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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

COMING SOON: PAYT 2012 FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION
The Pay as You Throw (PAYT) Trash and Recycling Fall Yard Waste Collection dates for this year are scheduled for Nov. 3, 10 and 17. For Monday and Tuesday trash service days north of Highway 58, yard waste will be picked up on Nov. 3. For Tuesday and Friday trash service days south of Highway 58, yard waste will be picked up on Nov. 10. For Wednesday and Thursday trash days, yard waste will be picked up on Nov. 17. **Remember, non-compostable plastic bags will not be collected and the number of bags is limited.** Look for collection details and a map of collection days in the November Informer and online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash. For more information, call EDS at 303-278-8600 or visit www.edswebsite.com.

FIRE SAFETY, INJURY PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS DAY
The Golden Fire Department, along with the University of Colorado Hospital, will host Fire Safety and Injury Prevention Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Golden Fire Station #1, 911 10th St.

The event will include up-close-and-personal fire truck tours, fire safety puppet shows, car seat checks and much more. For more information, contact Kevin Kirby at the Golden Fire Department at 303-215-8886 or kkirby@cityofgolden.net.

I-NEIGHBORS GRANTS: DON’T MISS OUT!
You still have a chance to be a recipient of an iGolden Neighborhood Grant!

Small grants of up to $500 are intended for block parties, neighborhood clean-up days and other small neighborhood events and projects. These grants do not require a match but must be a benefit to the neighborhood community. **You may apply anytime during the year until funds for that year are expended.**

The matching grants, $2500 maximum, are for larger projects; a match by the neighborhood is required. City Council has final approval. City Council will consider **matching** grants submitted by Oct. 18 for consideration at the Oct. 25 council meeting.

For detailed information and applications, go to www.cityofgolden.net, scroll over the Live tab then click on Get Involved or contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.

PARTICIPATE IN SUSTAINABILITY
The Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) has a member opening. Applicants must be residents of the City of Golden. The position will expire in February 2014. The CSAB meets twice monthly, the second Monday and the fourth Wednesday, at City Hall, 911 10th St. from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Applications are available on the City’s website, www.cityofgolden.net, scroll over Government then click on CSAB under the Boards and Commissions section. They are due to the City Clerk’s office no later than 5 p.m. on Oct. 18 for interviews on Oct. 25 following the council meeting. Applications may be mailed to City Clerk, 911th Street, Golden, CO 80401, faxed to City Clerk, 303-384-8001, or emailed to Clerks@cityofgolden.net.

For more information contact Golden Sustainability Coordinator Theresa Worsham at 303-834-8117 or email, Goldensustainability@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. 4**
No meeting

**Oct. 11**
Regular Business Meeting

**Oct. 18**
No meeting

**Oct. 25**
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.
Golden residents are great believers in volunteerism. They meet community needs, put on terrific events, and work together to reach common ground on issues affecting our town. Some individuals will be singled out for their outstanding volunteer contributions to our community at the Mayor's Awards for Excellence to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Fossil Trace Golf Club (see p. 6 for details). But there are so many more who make a huge difference in our town's quality of life.

Local volunteers share their skills and time in diverse ways. They aid law enforcement, fight fires, coach sports, assist in schools and museums, work on computers, teach eager learners, supply food, canvass for causes, raise funds, provide care giving, offer transportation, or serve on boards. Countless (and priceless) volunteer hours go into putting on the many great events we enjoy in Golden, like the Easter Egg Hunt, Farmers' Market, Golden Cruises (car and bike), Summer Solstice Music Festival, 4th of July celebration, Buffalo Bill Days, National Night Out, First Friday Street Fairs, Movies and Music in the Park, Fine Arts Festival, USA Pro Cycling Challenge, Chili Cook-Off, the new-this-year 5-Mile Golden Gallop, and holiday events. The Directory of Volunteer Opportunities, put together by the volunteers of Leadership Golden, is a great source for anyone interested in ongoing or event-specific involvement. (See www.leadershipgolden.org/Volunteer_directory.pdf).

Participation in a community conversation is also a form of volunteerism. This is an evolving world, and our City needs to respond to complex, ever-changing realities. Golden continues to thrive because residents debate ideas, recognize differences, and reach collective solutions.

Golden has held meetings to work on Golden Vision 2030, neighborhood plans, the Clear Creek Master Plan, traffic-safety concerns, sustainability initiatives, pay-as-you-throw issues, and parks-and-recreation ideas. Just last month, the City hosted open houses to consult with residents on updated transportation planning. And everyone is invited to provide public comment at any council business meeting.

Sometimes, however, day-to-day life gets in the way of in-person participation. Work and family responsibilities, bad weather, difficulty with driving at night, disabilities, and sheer exhaustion can make attendance impossible. The City, therefore, is encouraging web-based discussions. For instance, the City will hold an interactive web presentation on transportation challenges on Oct. 1 and, if you miss it, the presentation will be available at www.GetTheFactsGolden.org. There is also an online community engagement tool allowing residents to share ideas on issues important to the City at www.GoldenVision.CityofGolden.net.

Moreover, for every issue discussed at City Council business meetings, residents have the opportunity to provide e-comments, which are then distributed to council. (Visit cityofgolden.net/government/city-council/agenda-minutes-web-casts-meeting-schedule.) And neighborhood discussions are held daily on i-neighbors.org. The City is developing other tools, as well.

As always, City staff, Councilors, and I will continue to welcome residents' thoughtful emails and telephone calls. Our contact information is listed on the inside cover of this newsletter.
When it comes to future funding for transportation improvements for the state, Coloradans need to remember two words: managed lanes.

That was the message delivered by Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) officials at a Golden City Council study session on Sept. 13.

CDOT painted a bleak picture of the funding challenges facing the state agency. While Colorado’s population and the number of miles traveled have grown sharply over the past two decades, the state has barely constructed any new lanes. That’s because the majority of available money is spent simply maintaining existing roads, not expanding highway capacity. Current funding levels are “just enough money to keep the lights on and the lawn mowed,” said Rebecca White, a local government liaison with CDOT.

With no financial windfall in sight, the state is increasingly looking towards managed lanes as a solution to solve chronic congestion problems.

Michael Cheroutes, director of CDOT’s High Performance Transportation Enterprise, said the lanes are managed in response to changing conditions – at varying times they might be tolled, limited to high-occupancy vehicles or a combination of the two. (I-25 north of downtown Denver includes lanes that are free for carpoolers but tolled for solo drivers.) Pricing for tolled lanes can be adjusted throughout the day to reflect traffic volume.

Increasingly, managed lanes are separated from other lanes simply by so-called painted “buffer” lines, not barriers.

Cheroutes cited a five-year-old survey of Denver-area residents that found that about two-thirds of respondents supported new express lanes to reduce congestion. More recently, he said, there’s been interest in a tolled express lane on C-470 between I-25 and Wadsworth to supplement two general purpose lanes that would not be tolled.

Cheroutes said CDOT is not looking to toll existing lanes and only wanted to look at the managed lanes when adding new capacity to roads.

New projects with managed lanes may use public-private partnerships, where private companies invest some of the money in return for a share of tolls, Cheroutes said. That’s an option, for example, for widening one of the I-70 mountain tunnels.

Cheroutes noted that he recently visited Golden at the invitation of Mayor Marjorie Sloan and saw firsthand why Golden is concerned about the threat of major new highways through its narrow valley. But he noted that Golden needs significant new revenue to pay for transportation improvements.

“There’s got to be some compromise that is possible,” Cheroutes said, noting that traffic engineers were exploring these issues.

Councilwoman Marcie Miller noted that CDOT is now looking at lowering the section of I-70 in north Denver to repair the damage the poorly designed viaduct did to the neighborhoods it bisected decades ago. In contrast, the stretch of I-70 through Glenwood Canyon serves as a positive example, she said.
Back in March, a group of eleven people who live and/or work in Golden met for the first time to form the City of Golden Blue Ribbon Panel on Golden’s Economic Future. Their purpose: to come up with a variety of ideas that could possibly help fill the gap that is expected in the future, between the City’s revenues and expenses. The group’s ideas were to be based around Golden Vision 2030, a vision statement for our City's future that was developed based on our residents' thoughts and feelings about what Golden is and what it should be.

The committee worked to identify general and local trends that will affect City revenues, whether those trends would increase or decrease revenues, and what factors might influence City expenses. No idea was too large or too small.

Considering the current economic climate, it is probably no surprise that the Panel identified the potential for a significant gap in the projected revenues versus the projected expenses for Golden. For example, the anticipated Sales and Use Tax and Capital Program Funds income through 2030 is expected to be $160 million. But the projected expenses for the same timeframe exceed $227 million. That includes the estimated costs for the Parks and Rec maintenance backlog and to implement the Clear Creek Master Plan and Parks and Rec Master Plan, but does not include the monies needed to produce the Golden Vision 2030 neighborhood plans, or any future transportation plans.

In the simplest terms, this means that at some point in the future, the City might not have enough revenue to continue to provide the services and amenities that our residents desire. There are three basic solutions to this problem. Either increase revenue, decrease expenditures, or a combination of both. Increasing revenue means looking at things like higher taxes, higher fees, or new taxes and fees. Decreasing expenditures means reducing or eliminating programs or services, or freezing controllable expenses, like salaries.

The Blue Ribbon Panel came up with a series of ideas, in hopes that they will facilitate future community and Council discussions. You can see the full report at www.cityofgolden.net/government/boards-commissions/blue-ribbon-panel/.
The City of Golden has one more notch on its amazing historical belt. On Sept. 13, the 44th President of the United States came to our City, holding a rally in Lions Park.

President Barack Obama is only the second President in history to travel inside Golden city limits. The other was Ulysses S. Grant back on April 28, 1873, according to local Golden historian Richard Gardner. That was three years before Colorado became a state, so residents weren't even allowed to vote for the President back then.

All politics aside, Golden was proud to host a President, and the President was impressed by our City. During his speech he said, "You know, this is just too pretty. I don't know how you guys get any work done around here."

City staff proved we can get a lot of work done... and quickly. The City had just four days notice yet managed to get the event through the entire special event application process and, yes, the City did charge for services.

We would like to thank residents for accommodating temporary closures of the Golden Community Center and several streets. We gave the nation a good taste of all Golden has to offer.

Golden has good reason to be proud. This year’s new students at Colorado School of Mines have set a number of university records, including the highest SAT and ACT scores, largest number of women and minority students and the largest enrollment to date.

There are over 1,000 new students, including 960 freshman and 120 transfers. Of those, 61 percent are Colorado residents, 39 percent are from 42 U.S. States and 14 percent are from foreign countries. This class of 2016 also has an average composite SAT score of 1300, average ACT score of 30 and an average high school GPA of 3.8.

“The reality is these numbers are driven by success in all areas of the campus,” said Director of Enrollment Management Heather Boyd. “Outstanding student outcomes after graduation, significant campus construction, increased focus on the student experience, the doubling and maturing of agreements with area community colleges, regional and national recognition for our varsity athletic teams, the shift to a college structure, and the level, frequency, and highly varied, positive publicity that Mines has enjoyed in recent months all contribute to this success.”

In a tradition dating back to 1908, Colorado School of Mines students kicked off the new school year in August by carrying 10-pound rocks to the top of Mt. Zion and whitewashing the iconic “M.” With that many new accomplished students, the “M” might look just a little cleaner and brighter this year.
Winter Means Time to Water

It’s true this is the time of year when grass turns brown and the leaves fall off of the trees. But because of the hot, dry weather we had this summer, your trees need some extra TLC this winter. This area is naturally a semi-arid climate that would have few trees without irrigation. Growing trees here is hard enough in wet years let alone in drought years. Even established trees and shrubs can be stressed during long periods of extreme heat and dry weather.

So here are some tips on watering your trees this winter.

**TREE ROOTS ARE NOT LIKE CARROTS**

Tree root systems can spread two to three times wider than the height of the tree. Most of a tree’s water-absorbing roots are in the top 12 inches of the soil. Water should be applied in the dripline, which is the critical root zone around the tree.

The dripline goes from the trunk outward to the edge of the tree canopy, or a radius of one foot out from the trunk for every one inch of trunk diameter.

**WATER DEEPLY AND SLOWLY**

Apply water to moisten the soil in the critical root zone to a depth of 12 inches. Methods for watering include a deep-root fork or needle, soaker hose or soft spray wand. Apply water to many locations within the dripline. If a deep-root fork or needle is used, insert the device no deeper than 8 inches into the soil.

**HOW MUCH WATER TO APPLY**

To assure survival of the tree, apply 10 gallons of water for each inch of the tree’s diameter. For example, a two-inch diameter tree will need 20 gallons per watering. Use a ruler to measure your tree’s diameter.

**WHEN TO WATER**

Water once or twice a month from October through March, depending on weather, temperature and soil conditions. Water three times a month from April through September, depending on weather and watering restrictions.

**MOISTURE IS NEEDED TO AVOID DISEASE**

Drought-stressed trees are more vulnerable to disease and insect infestations and branch dieback. Keep a watchful eye for anything that looks out of the ordinary.

For information on tree care, visit [www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu). Or contact City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net.

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Slash Drop-Off Slashed

At the end of this month, the slash drop-off program located at the Rooney Road Recycling Center will be closed. Slash is the collection of materials such as yard waste, tree trimmings, limbs, trunks and lumber. The Rooney Road site was used and supported by Golden, Arvada, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, Lakeside, Edgewater, Morrison and Mountain View as well as unincorporated Jefferson County.

In 2008 Jefferson County Open Space agreed to allow use of the Rooney Road site on a a short-term basis until a more permanent location could be found, as this operation is not allowed as a long-term open space use. Unfortunately, the license runs out at the end of October and another location has not been secured. But all interested parties, along with the Rooney Road Recycling Center Authority and the contractor, A-1 Organics, are actively searching for a new, permanent location.

The household chemical collection facility, run by the Authority at 151 S. Rooney Rd., will continue to operate. For updates or more information, contact Chris Naber at 303-384-8183 or cnaber@cityofgolden.net.
A Sustainable USA Pro Cycling Challenge

WASTE STATIONS
Whenever Golden has a large community event, it is an opportunity to make a positive difference for the environment. Reducing waste and recovering resources, moving away from single-use plastic bottles, and making alternate means of transportation are part of Golden’s efforts to offset large event impacts. Waste stations placed throughout the big bike race weekend in August, made recycling easy for everyone and diverted more than 50 percent of the materials from our local landfill.

BIKE CORRALS
The two free bike corral locations provided VIP parking for race spectators and held more than 500 bikes, saving hundreds of cars from creating additional congestion downtown.

WATER STATIONS
Free drinking water stations and reusable water bottles were available throughout the Expo in Parfet Park and downtown for visitors to make an easy decision to choose Golden’s great-tasting water over disposable bottled water.

Attend the 1st Annual Golden Tour of Solar Homes
Golden Earth Days joins the American Solar Energy Society for the inaugural Golden Tour of Solar Homes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. The self-guided tour will showcase 12 Golden homes and give participants the direct perspectives of homeowners and installers about the costs, processes, economic and environmental benefits of going solar. Participants need to register at American Mountaineering Center at 710 10th St. A TOUR RECEPTION with complimentary Colorado wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres will be held the evening prior, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5, also at the American Mountaineering Center. Both events will feature GREEN EXPO: Renewable Energy & Sustainable Living Exhibits, Workshops and Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Round-Up. The Golden Tour of Solar Homes costs $5 per adult, and both the reception and tour are open to the public. Learn more at www.GoldenSolarTour.org.

SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE
All the vendors at Golden’s stage of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge committed to restrict their use of non-recyclable packaging, purchase environmentally friendly products, separate recyclables, and provide training for each of their employees to help our waste diversion efforts to be successful.

THANK YOU to those who signed the sustainability pledge:
☼ Golden Solar Electric
☼ Colorado Ocean Coalition
☼ Earth Energy Solutions
☼ Skins Gradient Compression Wear/Tasc Performance Apparel
☼ Born Fit
☼ As One
☼ Heads Up Systems
☼ Brand Evolutions
☼ Next Level Physical Therapy, PC
☼ Golden Physical Therapy
☼ Jeffco Tobacco Prevention Initiative
☼ Mountain Sage Wellness, Inc
☼ Heaven's Touch Counseling & The Healing Well
☼ Heart of Oneness Center
☼ Insulindependence
☼ PranaTonic
☼ Route 40 Food Truck
☼ Golden School Foundation
☼ Windy Saddle
Through Oct. 25
*Under the Gaslight*
Cheer for the hero, boo the villain, it’s melodrama at its finest. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. Visit [www.hsmusichall.com](http://www.hsmusichall.com) or call 303-279-7800 for tickets and show times.

Through Oct. 20
*39th Annual Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition*
The nationally recognized watermedia exhibition brings together artists from Colorado who create original works using watercolor. Be surprised and intrigued by paintings that push the boundaries of this exciting and accessible medium. For information, go to [www.foothillsartcenter.org](http://www.foothillsartcenter.org) or call 303-279-3922.

Every Saturday through Oct. 27
*Clear Creek History Park Story Time*
Spend half an hour listening to stories about 1800s life from costumed readers, and complete different activities and crafts each week. For ages 2-6 and adult chaperones are required. 2 p.m. at the Clear Creek History Park, 11th and Arapahoe streets. For more information, call 303-278-3557 or visit [www.GoldenHistory.org](http://www.GoldenHistory.org).

Through Oct. 27
*Evolutions Quilt Challenge and Politics as Usual*

Oct. 4 and 18
*MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers*
Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is a support group for mothers with children from birth to kindergarten. First and third Thursdays of every month through April, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1805 Washington Ave. For information call 303-279-4605 or visit [www.fbcgolden.org](http://www.fbcgolden.org) under Families.

Oct. 6
*Coffee with a Councilor*
Join members of your city council for a cup of coffee. This month the main topics are regional transportation challenges and options, and making sure you’re signed up to vote. 9 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd., Unit D. For more information, contact Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

*Alpha Phi’s Fall Cleaning*
For one day only, members of Alpha Phi at the Colorado School of Mines are offering their help with housework or yard work, with proceeds going to support heart health in America. For information or to register, email Stephanie Bonucci at sbonucci@gmail.com.

Oct. 13
*Black and White Night at the Museum*
Get an exclusive preview of the Golden History Museums’ online photo collection. 7 to 10 p.m. at Golden History Center, 923 10th St. For tickets call 303-278-3557 or visit [www.GoldenHistory.org](http://www.GoldenHistory.org).

Oct. 14
*Foothills CROP Hunger Walk*
This walk is one of over 1600 held nationwide to raise awareness and funds for hunger related needs. From 1 to 4 p.m., begins and ends at Lions Park, 1300 10th St. For details contact Gary Camp at 616-395-7850 or camp@hope.edu or visit [www.cropwalkonline.org/littletonco](http://www.cropwalkonline.org/littletonco).

Oct. 15 through Nov. 23
*Boot Camp Challenge*
This is a session-based group personal training program for every fitness level. You get the motivation and affordability of group exercise with the results of personal training. There are two camps to choose from: 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. M,W,F or 5:30 to 7 a.m. T,TH. Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information, call Kim at 720-628-2901 or info@BCCDenver.com.

Oct. 21
*JSO 60th Season Kickoff Concert*
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra begins its 60th season with “An Afternoon at the Opera.” 3 p.m. at the Green Center on the Colorado School of Mines Campus, 16th...
and Cheyenne streets. Season and individual tickets are available at www.jeffsymphony.org or call 303-278-4237.

Oct. 27
Healthy Fair
Golden Family of Churches Health Ministries has joined the 9Health Fair to sponsor the 13th annual Healthy Fair in Golden offering low-cost blood work, flu shots, pneumonia shots and many free services including blood pressure and vision screening. 7 a.m. to noon at Bell Middle School, 1001 Ulysses St. For details call 303-698-3799 or visit www.9HealthFair.org.

Oct. 27 and 28
Trick or Treat Train
The Railroad Halloween Town is a safe place to enjoy Halloween. Enjoy treats and trains at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For tickets and info call 303-279-4591 or visit www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.

Nov. 10
Save the Date!
The Golden Civic Foundation will host its 37th Annual Dinner and Auction from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. Tickets are $90 or $850 for a table of 10. Funds raised benefit Golden’s schools and non-profit organizations. For reservations, visit www.goldencivicfoundation.org, email goldencivic.org@gmail.com or call 303-910-8492.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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.
Getting Healthy and Fit: Golden Parks Can Help

One of the most effective and low-cost prescriptions for a variety of physical and mental conditions can be found just a few steps from your front door: your public parks and trails.

Nearly half of Americans are overweight while a third qualify as obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Obesity-related conditions include a greater chance of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, certain types of cancer and even death. If all inactive Americans were to become physically active, close to $76.7 billion would be saved annually in the treatment of such chronic conditions.

Consider just some of the ways you and your family can get active through Golden Parks and Recreation: walking trails, hiking, biking or running, playing on playgrounds, participating in outdoor recreation programs, swimming, gardening in the community gardens, golfing, hitting the dirt at the bike park and more! Golden is filled with healthy outdoor options that are mostly little or no cost.

“The City of Golden is unique in its ability to provide so many recreation amenities for its population size,” said Rod Tarullo, Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf. “In addition we maintain over 250 acres of parkland, 400 acres of open space and 24 miles of trails. If you aren’t doing it already, get out there and play.”

In order to ensure that people can continue to use parks as a means to get healthy, communities everywhere need to support parks and recreation. America’s Backyard—Make Parks Yours, a park awareness campaign from the National Recreation and Park Association, encourages all people in Golden to, not only experience the healthy benefits of parks, but to stand together and support parks. To learn about more Golden Parks and Recreation opportunities to help you get healthy and fit visit www.cityofgolden.net. For more information on the benefits of parks and recreation, visit www.americasbackyard.org.

5,000 Big Steps Forward

18-year-old Rae Heim took it upon herself to help raise awareness for an organization called Soles4Souls, which collects shoes and gives them to those in need all over the world. In order to raise awareness and money, the teen runner decided to go... barefoot.

Rae began running across the country from Boston, MA on April 1st and is heading to Huntington Beach, CA in her bare feet. She is running at least a half marathon every day and sometimes much more to get to her goal.

Local Soles4Souls volunteer Michele James found out about Rae’s run, and collaborated with Carl Craig of ERA, a Waters Company located in the Coors Tech complex, to collect and store all of the shoes donated by the generous souls in Colorado.

The Golden Chamber of Commerce helped to expand the drive, so that by the time Rae arrived to her rally in Golden in August, she was greeted by a mountain of shoes estimated at about 5,000 pairs. This giant pile was added to the over 110,000 pair collected in our state, a savings of 70 tons of shoes that might otherwise go to a landfill. The shoes are distributed to both U.S. charities and countries around the world where no part or piece of the shoe goes to waste.

This is just another example of the never-ending generosity of the Golden community. If you would still like to contribute, donation boxes are available outside the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave., and will remain there for the coming months. You may also email Michele James at Souls4Soles.CO@gmail.com with questions or to set up a shoe drive.
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The Latest City News Can Now Be In Your Inbox

The City of Golden has recently added a subscription service to our website. Now you can receive a weekly summary of “what’s new” in the city delivered right to your email inbox. The email you receive contains a synopsis of new information posted to the website including the latest happenings in the city, police and fire department news and upcoming events. You can then click on any story that interests you to read more.

This is a free service and you can unsubscribe at any time through the website. In the future, we will be adding text message notifications for emergency situations.

Simply follow this link: www.cityofgolden.net/account/registration/ or go to the homepage and click on “E-newsletter Signup” under Additional Resources to create your account today! For more information, contact Clarissa Cutrell at 303-384-8103 or ccutrell@cityofgolden.net.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU

Up to now, the only way to easily navigate your way up Clear Creek was sitting behind the wheel of your car. But Golden and many of our neighbors have committed to building a trail that will allow bikers, hikers, walkers, climbers, fishermen and people with physical disabilities to safely access Clear Creek and all it has to offer outdoor enthusiasts.

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) awarded a $4.6 million GOCO/Lottery grant to Jefferson and Clear Creek counties to build a new six mile stretch of trail through Clear Creek Canyon. The new trail will create improved creek access locations along U.S. 6 and the banks of the creek. It will also help decrease safety concerns with recreationists who park along the busy highway. Golden is one of many area partners in this endeavor, with a slated contribution of $25,000 towards the creation of the trail.

This 6-mile link is part of a large project called the Peaks to Plains Trail, which will eventually stretch 65 miles from Loveland Pass to the South Platte River Trail in Adams County. The Peaks to Plains Trail will link existing trails with newly built sections. But this Clear Creek part of the trail will certainly benefit those living in Golden and surrounding areas on a more frequent basis.

GOCO is the result of a citizens’ initiative passed by the voters in 1992. As the recipient of approximately half of Colorado Lottery proceeds ($56 million in 2011), GOCO awards grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife. Since 1994, nearly 3,500 projects in all 64 counties have received GOCO funding, and Jefferson County benefited from more than $26.2 million of those funds.
Celebrate Health!

Fridays, Oct. 5 & Nov. 2
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.

Chair massages $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions $13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce $20 per 15 minutes

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/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

FREE Seminars Available!

Oct. 23 - De-Clutter Your Paperwork
Is paperwork piling up in your place? Do you feel overwhelmed? We’ll help you take back control, learn more effective filing methods, and feel better about yourself!
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Nov. 13 - Gratitude: Appreciate What Is
During this class, we will re-awaken your sense of wonder and playfulness through enjoyable activities. We will also explore how to make gratitude an ongoing spiritual practice.
Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Golden Tour of Solar Homes - #35000-1
We will start out at the American Mountaineering Center at the Sustainability Expo and then tour local solar homes. After the tour we will have a late lunch in Golden.
Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
$11 (van, tour included, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 4
Register/Cancel by Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Humphrey Memorial Park & Museum - #35001-1
www.hmpm.org
The Humphrey museum in Evergreen is a historic homestead where the family’s treasures are viewed just as they lived with them. We will tour the 43 acre homestead and then enjoy a tea luncheon on the property. The menu is set and pre-ordered.
Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
$25 (van, tour and lunch included)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Oct. 3.

Georgetown Loop Railroad - #35002-1
Beer & Brats! Let’s take a ride on the railroad on a cool, crisp October day, enjoy free Colorado Micro beer tasting and Brats! After our train ride we can poke around Georgetown.
Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
$40 (van, train ride, bring money for incidentals)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Oct. 12.

Check out the Golden Community Center’s Front Porch - designed specifically for people 50 and older.

The Front Porch offers respite and entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, sports, social events, trips and volunteer activities. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.

Here’s what’s happening this month:

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
The Jefferson Symphony needs up to 12 volunteer host families to provide meals, lodging and local transportation for finalists entering the live round of its 54th International Young Artists Competition, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013 at the Arvada Center. This year’s competition is for pianists, so host families with good pianos are especially desirable. Most finalists (usually college students, some from other countries) arrive on Thursday, Jan. 3 and leave on Sunday, Jan. 6. Finalists are delightful guests. To learn details and to apply, contact Frani Bickart through the Jefferson Symphony at 303-278-4237 or iyac@jeffsymphony.org.

**Host an Aspiring Musician**

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**2012 Rocky Mountain National Watermedia**

Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St.
- Through Oct. 28
- Adults: $5, Seniors: $3;
  Members & Students: Free
- Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Saturday,
  10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.;
  Monday, CLOSED.

Next door in the Community Gallery:
The Mountainside Art Guild presents its national Mountainside Miniatures juried exhibition with over 130 two-dimensional works 35 square inches or smaller. All these original works on display are for sale and make excellent gifts.

**A Showcase of Water Colors**

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For more information and to register for Golden Community Center Programs, visit us online at rec.cityofgolden.net

Swimming Lessons
Fall swimming lessons are open for registration; this is the last session for 2012 so register today! Registration is available online at rec.cityofgolden.net or in person at the Golden Community Center.

Advanced Care CPR and First Aid
Injuries are one of the leading causes of death and disability, second only to cardiac arrest. This course gives you the knowledge and confidence to step forward if needed in an emergency. Certification issued fulfills all State, OSHA and Social Service requirements.

Age: 14 years and older
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Oct. 6
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

007 Secret Agent Camp (SPYBOTS)
Kids will become secret agents with robotic agents using the LEGO® MindStorms Spybots robot kits, computers, software and programmable controller.

Age: 5 - 7 years
Mondays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 - 29
$59 Resident, $64 Non-resident

Nano Tech Robotics
Participants and a partner will work together to create and build robots. The robots will have various missions to carry out that are a glimpse into the microscopic world of nano-technology or tiny robots.

Age: 7 - 12 years

Mondays, 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.
Oct. 8 - 29
$75 Resident, $80 Non-resident

Destination Mars Workshop
With our Destination Mars workshop participants will go on a virtual tour of Earth's next door neighbor exploring the mysteries of Mars. Feel what Mars is like by making your own Mars mud, search for signs of life and find out what’s happening with the new Mars Rover!

Age: 5 - 12 years
Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon
Oct. 13
$20 Resident, $23 Non-resident

Under the Microscope
Using a child-friendly digital microscope, students will explore the concepts of magnification, science, nature study and digital editing.

Age: 4 - 6 years
Wednesdays, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.
Oct. 3 - 24
$49 Resident, $54 Non-resident

Rockin’ Rockets
Over the course of four weeks participants will explore everything there is to do with rockets. Learn about the history of rocketry, explore the laws of motion that make rockets fly, and build and launch different rockets to take home.

Age: 4 - 6 years
Thursdays, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.
Oct. 4 - 25
$42 Resident, $47 Non-resident

Rainforest Expedition
Grab your camera, your BeeBot, your microscope and your butterfly net - we’re off to explore the world of bugs, animals and plants in the rainforests of the world. Students will create a personalized journal of their expedition, including exploring the forest floor and perching in the canopy of trees with exotic birds.

Age: 4 - 6 years
Fridays, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.
Oct. 12 - Nov. 2
$49 Resident, $54 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.
The second edition of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge has come to a close and Golden, once again, held an impressively successful event. While Golden had a significantly shorter route this year, we definitely weren’t short on crowds. Spectators lined the streets downtown and on Washington Avenue both north and south of downtown. After the race left town, Parfet Park was the place to be and fans packed in to visit the vendors and watch the rest of the day’s racing on the big screen.

After the race ended, the crowd relaxed to the country sounds of J.P. Harris and the Tough Choices. The park swelled with people by the time The Samples went on stage. And hours after the band stopped playing, fans still weren’t ready to leave Golden, with many sticking around to watch the fantastic fireworks show!

Golden’s Local Organizing Committee wants to thank the City of Golden, the Golden community, volunteers, and sponsors for their support throughout the planning process, during our pre-race events and on race day. Community support contributed to the tremendous success of Golden’s stage both last year and this year and we have shown the world what a great place Golden is to live, work and play!

We Did It Again!

Thousands gathered to watch the pro cyclists make their way through Golden on Aug. 25.

Nearly 100 Kids Dashed at the Splash

The 2nd Annual Dash at the Splash was on the mark in August, with 92 kids participating in the youth triathlon at the Splash Aquatic Park. The cool morning brought families and kids ages six to 12 years to race in the non-competitive event. Recreation staff designed the program last year to promote healthy, active lifestyles in children in the Golden community.

After completing distances of swimming, biking and running based on age group, racers received a medal for participating. Refreshments were also provided and a gift bag filled with goodies donated by generous local sponsors.

A special thanks to the 2012 Dash at the Splash Sponsors:
- Scott Bristol, State Farm Insurance
- Safeway
- The Golden Hotel
- Credit Union of the Rockies
- Sirona Physical Therapy
- Golden Sustainability Department
- Fossil Trace Golf Club
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 21
- American Legion Post 21
There’s no doubt that photographs are important historical resources. Well represented in museum collections worldwide, photographs are one of the best means available for accurately portraying what it was like to be alive in another age in time. Most historians believe that photography first came to Colorado in 1853 with the Fremont Expedition. Surveying for the best route for a railroad, Col. James Fremont’s team included photographer Solomon N. Carvalho and the first camera in the area.

Who would have guessed 159 years ago that the new invention of photography and the visual record it produced would become so prevalent and accessible to so many. Cameras are so common now that many people carry one around in their pocket or have one on their phones.

The Golden History Museums (GHM) Photography Collection doesn’t date back to 1853 yet, but it does include photographs spanning almost a century and a half. One year ago, GHM launched the Golden Memories Project, an ongoing and ambitious effort to preserve, grow and make accessible our trove of historic photography. In that time, museum staff and volunteers started to digitize the original collection of images. Further, the collection size has doubled through new acquisitions. The collection includes such varied subject matter as people in parades, landscapes at flood stage, and yes, even donkeys with Castle Rock as a backdrop.

Beginning Oct. 15, you’re invited to see the growing collection for yourself. The Golden History Museums, City of Golden Photography Collection will be viewable online via our website. Go to www.GoldenHistory.org/photos to find the link.

GHM is throwing a party on Saturday, Oct. 13 to celebrate its online photography launch and you’re invited!

Celebrate Golden’s rich visual history and get an exclusive first look at the newly digitized collection by attending Black and White Night. Immerse yourself in a fun and festive evening of photography, entertainment and camaraderie. Strike a pose and become a part of Golden history. Enjoy delicious themed desserts and local beer and wine. Peruse your favorite images and buy reproductions right from the wall. Gather around a crackling fire on the patio, roast a marshmallow, and join special guest curators to hear about their favorite images.

Tickets are $15 ($20 for non-members), or $25 for couples ($35 for non-members). Register by calling 303-278-3557.
Come listen to the humorous and heart-wrenching tales “dug up” from the amazing histories of the Golden Cemetery and the City itself. Highlights from this year’s tour include George “Pete” Morrison, the cowboy star of many silent and talking motion picture westerns; and Mary Boyd, who will talk about early life in Golden and attending the first church ceremony while sitting on a whiskey barrel in the Ford brothers’ saloon tent.

**CEMETERY TOURS**

**Saturday, Oct. 20**
Golden Cemetery, 755 Ulysses St.

Hour-long tours start at 2 p.m. Reservations are recommended as tours can sell out. Discounts available for members of the Golden History Museums.

$15 non-member, $12 member, $10 non-member youth/senior, $7 member youth/senior

Call the Golden History Center at 303-278-3557 to register.

*Top:* The "ghost" of Gertrude Bell tells a tale to visitors at last year’s tour.  
*Bottom:* Two volunteers dress as famous Golden residents of the past to entertain the crowds.

**CITY FLAGS FOR SALE**

The New City of Golden flag is now available for sale at the Golden History Center (GHC), 923 10th St. Right now the GHC has small desk-sized flags that are 4x6 inches for sale for $5 each. By Nov. 1, there will also be printed flags that are 2x3 feet and the standard 3x5 feet available for purchase. If you would like more information on the flags, call GHC at 303-278-3557.
Autumn is perhaps the best time to rediscover Golden – temperatures are mild, the scenery spectacular, and the summer crowds have left and the holiday crowds have not yet arrived. Chow down at the Chili Cook-off, discover a new prospective at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum or tour the historic Golden Cemetery. Then, reconnect with your favorite local restaurants and shops at VisitGolden.com and experience all of what Golden has to offer this fall.