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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

Neighborhood Planning and Animal Ordinance Coming Up

This regular column in the Golden Informer identifies some of the items of greater community interest that are likely to be scheduled for community discussion in coming weeks. For specific agendas and schedules, visit www.cityofgolden.net.

8TH, 9TH AND 10TH STREET AREAS TO REVIEW DRAFT NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

A neighborhood meeting will be held during the Golden Planning Commission's study session at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., to present a draft of the proposed Neighborhood Plan for the 8th, 9th and 10th Street areas.

Planning Commission held an initial meeting in April to solicit neighborhood input and has since developed a draft plan that defines goals and a future vision for

the neighborhood. Residents of the area will receive details of the upcoming meeting in the mail.

For questions about the plan, call the Planning and Development Department at 303-384-8097.

STRICTER ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE TO BE CONSIDERED

Golden City Council will consider the City's animal control ordinance during Septemeber, including tougher penalties and control issues for dangerous or vicious dogs. Council will also consider requiring the purchase of a county-wide dog license to help control animals and provide funds for Table Mountain Animal Center. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at 303-384-8011.



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. 7 NO Study Session

City Council will hold a retreat from 2 to 10 p.m. to set long-range priorities

Sept. 14 REGULAR MEETING

Sept. 21 Study Session

Sept. 28 REGULAR MEETING

Council's upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.cityofgolden.net, or by calling the City Clerk's office at 303-384-8015. You can also view streaming video of Council meetings online at www.cityofgolden.net/Channel8.

HESTED'S MAKES WAY FOR GATEWAY



PHOTO BY SHAWN STEIGNER

The south wall of the old Hested's building on 13th Street and Washington Avenue was demolished in a public ceremony complete with balloons and doughnuts Aug. 12. The building, which has been vacant for more than 25 years, will be replaced by a multi-use development called Gateway Station. You can learn more about the project at www.gura.com or www.goldengatewaystation.com.



The Greening of Golden

By Mayor Chuck Barock

You may have recently read about how Denver and some of the surrounding cities are becoming “greener” and more environmentally friendly. In July, Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper announced Denver’s commitment to plant 1 million new trees over the next 20 years. I’d like to take the opportunity in my column this month to discuss how Golden has been working hard for many years to become “greener” and more environmentally friendly.

WATER CONSERVATION

During the drought of 2002, Golden was subject to an adverse court ruling that, in certain very limited situations, subordinated a small senior water right to more junior rights. As a result, the City needed to institute temporary restrictions on outdoor watering. This episode taught us how much less water we could use and still maintain the beauty of our city.

Average consumption in the summer of 2002, prior to the conservation effort, was about

7.5 million gallons per day. The outdoor watering ban reduced consumption to about 2.5 million gallons, which is comparable to Golden’s wintertime use. Even today, during our recent hot spells, Golden gets by on about 7 million gallons per day — better than the pre-2002 highs of 8 to 9 million gallons per day during previous heat spells.

In addition to conservation, Golden built Guanella Reservoir in Empire, Colo., so that the City can store water in the winter and spring when our water rights exceed our demand. The reservoir has at least a 110-day supply of water for all of the City’s needs for water including outside irrigation.

RECYCLING

Golden’s Municipal Code requires waste disposal companies serving our City to offer citizens a recycling program.

In addition, the City began a program for recycling glass, paper, plastic and aluminum in dumpsters located in the Splash water park’s parking lot. The City has created amazing public-private partnerships to support this program with the help of Ball Corp. and Coors Brewing Co. In 2005, 186 tons of waste were recycled through the City’s recycling program. In 2006, the program was made even easier by allowing the commingling of recyclable materials and expanded to cover even more materials. Thus far in 2006, about 135 tons have been recycled, reducing the de-

mand on the landfills. (Read more about this year’s Cans for Cash Challenge on Page 13.)

TREES

The City Forester is responsible for assessing the health of trees on City property and, in some instances, on private property. He conducts the annual Arbor Day celebration, in which a tree is planted by school-aged children. During the spring, the City also holds its annual Tree and Shrub Sale.

In 2005, the City planted 950 trees, shrubs and other plants on City property. In addition, we sold 290 trees, shrubs and other plants to citizens. And these numbers don’t even include trees and plants purchased elsewhere or the trees required in new business and residential developments.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

City Council is very interested in finding additional ways to reduce energy consumption in the City and by our citizens. An extensive study is underway to make the new City shops facilities as “green” as economically possible. Several members of Council are on various energy committees in the Denver metropolitan area to learn how the City and its citizens can further reduce energy consumption and foster the development of alternate and renewable energy. It is expected that these efforts will eventually show the City and its citizens how to become even more energy efficient.

C. J. Barock





VANOVER TREE HONORED



PHOTOS BY SHAWN STEIGNER

The massive old tree that has watched over Golden from its vantage point in Vanover Park for perhaps nearly 200 years was honored in a memorial ceremony Aug. 13. The Golden Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Golden Landmarks Association planned the event to give the community an opportunity to say goodbye to the tree before it is removed due to extensive interior rot of its 8-foot diameter trunk. Left, visitors wrote their thoughts on ribbons and attached them to the tree. Above, Golden Mayor Chuck Baroch addresses the crowd and accepts commemorative plaques from Golden Landmarks Association representative Donna Miller. The tree will be removed at an unannounced date sometime in September.

Council Tweaks Permit Parking in High School Area During Construction

The City of Golden's parking permit program for the Golden High School area has been successful over the past nine years, and the City is continuing the program for the 2006 – 2007 school year.

However, this year, there will be slight adjustments to the permit parking program's boundaries as a result of high school construction slated to begin in October.

As a result of lengthy neighborhood discussions, City Council decided to temporarily remove a few street segments from the permit parking program and make these areas available for general public

parking. These areas are typically along streets where houses do not front to the street, and therefore on-street parking remains available for permit holders.

The signs for these areas will be corrected in late September. For specific locations of the changes, visit www.cityofgolden.net, click on View All City News and then GHS Permit Parking.

Please be advised that there will still be strict enforcement of the program this year, including fines for parking without a permit during school hours.

The parking permit program was initiated in 1997 in response to some

behavioral issues by students.

Golden Municipal Code Chapter 10.90 is available online at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on Municipal Code in the left-hand navigation bar. The Code was amended in April 2004 to include no parking in alleys without a parking permit.

Residents in the permit parking area have been mailed their permits, which must be placed on their vehicles' windshields. These permits are non-transferable and may not be given to non-residents.

If you have not received your permit and you live in the permit area, call Denise Hish in the City Manager's Office at 303-384-8011.

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 just an annual procedure but a daily, continuous progression conducted throughout the year. We continually monitor revenue and expenditures in a frequent and thorough analysis of the City's overall financial condition, which is reported to City Council on a quarterly basis.

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 to 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 tax certification occurs in December. However, the whole process starts early in the year, usually by mid-March.

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. 28. After hearing public comment, City Council will be asked to adopt the rate and

fee changes for 2007 at its Oct. 12 meeting.

City Council will then meet in a study session to review the 2007-2008 budget as proposed by the City Manager on Oct. 19 and the first public hearing on the 2007-2008 budget and CIP will be held Oct. 26. Further Council review is scheduled for Nov. 2.

CBAC will review any budget recommendations from City Council or the public on Nov. 8 and make final recommendations to Council. A final public hearing will be held Nov. 9 before Council is asked to make any amendments and adopt the budget and CIP, and set the mill levy for 2007.

Once the budget is adopted by City Council, it is posted online at www.cityofgolden.net.



Council Meetings Will Continue Airing on Cable Channel 8 and Online

Perhaps you've been anxiously awaiting the arrival of City Council cablecasts on Channel 8 for years, or perhaps you happened upon them by accident while channel surfing. No matter how you have found City Council meetings on Comcast cable Channel 8, you'll be glad to know that City Council has decided to continue the trial programming indefinitely.

At its Aug. 3 study session, Golden City Council directed City staff to continue providing the programming. The City Council's regular meetings and study sessions air **live** on Comcast Channel 8 every **Thursday** night from **7 p.m.** until the meeting ends.

These meetings are rebroadcast on Channel 8 as follows:

1:30 p.m. Fridays
8 a.m. Saturdays

7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays

7 p.m. Mondays

The meetings are also available for online streaming at www.cityofgolden.net/channel8. Whether you have high speed broadband or dial-up internet access, you can watch Council's meetings online. An added benefit of viewing the meetings online is the ability to scroll to the points in the meeting that most interest you. City Council decided to keep its meetings available online for 4 weeks.

Citizens who want to be able to view past Council meetings from more than a month ago also have the option of checking out a DVD from the Golden Public Library.

If you have questions or comments about Channel 8, call the Channel 8 hotline at 303-384-8197.

ARE YOU WATCHING?

Golden City Council meetings are now available on Comcast Channel 8 live at 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Rebroadcasts are available at various times throughout the week – check online at www.cityofgolden.net/Channel8 for the rebroadcast schedule.

You can also view streaming video online! VHS and DVD recordings can be checked out at the Golden Public Library.

Let us know what you think by calling 303-384-8197 or email citycouncil@ci.golden.co.us



Budget continued...

BIENNIAL BUDGETING AND TABOR

The City Manager presents a biennial budget to City Council that details the revenues and expenditures to be adopted for the coming year, as well as projected revenues and expenditures for the following year. City Council makes changes and adopts the final budget one year at a time due to a restriction in the Colorado Constitution known as the TABOR Amendment. TABOR (Taxpayers Bill of Rights) 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 only as needed.

THE BUDGET IS A 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 opportunities present themselves, the budget can and will be adjusted.

Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act Adopted Locally

The Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act went into effect on July 1 throughout the state, including Golden. The Act was passed to protect consumers and workers from involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke. It prohibits smoking in public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars.

At its Aug. 10 meeting, Golden City Council adopted a local ordinance that mirrors the state law. The local ordinance was amended to reduce the Act's requirement for smoking to be kept a minimum of 15-feet from business entryways to none, as is allowed by the state statute.

The local ordinance went into effect Aug. 22.

Because a violation of the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act is not an emergency, violations should be reported by calling the Golden Police Department's non-emergency number at 303-384-8045.

A Golden Night in the Park

PHOTOS BY SHAWN STEIGNER

The Golden Police Department's "A Golden Night in the Park" was held in conjunction with National Night Events throughout the country Aug. 1. Golden citizens were invited out to Parfet Park to meet their local law enforcement and neighbors and enjoy food, entertainment, face painting, games, prizes and more. The Police Department's Traffic Unit offered free child seat installations and safety inspections for the first time this year. The event was a fantastic success with hundreds of people in attendance. The Golden Police Department would like to thank the many organizations and businesses who sponsored this year's event. A full listing of all sponsors is available online at www.cityofgolden.net.



What to do About Barking Dogs

The Golden Police Department sometimes receives calls from citizens reporting their neighbor's dog barking, and wanting to know what can be done to get them to stop. Golden's Municipal Code Section #7.05.060 prohibits any animal from disturbing the peace and quiet of any person or neighborhood by barking, fighting, growling, howling or any other similar sound.

A first-time offense reported to the police department for a barking dog usually results in a verbal warning given to the dog's owner. Along with the warning, Code Enforcement Officers will also provide several remedies for the owner to try to prevent further problems.

If further complaints are received, the reporting party or victim must sign a complaint, and the dog's owner will be required to appear in Golden Municipal Court. The penalties associated with a barking dog charge can be up to \$999 and one year in jail.

Dog owners can take preventative steps to avoid creating tension with their neighbors and to keep their dog from barking. Usually, a dog will bark when the owner is not home. A simple solution is to leave the dog inside the house or garage while gone. Other solutions include training and specialized bark collars.

If you have any questions about possible solutions to a barking dog problem, call the Golden Police Department Code Enforcement team at 303-384-8045. Dog owners can also call for preventative ideas, as well as general pet safety and training ideas. For additional information on the City's Municipal Code, visit www.cityofgolden.net and click on Municipal Code in the left-hand navigation bar.



BAT WITH RABIES FOUND IN GOLDEN

The Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment confirmed Aug. 2 that a dead bat found July 29 in the area around State Highway 93 and Washington Avenue tested positive for rabies.

Citizens should not approach or handle any wildlife they encounter, including bats, skunks, raccoons or fox. Frequently, animals infected with the rabies virus may display bizarre behaviors not normally associated with their species. Domestic animals displaying unusual character behaviors, such as shaking, appearing dazed, unsteadiness on their feet or acting unusually aggressive, should not be approached.

If you discover an animal displaying any unusual behavior, contact the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.

The best way to avoid possible rabies infection is to leave wild animals alone. Domestic animals, including indoor cats, should have up-to-date rabies vaccinations and be kept under direct supervision.

For additional information about rabies, contact the Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment at 303-271-5730 or visit www.jeffco.us/health.

CODE Q&A: *Excessive noise problems*

Q. Does the City have a noise ordinance and what does it say?

- Lynne T.

A. The City of Golden has several ordinances addressing noise in the city. The most common section of the Municipal Code used by the police department is #8.04-310: Disturbing the peace prohibited. It states that it is unlawful for anyone to disturb the peace of others through any means, including loud or unusual noises. There is no time requirement for this ordinance and it is enforced whenever a complaint is received.

The most frequent disturbing the peace calls result from loud stereos or televisions or from large parties.

Citizens reporting the noise disturbance

are offered the opportunity to sign a complaint against the person making the noise. By signing a complaint, the reporting party agrees to appear in court as a witness and testify against the offender. If the reporting party declines to sign a complaint, based on the circumstances of the call, frequently officers will give the violator a warning about the noise before any criminal charges are filed.

Additional calls to the same location may result in municipal charges being filed, where if the suspect is found guilty, the fines could be up to \$999 and one year in jail.

For additional information on the Golden Municipal Code, visit www.cityofgolden.net and click on Municipal Code in the left-hand navigation bar. To report a noise violation, call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.

GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THROUGH SEPT. 3

“Colorado Modernism: 1930-1970” exhibit

Foothills Art Center showcases an historic exhibition of Colorado artists celebrating their place in our country’s modernist art tradition. The modernist movement in art was strong in the West, and artists in Colorado made many great contributions. Denver artist and collector Tracy Felix served as the guest curator for this exciting historical exhibition. Felix includes artists working in Colorado who are often overlooked, and reveals how they fit into the larger picture of American art history. Also on exhibit will be several works by Golden-based photographer, James Milmoie. For information on hours, costs and companion exhibits, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

AUG. 31

Community Blood Drive



The City of Golden is hosting a Bonfils Blood Center community blood drive from 1 to 2:40 p.m. and 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

The community is invited to come out and help save a life. Those planning to donate are highly encouraged to eat and drink plenty in advance. If you have questions about your eligibility to donate, please call Bonfils at 303-366-2000. For information on the blood drive or to schedule an appointment, call the Golden Community Center front desk at 303-384-8100. A free license plate holder is given to all blood donors as a thank you gift.



SEPT. 1, 8, 15

Movies and Music in the Park

The City of Golden and GREAT (Golden Resource for Education, Arts and Theater) free Movies & Music in the Park series continues on Friday nights through Sept. 15 in Parfet Park, at 10th Street and Washington Avenue in picturesque downtown Golden. Bands will begin performing at 7 p.m. and will play until dusk (shortly after 8 p.m.), when the featured movie of the night will begin. So gather up the family, stop downtown to pick up a picnic dinner and come get your seats at the park for the following fantastic nights:

Sept. 1 – Tropical Coyotes and “Goonies”

Sept. 8 – Jon Chandler and “Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade”

Sept. 15 – Xiren and “Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire”

More information on these artists and movies is available online at www.goldengreat.org or www.cityofgolden.net.

SEPT. 2, 9, 16, 23 AND 30

Golden Farmers Market

The Golden Farmers Market continues from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays in historic downtown Golden at 10th and Illinois streets, in the parking lot just west of the Golden Library. Come and enjoy fresh vegetables, fruits, jams, sweets and snacks and even free horse-drawn carriage rides! It’s a great place to shop and come get to know your neighbors! Plenty of parking is available on 11th Street near the Clear Creek History Park – just take the Clear Creek walk over the Billy Drew footbridge to the market.

SEPT. 7

Women’s Self Defense

The Golden Business & Professional Women are hosting a demonstration of Women’s Self Defense at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 at Fossil Trace Golf Club. Sponsored by the Golden Police Department, Sgt. Bob Tortora and Sondra Welsh will lead the demonstration following dinner. Tickets are \$20. Reservations are required at least 5 days in advance of the event by calling 303-569-1031.

SEPT. 9

GoldenFest

The 8th annual fall GoldenFest sponsored by the Golden Landmarks Association will run from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 in front of Golden City Brewery at 12th and Cheyenne streets in Golden. Come enjoy beer, brats and music in the street in front of the Brewery. All profits go to support historic preservation projects in Golden. Musical entertainment includes Blu Jazz, Route 66 and the Riff Raff Boys. For more information, contact Donna Miller at 303-279-1236 or Gene Child at 303-278-1008.

SEPT. 14

Golden High School Homecoming Parade



SEPT. 22

5th Annual Avalanche Jam

The 5th annual Avalanche Jam fundraiser for the Colorado Avalanche Information Center is from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. in Golden. Tickets are \$35 in advance from local outdoor retailers or by calling 303-417-1345, ext. 105, or \$40 at the event. Children under 12 are free. Free dinner is provided by El Senor Sol, free beer from New Belgium Brewery, and free live rock music from Route 7 and Damage Done. A silent auction of the latest and greatest in outdoor gear will also be held with many items generously donated by outdoor companies like Patagonia, Voile, Black Diamond and more!

SEPT. 25

Jeffco Candidate Forum on Transportation

A Jefferson County Candidates Forum is being held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25 at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. in Golden. Guests will include gubernatorial, county commissioner, congressional and state legislature candidates. Issues covered may include the I-70 corridor, the beltway through the Northwest Quadrant, tolling policies throughout the county, mass transit, and other transportation-related topics. The forum will be moderated by the League of Women Voters and Plan Jeffco, with questions for the candidates coming from a panel, as well as questions from the audience. Admission is free. The forum is being organized by Plan Jeffco, Citizens Involved in the Northwest Quadrant (CINQ) and several other citizens organizations. For more information, email Elliott Brown ebmet@comcast.net or Rob Medina robm@medinacom.com.

SEPT. 23 AND 24

Colorado Environmental Film Festival

The Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education presents the first Colorado Environmental Film Festival, a celebration of the inspirational, educational, and motivational power of film. Hosted by the Colorado Mountain Club at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, this unique event will include



feature-length and short films (including films from the Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival On Tour, presented by Patagonia), a kids' movie room featuring a selection from Bullfrog Films, a VIP reception, and an Expo with information from a variety of groups from around the state. The informative and entertaining films presented, paired with engaging audience discussions, will explore interconnected ecological, social and economic themes. Festival-goers will leave inspired, surprised, entertained and motivated. For more information or to get involved, visit www.caeec.org or call 303-273-9527.

SEPT. 26

Council District One Meeting

Ward One Councilor Mary Weaver and District One Councilor Lynne Timpeiro are holding meetings at 9 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church to meet with citizens. Citizens are invited to come and talk with their Councilors and learn more about what is going on in their District.

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. 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.

Washington Avenue Bridge Receives County's Design Excellence Award

The City of Golden was recognized July 24 for exemplary design within the development community with the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Division's Design Excellence Award for the Washington Avenue Bridge.

The awards were presented at a ceremony with the Board of County Commissioners at 3 p.m. Monday, July 24 in Hearing Room One at the Jefferson County Courts and Administration Building. Recipients of the awards were selected by a panel of 11 professional jurors sponsored by the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Division.



City Newsletter Nationally Recognized

The City of Golden's monthly newsletter, *The Golden Informer*, will again be recognized among the best in the nation at the City and County Communications and Marketing Association's Savvy Awards competition Oct. 13 in Texas.

This is the second year *The Golden Informer* has been a candidate for one of the top three awards in the category for "Printed Publications – External Newsletter" in communities with populations of up to 45,000 people. Last year, it was awarded the prestigious national first place Savvy award.

The Informer is published monthly and mailed to all 9,750 residences and businesses in Golden. It is also

posted online at www.cityofgolden.net for those who live outside the city limits or prefer to read it electronically.

Each year, the number of entries in the 3CMA awards competition grows in quality, array and scope. This year, 690 entries were received. The program reflects the growing skills of local government professionals, as more and more governments and agencies embrace and employ the concepts of enhanced marketing and communication with citizens.

"We frequently hear from citizens about how much *The Informer* helps them stay informed about goings-on in their community. This national recognition reaffirms that govern-

ments can be successful at communicating effectively with citizens," said Golden Communications Manager Sabrina Henderson. "It is an honor to be nationally recognized for the second year in a row after having made significant efforts to improve *The Informer* over the past several years."

It is 3CMA's policy not to advise finalists of the exact award they have won until the Savvy Awards Dinner at its annual conference. Finalists have been notified that they will receive one of three awards: the prestigious Savvy award, the Silver Circle or the Award of Excellence. This year's event will be Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Westin Dallas/Fort Worth hotel in Irving, Texas.

Cans for Cash Challenge Helps Improve Local Recycling

Start saving your aluminum cans to help Golden increase its local recycling opportunities! From Sept. 15 through Sept. 30, the City of Golden is encouraging citizens to participate in the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Cans for Cash 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 throughout the year. All proceeds from aluminum recycling are 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 from the Cans for Cash Challenge) 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 City's recycling effort raised

more than \$6,500 that went back into improving the program. 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.

The City anticipates needing about \$40,000 for program improvements and we are already about 30% of the way there! 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.



GOLDEN LIONS CLUB THANKS COMMUNITY

The 35th annual Fourth of July Festival was another huge success this year and the Golden Lions Club would like to thank the community for its generous support of its raffle ticket sales. With more than 250 prizes to award, special thanks go to all the individuals, businesses and civic organizations for their support in making this year's raffle such a success. For a complete list, please see the "4th of July Sponsors" link at www.GoldenLionsClub.org.

Mark your calendars for next year's 36th annual Fourth of July Festival and come join the fun at this traditional, small town Independence Day celebration.

Golden's Code Spells Out Election Sign Rules

This is the season for political signs and a flurry of questions about what is and isn't allowed. The City of Golden's sign code, known as Chapter 18.32 of the Municipal Code, provides the regulatory guidance for the use and placement of political signs such as those that many people like to place in their yards during election season.

Political signs, as well as real estate "for sale" or "for rent" signs,

and other signs of general and special purpose are regulated by this section of the Code. The use of these signs is regulated by the location of the sign. In general, no sign should be placed on any public or private location without the approval of the landowner.

For most residential properties (RE, R1, R1A and R2 zones), there is no permit required for a maximum of two signs per lot or dwelling.

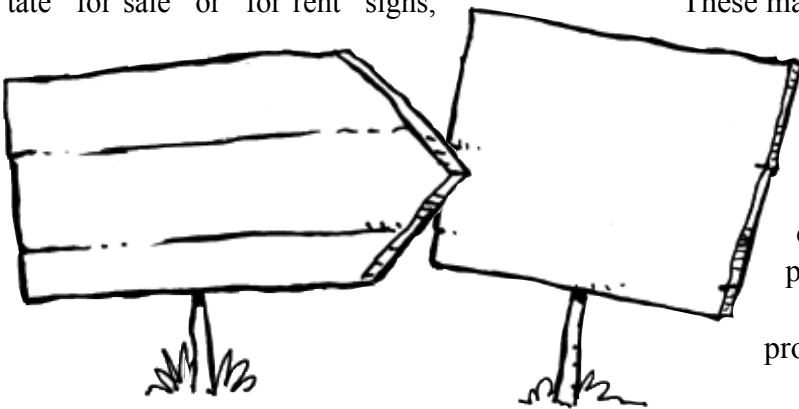
These may be a maximum of 4-feet high and up to 7-square-feet of sign area per face.

Residential properties in

R3 zoning areas do not need a permit for up to two signs per dwelling or two signs per 150-feet of frontage, whichever is less. These may be a maximum of 4-feet high and up to 12-square-feet of sign area per dwelling.

For non-residential properties, no permit is required for temporary signs, and temporary signs do count toward the total sign area permitted for the property. Free-standing signs are limited to a maximum of 10-feet tall and 32-square-feet of total sign area.

For more detailed information, visit www.cityofgolden.net and click on Municipal Code in the left-hand navigation bar, then click on Chapter 18.32. Or call the Department of Planning and Development at 303-384-8097.



Reduce Your Risk of Carbon Monoxide at Home

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are possible sources of CO. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of CO.

Citizens can protect themselves against CO poisoning by properly installing, using, venting, and maintaining their heating and cooking equipment, by installing CO alarms inside their homes, and by being cautious with vehicles or generators in attached garages.

Have fuel-burning household heating equipment such as fireplaces,

furnaces, water heaters, wood stoves, and space or portable heaters checked every year before cold weather sets in.

All chimneys and chimney connectors should be evaluated by a qualified technician to verify proper installation and check for cracks, blockages or leaks. Make needed repairs before using the equipment. Make sure when using the fireplace to open the flue for adequate ventilation.

When purchasing an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems, as well as the sealed spaces between the garage and house.

Before enclosing cen-

tral heating equipment in a smaller room, check with your fuel supplier to ensure that air for proper combustion is provided.

If you have questions about CO, call Golden Fire Department Program Specialist Kelli Hilborne at 303-215-8886.



Golden Buffalo Bill Days 2006

PHOTOS BY SHAWN STEIGNER

Often called Golden's "premier event of the year," Buffalo Bill Days proved its prestige yet again this year. Held July 26 through 30, the volunteer-committee run event hosted what was believed to be in excess of 20,000 visitors in historic downtown Golden. Events included the annual Best of the West Parade, Wild West Show, mutton bustin' for the kids, a golf tournament, opening Chamber luncheon, kids rides, a creekside train, and musical entertainment. The Golden Volunteer Fire Department's annual pancake breakfast fund-raiser drew in almost 400 more people than last year before the start of the annual parade.



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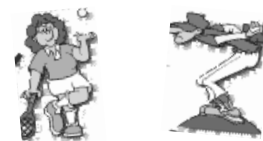
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A VENUE WITH A VIEW

Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!

Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer's kitchen.

Call **Larry Rock at 303-384-8133** for availability, facility tours and rates. *Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.*

BODY PUMP

Strengthen your entire physique in this class, working with the body bar and focusing on free weight toning. For beginners and hard-core enthusiasts – start your day in a powerful way!

6 a.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 11

EVENING MEDITATION

Meditation is the art of taking yourself inward and learning to focus and listen to your inner self. Meditation and deep breathing are excellent stress reducers, and regular practice helps to lower blood pressure, and increase immunity and good health. In this class you will learn various techniques that will enable you to relax, focus on meeting personal goals, enrich and balance your life.

7:15 p.m. Tuesdays

FUN YOGA FOR KIDS

Kids ages 3 to 11 can learn the basic yoga postures while having fun and being silly! We'll use animal poses (downward dog – woof!) and play games to instill balance and strength. This is a great way to reinforce a healthy regimen for your child, encourage good posture and balance, and maintain skills that will last a lifetime. Parents are welcome to join in!

Ages 3-11

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Oct. 3



Hold the Date for South Table Mountain Open House

South Table Mountain Park, including the property acquired from the Trust for Public Land/Coors Brewing Co. in December 2004, is currently undergoing park management planning by Jefferson County Open Space staff.

As part of the process for establishing management strategies for this property, the public is invited to view conceptual plans, make comments and ask questions about the overall management objectives, potential trail alignments and possible access points at an open house from 6 to

8:30 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Open Space offices, Ponderosa Meeting Room, 700 Jefferson County Parkway. A short presentation will be given at 6:30 p.m.

Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. More information will be available in the October issue of the Golden Informer.

A conceptual map and narrative of the planning process will be available on the Open Space Web site in late September for review.

Community members unable to attend the Open House will be able to participate in a comment period. Details will be posted at <http://openspace.jeffco.us> in September.



FILE PHOTOS

The Golden Community Center will be hosting multiple ARTrageous classes in upcoming months for children of all ages. For details on the various ARTrageous classes offered, visit www.goldenrec.com or call the Community Center at 303-384-8100.



Explore the Arts in ARTrageous Classes

This fall is the time to pick up that paint brush and finally learn how to capture our beautiful Golden scenery on canvas! The Golden Community Center will offer an expanded program from ARTrageous which includes drawing, painting and other arts classes for all ages.

ARTrageous, LLC, was founded

in 2005 in response to a decline in funding for arts education for school-age children and a need for art enrichment classes for the active adult. Arts education in America has changed drastically over the past several years. The trend in federal and state funding for art education is on a decline. The decline of funding presented ARTrageous with an opportunity to meet community need for high-quality arts education while providing a curriculum that incorporated core lessons in math, science and literacy.

ARTrageous provides integrated and dynamic art enrichment classes throughout Colorado. Students of all ages are taught art techniques including painting, drawing, paper making, knitting and pottery. ARTrageous offers a wide variety of classes, projects, crafts and materials in a fun atmosphere that supports growth and

exploration.

All youth instructors of the ARTrageous program have experience teaching art and are certified teachers with degrees in education or art. ARTrageous instructors have a passion for art, use products that respect our delicate environment and understand the importance of community involvement.

The Golden Community Center anxiously awaits the fall season to explore new art projects with young students and expand horizons by teaching adult art classes. ARTrageous projects made in class never repeat and always use the highest quality materials.

For more information on ARTrageous and to register for one of the ARTrageous classes at the Golden Community Center, call 303-384-8100 or visit the Creative Arts section online at www.goldenrec.com.



FLU SHOT CLINIC

Mark your calendars: The City of Golden will host its annual flu shot clinic from 7 to 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. Oct. 25 in the Windy Saddle Room at the Golden Community Center. The clinic is open to the public and flu shots cost \$26. You must be at least 4 years old to receive a flu shot. Other immunizations available will include Pneumonia for \$40, Tetanus/Diphtheria for \$30, or the new Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis for \$50.

Extraordinary Service Award

The City of Golden's second quarter 2006 Extraordinary Service Professional award was presented to Golden Police Administration Volunteer Unit Coordinator Jan Martynuska on Aug. 17.

Martynuska was nominated by Officer Melissa Francis for consistent demonstration of productivity and her enthusiastic and motivational behavior.

Francis said Martynuska is a great asset to the Golden Police Department due to her consistent hard work and her willingness to go above what is expected to ensure the best service possible.

Last year, Martynuska's volunteers worked diligently collecting monetary and tangible donations for the police department's annual National Night Out event. Her volunteers raised more than \$5,000 in cash and obtained multiple other donations from local Golden businesses.

Martynuska is also a board member of the Jefferson County District Attorney's Serious Habitual Offender Directed Intervention (SHODI) board, which tracks and



Jan Martynuska
*Golden Police
Administration
Volunteer Unit
Coordinator*

monitors serious and chronic juvenile offenders. The SHODI board is made up of several representatives from Jefferson County law enforcement agencies, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, Division of Youth Services, Human Services and Probation. Martynuska is a major contributor

to the productivity and success of Golden's participation in the SHODI program. She works hard at maintaining and monitoring each juvenile in our local jurisdiction that qualifies for this program. Golden's participation is a success due to the extensive amount of research and hard work Martynuska puts into this program.

The City of Golden appreciates her hard work on behalf of the community.

Ozone Season Ends; Air Still Needs Our Care

The summer ozone season for the Front Range region ended Aug. 31, but citizens are asked to continue to take care of our air.

Record-breaking temperatures this summer led to increases in ozone action alerts, which are forecasts issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on hot summer days when conditions are ripe for the formation of ground-level ozone.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires that the region meet the federal standard for ozone through 2007, giving the region one more year to demonstrate compliance. One

more hot summer could jeopardize the region's clean air status.

While ozone is a summertime issue, the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) asks citizens to continue to adapt simple behavior changes throughout the year. Simple things like taking public transportation, using an electric- or battery-operated mower, and regularly maintaining your vehicle help reduce pollution during the critical summer months and all through the year.

As the region gears up for the winter high pollution season, these simple behavior changes will also help reduce the carbon monoxide

and particulate matter that contribute to Denver's "brown cloud." From Nov. 1 through March 31, citizens are required to comply with mandatory residential burning restrictions and encouraged to participate in voluntary driving restrictions.

The region has come a long way since the days it compared with areas like Los Angeles for worst air quality. It is currently in compliance with all federal health-based air quality standards and it is important to maintain that status.

For more information, call the RAQC at 303-629-5450 or the CDPHE at 303-692-3100.



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