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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. 1 Study Session**

**Sept. 8 REGULAR MEETING**

**Sept. 15 Study Session**

**Sept. 22 REGULAR MEETING**

**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 by calling the City Clerk's office at 303-384-8015.**

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## Budget Hearings, City Shops on Horizon - Mesa Drive Postponed

*Each month, City Council and the other boards and commissions work on a number of topics and issues of interest to the community. This regular column in the Golden Informer will identify some of the items of greater community interest that are likely to be scheduled for community discussion in coming weeks. For specific information on agendas and schedules, visit our City Web site at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net).*

*You can also subscribe to receive e-mail updates through the Web site for items that are of a regular interest to you.*

### **BUDGET HEARINGS BEGINNING**

The City of Golden's 2006 Budget hearings begin in October. Come learn more about how your tax dollars are spent and then let City Council know what you think. The budget hearings are scheduled as follows:

**Oct. 6** – Council study session review of 2006 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

**Oct. 19** – Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) review of draft 2006 Budget

**Oct. 20** – Council study session review of 2006 Budget

**Oct. 27** – **PUBLIC HEARING** on 2006 Budget and CIP

**Nov. 3** – Council study session review of 2006 Budget

**Nov. 9** – CBAC review of 2006 Budget recommendations from Council and public hearing

**Nov. 10** – **PUBLIC HEARING** on 2006 Budget and CIP, Council amends 2005 Budget and adopts 2006 Budget and CIP, Council sets mill levy for 2006

The final, adopted 2006 Budget will be ready for public distribution on Dec. 31. If you have questions about the City Budget, call 303-384-8020.



*The current City Shops facilities are inadequate for today's equipment, so the City is completing site plans for new facilities.*

### **NEW CITY SHOPS** **PLANNING CONTINUES**

The City is continuing work to complete site plans for the new City Shops facilities. Architect RNL and construction manager Pinkard Construction are currently working on final site plans and completing cost estimates. The City's current shops facilities are 50 to 80 years old, and no longer meet the City's needs.

The City's repair facility is so old that 30 percent of current City equipment will not fit in the service bays, and must instead be serviced and repaired outside. City street sweepers and sewer cleaning trucks that have water tanks must be stored in heated space in the winter, which is currently at a minimum. With the limited amount of space currently available, significant time is spent moving equipment to get what is needed. These types of problems will be eliminated with the new shop construction.

The final schematic plans and cost estimates will be reviewed with City

Council this fall. After review of the plans, financing options will be reviewed and construction drawings completed. It is hoped that site work can begin after the first of the year with building construction to follow in the spring and summer of 2006.

### **MESA DRIVE POSTPONED**

Earlier this year, neighbors in North Golden were very interested in whether a new street connection along the north side of Tucker Gulch would be built from Ford Street to State Highway 93. Opinions were mixed on the proposal, and Council has decided to postpone further discussion of the idea until the fall of 2007. Council wants to wait until more is known about the final recommendations of the Northwest Corridor Environmental Impact Statement, whether State Highway 93 will be relocated, and whether street access to the state highway will be changed. In addition, Council wants to allow new residents in north Golden subdivisions to participate in the discussion. For more information, call 303-384- 8095.

# November General Elections Around the Corner

The City of Golden will hold a general municipal election Nov. 1, 2005. It will be a mail ballot election coordinated with Jefferson County. Councilors for Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be elected.

Nomination petition to run for City Council had to be turned in by Aug. 22. Official candidates' names will be posted online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) as their petitions are verified by the City Clerk's office.

Jefferson County will mail ballots to registered voters between Oct. 7 and 17.

**The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 1 election is Monday, Oct. 3.** Voter registration information is available at [www.co.jefferson.co.us](http://www.co.jefferson.co.us) or by calling 303-271-8111. Don't wait until the last minute!

To register to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old

on or before Election Day, a resident of Colorado and at your present address at least 30 days prior to the election. If you do not meet all of the requirements outlined above you cannot register to vote.

You must meet the following additional requirements to be eligible to vote in City of Golden elections: You must reside within the city limits of the City of Golden and be registered at your current address and you must register at least 29 days prior to the election.

If your Jefferson County voter registration is current and you live within the city limits of Golden, further registration is not necessary. If you are not sure if you are registered at your current residence, contact Jefferson County Election Department, 303-271-8111.

Voter registration forms are available at the Jefferson County



Elections Office, the Golden City Clerk's Office, and Driver's License Offices. Registration forms are also available online at [www.co.jefferson.co.us](http://www.co.jefferson.co.us).

The City will publish a **special election issue of the Informer in October 2005**. It will include one page of information from each Council candidate, as well as valuable voting information, including Ward maps. You can also find out which Ward you live in on the City's Web site or by contacting City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014.

## Ketchum, Nelson Will Not Seek Re-election

Golden Ward 1 Councilman Dave Ketchum and Ward 3 Councilman Bob Nelson formally announced that they will not run for a second term in the November general elections.

Nelson insisted he would not run for a second term since he began campaigning for his first term four years ago.

"I've had the privilege of serving the citizens of Ward 3 and have enjoyed the term. I learned a great deal about government and the law, but I'm ready to move on to other non-political areas," Nelson said. "I think every person should serve his or her community in one way or another,



**NELSON**

and I encourage each citizen of Golden to get involved with this City in whatever way possible. We are fortunate that we live in one of the best communities in the country. We should all work to contribute to the community in one way or another."

Ketchum, who was elected the same year as Nelson, had personal and business reasons for not seeking a second term.

"Something has to give in my time schedule and I decided that my City Council time was what needed



**KETCHUM**

to give," Ketchum wrote in a posting on the City's Web site. "I certainly have enjoyed much of my time on Council and have learned a lot about many things in the last three years."

Nelson and Ketchum both encouraged residents in their respective wards and throughout the City to run for Council. Nomination petitions were due to the City Clerk's office on Aug. 22. To find out who the candidates are, check online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) or call 303-384-8014.

# GOLDEN MINES FOR ALUMINUM:

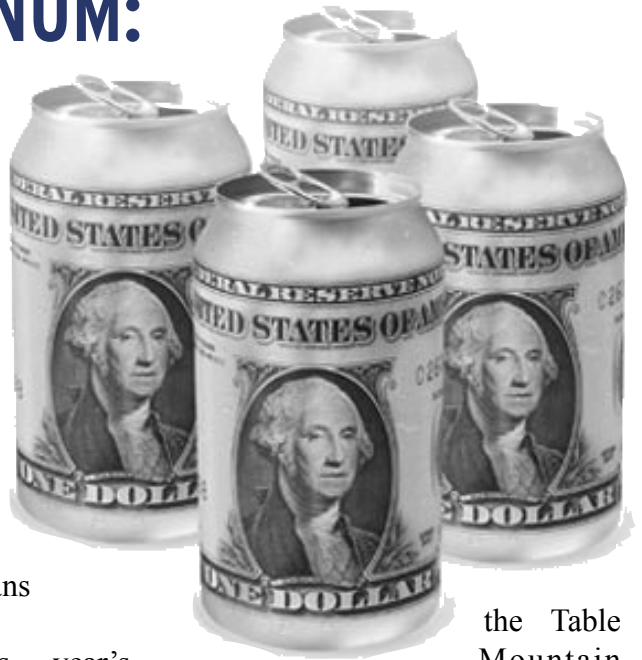
## *City to Participate in Cash for Cans Challenge with Help of Coors, Ball*

**S**tart saving your aluminum cans to help Golden increase its local recycling opportunities! **From Sept. 1 through Sept. 16**, the City of Golden is encouraging citizens to participate in the U.S. Conference of Mayors Cash for Cans Challenge. The contest awards \$5,000 prizes to the most innovative program and to the city that collects the greatest tonnage in four divisions nationwide based on population.

In addition, the **City of Golden, Coors Brewing Co. and Ball Corp.** are encouraging residents to continue the aluminum can drive on an ongoing basis. **Proceeds from aluminum recycling will**

**be donated back to the community.** Coors Brewing Co. and Ball Corp. have teamed up in this great partnership with the City of Golden to enable the community to see the direct benefits of recycling aluminum cans here in Golden.

Proceeds from this year's recycling efforts (including any prize winnings) will be donated toward making permanent improvements to the City's recycling facilities. Last year, in the three month time period from Labor Day to America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, the recycling effort raised more than \$7,000 donated to



the Table Mountain Youth Soccer

Club. This included the proceeds from our City-wide campaign, as well as the proceeds from the can collection campaign Coors and Ball held at their corporate offices.

So start saving, and bring your aluminum cans to the City's recycling facility at the south end of the parking lot at The Splash water park, 3151 Illinois St. Only cans dropped in the appropriately marked bin at this location will be weighed and counted toward the contest.

The Splash recycling facility now allows all recyclable materials (paper and containers) to be commingled in one bin. However, aluminum cans must be separated and placed in the appropriately marked bin to count toward the contest. The City of Golden reminds citizens that only proper recyclables should be disposed of at the facility. Cardboard boxes are accepted but must be broken down before being placed in the bins. If you have questions about what items can be recycled, please call 303-384-8183.





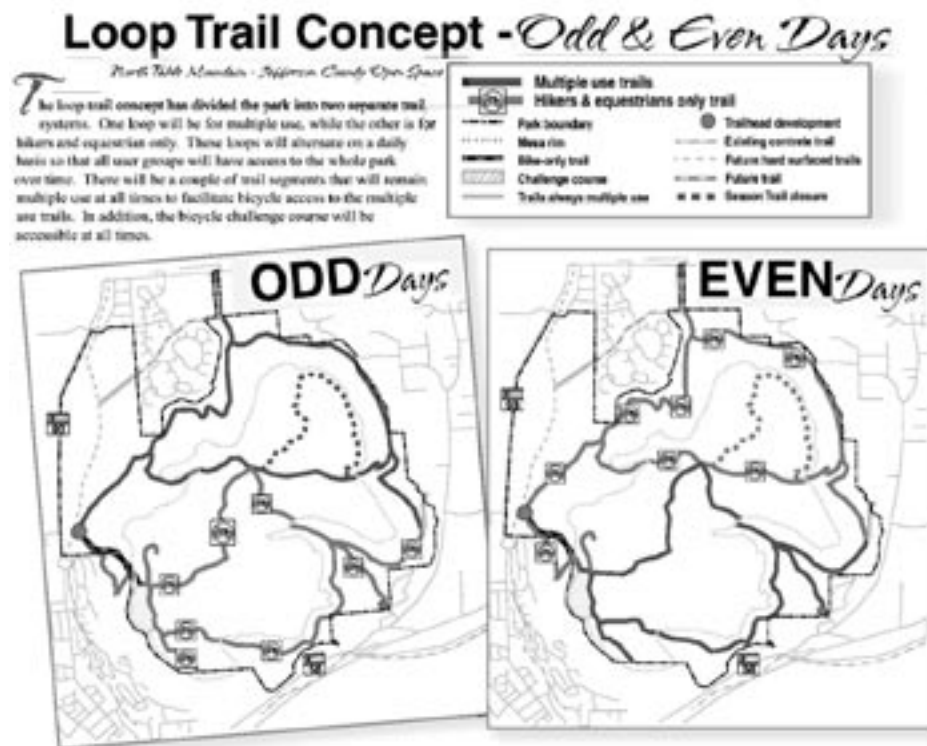
# North Table Mountain User Plan Being Finalized

Jefferson County Open Space has acquired nearly all of North Table Mountain and has been in the process of preparing a management plan for the area.

Two public meetings specifically related to the plan were held to date as part of the process. About 150 citizens attended the first meeting, on March 30, 2004, resulting in more than 100 written comments. On Aug. 18, 2004, a second meeting was held, which 35 citizens attended and resulted in 55 written comments. The Trails Task Force reviewed the North Table Mountain Park trails concepts on Oct. 14 with a generally favorable response. The North Table Mountain Park Management Plan was presented and reviewed at the public Open Space Advisory Committee meeting on Dec. 2.

The current draft park vision for the mesa top provides for multiple-use, including a mountain bike challenge course in the old quarry, and natural surface trails forming loops that follow the existing roadbeds where possible. Hikers and equestrians will have access to all the trails at all times, except when there are seasonal closures of designated "sensitive areas" to protect wildlife. Bikes will have access to only one loop at a time, with either the north or south loop available on alternating days.

Two "sensitive areas" have been designated: the northern slopes, which provide critical wildlife habitat, and the lichen rock garden, where access will be limited to an interpretive trail. There will also be two mineral collection areas. Three trailhead parking areas are planned for the park, with the main parking



lot along State Highway 93, and smaller lots off of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue and at the southeast corner of the park. A hard-surface trail is planned along State Highway 93 to connect with other regional trails, and a regional connection will be made to Tony Gramscas Park.

Some Golden citizens have concerns about the impacts of the North Table Mountain Open Space Park plan and trail users have voiced concerns about restrictions. As a result, Jefferson County Open Space has agreed to postpone adoption until after Nov. 30. This extra time is being provided to allow conflicting user-groups to find common ground and bring forward options that might be considered.

Jefferson County Open Space is encouraging individuals to work with the Trails Task Force and constituency groups to provide additional comments related to the proposed North Table Mountain

Park Management Plan concepts, specifically regarding trail use. The Trails Task Force Web site at [www.jeffco.us/ext/dpt/comm\\_res/openspac/force.htm](http://www.jeffco.us/ext/dpt/comm_res/openspac/force.htm) lists user groups and their respective volunteer representatives. The next Trails Task Force meeting is scheduled for Oct. 27 at the Open Space offices.

For more information on the proposed North Table Mountain plan, visit [www.jeffco.us/ext/dpt/comm\\_res/openspac/ntable.htm](http://www.jeffco.us/ext/dpt/comm_res/openspac/ntable.htm). This Web site has links to concept maps, findings and recommendations, as well as the draft vision itself. You can also email Jefferson County Open Space Citizen Outreach Manager Thea Rock at [trock@jeffco.us](mailto:trock@jeffco.us).

While this is a county project, if you would like to speak with a member of the Golden Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, email the chair at [MaryEllen.Keskimaki@att.net](mailto:MaryEllen.Keskimaki@att.net).

# Summer Heat Took Toll on Trees

Summer has brought Golden some very hot and dry conditions this year. After a relatively wet spring, the weather changed drastically, reaching temperatures over 100 degrees with little rain. This development severely stressed many trees in a very short period of time, especially trees that had been recently planted.

These episodes of extreme heat and low humidity illustrate the need to mitigate stress in plant systems. The two most important and effective strategies are to properly irrigate and to use mulch.

The watering of trees and shrubs in high-stress conditions is most effectively accomplished with drip irrigation, soaker hoses or simply a hand-held open hose. It is very important that the root balls of recently planted trees do not dry out. Trees that were planted even a year ago have shown heat and water stress this summer. Plants that have had the time to develop deeper root systems have fared much

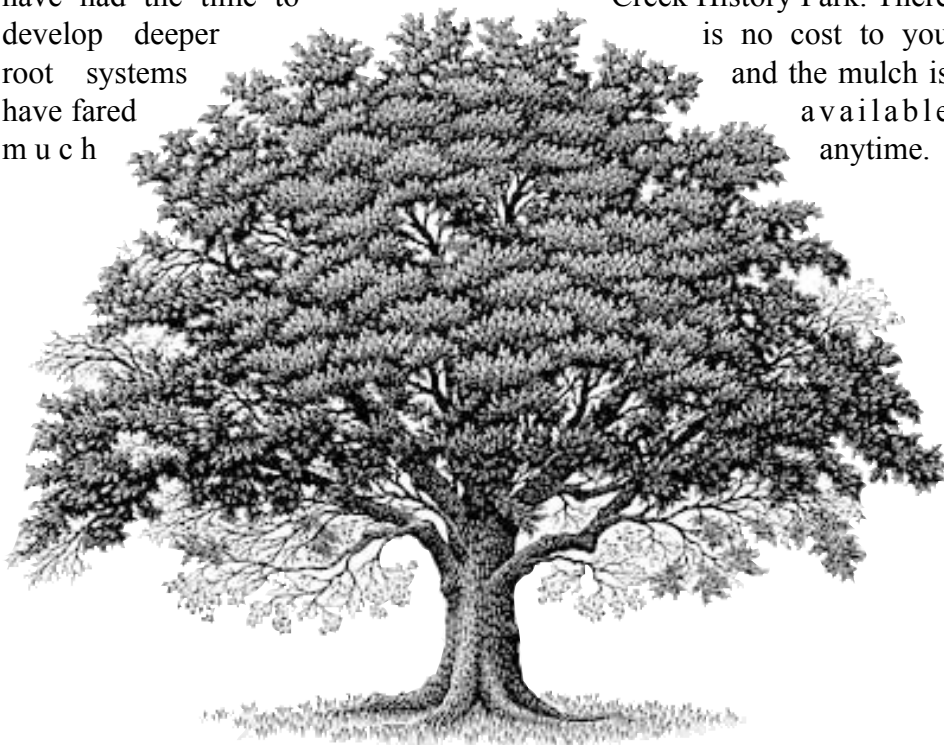
better.

Applying sufficient moisture to reach soil depths of 6- to 8-inches will reduce summer shock and encourage deeper rooting. The manner of irrigation should be carried out twice or even three times a month during a hot, dry summer, depending on your soil type.

To ensure that the moisture you have taken pains to apply doesn't immediately evaporate into our very dry Colorado air, it is highly recommended that you cover the root zone with a 2- to 3-inch layer of mulch. Wood chip mulch is inexpensive (and sometimes even free), and allows moisture to be retained in the soil very effectively. It breaks down into soil-building organic matter, as well.

**Wood chip mulch is available through the Golden Parks and Recreation Department at our public distribution site at 11<sup>th</sup> and Maple streets,** just west of the Clear

Creek History Park. There is no cost to you and the mulch is available anytime.



## Preserving Golden

### *Tales of Table Mountains Collected in New Book*

Golden Landmarks Association and Table Mountains Conservation Fund are pleased to announce publication of the book *Table Mountain Tales: Stories, Poems and Essays Celebrating Golden, Colorado, 2003 and 2004*.

The 150-page book includes winning submissions from 2003 and 2004, as well as all submissions for 2004, to the Table Mountain Tales writing contest. Contents include poetry, essays and fiction from children, teens and adults. Some stories will bring a tear to the eye and others a chuckle to the lips. Many of the entries relate experiences of young people and adults climbing, hiking, daydreaming and running on North and South Table Mountains, which dominate Golden's landscape. The book includes 35 photos taken by local photographers of animals, plants and panoramic views of and from the mountains.

The price of the book is \$10, and it will be available at the Golden Landmarks Association booth during GoldenFest on Sept. 10 at 12th and Cheyenne streets. Wendy Woo and Blue Jazz will play this fund-raiser for GLA.

The book is also available at the Golden Landmarks Association office, 805B 14th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by calling 303-279-1236.



## Local (Liquor) Licensing Authority Taking Applications

City Council announced that two appointments to the Golden Local (Liquor) Licensing Authority Board will expire in December 2005. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for the City Council Study Session the evening of Thursday, Nov. 3.

The LLA meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 911 10<sup>th</sup> St. The Authority approves new liquor licenses, new registered managers, modification of premises and hears show-cause hearings when there is an alleged violation

of the Liquor Code.

Members must be residents of the City of Golden, be at least 21-years-old, have no interest in a business that holds a liquor or 3.2% beer license, and serve without compensation. Terms are for four years.

Applications are available from the City Clerk or online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net), and will be accepted at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 911 10<sup>th</sup> St. until 5 p.m. Oct. 14, 2005. For more information, call City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014.

## Apply for Junior Leadership Program

The Leadership Golden Alumni Association plans to conduct another Junior Leadership Golden program beginning in January 2006. This program, designed for high school students and modeled after the adult leadership program, will be held in seven sessions on weeknights from 6 to 8:30 p.m. through April. Also included is a tour of City facilities on a Saturday morning in January. Information and applications are available at the main office at Golden High School and will also be distributed at Freshmen-Parent Night, Back to School Night and Parent-Teacher Conference sessions. For more information, contact Ed Dorsey at 303-384-9923.

## CBAC Visits Vidler Tunnel, Learns About One of Golden's Water Tributaries



The Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, Councilors Karen Oxman and Bob Nelson took a tour Aug. 3 with Public Works Director Dan Hartman to learn more about how the City gets water from Vidler Tunnel to Golden. The group also discussed needed capital improvements.





## EDComm Wears Many Hats in Local Economy

In 1999, Golden City Council established the Economic Development Commission (EDComm) to assist in fostering economic opportunities that benefit the Golden community.

EDComm is made up of eight members who reside, work or operate a business within the City of Golden limits. Two of the members of EDComm are interviewed and appointed by the Golden Chamber of Commerce and confirmed by the majority of Council, five members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the majority of City Council, and one member is appointed by the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) and confirmed by the majority of Council.

EDComm members serve staggered four-year terms. Current EDComm members include Alan Bader, Chris Ball, Monica Buhlig, Patti Hartman, Scott Helker, Pat Kellenbenz, Jan Schenck and Jan Zehr. Golden Planning and Development Director Steve Glueck also participates in EDComm meetings as a City staff representative.

Some of the responsibilities of the Commission include evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the City's economic development efforts, providing recommendations about business expansion and retention, and developing a strategy for marketing and promoting the Golden community.

With respect to community marketing, EDComm, in conjunction with the City of

Golden Planning and Development Director, manage the Community Marketing Fund that was established by Ordinance No. 1510 in 2000. The Community Marketing Fund funds the creation of a marketing plan, promotional activities, public relations activities, advertising activities and assists with financial support for certain events. Money for the Community Marketing Fund comes from the suspended sales tax vendor fee and the Golden Urban Renewal Authority reinvestment fund. The adopted budget for the Community Marketing Fund for 2005 is \$305,000.



The Economic Development Commission is also heavily involved in business retention and business grant programs. The purpose of these programs is to further Golden's economic development philosophy of encouraging a self-supporting local economy by creating jobs, maintaining and improving the general business climate, and expanding and diversifying the tax base to finance needed infrastructure and public services.

EDComm also reviews grant requests and recommends projects. The business grant program encourages private investment in existing commercial structures in order to keep and attract tenants and customers. The grant program is open to eligible property owners and tenants in Golden. This year, the focus of the grants is on improving facades, landscaping, signage and other tenant-based improvements. The maximum grant amount for

2005 is \$3,000. Business grants are available awarded five times a year, during the first EDComm meeting in February, April, June, August and October. For more information about the business grant program, contact Steve Glueck at 303-384-8095 or [s glueck@ci.golden.co.us](mailto:s glueck@ci.golden.co.us).

As always, the Golden City Council encourages citizen participation in municipal government through service on a board or commission like EDComm, or through attendance at a public meeting. The Golden Economic Development Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10<sup>th</sup> St.

For more information on Golden's boards and commissions, or to see their schedules and meeting minutes, visit the City's Web site at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net).



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# GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## THROUGH SEPT. 1

### ***School Backpack Drive***

Junior Girl Scout Troop #1508 is helping needy kids in the community with a school supply drive. The troop's goal is to collect and deliver 1000 backpacks between now and Sept. 1. Please call Connie Clause at 303-279-4878 to donate.

## SEPT. 2

### ***Movies and Music in the Park: Galaxy Quest***

GREAT (Golden Resource for Education Arts and Theater) and the City of Golden bring you a free, fun, family-friendly series of Movies and Music in the Park in Parfet Park, on the corner of 10th Street and Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden. Table Mountain Web Design generously donated the licensing fee for *Galaxy Quest*, featuring the alumni cast of a cult space TV show who have to play their roles as the real thing when an alien race needs their help. There will be children's entertainers in the park beginning at 6:30 p.m., so bring a picnic dinner and come get your spot for the movie early! Movies begin at dusk, shortly after 8 p.m. For information, visit [www.goldengreat.org](http://www.goldengreat.org).

## SEPT. 9

### ***Movies and Music in the Park: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban***

GREAT (Golden Resource for Education Arts and Theater) and the City of Golden bring you a free, fun, family-friendly series of Movies and Music in the Park in Parfet Park, on the corner of 10th Street and Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden. Bring the kids out for *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. It's Harry's third year at Hogwarts; not only does he have a new teacher, but trouble is brewing. Sirius Black has escaped and is after Harry. There will be children's entertainers in the park beginning at

6:30 p.m., so bring a picnic dinner and come get your spot for the movie early! Movies begin at dusk, shortly after 8 p.m. For information, visit [www.goldengreat.org](http://www.goldengreat.org).

## SEPT. 5

### ***Labor Day***

The City of Golden's offices will be closed in observation of Labor Day.

All Jefferson County public libraries will be closed Labor Day. Book drops will be open for returns and some services will be available online at <http://jefferson.lib.co.us>.

## SEPT. 9

### ***Face painting and caricatures at Clear Creek Amphitheater***

Heritage Square's very own caricature artist James Jemming and face-painter Paula Kanmore will provide lunchtime entertainment from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Clear Creek amphitheater. Donations are appreciated. Come enjoy the views and fun!

## SEPT. 10

### ***Wet Paws Fun Run/Walk***

Golden's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its annual Wet Paws Fun Run/Walk for dogs, followed by a dog swim day at The Splash at Fossil Trace. See more information on Page 13.

### ***Golden Fest***

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual fall Goldenfest, sponsored by the Golden Landmarks Association, will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 10 at 12<sup>th</sup> and Cheyenne Streets in Golden. Come and enjoy beer, brats and music in the street in front of the Golden City Brewery. All profits will go to support historic preservation projects in Golden. Wendy Woo and BluJazz will play throughout the afternoon for your listening and dancing pleasure.

### ***2005 Golden Demon Dash 5K***

Come join your community for a morning of fun to support and raise funds for the GHS Boys' Basketball Team! The USATF-sanctioned 5K scenic course runs through historic Golden and is designed for runners and fans of all ages. The race will begin and end at Golden High School. To register for the race, visit [www.goldendemondash.com](http://www.goldendemondash.com). Race fees are \$15 for seniors (55 and older) and students ages 6 through 13, or \$20 for other runners that pre-register. The fee is \$25 on race day. Prizes will be awarded and all registered participants receive a T-shirt and gift bag. Members of this year's basketball team will be taking to the streets and neighborhoods in Golden to recruit runners and supporters for this year's event.

## SEPT. 12

### ***Golden Concert Choir rehearsals begin***

The Golden Concert Choir will perform the entire "Messiah" by Handel on December 10 with director Carma Romano-LaMorte. Rehearsals are 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 12 (new singers should arrive at 6:30). No auditions are required; singers must be able to match pitch. All solos will be auditioned from the choir. Call Judy Denison at 303-279-5177 for more information, or visit [www.goldencommunitychoirs.org](http://www.goldencommunitychoirs.org).

### ***Children's Choir rehearsals begin***

The Children's Choir of Golden, directed by Allison Olsson, will rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 12, culminating with a concert in December. Elementary school students may participate. There will also be a Training Choir for children ages 4 to 7 at the same time.

## SEPT. 16

### ***Movies and Music in the Park: Dotsero***

GREAT (Golden Resource for Education Arts and Theater) and the





*Golden Public Library Children's Information Services Associate Renee Wolford read to children who brought their sack lunches to the Clear Creek Amphitheater on Aug. 5. It was the first of a series of Friday lunchtime activities sponsored by the City of Golden at the new amphitheater.*

City of Golden bring you a free, fun, family-friendly series of Movies and Music in the Park in Parfet Park, on the corner of 10th Street and Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden. Smooth Jazz at its best, Dotsero is full of energy and spontaneity that few artists in the genre have been able to match. The band has performed at major jazz festivals nationwide. There will be children's entertainers in the park beginning at 6:30 p.m., so bring a picnic dinner and come get your spot for the concert early! Concerts begin at 7 p.m. For information, visit [www.goldengreat.org](http://www.goldengreat.org).

## **SEPT. 17 & 18**

### ***53rd annual Flower Show***

The 53rd annual Flower Show at the Golden Community Center's Front Porch will be Sept. 17 and 18. The "GOLDEN OLDIES" Standard Show, sponsored by

the Table Mountain Garden Club and the Golden Gardeners, is open to all Golden residents and Garden Club members. Schedules are available at the Golden Library and City Hall. Call 303-384-9516 for more information.

## **SEPT. 18**

### ***Golden Oldy Cyclery open house***

Golden Oldy Cyclery, a Victorian bicycle museum, will host an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum is at 17224 West 17th Place in Golden. You can view bikes from the 1880s and 1890s, as well as accessories in a setting

of an 1889 bike shop. View more than 80 framed photos of pre-1900 cycling in Colorado. Listen to readings of Victorian cycling poetry. Attend a book signing by Portia Masterson of her new, highly-acclaimed book "Bicycling Bliss." And much, much more.

## **SEPT. 22**

### ***First Day of Autumn***

## **OCT. 3**

### ***Last day to register for Nov. 1 General Election***

See more information on Page 4.

**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 [shenderson@ci.golden.co.us](mailto:shenderson@ci.golden.co.us). 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.



# Golden Community Center

## activities calendar



### SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

#### PECECITOS

Enrich your baby's cognitive growth with a neurolinguistic experience. Parents and babies interacting in an environment filled with classical music, awareness of the senses and first exposure to Spanish as a second language. Materials include: Early Language CD, song book, and two books.

Age: crawling - 2 ½ years

**3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 31**

**\$120 Resident / \$125 Non-resident**

#### DELFINES

Enrich your baby's cognitive growth with a neurolinguistic experience. Parents and children interacting in an environment filled with classical music, awareness of the senses and first exposure to Spanish as a second language. Material fee paid to instructor \$38. Materials include: Early Language CD, song book, and two books. Age: 2 ½ - 3 yrs 11 mo.

**4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 31**

**\$120 Resident / \$125 Non-resident**

#### COMIENZOS

Develop oral language, emphasizing fine motor skills, developing self concept and trains students to recognize and produce sounds in the Spanish phonetic system. Book fee payable to instructor \$38.

Age: 4 - 5 years

**5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 31**

**\$120 Resident / \$125 Non-resident**

#### SURVIVAL SPANISH FOR TRAVELERS

This course is designed to give travelers the necessary language tools to survive when traveling to a Spanish speaking country. Simple vocabulary and phrases are taught along with cultural notes to understand the sociology of Latin American countries. Book fee payable to instructor \$15. Age: 16 and over.

**6 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 13 through Nov. 1**

**\$120 Resident / \$125 Non-resident**

### FROM LEGS TO WINGS & BACK AGAIN

Join the study of how things fly, creep and crawl around. Using digital microscopes, books and software come alive with flapping wings and buzzing sounds when this tiny world becomes larger than life for each and every child! Ages: 3-5 years

**10:50 to 11:50 a.m. or 1:20 to 2:20 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 8 to Sept. 29**

**\$39 Resident / \$44 Non-Resident**

#### PHOTO PHRENZY

Picture yourself in a **Photo Phrenzy** at the Golden Community Center! Parents! Kids! Grandparents! Learn to use that fancy digital camera & your home computer to take and manage your photos. Learn to rotate, scale, edit, crop and add special effects, edges, shadows and text; erase background, touch up a photo, learn to copy, paste and create new images. Learn to share photos on CDs, screen savers and e-mails. Use your skills at home to make calendars, T-Shirt prints, mugs or mouse pads for holiday gifts! \$25 Material fee payable to instructor includes kid friendly digital camera and software

Ages: 7 years to adult

**4:30 -6 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 7 to 28**

**\$60 Residents / \$65 Non-Resident**

### FRONT PORCH SENIOR CENTER

#### FISHING AT ELEVEN MILE RESERVOIR

Discover incredible fishing at one of Colorado's largest reservoirs, Eleven Mile State Park! Rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout, kokanee salmon, northern pike, small-mouth bass and carp are all found within the waters of this 3,400 surface-acre reservoir. Bring your fishing license, equipment, bait, lunch and a good book. Fee includes transportation and escort. Limit 18.

**7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9**

**\$6**

#### BARK IN THE PARK

Nipper and Fido already have this marked on their doggie calendars... it's the annual Bark in the Park for you and your canine kibble cruncher. Local sponsors toss plenty of bones our way, and Rover gets to show off his latest tricks. Snacks for humans and dogs provided. Please bring clean-up bags, and make sure your best friend is on a leash and has current tags.

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22**

**FREE**

**The Golden Community Center is located at 1470 10th St., on the north edge of Lions Park. You can register for any of the following classes and more online at [www.goldenrec.com](http://www.goldenrec.com) or by calling 303-384-8100. Please let us know that you read about us in The Informer.**



# Doggie Run/Walk to End with a Splash

**G**olden's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its annual Wet Paws Fun Run/Walk for dogs, followed by a dog swim day at The Splash at Fossil Trace on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Race bags, T-shirts, raffles prizes, food, drinks, music and promotional booths will be provided at the race. This race meanders peacefully throughout the Golden area on Open Space trails adjacent to The Splash and Fossil Trace Golf Course.

The aim of the run is to provide participants an opportunity to enjoy a scenic race tour with their four-legged friends and a dog swim day at The Splash. Proceeds from the event benefit Golden dog parks.

Wet Paws Fun Run/Walk is a non-timed 2.5-mile course, starting and finishing at The Splash, 3151 Illinois St. in Golden.

All dogs must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The chlorine in the pools will be adjusted so as not to irritate dogs' skin. Due to the lowered chlorine levels and other

Health Department regulations, people will not be allowed in the pools on this day.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**8 to 8:45 a.m.** Race day registration at The Splash, including T-shirt and bib pick up

**9:00 a.m.** Dog Run starts (for runners only)

**9:05 a.m.** Dog Walk starts

**10:00 a.m.** Enjoy promotion booths, food, drinks, music and raffle drawings.

**10:30 a.m.** Dog swim at The Splash for registered participants (registration price includes admission into The Splash).

**12 p.m.** Open swim for dogs not participating in the run/walk begins and costs \$5.

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- Each dog must be accompanied by at least one person.
- One person/dog per registration.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times.



- Owner must be able to control dog or they will be asked to leave.
- Owner is responsible for picking up after their dog.
- No biting or fighting.
- Shots must be current.
- Photocopies of registration form accepted.

Register at the Golden Community Center, online at [www.goldenrec.com](http://www.goldenrec.com) or by calling 303-384-8100. The registration number is #39100. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens over 60 years old, and \$15 for youth under 18 years old. Race day registration is an additional \$5. Parking is provided at The Splash.

## **GOLDEN FARMERS MARKET**

**Saturdays through Oct. 1, 8am-1pm**

**In Historic Downtown Golden**

**Jackson Street at 12th & 13th Streets**

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*The brightly colored new bike racks are available throughout downtown Golden along Washington Avenue.*

## GURA, City Install New Bike Racks Downtown

Responding to requests from downtown merchants who said there was a dire need for more places to park bicycles, the Golden Urban Renewal Authority recently purchased new bike racks which have been installed by the City's Public Works Department along Washington Avenue.

But they are not just any bike racks. These bike racks are art! Manufactured by a company called Dero, these racks look themselves like bicycles. Don't let them fool you — they can hold as many as four bikes at a time,



making them the perfect solution for a visually appealing and space-saving feature in our historic downtown.

So jump on your bike and head down to check out the new gear, along with all the latest and greatest offerings downtown. There's something for everyone in downtown

Golden, from the variety of merchants and restaurants to kayaking on Clear Creek and even new bike racks. For more information on downtown goings-on, stop into the Golden Visitors Center at the corner of 10th Street and Washington Avenue, or call 303-279-3113.



# City Bike Trail/Route Map Now Available

For months and months, volunteers at the Golden Visitors Center dreaded one question. They can answer almost any request a visitor might have, but when asked for a City bike map, they just didn't have anything to do the trick.

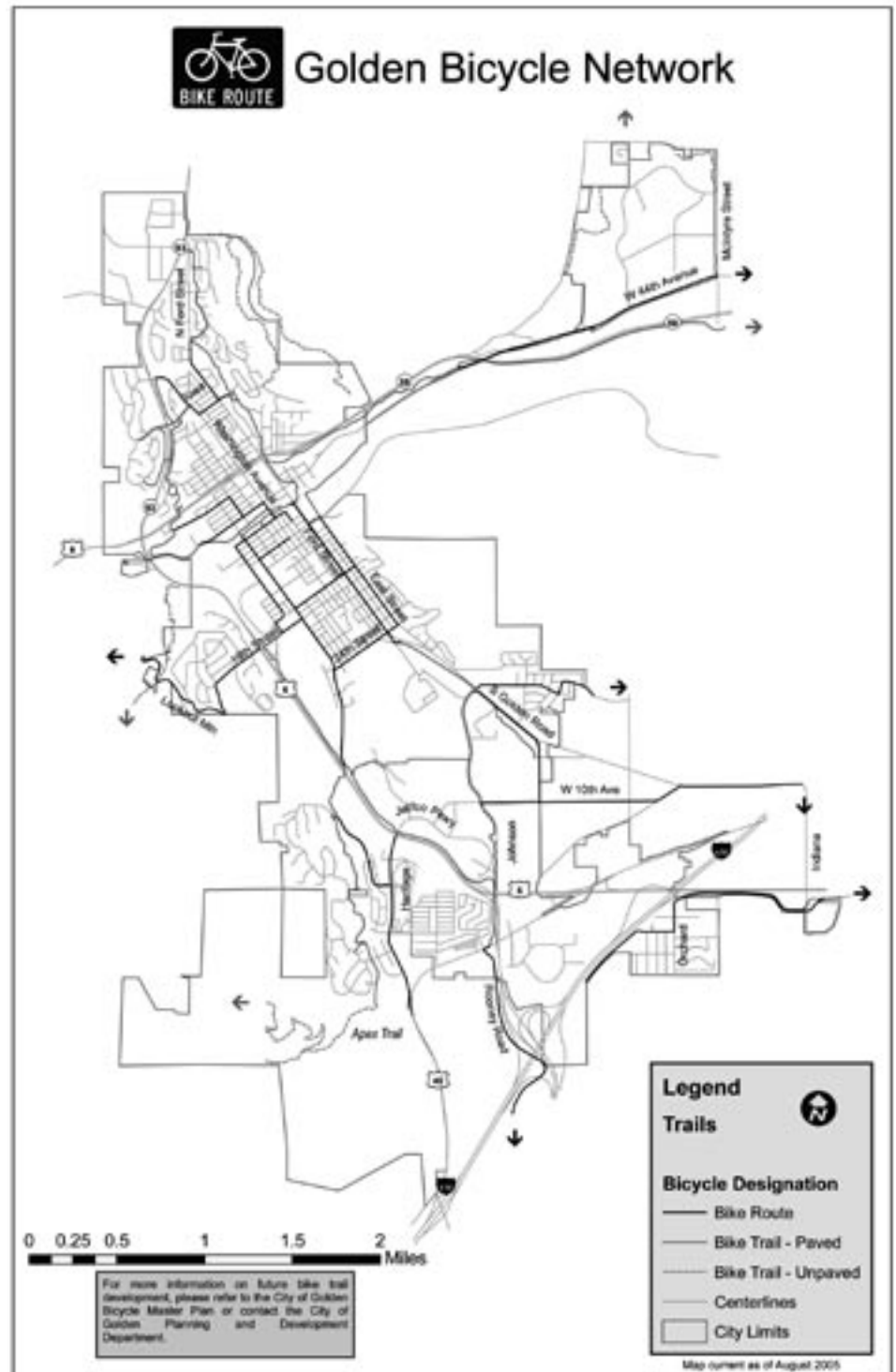
The City of Golden previously had created a Bicycle Master Plan, which included maps, but not all of those trails and routes have been built and connected yet. Not wanting to send bicycle enthusiasts on a wild goose chase to a dead end, those maps could not be provided.

Learning of the dilemma, staff at the City of Golden went to work to help fill the void. Golden's GIS Coordinator Quint Pertzsch worked with the Communications Office and Planning Department to create an up-to-date, accurate Golden bicycle network map.

The map, shown in black and white at right, includes differentiations between bike routes and paved and unpaved trails. It also indicates where these routes and trails continue outside the City limits into unincorporated Jefferson County and other jurisdictions.

The City encourages bicyclists and other recreational users who use these routes and trails to download and print the map from the City's Web site at [www.cityof-golden.net](http://www.cityof-golden.net), click on "Residents & Visitors" and then "Maps."

The Visitors Center volunteers said they are thrilled to now have a color map to hand to visitors when they come looking for bike route information. The City is happy to have added yet another fine map to its collection.



## Other maps available online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) include:

- City of Golden Map Book
- Open Space
- Snow and Ice Control Plan
- City of Golden Address Map Book
- Trails
- City Limits
- Traffic Counts

- Fossil Trace Golf Course
- Golden Points of Interest
- Golf Course Aerial Photo
- Mapquest Directions to City Hall
- City of Golden Parks
- City Council Wards and Districts

# City Helps Reduce Ground-Level Ozone with Vehicle Gas Cap Testing Program

The City of Golden participated in a unique pilot program being offered by the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) throughout this summer. The City of Golden's Fleet Division tested the gas caps on all local government vehicles.

The gas cap testing program is part of the RAQC's ground-level ozone outreach campaign called "Let's take care of our summer air," which you may have seen ads for on television. The Local Government Fleet Gas Cap Testing Program is an important part of the RAQC's efforts because faulty or missing gas caps can leak up to **one gallon** of gasoline every two weeks, which contributes to ground-level ozone in the Denver-metro area.

To help reduce ozone levels in our area, the City of Golden's Fleet



Division tested all 75 gasoline-powered City vehicles. Of them, four of those gas caps tested failed and were replaced. The cost for those gas caps will be generously reimbursed to the City by the RAQC. The replacement of failing caps helps the City save money in fuel costs, as well as helping to reduce ozone formation. As a result, Fleet Manager Joe King said the City of Golden has permanently added the gas cap check to its regular maintenance checks.

"We are continually reminding our employees about their fueling

practices, as well as other job functions that they perform that can affect the ozone problem," King said. "With the weather cycle we've had this year we feel that every little bit of reduction has got to help. We're glad to have had the opportunity to participate in this program."

Ground-level ozone pollution is formed when emissions from everyday items combine with other pollutants and "cook" in the heat and sunlight. Sources of such emissions include local industry, gasoline-powered vehicles and lawn equipment, as well as household paints, stains and solvents.

At ground level, ozone pollution is harmful to all of us, especially the young and elderly. Ozone can also trigger attacks and symptoms in individuals with pre-existing health conditions, such as asthma or respiratory infections. High levels of ozone pollution often affect healthy people who work or exercise outdoors and can cause breathing difficulties, eye irritation, and reduced resistance to lung infections and colds with exposure for prolonged periods.

For questions regarding this program, contact Sarah Schmitz at [sschmitz@raqc.org](mailto:sschmitz@raqc.org). For more information on the RAQC's ozone outreach efforts, visit: [www.OzoneAware.org](http://www.OzoneAware.org).

LET'S TAKE CARE OF  
OUR SUMMER AIR.



OzoneAware.org

# STAR City Employee

(Special Thanks And Recognition)

The City of Golden's Extraordinary Service Professional award is a way to recognize those employees who go the EXTRA mile in their jobs. Award recipients are nominated by their coworkers and must fit one or more specific criteria.

Golden Police Department Records Supervisor Rachael Hudson received the ESP award last quarter for her consistent demonstration of higher productivity, willingness to provide extra assistance to fellow employees, commitment to regular duties while also working with others, and enthusiastic and motivational behavior.

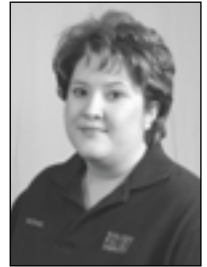
*Congratulations* to the following City of Golden employee:

Hudson was promoted to the position of Records Supervisor toward the end of 2004. She quickly worked into her new position and identified areas in need of revamping to make the records unit function more efficiently.

Hudson worked by herself in the records unit for several months and was required to learn on the job with no formal training. This is a difficult but critical position that requires substantial communications with the rest of the Police Department. Furthermore, Hudson has worked to bridge any gaps that were present between the records unit and other City staff. Hudson has

**Rachael  
Hudson**

*Records  
Supervisor*



been attentive to the needs of other City departments and paid special attention to problems brought forth to her about operations.

Hudson continues to work diligently in bettering her new position and its relationships with the public and other City departments.

## School Supplies Needed Throughout the Year

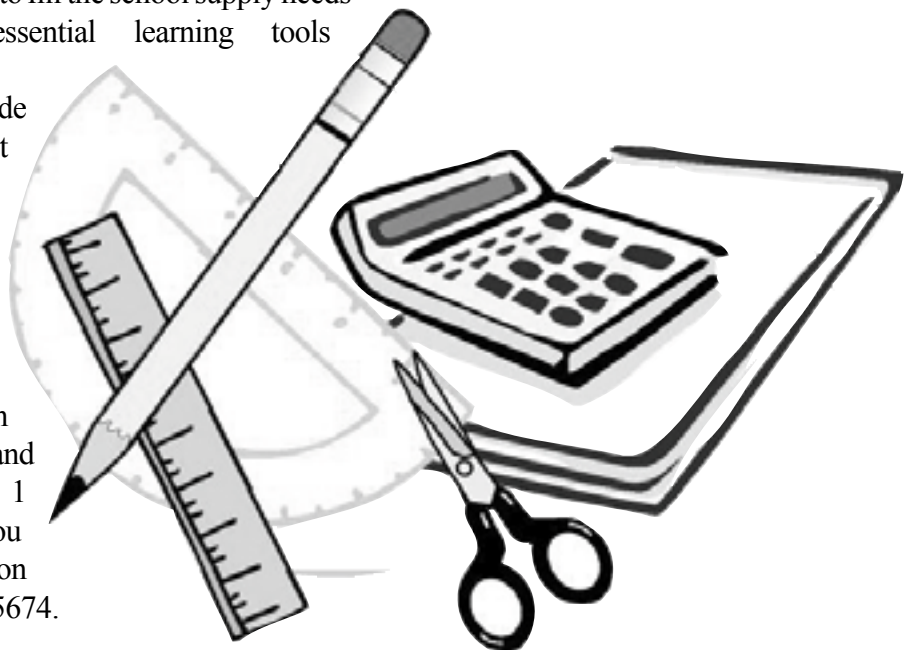
Kids don't just need school supplies at the beginning of the school year. Ask them -- crayons break, paper runs out, backpacks get lost, and of course, homework gets eaten by the dog.

The Christian Action Guild in Golden is trying to fill the school supply needs of children whose parents cannot afford these essential learning tools throughout the year.

Supplies needed throughout the year include wide-lined 3-ring notebook paper, pocket dictionaries, pocket folder, compasses, index cards, tablets, calculators, rulers, backpacks, glue, scissors, pens, pencils, colored pencils and crayons.

Every donation helps provide a child with the supplies they need to be successful in school.

Donations can be delivered to the Christian Action Guild, 1401 Ford St., between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays or 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays throughout the school year. If you have questions or would like more information about the Christian Action Guild, call 303-279-5674.







## Code Q & A

**Q.** *Does the City of Golden have a law concerning sidewalk obstructions?*

**A.** Yes. City Code Section **5.06.010** requires any property owner to prune any trees or shrubbery overhanging sidewalks or streets to ensure the line of sight for motorists is not obstructed. The ordinance specifically states overgrowth must be kept at least 8-feet above sidewalks and 15-feet above streets. Property owners are also responsible for ensuring all dead, diseased or dangerous limbs be removed to prevent any potential injury to pedestrians or damage to vehicles.

If you have any Code Enforcement related questions or would like to report a violation, call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045 and ask to speak to a Code Enforcement Officer. For more information, check out the Municipal Code online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net).

## Police Work with Local Shelter

The Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for companion animals by reuniting lost pets with their owners, adopting pets into loving homes and educating our community on responsible pet ownership.

The Golden Police Department is one of seven local agencies utilizing the services of TMAC. The facility is used for sheltering lost and abandoned animals found in Jefferson County. For an annual fee, the Golden Police Department utilizes the many services provided by the Center through an intergovernmental agreement. More than 75 animals have already been placed in 2005.

TMAC provides services for the community including lost pet services, adoption services, euthanasia and cremation services for a small fee. Adoption services are available for every type of pet, from dogs and cats to exotic birds, reptiles

and rodents. Adoption fees include the cost of spaying/neutering and microchipping, which are required for all dog and cat adoptions.

TMAC is a nonprofit organization and is always in need of assistance. Volunteers are an invaluable asset to the Center, providing everything from hands-on assistance with walking dogs and cuddling cats to clerical services and fund-raising. Money, food and supplies donated to the shelter are critical for helping care for the thousands of homeless animals brought to the Center each year. Canned and dry dog, cat and kitten food are always in short supply and greatly needed to help provide healthy meals for the animals. Even blankets, towels and cleaning supplies are gratefully accepted to help provide a clean and healthy environment.

For more information, visit [www.tablemountainanimals.org](http://www.tablemountainanimals.org) or call 303-278-7575.

## Lost Pet Prevention

To help prevent your pet from getting lost, you can start by making sure your yard is secured with gates that properly latch and there are no holes in or under the fence. Try pushing against your gate to see if it easily opens with pressure. If it opens easily, replace or repair the latch.

You should also take your dog to an obedience class. This not only helps prevent your dog from running away, it lets them have fun while learning new challenges.

Keep your pet inside or safely sheltered during thunderstorms. Animals often run away from home when left outside during thunderstorms that scare them.

It's also imperative that your pet has a good collar with tags, including your address and phone number. If your pet does get out of the yard, Golden Code Enforcement Officers will attempt to return your pet home before taking it to the shelter.

You should also consider having a microchip implanted under your pet's skin. For a small fee, your local veterinarian can place a small chip, which is registered in a national database showing where your pet lives. Code Enforcement Officers check all animals for microchips before transporting them to the shelter.

If your pet is lost, don't panic. Call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045. If your pet has not been found, a dispatcher will take your information and call you if the police find your pet or it is turned in. You should also check with neighbors to see if they saw your pet. Frequently pets will find their own way home. Also, check with the local shelters periodically to see if it has been turned in.

# Thanks for Making National Night Out A Success

## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AUG. 2 EVENT:

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Center  
Golden City Brewery  
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Golden Coin-op  
Golden Community Center  
Golden Detectors  
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Golden Physical Therapy  
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Meyer Hardware  
Miner's Alley Playhouse

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New Panda Restaurant  
New Peach Garden  
Old Capitol Grill  
Papa John's  
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Pizza Hut  
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Framing  
Sonic Drive In  
Spirits in the Wind  
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Table Mountain Vision  
Clinic  
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T-Express Lube  
Trixie's School of Dance  
The Country Mouse  
The Golden Lunch Box  
The Splash at Fossil Trace  
The UPS Store  
The Golden Transcript  
Three Tomatoes

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For more information, visit

**WWW.GOLDENGREAT.ORG** or **WWW.CITYOFGOLDEN.NET**.

## FRIDAY NIGHTS IN PARFET PARK

(10th Street and Washington Avenue in downtown Golden)

**Admission is free.**

Entertainers will be in the park beginning at 6:30 p.m.,  
so **bring a picnic dinner** and come get your spot early!

**Music will begin at 7 p.m.** and

**Movies will start at dusk**, shortly after 8 p.m.

### SEPT. 2 Galaxy Quest

*Sponsored by Table  
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The alumni cast of a cult  
space TV show have to play  
their roles as the real thing  
when an alien race needs  
their help.

### SEPT. 9 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

*Sponsored by New Global Telecom*  
It's Harry's third year at Hogwarts; not  
only does he have a new teacher, but  
trouble is brewing.

### SEPT. 16 Dotsero Smooth Jazz