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## **HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items**

## PAY-AS-YOU-THROW TRASH PROGRAM STARTS NOW!

By now, Golden residents who qualify for the City's new trash collection program have received their new trash and recycling carts. The new volume-based program through EDS Waste Solutions begins on Sept. 1.

Residents covered by the program are encouraged to contact their existing trash hauler to cancel service and avoid paying twice for trash collection. The City will be organizing a recycling program for old trash cans and recycling containers for residents who no longer want them. Details for the collection will be posted on the City web site and in a future issue of the *Informer*.

If you enrolled for service and have not received your trash and recycling carts or have questions about the services provided through the new program, contact EDS Waste Solutions at 303-278-8600. You can also visit <a href="www.edswaste.com">www.edswaste.com</a> and <a href="w

## "SECONDARY SUITES" COUNCIL HEARING

City Council will hold a hearing on a proposed ordinance that would allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The meeting is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23 in Council Chambers, 911 10th St.

Some communities refer to these units as "secondary suites" to describe single family homes that have added smaller living units, which can serve a variety of needs. These units are typically created in basements, as additions to the main home or even as backyard cottages, if current zoning allows.

The key is to strictly regulate these secondary suites using zoning rules that protect the existing neighborhoods. The most important of these regulations is that the owner must continue to live on the property and must sign a deed restriction that is recorded with the county. These rules must remain the same even if the property is sold to a new owner. Other regulations include restrictions on the size of these secondary units and off street parking requirements.

City staff met with different community groups over the past several months to gather feedback on whether or not these secondary suites are appropriate for Golden and how they should be regulated.

For more information, contact Rick Muriby at 303-384-8097 or rmuriby@cityofgolden.net.

#### **SAFETY FAIR**

The Golden Fire Department, in partnership with the University of Colorado Hospital Burn Center and Nationwide Insurance, invites you to our Fire Safety and Injury Prevention Day from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11. This is a chance for the entire family to have interactive fun and the opportunity to win prizes, all while learning valuable safety information. See page 19 for details.

#### PRESERVATION CELEBRATION

There will be a celebration of the completion of the Cambria Lime Kiln Project at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11. Throughout the second half of 2009, the Historic Preservation Board and city staff worked to stabilize and restore the historic Cambria Lime Kiln next to the Kinney Run Trail in South Golden. The Kiln, in use from 1879 through the mid-1890s, was important to the brick-making industry of the late 19th century in Golden and surrounding communities. Walk or bike to the Kiln just south of where the Kinney Run Trail goes under Eagle Ridge Drive.



Below is the Golden City Council's calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

Sept. 2 No meeting

Sept. 9

Regular business meeting

Sept. 16

Regular study session

Sept. 23

Regular business meeting

Sept. 30

No meeting

Council's upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net.

Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.



### Maintaining the Balance in Downtown Golden

By Mayor Jacob Smith

The revitalization of downtown Golden is one of our community's great success stories. Our downtown economy stayed pretty flat for years, but the efforts and investments over the past couple of decades are really bearing fruit now. Sales and use tax has grown by close to 23 percent in just the past seven or eight years, and the number of Golden residents and visitors spending time downtown seems to be keeping pace.

As see we more businesses inhabiting downtown, more visitors spending time downtown, and more residents living downtown, we have to pay special attention to balancing between everyone's needs and interests. Although noise isn't the only downtown balancing act, it is a particularly important one. As downtown becomes more successful and vibrant – people, music, vehicles, festivals – the noise levels go up. Some increase in noise is fine, but excessive noise hurts visitors, business owners and residents alike.

For City Council, one clear threshold is being able to have a conversation with the person in front of you. If I'm walking along the sidewalk downtown or sitting outside on one of the patios, and a vehicle revs up or a band is playing outdoor music so loudly that I can't hear what someone in front of me is saying, that's too loud.

Motorcycles often receive a lot of attention when we talk about downtown noise. The vast majority of riders who visit Golden do a good job of riding friendly. They drive courteously and they keep the volume of their bikes down while they are in town. Many of them are visiting Golden from around the Denver Metro area, they spend money in our restaurants and stores, and they help make downtown the vibrant community center that it is. What we care about is the really small percentage of people who don't ride friendly. Keep the volume down and you won't have any problems. Through the "Silence is Golden" collaboration and other efforts, we seem to be making some progress, and we are always open to ideas for new ways to educate and communicate. But if you throttle up your motorcycle or any other loud vehicle at high volume while you are in town, you are at risk of getting a ticket. Of course this isn't just an issue downtown, and the Golden Police Department is using the same approach on 19th Street west of 6th Avenue and in other neighborhoods around town.

Outdoor music is the other major noise-related balancing act. It is great to have so many decks and patios and other outdoor venues downtown, and amplified music can add a lot of life and vitality. However, we need to make sure it doesn't get so loud that folks standing next to one another can't hear each other speak. We considered a permit system but set that aside while we continue working with our restaurants and bars to find the right balance.

If you do encounter excessive noise downtown or in your neighborhood, the best thing you can do is call the non-emergency dispatch number (303-384-8045) and report the complaint the moment it happens.

Downtown Golden is a great success story: our thriving downtown is the heart of the community because of years of smart community investments, tough decisions, and hard work on everybody's part. We will all keep working hard to keep it that way.

Jacob Smith

## Colorado Native Takes the Lead at Golden History Museums

hen you meet Nathan Richie, you might want to say "Welcome Home." Nathan just returned to Colorado to head up the Golden History Museums. There are three distinct museums which fall under Nathan's direction: Clear Creek History Park, Golden History Center and Astor House.

Nathan Richie is originally from Colorado Springs. His wife, Jesse, is from Denver. "We missed the mountains, the mountain lifestyle and being near our families."

Nathan is excited to be back, but even more excited to be working in Golden. He believes that when you work at a museum, you represent the entire community. And he says it's easy to represent such a unique and special city. "Golden is not just another suburb," says Nathan. "It is distinct in that it has a rich history that residents are proud to call their own. Golden gives you a strong, significant sense of place and pride."

At 33 years old, Nathan Richie is highly accomplished in the museum world. He has his Bachelor's degree in American History from Colorado State University and a Masters in Museum Studies. Nathan comes to us from the McCormick Foundation/Freedom Museum in Chicago, Illinois where he served as the Director of Exhibits and Programs for five years. Nathan is also currently serving as the National Chair for the American Association of Museums, Standing Professional Committee for Education.



Nathan Richie leans against one of Golden's prized pieces of history... the Pearce-Help Cabin from the 1900's, located at the Clear Creek History Park.

Nathan plans to learn everything he can about the history of Golden... and the history of the museums themselves which are now under City management. "It speaks volumes that the City is providing the resources and support to the museums. It shows a real commitment to preserving the City's heritage well into the future."

Nathan's major goals for the museums are to maximize existing resources, expand the audience and continue to make the museums relevant to a modern audience. He says the best place to start is in the schools. "I want to build stronger relationships with the local educational community by providing them resources that they find valuable and even essential for their students."

To reach Nathan Richie, you can call him at 303-278-3557 x202 or email Nathan@goldenhistorymuseums.org.

## MINES REACHES OUT TO NEIGHBORS

Colorado School of Mines has recently launched a web page designed specifically for neighbors of the university to keep up-to-date on construction, road closures and other activities on campus.

The page, titled "News for Golden Neighbors" can be found at golden.mines.edu or by typing "Golden neighbors" in the search box at mines.edu.

In addition to campus construction updates, visitors can access Mines' athletic schedules, the campus events calendar and the student activities calendar. Other news and information of interest to Golden residents is also available on the page.

Bookmark it so you can check it often!

## Golden Vision 2030's Community Values Available for Comment

The information reprinted below is an excerpt from the draft Golden Vision 2030 Plan.

This section describes the community values that have resulted from this process over the last year and a half.

There will soon be opportunities to review and comment on the entire document.

#### GOLDEN'S HEART AND SOUL VALUES

As a result of community input and participation in the project, a series of overall community value themes were identified,

and subsequently tested and refined in two community summits in May and June. The further refinement of the various themes demonstrated that Golden's heart and soul community values are best depicted as:

- A set of overall or guiding principles; and
- A comprehensive set of values for City policy decisions and actions, presented below according to the series of value themes.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The concept of Guiding Principles results from the overwhelming emphasis placed on two philosophic principles by the participants in the Golden Vision project. They are derived from hundreds of stories we collected, individual conversations, and various community summits. These two structural principles are the foundation upon which the Golden community intends to act and make decisions:

#### I. Responsive Government

Our city government is responsive, approachable, good at listening, welcomes participation and involvement, is fair to all parts of



the city and is accountable.

This principle describes a commitment to the way the City of Golden intends to operate to provide services to the community and to strive to help the community achieve its goals. The above statement includes the four necessary elements of transparency and government openness, respect for others, fiscal responsibility, and fairness and ethical treatment for all.

#### II. Controlled and Directed Change

Our community values require that we direct and manage change, assure smart growth (transportation & development), affordable housing, and sustainability. As a community, we expect sustainability that preserves the small town look, feel and character.

- The rate of community change will reflect and enhance our character.
- The diverse housing options will provide opportunity to a wide spectrum of residents.
- As a community, we will take responsibility for our impacts, and those who impact us.

This principle reflects the

community's expectation that Golden will affirmatively define its desired future in terms of major land use, infrastructure, and public amenities. Throughout

this process, the community was and is adamant that Golden needs to define its desired future and work to achieve it. The community wants and expects the City to proactively identify desired future land use and infrastructure patterns and forms and not simply react to land owner or developer proposals. The community expects the City to define, manage, and to some extent control change.

#### **COMMUNITY VALUES**

The "heart and soul" values comprise a set of community elements that are important to Golden residents in most or all situations. These values are to be a substantial consideration in all major community decisions.

#### Value Theme A – Accessible and Walkable

We value being an accessible community, which is walkable and bikeable.

- We will provide safe, convenient and well-maintained biking and walking opportunities appropriate for all ages and ability levels.
- 2. We are committed to providing

- convenient and affordable public transportation and commuter options.
- 3. We commit ourselves to fostering multi-modal facilities (trails, paths, pedestrian bridges, roads) that will enhance and maintain universal access and connectivity within and throughout the community.

#### Value Theme B – Active Outdoors/Environment

We value being an active, healthy community that appreciates the outdoors and our connection to the natural environment.

- 1. We value the natural beauty of Golden, located in a valley bounded by the foothills and two scenic mesas.
- 2. We value proximity to open space and natural beauty and we will preserve access to experience these.
- 3. We value the health and wellbeing of our community and will provide indoor and outdoor facilities, organized activities and programs to support active living for all ages.
- 4. We value Clear Creek as the heart and soul of Golden and will actively preserve and enhance its character for future generations.
- 5. We value self-directed recreation and will preserve and maintain trails for biking, hiking, climbing and other outdoor pursuits.
- 6. We value the natural beauty of unique geologic features, extended stretches of the foothills, and unbroken stretches of natural environments that define Golden as a place.

#### Value Theme C – Safe, Clean, Quiet Neighborhoods

We value safe, quiet, clean, well-maintained neighborhoods.

- 1. We will be a place where we can go anywhere at any time and feel safe.
- 2. Our city will have clean, well-maintained neighborhoods and streets.

#### Value Theme D – Local Businesses and Downtown

We value supporting our local businesses and keeping a vibrant downtown for future generations.

- 1. We believe that it is important to maintain an environment which encourages a variety of quality and locally owned businesses and restaurants so that residents of Golden can purchase locally while continuing to encourage visitors to visit Golden and support our local businesses.
- 2. We will encourage/promote downtown events and activities that enhance life and connect people.
- 3. We value the character of downtown (its size and varied architecture). Therefore, it is important to preserve, enhance and complement the historic buildings downtown with both public and private investments. The streetscape, walkability and accessibility are critical in this effort.
- 4. We value joint efforts by business people, volunteers and city government as important drivers to promote business success and preserve the historic look and feel of Golden.

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#### GOLDEN VISION 2030 DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITIES

Many Goldenites have been participating in the Golden Vision 2030 process and activities since early 2009. You're probably wondering what happened to the process and the input you provided. Now is the time to weigh in again on the draft document that incorporates all of our work into a set of community values to guide future decision making. There are several ways to be involved in this next phase over the next couple months.

- Download a copy of the Golden Vision 2030 document on the front page of the City's website, and respond via the email link provided.
- Request a copy by email or regular mail by emailing planningcommission@cityofgolden.net or calling 303-384-8097.
- Stop by the Golden Farmers Market any Saturday in September and speak to staff and citizen volunteers about the project.
- Stop by an Open House from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at City Hall, 911 10th St.
- Look for public hearing opportunities for Planning Commission and City Council in October.
- Watch the City website for more ideas and opportunities, www.cityofgolden.net.

## Value Theme E – Convenience/Amenities

We value retaining convenience to services and amenities and our proximity to Denver and the mountains.

- 1. We value the proximity to Denver and the mountains, while maintaining our geographic separateness.
- 2. We value the convenience of services and amenities within Golden, including schools, work, shopping, medical, cultural and recreational opportunities.
- 3. We value access to public and private transportation options within and beyond the community.

## Value Theme F – History/Education

We value our appreciation of history and the arts and support for quality education.

- 1. We value our diverse and multigenerational continuity, excellence at all educational levels with connections to the community.
- 2. We value an excellence in quality and pride of the preservation and promotion of the arts and their place in providing and supporting community connections and values.
- 3. We value community organizations and collaboration between public and private groups to allow for preservation of our historical and cultural assets, while providing continuity with the future.
- 4. We support lifelong learning

via our public library, museums, educational institutions and cultural facilities.

## Value Theme G – Family and Kid Friendly

We value being a family/kid-friendly/kid-supportive community.

- 1. We will foster a sense of family in our community that is safe for our children.
- 2. We value a kid friendly environment, with family activities and events both indoors and outdoors.
- 3. We will develop opportunities to foster stability and maintain excellent schools as is important to the positive development of our children.

## Value Theme H – Friendliness/Neighbors

We value maintaining friendliness and connections with neighbors and other residents.

- 1. We value having friendly and welcoming neighbors that create helpful, caring and respectful neighborhoods.
- 2. We value being a connected Golden community through events, parks, local merchants, organizations, schools, government, trails and Clear Creek.

#### Value Theme I – Sense of Community

We value keeping our sense of community, pride in community, diversity and tolerance of others, community character and community events.

1. We value the small town feel that includes the best

- of both worlds, a natural environment and proximity to a metropolitan area.
- 2. We value a community supported by a diversity of people, activities, public spaces and amenities, enhanced by intimate and social connections and a sense of security and tradition.

## Value Theme J – Belonging/Volunteerism

We value our sense of belonging and involvement in the community/volunteerism.

- 1. We are a community that provides multiple and varied opportunities to be involved and serve others based on common interest and focus.
- 2. We are a community that respects all of its citizens their needs, contributions and desire to be involved regardless of age or life circumstances.
- 3. We are a community that seeks input and engagement with residents in decision making regarding future city policy and direction.
- 4. We are a community that encourages volunteerism, civic involvement, personal responsibility, care for others and respectful sharing of values and opinions of all ages, backgrounds and needs.

#### **COMMUNITY COMMITMENT**

By committing ourselves as a community to these principles and values, we will together create and maintain this vision for our future.

## Won't You Be My Neighbor?

ne of the values most often cited throughout the Golden Vision 2030 Plan process is the importance of feeling connected with your neighbors. Whether next door or ten houses away, our neighbors are rich with resources, information and answers to your questions. One way you can connect with your neighbors is through electronic bulletin boards at <a href="https://www.i-neighbors.org">www.i-neighbors.org</a>.

Find a babysitter, ask for a handyman reference, search for lost pets, tune in to the latest happenings and weigh in on what others are saying. There are seven Golden bulletin boards available for you to browse, meet,



#### i-Neighbors

Bringing your neighbors together.

and ask questions of your neighbors. Search for your neighborhood from the following areas listed on the i-Neighbors web site:

- Beverly Heights Residents who live under the "M".
- Downtown Golden Residents within each of the City's three historic districts, Colorado School of Mines, areas near Fossil Trace, and downtown businesses.
- Golden Heights This area includes homes in the Golden Hills and Golden Heights

- subdivisions, as well as 6th Avenue frontage road areas.
- Golden Terrace Three mobile home neighborhoods near Colfax and C-470.
- Heritage Road Neighborhoods east and west of Heritage Road, including Eagle Ridge, Golden Ridge, Heritage Dells, Stonebridge, Tripp Ranch, and the West 3rd area.
- North Golden The residential areas north of Highway 58.
- South Golden Road Residential areas including Rimrock, Southridge, Summit View apartments, South Golden road businesses, Ulysses Street, and Pleasant View.

### Working and Living in Golden

Thanks to efforts by the City of Golden and Jefferson County, more people who work in Golden will soon be able to live here as well. The City welcomes a brand new, affordable apartment community at 17414 W. 10th Ave., directly across from

the Ulysses Park softball fields. The Golden Pointe Apartments are in an ideal location, close to many of the area's main employers and major roadways. The new light rail station will be just four blocks away.

The housing is available to anyone who qualifies, but representatives from Archdiocesan Housing, Inc. say so far the majority of applicants are already part of the Golden community in some way. Residents will move into the first completed building this month. Now is the



A rendering of the Golden Pointe Apartments.

time to get an application in, to take advantage of the new housing.

The \$11 million development, currently under construction, consists of 55 rentable units of one, two and three bedrooms. These are new, efficient, high-quality, well maintained properties that are financed through the Section 42 low income housing program, along with Community Development Block Grants from the City of Golden and Jefferson County.

Rental prices for the new

apartments average 30 percent lower than current market prices in Golden:

Bedrooms	Avg. Sq. Ft.	Avg. Monthly Rent
1 (1 bath)	822	\$595
2 (2 bath)	1060	\$710
3 (2 bath)	1218	\$818

All applicants must complete a rental application and submit it along with \$33 for each household member over 18 years old to cover the cost of the background verification (credit, criminal and two years of landlord references). A sufficient and verifiable source of income is also required. Applications can be found at <a href="https://www.archdiocesanhousing.org">www.archdiocesanhousing.org</a> and are also available in the onsite leasing office. For questions, call 303-279-1115.

## GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### **Through Sept. 5**

#### "Loud: This is It"

A rock and roll show presented by Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For information, call 303-279-7800 or visit <u>www.</u> hsmusichall.com.

#### Every Saturday through Oct. 2

#### Golden Farmers Market

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot just west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Call the Golden Chamber of Commerce for details, 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

#### Through Oct. 30

#### **Quilt Exhibitions**

See the exciting results of the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum's "Evolutions" art quilt challenge and beautiful 19th and 20th century basket quilts from the museum's permanent collection. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information, call 303-277-0377.

#### Sept. 3

#### First Friday Street Fair

The Street Fair is expanded to include entertainment, food and much more. On Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. 5 to 9 p.m.

#### Sept. 6

Labor Day

#### Sept. 10 through Oct. 24

#### "Art"

Winner of the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play. A brightly creative showdown between three men ready to put it all on the 'line.' Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Oct. 24. Tickets are \$20 with discounts for seniors and students. For tickets and information, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

#### Sept. 10 through Nov. 7

#### Dracula

Heritage Square Music Hall presents dinner and a show featuring Dracula. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For tickets and information, call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

#### Sept. 11

#### **GHS Homecoming Parade**

Local elementary schools, the middle school and the alumni association join Golden High School in celebrating homecoming. Parade begins at 11 a.m. and goes down Washington Avenue.

#### Sept. 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26

#### Day Out with Thomas

Thomas the Tank Engine visits the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. Tickets are \$18 plus tax for ages two and up. For tickets, call toll-free 866-468-7630 or visit <a href="http://events.hitentertainment.com">http://events.hitentertainment.com</a>. For more information, see page 17 or contact the Museum at 303-279-4591 or <a href="https://ewww.coloradoRailroadMuseum.org">www.coloradoRailroadMuseum.org</a>.

#### Sept. 11 through Oct. 31

#### Watermedia Exhibition

The 37th Annual Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition showcases a hand-picked selection of 80 paintings by watermedia artists from 28 states around the country. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit <a href="https://www.foothillsartcenter.org">www.foothillsartcenter.org</a>.

#### Sept. 23

Fall Begins

#### Sept. 25

#### Glitter in the Garden Gala

Set amid the paintings of the Rocky Mountain National Watermedia exhibition and nestled in the glittering outdoor gardens of the Foothills Art Center, this year's gala promises a one-of-a-kind romantic setting that surrounds the evening's attendees with the beauty of art. Tickets are \$80/\$150 for 2. 6 to 9 p.m. at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For tickets call 303-279-3922 or email Camron@foothillsartcenter.org.

#### **Sept. 29**

#### "Live at Lunch"

#### Lecture and Book Signing

Longtime Golden residents Lorraine Wagenbach and Betty Bloom will be on hand to tell stories from a woman's perspective about life in Golden in the mid-20th century and to talk about the making of their book, *A Woman's Life in Golden 1902-1980*. Golden History Center, 923 10th St. Noon to 1 p.m. \$5 members, \$6 non-members.

## **SEPTEMBER 2010**

#### Oct. 2

#### Coyote 5K Classic and 1K Fun Run

Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to the inaugural Shelton Elementary 5K and 1K Fun Run. All proceeds support student educational activities and events. Adults \$20, Students and Seniors \$15, 1K Fun Run \$8. For more information visit www.coyote5kclassic.com.

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



#### 2HOURVACATION.COM

For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.2HourVacation.com.

Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:

Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@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.

#### FALL'S BOUNTY AT THE GOLDEN FARMERS MARKET

Enjoy the last of the summer and the best of the fall harvests: tomatoes, corn, watermelon, beets, bell peppers, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chili peppers, cucumbers, eggplants, grapes, green beans, herbs, honey dew melons, lettuce, onions, peaches, pears, plums, pumpkins, raspberries, strawberries, rhubarb and squash. Did that list make you hungry? Head over to the Golden Farmer's Market each Saturday morning in September from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### **Topics for the Master Gardeners include:**

- Sept. 4 Kids, Apple Cider Pressing; Adults, Care of Fruit Trees
- Sept. 11 Preparing Roses for Winter in Colorado
- Sept. 18 Techniques and Materials to Extend Your Vegetable Garden
- Sept. 25 Bulbs Forcing, Planting and Thwarting Wildlife

#### A TASTE OF ITALY IN GOLDEN

Get a Taste of Italy for First Friday in September in Downtown Golden. The First Friday Street Fair is from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 3 on Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets. Music from Kari and Jerry Duo, \$3 tastes of Italian fare, kids' entertainment, climbing wall from Golden Rock Guides, free horse-drawn carriage rides from Denver Carriage and lots of events throughout the whole day at local merchants and cultural facilities. For more information, call the Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113.

## FREE

## Sales and Use Tax Workshops

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

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

Oct. 6, 2010 ...... 8 to 10 a.m. Dec. 1, 2010 ...... 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 a **FREE** Building Use Tax Workshop taught by our professional staff of auditors. Classes are geared toward individuals who need to learn about building use tax concepts on an in-depth basis.

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10<sup>th</sup> St.

Nov. 3, 2010...... 8 to 10 a.m.

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

## Five Things You May Not Know You Can Recycle Locally:

- 1) Carpet & mattresses. Did you know, of the 5.3 billion pounds of used carpet, less than 5 percent is being recycled? Also, between 20 and 40 million mattresses are disposed of each year. Colorado Recycling Services takes them both and you can drop off at their Denver facility or they will come to you. Call 303-942-1918 or visit www.crs-recycles.com.
- 2) Household Chemicals. You probably already know that the Rooney Road Household Hazardous Waste facility on Colfax Avenue accepts all types of household chemicals, electronics and yard waste. What you might not know is that there is a "Drop & Swap" area of the facility where you can check out other donated household
- chemicals that are still good and free to the public. Want to refinish those deck chairs? Paint your child's room? Need to clean your carpet? A variety of household products are available for you to choose from.
- 3) **Bras.** Yes, you read right. You can recycle your gently used bras right here in Golden at Chelsea of London, 1201 Washington Ave. Bras are sent to local non-profits that provide undergarments to deserving women of all ages who struggle with obtaining basic needs. Bonus: Bring in your clean, second-hand bra and get \$3 off a new purchase.
- 4) **Books, CDs, & DVDs**. <u>www.</u> <u>swaptree.com</u> lets you list these items, choose other books, CDs,

- DVDs and video games you want, and swap the items in the mail. Or trade with your neighbors through your neighborhood's electronic bulletin board at www.i-neighbors.org.
- 5) Roof shingles. With recent innovations in technology, the makers of asphalt can now use recycled roof shingles in the paving process. Talk to your roof contractor to ensure that your waste shingles get recycled, not land filled. By the way, the City used recycled asphalt shingles in several road construction projects this summer, so when you drive on North Ford Street or West 2nd Street, you'll see where money and resources were saved by using local Golden materials.

#### **HOW MUCH ENERGY DO YOU USE?**

With this summer's electric bills rolling in, you might have noticed that Xcel Energy's new tiered electricity rates mean higher bills for some households. The traditional rate is about seven cents per kilowatt hour, but with the new summer

tiered rate structure, households that use less than 500 kilowatt hours per month will pay a rate of 4.6 cents per kilowatt hour, but homes that use over 500 kilowatt hours per month will pay a higher rate of nine cents per kilowatt hour. So, how can you keep your costs down? The answer is with a home energy



meter. Anyone can install a whole house meter which gives you real-time measurements for your home's energy usage and gives you better control over turning off appliances you don't need. A simple meter reader unit is installed on your outside

meter which transmits information to a small inside monitor. Home energy meters cost between \$80 and \$100, but currently you can also get a 50 percent cash rebate back from the State of Colorado. Shop at your local hardware stores in Golden and check out <a href="https://www.rechargeColorado.com">www.rechargeColorado.com</a> to find rebates.

## MillerCoors and the City of Golden Are Longtime Partners for the City's Wastewater Treatment

Due to several recent resident inquiries about odor coming from the Golden Brewery of MillerCoors, the City of Golden asked the company to address the issue and better explain the company's process for treating wastewater. Below is an article from MillerCoors.

~ By Ann Shiveley, MillerCoors Golden Brewery Communications

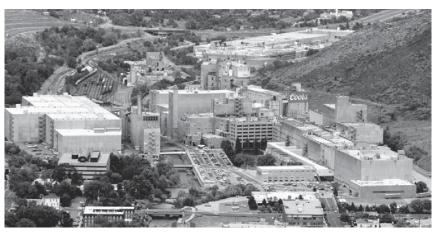
ater is essential to the brewing process — it takes about four barrels of water to make one barrel of beer. And managing this resource in a way that gives us safe water for brewing beer and conducting

other manufacturing activities is a business imperative. In addition, our stewardship of wastewater to minimize environmental impact of our processes is a major objective of our sustainability efforts.

Wastewater treatment at MillerCoors' Golden Brewery involves three separate wastewater treatment plants:

- 1. The process wastewater treatment plant which treats water that has been used in our brewing process;
- 2. The anaerobic pretreatment plant which treats organic matter before it gets to the process wastewater treatment plant; and
- 3. The general wastewater treatment plant (GWTP) which treats all sanitary and industrial waste from our manufacturing facilities as well as the sanitary waste from the City of Golden.

The GWTP is located along the North service road of our Golden



property and began operating in 1953 as one of the first activated sludge wastewater treatment plants in America. While many Golden residents may be aware MillerCoors operates a wastewater treatment plant, they may not be aware of the role it plays in treating the City of Golden's domestic wastewater. In fact, about 60 percent of the three million gallons of wastewater processed in our GWTP each day comes from the City of Golden, while the other 40 percent comes from our own manufacturing operations. Our relationship in treating the City's wastewater is the result of a partnership that Coors Brewing Company entered into with the City in 1979.

MillerCoors is committed to operating within the regulatory requirements for odor control that are set forth by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Over the years the company

has made a number of investments that align with wastewater treatment best practices to help mitigate odor from the operations, including installing an odorous gas collection system and chemical odor scrubber to treat collected gas at the GWTP, upgrading

the odor scrubber at the anaerobic pretreatment plant, upgrading the City of Golden's lift station odor scrubber, installing a sanitary lift station odor scrubber and upgrading ventilation and alarm systems.

In addition, MillerCoors maintains a phone hotline where Golden residents can express specific odor concerns, which enables MillerCoors to stay on top of any odors that residents detect outside our property perimeters. Residents who believe that there are excessive odors outside the perimeter of our property should call 303-277-2112 and leave a message with their name, address, location of the odor and the time and day that the odor was a concern. Our teams investigate all complaints and get back to each caller with the findings.

By calling our odor hotline when they have concerns about this important environmental program, Golden residents can help us achieve great success with more cooperation and communication.

## Thanks for a Great Night Out

he 13th Annual National Night Out event was once again a huge success, thanks in great part to the overwhelming generosity of the Golden community.

The large crowd was entertained by our emcee Greg Moody of CBS4 News, music by Eric Lane and Steve Thomas, face painting, free hot dogs and root beer floats and lots of great raffle prizes. A special thanks to all of the volunteers and sponsors. It would be impossible without the contributions of the following community partners:



A young participant gets his first ride on one of Golden's new police motorcycles.

1 Stop Printing 7-11 North Ace High Tavern Advance Auto Parts

Ali Baba Alpenglow Alpine Slide April's Hair Salon Anthony's Pizza Anytime Fitness

Aspen Ridge Animal Hospital Avenue Gifts

B & BE Shoe & Boot Repair

Baby Doe's

Big 5 Sporting Goods

Big O Tires Bloom Boutique

Blue Canyon Bar & Grill Bradford Washburn Museum

Briarwood Inn **Burger King** Chelsea of London Civic Foundation Clear Creek Books Colorado Hair Company Colorado Railroad Museum

Cost Cutters Creekside Jewelers Curves for Women Del's Tonsorial Parlor **Denver West Towing** 

El Dorado Mexican Restaurant

Enstrom's Candies El Tapatio Restaurant Family Dentistry

First Bank

Foothills Art Center

Fraternal Order of Police

Foss Building Wine & Spirits Gene Bauer Goldsmith

Gentle Smiles of Colorado

Golden Auto Clinic Golden Chiropractic Center

Golden City Brewery

Golden City Chinese Rest. Golden City Cleaners

Golden Community Center

Gold-N- Detectors Golden Diner

Golden History Museums

Golden Hotel Golden Mill

Golden Music Center

Golden Rents

Golden River Sports Golden Sweets

Golden Tea Time

Goodyear

Grappa Mediterranean Bistro

Halu Sushi Hydro Planet Intervention, Inc.

John Burchfield DDS

Jimmy John's

Juna

Key Bank King Soopers

**Laurel Properties** 

Lil' Ricci's Lions Club Los Marcelos

Love & Logic

**McDonalds** 

Metro Barber Shop Meyer Hardware

Montessori School of Golden

New Peach Garden

Noa Noa Espresso & News Old Capital Grill

O'Reilly Auto Parts Papa Murphy's

Pedal Pushers Cyclery

Peak Cycles

Performance Plus Auto Care

Pizza Hut

Randall Olsson Photography

Red Wagon Coffee Richard Goad DDS

Rose Cleaners

Safeway

Sherpa House Restaurant Sirona Physical Therapy

Spirits in the Wind Gallery

Spot Bar & Grill

Spyderco

Starbucks North

Starbucks Downtown

Susie's Bar & Grill

Table Mountain Inn

The Alley The UPS Store

Three Tomatoes Steakhouse

Urban Escape U.S. Army

U.S. Postal Service

Venetian Nail Spa Co.

Walgreens

Windy Saddle Café

Woody's Woodfired Pizza

Timothy Crane Denise Burrows

## Accolades for Golden Theatre

Theatre moved to Golden, changed its name to Miners Alley Playhouse (MAP), and went on to produce an astounding 56 plays in seven years. All of this hard work and great talent was recognized recently, when MAP won six prestigious Henry Awards (Colorado's version of Broadway's Tony Awards), including:

- Outstanding Season by a Theatre
- Outstanding Production of a Play
- Outstanding Ensemble
- Outstanding Actor
- Outstanding Actress
- Outstanding Director

This is a remarkable *Pho* achievement for a suburban theatre company with literally only three percent of the annual operating budget of some of the other awardwinners. The sentiment this year

seemed to recognize the fine art of



Photo courtesy Miners Alley Playhouse.

intimate storytelling rather than the grand illusion that often dazzles audiences. But sometimes the tiniest gestures can have a stronger impact than the glitziest costumes.

It takes talented and dedicated actors, directors, writers, and crews to make this happen. It also takes a tremendous commitment from community. the Many Goldenites are MAP members and donors, and MAP has received longsubstantial support term. from the following Golden community organizations and residents: The Golden Civic Foundation, Golden Urban Renewal Authority, Bob Lowry, Heine Foss, Pat Foss and the Mesa Meadows Family, the City of Golden, the Lions Club, Rotary Club of Golden, and the Scientific and Cultural **Facilities** District (SCFD). MAP's success is Golden's success, and continued support and

attendance of live theater is good for the entire community. For performances, schedules, and other things theatrical, please visit www.minersalley.com.

#### WHAT TO DO WITH YARD WASTE

When improperly disposed of, yard waste contaminates creeks and other water bodies with nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous. As these materials decompose, the oxygen in the water needed by fish and other aquatic organisms is depleted. Higher temperatures make the situation even worse. In the heat of the summer, dissolved oxygen levels are lower than in the colder, winter months. In addition to affecting water quality, grass clippings can clog storm drains and branches can be washed downstream where they can block culverts and cause flooding.

Please keep grass clippings and yard trimmings out of drainage areas. You can follow these simple tips:

- Leave grass clippings on the lawn they will build healthy soil and promote water retention.
- Sweep excess grass clippings off sidewalks and driveways.
- Use a chipper to turn branches into mulch for your garden.
- Sign up for the optional Green Waste Recycling Program offered through the City's new Residential Waste Collection Program.
- Take branches and yard waste to the Rooney Road Recycling Center to be made into compost. Hours, location and pricing schedules can be found at <a href="http://www.rooneyroadrecycling.org/yardwaste.html">http://www.rooneyroadrecycling.org/yardwaste.html</a> or by calling 1-800-776-1644.

## Golden Community Senter

## Check out the programs offered this month at the Community Center. <u>To register, visit www.goldenrec.com</u>

#### CARA Youth Volleyball

CARA (Colorado Association of Recreational Athletics) Volleyball is offered to youth in grades 8 and under. Skills of passing, setting, blocking, team strategy and other volleyball skills will be covered, with more advanced techniques for more skilled players. Teams will participate in weekend tournaments against other metro area recreation agency teams. A State Tournament will conclude the season.

#### Grades 8 and under

Wednesdays and Fridays Sept. 8 to Oct. 29 4:45 to 6 p.m.

#### Grades 5 and under

Tuesdays and Thursdays Sept. 7 to Oct. 28 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

\$75 resident, \$80 non-resident

#### **Fall Swimming Lessons**

Swim lessons are available Monday and Wednesday mornings or evenings and Saturday mornings at the Golden Community Center. Fall sessions begin in September, visit <a href="https://rec.cityofgolden.net">https://rec.cityofgolden.net</a> to view the swim lesson schedule and register online.

#### **Spanish for Preschoolers**

All instructors are native Spanish speakers with years of experience teaching Spanish as a second language. The Sonrisas Curriculum

will be utilized and is broken down into three sections: circle time, story time and art time.

Age: 4 to 5 years
Mondays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
or 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.
Sept. 13 to Nov. 8
\$140 Resident,
\$145 Non-resident

#### Travel the World

Our view of the world takes us to ancient Egypt to create an Egyptian mummy and to France to study the artistic style of Pierre Bonnard. Have some whimsical fun hearing a poem about a woman who swallowed a fly and create flies and other 3-D art forms.

Wednesdays, Sept. 8 to Sept. 29

Age: 1½ to 3 years
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Age: 3½ to 6 years

12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Age: 7 to 12 years

4 to 5 p.m.

\$52 Resident, \$57 Non-resident

#### My First Art Class

This class introduces new art experiences to the youngest of doodlers. This special series of "My Firsts" includes collage, 3-D art, hand printing, beginning paper cutting and musical art. An adult must attend with child.

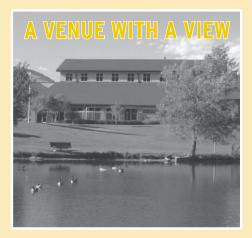
Age: 1½ to 3 years Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Through Sept. 28 \$52 Resident, \$57 Non-resident

#### Abrakadoodle Art for Mini Doodlers

This class introduces new art experiences including sculpture, printing, watercolor and tempera painting, wax resist, rubbings and more!

Age: 3½ to 6 years
Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Through Sept. 28

\$52 Resident, \$57 Non-resident



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.* 

## **Personal Training for Results**

he Golden Community Center offers a variety of personal trainers with experience in preventive and post injury workouts, core stability, weight loss and sports training. Learn how to teach your body to function more efficiently and effectively. Build strength, burn calories and start seeing results the kind that keep you committed to regular fitness workouts. Whether you want to lose weight, get strong, or improve your health, our professional personal trainers can help you make it happen.

Our personal trainers also offer body composition testing to analyze body fat percentage, lean weight percentage and circumference measurements to track progress. Body composition sessions are 30 minutes and do not interfere with a one-hour session with a trainer. Our trainers will discuss your diet and offer suggestions for changes to achieve your goals.



Personal Training Package prices are available at <a href="https://www.cityofgolden.net/personaltraining">www.cityofgolden.net/personaltraining</a>.

Several options are available including private or semi-private sessions. In a semi-private, get three to five of your friends together and increase your accountability! Pick up

a Personal Training Request Packet at the Front Desk of the Community Center or visit <a href="www.cityofgolden.net/personaltraining">www.cityofgolden.net/personaltraining</a> and click on the Personal Training Packet link. Request a trainer who is right for you or allow us to find the best fit based on your fitness goals.

### Day Out with Thomas

Thomas the Tank Engine is celebrating his 65th birthday at the Colorado Railroad Museum! All Thomas fans are invited to come spend the day with their favorite No. 1 engine during the last three weekends in September.

Each year about 24,000 people go to visit Thomas at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 West 44th Ave. in Golden. The Engine is considered the "rock star" of the pre-school set, according to



Thomas the Tank Engine chugs down the tracks in Golden. Photo courtesy of the Colorado Railroad Museum.

Executive Director Donald Tallman. "Thomas is an event that brings the

whole family together. I've seen grandparents, parents and kids alike, all who know the Thomas character. He brings out the kid in all of us."

A visit will get you the opportunity to ride behind Thomas. There are also a variety of other activities including a petting zoo, magician, singalong, tattoo area and tons of food. For more information, call 303-279-4591 or visit www. ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.



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, sports, social events, trips and volunteer activities.

Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.

#### For more information:

- Stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Community Center, 1470 10th St.;
- Call 303-384-8130;
- Subscribe to the Front Porch Newsletter (\$8/year);
- Check out the Recreation brochure; or
- Visit <u>www.cityofgolden.net/</u> frontporch

### Here's what's happening this month:

#### Celebrate Health!

Fridays, Sept. 3 and Oct. 1

We will have free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies.

Call 303-384-8130 to make your appointment.

#### Receive the Front Porch News online!

Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at <a href="www.cityofgolden.net">www.cityofgolden.net</a> (Active Older Adults) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

#### TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS MONTH...

#### Beginner I Adult Hoop - #37100

No experience necessary! Increase your balance, rhythm, and flow while learning fun hoop moves.

Age: 17 years and older, Min/Max: 4/12 Wednesdays, 7 to 7:55 p.m. Sept. 8 to Sept. 29 \$32 Resident, \$37 Non-resident

#### Spanish for Travelers - #37200

All instructors are native Spanish speakers with years of experience teaching Spanish as a second language. The Sonrisas Curriculum will be utilized.

Age: 15 years and older, Min/Max: 4/12 Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9 to Dec. 2 (12 weeks)

- No class Thanksgiving. \$180 Resident, \$185 Non-resident

#### **SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

#### Rockies vs Diamondbacks - #35010

Sunday, Sept. 12 - Register/Cancel by Sept. 7 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$27 (van, parking, admission)

#### 50+ Pottery - #38040

Learn the techniques of centering and completing wheelthrown vessels, along with hand slumping, coiling and making pinch pots. The class also includes experience with greenware, bisqueware, and the glazing process. Clay provided.

Age: 50 years and older, Min/Max: 5/9 Thursdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. (1) Aug. 26 to Oct. 21 (2) Oct. 28 to Dec. 16 \$105 Resident. \$110 Non-resident

#### AARP Driver's Safety Program - #15118-2

This class is co-sponsored by AARP and the Golden Community Center. Pre-registration is required and accepted at the Front Desk to secure your spot. Must be 55 or older to participate. Checks payable to AARP.

Age: 55 and older, Min/Max: 6/20 Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 18 and 19, must attend both days \$12 Resident, \$14 Non-Resident

#### Adult Tap Beginners/Intermediate

This is a fun, high energy, social class for those that want to brush up on their skills and/or improve their skill level. This is also a great way to burn off a few calories! Bring your own tap shoes. Classes will be offered monthly September through May. Fee is \$40/\$45. If 60+ years old, take off \$5 per month.

# Fire Safety & Juint Prevention Day

Come join us for a free safety event that will be fun & educational for the whole family!

Saturday September 11th, 2010 9am-1pm Golden Fire Station #1 911 10th Street

### Things to see and do:

- UCH fire safety puppet show with child-sized puppets!
- Car seat check station!
- Fire and burn safety education stations!
- Tour a fire truck, ambulance, & state patrol crash car!
- Free coloring books, safety materials, give-aways & refreshments!



FUN!









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