FROM THE TOP of Mt. Everest to Golden

Ideas Brewing About Astor House Future

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Flu Shots Available
The time for flu shots is just around the corner. The City of Golden will offer flu shots to the public (cost is $33) from 7 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

Payment can be made by cash, check or participating insurance including Medicare Part B (as primary insurance).

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.

Recycling Drop-off Area Closed Due to Misuse
The recycling drop-off yard northwest of Hwy 93 and Golden Gate Canyon Drive is now closed. The drop-off site, a partnership between the City of Golden, Miller Coors and Ball Container Corp., has been subject to increasingly frequent illicit dumping of household waste, construction debris, and even hazardous materials. Daily pickups of the recyclables from the site have not prevented the site from becoming a nuisance and dumping ground.

The City will work with our partners to see if there is an opportunity to provide this type of recycling service without the problems currently associated with this site.

Alpine Waste & Recycling provides curbside recycling services to all City of Golden residents for all single-stream recyclables. Also, a number of recycling centers are available throughout the City and surrounding areas for specialty items. For more information and a list of locations, visit www.cityofgolden.net/live/residents-guide/trash-recycling/recycling-disposal-centers/.

City Council Authorizes Parking Management Changes for Downtown
On July 25, City Council voted to move forward with a parking management program for downtown Golden that had been under discussion since the fall of 2014. The changes will go into effect in January 2017 and are intended to keep parking in downtown Golden convenient and accessible for customers, visitors, downtown employees and downtown residents. One primary goal of the program will be the continued availability of free 2-hour parking on all of the streets in the commercial core between Clear Creek and 14th Street from Ford Street to Cheyenne Street. City owned lots and structures are also expected to remain free for the first two hours. There will be a system for downtown employees to have a permit for longer-term parking; residents of the area between Arapahoe Street and Jackson Street will be able to purchase permits in addition to the parking they already have with their unit. Look for more details in the November Informer.

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. 1
No meeting

Sept. 8
Regular business meeting

Sept. 15
Study session

Sept. 22
Regular business meeting

Sept. 29
No meeting

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

Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
September may be the very best month to enjoy the Golden life. Labor Day marks changes in the air. Summer heat is dying down, but the daytime weather is warm, vegetables ripen, flowers bloom, foliage turns brilliant colors, and there is still daylight after school or work hours.

The month brings with it thoughts of a fresh start: in a return to routine, in a transition to fall activities, and in the setting of new goals. As author Nora Ephron once wrote, September makes you want to buy school supplies, “bouquets of newly sharpened pencils,” presumably to write a fresh to-do list.

Just as September inspires Golden residents and families to review their goals, the month also motivates Golden city government to renew its commitment to the well-being of our community. To that end, the 2017-2018 budget process is underway. City Council is obligated to produce a balanced budget with a comfortable reserve and to allocate municipal resources to provide the greatest benefit to Golden. This year, the City is emphasizing and soliciting the robust participation of Golden’s board and commission volunteers as well as general members of the public. Budget ideas, requests, and priorities have already been received and are welcome by email at budget@cityofgolden.net. For in-person, formal comments, public hearings will be held during the Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, and Dec. 1 City Council meetings.

Another example of City “to-do” efforts involves our transportation network. Together, we’ve weathered a difficult cone-zone summer. Golden residents have been patient with improvements and maintenance on our neighborhood and business streets, along with major and ever-changing inconveniences at the 6th and 19th intersection. Work on Golden roads preserves our infrastructure, protects our municipal assets, and enhances safety in our neighborhoods. And as an ultimate reward for the construction at 6th/19th, we’ll have a smooth, grade-separated intersection with a park-like connection over 6th Avenue for pedestrians, local motorists, and cyclists. In the meantime, the City will continue its efforts to ensure an efficient work schedule and provide up-to-date information on navigating the construction. (www.LinkingLookout.com).

The City also focused on improving the downtown parking experience for residents, visitors, employees, and business owners. After much study, solicitation of public comment, and discussion, Council has embarked on a managed parking plan, which will be effective from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, starting in January 2017. Under the plan, free two-hour parking will remain available for business patrons; downtown residents and employees will have reliable access to long-term parking; and visitors staying longer than two hours will pay a daily fee. The new system will facilitate the turnover of convenient parking spaces and encourage individuals headed to the Colorado School of Mines to park on campus. As the City implements, enforces, and adjusts the managed parking system, the public’s suggestions and comments will be essential to its success.

Important municipal issues such as those mentioned above are rarely partisan or ideological. But they can be quite controversial. The crisp September air may energize civic awareness, promote ideas, and foster differing points of view. The resulting community debate will serve to augment and refine Golden’s decision-making process. This fall, City board volunteers, staff members, and elected officials look forward to hearing and discussing your ideas on all matters Golden.
For the past six years, Golden’s Mayor has presented awards to outstanding individuals and organizations for their exceptional contributions to Golden. Now, going into year seven, the awards categories are expanding to include a “Town and Gown” award, which will be presented to a person or group who through their extraordinary efforts, exhibit commitment and dedication to the betterment of both the City of Golden and the Colorado School of Mines (CSM).

CSM President Paul Johnson will help Golden Mayor Marjorie Sloan present the awards at a special community event to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 25. But in order to award the winners, we need your help in finding worthy nominees. Nominations should explain the contributions the nominee makes to either Golden or Golden and CSM, and why they stand out above the rest. Completed nominations are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30. You may submit your nomination in one of three ways: through the City’s website www.cityofgolden.net/MayorsAwards; email nominations to Ben Goldstein at bgoldstein@cityofgolden.net; deliver it in person to City Hall, 911 10th St. The awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Look for more information on the celebration in the October edition of the Golden Informer.

Mayor’s Awards Expands to Include CSM Award

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:
The last day to register to vote or change the address on a voter registration is now determined by the method voters chooses to submit their registration.

Receive a mail ballot by registering eight days before Election Day (that’s Oct. 31)

- Online at www.GoVoteColorado.com
- By Mail – Application can be found on the same website. Must be received by Oct. 31
- Through a Voter Registration Agency. Locations can be found at www.jeffco.us/elections

 mail ballot Election Scheduled for Nov. 8

• At a local Driver’s License examination facility

Anytime in person - including Election Day

Appear in-person at any Voter Service Center or the Jefferson County Elections Division, 3500 Illinois Street, Suite 1100, to register. You can also register on Election Day and receive your ballot. More information can be found at www.jeffco.us/elections.

To be eligible to register to vote in this election you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, a resident of Colorado and at your present address for 22 days prior to the election.

If your Jefferson County voter registration is current and you live within the city limits of Golden, further registration is not necessary. If you are not sure if you are registered at your current residence visit www.govotecolorado.com.

All registered voters will be mailed a ballot from Jefferson County the week of Oct. 17. Your ballot must be returned to Jefferson County, or placed in a ballot drop-off box, no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8. Golden City Hall will have a drop-off box or you may drop off your ballot at Jefferson County Elections, 3500 Illinois Street, Suite 1100, Golden.
For 150 continuous years, the Golden Transcript has been telling stories. Some have been stories of triumph. Some have been chronicles of tragedy. But the vast majority have been simply stories of the city ... stories of everyday life.

The Transcript is the oldest news media organization in the Denver metro area, and the oldest continuously published newspaper in the state, having started its run on Dec. 19, 1866.

To honor the Transcript’s landmark anniversary and the community that has supported that longevity, Colorado Community Media—which publishes the Transcript—has been running a series of special commemorative pages every-other edition, throughout the year, as well as sponsoring the Golden Chamber of Commerce’s summer street fairs in celebration.

The community has helped in the effort. The Golden History Museums, and local historians have been particularly kind. In May the Golden Landmarks Association honored the paper by naming it a “Living Landmark,” an honor usually reserved for only the brightest of local luminaries.

On Sept. 22 the Transcript will be including a commemorative magazine in the paper, sharing some of the many highlights from the paper’s long history. The paper can always use the public’s help to better tell stories of Golden’s past, present or future. To share with the paper, email Transcript150@coloradocommunitymedia.com. Thanks to the staff of the Golden Transcript for helping with this article.

Believe it or not, the Pokemon craze was not the first program designed to help people map out treasures. Geocaching has been around for a long time, but instead of finding virtual treasures (like Pokemon), geocaching helps people map out real treasures using GPS technology, latitude and longitude.

The City of Golden was proud to help support a Geocaching Camp over the summer where students from grades four through six, learned all about mapping and directions in order to gain a sense of direction within Golden. They learned about technology, history, geography, and environmental consciousness.

Soon, Golden residents and visitors can also benefit from the work produced from the geocaching camp. Campers worked on a service project for the City of Golden, mapping historic homes in the 12th Street Historic District. The completed map is still being completed. But you can get an idea of what the final product will look like; check out the mapping already done for the 8th and 9th Street districts: https://cityofgolden.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=aea8f2634bf143f88ab855878217d13b.

Three AmeriCorps members in the CSU Extension Jefferson County office worked together to create and run the camp. Also partnered with the program was the Jeffco schools community, Family Connections office, the Golden Optimists and the Golden Public Library.
Golden residents Elliot Brown and Wanda Blackburn went on their honeymoon to Nepal in 1996 to conquer trekking some of the world’s toughest peaks. That trip was the beginning of a journey that changed their lives, and the life of one young man who has become the ultimate American Dream success story right here in Golden.

Just out of high school, Lhakpa Sherpa served as one of the trekking guides for the newlyweds. He told them of his hopes of coming to the United States, going to college, and making something of himself. “After our trek, we went directly to the American Consulate in our grungy clothes, our trekking clothes; never even went back to the hotel,” said Brown. One month later, they were the proud American sponsors for Lhakpa. After his first trip as a tourist, Elliot and Wanda brought him back as a student. Lhakpa got degrees from both Red Rocks and Metro State colleges.

While studying for his degrees, Lhakpa also studied hard to become a U.S. Citizen. Jump forward 20 years to today, and you’ll find him as the proud owner of the Sherpa House restaurant and cultural center on Washington Avenue. “We’ve just sat back in amazement just watching this happen,” said Wanda. Elliot added, “We have no children but we couldn’t be any more proud of Lhakpa were he our own son.”

Lhakpa now helps other Sherpas get the paperwork, support and places to live they need in order to study or work in Colorado. No surprise that several of them work at the Sherpa House. As a result, it’s guaranteed that you are getting authentic Nepalese cuisine in an atmosphere that emulates the look and feel of a real Sherpa home. And if you go to the Sherpa House, it’s likely that your waiters and chefs are accomplished climbers (the front cover is a picture of the Sherpas in Golden who have summited Mt. Everest). “One Sherpa guy, his name is Da Nuru, he summited Everest 16 times,” said Lhakpa. “And then I have another guy who climbed 10 times, another seven times, and a girl who set two Guinness Book of World Records as the youngest female climber to summit Everest at just 16 years old.”

There are only about 6,000 Sherpas in Nepal, so although there are many villages, it is a small and close community. Lhakpa not only helps a few of them come to the U.S., he also created a program called Hike for Help (www.hikeforhelp.org), which takes groups of people from here back to Nepal, to help build things like schools, clinics and trails. Elliot and Wanda helped him bring that program to fruition. Now their latest co-adventure... a brewery in Nepal. The Sherpa Brewery is now open and is run completely by Sherpas in their homeland.

There is much more on the horizon for Lhakpa. Elliot and Wanda say he never stops working to pay forward the support they gave him two decades ago. “He is truly living the entrepreneurial experience, why everybody wants to come to the U.S.,” said Wanda. “He’s worked really hard for this.”

In his (rare) spare time, Lhakpa likes to hike Colorado’s 14ers... what he calls nice, easy hikes. Namaste.
Building a Bridge from the Top Down

In August, traffic was moved to the ramps and construction began on the bridge that will provide the cover over 6th Avenue. This bridge will be constructed from the top down instead from the bottom up. How do you build a bridge starting at the top?

In this, the Linking Lookout project, 6th avenue will be lowered so instead of digging down to the future grade of US 6 and then building up, the contractor began by driving steel piles into the ground. A steel pile is a long steel beam that looks like an “H” which is placed on end and driven about 40 feet straight down into the ground, or until it can’t be driven any farther. In our case there are 38 piles on each end of the bridge. When completed, these are cut to a consistent height and a concrete cap will be poured over the top making 2 continuous 282-foot-long beams that run parallel to US 6 on either side of the highway.

The contractor will also drill 19 four-foot diameter holes down the center of US 6 which will have concrete poured into them. Again, a continuous concrete cap will be poured across the top of the of the piers creating an additional 282-foot-long beam down the center. These three beams will then become the support abutments that will hold the precast concrete beams upon which the bridge deck will sit.

When this is complete, excavation will begin, and as they dig down soil nails will again be placed on the east and west sides to build retaining walls that are the same as were built to create room for the ramps. When the excavation reaches the final highway depth, precast concrete beams will be brought to the site and placed by a crane on the abutments. The final bridge deck will be poured on top of the beams.

You now have the deck that is the lid which provides the “Link” to Lookout.

NEW CONSTRUCTION VIEWING AREA:

At the request of some citizens the City has provided a construction viewing area on the northwest corner of US 6 and 19th. This can be accessed off Parfet Estates Drive. If you want to watch construction this is the place to go. Please remember these things if you go:

- Be courteous to the neighbors - parking is only available on the west side of the street. Don’t block driveways and be quiet, respect the neighborhood. When you go to the viewing area, please stay within the fenced area, it is not safe to wander into the construction site.

Remember, for the most up to date information go to www.LinkingLookout.com.
Help Your Neighbors, Help Your Neighborhood

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Received a hammer, use a paintbrush or even pick up branches, you can “Be a Tool” for change. On Sept. 10, you have the opportunity to be part of a local phenomenon that grows in size and scope every year. The Neighborhood Rehab Project (NRP) Day of Service is a way for you to help the elderly, disabled, and other Golden residents in need of assistance to keep their houses warm, safe, and dry. Last year, NRP donated 3,300 man-hours and expects close to 4,800 this year with an estimated 600 volunteers. Over 70 homes will be worked on, with projects ranging from small step repairs to total roof replacements. The projects are free to the homeowners, but it’s a partnership because they work side-by-side with the volunteers and are empowered to also give back to their community. NRP receives its funding from grants, corporations, and private donations.

This year the Day of Service will expand to include Golden, Arvada, and Englewood. To volunteer here in Golden, visit www.beatool.org to register to volunteer. Act quickly! Online registration closes Sept. 5. No experience is necessary; there are places for all ages, skill levels and abilities.

Nominate a Project. If you know of someone in need, go to www.beatool.org and click on the “PROJECTS” tab at the top of the screen, then click on “I NEED A TOOL” to fill out the required information. You may either nominate yourself or someone you know who is elderly, in need, or disabled. A NRP representative will make contact and assess the nominated house. Once the house has been assessed & approved, a project will be formed, lists of supplies will be purchased and assembled, and volunteers will be gathered. For more information or questions, email info@beatool.org.

Donate towards material costs. All the money you give goes directly to the projects. Go online to www.beatool.org and click on the “PROJECTS” tab at the top of the screen, then, click on “DONATE”. Checks can be written to Neighborhood Rehab Project and mailed to P.O. Box 895 Golden, CO 80402.

This process happens continually throughout the year! So if you can’t make it on Sept. 10, visit the website, click “PROJECTS” and then click on “BE A TOOL” or email info@beatool.org.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD REHAB PROJECT “DAY OF SERVICE” 2016
Saturday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Bring: water, gloves, hand tools, yard work tools (write your name on them), any additional snacks you would like, closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, hat...etc.
- Find out your meeting location when you sign up at www.beatool.org.
Through Sept. 4 Fine Craft Invitational
In recent years many craft artists have begun using traditional craft techniques to create concept-based sculptural forms rather than functional objects. This exhibition showcases some of the finest examples of this exciting change in the Fine Craft movement. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For details, hours and tickets call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Saturdays through Oct. 1 Golden Farmer’s Market
Vendors of food and other artisanal items for sale. Presented by the Golden Chamber of Commerce. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday in the parking lot next to the Golden Library near 10th and Illinois streets. For details visit http://goldenchamber.org/farmers-market/.

Sept. 3 Coffee with a Councilor – South Neighborhoods
Chat with your District One Councilor at 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-279-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

Sept. 5 Labor Day

Sept. 9 through Oct. 16 God of Carnage
A comedy that won three Tony Awards, including Best Play. Rated R for strong language. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and show times, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Sept. 10 Safety and Preparedness Day
The Golden Fire Department hosts the 7th annual event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 911 10th St.

Sept. 16 through Oct. 23 Rocky Mountain National Watermedia
Over 70 works of art by national artists working in watermedia. For hours and ticket prices, visit www.FoothillsArtCenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

Sept. 17 Coffee with a Councilor – North Neighborhoods
Chat with your District Two Councilor at 10 a.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 911 10th St. For details call Councilor Casey Brown at 303-900-2003 or email cbrown@cityofgolden.net.

Sept. 22 First Day of Autumn

Sept. 25 Golden Gallop
This 11th annual event features a 5k, 10k and kid’s fun run. More details on p. 16. For more information and to register, visit www.GoldenGallop.com.
MEET YOUR FIREFIGHTERS – SEPT. 10

The Golden Fire Department invites you to the 7th annual Safety and Preparedness Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Fire Station #1, 911 10th St. This is a free event designed to be fun and educational for the whole family! You’ll see live demonstrations, fire truck tours, car seat checks, face painting, safety materials and enjoy refreshments and giveaways! Most importantly, you’ll get to meet your first responders! We hope to see you there.

COYOTE 5K CLASSIC FAMILY FUN RUN – OCT. 9

A fun run for the entire family, that also benefits a local elementary school. The 7th annual Coyote 5k Classic and 1 Mile Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9 at Shelton Elementary, 420 Crawford St.

This event benefits Shelton’s health and wellness initiatives and is designed for all ages. Last year, half the participants in the 5K were under the age of 12 with the oldest finisher over the age of 75!

On the day of the race there will be family friendly activities, free food/drink, music and a basket raffle for all participants and spectators during and following the race.

This is one of the most affordable 5k events in the area. Prices are $15 for the 1 Mile Fun Run, $20 for the 5K (under 18) and $25 for adults. To register online, donate, or get more information, visit www.coyote5kclassic.com. If you are interested in being a sponsor for the event, email coyote5kclassic@gmail.com. Sponsorships range from gift certificates to cash donations.

FREE

Sales and Use Tax Workshops

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

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

Sept. 7, 2016 ............... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Oct. 5, 2016 ................ 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

FREE

Building Use Tax Workshop

The City of Golden is hosting a FREE Building Use Tax Workshop taught by our professional staff of auditors. 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.

Nov. 2, 2016 ............... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Class is free, but space is limited.
Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.
## TYKES

### JumpBunch® Parent/Tot - #13040
- **Age:** 15 months - 3 years, Min/Max: 4/15
- **Thursdays, 4 - 4:30 p.m.**
- **Aug. 18 - Sept. 22 (no class Aug. 25)**
- **$45 Resident, $50 Non-Resident**
- **OR - Sept. 29 - Nov. 3**
- **$54 Resident, $59 Non-resident**

### JumpBunch® Preschoolers - #13045
- **Age:** 3 - 6 years, Min/Max: 4/15
- **Mondays, 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.**
- **Aug. 15 - Sept. 19 (no class Aug. 22)**
- **$50 Resident, $55 Non-Resident**
- **OR - Sept. 26 - Oct. 31**
- **$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident**

### Music for Tiny Tots & Toddlers - #13025
- **Age:** 12 - 24 months, Min/Max: 6/15
- **Thursdays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 6, 9:30 - 10 a.m.**
- **$52 Resident, $57 Non-resident**
- **OR - Fridays, Sept. 9 – Oct. 7**
- **10:15 - 10:45 a.m.**
- **$52 Resident, $57 Non-resident**

### Music for Toddlers - #13030
- **Age:** 2 - 4 years, Min/Max: 6/15
- **Thursdays, Sept. 8 - Oct. 6, 10:15 - 11 a.m.**
- **$52 Resident, $57 Non-resident**
- **OR - Fridays, Sept. 9 - Oct. 7, 11 - 11:45 a.m.**
- **$52 Resident, $57 Non-resident**

## 2016-17 DANCE ARTS SESSIONS

Schedules may change.  
Check online at rec.cityofgolden.net.

### 2016 Fall/Winter Performance:
- TBD - either Dec. 16 or 17
- **Monday - Friday:**
  - Aug. 29 - Dec. 16
  - No class 9/5 and 10/31
  - No class during Thanksgiving break week, Nov. 21-25.

### 2017 Winter/Spring Performance:
- **Saturday, June 3 at Golden High School Rehearsal - June 2**
- **Monday - Friday:**
  - Jan. 9 - May 26
  - No class 5/29
  - No class during spring break week, March 27-31.

### Nutcracker Ballet
- Seeking performers ages 4 through adult to be part of our magical production of the Nutcracker. No prior dance experience required. Performances will be held the first weekend of December at The Oriental Theatre. Please contact Tighe Burg for more info at tigheburgler@gmail.com.

### Adult Co-ed Volleyball Leagues
- **#36610-1, Co-ed B**
  - Mondays, 6 – 10 p.m., Tony Grampsas
- **#36610-4 Co-ed C**
  - Fridays, 6 – 10 p.m., Tony Grampsas

### Adult Co-ed Babysitting Courses - #24210
- **Age:** 11 years and older, Min/Max: 5/25
- **Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
- **$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident**

### Advanced Care Babysitting Courses - #24250
- **Mission:** Black Hole Workshop - #24250
- **Age:** 5 - 12 years, Min/Max: 6/16
- **Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 - 11 a.m.**
- **$25 Resident, $30 Non-resident**

## CREATIVE ARTS

### My First Abrakadoodle Art Class - #18045
- **Age:** 1½ - 4 years, Min/Max: 7/12
- **Wednesdays, Sept. 7 - 28, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.**
- **$66 Resident, $71 Non-resident**

### STEAM Punk Kids Abrakadoodle - #28051
- **Age:** 5 - 10 years, Min/Max: 7/12
- **Saturdays, Sept. 9 - Oct. 8, 10 - 11:15 a.m.**
- **$80 Resident, $85 Non-resident**

## CLIMBING CLASSES

### Billy Goats
- **Age:** 6 - 8 years, Min/Max: 3/6
- **#14615 Mondays, 5 - 6 p.m.**
- **Aug. 29 - Sept. 26 (No Class Sept. 5)**
- **$50 Resident, $55 Non-resident**
- **#14616 Wednesdays, 5 - 6 p.m.**
- **Aug. 31 - Sept. 28 (No class Sept. 7)**
- **$50 Resident, $55 Non-resident**

### Mountain Goats - #14625
- **Age:** 9 - 12 years, Min/Max: 3/6
- **Mondays, Aug. 29 - Sept. 26, 6 - 7 p.m.**
- **(No Class Sept. 5)**
- **$50 Resident, $55 Non-resident**

### Bighorn Sheep - #14626
- **Age:** 13 - 18 years, Min/Max: 3/8
- **Wednesdays, Aug. 31 - Sept. 28, 6 - 7 p.m.**
- **(No Class Sept. 7)**
- **$50 Resident, $55 Non-resident**

### Learn to Climb Outdoors
- **Call 303-384-8159 to schedule.**
- **Age:** 8 years and older
- **1 person - $170**
- **2 people - $115 per person**
- **3 people - $95 per person**
- **4 people - $75 per person**

## For more information and to register, visit [https://rec.cityofgolden.net](https://rec.cityofgolden.net).
Easy Access to Your Water Usage and Leak Alerts with AquaHawk

AquaHawk Alerting is a FREE service for City of Golden customers that will assist them in efficiently managing their water usage and lowering their monthly bills. This new software system is available as part of the recent city-wide meter upgrade. As soon as your new meter is installed and registered within the system, this service will be available. If you have had a new meter installed within the last few months, register today – it’s easy!

- View consumption over a period of time - see your water consumption down to the hour.
- Recognize possible leaks more quickly.
- Take control of your water use. With AquaHawk you don’t have to wait for your bill to see how much water you use for everyday activities. You’ll see how you’re doing, not how you did.
  - Set your own personal thresholds and receive text or email alerts.
  - Register at https://goco.aquahawk.us/. All you need is your name, email address and your water account number in this format: 00-000000-000.

How much water am I using indoors?
Toilet flushing is the largest indoor use of water in single-family homes, followed by faucets, showers, clothes washers, leaks, bathtubs, other/miscellaneous, and dishwashers. Sign up for AquaHawk Alerting to view water consumption specific to your household.

Golden Sustainability Night
DATE CHANGE TO NOV. 30

The City of Golden Sustainability department and the Community Sustainability Advisory Board are inviting community members to the first Golden Sustainability Night from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from sustainability keynote speakers, browse a variety of vendor booths, enjoy refreshments, prize drawings, and participate in hands-on learning activities for the whole family. Golden Sustainability Night is a great opportunity to learn more about the City’s green initiatives and meet with industry experts on a variety of topics. Look for complete details in upcoming editions of the Golden Informer.

TINY HOUSE PROJECT KICKS OFF IN A BIG WAY
A student-led group at Colorado School of Mines (CSM) recently began construction on a 200 square foot house on a trailer bed, for research and teaching purposes. Students are collaborating to build the most efficient tiny house, full of sensors and the latest technology, to make the house a living/learning lab. The CSM team is raising money for a tiny house that they will use to test technologies and features to include in the 2017 Department of Energy’s Solar Decathlon competition. Check out their progress at http://minestinyhouse.weebly.com/.
Celebrate Health!
Friday, Sept. 2 at 10:30 a.m.
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 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 & Reflexology sessions ............................................... $13 for 15 minutes

Facility Closure:
The Golden Community Center will be closed Monday, Aug. 22 to Sunday, Aug. 28 for annual cleaning and renovation. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday Aqua Aerobics class will be held outside at the Splash Aquatic Park during this time.

Golden Book Club
This group meets in the Front Porch the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
The book for September:
H is for Hawk by Helen McDonald
If you are interested in joining, please email Jan Bradbury, bobjanbradbury@comcast.net.

Golden Farmers Market
Saturdays, Sept. 2 to Oct. 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Located in the Golden Library parking lot on 10th Street.

TRIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum
with the Matchless Mine Tour #353400-1
Thursday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$35 - Transportation, admission and tours included
Exertion Level 2
Known as the “Smithsonian of the Rockies,” the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum is a monument to the memory of the men and women who pioneered the discovery, development and processing of our nation’s natural resources.
The Matchless Mine is on the National Register of Historic Places and is in Leadville’s Historic Mining District. The Matchless mining claim, estimated to have produced 7.5 million dollars, contributed greatly to the wealth of its owner, silver baron Horace Tabor and his wife Elizabeth “Baby Doe” Tabor.

World War II Aviation Museum #353500-1
Thursday, Sept. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$35 - Transportation and tour included. Bring money for lunch.
Exertion Level 2
Through a combination of its aircraft collection, exhibits, interactive displays, and docent led tours, the National Museum of World War II Aviation museum tells the story of our nation’s tremendous technological advancements during the War, and describes the lasting social and economic changes that were essential to the success of the Allied war effort.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. • Call 303-384-8130.
Check out the Golden Community Center’s Recreate activity guide. • Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch.
Colorado has long been regarded as the “Napa Valley of Beer.” After all, the state is home to about 230 breweries, the world’s largest single-site brewery, Coors Brewery, and each fall hosts the “Super Bowl of Beer,” the Great American Beer Festival. Even the Colorado Governor is a former brewer.

Despite all of the definitive reasons why Colorado is an American beer capital, there has never been one spot to truly celebrate and learn about Colorado’s rich brewing history. But, that would all change with a proposal set forward by Golden History Museums to create the Colorado Beer Museum at the historic and presently-under-restoration Astor House in downtown Golden.

Astor House was built as a hotel in 1867 when Golden served as Colorado’s territorial capital. The building, which also served as a boarding and rooming house, was saved from demolition in the 1970s and became an historic house museum. But for more than a decade, visitation to the old Astor House had declined 57 percent from 5,308 to 2,299—a precipitous fall from an already lackluster attendance. Economic reality shows that it no longer makes sense to continue operating a museum that on average draws only six people a day and is a financial drain on the overall budget of the City’s museum division.

Golden History Museums knew that immediate action was necessary to preserve the historic landmark and safeguard its viability. The first step was to save the structural integrity of Astor House, which meant removing toxic asbestos and shoring walls and ceilings. As this process continues, what has emerged is a blank canvas with much potential. Creating a new museum that explores Colorado’s rich brewing heritage and booming craft renaissance seemed a natural fit for Golden which already draws more than 300,000 visitors annually to the popular Coors Brewery Tour, and is home to seven microbreweries. And Astor House, with its historic role as a social space and place of hospitality, seemed an ideal setting.

In July, museum staff presented the concept for the Colorado Beer Museum to Golden City Council who directed staff to begin gauging public interest and support for the idea. Findings will be presented to City Council in October to seek approval for a feasibility study.

“We are very excited about the possibility of creating the Colorado Beer Museum and breathing new life into this storied building,” said Golden History Museums director, Nathan Richie. “But, this idea is still in its early stages. We want to gather as much feedback as we can to determine our plan’s viability.” There is still much to be explored including capacity, historic sensitivities, parking, and financial sustainability—all factors that staff wish to investigate during a feasibility study. “Pending the outcome of the feasibility study, a commitment to proceed with the project or direction to evaluate other viable alternatives will be sought,” explained Richie.

During this exploratory phase, museums staff is seeking community input through a survey that can be taken online at www.GoldenHistory.org/AstorHouseFuture. Individuals can also watch a 14-minute presentation about the Colorado Beer Museum concept and provide their direct feedback. Progress and photos of the ongoing historic rehabilitation happening at Astor House can be seen at www.Facebook.com/AstorHouseMuseum.
As most kids were making their last few trips to the pool at the end of summer, dozens of Golden kids were putting their minds through boot camp to get a jump start on the school year. The academic summer camps were designed to provide a fun, hands-on learning environment and to encourage successful academic experiences at key transition points in K-12 learning.

About 60 students from Bell Middle School attended each day of the Summer Science Boot Camp. After a refresher on scientific methods, they then conducted experiments including a test to find out which type of gum allowed for the biggest bubble to be blown! The camp challenged their minds in a fun way, and many of the students were happy to get their “mind muscles” back in shape.

At the same time, Golden High School hosted the first-ever Advanced Placement (AP) Boot Camp, designed to get kids who placed in AP classes ready for the intensive learning programs. Students received a Resource Book, developed by their teachers, filled with information to help students throughout the school year. One of the most interactive parts of the day involved a clue-finding session. Students relied on collaboration and problem solving strategies to navigate the classroom, find key information, and assimilate what they learned.

The boot camp programs in the above article would not have been possible without the support of the Golden Schools Foundation (GSF). The purpose of the GSF is to raise and then distribute funds to help foster excellence in educational opportunities for Golden articulation schools.

The GSF’s biggest fundraiser of the year is on Sunday, Sept. 25. The 11th annual Golden Gallop has a 5k and 10k race which start underneath the “Welcome” arch on Washington Avenue and finish in Parfet Park. Registration runs from $15 for a Kid’s Fun Run to $45 for the 10k run. All proceeds will directly benefit Golden’s schools throughout the year. To register and for more information, visit www.GoldenGallop.com.
**Nutcracker Auditions**

Golden Dance Arts is proud to present its 3rd annual Nutcracker Ballet this upcoming holiday season. Instructors are seeking performers ages three through adult to be a part of the magic. No prior dance experience is required. Auditions are Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Times for auditions are 1 to 1:45 p.m. for ages 4 - 8, and 2 to 3 p.m. for ages 9 and up. There is a parent meeting following each audition.

All rehearsals will be held on Saturdays at the GCC. The performances will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4. For details contact Tighe Burg at tigheburgler@gmail.com.

**Artwork In Plein Sight**

You’ll soon have a chance to watch painters as they capture the beauty of Golden’s landscapes. Early in October, 27 Colorado-based artists will descend upon several locations in Jeffco Open Spaces to participate in the first ever live plein air painting event. Several artists will be stationed along Clear Creek Trail in Golden and the public is invited to stroll along the path and observe them as they work. Artists will be painting along the Creek between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8.

To whet your artistic whistle, you can first enjoy a free, public view of dramatic water colors, acrylics and oil paintings from a private collection, on display from Sept. 19 through Oct. 9 at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 100 Jefferson County Parkway.

The live painting event will culminate with a display of the work of all participating artists from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-9 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

The event is hosted by PLAN Jeffco, a non-profit organization created to help preserve open space by educating and motivating citizens. For more information about In Plein Sight and a detailed schedule of events, visit www.InPleinSightJeffco.org.

**CALLING ALL CHILI COOKS**

On Saturday, Oct. 15, thousands will participate in the fun tradition of Golden’s annual Chili Cook-off & Beer Tasting event, presented by the Golden Chamber of Commerce. There will be red, white, and green chili contests. Then, event participants will get to enjoy the contestant’s chili, and sample many different varieties of beers.

If you think your chili recipe can compete, prove it! Anyone interested in entering into this 9th annual Chili Cook-off contest, contact Malori Plush with the Golden Chamber at 303-279-3113.
Our lives are filled with events—big and small, happy and sad, some memorable and some best forgotten. Over the course of days and years, the events of a lifetime tell a story—and the same is true for a community.

Opening Sunday, Sept. 18 at the Golden History Center is Epic Events, a new timeline experience spanning 150-plus years of Golden history.

Epic Events showcases over three dozen events. From the founding of Golden to the discovery of the world’s first T-rex tooth, we cover a huge spectrum of material. Visitors will also discover Colorado Prohibition, William “Buffalo Bill” Cody’s burial, and a blizzard that dumped five feet of snow on the town, all of which are paired with some amazing artifacts.

Perhaps the largest and showiest artifact is a recently acquired 1910 ore car used for local clay mining. There is also a 1920s Coors milk can used by local families to transport milk for malted milk production, and Norton Brown’s 1892 Engineer of Mines degree from the Colorado School of Mines.

Hear Golden author and historian Mary Ramstetter narrate a video introduction titled, Golden Was Born a Handmaiden to the Miners. Her colorful narrative is supported with new footage from four of Golden’s historical murals, most notably two by Hal Shelton.

And that’s not all. For the first time ever a c. 1972 industry film on the Jolly Rancher plant titled Candy Country USA will show continuously.

The entire family will want to take a selfie in front of a huge photo backdrop depicting tourists with donkeys - once a common sight in Golden. As early as July 1, 1906, Clyde Ashworth had erected a pavilion at the summit of Castle Rock and tourists used burros as a novel means of transportation to and from the rock.

Finally, the Epic Events timeline gallery guide will be on hand to help you peruse hundreds of other epic events from the past century and a half. An epic accomplishment on its own, the timeline was developed in conjunction with a team of respected local historians.

Epic Events is a permanent installation and the first new exhibit outlined in a new master plan for the Golden History Center, located at 923 10th St. Visit www.GoldenHistory.org for more information.
Get your tails wagging and your costumes ready for a day of fun! Foothills Animal Shelter (FAS) will host the first ever Toby’s Pet Parade & Fair from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 5th Ave Frontage Rd.

The parade is named after Toby, a 10-year old Australian Shepherd who was found running on the streets with electrical tape around his muzzle. He was very malnourished and dehydrated when he arrived at FAS. His good nature and loving spirit impressed a shelter employee, who adopted him. He is now the official mascot for FAS! He is the inspiration for this event to raise the critical funds needed to support and care for homeless pets like him. For more information or to register for the parade, visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/Tobys-Parade.
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5K, 10K, & Kid’s Fun Run

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Bonus Prize for Male & Female New Course Records
Every Fun Run Participant gets a medal
see website for details

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