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To contact the entire City Council, e-mail citycouncil@cityofgolden.net.
Flu Shots Available
Flu shots are just around the corner. The City of Golden will offer flu shots from 7 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.
Payment can be by cash, check or participating insurance including Medicare Part B (as primary insurance).
Vaccination is still the best way to prevent getting influenza and vaccination is recommended for almost everyone. Check with your doctor before getting a shot.

Golden Fire Department's Safety and Preparedness Day
Join Golden’s firefighters for a FREE fun-filled safety event for the entire family. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Golden Fire Station #1, 911 10th St. The Golden Fire Department along with the University of Colorado Hospital Burn Center and Colorado State Patrol, will host the annual Safety and Preparedness Day. The event will include personal fire truck tours, live fire demonstrations, game-based fire and burn education for all ages, and free car seat checks. There will be many opportunities to learn about safety in the home and the community. There will also be drawings for door prizes and bottomless popcorn along with an assortment of refreshments.

Mail-In Ballot Election Scheduled for Nov. 7
REGISTRATION DEADLINES:
The last day to register to vote or change the address on a voter registration varies based on how you submit your registration.

HERE'S HOW TO REGISTER:
• Online at www.GoVoteColorado.com. There you will find registration forms.
• By Mail - Must be received by Oct. 30.
• Any time in person – including Election Day
  • Voter Service Centers. Locally it is the Jefferson County Elections Division, 3500 Illinois St., Suite 1100 (Laramie Building).
  • At any local Driver’s License examination facility.

To receive a mail ballot, you must register eight days before Election Day.
All voter information at www.jeffco.us/elections.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY
• US Citizen
• At least 18 years old on or before Election Day
• Colorado resident at present address at least 22 days prior to the election


All registered voters will be mailed a ballot from Jefferson County the week of Oct. 16. Your ballot must be returned to Jefferson County or placed in a ballot drop box no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 7. Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., will have a drop-off box or you may drop off your ballot at Jefferson County Elections, 3500 Illinois St., Suite 1100.

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. 14
Regular Business Meeting
Sept. 21
Study Session
Sept. 28
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.
As I complete my second and final term as your Ward 1 Councilor, it is time to look back over the last eight years and consider the highlights, changes, and accomplishments that mark the experience. I marvel at how fast the time went by and what an interesting, enjoyable, and rewarding journey it has been. From the first campaign when I walked the entire ward and knocked on your doors, I have most valued connecting and communicating with you. I have watched your kids grow up and shared in the joy of new additions, including multiple births in some cases! Sadly, I also attended a few funerals of friends and neighbors who gave so much to their community. I have been happy to see and talk with you at the grocery store, the community center, the parks, Vital Outdoors, and at the many events that are an ongoing part of our community life. As I have walked and biked around town, I have loved the honks and waves that signify our small town friendliness and made me feel that I belong. I treasure the handwritten thank you notes I have received and words of gratitude. We always listen and try to do our best for all of Golden. Everything that I and my fellow councilors have accomplished we have done together with ideas, information, and thoughts from you.

Here are the highlights of my accomplishments for which I am most proud:

• The soon-to-be completed US 6 and 19th Street intersection. The first piece of the Golden Plan resulting from the historic agreement with the county and with CDOT.

• Clear Creek Management Plan to beautify, protect, and preserve this precious asset.

• Expansion and improvement of trails, open space, walkability and bikeability.

• Tremendous strides in sustainability, including solar on numerous city buildings, Pay As You Throw, new city water meters, and much more...

• The arrival of the light rail West Line at the Jeffco station and the inauguration of the green bus to transport people downtown and around town. A second bus will soon be added to the flex route, resulting in buses every 15 minutes instead of the current 30 (see page 8 for details).

• New skate park; bridge over 6th Avenue by the light rail station connecting with the neighborhoods to the south; new public works/planning building; and a much needed city hall annex.

• Hired new city manager Jason Slowinski!

I always hesitate to take the credit for these projects because so many others were working on them before me. The wheels of government often turn slowly; so years of planning go into large projects. We have started projects that future elected officials and citizens will finish, like the Golden Plan, North Washington Avenue, and affordable housing solutions. There are the day to day problems to solve, while at the same time, keeping an eye to the future, and anticipating opportunities and challenges that may arise.

While it is bittersweet to be finishing my term, I look forward to the next chapter in my life and am confident that Golden will continue to strive and thrive to be even better than it is today. With our outstanding City staff and citizens, it will be in good hands. No matter where life takes me, my heart will always remain here in Golden. Thank you to all of you for giving me this chance to serve.

Marcia Claxton
The tradition continues, as Golden’s Mayor Marjorie Sloan hosts a fun event to honor outstanding individuals and organizations for their exceptional contributions to Golden. This will be the 7th year for the Mayor’s Community Celebration, which will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at the Green Center on the Colorado School of Mines campus.

Last year the City partnered with Mines for a truly impressive event, complete with the school’s marching band and singing groups, a special recognition from Congressman Ed Perlmutter, and much more. Because it was such a huge success, the City is again partnering with Mines, and this year we will celebrate entrepreneurship and innovation. Mayor Sloan wants to highlight the innovations that have come from Mines and our community which positively impact Golden businesses and residents, or humanity as a whole. You won’t believe some of the amazing things happening in Golden! This will be the most fun and interactive Community Celebration yet, with demonstrations and displays for you to explore.

**NOMINATIONS NEEDED**

Now is the time for you to nominate a person or group whom through their extraordinary efforts, exhibit commitment and dedication to the City of Golden and/or Mines.

Completed nominations are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15. You may submit your nomination in one of three ways: through the City’s website [www.cityofgolden.net/MayorsAwards](http://www.cityofgolden.net/MayorsAwards); email nominations to Ben Goldstein at bgoldstein@cityofgolden.net; deliver it in person to City Hall, 911 10th St., Attn: Ben Goldstein.

More than ever, the way we use our transportation facilities is changing. Residents of Golden, this is where you can make a difference. You have the chance to help craft policies and recommendations so that transportation in Golden remains safe and convenient.

After careful review and consideration, the City Council decided to create a new citizen board to provide recommendations to staff and City Council regarding issues related to mobility and transportation. The Mobility and Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) will provide a venue to develop policies related to the operations of our local transportation systems. The board’s recommendations will also contribute to community and neighborhood plans prepared by the Planning Commission, and to policy and strategic decisions of City Council.

The MTAB will be comprised of seven members, each of whom must be a resident of the city. City Council is looking for a diverse and committed group of individuals with a variety of complementary skills, critical thinking abilities, and expertise as necessary to fulfill their duties.

Interested residents are encouraged to apply for this exciting new volunteer opportunity! Watch for the interview schedule and application this month at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net). Council expects to appoint the board this fall. For more information about the MTAB, contact City Engineer Joe Puhr at jpuhr@cityofgolden.net.
The Golden Backpack Program (GBP) is at it again; kicking off its third program designed to feed hungry kids and families in Golden. Through a partnership with The Action Center, GBP launches the Fresh Food Co-Op.

The pilot program started last school year at Pleasant View Elementary. Now, it will be in full swing, providing healthy food that is gathered from Whole Foods, Sprouts, and Trader Joe’s. Food items include fresh produce and fruit, dairy, prepared items, and some shelf-stable food that is near or past its “sell-by” date, while still retaining a lot of solid nutrition.

When Pleasant View Elementary closed, the GBP consolidated all of its operations at its new home in New Hope Community Church. In order to “shop” at the Fresh Food Co-Op, families can either pay $10/month per family or donate four hours of volunteer time in the Co-Op in exchange for three days of food per week, regardless of the size of the family. Shoppers are accompanied by a volunteer who helps them choose items that are guided by the USDA healthy food program, “MyPlate.” This provides an emphasis on fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins.

This fall, choice membership will go to kids/families in Shelton, Kyffin, and Welchester Elementary schools. The kids/families can choose to receive weekend sacks of shelf-stable food or have access to the Fresh Food Co-Op. Over time, the program will extend to all Golden articulation schools.

The GBP began in 2008 when its founders discovered there is a very significant but hidden problem of childhood hunger in the Golden area. The first GBP program provided weekend sacks of shelf-stable food to kids. In 2013, the program expanded to include summer lunches for students. So far, the GBP has served over 485,000 meals to kids and families in need.

Every year there is a need in our community for some basic but crucial home repair, especially for the elderly, disabled and low-income families. This year, the need grew drastically after the terrible hailstorm back in May that destroyed roofs throughout Golden. Although insurance covers the cost of repairs for many, it wasn’t an option for others.

The Neighborhood Rehab Project (NRP) will be coming to the rescue for many homeowners this September. Each year this amazing event grows in size and scope. The NRP is expecting as many as 1,000 volunteers to work on projects in Golden and some surrounding communities. Due to the severe hail damage, the City of Golden is partnering with NRP this year to help the dozens of people who need new roofs. The City has reallocated $15,000 in unused monies from Neighborhood Betterment Grants, to assist NRP in repairing roofs in Golden.

Even though the City’s donation is significant, it is only part of what is needed to repair roofs, which cost several thousand dollars each. While registration for the annual NRP “Be A Tool” Day of Service is closed, you can still support the cause by donating to the efforts at www.beatool.org.

The program is made possible by support from local businesses, private donations, churches, and fundraising. If you miss this event, you can be a part of the 5k Be A Tool Elf Run fundraiser coming up on Nov. 25 in downtown Golden, coinciding with Small Business Saturday. You are also encouraged to volunteer for the smaller, monthly days of service put on by NRP throughout the year. Visit www.beatool.org and click on the “Be A Tool” button.
RTD Considering Cuts to W Line Service

Just as the City of Golden is investing in public transit efforts, RTD is considering cutting back service to the Light Rail’s W Line in Golden from every 15 minutes to every 30 minutes for parts of the day. For RTD, it is one of many cost savings efforts to help with their budget deficit. But for Golden, it is much more impactful than just to the wallet.

As you will see on the next few pages, Golden is working hard to find innovative and efficient ways to improve overall transportation while decreasing the amount of cars that need to park, or idle and create pollution.

In partnership with RTD, the City has the Green Bus service with both set stops and call-n-ride opportunities. City Council recently agreed to fund the addition of another Green Bus, so that buses frequent the planned stops every 15 minutes during peak hours; up from 30 minutes (see p. 9).

Golden is also adding a 24-7 self-checkout Bike Library station at the W Line stop so that riders can check out a bike, ride into Golden, and either ride back to the Light Rail or drop off the bike at designated locations downtown (see p. 8).

Not many other communities along the Light Rail lines can say they’ve put this much effort into helping make transit successful. With these efforts and many more, it benefits the entire Golden community for RTD to continue service into Golden every 15 minutes and not cut back to 30-minute intervals.

If ever there were a time for you to be a squeaky wheel and support public transit, this is it. We encourage you to either attend the following public meeting, or send in your comments to RTD regarding this proposed service reduction.

COME CELEBRATE the Completion of Linking Lookout!

Join the City of Golden for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the official end to the massive US 6 & 19th Street construction project. The process to make the Linking Lookout project a reality was nearly two years in the making. Starting with community meetings and ending with a through-highway underneath and a safer 19th Street lid on top. We invite neighbors, walkers, bikers and drivers to join us for live music, refreshments, fun and a gift to take home!
The Golden Bike Library is adding three new locations where riders can check out bikes and pedal around town! Currently, the “main branch” is behind the Visitor’s Center at 1010 Washington Ave., which opened in June 2016. Coming this fall will be three satellite locations at the Jeffco Golden Light Rail Station, the Colorado School of Mines campus, and Parfet Park just across from the Visitor’s Center.

The three new bike library stations will function differently than the Visitor’s Center location, which is operated by staff members. The satellite locations will be completely automated, with bike rentals made through a mobile application that controls the locking mechanism on the bike. This new automated style will be great for commuters. For example, bikes will be available for checkout at the light rail station and then can be returned at the other stations in town or on the Mines campus. Additionally, they are available for checkout 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Stay tuned for more details on the new stations, as well as an official launch date, as the Golden Bike Library staff works to test the system and roll it out this fall.

Until the new satellite locations go live, you can still visit the Golden Bike Library at its main downtown location along Clear Creek next to the Golden Visitors Center. Bikes are available to check out Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first two hours are free; those looking to rent for longer periods pay just $10 per day and may utilize a convenient key-drop box to return bikes after hours. Riders are required to sign a waiver and those under 18 must have a parent signature. A valid ID and credit card are required for rentals.

Due to high demand, the Bike Library now has a fleet of 60 bicycles. For those new to Golden, suggested routes, maps and other Golden information is available at the Visitor’s Center and online. If you would like to make a reservation in advance for any of the locations, or want more information on the program, visit www.goldenbikelibrary.com.

Sixteen electric charging stations are available in Golden and many of them are free of charge. All are Level 2 charging stations, which are relatively fast chargers and can get you to your next stop and beyond in no time. Here are the locations:

- Golden Parking Garage, 702 12th St.
- Golden Real Estate, 17695 S Golden Rd.
- Holiday Inn Express, 17140 W. Colfax Ave.
- 14th & Jackson Streets, 623 14th St.
- Golden Parking Garage, 1250 Jackson St.
- Kohl’s, 16700 W. Colfax Ave.
- Centura Health, 750 Warner Dr.
- The Golden Hotel (Tesla station), 800 11th St.

Don’t have an electric car, but interested in looking at the costs & benefits? Check out the federal tax credits for 2017 ($7,500), state tax credits ($5,000) and manufacturer incentives, often in the thousands. Some of the latest electric vehicles have ranges of 150+ miles per charge. Pair it with a Level 2 charger at home, and even a few solar panels to offset the electric usage, and you’ll be a Sustainability Rockstar!
Zipcar is a car-sharing network that allows its members to access cars in cities and airports all over the country, and now this service is available in Golden! Members can reserve cars by the hour or day, including the cost of gas, insurance, maintenance and 180 miles of driving.

WHERE IS ZIPCAR IN GOLDEN?
Zipcars are now available in Golden in the downtown parking garage at 1250 Jackson Street, on the first level. The service has begun with two cars, a Jeep Wrangler and a Ford Focus, but vehicle types can change depending on the preferences of customers. There are two additional Zipcars available on the Colorado School of Mines campus, and more cars may be added within Golden over time if usage grows.

RATES & FEES
- Join for $7/month or $70 per year with a one-time application of $25
- Reservations start at $7.50/hour and $69/day
- Gas, insurance, maintenance and 180 miles/day are included in every reservation
- 24/7 Member Services team available: 1.866.4ZIPCAR (1.866.494.7227)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
More car sharing means fewer personal cars in the city. That means less traffic, less pollution, less real estate dedicated to parking, and more room for bikes and parks.
- Each Zipcar member reduces their CO2 emissions by up to 1,600 pounds per year.
- Each Zipcar takes up to 13 personally owned vehicles off the road.
- Members report an increase in walking, biking and public transit.

HELPFUL LINKS
Frequently asked questions: zipcar.com/how
Is car sharing for me? zipcar.com/is-it
Press center: zipcar.com/press

HOW IT WORKS:
4 simple steps to Zipcar freedom.

JOIN
Apply online. Once approved, we'll send you a Zipcard to access vehicles worldwide.

RESERVE
Book a Zipcar for as little as 1 hour or as long as 7 days.

TAP
Hold your Zipcard to the car’s windshield to unlock. Voilà! It’s all yours.

DRIVE
Hit the road. When you’re done, park the car in its reserved spot and use your Zipcard or the app to lock up.

THE GREEN BUS CIRCULATOR ROUTE IN GOLDEN
The Green Bus circulator route in Golden, which runs between the JeffCo Golden Light Rail Station, downtown Golden, the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) and many other destinations along its route, will now offer expanded weekday service. Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, buses will arrive at their stops every 15 minutes instead of every 30 minutes.

Doubling the frequency of buses means riders will only have an average wait time of 7.5 minutes. This level of convenience is attractive to people who don’t want to have to consult a bus schedule or worry about waiting too long to get where they want to go. It’s also a step in the right direction for Golden’s Vision and sustainability goals to help with congestion, pollution and parking demand.

The increase in service is a two-year pilot program, funded by the City, CSM and possibly Jefferson County in the future. To accomplish the 15-minute frequency, a second Green Bus was added for a cost of $100,000 per year. If the program is successful and ridership goes up significantly, there is a good chance that RTD will take over the cost of the additional bus going forward.

The Green Bus system in Golden is run by RTD’s Call n Ride program. Standard RTD local bus fares apply, though riders transferring to or from the light rail do not pay an additional fare. The two existing roaming Call n Ride buses, which serve locations off the route and throughout Golden by reservation, will remain in service and will not be altered with the addition of the second bus on the route. For details visit www.cityofgolden.net/communitybus. RTD’s Golden Schedule: www.rtd-denver.com/callNRide.shtml#golden
Sept. 1 - 30  Golden Glass Orb Hunt
Visit Golden’s first ever treasure hunt! Search for a handcrafted glass orb to be placed in various locations throughout town during September. See p. 13 for details.

Sept. 2  Coffee with a Councilor
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. 4  Labor Day
City of Golden Administrative offices and the Golden Community Center will be closed for this holiday.

Sept. 6 through Oct. 18  Boot Camp Challenge
All the motivation and affordability of group exercise with the accountability and results of personal training. 5:45 - 6:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For details call 720-628-2901 or email kim@completefitnessdenver.com.

Sept. 8 through Oct. 15  Les Liaisons Dangereuses
A tale of seduction set in France among aristocrats before the revolution. Adult themes. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For show times, tickets and info call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Sept. 9  GFD Safety and Preparedness Day
Join Golden’s firefighters for a FREE day of fun and educational family activities. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Golden Fire Station #1, 911 10th St. More details on p. 3.

Sept. 9  Golden Sidewalk Sale
A one-day sidewalk sale in all of Golden’s shopping areas. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See p. 18 for more details.

Sept. 16  Toby’s Pet Parade & Fair
Dress up your pup to help homeless animals. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Parfet Park. See p. 19 for details.

Sept. 22  Fall Equinox - First Day of Autumn

Sept. 24  Golden Gallop
This 12th annual event features a 5k, 10k and kid’s fun run. Proceeds benefit the Golden Schools Foundation. For information and to register, visit www.GoldenGallop.com.

Saturdays through Oct. 7  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/ or call 303-279-3113.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**September 2017**

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**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. 6, 2017** ............. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
- **Oct. 4, 2017** ................ 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Although these classes are free, space is limited.

Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

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**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. 1, 2017** ............... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Class is free, but space is limited.

Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

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**Nutcracker Ballet Auditions**

**Saturday, Sept. 16 • Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.**

- **1 - 1:45 p.m.:** Ages 5 - 9
- **2:30 - 3:30 p.m.:** Ages 10 and up

If you cannot make this date or your child is under the age of five, contact Tighe at tigheburglar@gmail.com.

Golden Dance Arts will present its fourth annual performance of the Nutcracker Ballet this winter, and now is the chance for your child to try out. This is the highlight of each dance season for dancers enrolled in classes at the Golden Community Center (GCC).

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your audition time. A brief parent meeting will follow each audition. Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays and the ballet performance is on Saturday, Dec. 9. For complete details and requirements for auditioning, email Tighe at tigheburglar@gmail.com or call the GCC at 303-384-8100.

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Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden, please send your listing to: Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them posted (i.e. Feb. 1 for the March issue). Please note Jan/Feb is a combined edition so all submissions for those months will be needed by Dec. 1. Call 303-384-8121 with questions or for more information.
Sign Up for the City’s Green Waste Program to Win Great Prizes

Anyone that lives within the City limits is encouraged to sign up for the green waste pickup service through Alpine Waste & Recycling. Starting this month, new and existing subscribers will be entered into a drawing each month to win fantastic prizes including a $100 Garden In A Box gift certificate, rain barrels, landscape trees, stylish compost bins, water bill credits and much more.

HOW CAN I SIGN UP?
Contact Alpine at 303-277-TRASH (8727) or email golden@alpinewaste.com to start service. Alpine Waste customer service representatives will indicate when your cart and kitchen container will be delivered. Upon signing up, you will receive a 96-gallon cart and a roll of biodegradable kitchen waste bags to start your collection.

Monthly fees are $9.45. This is a discounted monthly rate for Golden residents, provided by the Community Sustainability Advisory Board. You may cancel anytime.

Place compostable kitchen waste and yard waste in your container (food scraps, paper products, leaves, small branches). A complete list of acceptable items is available at www.cityofgolden.net/ReduceWaste. All compostable items can be thrown into the same cart. No need to separate.

Green Waste service is YEAR ROUND and bi-weekly (every other week).

Community Solar Ballot Initiative

On Aug. 10, City Council approved the following ballot question for the November 2017 election:

Shall the Golden City Council be authorized to revise the City’s lease with the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for the Rooney Road Sports Complex lease parcel to allow the use of up to fifteen acres of the parcel that are not currently developed or used for sports field purposes, for the future installation and operation of renewable energy facilities, including solar energy?

Learn more at: www.cityofgolden.net/solargarden
Hunt for Treasure this September!

Join Visit Golden’s first ever city treasure hunt! The Golden Glass Orb Hunt is a daily search for one-of-a-kind glass orbs handcrafted by three local artisans. One glass orb will be placed somewhere in the city each day for thirty days, Sept. 1 - 30.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it:
• Glass orbs can be found anywhere within Golden city limits that is a public area. You can view the map at: http://maps.cityofgolden.net/ (city is highlighted in purple). You won’t find them on private property, a driving range, in the creek, the middle of an established trail, or other places that would be unsafe for treasure hunters.
• Glass orb placement will happen around 9 a.m. each day. If the orb has not yet been found by 1 p.m., the Foothills Art Center will post a clue just inside their front entrance at 809 15th St.
• Finders keepers!
• If you find an orb, you will need to take it to the Foothills Art Center to receive a certificate of authenticity. Foothills Art Center is open Mondays – Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sundays: noon – 5 p.m.
• Once you register your orb, you can enter a drawing to win a $200 gift card to a Golden business of your choosing.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL HUNT
• We want these orbs to be found so remember to look in obvious spots.
• Orbs are placed outdoors rain or shine.
• Have fun!

SHARE PHOTOS OF YOUR FIND
If you find an orb, snap a picture of the treasure and where you found it and share it on social media with #goldenlassorbhunt. Be sure to follow Visit Golden’s social media @VisitGoldenCO and Foothills Art Center @foothillsartcenter to see posts on the hunt.

Gallery & Theatre: New Dance Partners in Golden

Golden is fortunate to have two organizations that quench the thirsts of a variety of art lovers. The art gallery, Foothills Art Center (FAC), and live community theatre, Miners Alley Playhouse (MAP) both have a long history of serving Golden and the region with high quality arts programming.

The two entities are just a few blocks from one another. Additionally, they both have education at the core of their missions, they offer high quality award-winning programming, they serve similar audiences and supporters, and they are both experiencing challenges with space to meet the needs of their growing audiences.

With these similarities, the executive directors of the FAC and MAP began working together to create mutually beneficial programs. By partnering in areas such as programming, resource sharing and staff sharing, they have the potential to better serve the community while strengthening the financial health and future of the gallery and the theatre.

To help these new “dance partners,” a committee was formed with board members from each organization and community stakeholders to explore possibilities. To kick off this new partnership, FAC members at the Art Explorer level and above will receive two complimentary tickets to any show at MAC, as part of their membership. Find out more about each organization on their websites: www.foothillsartcenter.org and www.minersalley.com.
ADULT/YOUTH SPECIALTY

Babysitting Course
Designed for pre-teens to prepare for first babysitting opportunities.
Age: 11 - 14 years, Min/Max: 5/20
#452410 Saturday, Sept. 9
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Recreational Tree Climbing - Dances with Branches
Learn to climb trees! For event dates in Golden, call 303-384-8159 or visit rec.cityofgolden.net.
Age: 7 years and older, Min/Max: 6/15
#452910 Saturday, Sept. 9
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
$41 Resident, $46 Non-resident
- Meet at Parfet Park at 10th and Washington.

CREATIVE ARTS

My First Abrakadoodle Art Class
Introducing new art experiences through exploration to the youngest of doodlers.
Age: 1½ - 4 years, Min/Max: 7/12
#453510 Wednesdays, Sept. 6 - 27
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
$66 Resident, $71 Non-resident

Mud Makers
Together, parents and preschoolers will explore and experiment with clay.
Age: 3 - 6 years, Min/Max: 4/6
#453601 Tuesdays, Sept. 5 - 26
4:15 - 5 p.m.
$45 Resident, $50 Non-resident

YOUTH & TEEN ACTIVITIES

SPACETIME WORKSHOPS:
Interstellar Adventure Workshop
SpaceTime's Interstellar Adventure workshop takes kids on a journey beyond the edges of our Solar System.
Age: 5 - 12 years, Min/Max: 6/16
#455203 Saturday, Sept. 16
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
$50 Resident, $55 Non-resident

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JumpBunch® Parent/Tot
JumpBunch® makes sports and fitness fun for your toddler!
Age: 15 months - 3 years, Min/Max: 4/12
#455710 Thursdays, Sept. 7 - Oct. 12
12 - 2:30 p.m.
$54 Resident, $59 Non-resident

JumpBunch® Preschoolers
JumpBunch® is a national leader in kids sports and fitness for children 15 months and older! Each week’s plan teaches a different sport while incorporating developmental skills.
Age: 3 - 6 years, Min/Max: 4/15
#455720 Mondays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 26
12:45 - 1:30 p.m.
$40 Resident $45 Non-resident
(4 week sessions)
#455720 Thursdays, Sept. 7 - Oct. 12
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
$60 Resident, $65 Non-resident
(6 week sessions)

Rocket Blast Workshop
Rocket Blast is SpaceTime’s “Best Of” rockets and space exploration program.
Age: 5 - 12 years, Min/Max: 6/16
#455205 Friday, Sept. 9
1 - 5 p.m. (Early Release Day workshops)
$45 Resident, $50 Non-resident

COMPUTER EXPLORER ACTIVITIES:
MineCraft - The Adventure Begins
Discover MineCraft essentials while searching for clues to unlock doors, participating in scavenger hunts, taming wolves and riding pigs!
Age: 6-8 years, Min/Max: 6/12
#455104 Saturday, Sept. 23
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
$62 Resident, $67 Non-resident

WeDO Too Engineering
Your child’s imagination will soar when they meet Milo, the rover, and discover simple machines, engineering and programming.
Age: 6-8 years, Min/Max: 6/12
#455111 Saturday, Sept. 23
1 - 3:30 p.m.
$62 Resident, $67 Non-resident

Snowball Camp
This state licensed day camp is guaranteed to keep your child busy during winter break!
Age: 5 - 12 years, Min/Max: 10/20 per day
#546111 Monday, Dec. 26 - Friday, Jan. 5
(No camp Jan. 1)
Drop-off: 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Pick-up: 4 - 6 p.m.
$32/day Resident, $37/day Non-resident
- This program is available for online registration.

For more information and to register, visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net.
Celebrate Health!
Cancelled for September due to facility closure.
The first Friday of each month we offer healthy refreshments and appointments for chair massages, hand and foot reflexology for nominal fees. Celebrate Health! is held upstairs at the Front Porch of the Golden Community Center. 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

Golden Book Club
This group meets in the Front Porch the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The book list has been announced as follows:
*Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah
If you are interested in joining, please email Jan Bradbury at bobjanbradbury@comcast.net.

Facility Closure
The Golden Community Center will be closed Monday, Aug. 28 through Friday, Sept. 1 for facility maintenance. The facility will also be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 for Labor Day.

UPCOMING TRIPS
Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception #353400-01
*Wednesday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exertion Level 3.*
$10 - Transportation and tour included. Bring money for lunch.
On Oct. 27, 1912, fifteen bishops and a cardinal, along with local dignitaries, attended the dedication Mass for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver. The following day, the Rocky Mountain News reported, “May the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception long stand, its spires an expression of the questing, upturned face of humanity, its chimes an eternal call to the spirituality that stirs within us, and its doors a haven to the weary-hearted in search of hope and rest!” The Cathedral was consecrated in 1921 and elevated to a minor basilica on Dec. 25, 1979. On Aug. 13 and 14, 1993, His Holiness John Paul II celebrated Mass at the Cathedral as part of the World Youth Day celebration held in Denver that year.
Each week the Cathedral provides three daily Masses and five Sunday Masses to the faithful. Over half of those attending are visitors from other parishes and other cities. Each year the Cathedral provides 50,000 to 60,000 lunches to the poor and homeless. While the Cathedral is now an inner-city parish, its contributions to the community continue.

Corn Maze at the Chatfield Botanic Gardens #353500-01
*Friday, Sept. 29, Time TBA. Exertion Level 4.*
$20 - Transportation and admission included. Bring money for lunch.
Get lost in the 7-acre Corn Maze at Chatfield Farms. The corn maze is like a giant puzzle, created by rows of corn in the landscape of the farm. The pathways cut into the corn form an intricate design, as well as a challenging maze with numerous dead-ends and tricky pathways.

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/FrontPorch.
In July, the Golden Fire Department officially retired Engine 3 after 26 years of serving our community. What made the engine extra special was the name on the side of the truck: “Thomas D. Young.”

Tom Young began working for the GFD in 1982. On July 6, 1990 Tom was critically injured during a rescue call on Lookout Mountain. He was paralyzed from the neck down. The road to recovery for Tom was a long one... both physically and mentally. “I spent five months in various hospitals for acute care and rehabilitation, learning to live the rest of my life in a wheelchair,” said Tom.

A few months later, Engine 3 arrived and then-Fire Chief John Kellenbenz surprised Tom by adorning the truck with his name. It was at that moment that Tom knew he was still, and would always be a member of the GFD. Tom said the truck helped his family heal. “On any given day, my family and I would be in the downtown area and Engine 3 would drive by and my children would say ‘There goes daddy’s truck’ and of course, that made me very proud.”

The engine that bore his name may be gone, but Tom still works for the Golden Fire Department as a volunteer, where his determination and dedication to Golden makes him a living legacy.

Uncovering Golden’s Legendary Women

Thank you to everyone who shared names of women to include in Legendary People, one of four new permanent galleries under development at the Golden History Center. “I learned about some amazing characters from your suggestions,” said Museum Curator Mark Dodge. These are some highlights.

Introduced by the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame is Gudy Gaskill, the driving force for the completion of the Colorado Trail (a 500-mile-long hiking trail between Durango and Denver). Gudy is the only Hall of Fame honoree with Golden roots.

The Pioneer Delphian Society of Golden compiled a list of ten recommendations for consideration. Among those was Lettie Brunel, a pioneer settler who walked from Illinois to Golden with her family. History Colorado introduced us to Golden High School alum (class of ’69) Candie Givens, who co-founded the influential Colorado rock band Zephyr.

Treasures in the collection keep revealing more. Dodge is currently researching about 20 women from the Golden community to feature when Legendary People opens. Yet, his research goes much further. “I’d like to hear more about our diverse residents who can be hard to locate in historical records,” said Dodge. “Specifically, people of color like African Americans, Hispanics, or Native Americans. We’re all in this together. If you have an idea about someone we need to research, I’d love to talk.” Email mdodge@cityofgolden.net with your ideas.
It may surprise you to know the Golden History Museum (GHM) sends staff directly into elementary schools to teach kids about Golden and Colorado history. Last year, the popular Building Colorado program went to 300 fourth-grade classrooms from Colorado Springs to Boulder. The program is presented to students as a game where they are challenged to combine history with economic concepts like “risk” and “opportunity cost.” Students work in teams to make choices about Colorado history topics such as the Gold Rush, railroads, and voting rights.

This year, GHM created another program specifically for third graders. The new program will also be a game that combines history with economic choices, but will focus on personal finances and teach kids how to reach long and short-term economic goals despite a scarcity of resources. Rather than focusing on city development as in the fourth-grade game, this program utilizes trading to connect six different cultural communities that lived in Colorado during the 1800s.

We are very excited to teach kids more about Colorado’s diverse historic players including the Plains Indians (consisting of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes), Mountain Ute Indians, Chicanos, the mining community, homesteaders, and city-dwellers.

Each highlighted community has both influenced Colorado history and affected each other as well. For example, in 1848 the U.S. and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War and forcing Mexico to cede its northern holdings that included part of present-day Colorado. Many Chicano families chose to stay in their homes and ultimately changed their nationality from Mexican to American. Some of these families, however, entered into legal battles with the U.S. government over their land ownership and were forced to relocate to the San Luis Valley. By the 1850s, these families were competing for resources with the Ute Indians in the area, ultimately disrupting their lifestyle and contributing to their forced relocation.

Another example of community connection; due to the Colorado-region’s population doubling between 1820 and 1850, resources such as food and fuel became progressively scarcer. The Homestead Act of 1862 and the arrival of railroads exasperated the problem and caused clashes between new settlers and the Plains Indians already living in the area. In an attempt to avoid conflict, the Plains Indians settled in the Sand Creek area, where resources were especially scarce. However, without warning and ignoring their attempts at peace, on November 29, 1864, 675 U.S. soldiers commenced the Sand Creek Massacre, killing 230 tribal members—most of whom were women and children.

By learning about these events in Colorado history, and others like the Gold Rush, building booms, and the spread of vaqueros, miners, and traders throughout Colorado, third-grade students will begin to see how Colorado developed due to the contributions of many diverse people. They will get to try their hand at trading resources and choosing a historic Colorado job.

GHM will begin prototyping and testing this program in the fall and hopes to start teaching in classrooms in 2018. If you know any third and fourth grade teachers, tell them to find out more at www.GoldenHistory.org/BuildingColorado.
Think you have the best chili recipe? Prove it! Join in on the fun at the “Knock Your Boots Off” 2017 Chili Cook-Off & Beer Tasting from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 in Parfet Park. Registration for chili chefs is free and each entry receives four free badges to participate in the event.

Cooks must prepare at least 12 gallons of chili per entry in one of three categories: Red, Green & Other. Ribbons and cash awards will be given in Restaurant and Non-Restaurant categories. Entries may be eligible for more than one prize. For a complete list of participation rules, and to enter, visit GoldenChamber.org. This event is presented by the Golden Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Coors Distributing Company and MillerCoors.

Calling All Chili Cooks!

Join us for an exciting one-day sidewalk sale! Golden’s shopping scene has transformed into a hip collection of outdoor gear, one-of-a-kind fashions, jewelry, art, clothing boutiques and more. Come and enjoy great deals, fashion and refreshments in all of Golden’s shopping areas. Fall is the perfect season to browse bargains with friends and family while strolling casually through beautiful Golden.

For more info and a list of participating shops visit www.visitgolden.com/golden-sidewalk-sale.
An event sure to make all tails wag! Foothills Animal Shelter (FAS) hosts Toby’s Pet Parade & Fair on Saturday, Sept. 16 in Parfet Park to benefit homeless pets in the community.

Animal lovers and their dogs in costumes will walk in a parade and compete for prizes such as “Doggie Diva,” “Cutest Couple,” and “Most Original.” After the parade, enjoy a fair with refreshments, dog flyball demonstrations, face painting, family-friendly games and vendor booths. For more information and to register visit www.tobyspetparade.org.

All proceeds will go to care for the more than 9,200 animals who enter FAS each year, providing essential medical, behavioral and life-saving care to homeless pets. The event’s namesake, Toby, is a 10-year old Australian Shepherd who was brought to FAS in 2015 after being found on the streets of Westminster with electrical tape around his muzzle. Toby was adopted by a staff member and quickly became the FAS official mascot. His story of success is a testament to what is possible for other homeless pets. Find out more at www.foothillsanimalsHELTER.org.
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