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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT THE ARMORY BUILDING
Join with other community members to discuss potential future use of available space in this Golden landmark, recently purchased by Calvary Episcopal Church, for the benefit of the community. A non-profit, Golden Community Commons, is being formed, and board members are seeking a broad range of community input to help guide future decisions about how the space can be used in a way that will build and strengthen our Golden community.

When: Tuesday, Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m.
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers, 911 10th St.
Questions? Contact Bethany Thomas at 303-279-2188 or Dan Thoemke at 720-373-9605.

GOLDEN LIBRARY REMODEL UPDATE
Plans for the Golden Library remodel are moving forward. Staff is working to finalize design concepts and select fixtures, furniture and equipment. Final floor plans and sample finish boards will be on display at the Golden Library later this fall. Visit jeffcolibrary.org/goldenremodel for updates and construction timelines.

FLU SHOTS
Flu shot season is here! New this year is a four-strain vaccine, offering one extra influenza strain of protection.

The City of Golden will offer flu shots to the public for $27 from 7 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

Payment can be by cash, check or participating insurance including Medicare Part B (as primary insurance). You must be at least 4 years old to take part, and children under 18 years of age must have a parent with them. Vaccination is still the best way to prevent getting influenza and vaccination is recommended for almost everyone.

CIVIC FOUNDATION AUCTION
November is coming, and with it, the Golden Civic Foundation Auction! This year, the annual dinner and auction will be held Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Denver West Marriott. For their 39th annual dinner and auction, the Civic Foundation will honor Bob Lowry for his many years of service to the Golden Community.

Formerly the president of the Foss Company, Bob served on the Golden Civic Foundation Board for many years and worked tirelessly on behalf of our town, seeking out and purchasing many of the bronze statues now located around Golden’s streets and paths. Bob is well known for his love of fast cars, particularly the Shelby Cobra, and this year’s dinner and auction is appropriately themed “Bob’s Garage.” That means the recommended attire is casual, and coveralls are acceptable evening wear!

Doors open for cocktails and auction bidding at 5 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Marcie Miller at 720-326-8636 or buy tickets online at www.GoldenCivicFoundation.org.

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. 2
No Meeting

Oct. 9
Regular Business Meeting

Oct. 16
Study Session

Oct. 23
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.
The aphorism “Government is what we do together” is an apt description of the Golden culture. Residents, elected officials, and staff share the responsibility of making our municipal government work. Each group does its part. Residents and other stakeholders are engaged in individual, neighborhood, and community-wide issues. Councilors are determined to make policy decisions in the best interests of Golden. Our staff is driven to deliver high-quality public services.

Together we’ve learned that the system works best if there is reciprocal communication. Residents have multiple ways to learn about current topics: The Informer, the CityofGolden.net website, i-neighbors.org message boards, televised council meetings, traditional and social media. Keeping residents up-to-date on city matters is important. But it’s even more important for information to flow both ways. Knowledge and talent are widely dispersed in Golden, and the whole town benefits when those skills and abilities are directed toward common goals. Residents’ firsthand observations, ideas, and opinions are the starting point for all informed decisions.

For this reason, the city provides a variety of ways for public input. It holds open houses on transportation issues and neighborhood meetings on land-use matters. It provides an e-comment and in-person public opportunity in connection with every regular city council meeting. A helpful person (not a voice-mail system) answers the telephone at City Hall. Councilors’ e-mail addresses and personal telephone numbers are publicly available and listed in the front of this newsletter.

Putting the public’s problem-solving capacity to use expands council’s range of options and improves the quality of its decisions. Council’s charge is to weigh the force of sometimes-conflicting evidence and set a course for the city.

Implementation of the council decision then falls on the shoulders of city staff. Fortunately for Golden, our employees have a wealth of knowledge and experience. Many have earned advanced degrees and acclaim in their technical areas. Accordingly, they provide the expertise needed to make council’s determination a reality.

One frequent example of the participatory process in action lies in the resolution of traffic issues. Unquestionably, the public, Council, and staff share common goals: protect the safety of residents and at the same time minimize congestion. Council lays out general principles, such as those found in our “Complete Streets Policy,” which aspires to a road network that provides safe, attractive, and comfortable access to all users. Neighborhood residents, with their on-the-ground experience, often bring specific problems to the attention of the city.

The role of staff members is to evaluate the traffic problem through the lens of their professional standards and experience. The correct solution is not always obvious and does not always align with what seems to be “common sense.” For instance, putting in a traffic control device unwarranted by modeling data may be a mistake, sometimes a fatal one.

Traffic signals can result in greater speeds as drivers try to get through before the light changes. If installed as “speed breakers,” stop signs can lead to a high incidence of violations. At the same time, law-abiding pedestrians and drivers are lulled into a false sense of security, believing they are fully protected by the sign or signal. In sum, best practices require staff use their expertise to analyze the situation afresh and find a treatment that improves public safety. Our staff members have a great track record in this regard.

In no way does this public/council/staff dynamic show a need to “fight City Hall.” To the contrary, residents provide valuable input; Council works on behalf of residents; and staff contributes experience, expertise, and dedication. In our usual atmosphere of mutual courtesy, respect, and accountability we reach a better outcome overall.
Join Mayor Marjorie Sloan in honoring some of Golden’s most valuable residents and businesses and you’ll surely leave inspired! This is the 5th annual celebration of people who have made a difference in our community. The Mayor’s 2014 Community Celebration is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2 at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. The event is FREE.

HERE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE 2014 MAYOR’S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE:

Erik Weihenmayer – This Golden resident is best known for being the first blind person to summit Mount Everest. And he just returned from a 21-day, 277-mile solo kayaking adventure down the entire Colorado River. He is an inspiration to everyone; his motto is to break barriers and realize your dreams.

Vicki Wagner – Vicki has been doing volunteer work in Golden for decades and she’s not slowing down. She also serves on a variety of boards and commissions, and if you’ve ever noticed the beautiful flowers surrounding the Golden Visitors Center, that’s a result of Vicki’s green thumb.

Heather Schneider – Heather is one of Golden’s best boosters, volunteers and neighbors, demonstrated in her participation in countless groups and events. She also relentlessly promotes Golden to anyone who will listen.

Ted and Frani Bickart – Selected as “Golden Sweethearts” in 2009 for their involvement as volunteers with many Golden cultural organizations, they continue to inspire, care and lead by example.

Baby Doe’s Clothing – This store embodies a commitment to excellence with their highly personal service, participation in City marketing plans, great seasonal window displays and a commitment to local artisans.

The theme for this year’s event, Go Golden! (And Golden People Who Make Things Go), coincides with Golden’s community-wide focus to maintain healthy, active lifestyles. To inspire you, Mayor Sloan is bringing in Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett. He was nationally recognized for announcing that his city was going on a diet, and he guided residents to lose a collective one million pounds. Golden is not headed toward a city-wide diet, but the City is working to blaze the trail toward a consistently healthy and active community. Join the Mayor for an inspirational night in Golden.

COUNCIL’S GO GOLDEN FITNESS CELEBRATION A SUCCESS

The month long Go Golden fitness celebration, hosted by City Council throughout September, provided a perfect lead-in to Mayor Sloan’s 2014 Community Celebration scheduled for Oct. 2. Last month, Goldenites walked throughout the community with City Councilors, dropped in on fitness classes in city parks and attended evening events in the park. They also participated in large numbers in the Sept. 13 Community Day of Service, the Coyote Classic and Golden Gallop community runs, and the Sept. 30 fun bike ride. “It exceeded any expectations that I had and people are really enthusiastic about the events,” said Mayor Marjorie Sloan. “Many came to multiple events, and commented that they got to see a lot of new things around town that they’ve never walked by before.”

The Golden community’s commitment to a healthy lifestyle is one of the City’s strongest characteristics. In these fall and winter months, join your neighbors in continuing the healthy activities of your choice.

Join the community celebration for the Mayor’s October 2nd event, and look to the City website for additional opportunities to continue with organized walking, biking, dancing, and exercising opportunities. Go Golden!
It’s that time of year to prepare for the fall yard waste collection, scheduled for Nov. 8, 15, and 22 for Pay As You Throw (PAYT) customers. Be sure to mark your calendar and start planning your fall yard clean-up activities now. Details for the collection, including a map and pick-up limitations, are available online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/YardWaste. Remember, this collection is only available to PAYT customers and is part of the overall PAYT service. There is no additional fee for this collection, so please take advantage of the opportunity to recycle leaves, clippings, and trimmings from your yard.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, municipal solid waste contains yard trimmings and clippings ranging from 10 to 30 percent of the total volume. Instead of being buried in a landfill, mulched or composted yard wastes go on to be re-used for beneficial purposes. In Colorado’s arid climate, both compost and mulch help to retain soil moisture, conserve water, and reduce erosion. Compost is extremely useful as a soil amendment that provides organic matter and microorganisms that are essential for healthy plant growth. Recycling yard waste also keeps organic materials like grass clippings and leaves out of the storm sewer system and Clear Creek. Excessive amounts of these nutrient-rich materials harm local water sources by removing oxygen from the water and killing critical aquatic life. Using compost and mulching grass clippings into the lawn reduces the amount of chemical fertilizer needed for a healthy lawn. Using recycled yard wastes in your yard and garden retains critical moisture in our extremely dry environment. With so many benefits, it only makes sense to recycle yard wastes.

**Healthy Vending Machines**

The Golden Community Center and Golden City Hall have exciting new options for people working towards a healthier lifestyle. The City has replaced the vending machines which held all sorts of snacks that were high in fat and sugar, with new hi-tech machines and healthier snack choices.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) came out with nutrition standards for healthy snacks, which were designed for use in schools. Some of the standards include snacks that are 200 calories or less with 35 percent or less total sugars. The standards also limit fat to 35 percent or less of the calories, 10 percent or less saturated fat, and zero trans fat. Sodium levels for snack items must also be no more than 230 mg. Golden’s employees and guests can now feel confident in their snack choices, as everything in the new machines meets these standards 100 percent.

The idea to replace the City’s vending machines began with City Councilor Pamela Gould, who holds a Masters degree in Public Health. “Providing healthier vending machine choices fits with our Rec Center’s purpose of promoting the health of our community members,” said Gould, “and our City’s goal of ensuring a healthy workplace for all of our employees.”

The choices in the machines are based on the feedback from an employee survey. Golden is one of the first communities to try this, so vendors will keep track of which snacks are being eaten and which aren’t, and they will adjust accordingly. All snacks will continue to meet the USDA health standards.

The current vendor, Dove Vending, has partnered with the City for over 25 years, and is working to keep the prices reasonable and the snacks desirable. The machines themselves are also impressive. They operate with a touch screen like an iPhone, are ADA accessible and energy efficient, and provide nutrition information at the push of a button. Check them out!
Golden is taking another step forward in its goals to become a more smoke-free and healthy place to live, work and play. In August, the Golden City Council unanimously voted to expand the City’s smoke-free law to include prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices where smoking is prohibited, and make many more areas of town smoke and vapor-free.

Here is a list of the main changes to the City’s smoke-free ordinance.

• All City of Golden owned or controlled parks, trails, open space, indoor or outdoor pools, indoor or outdoor sport or athletic fields, indoor or outdoor water parks, and all associated spectator areas for those locations.
• All public transit waiting areas.
• All events occurring in non-residential zones requiring a City-issued special events permit.
• All public sidewalks and rights of way along both sides of Washington Avenue between 10th and 14th streets as well as the area on both sides of 12th and 13th streets between Arapahoe and Ford streets.
• Within 25 feet of outdoor seating areas located on a public right of way including sidewalks, of any business including bars and restaurants.
• Within 25 feet of the main entry of buildings and facilities that are smoke/vapor-free under the ordinance.

Golden joins cities with similar laws including Edgewater and Lakewood, that also added the use of vaporizing devices to their smoke-free law, and joins Fort Collins in also increasing the places covered by their smoke-free law.

"This vote and new policy is another part of our work as a council to make Golden a destination for families and healthy living," said City Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently announced that more than a quarter of a million youth who had never smoked a cigarette, used electronic cigarettes in 2013; representing a three-fold increase in e-cigarette use among youth from 2011. “We know smoke-free policies can help tobacco users quit and prevent youth from starting,” said Donna Viverette of Jefferson County Public Health.

Some concerns were raised about the use of e-cigarettes for more than just nicotine. These devices are used by some for non-nicotine flavored "e-juices" as well as for concealed use of marijuana and other substances, potentially making enforcement difficult. This concern prompted Council to expand the definition of electronic smoking devices to include those for use of any substance.

The ordinance also allows for businesses not covered by the ordinance to extend the smoke and vapor-free laws to their properties. The new law goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2015. Between now and then, you will likely see new signs go up in the areas affected, and a major education campaign to help inform residents and visitors of the changes.

For decades, 9Health Fair has been advancing health awareness in Colorado communities and providing people with the tools they need to take responsibility for their own health. Available in almost every community in the state, the 9Health Fair offers low cost health screenings including blood work, hearing and vision tests, lung function, diabetes assessment, and much more – even flu shots.

In partnership with the 9Health Fair, the Golden Family of Churches Health Ministries will host the 15th Annual Healthy Fair in Golden from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Bell Middle School, 1001 Ulysses St. You can register online in advance at www.9healthfair.org or on location the day of the fair.

Both adults and children are welcome, and a Spanish interpreter will be available on site. They do bill Medicare and some insurance, so be sure to bring your card. Credit cards will also be accepted. Not sure which screenings you need? Personal counselors will be on site to help you through the process.

For more information and a full list of basic screenings offered, visit www.9healthfair.org or call 303-698-3799.
In September, hundreds of volunteers came together for a single purpose… to make sure our residents have warm, safe and dry homes for the winter.

400 volunteers worked on 43 home projects throughout Golden as part of the 4th annual “Be a Tool” Day of Service. People of all ages and skill levels worked in teams to help elderly, low income or disabled residents who requested the help, with things like painting, roofing and gardening. By the end of the day, over 3,200 man hours were donated, and just a few of the supplies used include 32 gallons of paint, 20 tons of landscape rock, 28 roof repairs, 12 homes weatherized and 180 linear feet of fencing was replaced.

This was the fourth year for the project, which continues to get bigger and better. This year, the City of Golden partnered with Mad Greens to provide lunch for all of the volunteers, and members of City Council along with city staff handed out lunches in addition to helping on project teams. This project falls in line with Council’s initiative to encourage volunteerism and belonging in Golden. If you missed this year, watch for information about volunteering or applying for a project at your home at www.beatool.org.

Golden High to Host Star Students

The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) has selected Golden High School to host the fall student leadership conference on Oct. 24 and 25. Student leaders from all over the state come together two times every year to meet their peers and work on their leadership skills. These conferences give high school students the opportunity to unite and share ideas that make themselves, their student councils, their schools, and their communities better.

This is the first time a Jefferson County high school has been chosen to host the conference, which will bring more than 500 high school student government leaders from across the state into Golden.

The 2014 conference, themed “Your Golden Ticket to Leadership,” consists of workshops and sessions, which provide education and networking opportunities designed to build an enriching environment for every school. Student leaders will leave with new skills and ideas they can take back to their home schools.

Golden High School’s student government is responsible for raising nearly all of the funds necessary to host the conference, which could exceed $10,000, and they’re looking for sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, visit their website goldenstudco.wix.com/fallco2014, or email GoldenStudCo@gmail.com.
It was a typical July day at the Splash Aquatic Park, full of kids and parents playing around in the water. But the day changed from fun to frantic in a matter of seconds. Lifeguard Alan Guzman noticed one small child who was in the water and not moving. He quickly went over to the child and discovered he was not breathing.

The extensive training given to the entire Splash staff kicked in, as everyone did exactly what they needed to do in order to try and save the life of the 20 month old boy. Guzman began CPR on the baby and was quickly joined by Lifeguard Stacy Robinson and (then) Aquatics Supervisor Brandon Vail. Manager and Lifeguard Instructor Nick Schwab arrived with the AED and hooked the pads up to the boy’s chest.

The rest of the crew had very important jobs as well, as they worked to control the crowd, clear the scene, call 9-1-1, make a path for the ambulance to get through, monitor the pools and keep the parents of the small child calm and focused. Those staff members include Manager and Lifeguard Instructor Kari Sorvig; Lifeguard & Water Safety Instructor Laura Foster; Lifeguard & Swim Instructors Amanda Cheatum, Emily Bernstein, Matt Hardman, Kyla Roster and Raellen Pfannenstiel; Lifeguard Luke Dolan; and Manager Savannah Knap who was off duty at the time.

“Our staff responded perfectly to the emergency which resulted in a life saved and a family member preserved,” said Parks & Rec Director Rod Tarullo. “I am incredibly proud and grateful for their professionalism and actions. They are the best!”

Ultimately, the child was breathing when he was taken away in the ambulance, and his parents were able to take him home the same day. It was an amazing team effort by the entire Splash staff. As a result, they were all honored with life-saving awards by the Golden Fire Department in August. They also made headlines in the local paper and on several TV stations. The City of Golden congratulates the quick thinking, training and bravery of the Splash staff.

**Let Golden News Come to You**

If you want to keep up with what’s going on in the City of Golden each week, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter. If you were subscribed but decided it wasn’t for you, have another look. We’ve recently added a new section, *Around Town*, to keep our residents better informed of City projects, road closures, and interesting things happening in Golden that aren’t front page news, but still matter.

To sign up for the newsletter, visit www.cityofgolden.net/account/registration. You’ll have to register with your email address and a password, but we’ll never share either, and you can unsubscribe at any time by simply clicking the Unsubscribe link on one of the newsletters you receive. There are a number of choices to sign up for at the bottom of the page, and you are welcome to subscribe to any or all. The e-newsletter box is “Weekly summary of recent news, and upcoming calendar events.” Just click the box, register, then check your inbox! The newsletter goes out every Tuesday.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Through Oct. 19**

**Dylan Went Electric**

Take a trip back in time to the 1960’s with this musical featuring original songs and even an onstage bar, which will be open to the audience at intermission! Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and show times, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

**Through Oct. 26**

**Rocky Mtn. National Watermedia**

This 41st annual nationally recognized watermedia exhibition brings together artists who create original works using watercolor. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For times and tickets, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

**Through Oct. 28**

**Quilt Evolutions**

A display of quilts from artists displaying the themes of evolution, change and transition. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details visit www.rmqm.org or call 303-277-0377.

**Through Oct. 4**

**Golden Farmers Market**

This is the final Farmers Market of the season, so don’t miss it! From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot just west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St.

**FREE ATTORNEY ADVICE**

For one day only, you have an opportunity to get free legal advice from the attorneys with the 1st Judicial District. The event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday Oct. 22 in the atrium of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 100 Jefferson County Parkway. There will be 25 attorneys volunteering their time throughout the day to help give legal advice on the following topics:

- Divorce/Custody
- Eviction
- Tenant/Landlord
- Small Claims
- Criminal/Traffic/Juvenile
- Cases about money

Each person will get 15 minutes with a lawyer, so come with your questions ready. This event is free and open to the public. It’s part of the American Bar Association’s National Pro Bono week, helping to focus the nation’s attention on the increased need for pro bono services, attorneys volunteering or offering assistance at a reduced rate for the public good. For more information, call 303-271-6570.

**Oct. 4**

**Golden Tour of Solar Homes**

Register at the American Mountain-engineering Center, 710 10th St., receive the map, guidebook, and take the self-guided tour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are $5 for adults, and free for kids and folks who bike to the event. Visit www.goldensolartour.org for more information.

**Oct. 2 and 16**

**MOPS**

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) support group for mothers of children aged from birth to Kindergarten. There is a fee for this group, and childcare is 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.fbegolden.org.

**Oct. 11**

**Chili Cook-off & Beer Tasting**

Join the Golden Chamber of Commerce for its 7th annual Knock Your Boots Off Chili Cook-off and Beer Tasting from 2 to 5 p.m. on Arapahoe Street between 12th and 13th streets. For tickets and information, call 303-279-3113 or email info@goldencochamber.org.

**Oct. 13 through Nov. 21**

**Boot Camp Challenge**

This is a group personal training program for every fitness level. You’ll get all the motivation and affordability of group exercise with the accountability and results
of personal training. Included are pre and post assessments, an individualized nutrition guide, and you’ll see measurable results in just six weeks, all for less than $14 per class. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information call Kim at 720-628-2901 or email kim@completefitnessdenver.com.

Oct. 25 & 26

**Trick or Treat Train**
Enjoy tricks, treats and trains from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. For tickets and info, call 303-279-4591 or visit ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.

**Coming Up: Nov. 1**

**Holiday Craft and Bake Sale**
Come do your holiday shopping -- lots of unique gift items and tasty goodies. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the clubhouse in the Golden Terrace Mobile Home Park, 17601 W. Colfax Ave.

**Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!**

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**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 workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
October 1, 2014 .......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
December 3, 2014 .......... 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 5, 2014 ... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

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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 ktiley@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.
On July 2 of this year, a Golden resident reported receiving a voice mail message from a male who identified himself as an IRS worker, threatening the resident with legal action if he did not call back. Suspicious of the unprofessional call, the Golden resident instead called the police.

He did the right thing, according to Sgt. Jean Miller of the Golden Police.

“If the citizen called the male back, he may have been pressured into giving his personal and financial information,” said Sgt. Miller. “If you receive a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS, Xcel or a bank credit card company or mortgage company, intimidating you and demanding a payment be made immediately by giving them your credit or debit card number over the phone, HANG UP. This is a scam.”

According to a consumer alert from the IRS, it’s a popular scam right now in every part of the country, and people should beware. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will NOT do:

1. Call you about taxes you owe without first mailing you an official notice.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money and you are pretty sure it’s a scam, you should report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484 or at www.tigta.gov. You can also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their “FTC Complaint Assistant” at FTC.gov, adding ”IRS Telephone Scam” to the comments of your complaint.

The Golden Police are also tracking and investigating the calls that come to our citizens. So if you get a suspicious call from any organization, contact GPD at 303-384-8045.

Remember, too, the IRS does not use email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to www.irs.gov and type “scam” in the search box.

The month of October brings to Colorado a wide range of temperatures. The thermometer can drop from 70 degrees to 2 degrees in the matter of a day. October is when many people first turn on their home furnaces for the season, which also makes it a good time to check that your Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms are in good working condition.

Carbon Monoxide is an invisible, odorless gas that is produced by combustion, and can be deadly if left unchecked. Place CO alarms in central locations outside sleeping areas on every level of the home. Make sure the CO alarm’s batteries are fresh. CO poisoning symptoms include headache, nausea, dizziness, light-headedness, and shortness of breath. If your CO alarm sounds, move to a fresh-air location outdoors immediately and call the fire department.
Golden and several of our neighboring communities have not been immune to weather and climate-related events over the past few years. While our community has been fortunate to have missed some events, (major fires, heat waves, extreme weather), others have directly affected Golden (floods, droughts). This year, City Council and the Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) committed to formulating a community response to these issues. This four-month effort, starting this month, will look at the growing evidence of local impacts of the events and the need to prepare for them.

In October, CSAB and a panel of local experts will begin research into potential projects to address the threats with the goal of improved understanding of climate adaptation needs and resources. The panel will use a common-sense approach with a keen eye on the City’s fiscal responsibility to formulate recommendations for opportunities and projects that City Council may consider. In addition, Golden is participating in a statewide Local Resilience Project, sponsored by the Colorado Municipal League, that will identify possible local actions and resources needed from the state and federal governments.

Improving our resilience as a community is a key element in sustaining Golden. We value your thoughts on this process and invite you to follow our progress and provide comments online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/climeresilience.

While single-stream recycling (collecting all materials into one bin) makes it easier for everyone to recycle, the material must be sorted again for delivery to the final destination, a recycling plant. At each of the three Material Recovery Facilities “MeRFs” in Denver, materials are unloaded from the collection trucks onto a series of conveyor belts for sorting. Aluminum, tin, plastics, glass, and papers finally tumble into the correct bin before being transported around the U.S. for recycling.

All of Golden’s local glass is made into new bottles at Rocky Mountain Bottling Company (RMBS) in Wheat Ridge. While this glass travels the shortest distance of all of the single stream materials, it is susceptible to breakage during sorting. To reduce the amount of bumps in transporting the glass, Golden partners with RMBC to provide a “glass only” recycling dumpster at the north Golden Recycling Drop-Off site, 20041 Golden Gate Canyon Rd. (just off of Hwy 93). This bin transports glass directly to RMBC without going through the sorting process, ensuring that more material is recycled. Residents can still place glass in their single stream container, but now have two options available for glass recycling.
Celebrate Health!
Friday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m.
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!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

AARP Driver’s Safety Program #15118-2
Sign up at the front desk. Payment is due to the instructor the day of the class.
Monday, Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Min/Max 10/25. Class is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-AARP members.

Computer Training for Life-long Learning
The Jefferson County Public Library has discontinued this service here at the Golden Community Center Front Porch. If you are still interested in this program, please contact the Jefferson County Library-Golden location, 303-235-5275.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Chihuly at Night-Denver Botanic Gardens - #35026-1
By popular demand! The great artistry of Dale Chihuly will be illuminated for a unique nighttime perspective. Even if you had the opportunity to visit during the daytime, you will not want to miss this magical experience!

Thursday, Oct. 16, 4:30 to 8 p.m.
$18 (van, driver, exhibit entrance. Bring money for dinner. Rain or shine!)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Oct. 8.

Arvada Center for the Performing Arts - The Last Romance #35027-1
A delightful comedy about love in the golden years. Ralph, an elderly widower, feels young again-all thanks to an unexpected second chance at love. Relying on a renewed boyish charm, Ralph attempts to woo the elegant but distant Carol. Up against Carol’s reluctance and his domineering sister’s meddling, Ralph embarks on the challenge of a lifetime, and regains a happiness that seemed lost.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, Noon to 5 p.m.
$40 (van, driver, show)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by Oct. 8.
The Golden Community Center (GCC) turns 20 years old this month, and the staff wants to invite you to celebrate with them! During late October there will be all sorts of fun events, activities and giveaways.

The voters passed the plan for the GCC back in the early 90’s by a very small margin... only 11 votes. But since the Center was built in 1994, Golden has not looked back. The City is at the forefront of the Parks and Recreation industry, with the GCC as the backbone.

Join us in celebrating our individual, family and community wellbeing at the Golden Community Center Oct. 21-25. To the right are a few of the events planned. More information can be found at www.cityofgolden.net.

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**CHAMBER COVER PHOTO CONTEST**

The Golden Chamber of Commerce invites you to submit your local photos for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2015 Annual Golden Chamber Directory. You have until Monday, Oct. 6 to get your photos entered into the contest.

Email low-res photos of local scenery, wildlife and/or community and business events to info@GoldenCOChamber.org. You do not need to be a Chamber member to enter. The cost is $5 per photo or five photo entries for $20. All money raised will go to the new Golden Chamber Scholarship Fund, which will benefit a Golden High School graduate who is pursuing a business degree.

The fine print: You must have large file/high-res versions of the submitted photos if you are the winner. All photos submitted need to have the photographer’s name, email and phone contact as part of the email. Please include short captions for each photo to identify where it was taken and what it depicts. If specific people are in the photo, please have their permission and identify them. Other submitted photos may also be published in the directory. Payments can be dropped off or mailed to the Golden Chamber of Commerce, 1010 Washington Ave., Golden, CO 80401.
The Nutcracker Ballet
Golden Dance Arts proudly presents its first annual production of The Nutcracker Ballet! The performance will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14 at Bell Middle School, 1001 Ulysses St. Join us for this whimsical holiday tradition of Clara's Christmas Eve journey to the Land of Sweets, filled with enchanting characters and beautiful costumes, all set to Tchaikovsky's famous score.

The performance will feature students of all ages from Golden’s Dance Arts ballet classes at the Golden Community Center. Students attending Ms. Joy and Ms. Tighe’s ballet and/or ballet/tap classes may try out to perform in the Nutcracker.

Tighe Burg, former Assistant Director of The Academy of Classical Ballet and member of the Classical Dance Theatre will be directing the Nutcracker.

Tickets are $5 in advance for children, $7 in advance for adults or $10 at the door. Please call 720-266-0848 for reservations. If you would like to participate in the ballet please call Ms. Tighe by Oct. 8 at 720-266-0848 for more information!

I Want To Be An Astronaut
In I Want to be an Astronaut, kids get to see and feel what it is like to train for launching into space and exploring the planets, moons, comets and asteroids of our Solar System. Participants will learn about the programs that NASA uses to get astronauts ready for space travel, design their own space missions, experience a simulated rocket launch and more!

Ages: 5-12 years
Saturday, Oct. 25, 1 - 3 p.m.
$21 Resident, $26 Non-Resident

Recreational Tree Climbing
Climb up into the crown of a beautiful tree using fun, easy-to-learn rope techniques, safe for both the tree and the climber. This program is great for families, kids (no drop-offs please) and adults. We provide all instruction and equipment. Participants should be reasonably fit and in good health. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes.

Meet at Parfet Park at 10th Street & Washington Avenue in Golden.
Age: 7 years and up
Sunday, Oct. 12, Noon to 2:30 p.m.
$36 Resident, $41 Non-Resident

For more information and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra (JSO) kicks off its 62nd concert season at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19 at the Green Center on the Colorado School of Mines campus at the corner of 16th and Cheyenne streets. The opening concert will feature mezzo soprano Marcia Ragonetti, who is a well-known opera singer in Colorado.

The JSO is composed of 75 musicians from across the Denver and Front Range area who dedicate their time and talents to each performance. With the skilled leadership of Dr. William Morse, Music Director and Principal Conductor, the JSO has become one of the most well regarded community symphonies in Colorado. The opening concert will showcase some all-time favorites such as the William Tell Overture (the Lone Ranger theme song) as well as selections from Gershwin and Rachmaninoff to name a few.

Season and individual tickets can be purchased by calling 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

The Golden Solar Tour in partnership with the American Solar Energy Society (ASES) is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Golden Tour of Solar Homes to showcase selected solar installations around the Golden area. It offers the opportunity to informally tour innovative green homes and buildings, and see how solar energy can be used efficiently. The purpose of the tour is to inspire people across the nation to make sustainable energy choices that reduce costs, support energy independence, protect against power outages, and reduce carbon emissions.

**Check Out the Golden Tour of Solar Homes**

**Saturday, Oct. 4**
**American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St.**

Register at the American Mountaineering Museum, receive the map, guidebook, and take the self-guided tour. Visit each “green” home and talk with the home owners and volunteers about the green features of each home.

**TOUR: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
A self-guided tour of your sustainable community!

**RECEPTION & GREEN EXPO: 4 to 8 p.m.**
- Appetizers & local beverages
- Renewable Energy & Sustainable Living Exhibits and Green Car Display
- Tickets are $5 for adults, and free for kids and folks who bike to the event. Visit www.goldensolartour.org for more information.

**Jefferson Symphony Season Opens**
Once upon a time, word of mouth was the only way to sell beer, and Adolph Coors, Sr., founder of Golden’s famous brewery, knew how to do it. Today’s advertising professionals have many tools at their disposal, some of which will be presented in Golden History Museums’ newest exhibit, Calendar Girls to Cowboys: The Art of Selling Coors. The exhibit opens Saturday, Oct. 11.

Coors, Sr., worked hard to make the best beer in the world, but had an aversion to advertising. He believed that the quality of his product would speak for itself. Despite that, and even though demand exceeded supply, the Coors Brewing Company still put its name out there—on everything from newspaper ads to beer trays, matchbooks, and signs.

Coors released its first illustrated ads in 1893, and one of these early examples will be on display at the Golden History Center. Also featured will be the stories behind Coors’ first and second “ad men,” the ever-present waterfall campaign, and the Coors Cowboy Collectors Series of Western American Art by Gordon Snidow.

Set up in the spirit of a tavern, complete with a pool table, the gallery also gives a nod toward the Goosetown Tavern, which was a favorite watering hole on the corner of 10th and Vasquez Streets from 1873 to 1998.

The exhibit affords visitors a rare opportunity to see over four dozen rare and classic Coors signs on loan from nine private and corporate collections—many of which have never been publicly seen.

Calendar Girls to Cowboys: The Art of Selling Coors

BLACK & WHITE NIGHT • SATURDAY, OCT. 11, 6 – 9 P.M.
GOLDEN HISTORY CENTER, 923 10TH ST.

Have fun socializing with museum staff and friends at this annual fundraising party and support the preservation of Golden’s history. View the new Calendar Girls to Cowboys: The Art of Selling Coors exhibit, shop at the silent auction, taste delicious hors d’oeuvres and specialty desserts generously provided by The Golden Hotel, and enjoy tasty beverages, including beer provided by Colorado Native.

As a special treat for this evening only, hear from three local collectors who are lending rare artifacts for this exhibit. Also, get the inside story from one of the creative minds behind the Coors sports marketing team, and see special artifacts pulled out just for this night.

Member tickets are $35 per person; non-members are $45. RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 10. Purchase tickets at GoldenHistory.org/BWN or by phone at 303-278-3557.
**Trick or Treat Train**

RIDES, CANDY & COSTUMES

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 25 & 26 • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Colorado Railroad Museum • 17155 W. 44th Ave., Golden

It’s full steam ahead for tricks, treats and trains at the Colorado Railroad Museum’s Trick or Treat Train. Visit all of the Town’s special stops to fill your treat bags and tickle your funny bones. Tour the “not so spooky” haunted railcar and the Olde Railroaders silly graveyard. Come in costume and get a great picture in front of the pumpkin patch! For tickets and info, visit ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org or call 303-279-4591.

**“Knock Your Boots Off” Chili Cook-Off and Beer Tasting Oct. 11**

There’s no place better to sample great chili and beer than this 7th annual Golden event. Join in on the fun from 2 to 5 p.m. on Oct. 11. Tickets are available for $25 presale (beer and chili) and $20 (beer only) at the Golden Visitors Center, Creekside Jewelers, Avenue Gifts and Ace High and online at www.GoldenCOchamber.org. Bring your smart phone so you can vote for your favorite chili, beer and booth! Sponsored by the Golden Chamber of Commerce and Coors Distributing Company.
There’s no need to fight traffic and the crowds to enjoy Colorado’s fall foliage. Stay close to home and enjoy Golden’s 24 miles of paved interconnected trails as you marvel in the natural beauty of Colorado. Let VisitGolden.com be your guide to a perfect fall day.