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LOOKING FORWARD
PRESENTATION SERIES PLANNED

City Council will be hosting a series of brief presentations during City Council meetings on some of the major regional issues that will affect Golden over the next 20 years. In August, Council had a presentation on the changing demographics of the Denver Metro region and what that will mean for Golden. Other presentations will be on major regional transit and transportation issues, climate change and rising fuel prices, and sustaining Golden’s long-term economic health. Visit www.cityofgolden.net for a current schedule. All of the presentations will be available afterward for online viewing as well.

PUBLIC SERVICE FRANCHISE UP FOR VOTER APPROVAL

The City of Golden is in the final year of a 20-year franchise agreement with the Public Service Co. (now Xcel Energy). City staff have negotiated a new franchise agreement to propose to City Council, and then to you, the voters, for final approval on the November ballot. This franchise is a non-exclusive agreement to use City streets and rights-of-way to:

1) provide natural gas and electric service to the City and its residents;
2) acquire, purchase, construct, install, locate, maintain, operate, and extend into, within and through the City all company facilities reasonably necessary for the generation, production, manufacture, sale, storage, purchase, exchange, transmission, transportation and distribution of natural gas and electric service within and through the City, and
3) provide street lighting and traffic signal lighting service.

The City has no control over rates or rate structures under the franchise as that power is reserved to the state Public Utilities Commission.

Council has already adopted the resolution that refers the proposed franchise agreement to the voters, but will hold a public hearing on Sept. 11 on an ordinance that would authorize the Mayor to execute the franchise agreement conditional on the approval of the voters.

MUSEUMS’ OPERATIONS CONTRACT TO BE DECIDED SEPT. 11

Did you know that the land and facilities of the Clear Creek History Park, Astor House Museum and the Golden Pioneer Museum are all owned by you – the City of Golden taxpayers? It’s true. These incredible community assets are owned by the City. For the past decade, the City has contracted out to two independent nonprofit organizations to operate the facilities: Friends of the Astor House and Clear Creek History Park and the Golden Pioneer Museum Board. The collections are owned by the City, the Golden Landmarks Association, and the two operational boards.

Because the contracts with the nonprofits will be ending at the end of 2008, the Golden City Council directed that an independent audit of the current museum operations be conducted and that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for operating the museums be drafted.

Those proposals were presented at the Aug. 21 City Council meeting (available at www.cityofgolden.net/channel8) and City Council is scheduled to make a decision about which proposal it will select at its meeting Thursday, Sept. 11. The public is welcome to comment on the proposals during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting at 7 p.m.
Among the City Council’s most important obligations is the sound stewardship of the community’s resources, and the adoption of the City’s budget is a cornerstone of this responsibility. For this reason, although the process of adopting a two-year municipal budget may not sound too exciting, it is a critical opportunity for members of the community to weigh in on the future of Golden.

City Council formally kicked off the 2009-2010 Budget process by presenting a Budget Letter to the City Manager. The Budget Letter, which we may have already adopted by the time you read this, clearly spells out the City Council’s priorities for investing community resources in the coming two-year period.

The City Manager will then prepare and present a draft budget and 10-year Capital Improvement Plan. The City Manager will rely heavily on the Budget Letter, of course, but also on the advice of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (a committee open to anyone in the community) and on the professional judgment of his staff. We’ll then hold a series of discussions and public hearings at City Council meetings on the draft budget.

What does the Budget look like? Its main components are the General Fund, our utility funds (Water and Wastewater), a number of Enterprise Funds (specific funds managed like independent businesses) such as the Community Center Fund and the Fossil Trace Golf Course Fund, and our 10-year plan for major capital projects, known as the Capital Improvement Plan or CIP.

We know that our budget discussions this year will be challenging. Although Golden is in better shape financially than many communities, the national and regional economies continue to stall and we need to plan conservatively with respect to revenues over the coming years. In addition, many of our basic costs have been escalating quickly. For instance, the cost of maintaining and fixing streets has generally been increasing at rates substantially higher than the overall inflation rate. Just to maintain the condition of our streets will require a considerable increase in that budget item.

I believe the City Council is firmly committed to doing a good job of maintaining what we have. I think we’ll really feel the hit on the many important new investments we might want to make. Important projects like upgrading existing parks and building new ones, improving pedestrian and bicycle crossings, constructing new trails, and many others all tend to cost a great deal. I suspect that many of the recommendations we’ll hear soon from the various task forces will be expensive, and we’ll have to do our best to prioritize those given the funds we believe we’ll have available. But we’ll also have to be creative, looking for ways to advance our Sustainability Initiative and improve walkability, bikeability and housing affordability that don’t cost much.

When is the right time to let City Council know about your concerns, ideas and preferences for investing community resources? Right now! We energetically welcome all of your feedback on the budget all the way through its adoption in November. Please send us an email, write us a letter or attend a regular business meeting of the City Council to share your thoughts during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting (see schedule on Page 3).
Golden's Biennial Budget Serves as Strong Policy-Making Tool

The biennial budget is one of the City Council’s strongest policy-making tools. The budget directly affects Golden citizens and establishes community priorities by setting spending guidelines that are a reflection of numerous policy decisions and goals. Therefore, public participation is not only required through public hearings, but it is critical to the budget process.

While citizen input during the public hearings is invaluable, the ongoing feedback received from the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) is also a crucial component of public participation. CBAC is open to all citizens and was created to advise City staff on the development, implementation and evaluation of the City budget. Participation in CBAC is an opportunity not only to advise on the prioritization of how City tax dollars are spent, but also to advise our policymakers in their decision-making process.

While adoption of the City’s budget occurs annually, the budget process is not an annual procedure but is a daily, continuous progression that is conducted throughout the year. The City continually monitors its sources of revenue and its expenditures so as to enable frequent and thorough analysis of the City’s overall financial condition. This condition is reported to City Council on a quarterly basis. This process has proven valuable to both Council and the City’s Management Team.

THE FISCAL YEAR AND BUDGET SCHEDULE

The City’s fiscal year runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. The City Charter requires the City Manager present a proposed annual budget to the City Council no later than 45 days prior to any certification of the county tax levy for the ensuing year. This usually occurs in mid-October since typically tax certification occurs in mid-December. However, the whole process starts early in the year, usually by mid-May.

By September, the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has been reviewed and department heads have submitted their proposed budgets to the City Manager for review. Both City Council and CBAC will review the CIP and any proposed rate and fee changes and a public hearing is set to discuss those items on Sept. 25. After hearing public comment, City Council will be asked to adopt the rate and fee changes for 2009 at its Oct. 9 meeting.

City Council will then meet in a study session to review the 2009-2010 budget as proposed by the City Manager on Oct. 16 and the first public hearing on the 2009-2008 budget and CIP will be held Oct. 23. Further Council review is scheduled for Nov. 6.

CBAC will review any budget recommendations from City Council or the public on Nov. 12 and make its final recommendations to Council. A final public hearing will be held Nov. 13 before Council is asked to make any amendments and adopt the budget and CIP, and set the mill levy for 2009.

Once the budget is adopted by City Council, the Finance Department will prepare and distribute the budget in time for the 2009 fiscal year.

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Although TABOR, or Taxpayers Bill of Rights, has many restrictive provisions, the one that affects the budgeting process directly is the directive that prohibits Colorado governments from adopting multi-year budgets.

While the second year of the biennial budget is not formally adopted, it serves as the base for the following budget year and is adjusted as needed. Changes to the second year of the biennial budget usually occur in late second quarter or early third quarter of year one. The second year of the biennial budget is adjusted as needed and presented to City Council in the same manner as year one of the biennial budget.

The Budget as Dynamic, Changing Tool

Once the final budget is adopted, it is by no means static, but is a dynamic tool that is used as a guide for planning throughout the year. As needs change or additional funding becomes available throughout the year, the budget can and will be adjusted. To adjust the budget, all requests from City departments that will increase expenditures beyond those currently appropriated are brought before City Council for approval as amendments to the original budget resolutions. If you have questions about the budget, contact Finance Director Jeff Hansen at 303-384-8020 or jhansen@cityofgolden.net.

FREE
Sales and Use Tax Workshop

The City of Golden is hosting FREE Sales and Use Tax workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors and geared toward individuals who need to learn sales and use tax concepts on an in-depth level.

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

Oct. 14, 2008.................8 to 10 a.m.
Dec. 3, 2008...................8 to 10 a.m.
Jan. 7, 2009...................8 to 10 a.m.
March 4, 2009...............8 to 10 a.m.
April 1, 2009...............8 to 10 a.m.
June 3, 2009...............8 to 10 a.m.
July 1, 2009...............8 to 10 a.m.

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

FREE
Building Use Tax Workshop

The City of Golden is hosting FREE Building Use Tax workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors. These classes are geared toward individuals who need to learn about building use tax concepts on an in-depth basis.

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

Sept. 16, 2008..............8 to 10 a.m.
Nov. 5, 2008..............8 to 10 a.m.
Feb. 4, 2009..............8 to 10 a.m.
May 6, 2009..............8 to 10 a.m.

Classes are free, but space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
Golden will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding in 2009. Indeed, the Boston Company first arrived in town June 12, 1859, and decided to settle and create a community here. A committee has formed to plan for this momentous occasion. We have dubbed the celebrations “150 Golden Years” reflecting our intent to recognize the full span of our city’s history, not just the founding of the community in 1859.

COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT 2009

The 150 Golden Years committee has determined that its role should be to encourage Golden businesses, cultural organizations and other community institutions to incorporate the 150th theme in all their 2009 events. Our committee will help provide inspiring ideas and help promote the community’s various 150th-themed events throughout the year. We have already begun generating fun and unique ideas that any organization can use for inspiration and listed them on our web site at www.150GoldenYears.com. Local organizations are highly encouraged to come up with their own ideas for their events or chose one from our brainstormed ideas. Events participating in the 150th theme will be listed on the web site and will be sent the 150 Golden Years logo to use in their event promotional materials.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: JUNE 12, 2009

In addition to encouraging independent events throughout 2009, the committee will host a celebration for the community the evening of Friday, June 12, 2009. Thus far, we have tentatively agreed upon a parade beginning near Clear Creek History Park, going through downtown Golden on Washington Avenue and turning down 10th Street to end in Lions Park. Spectators will be invited to join in the end of the parade, following it to the park, where a party will be held, complete with cake and ice cream, a 150th-themed live music program by the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra, and a very special laser-light show finale like Golden has never seen before.

The parade itself will consist of approximately 45 to 60 entries at the discretion of the judges. Applications must be received by Sept. 15, 2008, and applicants will be notified if they were selected by Oct. 15, 2008. More details and an application are available online at www.150GoldenYears.com.

The committee very much looks forward to beginning work with the community on the year’s celebrations. If you have questions or ideas, we encourage you to contact any of the committee members in person, or email us at committee@150GoldenYears.com.
Thanks for Making National Night Out A Success

Another National Night Out and another community success! The Golden Police Department thanks all the valued volunteers and sponsors that make this annual event possible. The event’s success would be impossible without the generous support and valued contributions of the following community partners. Thanks to you all!

7-11 North
Ace High Tavern
Air Force Recruiting
Ali Baba Grill
Alpenglo
Alpha Graphics
Anthony’s Pizza & Pasta
April’s Hair Salon
Aspen Ridge Hospital
Astor House
Avenue Gifts
B&BE Shoe & Boot Repair
Baby Doe’s
Bank of the West
Big Daddy Bagels
Big O Tires
Blue Canyon Bar & Grill
Bradford Washington
Mountaineering Museum
Buffalo Rose
Burger King
Camp David
Canyon Point Liquors
Castle Peak Grill
Checker Auto Parts
Chelsea of London
Civic Foundation
Clear Creek Books
Clear Creek History Park
Clean Cars
Colorado Railroad Museum
Comfort Dental
Cool Breeze Automotive
Creekside Jewelers
Curves for Women
Cuts & Curls
D’ Deli
Del’s Tonsorial Parlor
Denver West Towing
First Bank
Foothills Art Center
Fraternal Order of Police
Ford Street Salon
Foss Building Wine & Spirits
Fossil Trace Golf Club
Golden Auto Clinic
Golden Bowl
Golden Chiropractic Center
Golden City Brewery
Golden Community Center
Golden Detectors
Golden Frames
Golden Hotel
Golden Liquor Store
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Golden Music
Golden Physical Therapy
Golden Quilt Company
Golden Rent All
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Golden Storage
Golden Sweets
Golden T-Shirt Company
Golden Tea Time
Golden Town Wine & Spirits
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Golden Vision Clinic
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Juna
Key Bank
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King Soopers
La Carreta
Laurel Properties
Lions Club
Los Marcelos
McDonalds
Metropolitan Barber Shop
Meyer Hardware
Nail Beautique
Nail Enhancements
New Peach Garden
Old Capital Grill
Papa Murphy’s
Peerless Tires
Performance Plus Auto Care
Pizza Hut
Randall Olsson
Rockin’ Horse Antiques
Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum
Rose Cleaners
Roxborough Cleaners
Safeway
Sinclair Station
Sirona Physical Therapy
South Philly Cheese Steaks
Spirits of the Wind Gallery
Sportsman Barber Shop
Spot Bar & Grill
Spyderco
Staples
Starbucks
Starbucks North
Subway North
Table Mountain Inn
Table Mountain Vision Clinic
Tequila’s
T-EXPRESS LUBE
The Golden Transcript
The Splash
The UPS Store
Three Tomatoes Restaurant
Toni Rigatoni’s
Urban Escape Day Spa
US Army
US Bank
Vintner’s Cellar of Golden
Walgreen’s
Wells Fargo Bank
Windy Saddle Café
Woody’s Woodfired Pizza
The Golden Police Department is proud to announce it received prestigious international accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) on July 26 in Boca Raton, Fla., after meeting the Commission’s rigorous, highly-regarded and broadly recognized body of law enforcement standards.

There were 66 law enforcement agencies from across the country and abroad in attendance at CALEA’s summer conference from July 22 through 26. The Golden Police Department was represented by Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick, City Manager Mike Bestor and the Police Department’s accreditation team, which includes Capt. John Garavaglia, Officer Adam Zutman and Officer Brit Dinsmore.

The Golden Police Department began the accreditation process in 2005 with the accreditation team reviewing and developing policies, completing inventories and task analysis to bring the Police Department into compliance with CALEA standards.

From April 19 through 23, 2008, a team of CALEA assessors completed a full on-site examination of the Golden Police Department which included a review of department policy and procedure, management, operations and support services. The review concluded with a final report and the CALEA team’s recommendation for approval for full accreditation. This report was presented to CALEA Commissioners on July 26, at the conference. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Commission was unanimous in its approval of the Golden Police Department’s full accreditation status.

“This has been a historic journey for the Golden Police Department,” said Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick. “For the first time in our Department’s history, we have implemented the highest operational standards into our daily operations that are tested and proven as best practices internationally. I am extremely proud of this achievement and the efforts of all the members of this Department to make it possible.”
GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturdays

Golden Farmers Market
The Golden Farmers Market runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 4. Located in the parking lot just west of the Golden Public Library at 1019 10th St., the market features live music, free horse-drawn carriage rides, an antique John Deere tractor, garden décor, specialty treats, flowers and plants, and other hard-to-find items. Enjoy and purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen fish and meats, fresh breads, canned condiments and sweets, locally-made wines, plus wonderful pasta and unique cooking ingredients.

First Fridays and Every Saturday

Golden Avenue Artists
Every First Friday and every Saturday through Sept. 5, Golden artists of every age and background are given an opportunity to promote, share and exercise their artistic abilities by Plein Aire painting from 5 to 8 p.m. the first Friday of each month and from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturdays on Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden. The event is not a juried affair or a selling venue, but a “People’s Choice” $50 cash award will be selected weekly by the public. Local artists are encouraged to visit www.spiritsinthewindgallery.com or call 303-279-1192 to obtain entry forms.

Sept. 5

Oredigger Kick-Off Extravaganza
Join the Golden Chamber of Commerce and Colorado School of Mines in welcoming students back to school with the Oredigger Kick-Off Extravaganza at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5. Students will meet at the intramural fields for free food and have a pep rally before following cheerleaders and the band to historic downtown Golden for First Friday fun. Join in a game of business Bingo and win a flat screen TV, Nintendo Wii game system, a Dell computer and an iPod. Just get six stamps from businesses to be eligible.

Sept. 6

Golden Gallop Race to Defeat Pancreatic Cancer
The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network’s (www.pancan.org) Denver affiliate will hold its 3rd annual Golden Gallop: Race to Defeat Pancreatic Cancer on Saturday, Sept. 6 at The Splash Aquatic Park in Golden. The 10K run, 5K run/walk and 1K fun run will help fund the ongoing programs at the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, including research grants, patient services and community events to raise awareness, create hope and ultimately find a cure for this terrible disease. Registration is open at www.goldengallopcancer.org and is $25 for adults, $10 for kids 12 and under in the fun run. Participants are encouraged to fundraise through their personalized event page. Incentive prizes will be awarded at the $75, $200 and $500 fundraising levels. The Golden Gallop kicks-off with on-site registration at 7:15 a.m. The 10K run begins at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K walk/run at 8:15 a.m. and the 1K kids’ fun run at 10 a.m.

Sept. 19 through Oct. 26

“Summertree” at Miners Alley Playhouse
“Summertree” begins with a 20-year-old man dreaming in his backyard by a tree. “I have to remember!” the young man exclaims, as he recalls his family and past relationships, including himself as a boy and as a young man. As the play progresses, we learn that this tree is not the playhouse to see “Hay Fever,” written by Noel Coward and directed by Richard H. Pegg, this production invites you to the English country house of the Bliss family for one of the most popular and hilarious comedies of all time. Trysts are arranged, flirtations exchanged, passions unleashed and ultimatums pronounced-in this dizzying, dazzling portrait of self-absorption, volatility, and the quest for personal fulfillment. Hay Fever shows at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and at 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $20. Visit www.minersalley.com or call 303-935-3044.

Sept. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 & 28

Day Out with Thomas
Thomas the Tank Engine will visit the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. Enjoy a train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine and meet Sir Topham Hat and special guest FiFi. There will be Thomas and Friends story telling, live music, building with LEGO and DUPLO bricks, and more. Tickets are $18.00 a person and available through Ticketweb at 1-866-468-7630, on the web at Ticketweb.com. Visit www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org for more information.

Through Sept. 26

Hay Fever
Miners Alley Playhouse is celebrating five years in historic downtown Golden at 13th and Washington, above the former Foss location. Visit www.minersalley.com or call 303-935-3044.
in the man’s backyard, but in fact a much less friendly environment. “Summertree” shows at Miner’s Alley Playhouse, upstairs of the historic Foss Building on 13th and Washington. Tickets are $20 through 303-935-3044 or www.minersalley.com.

Sept. 20
Frontier Cooking Workshop
Expand your woodstove cooking repertoire. Participants in these hands-on classes enjoy eating their handiwork and taking home historic recipes. First-timers and previous attendees welcome. Held at the Clear Creek History Park for ages 16 and up, pre-registration is required. Visit www.clearcreekhistorypark.org for more information.

Sept. 20
SCFD Free Day
Come and enjoy free admission all day at the Golden Pioneer Museum.

Sept. 27
Blacksmith & BBQ Celebration
Blacksmiths who helped settle the West were the ultimate jack of all trades who could make and repair just about anything metal. Come out and see these master craftsmen demonstrate their trade and watch as they turn metal into art. In addition to lots of fire and smoke, we’ll hold a special barbeque to celebrate the end of the summer season. At Clear Creek History Park, drop-in, no pre-registration required. Visit www.clearcreekhistorypark.org for more information.

Sept. 27
Recreate 5k
See more information on Pages 18-19.

Oct. 3 & 4
Let’s Talk Trash
Have you ever considered how much effort it takes to collect your trash and recycling? From the gas used by the large collection trucks to the distance you might drive to the recycling site and the wear and tear on our city streets. The effort to conserve natural resources and reduce our impact on the environment is an important element of the City’s sustainability goals. The current system of how trash is collected and how the City’s recycling site is maintained are key parts of those goals, as well. The City is interested in ways we can improve the current system of trash and recycling and thinks that there may be better methods of collection out there to consider. We invite you to “talk trash” with us at an open house from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at City Hall, 911 10th St. Come walk through a tour of what happens now and look at ideas of how the current trash system could be better. Most of all, we want to hear your ideas of how we all can reduce waste, recycle more, and perhaps even pay less. For questions about the open house, contact Sustainability Coordinator Theresa Worsham at 303-384-8117 or Environmental coordinator Chris Naber at 303-384-8183.

Oct. 26
U.S. Marine Corp Memorial 5K Run/Walk
The Women Marines Association’s Colorado Columbine - WM History Chapter will host the 3rd annual United States Marine Corps Memorial 5K Run/Walk October 26 at 9 a.m. in Golden, Colorado. The event will begin at the Jefferson County Courthouse, at 100 Jefferson County Parkway, and follow along the bike path. There will also be a children’s 1K fun run immediately preceding the 5K.

The top male and female adult winners will receive a pair of Colorado Avalanche or Denver Nuggets tickets, on behalf of our sponsor the Greatest Generations Foundation. All finishers will receive a t-shirt and dogtags. Registration can be completed online at www.wmaco1.org. The cost is $25 prior to the event and $30 on race day. Proceeds will be used for the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial in Golden, as well as the Women Marines Association’s history preservation project.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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 sdagosta@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
City Receives New Funding For Sustainability

In August, the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs awarded the City of Golden $500,000 for energy conservation measures and infrastructure improvements to City facilities. These improvements will save utility and operational costs and support the City’s sustainability goals.

One of the eleven new projects includes a new solar thermal system for the roof of the Golden Community Center to heat the pool water.

In addition to upgrading interior and exterior lighting in all City facilities to energy efficient technology, the project also includes a re-designed lighting system for the pool, new high-efficiency heat and ventilation systems for the Community Center and Public Works building, and energy conservation measures at many other City buildings, including City Hall and the Tony Grampsas Gymnasium.

As part of the City’s Sustainability Initiative formally adopted in 2007, the City has been working with the Governor’s Energy Office and is using its energy performance contracting program to assess and implement energy savings measures that could be applied at City properties to reduce overall utility spend and the City’s carbon footprint.

There are several main goals for this project:

1) to reduce consumption of electricity and natural gas, resulting in annual operating savings;
2) to reduce operational and maintenance expenses associated with older, failing or obsolete equipment;
3) to address any health and safety or code compliance issues; and
4) to install the most energy efficient new systems to replace old, obsolete systems.

The project is estimated to save the City more than $80,000 per year in electricity, natural gas and maintenance costs. It also saves over 1.1 million pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

Let’s Talk Trash

Have you ever considered how much effort it takes to collect your trash and recycling? From the gas used by the large collection trucks to the distance you might drive to the recycling site and the wear and tear on our city streets. The effort to conserve natural resources and reduce our impact on the environment is an important element of the City’s sustainability goals. The current system of how trash is collected and how the City’s recycling site is maintained are key parts of those goals, as well. The City is interested in ways we can improve the current system of trash and recycling and thinks that there may be better methods of collection out there to consider.

We invite you to “talk trash” with us at an open house from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at City Hall, 911 10th St. Come walk through a tour of what happens now and look at ideas of how the current trash system could be better. Most of all, we want to hear your ideas of how we all can reduce waste, recycle more, and perhaps even pay less.

For questions about the open house, contact Sustainability Coordinator Theresa Worsham at 303-384-8117 or Environmental coordinator Chris Naber at 303-384-8183.
The City of Golden has been steadily improving the content and integrity of its Comcast cable Channel 8 government access programming since its inception thanks largely to the continued maintenance and dedication of Golden Fire Department Media Services Capt. Tom Young and his assistant Anna Trzeciak. Through Tom’s hard work in collaboration with the Communications Department and the City Manager’s Office and with great support from City Council, Channel 8 will soon reach a major milestone.

The City of Golden began cablecasting City Council meetings on a trial basis in June 2006. A 3-month trial period was determined by Council to be so successful that the cablecasting of its meetings was continued and in January 2007, Council formally indicated its desire to continue cablecasting its meetings indefinitely. At that time, Council directed staff to negotiate long-term pricing with our cablecasting contractor, Ceavco Audio Visual, for continued rental of equipment and a technician.

Late in 2007, a review of the costs of cablecasting in conjunction with reductions in the cost of the audio visual equipment on the market allowed the City to reconsider whether it should purchase its own equipment and hire a part-time television production technician.

In January 2008, the Communications Department hired Channel 8 Television Production Technician Chris Luna, who attends each Council meeting. Chris is responsible for operating the Channel 8 equipment cablecasting, enabling all Council meetings to be aired live and available for rebroadcast several times throughout the week, available as streaming video at www.cityofgolden.net/channel8 and as a DVD at the Golden Public Library. Hiring a Technician is saving the City approximately $350 per meeting in contract labor expenses.

After extensive research, the City moved forward with the purchase, installation, training and support of its own cablecasting system which was completed in early August. The improvements to the cablecast are obvious and impressive to the end viewer.

The new equipment includes three high-quality Hitachi cameras mounted in strategic, unobtrusive locations in Council Chambers to ensure the best camera angles.

The Council Chambers audio system also saw a substantial upgrade. The former configuration required staff to hook up and adjust low-powered gooseneck microphones in use throughout the room, which cause frequent feedback, distortion and at times unintelligible audio not only in the room, but also over the air while broadcasting. Included with the new equipment are wireless microphones for Council’s regular study session meetings, as well as for those speaking at and/or presenting from the podium and document camera table, making it easier for setup and use for multiple configurations. New, more powerful gooseneck microphones were installed at the dais for Council’s regular business meetings. A wireless microphone will also be available for use when proclamations and other presentations are given in front of the dais, where no microphone was previously available.

Television graphics will see a considerable improvement, with a professional CG (Character Generated titling) inscriber system designed for such applications in place of the current setup (which utilizes the IT loaner laptop using PowerPoint).

Background music and an opening video clip (approximately 1 minute in length) will be used at the beginning of each meeting for broadcasting and DVD copies.

The presenter utilizing the document camera for displaying pictures and forms on screen will now have direct document camera control through a long-overdue upgrade to the room’s AMX equipment. That same upgrade provides multiple efficiencies for the City Clerk, who now uses a touch screen panel to control the Council display screens rather than having to toggle back and forth between a program on the desktop computer and the meeting agenda.

The purchase of the City’s own Channel 8 equipment for cablecasting Council meetings was just over $56,000; the audio and AMX upgrades were an additional $28,620; and the entire system’s custom design, programming and installation was just under $12,000. The Purchase Order total for the entire upgrade was $95,677.61. This is well under what was budgeted for the improvements in 2008.

For more information on Channel 8 or to watch streaming video, visit www.cityofgolden.net/channel8.
Colorado School of Mines will induct former Golden Mayor Marv Kay into the 13th annual class of its Athletics Hall of Fame at a banquet Oct. 3 at Lockridge Arena in the school’s new Student Recreation Center, according to Director of Athletics Tom Spicer.

Kay, who most notably served CSM in the capacities of Head Football Coach (1969-94) and Director of Athletics (1995-04), was the Mayor of Golden from 1988-95. Kay graduated from Mines in 1963 with a bachelor’s degree in Engineering.

A reception at 5:30 p.m. will precede the banquet, which will begin at 7 p.m. In addition, Kay will be recognized during a pre-game ceremony at the Orediggers’ 12 p.m. (MDT) Homecoming / Hall of Fame football game against Mesa State College on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Brooks Field.

Kay, who will be the lone inductee enshrined into the 2008 class of the CSM Athletics Hall of Fame, will receive an unprecedented “Trailblazer Award” at the banquet in honor of his incomparable service, dedication and vision in the CSM Department of Athletics. “I am truly humbled, honored and very appreciative of this recognition,” said Kay, Professor Emeritus who currently works part-time as the Athletics Development Associate for the CSM Foundation. “I share this award with my teammates and coaches, the players that I had the opportunity, pleasure and privilege to coach, and the coaches and staff that I worked with. I am indebted to Mines for an outstanding education, the opportunity to participate in varsity athletics, and a rewarding coaching and teaching career.”

Kay, who earned three letters (1958-‘60) as an offensive and defensive lineman on the Oredigger football team, was selected as CSM’s Outstanding Sophomore Athlete and Outstanding Junior Athlete during his collegiate career. A Small College All-America selection following his senior season, Kay went on to sign a free agent contract with the NFL’s Denver Broncos. The President of his junior and senior classes at Mines, Kay was also named Mr. Engineer at E-Days. Kay was a three-time letterwinner (1958-‘60) in the heavyweight division on the CSM wrestling squad, as well. From 1964-‘66, Kay was a 1st Lieutenant for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During his 26 years guiding the CSM football program, Kay coached 13 All-Americans and 50 All-RMAC players. Selected as the RMAC Football Coach of the Year and AFCA District Coach of the Year in 1975 and 1979, Kay was also named the NAIA District Coach of the Year in 1975. Kay, who went on to record the most coaching victories (84) in the history of the CSM football program, was presented with the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Merit Award and the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Joe Kearney Award in 2004. During his career at Mines, Kay also served in the capacity of Assistant Football Coach (1966-‘68), Head Swimming Coach (1966-‘68) and Assistant Director of Athletics (1980-‘94). In 1968, Kay served on the Founding Board of Directors for the Eastern Rockies Rugby Union, and in 1999, was inducted into that organization’s Hall of Fame.

An Honorary Member of CSM Blue Key, as well as an Honorary Colonel in the 115th Engineer Regiment, Kay served on the CSM Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1982-‘84. Kay, who received the Mines Medal in 2005, was presented with the CSM Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2002 and the Golden Kiwanis / Mines Blue Key Community Service Award in 1989. Furthermore, the namesake of CSM’s Marvin the Miner mascot, which was unveiled in February 2004, was fashioned as a tribute to Kay.

Alongstanding member of the Golden Civic Foundation’s Board of Directors, Kay served as President of that group in 1987 and 2003. Also the President of the Golden Chamber of Commerce in 1983, Kay was presented with that organization’s Outstanding Citizen Award (1988, 1993) and Award of Honor (1976). Kay, who was a member of the Golden City Council from 1986-98, has also served as the Chairman of the Golden Buffalo Bill Days Celebration and as the Chairman of the Golden Oktoberfest Celebration Committee. In 2007, Kay was the recipient of the Golden Rotary Club’s Service Above Self Award and the Golden Landmarks Association’s Living Landmark Award. Kay, who was named Distinguished Faculty Lecturer by the Colorado Faculty Senate in 2005, resides in Golden with his wife, Diane.

For ticket information regarding the 13th annual CSM Athletics Hall of Fame banquet on Friday, Oct. 3, and the Homecoming / Hall of Fame football game on Saturday, Oct. 4, call 303-384-2254.
New Golden High Welcomes Students, Staff

The first day of classes at the new Golden High School building was a unique back-to-school event. That’s because every student, whether they’re a freshman or a senior, is new to this school.

On Aug. 11, Superintendent Dr. Cindy Stevenson and Golden Mayor Jacob Smith welcomed Golden students into the newly constructed, $33 million project that turned the school into 188,554-square-feet designed to accommodate up to 1,450 students. The renovation was made possible by voters passing a 2004 bond initiative to fund Jeffco Public Schools.

Golden student ambassadors who had a sneak peek at the new school, toured the halls and knew where classrooms were located, greeted the entire student body on the first day of classes to show them around their new campus.

The school boasts two levels in the academic wing and a commons area, physical education and auditorium wing. The school is actually two buildings designed in a U-shape around a courtyard and sits at the bottom of the picturesque Golden foothills.

The 1,400 Golden students and their families were invited to enjoy a celebration BBQ under tents on the campus.

Golden’s newly constructed roundabout was also paved and functioning for the first day of classes, although the planned main entrance point from the roundabout is still not functioning fully as a result of the school’s parking lot not yet being paved. The City expects to see significantly less traffic delays and parking of students in adjacent neighborhoods once the school’s new parking lot is opened.

Water Your Trees This Fall

Even with the rainfall Golden got in August, we’ve seen below average precipitation this summer. You may not realize it, but our trees, shrubs, and grasses are suffering from the effects of this serious drought situation.

Plants may not appear harmed for a growing season or two, but ongoing stress incurred by lack of water can lead to pest and disease infestations that can lead to the ultimate demise of the plant. The only way to ward off further damage is to make sure that adequate water is provided.

Great care must be taken this fall/winter season to keep moisture in the root zones of our trees and shrubs. Use drip lines, soaker hoses, root feeders, and simply the hose in your yard to apply water slowly so that it will penetrate deeply and not run off into areas where it does no good.

The root zone is in the top 12” of soil, from a couple of feet away from the trunk (for a medium sized tree) out past the drip line. Generally speaking, soaking the area between the trunk and the drip line will accomplish the task. This procedure should be followed at least once a month from November through February or even more frequently if we receive no snow.

In addition to water, place a circle of mulch around the tree trunk to a depth of 3”-4” if you have not already done so. This mulch circle should be 4’ wide for a smaller tree, and 6’-8’ wide for a larger one. Keep the mulch layer a few inches from contact with the trunk itself to avoid attracting insect infestations.

For more information, contact City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141 or dhhigh@cityofgolden.net.

LEARN HOW TO PREPARE YOUR YARD FOR WINTER

Have you given any thought to how you should best take care of your yard in the cool days of autumn? Do you know what to do with your yard in the winter? Should you fertilize in the fall? Should you wrap your trees? When and how much should you water your trees in the winter? How do you put your garden to bed? The City of Golden will conduct a seminar about winterizing your yard. The City’s experts will answer the above questions and discuss many more ideas for preparing your yard for the cold weather. The seminar is free and runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.
The Together Church of Golden is being honored with the 2008 Rebuilding Together Metro Denver Community Partner Award. Each year, Rebuilding Together, a nonprofit organization that provides free home modifications and repairs to seniors and people living with disabilities, recognizes those whose willing hands and open hearts have strengthened the community with their commitment to giving back.

As a group of dedicated individuals committed to service, The Together Church of Golden, comprised of nine local churches, has impacted the Golden community in many ways, such as assistance with rent/mortgage payments, utilities and prescriptions for community members in need. Other projects include provision of emergency lodging, food, gas, free home modification and repairs for families, seniors and the disabled and volunteer chaplains to police and fire department personnel.

The Salvation Army Golden SEU, the Golden Rescue Fund, the Golden Family of Churches Health Ministries, the Golden Police and Fire Departments and Rebuilding Together are just some of the groups that the Together Church has worked with to make a difference in the Golden community.

The Together Church of Golden will be presented with the Community Partner Award at the 2008 Tuxedos to Toolbelts, a benefit event for Rebuilding Together, on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center.

For more information about Tuxedos to Toolbelts, contact Mary Eisenstein at Rebuilding Together Metro Denver 303-217-2076 or visit www.rebuildingdenver.org.

Rebuilding Together Metro Denver is a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with the community to rehabilitate the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and disabled, so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety and independence.

The Together Church of Golden is working to organize a day this fall to work on several homes in Golden doing painting, yard cleanup, fence repair, etc. Watch the Informer for more information.
Check out the programs offered this summer at the Community Center

Golden Jr. Engineers Club
Join Golden’s Junior Engineering Club and be a part of the team. Work in groups using your imagination to create from LEGO Dacta™ kits and design and build moving mini-fig sized models to solve challenges. This will be a sampling of what it would be like to form your own Jr. FIRST LEGO League Team™ and compete in future events. Teams can be formed with schools, scout troops or just friends. Competitions are an additional fee.

_Ages 7 to 14-years
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays
(1) Sept. 9 to Sept. 30
(2) Oct. 7 to Oct. 28
(3) Nov. 4 to Nov. 25
Fee: $50 Resident, $55 Non-resident

The Herbal Pantry
Learn how to preserve the fresh and healthy herbs of summer with elegant blended vinegars, herb butters and spice blends, marinated cheeses, robust herb pestos and spicy salsas. End with luscious lavender cream and berry coulis. Learn how to harvest and store for the best flavor. Dinner and recipes included.

_Age: 14 years and older
6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays
(1) Sept. 30
Fee: $15 Resident, $20 Non-resident
Additional $15 materials fee payable to instructor

Kids Nite Out
Kids, grab all your friends and come on down to the Golden Community Center every Friday for a night filled with fun just for YOU! Each week has a different theme with various activities such as sports games, dancing and a DJ, inflatables, games, prizes, climbing, swimming and much more. Please allow time to check in and out as this process may take a few minutes. Each new season (September through May), a parent or guardian must fill out and sign new waivers before dropping off a child. The KNO waiver is available at www.kidsniteout.org and City of Golden waiver is available at www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec.

_Ages: 8 to 14-years
7 to 10:30 p.m. Fridays, except Oct. 31, Nov. 28, Dec. 19 and 26, Jan. 2
Fee: $10, cash only
Late pick-up fee: $5 per 10 minutes.

Advanced Care Babysitting
This course is designed for the pre-teen and helps them prepare for those first babysitting opportunities. Students will learn to identify their own responsibilities such as routine child care duties (feeding, bathing and diapering). They will also understand basic child development and be able to provide activities for the developmental stages. Also stressed will be home and fire safety, infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures. Bring a sack lunch to class.

_Age: 11 years and older (no exceptions)
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday
(1) Sept. 27
(2) Oct. 18
(3) Nov. 8
Fee: $65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

2008 Turkey Bowl Softball Tournament
Get your gobble on! Before the hectic holiday season sets in, come out and have some fun in the City of Golden’s 11th Annual Turkey Bowl Coed Softball Tournament. Snow or shine, the tournament will be held Saturday, Nov. 15. The Turkey Bowl is a one-pitch tournament where all base runners run the bases backwards. There are divisions for both competitive and recreational coed teams. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 3 games. Team fee of $195 covers all team and player fees. Call 303-384-8194 for details or visit www.cityofgolden.net/turkeybowl.

_Registration begins Sept. 2.
Registration deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12._
Wrap up the summer season with a fun run along beautiful Clear Creek in the heart of Golden. Join the Golden Parks and Recreation Department on Sept. 27, 2008, for the first annual Recreate 5K. Recreate 5K is self-funded community event promoting health and wellness and engaging all levels of racers, from elite runners and joggers to families with strollers and members of the four-legged variety!

“The Parks and Recreation staff wanted to develop an annual event that embraced the community by providing a healthy activity everyone will enjoy, including the dogs,” said Angela Shea, the Recreate 5K and Golden Community Wellness coordinator.

The scenic Recreate 5K course begins at Lions Park in front of the Golden Community Center, stretches along Clear Creek into Jefferson County Open Space and loops back to finish where it began. The course is partially paved and partially dirt, with water stations provided throughout. The course is an unofficial course; however times will be recorded for the elite runner group.

Fuel-up the whole family for the race with breakfast beginning at 9 a.m. Elite runners 14 and older begin at 10 a.m., joggers at 10:10 a.m., and walkers, strollers, children and dogs begin at 10:20 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. and will include a raffle to win prizes.

Pre-Race Registration ends at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5. Registration is $15 per person and includes a T-Shirt and breakfast provided by Golden’s very own Windy Saddle Café (dogs and the stroller-bound are free as long as they do not want a T-shirt). The Race Bag of goodies may be picked up beginning at 10 a.m. Sept. 25 at the Golden Community Center. Race Day Registration is available until 9:30 a.m.; the fee is $20 per person on race day, so sign up early for the discount, to ensure correct T-shirt size and to pre-order your breakfast. Lunch is provided by D’Deli for $5 extra, and a voucher will be provided during registration.

The Recreate 5K is an opportunity for the Golden Parks and Recreation Department to develop a community event for elite runners and to promote community interaction, family-time and a walk with “man’s best friend.” The Recreate 5K is made possible thanks to the Golden Front Porch volunteers and sponsors D’Deli, Windy Saddle Café, Golden T-Shirt, Runners Roost and Haru Sushi. There are still sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, contact Wellness Coordinator Angela Shea at ashea@cityofgolden.net or visit www.cityofgolden.net/parksandrec.

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

The Front Porch offers respite and entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, including bridge, dominoes and mah jongg. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.

Register for volleyball, hiking, cycling, softball and other sports for the 50+ crowd. Check out the announcement board or sign up for the Front Porch newsletter to learn about the exciting trips, socials and other events planned.

In September, we are visiting Cave of the Winds, cheering the Rockies, touring the fall colors and attending the Highland Games at Estes Park.

The Front Porch is located upstairs at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Get more information at 303-384-8130 or visit Active Older Adults at www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=334.
Registration Form  RACE DAY SEPT. 27, 2008

First Name ______________________________   Last Name ______________________________ Birth date ______________________ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Day Phone ______________________________ Evening Phone __________________________ E-mail __________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________________

City ____________________   State __________ Zip Code _______________

Dog Name (if applicable) _______________________________________________  Dog Breed(s)____________________

One person/dog per registration.  Photo copies are accepted.

Entries must be postmarked and mailed no later than 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 5th, 2008 to:

Golden Community Center
Golden Recreate 5K
1470 10th Street
Golden, CO  80401

Pay in person at the Golden Community Center.  Deadline is 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 5th, 2008.
(Race day registration is an extra $5.00.)

RACE BAG PICKUP STARTS SEPTEMBER 25th 10am @ the Golden Community Center

Pre-registration for Run/Walk:  (See deadlines above)

Entry Fee: $15.00 includes T-shirt and breakfast voucher

***Optional lunch provided by D’Deli add $5*** (check one, voucher will be provided)

_____ Turkey, pickle and dessert

_____ Peanut butter and jelly, pickle and dessert

_____ Veggie, pickle and dessert

T-Shirt Size:

_____ Youth S (6/8)     _____ Youth M     _____ Youth L     ______Youth XL (18/20)

_____ Adult S     _____ Adult M     _____ Adult L     _____ Adult XL     _____ Adult XXL

Select payment method:  Check# __________ Make check payable to: City of Golden  Cash _________

(Please do not mail cash.)

Visa _____ MC _____ Amex _____ Discover ______

Credit Card Number________________________________________________ Exp. Date _______________

Signature ______________________________________________________________________________

Waiver & Release – Please Read & Sign

By signing below, you agree, warrant and covenant as follows:

I understand that participating in this event is potentially hazardous, and that I should not enter and participate unless I am medically able and properly trained. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I assume full complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur while I am traveling to or from the event, during the event, or while I am on the premises of the event. I also am aware of and assume all risks associated with participating in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants (including dogs), effect of weather, traffic, and conditions of the trail/road/sidewalks. I, for myself and my heirs and executors, hereby waive, release and forever discharge the event organizers, sponsors, promoters, representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons associated with the event, for all my liabilities, claims, actions, or damages that I may have against them arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this event. I understand that this waiver includes any claims, whether caused by negligence, the action or inaction of any of the above parties, or otherwise. I understand that the entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the above parties to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, website images, recordings or any other record of this event. Entries from minors will be accepted only with a parent legal guardian’s signature.

Signature of Participant     Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

(Date)

REGISTRATION IS INVALID WITHOUT SIGNATURE ON THE WAIVER!
When you live in Golden, there’s two hours of fun, two minutes from home. So we suggest getting away by staying right here. Get a double scoop of ice cream and meander down Washington Avenue. Stroll through our amazing art galleries or museums. Shop in one of our unique stores. You’ll be surprised at all there is to do right here under your nose. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.