* and can be used via the web or your mobile phone. By using *YourGOV*, you will be able to submit an issue and track its progress from beginning to end using the web. Issues are brought directly into the City’s work management system where they are then forwarded on to the responsible department. By entering in an address or selecting a location on the map, residents will be able to view where in Golden their issue is located. In addition, you will be able to view issues that have been submitted by other residents and track the status of those reports as well. Please visit [www.cityofgolden.net/YourGOV](http://www.cityofgolden.net/YourGOV) to register for *YourGOV*.

**HOW DOES YOURGOV WORK ON THE WEB?**

Go to the City of Golden web site, [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) and you will see an icon link to *YourGOV*. You can also go straight to the registration page by visiting [www.cityofgolden.net/YourGOV](http://www.cityofgolden.net/YourGOV). The first thing you will need to do is enter a valid email address and password. If you are a first time user, you can create a profile and start using the application. Once successfully registered and logged in, select “Add Request” and enter an address or click on the map, select an issue and the date the issue was observed and enter any pertinent details. Once submitted, the issue will be reviewed by City staff and the appropriate action will be taken within one to two business days.

**HOW DO I TRACK MY SUBMITTED ISSUES?**

You can look at the issues you’ve submitted by selecting the “My Requests” button in the upper right hand corner of the screen. To view other requests, select “All Requests” in the upper right hand corner. Blue dots on the map represent where different issues have been reported and the issue that is currently being viewed will have an orange halo surrounding it. You will also see what activity has been assigned to the issue, when the issue was closed and any notes City staff have submitted regarding the issue.

**CAN I SUBMIT AN ISSUE FROM MY CELL PHONE?**

Yes, you can! *YourGOV* currently supports the Apple iPhone. As with the web application, you can report an issue which in turn will be brought into the City’s work management system.

**WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF YOURGOV?**

*YourGOV* was developed by Cartegraph, a municipal techn-ology provider that the City of Golden has been partnering with for over 10 years to assist in providing asset and work management solutions. With over 1,000 clients in North America, the *YourGOV* applications are widely available.

**YOURGOV QUESTIONS?**

Having trouble with *YourGOV*? Please contact the *YourGOV* Administrators for the City of Golden at 303-384-8157 or 303-384-8152.
What Are We Up To?

Golden’s Parks, Cemetery and Forestry Divisions get many questions from the public about what projects they are doing around town and why. So each month we hope to provide you with a list of upcoming projects, along with some simple explanations for how, what and why we do things the way we do. We hope you find this section useful and informative. For any questions, contact Paul Burkholder at 303-384-8140 or pburkholder@cityofgolden.net.

PARKS

• City wide turf fertilization and park aeration.
• Drinking fountains are winterized – due to the early potential for freezing weather drinking fountains are turned off in October. So even when it is 85 degrees and sunny in late October there is good chance there will be two feet of snow on the ground next week.
• Irrigation systems are shut down for the winter.
• Park staff moves to a Monday through Friday maintenance coverage schedule (except for snow removal). During the summer Parks full-time and seasonal staff work seven days per week to keep the system in good shape. As winter approaches and fewer people are using the parks (and seasonal staff is let go for the year) full-time staff cover the parks during the week only.

GOLDEN CEMETERY (755 ULYSSES STREET)

• History Museum Cemetery Tours Oct. 23 and 30 – the Golden History museum will once again conduct tours of the historic Golden Cemetery (see page 19 for details).
• The Cemetery office is scheduled for a remodel.

FORESTRY

• Lions Park - A large cottonwood tree in the northeast corner of Lions Park will be removed due to the threat of structural failure.
• Parfet Park – A severely leaning tree, which was part of a larger tree that fell over in a wind storm during the last year, is scheduled for removal. Just to the west of the leaning tree is a large cottonwood with two dominate branches. Lightning struck the west leader compromising the strength of this very large branch, so it will be removed.
Congratulations to the newest firefighter recruits to join the Golden Fire Department. In late August, ten men and women graduated from the Fire Academy, along with three recruits from Golden Gate Fire. The honor was most definitely earned.

Firefighter hopefuls applied for the positions back in January and had to go through a series of tests and interviews to become eligible for the Academy. When accepted, it was another five months of fast paced, mentally and physically challenging training.

More than 70 people applied for the Academy, which is a large number considering the firefighter positions are volunteer and not paid. It shows the commitment the recruits have to the Golden community and to each other.

Acting Division Chief of Training and Safety Gene Quador planned and coordinated the Recruit Academy. He also serves as a mentor, counselor, instructor and “mom” throughout the academy. Quador continually stresses safety and taking care of each other as well as the developing of the bond between firefighters. “This bond is like a secret,” says Quador. “Not because we won’t tell you, but because we can’t. There aren’t really words to explain sharing the heat, the zero visibility, the work of the search and facing what is unknown and different every single time. The bond is one of the truest firefighter gifts that is earned and protected once it is yours.”

The recruits will continue learning on the job. But Chief John Bales says tomorrow, when the alarm is sounded, the recruits will take their training and be prepared to go out and serve their fellow citizens.

2010 GRADUATES OF THE GOLDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT RECRUIT ACADEMY:
Shawn Arbuthnot
Jeff Boyer
David Flynt
Jordan Hauser
Melissa Holy Elk Face
Matthew McCabe
Lee North
Adam Phipps
Michael Stout
Marina Valenzuela

Resources for Local Businesses

If you're a business owner or plan to open a business anywhere in Jefferson County, there’s a valuable resource available for you. The Jefferson County Business Resource Center (JCBRC) is an organization that provides no-cost services and business development tools to those operating within the county. Since opening, the JCBRC has provided services to more than 2,000 businesses.

If you’re just beginning, the JCBRC can give you resources to help get your business planned and started. If you’re already established, the JCBRC provides resources to help manage and grow a business to help you operate effectively and get ahead. There are also services designed to help you promote your business and connect with others locally. “We were hoping to discover some new ways to think outside the box,” says Karen Mohr of the Foothills Wedding Chapel in Golden. “The Business Resource Center connected us with other independent business people who could help us with social media marketing and search engine optimization – the newest marketing tools of today.”

The JCBRC offers several classes as well as one-on-one help and all information given to the Resource Center is confidential. For more information, visit the JCBRC web site at www.jeffcobrc.org. To schedule an appointment, call 303-996-8976 or email dstephens@jeffcobrc.org.
 Rebates for Home Energy Efficiency

With winter fast approaching, consider ways to maximize your energy efficiency and lower your utility bills. Rebates are still available through the Recharge Colorado program through the State of Colorado.

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In some cases, there may be additional rebates on top of these through Xcel Energy. Due to the popularity of the program, homeowners may see that some appliances have waiting lists, but are encouraged to apply since many applications are successful because other applicants fail to complete their process. For more information, please visit www.RechargeColorado.com.

2010 Healthy Fair

The 2010 Healthy Fair will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 16 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Center, 969 Ulysses. The fair offers low-cost blood work, flu shots, mist and pneumonia shots. There are also many free services including audiology (hearing) testing, massages, blood pressure checks and skin cancer checks just to name a few.

This timely and educational fair was started by the Golden Family of Churches Health Ministries in 2000. Each year the fair grows and continues to add more services for individuals and families in the Golden community, particularly those who are uninsured and unable to afford traditional health care.

For more information on the Healthy Fair, call Karen at 303-279-5379 x.21 or email Karen@faithgolden.org.

NEW SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Over the last few months, the Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) created a plan to guide the City and community sustainability efforts over the next several years. The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to identify programs, investments and initiatives that will make measurable progress toward the City’s ten-year sustainability goals. CSAB recognizes that the path to becoming a sustainable city is a long-term commitment which has no finite end. In striving to become more sustainable, these strategies will provide direction in the city’s consideration for new ideas and emerging technologies. To view the Plan, please visit www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability.
New Faces in the Police Department

The Golden Police Department welcomes several new police officers and a dispatcher to the team. Officers Bernadette Rankin, Frank Barr and Glen Doke just recently hit the streets of Golden. They were the cream of the crop among more than 270 applicants who went through a written test, oral boards and intensive background checks.

Bernadette Rankin comes from Arlington, Texas where she was a police officer for seven years. She vacationed in Colorado and decided this is where she wanted to stay.

Glen Doke moved to Colorado from Nevada to be with his fiancée. He worked as an architect before he decided that law enforcement was his true calling in life.

Frank Barr worked for the airline industry for many years before joining the force. He is not new to Golden; he has been working as a Reserve Police Officer for the department since 2009.

The GPD also welcomes a new police dispatcher. Werner “Vern” Slocum competed with more than 350 other applicants for the job. Vern worked as a journalist for the Rocky Mountain News but always had a desire to be involved in the law enforcement field.

Later this year, the GPD will also welcome Gretchen Brusenbach into a new role. She has been working as a records clerk in Golden since 2008. She is currently going through the Lakewood Police Department’s Training Academy and she will join the Golden PD as an officer in late December.

Mines Tradition Lives On

No one has a first day of school quite like the freshmen students at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM). Their inaugural assignment was to make the trek from campus to Mount Zion, each carrying a ten pound rock to put on the “M” that has adorned the mountainside for more than 100 years.

The faculty and staff of CSM lined Illinois Street to cheer on the new students as they began their climb, chanting the school song along the way.

The “M” was constructed in 1908 when 250 Mines students and 20 faculty members loaded a supply train of burros and packed their way up the mountain. This year, there were more than 950 freshmen who made the journey. Each was given a hard hat which was spray-painted by members of the Mines’ chapter of Blue Key International Honor Society. In 1931, the Honor Society took over responsibility of maintaining and lighting the “M” and have kept that tradition ever since.

Each freshman brings a rock from their home town, which gets white washed and placed on the “M.” Seniors from CSM are invited to take their rock back when they graduate.
GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Through Oct. 24
“Art”
Winner of the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play. A brightly creative showdown between three men ready to put it all on the ‘line.’ Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Oct. 24. Tickets are $20 with discounts for seniors and students. For tickets and information, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through Oct. 30
Quilt Exhibitions
See the exciting results of the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum’s “Evolutions” art quilt challenge and beautiful 19th and 20th century basket quilts from the museum’s permanent collection. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information, call 303-277-0377.

Through Oct. 31
Watermedia Exhibition
The 37th Annual Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition showcases a hand-picked selection of 80 paintings by watermedia artists from 28 states around the country. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Through Nov. 7
Dracula
Heritage Square Music Hall presents dinner and a show featuring Dracula. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For tickets and information, call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusicichall.com.

Oct. 1
First Friday Street Fair
The last Street Fair of the season featuring a “Taste of Golden.” Entertainment, food and much more. On Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. 5 to 9 p.m.

Oct. 2
A Taste of Wine and Art
The Kiwanis of Golden hosts this event to raise money for a scholarship for a Golden High School graduate to attend the Colorado School of Mines. From 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Tickets are $45. Call 303-888-4559 or visit kiwanisclubofgolden.org for tickets or more information.

Oct. 6 to 9
“Little Shop of Horrors”
Golden High School’s Stage Right Productions present the musical at the Golden High School theatre, 701 24th St. Show times are 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday. For tickets or more information, contact Mr. Scott Hasbrouck at 303-982-4229 or shasbrou@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Oct. 9
Knock Your Boots Off!
Chili aficionados and beer lovers are welcome to this Chili Cook-Off and Beer Tasting. From Golden Chamber of Commerce for details, 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

Coyote 5K Classic and 1K Fun Run
Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to the inaugural Shelton Elementary 5K and 1K Fun Run. All proceeds support student educational activities and events. Adults $20, students and seniors $15, 1K Fun Run $8. For more information visit www.coyote5kclassic.com.

Oct. 9
Golden Farmers Market
It’s the final farmer’s market of the season! From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot just west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Call the Golden Chamber of Commerce for details, 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.
2 to 5 p.m. at 12th and Arapahoe (behind the Foss Building parking lot). For ticket prices and entry information call 303-279-3113 or go to www.goldencochamber.org.

Oct. 13
Chronic Pain/Chronic Illness Support Group
The Golden Family of Churches is holding a free seminar with the Denver School of Healing Arts from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Mesa View & First Presbyterian Churches Sunday School Building, 1707 West 16th Ave. For more information, call Parish Nurse April Struck at 303-279-2776.

Oct. 16
Healthy Fair
Many free health services for everyone along with low-cost blood work, flu shots, mist and pneumonia shots. 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Center, 969 Ulysses.

Oct. 21
GHS Choir Concert
Golden High School’s Vocal Music Program presents its choir concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School theatre, 701 24th St. For more information, call Ms. Angela Becker at 303-982-6306.

Oct. 26
GHS Orchestra and Band Performance
Golden High School’s Symphony Orchestra and Band perform at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School theatre, 701 24th St. For more information, contact Dr. William Graves at 303-982-4153 or wgraves@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Oct. 31
Halloween
Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

FREE
Sales and Use Tax Workshops
The City of Golden is hosting FREE Sales and Use Tax workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors and geared toward individuals who need to learn sales and use tax concepts on an in-depth level.

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.

Oct. 6, 2010..............8 to 10 a.m.
Dec. 1, 2010..............8 to 10 a.m.

Although these classes are free, space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

FREE
Building Use Tax Workshop
The City of Golden is hosting a FREE Building Use Tax Workshop taught by our professional staff of auditors. Classes are geared toward individuals who need to learn about building use tax concepts on an in-depth basis.

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.

Nov. 3, 2010..............8 to 10 a.m.

Classes are free, but space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
Opportunity to Present Golden to the World

Many of you might remember the excitement of The Coors Classic back in the 1980s, when thousands of people joined Golden residents and businesses in cheering on an international roster of elite riders as they raced through our city. Now, Lance Armstrong and Governor Bill Ritter are planning to host a similar race in our state, sponsored by Quiznos, a Denver-based restaurant franchise.

Over the course of a week in August 2011, teams will travel to cities and towns across Colorado, giving us all an opportunity to experience international bicycle racing at its finest. Similar to the 20 day Tour de France, the Quiznos Pro Challenge will be a week-long stage race encompassing a range of cycling events such as time trials, criteriums, sprints and hill climbs. Observers will have the opportunity to station themselves along Colorado’s highways, byways, and city streets to cheer on the best cyclists in the world as they tackle grueling hills, speed through city streets and challenge themselves and each other in Colorado’s famous mountains.

Back in September, a local committee of 30+ volunteers submitted a bid for Golden to host one of the stages in the race, and to showcase our community to millions worldwide. Becoming a host city for the Quiznos Pro Challenge is a competitive process, and it’s also an expensive undertaking. But the short-term economic boost to Golden, stemming from tens of thousands of visitors, race observers, press, team support staff and media, is generally seen as well worth the up-front commitment. In the long-term, the world-wide audience provided by television and internet exposure has been worth millions of dollars to cities in other states that have hosted similar races in recent years.

By the time you read this article, we will know whether or not we were selected. If so, there will be many volunteer opportunities in helping to bring world class cycling back to Golden. For more information, visit www.goldenforcycling.org. To volunteer, please call 303-279-4162 or email Marcie@gura.com.

Golden Gem Cinema Is Back

Many of you will recall an earlier effort to establish a community cinema. The basic idea behind the cinema is to show affordable, “second run” movies in a community spirit. These movies will be your favorite classics from two or twenty years ago. The movies will be shown in the Foss Auditorium of the American Mountaineering Museum. For those of you not familiar with that building, it was the original Golden High School. The movies will show in the 350 seat auditorium.

The plan is to show movies on the 2nd and 4th weekends of each month. The goal is to keep it affordable, with $5 ticket prices and inexpensive concessions. It will be the best deal around for a family night out.

The plan was in place and about 130 volunteers were ready to go. Unfortunately, there were some complications that took a while to resolve. Now, the plan is back on track and the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) is putting out another call for volunteers.

To learn more about the Golden Gem Cinema, come to a meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 Tenth St. For more information, call GURA at 303-279-4162 or email Marcie@gura.com to be added to the volunteer list.
Simple Steps for Fire Prevention and Detection

The first full week of October is Fire Prevention Week. The Golden Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few commonly overlooked items in your home that could make the difference in an emergency. As the weather gets colder we will begin to turn on our furnaces and most people are unaware of the hidden danger of a faulty system. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a silent killer that you cannot smell or taste. So placing CO detectors in your home can save lives. Here’s what you need to know:

**CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

- You should have a working carbon monoxide detector on every level of your home.
- Carbon monoxide detectors should be cleaned and tested monthly to make sure they are operating properly.
- Change the batteries when you change your smoke detector batteries.
- Replace carbon monoxide detectors if they are over five years old.

Along with a working carbon monoxide detector, don’t forget a working smoke alarm. Like a CO alarm, they need a little attention.

**SMOKE ALARMS**

- Homes should have a working smoke alarm outside of each sleeping area and on each level of the home.
- Smoke alarm batteries should be replaced once a year (you can schedule this to coincide with a seasonal time change or on a birthday).
- Replace a smoke alarm if it’s over 10 years old.

Most residential fires are caused by cooking, usually by someone leaving something on the stove and forgetting to turn it off. This is why it is a good idea for all homes to have a working fire extinguisher not only in the kitchen but also in your utility room and garage.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

- Make sure you have a current ABC (for all types of fire) or BC (for grease and electrical fires) extinguisher in the kitchen.
- Place an ABC extinguisher in the garage and in the utility room where the hot water heater and furnace is located in case of fire.

**FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE**

It’s time to start thinking about getting your flu shot. The City of Golden will offer flu shots to the public for $25 from 7 to 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7 in the Windy Saddle Room upstairs at the Golden Community Center, 1445 10th St.

There is no charge for Medicare Part B holders, but you must have your card with you. For those with other insurance (i.e. Rocky Mountain Health Plan, Secure Horizons, etc.) you’ll need to check on site on Oct. 7 to see what carriers they are able to take in addition to Medicare.

You must be at least four years old to take part and children under 18 years old must have a parent with them.
Building Permit Applications Go Through the Roof

As a result of the major hail storm in Golden last June, there is a historic level of new roof permits being distributed at the City building department. As the chart below shows, roofing permit applications are over five times greater than last year.

But that is only part of the story. It appears that the slow economy has not deterred Golden residents from investing in their properties. As the chart below shows, total building activity has increased over last year, and it is not all just roofing. Inspectors historically conduct up to 20 inspections in a day, and to keep up with demand, they have tripled their workload to complete over 60 daily. The city has a contract service that has helped with the increased work load, but inspectors continue to be very busy.

If you need to visit the Golden building department at 1445 10th St., please understand the high demand and bring your patience. We are working hard to meet your needs.

Promoting Safe Streets

How do we make streets safe in Golden? While some believe greater safety will be achieved using interventions such as signs, lighting, traffic calming and enforcement, each of these efforts is dependent on the behavior of individual drivers and pedestrians. Golden is a predominately residential community and these areas are more hazardous for drivers than major streets.

The speed limit in most residential areas is 25 mph. This lower speed reflects the fact that peripheral views can be obstructed by trees, shrubs and parked vehicles, making it difficult for drivers to see such hazards as children crossing the street and vehicles pulling out of driveways.

On dry roads with a level grade, a car traveling 25 mph can take up to 85 feet to come to a stop. At 30 mph, that distance can increase to 109 feet. And this, of course, is assuming good weather and an average reaction time for the driver. Distracted driving can dramatically increase a driver’s reaction time and can be the difference between avoiding a collision or not.

But when it all comes down to it, speed matters most. Increased speed greatly reduces pedestrian survivability in a crash. And it doesn’t take much. At 20 mph, the risk of death is about five percent; but at 30 mph – a speed often measured in Golden neighborhoods -- the risk of death increases to 45 percent; and at 40 mph, pedestrians die about 85 percent of the time.

In general, speeders in residential neighborhoods are usually the residents themselves. Usually, it is because of our comfort and familiarity with our community that we become lax in our own behaviors. We are the key to safety in our community. We can make the difference.

HOW TO STAY STREET SAFE

Drivers:
• Know the speed limit – and follow it!
• Stay alert
• Watch closely for traffic signs
• Eliminate distractions
• Watch for pedestrians

Parents:
• Set a good example for your children – both young ones and those of driving age
• Don’t allow children to play in or near the street
• Teach them to Stop, Look and Listen and only cross at intersections

As a resident:
• Trim your trees and shrubbery that might obstruct seeing traffic signs
• Notify the City of damaged, faded, or missing traffic signs or if trees or shrubs are obstructing the view
The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make The Difference” awards, handed out at quarterly employee meetings. Employees are nominated by their coworkers for their outstanding work and commitment to the City. Twelve employees were recently honored with the award.

Craig Horst, Parks/Golf Equipment Manager

An Equipment Manager may arguably be the single most important person employed by a golf club. If your maintenance equipment is not in good shape, it will be reflected in your course conditions. Recently, an important piece of equipment broke down and it would have been one to two weeks to get repaired. Craig put his skills to work and was able to fabricate a “mounting kit” for another utility vehicle and had it up and running within 24 hours, saving Fossil Trace a lot of time and money.

Kirk Dickson, IT Manager

Last year, the City switched our main switchboard line and phone number from Qwest to another carrier. Qwest cancelled the billing for the phone number, but not for the line. Kirk discovered this and spent a lot of time over the past few months working with Qwest to get it corrected. He ended up getting the City a credit of more than $11,000.

John Hardy, Street Equipment Operator

The subcontractor doing the paving work for the Jackson Street Corridor project left the job site without providing for proper dust control over the weekend of August 28. John found a water truck from another contractor and kept the site watered throughout the weekend, eliminating the dust problem and improving the conditions for a large number of Golden residents.

Barbara Smith, Carrie Vogt, Byron Copeland, Public Works

Due to a June hail storm, the building department issued 419 roofing permits and conducted 800 inspections between June and August. By comparison, three permits were issued and 88 inspections were done during the same period last year. Barb, Carrie and Byron worked long hours to process the paperwork, do the inspections and satisfy upset customers, in addition to their many other daily duties.

Terry Sanchez, Facility Coordinator at Golden Community Center

Jane Schwab, Merchandising and Buyer at Fossil Trace

When asked to help train the new front desk associates for the 2010 season of The Splash Water Park, Terry and Jane did it with enthusiasm. Terry put together an entire orientation and training program for the new employees. Jane did a presentation on customer service to emphasize creating an enjoyable experience for the customers. Both went above and beyond to make sure our seasonal Splash employees were well trained.

Chris Naber, Environmental Specialist

Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Coordinator

Love it or hate it, the City-wide trash program implementation has been an unprecedented process. Through a citizen’s group, open houses, neighborhood outreach, City Council discussion and many phone calls and emails from the public, Theresa Worsham and Chris Naber have put in an extraordinary amount of time and effort both crafting the program and responding to citizens.

Karlyn Tilley, Communications Manager

Bob Pearce, Video Production

The Parks and Recreation Department is a finalist for a prestigious award. An application requirement was to submit a video to provide visual proof of the department’s accomplishments. Karlyn Tilley and Bob Pearce used their tremendous talents and willingly gave of their time to help create a video for which the entire community can be proud.
Check out the programs offered this month at the Community Center.
To register, visit rec.cityofgolden.net

**Belly Dance Classes**
Belly Dance is a fun aerobic workout that focuses on your core. Get off the floor to work your core and you will be hooked. Fee included in facility admission.

**Shimmy Shape-Up**
Shimmy Shape-Up will focus on muscle development and aerobic activity for belly dance in a fun and open environment.

**Belly Dance Basics**
Belly Dance Basics will progress move by move through the dance. Participants will learn a few moves in each class and eventually put them together to form combos.

**Belly Dance Combos**
Belly Dance Combos will teach belly dance moves in flowing combinations ranging from slow to fast pace. Class is open to all fitness levels, but will progress more quickly than the basics class.

**Advanced Care CPR and First Aid**
This course gives you the knowledge and confidence to step forward if needed in an emergency. The American Heart Association certification is issued, fulfills all State, OSHA and Social Service requirements.

**Age:** 14 years and older  
**Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Oct. 2**  
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

**My First Art Class**
This special series of “My Firsts” includes collage, 3-D art, hand printing, beginning paper cutting and musical art. An adult must attend with child.

**Age:** 1½ to 3 years  
**Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.**  
**Oct. 5 to Nov. 2**  
$52 Resident, $57 Non-resident

**Abakadoodle Art for Mini Doodlers**
This class introduces new art experiences including sculpture, printing, watercolor and tempera painting, wax resist, rubbings and more!

**Age:** 3½ to 6 years  
**Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.**  
**Oct. 5 to Nov. 2**  
$52 Resident, $57 Non-resident

**Travel the World**
Our view of the world takes us to ancient Egypt, to France to study the artistic style of Pierre Bonnard and to the high seas to create waves and ocean waters in the style of Winslow Homer.

**Age:** 1½ to 3 years  
**Wednesdays, Oct. 6 to Oct. 27**  
**Age:** 3½ to 6 years  
**11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**  
**Age:** 7 to 12 years  
**12:30 to 1:15 p.m.**  
$52 Resident, $57 Non-resident

**Abrakadoodle Portfolio Kids**
This is an entertaining, hands-on series of classes that will teach an array of new skills and fill each young artist’s portfolio with creative works such as painting, drawing and sculpture.

**Age:** 6 to 12 years  
**Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**  
**Oct. 7 to Oct. 28**  
$63 Resident, $68 Non-resident

**Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!**

Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen.

Call **Larry Rock at 303-384-8133** for availability, facility tours and rates. **Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.**
Kids on Canvas
Each lesson focuses on painting techniques using safe non-toxic acrylic paints, canvas paper, canvas board and stretched canvas.

Age: 6 to 12 years
Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m.
Oct. 9 to Oct. 30
$68 Resident, $73 Non-resident

Family Art Night
Bring the whole family for an art experience! Families will create unique artwork using a variety of different art materials and techniques. All ages are welcome.
Supply fee is included.

Age: 1 year and older
Tuesday, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 12
$25 Resident, $30 Non-resident per family of up to 4 ($4 additional family members)

Junior Engineering Using LEGO®
Explore basic engineering concepts while building simple machines from LEGO® Dacta kits. A different kit is used for each lesson.

Age: 6 to 8 years
Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Oct. 14 to Nov. 4
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

Dino Dig
Budding paleontologists learn about dinosaurs and the techniques used in extracting fossils in this hands-on class.

Age: 3 to 5 years
Thursdays, 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.
Oct. 14 to Nov. 4
$40 Resident, $45 Non-resident

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Rocktober 2 Youth Bouldering Competition (Y.B.C.)

Rock the wall this October at the Golden Community Center! The GCC will host its 2nd Annual Rocktober Youth Bouldering Competition (Y.B.C.) and Costume Contest for ages 6 to 18 years on Saturday, Oct. 30. The event will include a raffle, merchandise prizes and an award ceremony for climbers, costume and Frequent Climbing Card winners. Costume prizes will be given for “Best Costume” and “Most Original.” Registration and the Costume Contest will be from 11 a.m. to noon. The climbing competition is from noon to 3 p.m.

Participating climbers will earn an extra raffle ticket to the Rocktober Y.B.C. by registering for a $5 Frequent Climber Card. Each week during the month of October climbers are encouraged to come in during open hours to attempt one, two or all three new problems that will be set each week. The Frequent Climber Card does not cover admission to the facility. Open Hours are Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. The card also includes a speed traverse challenge.

Rocktober Y.B.C. early registration fee is $10, $15 for event day registration. Upon registering, climbers will automatically be qualified for the Costume Contest. Anyone interested in participating in the Costume Contest only are also required to register for the Rocktober Y.B.C. For more information and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.
Celebrate Health!
Friday, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3
We’ll have free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies.
Chair massages..................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions...........$13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce ...........$15 per 15 minutes
Call 303-384-8130 to make your appointment.

Receive the Front Porch News online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net (Active Older Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS MONTH...

Abrakadoodle Art with Parents/Grandparents - #38070
Young children pair up with a parent or grandparent for this fun art class. Our teams of two will explore art together using finger paints, play dough, stories, songs and more! Fee includes materials.
Age: 1½ to 3 years, Min/Max: 4/12
Saturdays, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
(1) Oct. 9 to Oct. 30
(2) Nov. 6 to Nov. 27
Age: 3½ to 5 years, Min/Max: 4/12
Saturdays, 11 to 11:45 a.m.
(3) Oct. 9 to Oct. 30
(4) Nov. 6 to Nov. 27
$52 Resident, $52 Non-resident
Fee is per adult/child.

Adult Tap Beginners/Intermediate
This class is to brush up on skills and/or improve your skill level. Bring your own tap shoes. Classes will be offered monthly September through May. Fee is $40/$45. If 60+ years old, take off $5 per month.

Coots and Codgers Club
Gentlemen 50+ here’s a chance to socialize and join with like-minded geezers in the pure pursuit of frivolity. Plan to meet, to socialize, create and plan activities. $2 for light refreshments. First Thursday of each month.
Thursday, Oct. 7, 7 to 9 p.m. Meet in the Front Porch.

OCTOBER EVENTS

50+ Pottery - #38040
The beginning potter will learn the techniques of centering and completing wheel-thrown vessels, and hand slumping, coiling and making pinch pots. Clay provided.
Age: 50 years and older, Min/Max: 5/9
Thursdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 28 to Dec. 16
$105 Resident, $110 Non-resident

AARP Driver’s Safety Program - #15118-2
This class is co-sponsored by AARP and the Golden Community Center. Pre-registration is required and accepted at the Front Desk to secure your spot. Must be 55 or older to participate.
Age: 55 years and older, Min/Max: 6/20
Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Oct. 18 and 19 - must attend both days
$12 AARP Member; $14 Non-Member
- Checks payable to AARP, bring Membership Card to qualify for lower rate

For more information:
• Stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Community Center, 1470 10th St.;
• Call 303-384-8130;
• Subscribe to the Front Porch Newsletter ($8/year);
• Check out the Recreation brochure; or
• Visit www.cityofgolden.net/ frontporch

Here’s what’s happening this month:
A Unique **Halloween** History Tour

**SHARE YOUR STORY**

The Golden Historic Preservation Board (HPB) is working on a project to nominate the Golden Cemetery to the National Register of Historic Places. If accepted, it will be added to a prestigious list which includes Golden’s Foothills Art Center, Calvary Episcopal Church, the Armory Building and the Quaintance block on 13th Street. As a part of the project, the HPB invites Golden area residents to share family stories of what the Golden Cemetery means to you. For those with relatives and friends buried there, does a visit to the cemetery bring you closer to the rest of the community? If you have a story to share, please send it to the HPB at hpb@cityofgolden.net. Some of these stories may be included in the project file of materials collected for the National Register nomination.

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Around Halloween, cemeteries often conjure up images of eerie, haunted graves with restless spirits and zombies. In reality, the arch covered, wrought iron gated entries and landscaped grounds of the Golden Cemetery make for a peaceful corner of our busy community. The Golden Cemetery is one of the oldest in the state, dating back to 1873 when local groups purchased the land at its current location on Ulysses Street. Until then, point burials were on Cemetery Hill, formerly located north of downtown across Highway 58.

During the Great Depression, the Civil Works Administration built the stone shelter house, which currently functions as the cemetery office, and removed plant growth and debris that had been collecting for years. Today, work on the cemetery continues to ensure that the grounds are a beautiful place to remember the lives of those who have passed on. There’s a stone monument outside the shelter house which states, “A cemetery is a history of people - a perpetual record of yesterday and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering – always.”

This month, Golden History Museums offers guided cemetery tours to introduce guests to many of Golden’s former residents and founders. Guests will hear about the cemetery’s history and the people buried there, including the 1873 move to Ulysses Street and the 1951 court order to exhume over 75 graves from Cemetery Hill for reburial at the City cemetery. A number of golden notables will be making an “appearance” during the tours. Oscar Goetze ran the Astor House and worked at the Transcript newspaper with George West, the long-time editor and a Golden founder. Goetze will be given the task of pacifying another Golden founder, Edward Berthoud, when he came storming in to the newspaper office asking why his long winded articles weren’t printed. Some stories are humorous and others tragic, but all are reminders of Golden’s unique past.

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**GOLDEN CEMETERY TOURS**

**Dates:** Saturday, Oct. 23 & Saturday, Oct. 30

**Times:** Tours leave every half hour between 2 and 4 p.m. and again between 5 and 7 p.m.

**Duration:** 60 minute tour

**Prices:** Adults: $12 member/$15 non-member, Youth 6-16/Senior 65+: $7 member, $10 non-member, 5 and under free

For more information call the Golden History Museums at 303-278-3557 or visit www.GoldenHistoryMuseums.org.
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.