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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

FLU SHOTS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER
It's time to start thinking about getting your flu shot. The City of Golden will offer flu shots to the public for $25 from 7 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the Golden Community Center, 1445 10th St.

Payment can be made with cash, check or participating insurance. Insurance being accepted for the shots include: Medicare Part B (as primary insurance), UHC AARP (formerly Secure Horizons), Rocky Mountain Health Plan, Aetna, Great West and Humana Gold. Kaiser Permanente can not be accepted at this clinic.

Children must be at least four (4) years old to take part and children under 18 years old must have a parent with them. Vaccination is still the best way to prevent getting influenza and vaccination is recommended for almost everyone.

COUNCIL CONSIDERING DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE
For the past several years, City Council, Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) and interested boards and commissions have been working to make downtown Golden the vibrant heart of our community that we enjoy today. With the anticipated phasing out of GURA's funding role downtown in 2015, Council has been discussing the establishment of a resident and business stakeholder task force to evaluate a possible successor entity to continue our community support and enhancement of downtown. This task force would play a crucial role in recommending the best way to continue our downtown enhancement efforts. Watch the City website at www.cityofgolden.net for more details about the task force, member eligibility, and schedule.

BE INVOLVED IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN GOLDEN
Three Historic Preservation Board regular member appointments and one alternate appointment are open. Applicants must be residents of the City of Golden and fill out an application form available on Golden’s website www.cityofgolden.net, under the Government tab, or by contacting the City Clerk’s Office, at clerks@cityofgolden.net or by calling 303-384-8014. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for the Study Session on Sept. 20. Appointments are for four (4) years. Applications are due to the City Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13. More information can be found on the City website or by contacting the Planning and Development Department at 303-384-8097.

E-DAY FIREWORKS TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED
The hot spring meant no fireworks during the annual Colorado School of Mines E-Days Festivities. Fall should bring weather more suitable for hosting a fireworks display. As of this printing, Colorado School of Mines is planning to host their rescheduled fireworks program on Saturday, Sept. 29. This will be in conjunction with CSM’s homecoming festivities. For updated information throughout September, be sure to check CSM’s web site at www.mines.edu.
MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Back-To-School
By Mayor Marjorie Sloan

The long, casual days of summer have given way to the possibilities of a new school year. Although it’s
difficult to let go of summer informality, it’s exciting to watch Golden children and Colorado School
of Mines students get off to a good start: learning new information and skills, building friendships, sharing
experiences, and joining clubs or teams.

Even those of us who have no children in school realize that the better Golden’s young people do in school,
the more they will contribute to our community life—now and in the future. Excellent schools provide a well-
educated work force, attract good businesses, and continue to raise our property values. Support of our local
schools, therefore, is a priority of Golden City Council.

Golden public schools are in the Jeffco Public Schools system, the largest school district in Colorado.
Recently, Superintendent Cindy Stevenson, School Board President Lesley Dahlkemper, Golden High School
Principal Brian Conroy, Bell Middle School Principal Bridget Jones, and Mitchell Principal Samantha Hollman
joined council at a study session to explore partnerships between the city and the schools. Though we shared
many ideas, one basic theme emerged: it’s important for individual residents to learn about the school system,
its advantages, and its needs. Principal Conroy, a former history teacher, spoke of this responsibility in terms of
the traditional social contract between one generation and the next. As each graduating class leaves school, it
commits to ensuring a quality education for those who follow.

The Jeffco school system has a tradition of excellence. The 2011-12 Transitional Colorado Assessment
Program test results show Jeffco outperforming the state in all grade levels and content areas — reading,
writing, math and science. The district is tied for the second best graduation rate of the fifty largest school
districts in the United States. Yet since the 2009-2010 school year, the district’s operational budget has been
reduced by over $63 million and per-child spending reduced by $761. A panel of educators and others will
provide additional school-related information and address questions at a forum sponsored by the Rotary Club of
Golden from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, in City Council chambers, 911 10th St. Because widespread
knowledge about Jeffco schools is in the best interests of our children, our residents, and our community, it will
be great to see a large attendance.

As for the Colorado School of Mines, the freshmen class sets a number of university records, including the
highest SAT and ACT scores, largest number of women and minority students, and the largest enrollment to
date. The 960 freshmen spent Aug. 20 continuing a century-old tradition--carrying 10-pound rocks to the top
of Mt. Zion and whitewashing the iconic mountainside “M.” Throughout the school year, they will add their
youthful vitality to our city’s public spaces.

I wish a great school year to all of Golden’s students, from the youngest (this year’s kindergarteners who will
graduate from high school as the Class of 2025) to the oldest (perhaps non-traditional students at the Colorado
School of Mines).
You are invited to Golden’s annual State of the Community Address and Awards for Excellence, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Fossil Trace Golf Club, 3050 Illinois St. The event is presented jointly by the City of Golden and the Rotary Club of Golden and is also sponsored by many Golden civic organizations. There will be light refreshments; musical entertainment; a mayor’s presentation reflecting on our City’s successes, opportunities, and challenges; and awards highlighting and celebrating community contributions by Golden residents, organizations, and businesses.

All are welcome. Advance tickets may be purchased for $10 online prior to Oct. 1 at www.goldenrotary.org/mayorsevent. They may also be purchased at the door for $15 (cash only).

An awards committee is still accepting nominations of those who have improved life in Golden, but who have not necessarily been recognized for their efforts. The committee will single out individuals, organizations, or businesses that make exceptional contributions, take initiative, exercise leadership, solve problems, create community value, and serve as role models. Nominations should explain the contribution the nominee makes to Golden.

Completed nominations for these awards are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6. They may be submitted through the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/MayorsAwards, returned by email to Denise Hish at DHish@cityofgolden.net, or mailed or brought to City Hall, 911 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401.

Discussing the Future of Golden’s Schools

Funding for education has taken a severe hit with the state of the economy. But Golden’s community leaders do not want education in our area to suffer from a lack of resources. That is why they are hosting a discussion to find out what our schools really need and how we can all help them get it.

The Rotary Club of Golden is the sponsor and organizer of this panel discussion that will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 911 10th St. The six-member panel will consist of three local school principals, one PTSA president, the chairman of the Golden Schools Foundation and the Golden Mayor.

Rotary members feel that this subject is of critical interest to our community, and want to give educators and others close to our schools the opportunity to express their views to the public. The panel will discuss the current quality of education in our schools, as well as the outlook for the future. The effects of recent funding reductions will be addressed, along with other factors affecting our schools’ ability to provide students the learning needed to have bright futures.

Residents are encouraged to attend this event. You will have the opportunity to submit questions to the panel members after the formal discussion ends. For more information call Tom Hughes at 303-278-2823 or Russ Sindt at 303-988-5551.
In 2003, Golden citizens and City leaders came together to outline a vision for improving transportation within the City. The result of a year of study and extensive community discussions, including nine public meetings and hundreds of citizen comments, this plan was unanimously adopted by City Council. Created with technical assistance from Muller Engineering (and, as a result, sometimes known as the Muller Plan), it offered a way to keep traffic impacts and noise within reasonable levels while connecting neighborhoods and preserving the natural and historic beauty of the area. Traffic would move smoothly and safely through upgrades or realignments of existing roads.

The City is working intensively to update this plan to ensure it represents Golden’s continuing vision for sensible and thoughtful transportation planning and reflects how the region and its transportation needs have evolved.

But there are two challenges that good planning alone cannot address:
1) Golden lacks sufficient money to fully implement the plan and would need outside funding.
2) Golden is impacted by decisions made outside of its boundaries and so the City is not in complete control of its destiny. In fact, even Golden’s ability to influence transportation planning within its city limits was threatened by the so-called BEEP Act, which was floated in the Colorado Legislature earlier this year. While thoughtful state and regional leaders rejected that overreaching legislation (which could have paved the way for the Jefferson Parkway toll road through Golden), similar proposals may be on the horizon.

City Council believes the time has come to bring the community together again to revisit these transportation issues and reach a shared community vision for how to move forward.

Energetic citizen engagement is the foundation of good public policy so we want to use both new technology and traditional avenues of communication to ensure that everyone in the city can stay informed and share their views on this important topic. (To learn more, see the accompanying article, Opportunities to Learn About City Transportation Challenges and Provide Feedback).

This effort will not replace efforts by individual City Councilors to engage with their constituents but is rather designed to supplement those communications.

We hope you’ll be able to join us in this important community-wide conversation.
This month, the City is providing several opportunities for Golden residents to get the latest information about transportation developments and to participate in the City’s transportation planning.

To kick off the discussion, the Golden City Council will hear from transportation officials at the City Council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13. The conversation will highlight the challenges and concerns related to transportation projects in Colorado, our region and here in Golden. The idea is to provide important broad context about the insufficient funds on federal, state and local levels, to fund transportation needs in Golden and throughout the state.

Tax increases are always a tough sell, especially at the state level, and Coloradans are likely to be less receptive than ever to tax increases during this challenging economic period.

One alternative to taxes that remains a constant presence on the shortlist of transportation funding options is tolls, which have underwritten the costs of E-470 and the Northwest Parkway and would provide at least some funding for the proposed Jefferson Parkway.

A variation of toll roads is “managed lanes,” specific lanes within a highway available to those who want to bypass traffic, often in exchange for paying a toll. Managed lanes provide a hybrid of tolled lanes and free lanes.

These options will be discussed in more detail at the Council meeting on Sept. 13. Residents are encouraged to attend this session at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, 911 10th St. The meeting will also be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 8 in Golden and a webcast will be available at www.cityofgolden.net.

Golden residents are also encouraged to attend one of two open houses on the City’s transportation plan. The open houses will take place between 5:30 and 8 p.m.; residents may arrive at any time within that window, as there is no formal presentation, just conversation. This is an opportunity for citizens to also provide comments.

You are encouraged to attend:
• Monday, Sept. 24 at Fossil Trace Golf Club, 3050 Illinois St.
• Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

If you can’t make the open houses, the City will also hold an interactive web presentation. It will take place online at 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1. You will be able to find a link for this webinar on the homepage of www.GetTheFactsGolden.org, which remains the online hub for information about Golden’s transportation planning and related developments.

Transportation Planning Rooted in Golden Vision 2030

Through the City’s most inclusive process ever, Golden Vision 2030 created strong consensus about the community values and goals that will guide City planning. The City will use this values-based approach, adopted by City Council in December of 2010, as it updates and refines its transportation plan.

The guiding principles of Golden Vision 2030, responsive government and controlled and directed change, form the backbone of this effort.

• Responsive government recognizes and respects the needs of the community while welcoming community participation.
• Controlled and directed change assures smart growth by managing transportation and development while preserving the City’s small town character.

Key values established through this process also support transportation planning, particularly:
• Value Theme A: An accessible and walkable community. Accessibility for all modes of transportation and walkability are important for a complete transportation system.
• Value Theme C: Safe, clean, quiet neighborhoods. Our commitment to safe and quiet neighborhoods will continue to shape our policy for regional and local roadways.
• Value Theme E: Convenience and community amenities. Convenience and community amenities include the broad availability of a variety of quality transportation options.
Mark your calendars for a fun-filled safety event for the entire family. The Golden Fire Department, along with the University of Colorado Hospital, will host Fire Safety & Injury Prevention Day. This event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Golden Fire Station #1, 911 10th St.

The event will include up close and personal fire truck tours, fire safety puppet shows, car seat checks and much more. There will also be an opportunity to learn about wildfire prevention and mitigation. Come enjoy activities and safety education for all ages. There will also be drawings for door prizes. For more information, contact Kevin Kirby at the Golden Fire Department at 303-215-8886 or kkirby@cityofgolden.net.

Kids enjoy getting a look inside all of the different kinds of vehicles the Fire Department owns.

So far this year, there have been a dozen small grants awarded by the City of Golden. For the most part, small grant monies are used by residents to hold block parties and in other ways designed to bring communities together.

This year the city received an unusual request by Bell Middle School to host a social for kids and families who are participating in a new advanced learning program. iSTEM (Innovation in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) is designed to develop a student’s ability to think critically, communicate clearly and solve complex problems. With a focus on local and global issues, student leaders use a rigorous and innovative science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and language arts curriculum to accomplish their goals.

The iSTEM program is an idea fostered from the Golden Schools Foundation (GSF), and according to the application, is designed to help keep Golden students in Golden. The GSF is dedicated to the vision of encouraging excellence, high performance and accountability in our articulation area schools such that over 95 percent of Golden students choose to attend their neighborhood schools. The application states, “We believe iSTEM is an incentive and an asset not only to Golden middle school students, but to our Golden neighborhood at large.”

In this inaugural year for the program, 60 students from the Golden school articulation area were chosen to participate. According to the grant application, “The goal for the social is to welcome all 60 students and their families to the program, establish common ground via shared pride in our Golden community and secure the program’s success by gaining student and family commitment and involvement to the iSTEM program.”

The mission of the grant fit well with City Council’s goal of making education a priority, with increased emphasis on Golden’s schools and engaging citizens with their own ideas to support Golden schools.

For more information on small grants, contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014 or email sbrooks@cityofgolden.net.
A Fruitful Harvest

On August 2, student volunteers from local schools and foreign exchange students from Prague, in the Czech Republic, planted fruit trees and water conserving shrubs as part of a water-wise educational area at the Golden Public Works Building. A local chapter of CISV International, which focuses on bringing students from around the globe together to focus on sustainability and being good stewards of the earth, provided the volunteer teens. Fourteen youth, ages 13 to 15, including Bell Middle School student and Golden resident, Noah Ewers, helped to plant plum, cherry, apricot, and apple trees along a pathway from the Golden Community Center to the Community Garden. The area also features other native, xeric, or low-water shrubs and grasses and water-efficient non-potable drip irrigation. The fruit trees will be available to the public for picking fruit as early as next summer. Residents are encouraged to stroll through the area and learn about climate-wise landscapes in Golden.

“LEED-ing” The Way For Green Buildings

An example of the City’s commitment to sustainable buildings, the City’s first green building construction project is now complete and open to the public. The renovation of the Public Works building at 1445 10th St. used the latest energy efficient building techniques and is projected to exceed the City’s LEED Silver standard, as certified through the U.S. Green Building Council. Several of the green building elements include:

- **Reuse** of an old maintenance facility and in the spirit of the energy conservation goals, the project adheres to a responsibility of reducing, not expanding, the City’s energy consumption footprint.
- **Reduced lighting power** by more than 20% below the minimum standards by using LEDs, CFLs, and occupancy sensors.
- **Diversion of 50 percent construction waste** from the Foothills Landfill and will reuse asphalt and concrete in the City’s paving program.
- **Green Energy.** The City has committed 100 percent of its annual electricity use in this building to be provided by green power for at least two years. The purchase of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) will offset conventional electricity with a combination of wind, biomass, small hydroelectric, and geothermal power.
- **Healthy building** components including low VOC paint, adhesives, furniture and flooring and an efficient ventilation system for indoor air quality.
- **Restored Landscape.** More than 60 percent of the site was reverted back to native vegetation, reducing imperviousness and increasing water quality of stormwater runoff.
- **Native and Water-conserving Plants.** The landscaping features native trees, xeric plants, and a fruit orchard – all irrigated with an extremely efficient non-potable drip system.

DID YOU KNOW?

Some fruit species such as apricots or peaches are ‘self-fruitful.’ The ‘self-fruitful’ varieties do not require pollinizing. Other trees like cherries, apples and plums require cross-pollinization. Having a variety should produce a good fruit set for the home orchard.
Through Sept. 29

American Idols
Five contestants decide to launch their own tour after being passed up for the reality shows. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. Visit www.hsmusichall.com or call 303-279-7800 for tickets and show times.

Every Saturday through Oct. 1

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

Through Oct. 25

Under the Gaslight
Cheer for the hero, boo the villain, it’s melodrama at its finest. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. Visit www.hsmusichall.com or call 303-279-7800 for tickets and show times.

Every Saturday through Oct. 27

Clear Creek History Park
Story Time
Spend half an hour listening to stories about 1800s life from costumed readers, complete different activities and crafts each week. For ages 2-6 and adult chaperones are required. 2 p.m. at the Clear Creek History Park, 11th and Arapahoe streets. For more information, call 303-278-3557 or visit www.GoldenHistory.org.

Through Oct. 27

Evolutions Quilt Challenge and Politics as Usual

Sept. 1

Coffee with a Councilor
Join members of your city council for a cup of coffee. This month the main topic is regional transportation and potential impacts to Golden. 9 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd., Unit D. For more information, contact Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

Sept. 3

Labor Day

Sept. 6 and 20

MOPS
Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is a support group for mothers with children from birth to kindergarten. First and third Thursdays of every month through April, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1805 Washington Ave. For more information call 303-279-4605 or visit www.fbcgolden.org under Families.

Sept. 7

First Friday Street Fair
The First Friday Street Fair includes entertainment, discount food from local restaurants and much more. On Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

Sept. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23

Day Out with Thomas
Thomas the Tank Engine comes to the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. From 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $18 for ages 2 and up, and usually sell out so order in advance. For tickets and information call 303-279-4591 or visit www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.

Sept. 10

Golden Community Choirs
Fall season begins for the Golden Concert Choir. For singers ages 14 to adult. The Children’s Choir is for kids grades 2nd through 8th. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings at the First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. For more information, call Judy Denison at 303-279-5177 or visit www.goldencommunitychoirs.org.

Sept. 15 through Oct. 20

39th Annual Rocky Mountain National Watermedia exhibition
This nationally-recognized water-
media exhibition brings together artists from who create original works using watercolor. Be surprised and intrigued by paintings that push the boundaries of this exciting and accessible medium. This show is juried by internationally acclaimed artist and teacher, Carole Barnes, heralded as the “Acrylic Teacher of the Year” by American Artist Magazine, who looked for paintings that possessed “the potential to stop us, to slow us down, and let us see and feel anew.” For information, go to www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

Sept. 16
Benefit for Rooney Road Recycling Center
Live music, food and drink and a silent auction benefitting 3RC Foundation/Rooney Road Recycling Center. The “So Long to Summer Soiree” is from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Solterra Retreat. For information or to order tickets, visit www.rooneyroadrecycling.org.

Sept. 22
First Day of Autumn

Sept. 23
Coyote 5k Classic
A 5k race and 1 mile fun run to benefit the Shelton Elementary Science and Technology Fund. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. For information or to register visit www.coypote5kclassic.com or call Julie at 303-546-6080.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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

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

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
Sept. 5, 2012 ........................ 9 to 10 a.m.
Oct. 3, 2012 ........................ 9 to 10 a.m.

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

The City of Golden is hosting a FREE Building Use Tax Workshop taught by our professional staff of auditors. Class is 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 10th St.
November 7, 2012 . .. 9 to 10 a.m.

Class is free, but space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
The Golden Police Department extends a big thanks to everyone who came out to Parfet Park for Golden’s 15th annual Night Out in the Park, as part of National Night Out on Aug. 7. It was a perfect night for a big neighborhood party. The hundreds that gathered for the event were entertained by amateur emcee, Sgt. Ryan Custer, along with great music, face painting, free hot dogs and root beer float, and a lot of generous prizes. A special thanks to all of the businesses that participated. Together, they donated nearly $7,800 worth of merchandise, gift cards and certificates.

Community Makes National Night Out a Success

We Value Our Community Partners:

- American Mountaineering Center
- Ace High Tavern
- Anthony’s Pizza
- Aspen Ridge Animal Hospital
- April’s Hair Salon
- Avenue Gifts
- Baby Doe’s
- Bank of the West
- Blue Canyon Bar & Grill
- Charles & Carol Baroch
- Buffalo Rose
- Canyon Point Wine & Spirits
- Colorado Railroad Museum
- Creekside Jewelers
- Del’s Tonsorial Parlor
- Denver West Towing
- El Dorado Mexican Restaurant
- Fleur de Lis
- Ford Street Salon
- Foss Liquors
- Gene Bauer Goldsmith
- Golden Auto Clinic
- Golden City Brewery
- Golden Frames
- Golden History Museums
- The Golden Hotel
- Golden Mill
- Golden Village Liquors
- Goodyear
- Higher Grounds
- Indulge
- Jimmy John’s
- Key Bank
- King Soopers
- Metro Barber Shop
- Meyer Hardware
- Old Capitol Grill
- Paninos
- Papa Murphy’s
- Pizza Hut
- Performance Plus Auto Service
- Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum
- Rose Cleaners
- Sherpa House
- Silver Horse
- Spirits in the Wind
- Spyderco
- Starbucks South
- Table Mountain Inn
- US Bank
- Three Tomatoes Restaurant
- Woody’s Wood-Fired Pizza

Top: Golden’s Police Chief, Bill Kilpatrick, gets into the fun each year with shark face paint.

Above: Golden High School’s Cheerleaders catch a photo op with Cheezo, the District Attorney’s Office crime-fighting cat.

The 10-foot tall police officer is a big hit with the children every year.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, Sept. 7 & Oct. 5
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.

- Chair massages.................$13 for 15 minutes
- Reflexology sessions ..........$13 for 15 minutes
- Footcare with Chalyce ......$20 per 15 minutes

Receive the Front Porch News Online!
Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

FREE Seminars Available!
Affordable Healthcare
Dr. Vince Markovchick will offer information in two sessions to provide an in depth understanding of our current health care system, how the $2.6 trillion spent annually on healthcare is generated and expended, the current state of Medicare, and a discussion on the Affordable Care Act.

- Wednesday, Sept. 12, 6 -7:30p.m.
- Current state of the healthcare system
- Wednesday, Sept. 19, 6 -7:30p.m.
- Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance and the Affordable Care Act

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

The Lucky Three Ranch - #25040-1
www.luckythreeranch.com
Located in Loveland, this working ranch in the classic western tradition houses some of the finest mules and donkeys in the country. It is also home to the Loveland Longears Museum & bronze Sculpture Park. We will have lunch after visiting the ranch.

- Thursday, Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- $20 (van, tour included)
- Exertion Level: 3
- Register/Cancel by Sept. 11.

White Fence Farms - #25041-1
www.whitefencefarm-co.com
We’ll enjoy a fabulous dinner, the lovely grounds and musical entertainment.

- Thursday, Sept. 20, 4:30 to 8 p.m.
- $9 (van only, bring money for dinner)
- Exertion Level: 1
- Register/Cancel by Sept. 10.

Hiwan Homestead Museum Tour and Outdoor Quilt Festival - #25042-1
http://hiwan.jeffco.us
Six generations of notable families lived in this rustic mountain lodge before it became a museum in 1974. We will take a tour and see all of the quilts on display.

- Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- $10 (van only, bring money for lunch)
- Exertion Level: 3
- Register/Cancel by Sept. 27.
The Golden Informer

On Sunday, Oct. 7 the Golden Gallop returns, but with a new route and a new beneficiary. The new Golden Gallop will start under the Welcome Arch and end in Parfet Park, covering a course of 5.280 miles, with proceeds now going to the Golden Schools Foundation (GSF).

Golden residents Gretchen Guerra and her husband Don started the Golden Gallop in 2006 to help raise awareness for Pancreatic Cancer after losing her father to the disease. The event, which includes a 5K/10K run/walk has steadily grown over the years. When they wanted to step back from organizing the race, they thought about its future and, not wanting it to leave Golden, decided to “give” their successful race to another organization.

Guerra was familiar with GSF and, as a former teacher, she knew they were strengthening our children’s education, and she hoped GSF and the event would come together.

“We hoped that Golden Schools Foundation would see taking on the Golden Gallop as the same perfect fit as we did,” said Guerra. “It’s an event that benefits the community directly, while complementing the healthy lifestyle that is ever apparent in Golden.”

When Guerra started the race, she also wanted to follow her dad’s philosophy of life, “To leave the world better than you found it.” She is confident that between the work of the Golden Gallop committee and the City of Golden, and the support of the volunteers and participants, that is exactly what will happen.


The Foothills Animal Shelter (FAS) has recently launched an exciting new program to bring affordable services to where they are needed most.

A Simple Fix is Foothills Animal Shelter’s Mobile Surgery Unit, providing subsidized spay/neuter procedures for cats and dogs at convenient locations throughout the community. FAS sees this as a win-win situation, as they can help control the pet population and pet owners can avoid the added financial hardships of caring for litters, as well as health and behavior problems that can be typical of unaltered pets.

Prices are just $20 for cat/spay/neuters and $60 for dog spay/neuters and patients are seen on a first come, first served basis. Microchips, vaccines and licenses can also be purchased for an additional fee. Due to space limitations, the mobile unit can only accommodate dogs less than 65 pounds. Additionally, animals need to be healthy and under the age of five. Pets can be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m., with same-day pick-up between 3 and 4 p.m.

The Mobile Surgery Unit is made possible by the support of the Animal Assistance Foundation. For more information about A Simple Fix and to see details about where the unit will be heading in the community, visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/SimpleFix.

Golden Gallop Gets New Beneficiary

The Golden Gallop
Sunday October 7, 2012
5.280 miles

FAS Mobile Clinic
A Run for Science

Shelton Elementary school students in Golden now have access to a state-of-the-art science lab. The school recently retrofitted a rarely used classroom into a new Discovery Science Lab that is available for the first time this school year. The lab is equipped with hands-on experiments and will effectively double the time that Shelton students are exposed to science education.

Establishing a dedicated science facility during a time of unprecedented school budget cuts required forward thinking and creativity by Principal Peggy Griebenow.

“I firmly believe that young students need access to engaging, inquiry-based science curricula in order to foster a life-long curiosity and passion for science,” said Griebenow, who recognizes that science achievement among elementary students in the U.S. is inadequate.

At Shelton, teachers will be able to use the lab for both long-term, multidisciplinary student projects and for class demonstrations. A volunteer lab coordinator and parent volunteers will coordinate and maintain the lab.

Preliminary funding for the lab came from the Shelton PTSA and a small private grant. The remainder of the costs will come from proceeds of the third annual Coyote 5K Classic and 1 mile fun run on Sunday, Sept. 23. In the first two years, the Coyote 5K Classic hosted over 600 runners and walkers in one of the most scenic and challenging Front Range courses. More importantly, the first two events raised over $12,000 with all of the money going to the Shelton Elementary Science and Technology Fund to purchase new computers.

This year, all money raised will go toward funding the Discovery Science Lab. To participate in the Coyote 5K Classic, or to donate or sponsor the event, go to www.coyote5kclassic.com or contact Julie Kerwin at 303-546-6080.

GOLDEN TO HOST STATE CONFERENCE

City representatives from across the state will be meeting to talk about revitalizing Colorado’s downtowns… and it only makes sense for them to meet in a city that is the perfect example of how great a downtown can be…Golden!

The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) will host the three-day conference on Sept. 12 to 14, and Golden citizens and businesses can attend and/or sponsor this event.

Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) is a nonprofit, membership association committed to building better communities by providing assistance to Colorado downtowns, commercial districts and town centers. DCI provides four core services to organizations and individuals engaged in downtown and commercial district development: technical assistance, education, advocacy and program participation.

This year’s conference, expected to draw at least 250 people from across the state, is organized around the theme of partnerships: Design, Develop and Deliver: Partnerships for Shaping Vital Downtowns. The conference will have dozens of innovative sessions on this theme, as well as walking tours, dine-arounds, networking events, sponsor/exhibitor gallery, silent auctions with items from across Colorado, and the Governor’s Awards for Downtown Excellence Gala.

This year, the Gala will be at the Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Ave.

For more information about the event and sponsorship, please visit www.downtowncoloradoinc.org.
Swimming Lessons
Fall swimming lessons are open for registration! Visit http://rec.cityofgolden.net for more information and class times.

Fossil Trace Golf Club Instruction
All lesson packages are tailored to each student’s ability and goals and include a limited complimentary range pass. Semi-Private and Junior Private Packages are also available. Private Lessons may be scheduled by visiting http://fossiltrace.uschedule.com, or by calling the Fossil Trace Golf Shop at 303-277-8750. To assist in the learning process, private lessons will use V1 Golf computerized video analysis.

Junior Golf Clinic
Each of the four 1-hour sessions will cover various aspects of the game including full swing and short game (chipping, pitching & putting), basic rules, golf etiquette and fun practice games.

Junior Golf Clinics on Saturdays
Ages 5-7
$90 per junior golfer
Sept. 15, 22, 29 & Oct. 6 8 - 9 a.m.
Ages 8-12
$90 per junior golfer
Sept. 15, 22, 29 & Oct. 6 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Golf Clinic
Designed to give the beginner/intermediate golfer specialized training in various areas of the game, including learning and building solid fundamentals of the golf swing, short game (chipping, pitching & putting), developing practice habits, basic rules and etiquette.

Tuesday/Thursday, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Sept. 18, 20, 25 & 27
$150 per student

Women Only Golf Clinic
Designed for beginner women and covers basics of the game including grip, stance, alignment, posture and basic swing mechanics.

Monday/Wednesday, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Sept. 17, 19, 24 & 26
$150 per student

***Participants in Adult or Women Only clinics will receive a pass for a 9-hole green fee, cart and complimentary range balls.***

Beautiful Art of Henna
Learn how to trace your own designs and apply them to the skin, then use Henna to create a design that will last 1-3 weeks. You will receive your own cone of Henna paste and magic pencil to take home.

Age: 13 years and older
Saturday, 1 -3 p.m.
Sept. 15
$25 Resident, $28 Non-resident

Love & Logic Parenting
A common-sense approach to parenting that provides parents with easy to learn skills that create respect, responsibility and good decision making in youth.

"Love & Logic for Parenting Children Ages Birth to 6 Years Old"
Saturday, 9 - 11 a.m.
Sept. 22 - Oct. 20
$105 Resident,
$110 Non-resident
$125 Resident couple,
$130 Non-resident couple

"Love & Logic for Parenting Children 7 Years and Older"
Saturday, 2 - 4 p.m.
Sept. 15 - Oct. 27
$145 Resident,
$150 Non-resident
$165 Resident couple,
$170 Non-resident couple

Spanish for Travelers
Perfect for learning Spanish basics to communicate. All instructors are native Spanish speakers with experience teaching Spanish as a second language.

Age: 13 years and older
Thursday, 6 - 7 p.m.
Sept. 20 - Dec. 13 (12 weeks)
No class Nov. 22.
$180 Resident,
$185 Non-resident
With our busy lives, we just want to run errands as quickly and effortlessly as we can. We drive to where we always have driven or to the loudest promotion. Too often, this results in purchases outside of Golden. The folks behind “BUY GOLDEN” would like to change that by asking you to try Golden first.

Why BUY GOLDEN?
Buying in Golden has many advantages for the local economy and our community as a whole:

- When you buy Golden you keep your tax dollars in your community. Sales taxes are the main revenue source used to maintain all the cool things we like about our city as well as all the things that just need to work well, like sewers, snow plowing, police, and fire.
- Plentiful and free parking, including two free parking structures.
- Save time and gas. Run your errands here and spend the time saved doing what you actually want to do, not what you have to do.
- It’s good for you. By driving less, you will pollute less, breathe less pollution, and you will probably walk or ride more.
- Buying Golden allows you to know your local business owners. As friends, they will treat you better, find the things you want, and volunteer in the community.
- Finally, buying Golden creates jobs for our friends, neighbors and family right here in our community.

Where is Golden?
The Golden ZIP codes are much, much bigger than our actual city boundary. Many folks would be surprised to learn that Heritage Square and Interplaza (Kohls, Home Depot, etc.) are within the Golden city limits, but Colorado Mills Mall and Denver West (Whole Foods, Bed Bath & Beyond, etc.) are in Lakewood. The stretch of South Golden Road after King Soopers until Denver West/I-70 is actually unincorporated Jefferson County. While it is tempting and convenient to travel just beyond Golden’s border, or go to the internet, try to find what you need here first. You might be pleasantly surprised.

Re-discover Golden
Golden has a unique character and a surprising diversity of options for a town of its size. Here is the main idea: think of Golden first whenever you are going to spend your money. Not just for merchandise, restaurants, and groceries, but also for professional services, contractors, entertainment, and business conferences.

To help you re-discover your home town, our friends at Golden.com will email you a brief message about a local business or event every day. Sign up at www.golden.com/subscribe.

What if I can't buy in Golden?
If you have tried to find something, but it’s just not available in town, please let us know by sending an email to bizideas@cityofgolden.net. We’ll keep that idea on file and work to make it happen.

Who is BUY GOLDEN?
A group of merchants, cultural organizations, a few volunteer citizens, and employees of the City of Golden and the Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) have been gradually building this program for a few years. Primarily funded through GURA, the group is attempting to promote local commerce from the bottom up with very little direct government support.

BUY GOLDEN is also YOU. Volunteering, community participation, and word-of-mouth have been and will be the key to success. Check out www.golden.com/buygolden.
In 2013, Golden History Museums celebrates its 75th anniversary. To mark the important occasion, we’re planning a series of events, exhibits, and programs.

We’re kicking things off with the **Golden Memories Project**, a program designed to highlight and share our vast photo collection with the Golden community. This multi-year program has five important concurrent goals: consolidate data, catalog our photographs, digitize images, provide access to visitors, and grow our collection.

Some in the community may recall that the museums went through a management change four years ago. A legal dispute about the ownership of the museums’ collection was litigated. Despite a ruling in favor of the city, much of the documentation regarding the history and location of many of the items was damaged or destroyed. The whereabouts of the photograph collection, which had been publically accessible, remained unknown for several months.

Although we might never fully know the extent of what had been removed from the collection, we are happy to announce that seven large binders of historic photos were found in collections storage. We’ve now begun the labor-intensive task of inventorying, cataloging, and digitizing the collection. Once complete, the entire photo collection will be available online.

Last August, a small, skilled team of five volunteers started by helping us collate data from various locations while meticulously inventorying each photograph. Once each photograph is cataloged it is digitized and recorded into PastPerfect, a database designed especially for museum collections. We write descriptions, take measurements, assess condition, document donors, and record their location.

Later this fall, we plan to provide access to a portion of the photograph collection online (more about this in next month’s Informer). Generous support from the Golden Civic Foundation is helping make this possible.

We’re also growing the photograph collection by working with Golden families, businesses, and collectors to acquire significant photographs for the museum. Earlier this year GHM finalized a donation of 104 historic photographs from prominent Colorado collectors, Ed and Nancy Bathke.

Watch for updates over the coming months to learn about the progress on this fun and important project. And, if you think you have photographs that would be a good addition to the collection, please contact Curator Mark Dodge at info@goldenhistory.org.
The City of Golden raised its new official flag on Thursday, July 26, 2012. Special thanks go to Robert Flood for designing the flag, Boy Scout Troop 130 for raising the flag, and Donald Tallman for singing the National Anthem at the ceremony.

New Golden Flag Raised in Front of City Hall

Thomas the Tank Engine will be back at the Colorado Railroad Museum in September for the Mystery on the Railroad Tour of 2012. For Day Out With Thomas tickets and information, visit www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org.

ALL ABOARD!
It has been a memorable summer, and we look forward to seeing you at Golden’s fall activities too. Whether it is at the Farmers Market, First Friday Street Fair, museum hopping, shopping or dining; Golden has so much to offer everyone. When you live here, you know there’s two hours of fun, just two minutes from home. Visit Golden’s tourism website for a calendar full of events.

www.VisitGolden.com/events.html