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PAYT 2013 FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION & GREEN WASTE EXTENSION!
The Pay as You Throw (PAYT) Trash and Recycling Fall Yard Waste Collection dates for this year are scheduled for Nov. 9, 16 and 23. For Monday and Tuesday trash service days north of Highway 58, yard waste will be picked up on Nov. 9. For Tuesday and Friday trash service days south of Highway 58, yard waste will be picked up on Nov. 16. For Wednesday and Thursday trash days, yard waste will be picked up on Nov. 23. 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 Waste Management at 303-278-8600.

Attention Green Waste Customers: Green Waste Service has been extended through the end of November! Service will be suspended for the winter months starting Dec. 1.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE OCT. 2
The City of Golden will offer flu shots to the public for $25 from 7 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at the Golden Community Center, 1445 10th St.
Payment can be by cash, check or participating insurance. Insurance accepted for the shots include: Medicare Part B (as primary insurance), UHC AARP (formerly Secure Horizons), Rocky Mountain Health Plan, Aetna and Humana Gold. Kaiser Permanente cannot be accepted at this clinic.

You must be at least four years old to take part and children under 18 years old must have a parent with them. Vaccination helps prevent getting influenza and is recommended for almost everyone.

IT IS ALL GONE!
Participation in the i-Golden Neighborhood Grants program has reached its peak this year. All of the $20,000 that was budgeted for this year has been granted. Nine matching grants and 15 small grants were awarded. If your neighborhood has not applied for a grant think about it for next year. Go to www.cityofgolden.net/links/iGoldenGrant for more information. Look for articles next year in the Informer announcing the beginning of the 2014 grant cycle.

SAVE THE DATE
The 38th Annual Golden Civic Foundation Dinner and Auction will take place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Denver Marriott West Hotel, 1717 Denver West Blvd. The honorees this year are Jack and Joy Brandt for their years of service in the Golden community. The theme is Denim and Diamonds, so western apparel is suggested.

The Civic Foundation raises upwards of $75,000, all of which goes back into the community through grants. The grants support all of Golden’s K-12 schools and 35 non-profit organizations, ranging from the Christian Action Guild’s food bank to Foothills Art Center and the Colorado Trail Foundation. For more information about the event, contact Marcie Miller at Marcie@goldencivicfoundation.org or 720-326-8636.

Below is Golden City Council’s monthly calendar. Meetings are held on Thursdays and begin at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

Oct. 3 No Meeting
Oct. 10 Regular Business Meeting
Oct. 17 Study Session
Oct. 24 Regular Business Meeting
Oct. 31 No Meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net.
Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
October may be the best month of all in Golden. The entire city turns into one big photo opportunity. Along the Clear Creek corridor, swarms of amateur and professional photographers attempt to capture the fall colors against our glorious backdrop. The crisp October air and blue skies make walkers feel like a marching band accompanies them. Sometimes they really do hear band music – wafting from the Colorado School of Mines football stadium or a Golden High School drumline practice.

Now, before the leaves fall, marching bands bundle up, and daylight savings time ends (on Nov. 4), it is a great time to enjoy walking tours of Golden. Detailed descriptions of self-guided art, history, or neighborhood walks are widely available from books, brochures, and internet sites. Golden also offers 24 miles of recreational trails linking neighborhoods and providing a natural refuge.

Or consider a different walking theme: exploration of places that are undergoing controlled and positive change. For instance, the city will honor its commitment to Golden’s renewable energy goals with the installation of ground, roof, or carport-mounted photovoltaic panels at nine city facilities, making them net-zero energy buildings. Preview the locations by visiting the Public Works Building on 10th Street; Splash Water Park; the Fossil Trace Maintenance Shop and two stand-alone restrooms at the golf course; the parking garage at 1250 Jackson Street; Fire Station No. #4 on Heritage Road; the Tony Grampsas Gymnasium on Salvia Street; and the City Maintenance Shop on Catamount Drive. (You can find more information on p. 13.)

An entirely new walking experience will be available soon, when the long-awaited pedestrian bridge across 6th Avenue is completed. The bridge will connect the Golden Ridge/Heritage Road/Golden Terrace neighborhoods, business centers, and trails on the south side of 6th Avenue to the light-rail station, county courthouse, and beyond. For now, the best way to take in the bridge site from Heritage Road is to walk to the end of Golden Ridge Road. The view from there is breathtaking. Both downtown Denver and DIA can be seen from the ridge.

Or head to the Clear Creek corridor to evaluate the minor changes in store for this Golden treasure. The 2013 summer Clear Creek experience was much calmer than last year, thanks to additional regulations, rangers, signage, and landscaping adaptations. The City has targeted additional creekside slopes for further erosion control. Strollers, runners, or cyclists on the trail can attempt to identify the areas where work is needed before the next busy season.

Another option for pedestrians was made possible by the recent improvements to South Golden Road from the high school to the Johnson Road roundabout. This stretch is Golden’s latest “complete street,” encouraging a safe and pleasant experience for drivers, cyclists, public-transit users, and walkers of all ages and abilities.

Unquestionably the most fun October walk is in downtown Golden. Every Halloween, the Downtown Merchants Association encourages kids, and sometimes their adults, to put on costumes and enjoy a safe trick-or-treat experience from 3 to 6 p.m. Miniature princesses, ghosts, vampires, superheroes, and their scary friends will have a good time exploring the downtown to collect candy (and maybe tricks) from participating stores.

Getting outside for a walk on a Golden October day can be informative, uplifting, invigorating, and restorative. City streets and trails are beckoning you.
Mail Ballot Election Scheduled for Nov. 5

The last day to register **BY MAIL**, to vote in the Nov. 5 election is Tuesday Oct. 15. Oct. 28 is the deadline to register online [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com). After that date, if you are not registered but have lived in the state for 22 days before the election, you can go to the Jefferson County Election Department, 3500 Illinois St., Suite 1100, to register. You can also register on Election Day and receive your ballot. More information can be found at [www.jeffco.us/elections](http://www.jeffco.us/elections).

To be eligible to register to vote in this election you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, a resident of Colorado and at your present address for 22 days prior to the election.

If your Jefferson County voter registration is current and you live within the city limits of Golden, further registration is not necessary. If you are not sure if you are registered at your current residence go to [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com).

All registered voters will be mailed a ballot from Jefferson County the week of Oct. 15. Your ballot must be returned to Jefferson County, or placed in a ballot drop off box, no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 5. Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., will have a drop off box or you may drop off your ballot at Jefferson County Elections, 3500 Illinois St., Suite 1100, Golden.

**INTRODUCING THE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

In order to help voters make educated decisions in the upcoming mail ballot election, the City publishes candidate profiles in each of the races. In this election, citizens will vote for Councilors in all four Wards. If you are not sure which Ward you live in, check out the map on p. 6. If you are still unsure, call the City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014.

Each candidate was offered the opportunity to submit a profile and a photo for free publication in the Informer. Candidates were not provided with any set guidelines, and candidate profiles were not edited by the City for content or style. Their submissions are on the next few pages. The candidates are listed starting with Ward One and ending with Ward Four.

We hope this will encourage you to get to know your candidates and vote! For more information on the upcoming election, visit [www.cityofgolden.net/links/Elections](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/Elections).

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**On Your Ballot…**

Ballot Questions 2A and 2B will be on your ballots in November. The City of Golden owns real property, including parcels near the intersection of Pine View Road and Wyoming Circle, and adjacent to 801 Ridge Road. The properties are currently used for a neighborhood open space area and a parking area and trail head to North Table Mountain open space.

As a result of the installation of additional trail head facilities for North Table Mountain, it is possible to reduce the size of the trailhead parking area at Pine View Road and Wyoming Circle and derive revenue to fund neighborhood recreation improvements. The portion of the parcel adjacent to Ridge Road and Cressman Court has not functioned well as a neighborhood “pocket park” and has resulted in ongoing maintenance costs for the city and concerns for the nearby homeowners. City Council has determined that both lots should be sold. The Charter requires a vote on the sale of any park land.
City of Golden Ward Boundaries

Map Key
- Ward Boundaries
- City Limits
- Roads

Map is current as of September 2013
It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Ward 1 for the last 4 years, and I plan to build upon what I have learned and accomplished in a second term. During my first term, I brought together people from all Ward 1 neighborhoods for numerous listening and information sessions on City issues, services, and events. I will continue to be your voice in city hall – bringing your needs and ideas into City Council’s decision making process – and working both to protect and preserve Golden’s quality of life and to make smart plans and provisions for its future.

Guided by the values and vision emanating from the Golden Vision 2030 process, to which many of you contributed, we completed Central Neighborhood and South Neighborhood Plans. By the high school, improvements are being considered to make the area a more vital, accessible, safer, and attractive public gathering place. I voted to purchase open space (the Bachman property at 4th and Heritage) for possible future use as a park, something promoted by many South Golden residents. In a second term, I plan to work on more neighborhood plans, including for the Golden Hills and Golden Heights neighborhoods.

I will continue to work toward achieving the City’s sustainability goals and implementing more of the recommendations of the walkability, bikeability, and affordable housing task forces. There is tremendous opportunity to improve the Colfax Corridor. New sidewalks are already being constructed to make it safer and more walkable. Other improvements are in the design stages to beautify and better connect the businesses, hotels, restaurants, schools, parks, and neighborhoods along the corridor. The City recently hosted a networking event at the Corporate Center so that people there could get to know one another better and to connect with the Free Horizon Montessori School located there. With Interplaza (Kohl’s, Home Depot, etc.), there is more opportunity for businesses/primary employers in that part of Ward 1 which I will continue to focus on in a second term.

With the arrival of light rail, the new community bus, and the pedestrian bridge being built across 6th Ave. from the station to Golden Terrace Village Communities and Golden Ridge, residents have more options than ever to get around Golden and into Denver. I will work to ensure that any Transit Oriented Development (TOD) will be a plus for the South Neighborhood and attuned to what residents and businesses want. I served as Council’s liaison to the RTD West Line project during my first term and will continue to monitor transit services to make sure they are meeting the needs of the community. They are all demand driven; the more we use them, the more service will be available.

I am excited about all the possibilities for Ward 1 and have the energy and enthusiasm to keep working with and for you to make it even more prosperous and successful. For more information, check my website www.claxtonforcouncil.com, or call me (303-621-5133). I will greatly appreciate your vote!
When I moved to Golden in 1994, I was instantly appreciative of the small-town character of the community, the beautiful natural surrounds and the engaged citizenry. As I also became engaged in community life, I realized that Golden was indeed a special city—and, I wanted to be a part of making Golden even better. Prior to my election to City Council, representing Ward Two, I served on both the Golden Urban Renewal Authority and also the Economic Development Commission. And, I can attest to the positive changes that have taken place over the past 20 years. From the development of excellent parks and recreation facilities (community center, Splash and golf course to name just three) to finally cementing the “Golden” plan for transportation throughout our city corridors, we’ve lived through a lot of positives. Changes have happened in my life too, I now am raising a young family in Golden and am looking forward to teaching my kids all about our community and the on-going experience of living in our hometown.

I would like to thank my constituents and neighbors from all parts of Golden, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve you all as city councilor. I also want to thank my family for supporting me throughout my term in office, I am grateful for their encouragement and understanding of the time and personal commitment required for this responsibility.

In looking back on what we have accomplished together as a community during my last term, I think it’s important to recognize that your city council, volunteer boards, commissions task force members and team of city staff has indeed delivered. From weathering the great recession in a relatively strong financial condition, the completion of Golden Vision 2030 and numerous other master plans to help guide the future of our recreation corridors and neighborhoods to the hundreds of public works and community development projects that produced everything from complete streets to the acquisition of key pieces of open space property, those who serve Golden have indeed been busy.

Finally, I would very much be honored to continue to represent my constituents in Ward Two and the entire community, providing leadership and undertaking the requisite hard work to deliver even more to the residents and city through the next four years. While I certainly know we have accomplished much, the City of Golden will always be a work in progress. Through my experience and dedication, I believe I have earned your trust as a sound decision-maker always looking out for what is indeed best for our city. I would very much also like to earn your vote in the upcoming election.

Sincerely,
Joe Behm
Ward 3 Candidate

Pamela Gould

I am very excited about the potential opportunity to serve Golden as Ward 3 Representative to City Council. My family and I love living in Golden for many reasons: the vibrant downtown, Clear Creek, the variety of festivals and events, the museums, the quiet open spaces, and all the opportunities for outdoor activities. My two children grew up playing in Golden’s parks, learned to swim and rock climb at the Rec Center, and love the freedom, as young teens, of riding their bikes around town. We very much appreciate living in a well-run, safe, and clean town. But most of all, we love the sense of neighborliness, community, and energy that really makes Golden what it is.

One thing that makes this town special is all the ways we can all get involved. I was a founding member of Citizens for Golden, co-hosted Radio Golden, and I am presently finishing a four year term on the Golden Urban Renewal Authority board. My background is in education and health, and I’m currently pursuing a master’s degree in community and behavioral health at CU’s School of Public Health.

I am running for Council for one main reason: I love this town. Many things are going well for Golden right now, but I see a real need to proactively plan for our future while thinking analytically about how best to preserve and protect all the elements that make Golden a wonderful place to live. Specifically, if elected I would like to help Council:

Preserve what makes this small town a place we love.
- Make decisions using neighborhood plans & Vision 2030
- Focus on the people who live here– welcoming visitors while not becoming touristy or overcrowded

Protect the health of our people and our environment.
- Continue to improve options for our community to exercise and build community through walking, biking and recreational activities
- Work toward implementing our established sustainability goals to improve both the environment and Golden’s financial future
- Make sure our roadways are safe and navigable throughout the whole city for all users, including those who are driving, walking, biking or utilizing public transportation

Proactively chart a course into the future.
- Promote job growth and business success
- Support high quality educational experiences for all of Golden’s students
- Plan ahead, using the Blue Ribbon Panels’ findings, to ensure the City of Golden’s future financial health

As I work toward earning votes in Ward 3, my focus is on meeting people and understanding their thoughts, ideas and concerns about Golden’s future. If you, or a group of neighbors, have ideas or suggestions, I would love to sit down and talk. Please contact me! You can use the contact page at www.GouldForGolden.com to send me a message, which comes directly to my email in-box. You can also visit the website to subscribe to my newsletter.
I and my wife, Sharon, have reared our two children in Golden and absolutely adore living here. We can't imagine living anywhere else. Both of us give back to the community as much as balancing work and the needs of our children allow. Over the years, I've been my daughter's Girl Scout troop leader, volunteered regularly in the classrooms at Mitchell, and with the Golden Marlins swim team. Sharon was the president of the Mitchell PTA and president of the Golden Marlins.

Colorado's beauty brought me to Boulder as a senior software engineer 31 years ago. A brief sabbatical ski bumming in Telluride was followed by a stint in Denver. A career at The Colorado School of Mines brought me to Golden. I held positions in high tech, finance and management, earning an MS in Economics and Business from Mines along the way.

For the last 10 years I've been on the City of Golden Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee. I look forward to the meetings and the chance to give back to this community that my wife and I love so much. Over the years I've been impressed with the professionalism of our city staff as they present an overview of the activities and plans for their department and the budget they are requesting. The loyalty this city engenders in its employees always confirms what a great place Golden is to live and work.

Golden has grown and changed in the 22 years I've lived here. As with you, I believe many of those changes have been great. I remember the disagreements over eliminating the nose-in parking on Washington Street with the widening of the sidewalks and the addition of landscaping. Most of us can't imagine it looking any differently now, as we sit outside at D'Deli enjoying one of Al's great sandwiches, or having a cup of coffee at Windy Saddle or one of our other local favorites.

All growth and change are not equal. I've been proud of our fights to “Save the Mesas” and to keep the beltway from dividing our community. We come together to hold on to the heart and values that make Golden a great place to live.

City Council usually listens before making decisions. A few times not. Council was originally favorable to the development of South Table Mountain until we let them know that wasn't Golden. I want to make sure council listens to community concerns on issues like the Clear Creek Master Plan and the resulting impacts on the city and vision of Golden.

On City Council I will always be the right voice for all of us who love this community. By listening to you, I'll know before any votes are taken on council what we in Ward 4 want for our neighborhoods.
Laura Weinberg

Golden is more than just a residence. Golden is our home. My husband, Mike, and I and our children were welcomed into the community over six years ago and we love Golden for the same reasons you love Golden. We walk and bike past historic neighborhoods to a vibrant Community Center, welcoming Golden library, bustling Farmers Market and terrific local restaurants. Our two girls walk to an excellent neighborhood school, Mitchell Elementary, and attend programs at the world-class School of Mines. There are museums to explore, plays to see, concerts to attend and stores to visit in Historic Downtown. Outside we enjoy the beautiful landscape and the trails and parks that connect us all. Golden has everything we love at our doorstep.

Over the years I have become more involved in helping to enhance and preserve our community. I serve on our city’s Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, act as President of our local HOA, and am deeply involved in our schools, currently serving as Reflections Chair for Mitchell’s PTA.

I understand it takes dedicated individuals to protect what we have now, while improving for the future. My time on the Parks Board gives me a strong understanding of how we can accomplish our shared vision. I have experienced the passion of our citizens in many public hearings and meetings and realize the true value and commitment of volunteers providing service in our community.

I have the community leadership experience to serve as our City Council representative and the solid business experience to make critical budget and spending decisions. My career has been focused with an MBA in Information Systems and Director-level experience at large financial institutions. I also understand the struggles of small businesses having acted as co-owner in a local, start-up contractor business.

Ward 4 is a diverse and wonderful group of neighborhoods. Some of the needs I hear most often and for which I will advocate on City Council include:

1. Strong Clear Creek corridor management that preserves the creek, manages crowds, and protects our surrounding neighborhoods.
2. Parking solutions for Downtown and historic neighborhoods to provide residents and businesses with adequate parking where you need it most.
3. Transportation improvements that reduce noise and pollution, improve safety, connect neighborhoods and keep roads free for our use.
4. Support for our downtown businesses, cultural institutions, and clubs that give residents and visitors a variety of options for things to do in Golden.

I am running for City Council to represent all of us in Ward 4 with ideas about what Golden needs and deserves. I am running to make sure our tax dollars are managed wisely and the voices of our citizens heard. I am running to protect our city’s identity and small-town character while providing for a strong and sustainable future. I am running because I have the leadership, passion and experience to represent you and share your values.

Please let me know your priorities for Golden by visiting LauraforGolden.com, emailing laura@lauraforgolden.com or when you see me walking door to door. I ask for your support and your vote this election.

Thank you, Laura Weinberg
The Golden Informer

Through Oct. 26

**Material Witnesses**

Come experience life in New York City, told through quilts. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details visit www.rmqm.org or call 303-277-0377.

Through Oct. 27

**I Never Promised You a Rose Garden**

A compelling drama with personal, familial and professional themes. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and show times, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through Nov. 3

**Rocky Mountain National Watermedia**

More than 80 works showcasing the best of the nation’s watermedia artists. SCFD Family Free Day is Oct. 5 with free admission and activities throughout the day. For details visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

Oct. 3 & 17

**MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers**

A group designed for mothers of children from birth to Kindergarten. Childcare provided. 9 to 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Golden, 1805 Washington Ave. For details call 303-279-4605 or visit www.fbcgolden.org.

Oct. 4, 5 & 6

**Radical Reels Film Festival**

Watch jaw-dropping mountain sport films at 7 p.m. at American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Tickets are $15 and expected to sell out in advance. For details call 303-996-2769 or visit www.cmc.org/films.

Oct. 5

**Coffee with a Councilor**

Chat with your City Councilors at 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

Oct. 11 & 31

**Golden Community Cinema**

Watch a movie at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St.: Oct. 11 – Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

Oct. 31 – Ghostbusters

Visit www.facebook.com/gccmovies for details.

Oct. 20

**JSO Opening Concert**

The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. at the Green Center, 924 16th St. For tickets and details, call 303-278-4237 or visit jeffsymphony.org.

Oct. 31

**Halloween**

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**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.

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**FREE Sales and Use Tax Workshop**

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

October 2, 2013 ......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

December 4, 2013 .... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

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**FREE Building Use Tax Workshop**

The City of Golden is hosting a FREE Building Use Tax Workshop taught by our professional staff of auditors. Class is 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.

November 6, 2013 .. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Class is free, but space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
A Solar Pledge

In August, City Council took a significant step forward toward achieving its renewable energy goals. Solar panels will be placed at nine City facilities including the Tony Grampsas Gymnasium, the City’s maintenance shops, Splash at Fossil Trace, the 1250 Jackson Street Parking Garage, and the Public Works and Planning Building.

In 2007, Golden’s City Council passed Resolution 1792, which included a goal of reducing energy consumption by 20 percent and producing 50 percent of the City’s total energy consumption by renewable energy by 2017. In 2009, the City implemented energy efficiency upgrades for lighting, heating and air conditioning; automatic controls (occupancy sensors, lighting shut-offs); and the solar thermal system to heat the Golden Community Center pool.

The new solar PV project brings the City up to 10 percent of the total electric consumption. Energy production is guaranteed through an energy performance contract with McKinstry Inc., located in north Golden and the project will also use the services of local solar installers. Once construction is complete in December, McKinstry will provide performance measurement and verification services to guarantee the City’s cost savings. “The project demonstrates a good public-private partnership that actually takes advantage of what we do best and what the private sector does best as well,” said Councilor Bill Fisher. The $3.2 million project is expected to be paid back with energy savings over 20 years.

Check out the 2nd Annual Golden Tour of Solar Homes

The Golden Solar Tour in partnership with the National American Solar Energy Society (ASES) is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Golden Solar Tour to showcase selected solar installations around the Golden area. These projects will showcase solar technologies your neighbors are using to reduce energy bills, lower harmful emissions, lessen dependence on foreign oil, receive tax credits, and improve property values. Participate in the self-guided tour of several homes in your community and discover ways you can incorporate solar and renewable energy into your life!

Register at the American Mountaineering Center, get the map, and take the self-guided tour. Talk to the homeowners of homes selected for their solar installations. See details below or visit www.goldensolartour.org for more information.

Friday, Oct. 4, 4 - 7 p.m.
Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living
Electric Vehicle Round Up, Exhibitors and Workshops
American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Golden Solar Tour, Same location
$5 per Adult

HAVE EXTRA YARD WASTE?

Golden is hosting an additional Brush Collection Event on October 23-26 at the Recycling Drop off Site in north Golden off of Golden Gate Canyon Road. Branches, limbs will be accepted and access is limited to Golden residents only.
Golden is a prime locale for wildlife. Many of the wild animals that frequent our city are beautiful and intriguing, but they can also be bothersome and dangerous. As our urban areas grow, animal habitats diminish and that means that we have to learn to coexist. But it’s not always peaceful.

Animals seek comfort in the form of food, water, shelter and habitat. When these elements are present, animals will acclimate to our environment. When this occurs, it can cause a host of other problems such as property damage and disease. In addition, when small animals like mice, raccoons, skunks, rabbits and squirrels are enticed into a neighborhood, it also lures predators like coyotes, foxes, rattlesnakes and mountain lions. Contrary to popular belief, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Golden Animal Management officers generally will not relocate or put down animals unless they are injured or diseased. The best solution is to help make your neighborhood unattractive using the following tips:

- Do not feed wildlife (accidentally or on purpose). Eliminate any source of food that might attract animals including pet food, bird seed and fruit bearing trees and bushes.
- Keep trash cans locked or in a closed shed or garage and only put them out on trash removal day.
- Cover window wells, fill holes in your homes’ foundation and put a screen over your chimney, attic and dryer vents.
- Keep water sources, including water features and ponds, to a minimum.
- Remove places to hide by trimming up low lying bushes, keeping your grass cut short and filling in holes in rock walls.
- Keep pets on a leash when out and about and keep them inside at night.

For more information, visit the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website at http://wildlife.state.co.us/. And if you encounter a dangerous wild animal, call 911.

GOLDEN GALLOP

The 8th annual running race to benefit local schools takes place on Oct. 6 and features a 5K and 10K race that loop through the city. The race begins under the “Howdy Folks!” arch and finishes at Parfet Park.

All proceeds from the 2013 Golden Gallop will benefit the Golden Schools Foundation. For more information, visit www.goldengallop.org.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, Oct. 4 & Nov. 1
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. The first Friday of each month we offer free blood pressure screenings, healthy refreshments and presentations on a variety of wellness topics. 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

Receive the Front Porch News Online!
Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

Computer Training for Life-long Learning
These introductory computer classes are presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library. Each class is designed to accommodate all skill levels! Space is limited, Min/Max: 4/8. Sign up in the Front Porch or call 303-384-8130. Classes are held in the library’s book mobile in the Golden Community Center’s 8th St. parking lot.

Mondays, 1-3 p.m. on the E-Train
Oct. 7 - Intro to using a Computer
Oct. 14 - Intro to using the Internet
Oct. 21 - Microsoft Word Basics
Oct. 28 - Email Basics

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

History Colorado Lecture: Denver Mountain Parks - 100 years of the Magnificent Dream - #35001-1
Enjoy a tour of the museum followed by a fantastic presentation on Denver Mountain Parks by Author Wendy Rex-Atzet and photographer John Fielder. The History Center Café is available if you would like to purchase lunch.
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.to 2:30 p.m.
$24 (Van, lecture and museum entry)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by Oct. 10.

Exertion Level: 2
Black American West Museum and Heritage Center and Lunch at the Welton Cafe - # 35002-1
This museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving and disseminating the contributions of black Americans in the old west.
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.to 2:30 p.m.
$20 (van, museum included, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by Oct. 18.

Heritage Square - Sweeney Todd (to say so-long) - #35003-1
On New Year’s Eve, the Heritage Square Music Hall & Dinner Theater will take a final bow as the curtain closes for the last time. We will make one final trip to enjoy the hilarious spoof of the classic “Sweeney Todd” with brunch in the dining room before the show.
Sunday, Nov. 10, noon to 4:30 p.m.
Exertion Level:2 (long walk to the theatre)
$52 (van, show and brunch included)
Register/Cancel by Oct. 16.
Every fall the National Fire Protection Association observes Fire Prevention Week. This fall, the theme is kitchen safety, “Let’s Get Cookin’ With Fire Safety.” Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 6 - 12.

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The Golden Fire Department has responded to five cooking related fires within the last twelve months. One was a house fire, one was a small oven fire at a fraternity and three were restaurant kitchen fires. That is not surprising since cooking involves all the ingredients for fire—heat, fuel and oxygen. Because cooking brings heat, fuel and oxygen together, just a little inattention, distraction or carelessness can give those three ingredients an opportunity to ignite into a fire.

The following are some kitchen safety tips.
• Kids stay at least three feet away from the stove.
• Kids check with a grown-up to see if it’s okay to use the microwave.
• Stay away from things that are hot.
• Stay in the kitchen if you are frying, grilling or boiling food.
• Keep curtains, dish towels, and anything that burns away from your stove.
• Turn pot handles to the back so that you can’t bump them.

You can stop by Golden Fire Station 1 at 911 10th St. to pick up a kitchen fire safety brochure and learn more about cooking safety.

Be SMART About SAFETY

No one plans to call 9-1-1, but now you can plan ahead. Sign up for Smart911 and create your own Safety Profile to give 9-1-1 dispatchers valuable information about yourself, family members, your home, pets and even vehicles that will automatically display on the 9-1-1 call taker's screen when you make an emergency call. It's private and secure and you control what information is in your profile. These details can save valuable seconds or even minutes during an emergency such as severe weather, a missing child, a medical emergency, an accident at home or a car crash. Sign up today at www.Smart911.com. If you have questions, contact Lisa Sorrentino at lsorrentino@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8074.

FAMILY HEALTHY FAIR OCT. 19

Golden Family of Churches Health Ministries is once again partnering with 9News Health for the 14th annual Family Healthy Fair from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Bell Middle School, 1001 Ulysses St.

This event brings health care providers to the community for free and low cost health screenings, flu shots and much more. Some blood work requires 12 hours of fasting, so if you do fast, be sure to drink plenty of water and take your medications. Diabetics should not fast.

Medical professionals will be available to answer questions and a Spanish interpreter will be on site. No identification or social security number is required to participate, and credit cards will be accepted for any expenses. This is a chance for the entire family to get a low to no cost checkup. For information on costs, screenings, volunteer opportunities or to pre-register, visit www.9HealthFair.org or call 303-698-4455.
Golden Swimming Lessons
Did you know the Golden Community Center offers swimming lessons year round? With many sessions offered, there is a lesson to fit your family’s schedule. For more information and to register, visit rec.cityofgolden.net.

Dance, Music and Drama!
The Golden Community Center offers dance classes from ballet and tap to hip hop and jazz for several different age groups including adults. Build confidence and stage presence in Vocal Music Class or pretend to be someone else as a young performer in Kidzskits. There is so much fun planned for this fall at the Golden Community Center. For more information, visit rec.cityofgolden.net.

KIDS DASH AT THE SPLASH FOR THE 3RD YEAR

As the hot sun crept up over the Colorado mountains on the morning of Aug. 17, 144 kids and their cheering squads arrived at the Splash Aquatic Park to participate in the 3rd Annual Dash at the Splash Kid’s Triathlon. The triathlon, for ages five to 12 years, doubled the number of athletes from its year of inception. The Dash at the Splash Triathlon’s mission is to provide a fun and safe activity that instills healthy, active lifestyles in kids. Participants set their own goals for the triathlon and challenge themselves to have fun and do their best. The triathlon is divided into three age groups, with each group completing varying distances of swimming, biking and running. Families and friends cheered on the exhausted triathletes as they dashed across the finish line to receive their medals.

City of Golden Recreation Staff would like to thank the 2013 Dash at the Splash Sponsors for their generous donations: Scott Bristol, State Farm Insurance; Safeway; King Soopers; The Golden Hotel; Bob’s Atomic Burgers; Sons of the American Legion; Loveland Ski Resort; and Golden Body Worker. The event wouldn’t be such a success without the assistance of our sponsors.

Staff would also like to thank the Grand Marshal, Jordan Jones, for supporting the event and being such an inspiration to the young triathletes. Jordan Jones is one of the top triathletes in the USA, with his training base right here in Golden!

Planning is already underway for the 2014 Dash at the Splash. Look for an even better event and keep training!

Pro Triathlete Jordan Jones sharing the excitement with two Dash at the Splash participants.
Recognizing and Celebrating Innovation in Golden

Made in Golden: Where Innovation Lives, will open this month at the Golden History Center. The exhibit includes many new additions to the City of Golden’s museum collection, and a sneak preview of two of those items are featured here.

Coors Brewing Company used this single-cylinder vertical steam engine to power production lines. Manufactured by the Troy Engine and Machine Co. of Troy, Pennsylvania, the engine sports a 4.5-inch bore and 5-inch stroke, but it was deceptively powerful for its size.

Industry giants such as Bethlehem Steel, Ford Motor Company and Standard Oil used identical engines to power all sorts of equipment. Mike Spera, Master Mechanic of Motive Power at the Colorado Railroad Museum, estimates that it could have easily powered another twenty machines. This well-oiled engine is in excellent condition, and demonstrations will be available in the Golden History Center’s gallery.

Patrick Smith’s first company, Mountainsmith, manufactured the Frostfire backpack line from its corporate headquarters at Heritage Square in Golden. Packs were home-sewn by individual contractors in the area. The packs utilize a patented delta suspension system with precision lift. The Frostfire I was the best-selling full-size backpack for close to 10 years. The previous owner of the depicted pack took it across Europe and down the Grand Canyon twice.

Celebrate the opening of Made in Golden at Black and White Night 2013 from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. Enjoy entertainment, hands-on activities, and sumptuous desserts. Tickets are available at GoldenHistory.org or by calling 303-278-3557. Made in Golden opens to the public on Sunday, Oct. 13 and is included with museum admission.
The Jefferson County Public Library invites you to join in on reading this year’s novel for “One Book, One Golden.” The program is designed to get people excited about reading and also give readers a forum in which to discuss a particular book; like a city-wide book club.

The book chosen for Golden readers this year is *Benediction* by Kent Haruf. From the best-selling author of *Plainsong* and *Eventide* comes a story of life and death, and the ties that bind, once again set out on the High Plains of the fictional town of Holt, CO. Haruf gives us his most indelible portrait yet of this small town and reveals, with grace and insight, the compassion, the suffering and, above all, the humanity of its inhabitants.

You can meet the author! On Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m., Mr. Haruf will read from his book, answer questions and sign books at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Tickets are free but you must have one for admission. Get your tickets at [http://jeffcolibrary.org/one-book-one-golden-2013](http://jeffcolibrary.org/one-book-one-golden-2013).

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- Pizza Hut
- Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum
- Sirona Physical Therapy
- Spirits in the Wind Gallery
- Spyderco
- Starbucks Downtown
- The American
- Mountaineering Center
- The Golden Civic Foundation
- The Golden Hotel
- Woodys Woodfired Pizza

**Golden Businesses Support a Night Out**

The Golden Police Department hosted its 16th annual National Night Out event on Aug. 6 and once again, with the overwhelming generosity of the Golden community, it was a success. The night was hosted by Dave Aguilera of CBS4 News and our own Karlyn Tilley. The crowd was entertained with music by Eric Lane and Steve Thomas, free hot dogs, popcorn and root beer floats, face painting and lots of great raffle prizes.

*Top: A Flight for Life helicopter landed on 10th Street during the event. Above: A young boy gets his first ride on a Police motorcycle.*
MADE IN Golden
Golden History Museums

New exhibit opening October 13, 2013