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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS DAY
The Golden Fire Department in partnership with the University of Colorado Hospital Burn Unit is hosting the 4th annual Safety and Preparedness Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Golden Fire Station 1, 911 10th St.

This is a free safety event that will be fun and educational for people of all ages. Families can learn about fire safety, cooking safety, wildfire mitigation, car seat installation, fire hazards in the home and much more. Kids can enjoy face painting, puppet shows, an inflatable hazard house and they’ll get to see the fire trucks up close. There will also be refreshments, free activity books and door prizes throughout the event. Join us for this fun and important safety event.

CLEAR CREEK MANAGEMENT PLAN
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
Are you an avid user of Clear Creek? It isn’t too late to be involved and let your ideas be heard! Attend the upcoming Clear Creek Management Plan Public Meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1 in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St.

Always a popular destination, the Clear Creek Corridor experienced unprecedented use during the 2012 summer season due to low water levels coupled with extreme high temperatures. Staff began working with the National Park Service in 2013 to develop a Clear Creek Management Plan through a public engagement process. The goal of the plan was to establish a framework for managing the wide variety of recreational uses while balancing the need to restore and preserve the creek and its banks.

The initial step in the development of a plan was an Open House in February. The Open House provided an opportunity to explain the anticipated year long planning process and gain ideas and feedback on potential strategies for finding balance between recreational use and the preservation of Clear Creek.

The Open House was followed by two public workshops bringing various creek users together to discuss management strategies for the summer season as well as future planning efforts to keep Clear Creek a safe and wonderful place to play. The summer season was busy; enforcement was increased, a communication campaign launched and measures were taken to protect sensitive areas.

This final public meeting will review the data and ideas brought forth throughout the Management Plan public engagement process. It will allow opportunity for feedback and brainstorming and provide a framework for the Draft Clear Creek Management Plan.

For more information, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/ccmp.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE
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 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at the Golden Community Center, 1445 10th St.

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

You must be at least four 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.

Below is Golden City Council’s monthly calendar. Meetings are held on Thursdays and begin at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

Sept. 5
No meeting

Sept. 12
Regular Business Meeting

Sept. 19
No meeting

Sept. 26
Regular Business 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.
Savoring the month of September
By Councilor Marcie Miller

When I was a kid, I didn’t understand why January 1st was the beginning of the new year when it seemed so clear that all the really good new things happened in September. As August wound down, all hot and dusty, I was often bored. I had spent the summer riding my horse on North Table Mountain and inner tubing the irrigation ditch with my friends, pulling ripe plums off the overhanging boughs as we slipped past. But by late August, the ditch was dry, and it seemed as if I had exhausted myself with heat and sun. Maybe I had just used up all my fun tickets, because everything sure felt tired.

But then, in anticipation of school, we went shopping and my beleaguered mother got the three of us new school clothes and shoes, and bought us each a new Big Chief tablet, a pair of golden yellow number 2 pencils, and a pink rubber eraser. September brought a new teacher in a different classroom, and new friends mixed in with the people I’d known all my life. There were new resolutions to study hard and to try to be less of a dork. The slant of the light even felt new, as the days were growing shorter and the summer green was changing to orange and gold. September is my favorite month of all.

Living here in our amazing community, we are just coming out of a summer that was chock-full of fun things to see and do – downtown block parties (with a couple still to come), 4th of July in Lions Park, Buffalo Bill Days, the Fine Arts Festival, bicycle cruises, kayak events, Movies & Music in Parfet Park, the greatest Farmer’s Market ever (also with a few more Saturdays), the Golden Music Festival, and so much more! In this town, we definitely know how to throw a party, and when we do, people show up! People have come to visit us from all over the country – the world, even, and we have been fabulous hosts, sharing our beautiful creek, our picturesque downtown, and our friendly vibe.

But now it’s September, and it’s time for us to slow down, enjoy our community, reconnect with our neighbors, and begin again to appreciate why we live here. I spent a few years living in Hawai‘i, and while I loved it there, it made me realize that Golden is its own kind of paradise, especially in September. In a Colorado September, days seem so warm and sunny, while the nights are cool and crisp, and I just seem to sleep better. As we meander through the days toward Indian Summer, I always find it easier to just be in the moment, and not run so hard or so fast. It makes me think of the theme song from The Fantasticks:

“Try to remember the kind of September
When life was slow and oh, so mellow.
Try to remember the kind of September
When grass was green and grain was yellow.
Try to remember the kind of September
When you were a tender and callow fellow.
Try to remember, and if you remember,
Then follow…”

My summer was full of school’s-out fun, and I hope yours was too. But now, I’m ready to take late afternoon walks along the creek again, and visit with my neighbors and friends around town. The sky is shockingly blue and clear, and to see it through yellow leaves is, for me, one of life’s most perfect moments.

Enjoy your September!

Marcie Miller
Mayor’s 2013 Community Event

Building a Better Golden: People Who Make it Happen

Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan would like to invite you to a celebration of people who have made a difference in our community over the past year, and also help inspire you to find ways to make a difference in our town.

The Mayor’s 2013 Community Event is on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Sloan will honor four outstanding Goldenites. After the awards, we are honored to have a very special guest speaker. Jason Roberts is the founder of the Better Block Project. In 2010, Jason organized a series of “Better Block” projects, showcasing the potential of underutilized blocks in Southern Dallas. The project has now become an international movement and already some Colorado communities have taken part.

The Better Block approach calls on community volunteers to temporarily transform an area into a vibrant destination with pop-up businesses, bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, café seating and landscaping. The lasting result is a vision for a vital, inviting public space and the momentum to make the changes permanent.

You are invited to listen to Jason Roberts and get inspired to possibly start your own grassroots movement to help improve Golden. The event is at the American Mountaineering Center, Foss Auditorium, 710 10th St. It is open to the public but seating is limited to 350, so it is first come first served.

There is still time to nominate someone for a Mayor’s Award of Excellence. You can nominate an individual, an organization or a business that makes exceptional contributions, takes initiative, exercises leadership, solves problems, creates community value and serves as role models.

Completed nominations for these awards are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 9. You may submit through the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net/links/MayorsAwards, returned by email to Denise Hish at dhish@cityofgolden.net, or delivered to City Hall, 911 10th St.

Sign of Pride

The residents of Heritage Dells felt a neighborhood sign would create more of a community feel, improve the beauty of the area and also increase the value of the neighborhood. The area, located near Heritage Square, has never had an entrance sign and residents felt it was long overdue.

The City of Golden offers i-Neighborhood Matching Grants, which means the City matches the money raised by the community up to a certain amount. The Heritage Dells residents applied for the grant, which was approved by City Council back in April.

In May, the neighborhood hosted a “Mayor in my Backyard” (MIMBY) party to bring everyone together to discuss ways to raise money to pay for the neighborhood’s portion of the sign. They also discussed other ways to improve the neighborhood. The event was a great success and gave everyone the opportunity to have their voices heard. A mailer was sent out to each resident encouraging them to sign up for www.i-Neighbors.org and creating a Facebook page for Heritage Dells to bring ideas together.

The neighborhood effort was helped along by local businesses including Bean Fosters, Realtor Jim Smith, Pedal Pushers and Golden Sunny Mart, who contributed support, donated funds and volunteered their own time and ideas. Heritage Dells would also like to thank Mayor Marjorie Sloan, Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Behm and Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves for their support of this project.

Small and large i-Neighborhood Grants are still available through the City Clerk’s office. For information and an application, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/iGoldenGrant or contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.
Changes to Voter Registration:
Make Sure You’re Able to Vote in November

The passage of the 2013 Voter Access & Modernized Elections Act allows for Same Day Registration.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:
• Citizen of the United States.
• Has been a resident of the state of Colorado for at least 22 days—Oct. 15, 2013.
• Is at least 16 years old and understands that they must be 18 years old to be eligible to vote.
• Either provides a valid Colorado Driver’s License or Colorado ID card (Issued by the Dept. of Revenue) number OR presents one of the acceptable forms of identification for voting.

The last day to register prior to an election is now determined by the method that the voter chooses to submit their registration:

REGISTERING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN COLORADO:
Up to 22 days prior to the election (Oct. 15, 2013)
• Through the mail
• Through Voter Registration Agency
• At a Local Driver's License Examination Facility
• Through a Voter Registration Drive (VRD)

Up to 8 days prior to the Election (Oct. 28, 2013)
• State of Colorado On-line Voter Registration System: www.GoVoteColorado.com
• Registration at a high school

In-Person at any time during which registration is permitted including Election Day (Nov. 5, 2013)
• Appearing in-person at the Elector’s County Clerk and Recorder’s office.
• Appearing in-person at a Voter Service Center.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR VOTERS REGISTERED IN COLORADO:
Up to 8 days prior to the Election (Oct. 28, 2013)
• Through the mail.

In-Person at any time during which registration is permitted including Election Day.
• Appearing in-person at the Elector's County Clerk and Recorder's office.
• Appearing in-person at a Voter Service Center.

More information can be found on the Jefferson County Elections site at http://jeffco.us/elections/voting-and-registration/ or you may contact the Golden City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014 or 303-384-8015.

A Chance to Hear From Your Candidates

The Leadership Golden Alumni Association (LGAA) will be hosting a Candidates Forum in connection with this year’s Golden election of City Councilors. The forum will be held at City Hall in Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19.

This year Golden residents will vote for Councilors to represent all four Wards within the city. Check out www.cityofgolden.net/links/elections for the latest information about this election and the candidates.

For more information, contact Ed Dorsey at 303-829-5195 or email dorsey38@comast.net.

YOU’RE INVITED: GOLDEN SCHOOL FORUM

The Rotary Club of Golden is sponsoring the second annual Golden School Forum at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18. A panel of educators and others involved with education will discuss matters of interest to parents, students and the general public regarding important aspects of education in Golden-area schools.

Panel members include the Superintendent of Jeffco schools, principals from Golden High School, Bell Middle School, and Mitchell Elementary, along with an elementary school PTSA president and representatives from the City of Golden and the Golden School Foundation.

The forum will be held at the Golden City Council Chambers, 911 10th St., and is open to the public. Forum attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions to the panel. For more information email Tom Hughes at eth5530@cs.com.
Grab your tools and your volunteer spirit and join in on the third annual Neighborhood Rehab Project (NRP) Day of Service in Golden on Sept. 7, sponsored by the City of Golden and the Rotary Club of Golden. Each completed project helps elderly, low income or disabled homeowners keep their houses warm, safe and dry. Since 2010, NRP has donated over 2,000 man hours with over 235 volunteers and over 60 homes helped. The projects range from small step repairs to total roof replacements.

All rehab projects are free to the homeowners but it is a partnership, working side-by-side and empowering the homeowners to, in turn, give back to the community in ways that they are able. If you have experience working with power tools, great! If you enjoy painting or weeding, great! All skill levels are useful. If you want to volunteer on Sept. 7, go to www.beatool.org and click on the “Are you a tool” tab. You will be sent more information via email or phone. Sign up quickly to make sure you are part of this special day!

The NRP Day of Service begins at 8:30 a.m. and volunteers will meet at Hillside Community Church, 103 N. Ford St. for check in and breakfast. Then you will be assigned to multiple work sites throughout Golden. Please bring water, gloves, hand tools and yard work tools (with your name on them), snacks, closed-toe shoes and sunscreen.

NRP receives its funding from grants, corporations and private donations. If you are not able to volunteer but want to help, you can donate toward material costs. Organizers anticipate accomplishing 45 projects at approximately $150 each or a total of $7,000 for the day. To donate, go to www.beatool.org and click on the “Give to a tool” tab. You can also send checks written to Community Faith in Action to P.O. Box 895 Golden, CO 80402.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

– Margaret Meade
On Sept. 12 City Council will consider fee increases for the City’s Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) residential waste program. Under the current PAYT contract, if the actual cost of providing service increases, City Council will evaluate fee changes. Council believed that this contract provision would encourage bidders to bid aggressively and would ultimately save residents money. This is the second fee increase that has been requested in the three year old program.

In the current fee increase request, Waste Management has proposed an increase of 4.7 percent for trash and recycling service for all four basic service levels:

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<td>96-Gallon</td>
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For the first time since the program began, those who use roll-off bins for trash service would also see a fee increase under the proposal:

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These increases are the result of increased disposal fees at Foothills Landfill, increased maintenance costs, increased transportation costs with the closure of the slash drop-off at Rooney Road Landfill, and wage and benefit increases. Golden’s program remains one of the lowest cost PAYT programs in the region compared to other communities, most with five-year, fixed fee costs.

The Sept. 12 Council meeting will include an opportunity for residents to provide comments on these proposed changes.

Waste Management provides additional services under the PAYT contract, mostly by subscription. For the first time since the program began, increases have been proposed for the following subscription services as well. The most significant increase is for the green waste program and is directly attributable to the closure of the slash drop-off at Rooney Road.

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For more information on these fees, and additional background and details on these proposals, visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/trash or contact Chris Naber at cnaber@cityofgolden.net.
Take a Solar Tour

Golden Earth Days joins the American Solar Energy Society for the 2nd Annual Golden Tour of Solar Homes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. The self-guided tour showcases Golden homes and gives participants a first hand look at the costs, processes, economic and environmental benefits of going solar. Participants need to register at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. in Golden.

This event is taking place in conjunction with the 18th Annual National Solar Tour, where more than 160,000 participants will visit some 5,500 buildings in 3,200 communities across the U.S. "The Solar Tour provides real-life examples of how to harness energy from the sun to generate electricity to warm and cool homes, heat water, and reduce monthly utility bills," says Sheila Townsend, GED Co-Director.

A tour reception with complimentary Colorado wine, food, a silent auction and live music, will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4 also at the American Mountaineering Center. Both events will feature GREEN EXPO: Renewable Energy & Sustainable Living Exhibits, Workshops and Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Round-Up. The Golden Tour of Solar Homes costs $5 per adult, and both the reception and tour are open to the public. Learn more at www.GoldenSolarTour.org

Where Can My Yard Waste Go?

With the closure of the Organics Recycling Operation at Rooney Road last fall, more than 64 million pounds of brush each year is headed to our local landfill. However, residents and businesses still have several options to ensure the materials are composted or chipped and reused. The following sources may be used to recycle tree limbs, organic materials and construction lumber:

- The Green Waste Option within the City’s Pay As You Throw (PAYT) municipal collection program. This $6 per month optional service provides a third cart and picks up your collected yard waste every other week through the end of September.
- A City of Golden Brush Collection event Oct. 23-26 at the north recycling site, 20041 Golden Gate Canyon Rd. (NW corner of Hwy 93 and Golden Gate Canyon Road). Branches and limbs will be accepted for drop-off only and access is limited to Golden residents only.
- Clear Creek County Transfer Station and Recycling Center, 1531 Soda Creek Road in Idaho Springs, accepts slash all year and charges $8 per cubic yard. Through Sept. 30, the site will accept slash from non-residents for the fee of $8 per cubic yard.
- Littleton area recycler, Jensen Sales Co., 8080 S. Santa Fe Dr. in Littleton. (303) 791-4250. Jensen accepts soil, grass, tree branches, unpainted wood scraps, and sawdust. Drop-off fees are $4 to $5 per cubic yard.
- Oxford Recyling, 2400 W. Oxford Englewood, CO 80110. (303) 762-1160. Beside branches, tree limbs, grass and leaves at $8 per cubic yard and a three yard minimum, Oxford also accepts concrete, asphalt, wood, tires, brick, cinder block and dirt for drop off.
- Pioneer Sand & Gravel on Highway 93 north of Golden is accepting slash for a fee. For more information, visit www.pioneersand.com.
Every Saturday through Oct. 5
**Golden Farmers Market**
From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot just 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. 26
**Material Witnesses**
Come experience life in New York City, told through quilts. From subway construction to the majestic skyline, each quilt interprets a different experience in fiber, using a wide range of materials and techniques. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details visit www.rmqm.org or call 303-277-0377.

Sept. 2
**Labor Day**

Sept. 6
**First Friday Street Fair**
The Street Fair includes entertainment, food and much more. On Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. 5 to 9 p.m.

Sept. 7
**Coffee with a Councilor**
Join City Councilors to talk about topics concerning Golden. 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

Sept. 9
**Golden Community Choirs**
The 2013 season rehearsals begin on Sept. 9 for the holiday concert to be held on Dec. 7. For details on concerts or to join the choir, visit goldencommunitychoirs.org.

**Sept. 13 through Oct. 27**
**I Never Promised You a Rose Garden**
The story chronicles the journey of a mentally ill patient and her therapist as they search for the answer to the voices in her head. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and show times, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Sept. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29
**Day Out with Thomas**
Thomas the Tank Engine rolls into the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. For tickets call 866-468-7630 or visit www.ticketweb.com/dowt.

Sept. 15
**Move Your Phi’t**
A 5k run hosted by the Colorado School of Mines chapter of Alpha Phi. Proceeds go to charities focusing on women’s heart health. To register, visit www.RunningGuru.com/Event/MoveYourPhit2013 or call Erica French at 720-364-6319.

Sept. 21 through Nov. 3
**Rocky Mtn. National Watermedia**
This 40th annual nationally-recognized Watermedia exhibition brings together artists who create original works using watercolor. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For times and tickets, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

Sept. 22
**First Day of Autumn**

Sept. 22
**Coyote 5k Classic**
The 4th annual Coyote 5k Classic and 1 mile fun run will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Shelton Elementary School, 420 Crawford St. Donations go to the school’s Science and Technology fund. There will also be a silent auction. For details visit www.coyote5kclassic.com.

Sept. 25
**Meet National Geographic’s 2012 Adventurer of the Year**
Two-time Appalachian Trail thru-hiker Jennifer Pharr Davis will talk about her record setting feats and share her story of endurance, faith and love. 7 p.m. at American
Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Tickets are $10 and proceeds benefit the Colorado Mountain Club’s Youth Education Program. For details call 303-996-2769 or visit www.cmc.org.

Sept. 27
Golden Community Cinema
Come enjoy a second-run film in the Foss Auditorium at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tickets are $5. Also catch movies on Oct. 31 and Nov. 29. For movies and show times visit www.facebook.com/gccmovies.

Oct. 4 to 6
Radical Reels Film Festival
Ski, climb, paddle, bike or fly, hold on to your seat for the jaw-dropping best mountain sport films. 7 p.m. at American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. Tickets are $15 and expected to sell out in advance. For details call 303-996-2769 or visit www.cmc.org/films.

### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Parents and residents are invited to join Jeffco Public Schools Superintendent Cindy Stevenson for coffee on Sept. 25 from 7:30-9 a.m. at Golden High School, 701 24th St.

Stevenson will provide an update on the district and take questions. To RSVP, call Communications Services at 303-982-6808. Seating is limited and is first come, first served.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!
Recognizing Outstanding Teachers

There’s no doubt about it, Golden has great teachers. In early 2013 the Golden Schools Foundation asked parents, principals, students, teachers and community members to nominate Golden teachers for their commitment to students, innovative teaching methods and collaborative work efforts.

Five teachers were chosen to receive Golden Schools Foundation Teacher Recognition Awards and given $250 to use in their classrooms.

Here are the winners with quotes from those who nominated them. Congratulations to these fine educators:

**ROBIN MACKINNON**
Kindergarten, Mitchell Elementary School
“The experiences that Ms. MacKinnon has provided for my daughter, as well as our entire family, go far beyond the mark of a ‘good’ teacher. Robin MacKinnon is phenomenal.”

**TRAVIS WALTERS**
6th Grade, Kyffin Elementary School
“Mr. Walters mentors, guides and prepares his students for the next chapter in their lives – middle school. His effective teaching method, along with his teaching style, build academic confidence in his students.”

**KARA TICE**
Kindergarten, Ralston Elementary School
“Mrs. Tice creates an environment that is thoughtful and innovative with a structured kindness that has established the perfect launching pad for life long excitement for exploration and learning.”

**JEANIE MAURER**
Golden High School
“Teaching is not just her career, it is her calling. Ms. Maurer has a unique gift for connecting with her students in a way that profoundly changes their lives and their attitudes about learning. She has a vibrant passion for life, music, and kids and by nature she is an engager, helper and friend.”

**KIRA JONES**
2nd Grade, Welchester Elementary School
“At the beginning of this year, Kira administered the district K-6 Writing Assessment and had six out of 23 students score on grade level. With her concentrated effort using clear learning targets and establishment of a nurturing yet self-regulating learning environment, Kira now has 19 students on grade level with two more knocking on the door!”

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**New Leadership for Golden Schools Foundation**

The Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) is pleased to announce the election of a new Chair, Kimberly Brock. Kimberly is a Golden resident and the owner of Brock Consulting. She serves as Vice-President for Shelton Elementary PTSA, and as Golden-Green Mountain Area Articulation Vice President for Jeffco PTA. Additionally, she was an active member of the City of Golden Economic Development Commission, Golden Articulation Chair for Citizens for Jeffco Schools (3A/3B), and served on the Board of the Leadership Golden Alumni Association. She is married and has three children in Golden-area schools.

GSF is a non-profit formed by parents and citizens of the Golden community in 2010 to help encourage a high level of performance and accountability in Golden neighborhood schools. These schools include Kyffin, Mitchell, Pleasant View, Ralston, Shelton and Welchester Elementary Schools, Bell Middle School and Golden High School. For details visit www.goldenschoolsfoundation.org.

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**TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE GOLDEN GALLOP**

A running race to benefit local schools will gallop into its eighth year this October. The Golden Gallop will be held on Oct. 6 and feature 5K and 10K options that loop through the city. The race begins under Golden’s “Howdy Folks!” arch and finishes at Parfet Park.

All proceeds from the 2013 Golden Gallop will benefit the Golden Schools Foundation. Prize money will be available to elite runners, while others, including many first-timers, will be competing for more personal rewards. To sign up for the Golden Gallop visit www.goldengallop.org.
The last weekend in September will be a spirited one with both Golden High School and the Colorado School of Mines celebrating homecoming weekend. Current students, alumni, and spirited Goldenites will come together over the weekend and show their school spirit with a number of activities including parades, football games, and homecoming dances. And now, the Golden fireworks show, originally planned for the Fourth of July but cancelled due to dry conditions and a county-wide fire ban, has been rescheduled for Sept. 27 to coincide with the festivities for both schools.

The celebration starts early on Friday, Sept. 27 with the GHS Homecoming Parade beginning at 5 p.m. Following the parade, bring your Demon pride to the GHS Homecoming Game which will be hosted at Campbell Field, on the Colorado School of Mines campus at 12th and Maple streets. A fireworks show will cap off the evening directly after the game. GHS is slated to face off Littleton, and the game kicks off at 7 p.m. But you don’t have to be a football fan to enjoy the post-game pyrotechnics; the view from Lions Park will be ideal for those who don’t plan to come to the game.

If you are a football fan, don’t miss the CSM Homecoming Game the following day, Sept. 28 at noon. Cheer on the Orediggers as they take on the New Mexico Highlands Cowboys, also at Campbell Field. Win or lose, Homecoming weekend will be one the whole community can enjoy as they cheer on our local teams.

A HOWLING GOOD TIME

Looking for a fun run for the entire family? Join the 4th annual Coyote 5K Classic and 1 mile fun run at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22. The race will begin and end at Shelton Elementary School, 420 Crawford St. The course has challenging hills and stunning views and is one of the most affordable 5K events in the area.

There will be fun activities, food and drinks, music and a silent auction happening during and after the race. All kid finishers will receive a medal. The top three male and female runners receive North Face running shoes from Vital Outdoors. Registration fees and silent auction donations will go directly to Shelton Elementary School’s Science and Technology Fund.

For details of the event, registration and a list of silent auction items, visit www.coyote5kclassic.com.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, Sept. 6 & Oct. 4
Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. The first Friday of each month we offer free blood pressure screenings, healthy refreshments and presentations on a variety of wellness topics. 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

Receive the Front Porch News Online!
Visit us online at www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

FREE! Monthly Health Series - Join us for this special series sponsored by Senior Reach. Sign up in the Front Porch.

To Use GMO's or Not
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
What exactly are GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms) and how are they produced? What are some of the concerns about these products that are usually part of our daily diets? We’ll tell you what to keep in mind if you decide to avoid GMO. You will receive a Non-GMO shopping guide.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Agricultural Heritage Center of Boulder County and Redstone Meadery - #15024-1
The Agricultural Heritage Center focuses on the years 1900 to 1925 when local families prospered as farmers. Enjoy barns, livestock, a farmhouse, and interactive exhibits. Then it’s on to the Redstone Meadery where the “Spirit behind the world’s first beverage is still alive!”

Friday, Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$15 (van included; bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 5
Register/Cancel by Sept. 11.

Rocky Mountain National Park and Estes Park – #15025-1
Enjoy a day hike in Rocky Mountain National Park and a stop in Estes Park. Please bring snacks, food to enjoy, plenty of water, and sun protection.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
$21 (van included, bring money for food & incidentals)
Exertion Level: 5
Register/Cancel by Sept. 12.

The Full Monty - Boulder Dinner Theatre - #15026-1
There is great heart to The Full Monty and the ultimate themes expressed in the show of taking charge of one's life and following one's dreams. This show is rated “R”.

Sunday, Sept. 22, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$57 (van, show and dinner included; bring money for gratuity)
Exertion Level: 1
Register/Cancel by Sept. 6.

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 www.cityofgolden.net/links/frontporch.
Adult Golf Clinic
The Adult Golf Clinic is designed to give the beginner/intermediate golfer specialized training in various areas of the game. The clinics will include three 2-hour sessions devoted to learning and building solid fundamentals of the golf swing and short game (chipping, pitching and putting).

Participants will also receive a range ball pass and 9-hole green fee to practice their new golf skills.
Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 9 to 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
$150 per student

Couples Golf Clinic w/Dinner from Three Tomatoes Steakhouse & Club
The Couples Golf Clinic is a delicious opportunity to improve your swing in a small group setting followed by a great dinner at an award-winning restaurant, Three Tomatoes Steakhouse and Club. For more information, visit www.fossiltrace.com.
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
$90 per couple
Friday, Sept. 13

Adult Group Swimming Lessons
Whether you are a triathlete looking for a competitive edge or a fitness swimmer looking for a more efficient stroke, this fall the Golden Community Center will begin offering Adult Group Swim Lessons. Register at the Golden Community Center or at https://rec.cityofgolden.net by scanning the barcode (left) with your Smartphone barcode reader. For more information, contact Brandon Vail, Aquatics Coordinator at 303-384-8143 or bvail@cityofgolden.net.

Vanover Park is named after the infamous Vanover Tree, also known as the hanging tree, which once spread its roots across the park before it was removed in 2005 due to interior rot and safety concerns. Reported to be over 150 years old, the tree was the focal point of the park.

With a limited budget from a grant and Jeffco Open Space funds, and a citizen initiated desire to keep Vanover as natural as possible, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board worked with Winston and Associates, staff, and the public to develop a concept for the future of the park that also honored its historic roots.

The result is a park concept which grasps the nature theme of the park by incorporating log beams, crawl through logs and stepping stones into the existing landscape. To honor the Vanover Tree, a 10 ft. climbing tree stump is the focus of the play area. While the east side of Vanover will be activated with new features to stimulate play, the west side will remain passive with the addition of gardens, trees, tables and a place to park your bike and stay awhile.
For more information, visit www.cityofgolden.net/play/recreation-attractions/city-parks/vanover-park.
Golden’s Historic Preservation Board (HPB) is considering reviving the list of Endangered Sites and Places that has been compiled in the past, most recently in 2007. The purpose of the list is to bring attention to landmarks and landscapes that are not currently protected by historic designation. These sites may be under threat of development, deterioration, or neglect, and HPB needs the community’s help in identifying these historic treasures.

HPB welcomes all nominations, and encourages owners of historic properties to actively participate in the nomination process. Please provide fully completed responses to the questions, and be as specific as possible. Include photos if available, letters of support, historic register nominations, and a map of the site. Submitted materials will not be returned. The deadline for receipt of a nomination is Sept. 30.

- Name and address of the property and description of location
- Submitter’s name, address and phone number (in case of questions)
- Public or private ownership, if known (e.g., non-profit, corporate, state, federal)
- Name and address of property owner (if known)
- Is this property currently designated?
  - National Register of Historic Places
  - National Historic Landmark
  - State Register of Historic Places
  - Local Landmark
  - Unknown
- Please answer the following questions regarding the property you are nominating:
  - What is significant – historically, architecturally, and/or geographically about the property?
  - Describe the property and surrounding area, including any adjacent landmarks.
  - Is there community commitment for saving the site? What groups or individuals are involved? Are there long-term goals to save the site?
  - Why is this place endangered?
  - How endangered is this site?
  - Any additional comments to support this nomination?

Please submit this information and all supporting documentation to: Golden Historic Preservation Board, 1445 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, phone 303-384-8097, fax 303-384-8161, email rmuriby@cityofgolden.net.

GOLDEN JOINS 2013 METRO MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PLUS PROGRAM

Golden joins other metro area communities in the 2013 Metro Mortgage Assistance Plus Program (MMA Plus). The program is available now through December 2014.

The program provides competitive rate, 30-year fixed FHA and VA mortgage loans, plus a down payment assistance grant to qualified participants. Purchasers must occupy the home as their primary residence, but they DO NOT have to be first time homebuyers. This program is not for refinancing.

Maximum income to qualify for MMA Plus is $91,000 for households of two persons or less, and $103,000 for households of three persons or more. For more information about this program, contact one of the participating lenders listed below.

America’s Mortgage: 303-996-2400
Air Academy Federal Credit Union: 800-223-1983
Commerce Mortgage: 303-770-2686
Citywide Home Loans: 303-996-7000
Cornerstone Home Lending: 970-797-3717
DHI Mortgage: 866-424-3811
Ent Federal Credit Union: 800-525-9623
Guild Mortgage: 303-986-1895
New American Funding: 800-450-2010
Nova Home Loans: 800-955-9125
Peoples Mortgage: 303-302-3125 or 303-224-3442
Real Estate Mortgage Network (REMN): 720-644-3117
Rocky Mountain Mortgage Specialists, Inc.: 303-773-6106
Summit Mortgage Corporation: 303-779-0591 or 720-200-9480
Universal Lending Corporation: 303-758-4969
V.I.P. Mortgage: 303-302-2285 or 303-695-7818
WR Starkey Mortgage: 720-489-0712 or 303-757-0300
When you walk into the Golden home of Frank and Verna Werber, you’ll be greeted with a big hug from Frank; at least, if you’re a girl. He’s a bit of a flirt but his wife Verna doesn’t mind. She knows Frank is devoted to her and their 79 years of marriage proves it. “Everybody wants to know what our secret is. We don’t have a secret,” says Verna. “Love only lasts so long,” says Frank. So what comes after love? According to Frank, it’s “appreciation, really. I appreciate what she does. I don’t tell her enough, but I do.” Verna added with a laugh, “I know you have to have a pretty good sense of humor.” Verna’s hearing is not so great, but that’s ok because Frank loves to tell stories and Verna’s already heard them all… many times.

Frank was born in 1913 in Colorado and Verna was born in 1916 in Michigan. In the early 1930’s, Verna came to Evergreen to visit her grandmother. “I came out here expecting to stay a couple of weeks,” said Verna. Now she’s been here nearly eight decades or “A couple of centuries” jokes Frank. They met in May of 1934 when Frank touts he was the area’s most eligible bachelor. After a short courtship, Frank realized the only way to keep Verna from returning to Detroit was to marry her. So just a few months later in July, they snuck over to Boulder, found a minister and got married. The minister’s wife and 9-year old son were their witnesses.

A year after they were married they moved to Golden because Frank was offered a job here making $24 a week. For several years they rented various places in Golden and then Frank went to fight in World War II, and Verna worked at the Golden Post Office for a year while he was overseas.

When the War was over, Frank returned to Golden and they built their first house in 1945. They borrowed money from Verna’s mom, but it was only enough to build the basement of the home. They lived in the basement until 1952 when they got a loan to build a main floor on their home. Frank told Verna the move to the first floor would be the last move they would ever make, and he was right. They’ve been in their Golden home now for 78 years.

Their first child was born in their bedroom. Frank got home from work just in time to see his first son arrive into this world. “That convinced me not to be a gynecologist,” quipped Frank. They outlived their oldest son. But they have two other children who live close by, along with seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren.

Frank recently celebrated his 100th birthday and Verna is coming up on 98 years. In that time, they’ve seen a remarkable amount of change, including the construction of the iconic “Welcome to Golden” arch over Washington Avenue.

Frank worked for the Golden Post Office for nearly 30 years. He says at one point they thought of leaving Golden because there simply weren’t many addresses to deliver to. But by the 1930’s that all changed and Golden has been growing and evolving ever since in ways they find hard to describe. “Oh golly, I don’t know where to start,” says Verna. “It was so gradual. But it is so different now than it was in those days. It was a really small town.”

Frank and Verna built their home on 11th Street because they didn’t have a car back then and needed to be able to walk downtown to get supplies. Now, neither of them gets around very well but they still love how the town has grown up around them while maintaining its small town feel. “I think it’s the best place to live,” says Frank. Verna adds, “I can’t imagine living anywhere else.”

So how will they celebrate their next milestones? “Not making any plans,” says Verna. “Just take it day by day and whatever happens happens.” It’s a philosophy that has served them well for a very, very long time.
Made in Golden: Where Innovation Lives

What is innovation? How does it happen and why here in Golden? A new long-term exhibit opening soon at the Golden History Center will answer these questions while highlighting our strong tradition of innovation.

Innovation means many things to many people. But it always means something new: a new idea, a new way of doing something, a new product. Golden has also been an innovation capital. David King Wall was Golden’s first resident, and he was an innovator. After a little hard work, some personal drive, and a quest to make some money, he devised a new way to divert water from Clear Creek to his garden. His lettuce, turnips and cabbages thrived, and by 1859 Denver’s hungry citizens were trading hard-earned gold dust for fresh produce from Golden.

Made in Golden picks up the story in 1959 when the Coors Porcelain container division introduced the world’s first seamless two-piece aluminum can. This new can would be lighter than steel; but it would be sturdier, not leak at the seams, make draft packaging possible, and be recyclable. Bill Coors, then President of the Adolph Coors Company summed it up, “Inventing the aluminum can was a burdensome, grueling adventure into the almost unknown… We started from scratch.”

Museum visitors will also discover the inventive stories behind Spyderco knives, CoorsTek body armor, Mountainsmith backpacks and more. Our do-it-yourself laser-engraving station from Epilog Laser is sure to fascinate too.

Celebrate the opening of Made in Golden at Black and White Night 2013 from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. Enjoy entertainment, sumptuous desserts, cocktails and live music. Tickets are available at www.GoldenHistory.org or by calling 303-278-3557. Made in Golden opens publically on Sunday, Oct. 13 and is included with museum admission.
**Time for Thomas!**

**Sept. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29**

Colorado Railroad Museum
17155 W. 44th Ave., Golden

Come ride the rails with Thomas the Tank Engine™ at the helm. Sir Topham Hatt will be there to greet young fans, along with interactive storytelling, building with Mega Bloks, live music and much more. The Day Out with Thomas event usually sells out so get your tickets in advance. To purchase tickets, visit [www.ticketweb.com/dowt](http://www.ticketweb.com/dowt) or call 866-468-7630.

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**DocuWest Documentary Film Festival**

**Sept. 11 through 15**

Foothills Art Center is proud to host an extraordinary variety of documentaries from Colorado and around the world, in the 5th annual DocuWest Documentary Film Festival. This year’s featured film is Crash Reel. Snowboarder Kevin Pearce was on the verge of Olympic glory when a horrific crash left him with a traumatic brain injury. This intimate, moving account of his rise, fall and challenging road back examines the glory and peril of extreme sports. Visit [www.docuwest.com](http://www.docuwest.com) for all the festival details.
8th Annual Golden Gallop
5K, 10K, & Kid’s Fun Run
Sunday October 6, 2013 8:00am

REGISTER TODAY!
to run or walk at www.GoldenGallop.com

INTERESTED in volunteering or sponsoring? Please email us at: Info@GoldenGallop.org

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT the Golden Schools Foundation (www.GoldenSchoolsFoundation.org)

For more information visit: GoldenGallop.com