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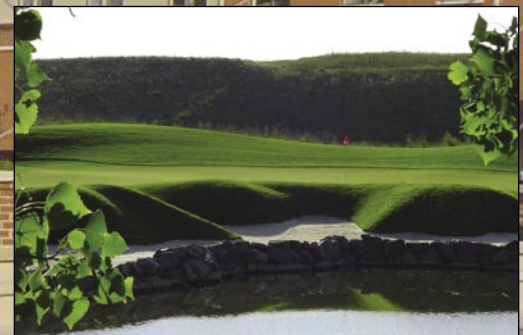
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## Council's Corner

Below is a copy of the Golden City Council's calendar. Council meetings and study sessions are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Thursdays in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

**Sept. 2, Study Session**

**Sept. 9, REGULAR MEETING**

**Sept. 16, Study Session**

**Sept. 23, REGULAR MEETING**

**Sept. 30, No meeting scheduled**

Council's upcoming agendas and previous meeting minutes are available online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) under the City Council link, or call Deputy City Clerk Karla Leibelt at 303-384-8015.

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# Commissioners again vote for supertower

On Aug. 17, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners again ruled to allow a zoning change proposed by the Lake Cedar Group to build one larger broadcast tower to replace some of the current nonconforming towers on Lookout Mountain.

The Commissioners originally approved the zoning change in March 2003, but the City of Golden and CARE (Canyon Area Residents for the Environment) went to court. The court ordered the Commissioners to reopen the hearing to allow opponents of the tower an opportunity to comment on documents LCG submitted late during the original hearing. The hearing was reopened Aug. 12 and Aug. 17 before the Commissioners again ruled in favor of the LCG supertower proposal.

The City of Golden continued to fight the broadcast tower proposal in light of a report released July 22 by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment that showed increased levels of brain and central nervous system cancers in residents living adjacent to towers on Lookout Mountain.

Jefferson County's independent radiofrequency expert, Jim Hart, confirmed that the emissions from Lake Cedar Group tower would increase the radiation for far more people. Documents Lake Cedar Group filed right before the original hearing misrepresented that the radiation would be reduced.

In the initial hearings, the City of Golden and CARE asked the Commissioners to wait for further studies on the rate of cancers near the towers to be completed before ruling on the broadcast tower



proposal.

In February 1999, a study by the state Department of Public Health and Environment found a statistically significant number of brain and central nervous system cancers near the towers. The study concluded that there was not valid information to link the various types of cancers found to a common cause. It was also uncertain at the time of that study's release as to whether Radio Frequency (RF) exposure was directly linked to cancer. The study recommended that a new study be conducted when 2000 U.S. Census data became available.

The recent release of the study's update again finds an increase in the number of brain and central nervous system cancers found in two census block groups closest to the towers. Five additional years' worth of data and interviews conducted with cancer patients or their families were consistent with the findings of the

1999 study and confirm persistent elevation of these cancers.

The study did not find a direct causal link between the increased cancers and exposure to towers' Radio Frequencies (RF), but it did not disprove the possibility either. Instead, the study recommends that more information be obtained on the relation between the increased cancer incidences and those individuals' exposure to RF. The World Health Organization and other national and international health agencies have called for a better understanding of RF exposure as well.

The results of a more detailed study on broadcast radiation exposure on Lookout Mountain funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences are due for release in May 2005. The study of 300 residents, including 75 children with various broadcast radiation exposures, is being conducted by the CSU Department

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# New development noise standards set

Over the past few years, the City of Golden has become increasingly active in the area of anticipating and requiring mitigation of highway noise for private developments.

The issue first came to the City's attention in 1992, in regard to the

issue of highway noise in the initial Canyon Point subdivisions. By 1994, the City required a note on the plat of the Parfet Estates Subdivision near 19<sup>th</sup> Street and U.S. Highway 6 advising future residents that highway noise mitigation measures would not be constructed as part of the development, or by the City.

By 2000, with the Canyon View residential subdivision at Golden Gate Canyon Road and State Highway 93, the City required construction of noise mitigation berms intended to achieve a backyard noise level of 55 decibels (dBA). This requirement was a negotiated aspect of the annexation of the property rather than a subdivision exaction.

After that, the City contracted for a study to determine the level of mitigation necessary to achieve a goal of 55 dBA along U.S. Highway 6 and State Highway 93. The City is looking into the same question along Interstate 70 and State Highway 58. The 55 dBA noise standard is about as much noise as conversational speech (*see chart at left*).

On July 22, City Council formalized the requirement for the construction of noise mitigation measures for new development along such major roadways. City staff recommended that the requirements take the form of amendments to both the subdivision ordinance (Title 17) for division of land and single family subdivisions, and in the site development standards in

Chapter 18.40 for new multi-family or commercial developments, as well as substantial alterations to such properties. (The changes enacted by ordinance are in addition to a previously enacted noise ordinance relating to the construction or expansion of major roadways in the community.)

The new requirement to mitigate highway noise will be included in the subdivision and/or site development plan review for uses within a specified distance of several roadways in the City. A noise evaluation plan will typically be required for new subdivisions of all kinds within the prescribed distance, as well as for commercial or multi-family construction or substantial alteration (25% increase in floor area). It will be necessary to include flexibility provisions for projects of such a size that an individual study would not make sense, or for where specific noise mitigation designs are already available. In addition, it also will be necessary to maintain flexibility where it is not feasible to meet specified standards.

The enactment of such code changes will probably increase the cost of affected developments, and may increase city costs to review and evaluate the submitted studies and proposed mitigation measures. The installation of noise mitigation measures by developers likely will save taxpayers substantial amounts of money, provided the City is relieved of the need to construct such improvements. However, the more strict regulations may increase the costs incurred by developers, which could be passed on to homebuyers.

## Decibel Sound Pressure Level Examples

Typical Sounds	Typical Music	SPL, dB
Chest wall vibrates, choking, giddiness		150
Jet taking off, 25 meters		140
Threshold of pain		
Artillery, 100 yards	Cannon (peaks)	130
Pneumatic chipper		
Riveter, nearby	Very loud rock (peaks)	120
Loud car horn, nearby	Very loud classical (peaks)	110
	Very loud classical (avg.)	100
Inside N.Y. subway	Loud classical music	90
Heavy truck	Moderately loud classical	80
Inside motor bus		
Noisy traffic, corner	Soft popular music	70
Noisy office	Soft classical music	60
Business office		
Conversational speech	Very soft music	50
Private office		
Background noise, city home		40
Background noise, suburb		
Library		30
Background, country night		
Whisper, leaves rustling		20
Good recording studio		10
Threshold of hearing		0



# Fire Department receives international recognition

The Golden Fire Department was selected as a finalist for the International Association of Fire Chiefs' U.S. Safety Engineering Award for Excellence. As such, the department was recognized at the IAFC's annual conference Aug. 15 in New Orleans.

Golden Fire Chief John Bales attended the conference as his department's representative.

Golden's award is based on the Firewise outdoor lab program in which the department teaches sixth grade students the importance of wildland fire mitigation in both mountain and urban interface communities.

**"A lot of hard work by a lot of good people made it possible to be nominated for this award."**

**Chief John Bales**

"By raising awareness, behaviors will change," Bales wrote in the application. "This hands-on approach to wildland fire mitigation allows students to utilize creative thinking and learned behaviors to design and mitigate the fire danger on their property and take the safety practices they learn home."

The IAFC typically nominates seven finalists, from which one is chosen for this prestigious award. Bales said the department is honored to be recognized.

"A lot of hard work by a lot of good people made it possible to be nominated for this award," Bales said. "It's a total team effort."

## Fire prevention class cooks up videos

The Golden Fire Department's fire prevention education specialists Kay Woolley and Brenna Dill are planning a series of senior cooking safety programs.

Fire Media Services pros Tom Young and Anna Trzeciak will begin filming safety videos in coming months. Each month through the end of the year, a new program on the importance of fire safety will be filmed. The videos will then be aired on public access Channel 8 (available through Comcast cable only).

The kitchen cooking safety videos will consist of barbecue safety tips in August and September, breakfast in October, fried turkey in November, and Christmas cookies, fudge and holiday treats in December. Several safe cooking behaviors will be incorporated and will involve the use of characterization and puppetry — something along the idea of a "dinner and a movie."

Contact Kay Woolley at 303-384-8094 or Brenna Dill at 303-278-2932 for more information.



## City continued opposition of supertower

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of Environmental Health and the School of Public Health at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Golden Mayor Charles Baroch, Councilwoman Marcie Miller, Councilman Dave Ketchum and Councilwoman Gwyn Green attended the Commissioners' hearing Aug. 17 to speak on behalf of their constituents in Golden. They asked the Commissioners to consider the latest report, to wait for the results of the upcoming May 2005 report, to consider alternate locations for the tower, to consider the results of a potential tower fall, and the impacts of the radio frequencies on equipment at technology centers in Golden, such as Colorado School of Mines and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

"Government's most basic responsibility is for the health and well-being of the people it serves. We have a duty to consider their health before we consider the profitability of broadcasting conglomerates," said City Councilwoman Marcie Miller. "This is yet another study pointing to doubts about the safety of broadcast towers. The Commissioners should at least consider a less populated site for this tower, even if it is at additional expense to the Lake Cedar Group."

The full report can be found at [www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/envtox/envtoxhom.asp](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/envtox/envtoxhom.asp).

*This article was originally published in the Golden Fire Department's newsletter, Smoke Signals. To receive a copy of Smoke Signals each month, call Tom Young at 303-384-8091.*

## Golden Night in the Park, National Night Out event



Left, Golden Police Officer Drew Williams talks about being part of the Jefferson County SWAT team and shows off his motorcycle to attendees at A Golden Night in the Park on Aug. 3. Below, AirLife also made an appearance.



# Rotary Club building amphitheater

The Golden Rotary Club began working on a project to build an amphitheater for the City of Golden along the banks of Clear Creek in mid-July.

The small amphitheater was designed by the City as part of the Clear Creek Trail and Washington Avenue bridge redevelopment project. It will sit along the banks of the creek west of the bridge behind Golden Fire Department Station No. 1 and is tied into the creek's trail system. A small stage and performance area will be just off the creek's northern bank with semi-circular, stair-stepped brick benches facing south. The amphitheater also is handicapped accessible.

While the amphitheater is quaint and will only accommodate small gatherings, it is a major cooperative effort between the City and a local civic organization.

The Golden Rotary Club became involved in the project as part of

Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All the Rotary clubs nationwide have been encouraged to get involved with a local endeavor. As part of that initiative, Golden Rotary is volunteering its members' time to build the amphitheater.

Every other Saturday an average of eight to 12 Rotary members turn out to haul loads of dirt and begin placing bricks for the amphitheater project. They spend approximately four to six hours working from the City's plans, and after just a few weeks, the amphitheater is starting to take shape.

The City of Golden is providing the Rotary Club with all of the materials and tools and equipment, but the nearly 60 local Rotarians are building the amphitheater through their generous volunteer labor.

By mid-August, several of the amphitheater's walls were beginning to take shape, as was a handicapped accessible ramp. The Golden Rotary Club isn't sure how long the project

will take to complete, but hopes to be more clear on the finish date within the next month.

Bob Neukirchner is coordinating the project for the Golden Rotary Club. As a civil engineer and an experienced project manager, Neukirchner brings valuable skills to the volunteer side of the project. He said he and his fellow Rotarians have worked closely with the City's Public Works Department, including Director Dan Hartman, Ron Reavis and Dave Ackley, to be sure the club understands and is able to implement the plans the City drew up for the amphitheater.

The Golden Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday at Rolling Hills Country Club for breakfast with a presentation by a speaker of interest. The group is a service organization comprised primarily of business people. If you are interested in joining, contact any Rotarian or current Membership Chairman Bob Short at 303-233-4131.

# Help protect Golden's environment

Here are a few tips from Golden's Environmental Services Division on how you can help protect our environment.

## Recycling

### *Splash Recycling Center*

Located in the Splash Water Park parking lot at 3151 Illinois St. Drop off household recyclable items including newspaper, magazines, office paper, junk mail, aluminum cans, steel (tin) cans, #1 and #2 plastics and glass. Cardboard is not accepted.

## Household Chemical Disposal

### *Rooney Road Recycling Center*

Call 303-316-6262 to make an appointment for drop-off or home pick-up of household cleaners, paints, automotive fluids, landscape products and much more.

## Tree Limbs and Yard Waste

### *Rooney Road Recycling Center*

The center accepts tree limbs, pine needles and grass clippings from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. The center is located at 151 South Rooney Road in Golden. For more information, including a fee schedule, visit [www.jeffco.us/ext/dpt/portal/hazmat/slash.htm](http://www.jeffco.us/ext/dpt/portal/hazmat/slash.htm).

## Pollution Prevention at Home

### *Colorado Water Protection Project*

The Colorado Water Protection Project explains ways to protect the environment, your family's health and to preserve resources. Visit [www.ourwater.org/p2kit/P2toolkitall.pdf](http://www.ourwater.org/p2kit/P2toolkitall.pdf).

## Streetwise:

*"How do you help protect Golden's environment?"*



*"I pick up litter when I see it."*

– Tayler Bull, 12, Golden (left)

*"I ride my bike and walk to school instead of driving."*

– Nolan Holmes, 9, Golden (center)

*"I recycle and carpool."*

– Pari Holmes, 12, Golden (right)

*"We recycle paper at my office in Golden."*

– Miriam, Denver



*"I try to protect the beauty of nature by picking up trash when I see it lying around."*

– Kenn DeBont, Littleton



## Water Conservation

Learn how much water typical activities and appliances consume and ways to conserve water in your home and yard. Visit [www.awwa.org/Advocacy/learn/conserve](http://www.awwa.org/Advocacy/learn/conserve).

## Xeriscape Gardening

Promote creative approaches to water conserving landscapes. Visit [www.xeriscape.org](http://www.xeriscape.org). Colorado State University Cooperative Extension provides research, information and expertise on numerous topics including gardening, water

conservation and lawn care at [www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu).

## Carpooling

RideArrangers is the Denver Regional Council of Governments' commuter assistance program. Call 303-458-POOL (7665).

## City of Golden Environmental Services Division

Visit [www.cityofgolden.net/SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=60](http://www.cityofgolden.net/SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=60) or call 303-384-8181 for more information on environmental topics from the City of Golden.



# Parks & Rec registration goes online

In response to significant demand from Golden citizens, the City launched online Parks and Recreation registration services Aug. 2. In addition to our traditional phone and walk-up service, customers can now register for classes and activities via the Web and an automated phone system. Here's how it works:

Navigate your Web browser to [www.goldenrec.com](http://www.goldenrec.com).

When you are ready to register for a class, you will need to log-in to our system. To ensure your eligibility for age-specific classes and to allow us to locate you in our database, we'll need the birth date of at least one household member, in addition to your household number.

If you are registering for the first time or don't know your household number, call **303-384-8100**.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with a 'Login' header. On the right of the header is a link: 'Having trouble logging in?'. Below the header, there are two input fields: 'Household Number:' and 'Birthdate of any household member (mm/dd/yyyy):'. Below the birthdate field is a 'Log in' button. Below the button is a message: 'Please enter a House Number.' followed by '- or -'. Below this is a section titled 'Browse Classes without Logging In\*' with a button 'Browse Classes in Online Catalog'. At the bottom, a note states: '\*NOTE: You will be required to log-in before attempting to register for an activity.'

The screenshot shows a web browser window with a header '[Return to Household Information]'. Below the header is the title 'Categories of Classes'. There is a table with three columns and six rows of class categories. Below the table is a search box with the text 'Search for a class:' and a 'Search' button. At the bottom is another '[Return to Household Information]' link.

Adult Activities	Adult Athletics	Aquatics Programs
Climbing and Adventure	Creative Arts	Dance and Tumbling Programs
Special Events	Fossil Trace Golf Programs	Preschool Program
Senior Programs	Senior Trips	Tykes (under 7)
Wellness and Fitness	Youth and Teen Activities	Youth and Teen Athletics

Alternatively, you can register via an automated phone system by calling **303-215-8882**. At any time during the greeting, enter **extension 2680**. If you utilize the system and wish to offer feedback, we'd love to hear from you via email at [goldenparksandrecreg@ci.golden.co.us](mailto:goldenparksandrecreg@ci.golden.co.us) or by phone at 303-384-8100.

Of course, both the online and automated phone registration options are intended to augment – but not replace – our current walk-in and phone service. Our goal is to offer options to meet all of our customers' needs.

The online Parks and Recreation registration is one of numerous technology initiatives that resulted

from a December 2001 eGovernment strategic plan. Prior to writing the plan, the City surveyed its citizens in order to gauge their demand for electronic services.

Survey results indicated that you wanted a significantly enhanced Web site and a wide variety of online services. The City responded by launching an award winning Web site ([www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net)) in October 2003, followed by online Parks and Recreation registration last month.

We are also evaluating the feasibility of offering online water bill payment, traffic ticket payment and other services.

As the City continues to roll out technology initiatives, our small-town flavor is enhanced by first-class service.





# Golden Community Center

## youth activities



### Golden Gigs

Teens, gather your friends and head to the Community Center for an evening of music and dancing. Live local teen bands will be jammin' the night away. Beverages and snacks will be available for a small fee. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door.

Ages: 13 to 18 years old      Max: 300  
7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16  
\$5

### Kids Night Out

Kids, grab all your friends and come on down to the G.C.C. every week for a fun-filled Friday night just for YOU! Each week has a different theme with different activities, along with basketball, a dance and a DJ, games, prizes, swimming and much more.

For a small additional fee, refreshments are available. **Parent(s) or guardian(s) must sign kids in and out.** Please allow time to check in and out, as this process may take a few minutes. Also, children being picked up after 10:30 p.m. will be fined a \$5 per minute late fee, no exceptions.

Ages: 9 to 14 years old, **no exceptions**  
6:45 to 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 17 through Dec. 10  
(No program Nov. 26)  
\$10

### Family Climb

#34640

Would you like to climb with your child? Come learn the basics and climb the wall with a professional instructor. This is a great way to spend time with your child while learning the climbing fundamentals in a safe and fun environment. Both parent and child must register, fee is per person. (Parent may register more than one child.) Parent must be registered and attend all classes with their child.

Ages: 6 years and older      Min/Max: 4/8  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays  
Session I: Oct. 27; Session II: Dec. 8  
\$8 Resident, \$13 Non-resident

### Silly Slapshots Floor Hockey Program

#33095

Join us for this new program designed for the younger, beginning hockey player. This floor hockey class will cover the basic fundamentals of holding the stick, playing the ball and other beginning aspects of the game without the stress of having to in-line skate.

Ages: 5 to 7 years old      Min/Max: 6/12  
3:20 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays  
Session I: Sept. 22 through Oct. 13; Session II: Oct. 20 through Nov. 10; Session III: Nov. 17 through Dec. 8  
\$35 Resident, \$40 Non-resident

### Pre-Ballet

#34840

This is the perfect class for children who love to be on their feet. Children will have fun learning ballet basics and exerting energy in this structured dance setting. They will learn how to work with

others and be part of a class while having fun! Wear leotards and tights (or comfortable clothes) and ballet shoes or socks.

Ages: 2 to 3 years old      Min/Max: 5/8  
2:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays  
Session I: Sept. 24 to Oct. 15; Session II: Oct. 22 to Nov. 12;  
Session III: Nov. 19 to Dec. 17 (no class Nov. 26);  
and 1:10 to 1:40 p.m. Fridays  
Session IV: Sept. 24 to Oct. 15; Session V: Oct. 22 to Nov. 12;  
Session VI: Nov. 19 to Dec. 17 (no class Nov. 26)  
\$35 Resident, \$40 Non-resident

### Ballet

#34845

Children will learn how to plié and relevé while exploring the basics of ballet and beginning barre. Wear leotard and tights (or comfortable clothes) and ballet shoes or socks.

Ages: 4 to 6 years old      Min/Max: 5/8  
3:10 to 3:40 p.m. Fridays  
Session I: Sept. 24 to Oct. 15; Session II: Oct. 22 to Nov. 12;  
Session III: Nov. 19 to Dec. 17 (no class Nov. 26);  
and 1:50 to 2:20 p.m. Fridays  
Session IV: Sept. 24 to Oct. 15; Session V: Oct. 22 to Nov. 12;  
Session VI: Nov. 19 to Dec. 17 (no class Nov. 26)  
\$35 Resident, \$40 Non-resident

### Jazz

#34850

Try leaps and turns in this new, exciting class. Students will learn the fundamentals of jazz and be introduced to age-appropriate creative routines. Wear comfortable clothes, dance shoes or socks.

Ages: 7 to 12 years old      Min/Max: 5/8  
4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Wednesdays  
Sept. 22 to Oct. 13; Oct. 20 to Nov. 10; Nov. 17 to Dec. 8  
\$35 Resident, \$40 Non-resident

### Skyhawks Sports Night Scrimmages

#34005

Introduce your children to a team atmosphere as we encourage sportsmanship in these organized evening scrimmages (a game between teams that serves to develop skills and build teamwork while having fun). Children will spend 30 minutes highlighting the basics and one hour scrimmaging. During soccer scrimmages, participants must wear shin guards to play; all other equipment for the various sports will be supplied by Skyhawks. Children will be separated by age.

Ages: 7 to 14 years old      Min/Max: 5/15  
6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays  
Sept. 22 to Oct. 20; Nov. 3 to Dec. 8 (No class Nov. 24)  
\$35 Resident, \$40 Non-resident

**Pre-register for all classes at the Golden Community Center, online at [www.goldenrec.com](http://www.goldenrec.com) or call 303-384-8100.**

**Some classes break during holidays.**

**The Parks and Recreation Department's complete catalogue was mailed the first week of August. If you did not receive a copy, feel free to stop by the Community Center to pick one up.**

# Golden Community Calendar

## SATURDAYS

### *Golden Farmers Market*

**Jackson Street between 12th and 13th streets**

The Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce is hosting the third annual farmers market Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> streets. Vendors offer fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, fresh jams, sweets, snacks, potted plants, cut flowers and more. Free horse-drawn carriage rides are offered and Bonfils will take blood donations.



## FRIDAY, SEPT. 3 & SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

### *Fletcher Wood Memorial Rodeo*

7:30 p.m. Friday &  
7 p.m. Saturday  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds,  
15200 W. Sixth Ave.



Rodeo proceeds will benefit Jeffco 4H. For more information, call Steve at 303-589-0682.

## SEPT. 6 - OCT. 30

**Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum,  
1111 Washington Ave.  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through  
Saturdays**

### *Hope and Remembrance: An exhibit of breast cancer quilts*

Come and be inspired by the amazing images of courage, support and healing of those who faced the life-changing challenge of breast cancer. Steeped in symbolism and emotion, these quilts tell stories that are sure to touch your heart and soul.

### *Korean Delights: Floral interpretations of ancient art*

Contemporary quilt artists interpret

the work of one of Korea's most illustrious women: 16th century painter and artisan Sim Saimdang.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 13

### *Golden Concert Choir*



6:45 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays  
Calvary Episcopal Great Hall, 14th  
and Arapahoe streets

The 80-voice Golden Concert Choir (formerly the Golden Chamber Choir) will begin fall season rehearsals, culminating with Christmas concerts Dec. 10 and 11. The Choir is directed by Carma Romano-LaMorte. There are no tryouts, but singers do have to be able to match pitch (sing the note that is played on the piano). We HOPE you will join the choir! And spread the word to your friends! Come to the first rehearsal and see how you like it. For more information, call Judy Denison at 303-279-5177 or visit [www.goldencommunitychoirs.org](http://www.goldencommunitychoirs.org).

## MONDAY, SEPT. 13

### *Children's Choir of Golden*

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays  
Calvary Episcopal Great Hall, 14th  
and Arapahoe streets

Rehearsals begin for the Children's

Choir of Golden, including 15-minute small group coaching before and after the rehearsals. The choir is open to children in second through sixth grades. Children older than that may join the Concert Choir. The children will participate in the Christmas concerts. For more information, call Director, Allison Olsson at 303-279-2932 or visit [www.goldencommunitychoirs.org](http://www.goldencommunitychoirs.org).

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

### *Breast cancer fund-raiser*

6:30 p.m.  
13th Street Wine Bar



The 13th Street Wine Bar will join together with the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum to raise money for RMQM's breast cancer quilt exhibit and for breast cancer research. Survivors and friends will be on hand as servers, and several wonderful raffle items will be available including a wall quilt. The Museum's exclusive, handmade pink ribbon mini-quilt pins also will be available for purchase. Tips and raffle sales go to museum exhibit expenses, and 10 percent of sales and half the purchase price of the pink ribbon pins will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation to help fight breast cancer. Call 303-277-0377 for more information or if you'd like to volunteer.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

### *Furry Friends Flea Market rummage and book sale*

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds,  
15200 W. Sixth Ave.



Come find some bow-wow bargains and dog-gone good deals at the Furry Friends Flea Market! Join us for a day of rummaging for deals amongst 7,000 square feet of treasure at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds, where Table Mountain Animal Center will be hosting the Furry Friends Flea Market rummage and book sale. The event benefits TMAC animals. For more information, visit [www.tablemountainanimals.org](http://www.tablemountainanimals.org).

## MONDAY, SEPT. 27

### Election Forum



**American Mountaineering Center  
10th Street and Washington Avenue**

The City of Golden and Leadership Golden Alumni Association will host their annual educational Election Forum for the public Monday, Sept. 27 at the American Mountaineering Center. The evening will consist of pro/con discussions of potential ballot issues, which may include the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District tax extension, TABOR, FasTracks, and a Jefferson County R-1 Schools funding proposal. For more information, contact Ed Dorsey at 303-384-9923 or [etd911@aol.com](mailto:etd911@aol.com).



### School Supplies Needed

The Christian Action Guild desperately needs school supplies for needy Golden families. When you do your shopping, why not pick up a few additional items and donate them to the Guild. For questions call 303-279-5674.

## CITY OF GOLDEN WET PAWS FUN RUN

The City of Golden Parks and Recreation Department is hosting the Wet Paws Fun Run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at The Splash at Fossil Trace, 3151 Illinois St. The non-timed, 2.5-mile dog run/walk will be followed by a doggie swim day at the water park.

All proceeds benefit Table Mountain Animal Center and Golden Dog Parks. Cost is \$20 for the walk or \$25 for the walk and swim.

You can pre-register in person at the Golden Community Center by Sept. 8, or pick up and application at City Hall and return it by mail before Sept. 6. Or register on race day at The Splash between 8 and 8:45 a.m. Race day registration is an additional \$5.

## COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB'S ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

To register for any of the following courses, call 303-279-3080 x2. For more detailed information, visit [www.cmc.org/education](http://www.cmc.org/education).

### SEPT. 11

*Nature Sketching*

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### SEPT. 18

*Free family art day*

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### OCT. 2 AND 3

*Women's intro to rock climbing*

\$100/members, \$125/non

## MINERS ALLEY PLAYHOUSE

Are you aware of Golden's newest treasure, the Miners Alley Playhouse community theater on Washington Avenue, above the Foss General Store? Productions are held every weekend in its intimate 110-seat theater with close-in seating. Information is available by calling 303-935-3044 and tickets can be purchased by phone at that number or in person at the Foss Courtesy Counter.

Memberships also are offered and include complimentary tickets good for a year. Community theater of this nature can only be sustained through support from the public via memberships and production attendance.

If interested in becoming a member, call the number above or call Ed Dorsey at 303-384-9923.

## The Council-Manager system as part of a reform movement



By Genevieve Hale

In the August issue of the *Informer* this column described Golden's council-manager system of government. This month's column is devoted to explaining how the council-manager structure of government, thought up nearly a century ago, was part of a progressive reform movement intended to make municipal government more responsive and accountable to its citizens.

It should be pointed out that the council-manager structure of local government is an original American contribution to political theory. As stated in last month's column, the council-manager system of government is the most common system of government in U.S. cities with populations over 10,000.

Because of rampant graft and corruption in many cities around the turn of the century, a system was

needed that would halt politicians from giving special treatment for service contracts and employment opportunities at their political whim. The widespread corruption at that time endangered the services that citizens needed and expected. Therefore, reformers set about designing a system that would ensure that cities would be run by competent professionals who would still be responsible to an elected body, representative of the citizenry's interests. The result was the creation of the council-manager system of government.

One aspect of this system is that city employees are hired by a manager rather than by politicians. This practice ensures that all employees are hired based upon merit. It also ensures that employees are not subjected to the pressures of political patronage. Moreover, this type of system requires decisions about local government contracts and public fund expenditures to be made based upon competition, and not political favors.

The council-manager system of government was first endorsed as

the preferred system of municipal government by the National Civic League in 1915, even though at that time less than 50 cities had that form of government. Going back to 1908, Staunton, Va., had the first professional local government manager position legally defined by ordinance and instituted. Sumter, S.C., was the first city to have a manager responsible to a single elected council in 1912. And Dayton, Ohio, in 1914 was the first sizeable city to adopt a council-manager form of government. Since 1915, the council-manager structure of government has evolved to meet the changing times, but it has continued to receive the National Civic League's endorsement. By 2002, more than 3,000 municipalities had adopted the council-manager form of government.

The council-manager form of government also can be found at the county level, although it is more prevalent at the municipal level. Furthermore, the council-manager structure of government can be adapted to fit local conditions. For instance, there are some communities that have councils that are elected at-large while other communities have councils that are elected by ward or district. In some communities, mayors are elected by the voters at-large, and in others the council elects one of its own members to serve as mayor. In Golden, the council is elected by ward and district, and the mayor is elected at-large.

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*Genevieve Hale is pursuing a master's degree, and is participating in an internship at the City of Golden.*



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# Students encouraged to join leadership program

Are you applying to college? Do you have an interest in learning about your community? Are you an aspiring politician? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should be applying to attend Junior Leadership Golden. It is a great way for students to gain knowledge of the inner workings of Golden, including its history, governmental structure, public financing, justice system, many recreational facilities, culture and all of the volunteer opportunities available.

The Leadership Golden Alumni Association Board of Directors is pleased to announce the continuation of the leadership program for high school students in 2005. The program, known as Junior Leadership Golden, was first held in 2003. This year's program will begin in January 2005 and wrap up at the end of April 2005. There will be seven sessions, each running from 6 to 8 p.m.

The program is an extension of the adult Leadership Golden program that began in 1984 and has had more than 400 graduates comprising the Leadership Golden Alumni Association (LGAA). The youth-oriented program is designed to educate emerging young leaders and volunteers about the realities, opportunities and challenges in Golden.

Junior Leadership Golden will mimic the adult program in that sessions will be held in the evenings at various locations, but each session will be shorter in length given the work load of high school students when school is in session. The topics, however, are the same as the regular leadership program, the speakers are typically the same and, of course, the program will be free of cost to the students. The program can accommodate up to 20 students.

The program is coordinated through Golden High School, where applications can be picked up and returned at the main office by Dec. 1. Any inquiries about the program can be directed to Ed Dorsey at 303-384-9923 or via e-mail at [ETD911@aol.com](mailto:ETD911@aol.com), GHS Principal Mike Murphy.

# City staff rescues kitty

On Aug. 3, Golden resident Nelson Goodreau posted on an Internet list serve that he had found a lost kitty cat that needed a home or it might have had to go to the pound. Concerned citizens immediately set about wondering how to find a home for the little cat.

Golden Communications Manager Sabrina Henderson knew that staff at the Parks and Recreation Department's trailer in Clear Creek RV Park was thinking about getting a cat to keep mice out of the office. Henderson contacted Parks Administrative Assistant Kim Luchetta about adopting the lost kitten.

Golden Code Enforcement Officers Michele Evans and Jamie Segal checked the cat for a microchip ID, but found none. The officers also confirmed that the kitty is a neutered male, about four years old, brown/black tabby with greenish eyes before delivering him to his new home along the tranquil banks of Clear Creek.

Goodreau thanked City staff for "going above the call of duty to help with the resolution."

But the feelgood story didn't end there. About a week later, Luchetta received a call from the cat's owner. Apparently, Mr. Kitty was an indoor cat who had managed to escape without his collar on. He somehow made it safely across Heritage Road to the Goodreau home, but dared not cross back over.

The owner was very glad to be reunited with her cat.

## Code Corner

We have an abundance of wildlife in the City of Golden and it is that time of year again. The bears will be foraging for food more than 15 hours a day in order to put weight on for the winter hibernation. All the other animals will be trying to fatten up as well. This means all household waste and trash should be secured. If you have bird feeders, make sure the spillage on the ground is cleaned up and pet food is not left outside. Clear all ripened fruit and vegetables from trees and gardens. Clean the barbeque grill after each use. These are all things that attract wildlife and may result in you having an unwanted dinner guest.





## Fossil Trace Golf Club: a year later

**I**t seems like it opened yesterday, but Fossil Trace Golf Club just celebrated its first anniversary. To say the least, it has been a whirlwind of activity since its grand opening July 31, 2003.

The club has received numerous awards and recognition for excellence including:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Best New Affordable Course in America by *Golf Digest*
- Top 10 New Courses You Can Play in the Country by *Golf Magazine*
- Best Golf Course in Denver by *Westword Magazine*
- Nominated for two of the "Ultimate 18 Holes in Denver" by *Fox Sports Rocky Mountain*

The golf club has been blessed with tremendous play and continues to sell out of 18-holes tee times each day, seven days a week. Tournament and outing play has far exceeded original expectations as the club entertains guests from all four corners of the country nearly each day.

The details of the "Fossil Trace Experience" have even spread outside the country as it has



entertained guests from Canada, Ireland, England, Australia, Singapore, Japan, China and many other countries world-wide.

PGA Head Golf Professional Jim Hajek was recently asked why Fossil Trace has experienced so much success.

"I think it begins with a vision from the City of Golden management of doing something special. It continues with a tremendous design from Jim Engh and construction from ACC (American Civil Contractors). Excellent conditions are provided by our superintendent Noy Sparks and his staff, and finally, it ends with a friendly and courteous golf

staff," Hajek said. "It is truly a team effort from everyone and we could not have pulled it off without the support of the entire City."

The Fossil Trace Web site has averaged more than 250 direct hits per day and has, in large part, been created by Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Kim Luchetta. It is one of the best golf Web sites in the country, offering detailed hole layouts, photographs of the golf course and much more. Please feel free to visit us on the Web at [www.fossiltrace.com](http://www.fossiltrace.com) for more information and coming soon – **a free Fossil Trace Golf Club screen saver!**



## ***Historic Preservation Board's new bridge signage installed***

About two years ago, when the new Washington Avenue bridge was being designed, Golden's Historic Preservation Board committed itself to researching, writing the text and providing photos for a series of signs to be placed on the new Washington Avenue bridge.

HPB formed a committee with members from the Golden Landmarks Association in order to complete this task. Committee members included Steve Stevens (prior HPB member), Mary Jane Vinette (prior HPB member), Donna Miller (GLA), Rick Gardner (GLA) and Traci Case (HPB). City of Golden Planning Department staff coordinated the project and hired a graphic artist to design each of the signs.

These signs are in the process of being placed on the brick pillars along the pedestrian suspension bridges that hang from each side of the Washington Avenue bridge over Clear Creek in historic downtown Golden.

The sign project tells historically accurate stories about Golden and Clear Creek's past: the history of the creek, stories about floods in Golden, anecdotes of historical characters and the bridge, the history of the bridge itself, activities centered around the creek and bridge (mining, transportation, tourism, etc.), and one sign even acknowledges a city ordinance still on the books limiting the number of cattle and sheep that can cross the bridge at any time.

As of press time, signs have been installed on the set of pillars on the west walkway; the other three sets of pillars (one west and two east) are to follow.

Near the walkway underneath the bridge, on the four directional corners, the signs will tell a story about what buildings or features had been located on those corners in the past. The walkway signs will be installed in the coming year.

For more information on the project, contact HPB via the City's Web site at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net). Click on Boards & Commissions and then on HPB for a list of members.



## ***Are you interested in historic places?***

Are you interested in getting more involved with your community? Would you like to work to preserve the historic character of Golden? If so, the Golden Historic Preservation Board (HPB) needs you!

HPB's regular board meetings are on the first Monday evening of each month. Study sessions are usually scheduled for the third Monday of each month.

For more information on the responsibilities and activities of HPB, call Nicki Fauble at 303-384-8097.

The City Clerk is currently taking applications to fill two vacant positions on the HPB. As a member of HPB, you would work with City staff on a variety of historic preservation issues: from evaluating the merits of sites for historic designation to conducting public education meetings, and from helping to prepare grants to promote the preservation of historic sites in Golden.

In order to apply for the vacant positions, you must be a resident of the City of Golden.

To obtain an application, visit [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) or call City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014.

Each applicant will be interviewed by City Council.

Applications must be received by the City Clerk no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9.

## Ed Dorsey

“I’ve always been involved in the community I live in,” Ed Dorsey explains. “(It’s) important to give back, not just to take from the community.”

Even before he and his family moved from New York to Golden in 1994, Dorsey was heavily involved in giving back to the place he lived. He was a volunteer firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician in Briarcliff, NY, for 20 years. He was elected to serve on the Village Board – the equivalent of our City Council – for 10 years, seven of them as Mayor. The positions on the Village Board were unpaid, volunteer seats, but Dorsey believed in volunteering in the community.

Dorsey also was elected to serve as President of Westchester County’s Municipal Officials Association. (Westchester is about the same size as Jefferson County.)

After 34 years of service working at the phone company, Dorsey retired in 1990. He then went to work for Westchester County, where he installed an enhanced 911 system countywide.

In 1994, Dorsey and his wife, Jean, moved to Golden. They have now been married for 43 years and are both active in the community. They have three daughters: Sharon now lives in Burlington, Vt.; Lynn lives in Laguna Beach, Cali.; and Lisa lives in Arvada. They also adore their six grandchildren.

After moving to Golden, Dorsey immediately set about volunteering his time here. Perhaps most notably, he was a member and Vice Chair of the Golden Urban Renewal Authority

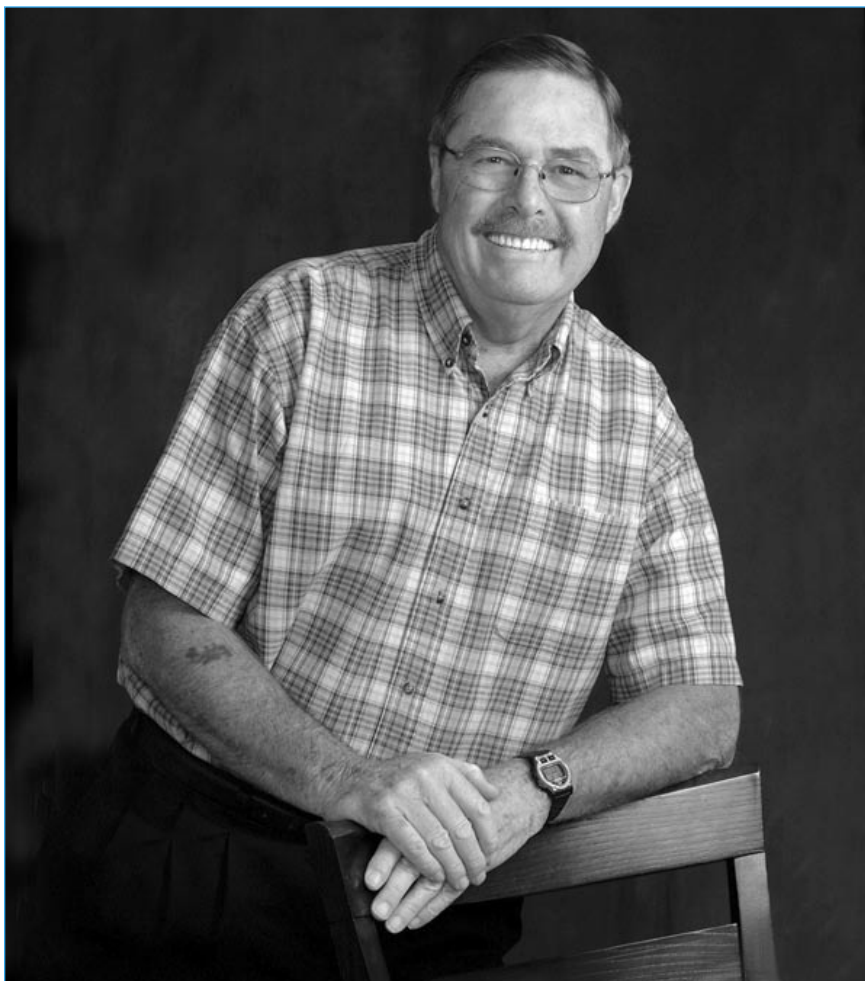
(GURA) from 1998 to 2003. He is a current member of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC), secretary and board member of the Leadership Golden Alumni Association (LGAA) for six years, and membership chairman at the Golden Pioneer Museum, the Astor House Museum and Clear Creek History Park. He also volunteers his time at the Golden Visitors Center. Most recently he has dedicated his time as a founding organizer of the Heart of Golden ([www.heartofgolden.org](http://www.heartofgolden.org)), including writing for its editorial board. He also was the chairman of the 2004 Buffalo Bill Days first Golf Tournament at Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Over the years, Dorsey was a board member of the Golden Pioneer

Museum, the Golden Lions Club, the Golden Good Government League and the Miners Alley Playhouse. He was president of LGAA, and initiated the Junior Leadership Golden high school program and the public forum program (six have been held to date: two on downtown vitality and two on elections, as well as one on light rail and Open Space).

For his volunteer efforts and constant service to the City of Golden, Dorsey has been recognized as a recipient of the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce 2002 Charlie O’Brien community service award and the Golden Rotary Club’s 2002-2003 Service Above Self award.

“The engine of Golden is its volunteers,” Dorsey said. “I feel lucky and proud to be one of them.”





# Election forum offers insights on issues

The Leadership Golden Alumni Association (LGAA), along with the Golden Transcript and the City of Golden, will be holding an educational public forum on 2004 election issues. The forum will be held Monday, Sept. 27 in the Foss Auditorium at the American Mountaineering Center, 711 10<sup>th</sup> St. It is expected to run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Although it is anticipated that many issues will be on the ballot this year, the sponsors of the forum have decided to restrict the debate that night to those issues having the most impact on the most people in Golden, especially those that have financial implications. Therefore,

the issues on the agenda currently being considered include the two R-1 School District funding issues, the FasTracks project and RTD tax increase, the Scientific Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) tax extension, and any TABOR or Amendment 23 questions that may make the ballot. Actual questions to be debated will be determined in early September.

The tentative format for the forum will allow adequate time for a detailed presentation on both sides of the issue (pro and con). In addition, it is expected that there will be time for the audience to present written questions for the forum moderator to read to the

presenters.

There will be one proponent and one opponent presenter for each ballot question and they cannot be candidates for election to public office.

As of press time, participants include R-1 School District Superintendent Cindy Stevinson, RTD General Manager Cal Marsella, and Independence Institute Director John Caldara.

Final forum formats and participants will be determined in early September and widely published through various media. For more information, contact Ed Dorsey at 303-384-9923 or via e-mail at [ETD911@aol.com](mailto:ETD911@aol.com).

## *Campaign finance discussed*

Golden City Council has taken up a discussion on campaign finance reform. The Council is considering whether to repeal the City's existing campaign finance policy (set forth in Ordinance No. 1540) and adopt a new one.

The new version recommended by the City Clerk and City Attorney incorporates portions of the prior and existing state Fair Campaign Practices Act and Article XXVIII of the state Constitution.

The Fair Campaign Practices Act, adopted by the state legislature in 1996, applies to state and local offices. The legislature sought to limit the influence of wealthy contributors and special interest groups, decrease the cost of political campaigns and increase broad-based citizen participation in campaigns. To do so, it limited campaign contributions, sought voluntary spending limits,

established disclosure and reporting duties, and sought enforcement of campaign laws.

The FCPA includes a provision that enables home rule cities, like Golden, to adopt more stringent procedures than the act. As part of its participation in coordinated elections with Jefferson County in 2001, the City of Golden adopted Ordinance No. 1540 that, in part, provided that the City would conduct regular municipal elections in accordance with the FCPA.

Because of campaign finance reforms enacted in the state Constitution in November 2002, the FCPA is somewhat outdated. The Council is discussing whether to update the City's campaign finance regulations to be in line with the state's current regulations or be more stringent.

The Council will further discuss the issue at its Sept. 16 study session.

## Election date clean up

On July 22, Golden City Council approved an ordinance to clean up some conflicts in election dates related to TABOR matters and municipal elections.

Golden was one of 33 cities with a Charter provision (section 4.3) requiring general municipal elections to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd numbered years. But TABOR elections are required on the first Tuesday of the month of odd numbered years. In years like 2005 and 2011, when the first Tuesday falls before the first Monday, the City would have to conduct two separate elections a week apart.

To correct the conflict, Council put a charter amendment on the ballot in the November election. Since only you, the voters, can make a change, watch for it on your ballot!

# Star City Employee



**Greg Mortimer**  
*IT Manager*

The City of Golden Information Technology Manager Greg Mortimer was recognized by the Denver Federal Executive Board with a Legacy Award in the category of Exceptional Customer Service, Non-Federal, at its 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Public Service Awards Program. Mortimer received the award for his visionary work creating and implementing a new and improved Web site and other e-Government initiatives, such as Golden Info, for the City of Golden.

Launched in October 2003, the City's new and improved Web site ([www.CityOfGolden.net](http://www.CityOfGolden.net) or [www.ci.golden.co.us](http://www.ci.golden.co.us)) has been a phenomenal success. It is a cost-effective, user-friendly and convenient way in which to do business with the City or to obtain information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Some features the Web site includes are e-mail notifications for special events, job announcements, news, meeting minutes and agendas, requests for proposals and so on.

Job seekers can submit online job applications. Application and permit forms can be downloaded. Beginning this month, Web site users

# Mortimer receives customer service award



can register for recreation classes at the Golden Community Center online (*see page 8*). The City's Web site is easy to navigate, packed with information relevant to the City of Golden and regularly updated.

The *Golden Info* section of the Web site is an excellent information resource with more than 400 topics and frequently asked questions. The same technology that drives Golden Info will soon allow, among other things, the City to notify citizens about emergencies and street closures via fax, e-mail or phone. An added feature allows the public to call or e-mail questions, complaints or comments via the Integrated Voice Response and text-to-speech technology. The information, suggestions or questions are then sent via e-mail to the appropriate city staff for response.

The Denver Federal Executive Board (DFEB) was created by an Executive Order of President John F. Kennedy in 1961. In keeping with President Kennedy's challenge to "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can

do for your country," the Legacy Awards program was established to honor the best of the best in public service. Award recipients hail from government offices in the Denver/Boulder metropolitan area at the federal, state and local levels and are indeed among the very best public servants.

"Greg Mortimer exemplifies the spirit of the award in the category of Exceptional Customer Service," said City of Golden employee Genevieve Hale, who nominated Mortimer for the award. "He understands the City of Golden's mission and whom the City serves. He is always thinking about Golden's constituents and whether or not the City Web site and other e-government initiatives are meeting their needs. Through Greg Mortimer's leadership, the City of Golden is leading the way in being more responsive to its constituents and saving significant taxpayer dollars."

Mortimer received an engraved bust of President John F. Kennedy to commemorate the award.

# Star City Employee



**Genevieve Hale**  
*Intern*

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) recently announced that Golden is one of 40 local governments with populations fewer than 20,000 to win ICMA's 2004 Program Excellence Award for Intergovernmental Cooperation.

Under the primary sponsorship of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), each of the 40 past or current participating towns/counties selected a full-time administrative intern for two years at a minimal cost to the jurisdiction. The interns are all graduate students majoring in political science through the University of Colorado at Denver's Center for NEW DIRECTIONS in Politics and Public Policy. The internship program is called "The Best and the Brightest." The City of Golden's intern, Genevieve Hale, works in various departments on a variety of projects.

"We are excited to have Genevieve Hale working with us through this program," said Golden City Manager Mike Bestor. "While she gains valuable experience in the public sector, we are the beneficiaries of the unique, scholarly perspectives

## Golden recognized for intergovernmental cooperation

and hard work she brings to the table."

"This is a special honor for Colorado and for the Department. The Best and Brightest Program provides communities with talented, hard-working people, while giving the students the foundation and tools to be knowledgeable, effective leaders," said Mike Beasley, executive director of DOLA. "We are proud to be a partner in this innovative program."

Hale said the program has been eye-opening and educational. "It has been an incredible experience to learn how local government works, because until you get into government, you tend to take it for granted," Hale said. "I really have a whole new appreciation for how government provides services that people have grown to expect. People don't usually think of all the good things their local government does. And Golden is such a well-run, well-managed city – it's just been great."

According to Carolyn Craig, Director of the Center for NEW DIRECTIONS, this partnership agreement among the state, the university, and participating small towns and counties provides a rare opportunity for students to complete a graduate degree while, at the same time, gaining invaluable applied learning experience. "In particular, this unique combination informs their scholarship and better prepares

them to be effective public servants in small, rural, and economically depressed communities or wherever they go next," she said.

The cost for the intern is split between the participating jurisdiction and DOLA through its Energy Impact Assistance Fund. With this arrangement, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs can provide a full-time administrative support person for two years to 20

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*City Manager Mike Bestor*

small, rural towns or counties within one 2-year cycle of the program.

"It is pretty amazing to think that a major department within the state government, an urban branch of the state university, the political science department of that university, an experimental program within that department, and 40 separate towns and counties could develop and approve the necessary intergovernmental cooperation needed to make this effort such an overwhelming success," said Dr. Robert Clifton, the center's founder.





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## Fire Department celebrates 125 years



Congratulations to the Golden Fire Department, which turned 125 years old in August! The department's volunteers helped organize a parade and muster Aug. 7 to celebrate the big day.