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The City of Golden is proud to be part of 2013 Passport Day in the USA. The City is a certified passport application location, and people are always welcome to drop off their applications during regular business hours. But Passport Day gives you an opportunity to get your passport application taken care of on a Saturday. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., will be open to accept passport applications. For more information, call Denise at 303-384-8011.

Please keep in mind that passport photos are not available at this location so you must have your photos with you. All fees must be paid by check or money order. No cash or credit cards will be accepted during Passport Day in Golden. For passport information, fees and forms, visit Travel.State.Gov.

V O L U N T E E R   M A T H   T U T O R S   N E E D E D

If you are good at math and have some spare time, Golden High School can use your help. The high school recently started a skills class for students needing extra homework assistance, predominantly in math. They are in need of volunteers who can provide short-term math tutoring assistance to these students. Volunteers are needed during several different classes and most days of the week. If you are interested in helping, please contact Julie Brooks at 303-384-8013 or by email at jbrooks@cityofgolden.net.

M O N E Y   F O R   Y O U R   N E I G H B O R H O O D

For the third year in a row, Golden City Council is funding the i-Golden neighborhood grant program, which allows residents to use City money to make living in Golden even better.

There are two levels of grants. The small grants are for projects up to $500 and intended for block parties, neighborhood clean-up days and other small events and projects. These grants do not require a match but must benefit your community. You can apply any time during the year until funds run out.

Matching grants are for larger projects up to $2,500 and a match by the neighborhood is required. The match can be met with cash, pro bono and in kind contributions or sweat equity. The matching grants must also be for neighborhood improvement and must be approved by City Council.

Grants are for residents who live within the city limits. Golden businesses must be used for professional services and materials and should keep the City’s sustainability goals in mind. For more information, call City Clerk Susan Brooks at sbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014.

F I R E   P E N S I O N   B O A R D   O P E N I N G S

Two appointments to the Fire Department Pension Board expire in April. The Board consists of three fire department members, the City Manager, Finance Director, Mayor and two citizens. Applications will be taken until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at the City Clerk’s office, 911 10th St. Applicants must be residents of the City of Golden. For details about the Board, call Finance Director Jeff Hansen at 303-384-8020. You can also find details and the application at www.cityofgolden.net under Government, Boards and Commissions, Fire Pension Board.

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March. 7
Rescheduled Regular Business Meeting

March. 14
No Meeting

March. 21
Rescheduled Regular Business Meeting

March. 28
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.
All Golden neighborhoods have gorgeous views of our mountain backdrop, but each view is slightly different from the others: a common landscape observed from varying vantage points. Similarly, residents share an overall vision of Golden, nuanced by their neighborhood perspectives.

Maintaining and improving our neighborhoods is an explicit goal of Golden City Council. Just as in Mr. Rogers’ neighborhood, the character of various Golden neighborhoods is shaped by residents’ social connections and civic engagement. In other words, the City can’t meet its goal without encouraging neighbor-to-neighbor interaction and learning what residents are concerned about.

In 2012, Council adopted two neighborhood plans that distill residents’ vision for their neighborhoods, address local issues, and provide a framework for discretionary land-use decisions. We also launched the Golden Vision Community forum, an online tool that allows neighbors to share ideas on projects that affect them. And the electronic bulletin boards at i-neighbors.org have caught on in many neighborhoods. Neighbors look out for each other by sharing reports of needs, issues, events, wildlife sightings, gardening advice, and recommended service providers.

Council also promoted the ongoing i-Golden Neighborhood Grants program, another current avenue for neighbors to become engaged with each other and the city. These grants, from $500 to up to $2,500, fund resident-led block parties, cleanup days, and projects that build vibrant neighborhoods. They not only spur quick and successful grassroots projects, they strengthen neighborhood relationships and develop community leaders.

In 2013, the City will tap into this well of neighborhood energy in at least two more ways. I’m introducing a new program -- Mayor In My Backyard (M.I.M.B.Y., which rhymes with N.I.M.B.Y., adapted from an idea of Joseph Curtatone, mayor of Somerville, Massachusetts). I’ll be seeking invitations to Golden neighborhoods for an informal chance to meet, look around the neighborhood together, and talk about whatever is on neighbors’ minds. I’ll bring no agenda, but may be accompanied by another councilor or a staff member. Just round up a group of any number then email me to set up a time. We can take advantage of the lengthening days after daylight savings time begins on March 10.

And toward the end of the year, the City will be holding a neighborhood summit, with representatives from all the homeowners associations and neighborhood associations in Golden. The event will provide interaction with other neighborhood leaders, council members, and city staff through open discussion of neighborhood and citywide issues.

Participating in the summit, however, will require some groundwork. Golden’s newer neighborhoods have Homeowner Associations (HOAs), but most of our older, more established neighborhoods do not have either an HOA or a Neighborhood Association. During 2013, the City will facilitate the process of forming inclusive and voluntary neighborhood associations that can give residents a stronger voice in civic life. Neighbors can define their own neighborhood, decide on how they will work together, choose representatives, and identify their means of communication. M.I.M.B.Y. can help with this effort.

This is the year for true grassroots efforts -- and more beautiful days in more beautiful neighborhoods.
**Participate in the Planning for Clear Creek's Future**

The City of Golden is putting a lot of effort into finding out what you think about what should happen in the future along the Clear Creek Corridor. Now is the time to start planning for the future of the Corridor, but before the City takes any major action, we are collecting ideas and thoughts from the public.

In February, in partnership with the National Park Service, the City held an open house to discuss the development of a Clear Creek Management Plan. The open house was 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 preservation of Clear Creek.

If you were unable to attend the open house, it isn’t too late to become involved and let your ideas be heard! The next step in the development of the management plan is two public workshops at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. **Join us from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18** to get a summary of what has been heard from the community thus far while also providing an opportunity for open discussion and brainstorming. The second workshop will be from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2**. In this second workshop, we will bring various creek users together to discuss management strategies for the upcoming summer season as well as future planning efforts to keep Clear Creek a safe and wonderful place to play.

We invite you to attend the workshops, but you can also visit [www.cityofgolden.net/links/CCMP](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/CCMP) to take a survey that helps us better understand how you use Clear Creek. At the end of the survey, you can also sign up to be notified when new information becomes available. The Creek is also a hot topic on the City’s Golden Vision site: [http://goldenvision.cityofgolden.net](http://goldenvision.cityofgolden.net). Sign up today!

**Public Workshops:**

- **Monday, March 18,** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 2,** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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**Help Decide How the City Spends Money**

**E**ver wonder where your tax dollars go? You don’t need to apply… you don’t have to go through an interview… you can just show up to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee meetings to learn about how the City spends and saves money. The purpose of the Committee is to advise city staff on the development, implementation, and evaluation of the city budget. It is a great experience for interested residents to learn about where the money comes from and where it goes, while interacting with the City Manager, the City Finance Director, various department heads and fellow citizens.

The meetings are early… 7:30 a.m. but coffee and a light breakfast are provided. The next meeting is **Wednesday, March 20** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. There are only nine meetings for the entire year between March and November. If you attend five meetings, you become a voting member. But no commitment is required. You are welcome to just stop in and listen. These early morning meetings are guaranteed to wake you up to the importance of citizen input into the Golden budget.

For more information or to request an agenda and meeting packet, you can contact Denise at dhish@cityofgolden.net one week prior to the meeting.
What is Buy Golden Week?
Buy Golden Week is Golden’s newest event that aims to educate residents about the benefits of buying local while also raising invaluable funds for community causes.

A full scale marketing and public relations effort will encourage residents, employees and visitors to support Golden businesses March 8 – 17, in an effort to boost business and raise tax revenue for Golden Public schools’ student programs and technology needs.

What are the goals of Buy Golden Week?
• To invigorate the efforts of the year-long Buy Golden awareness program!
• To boost sales significantly for Golden businesses during a weaker consumer spending time!
• To raise over $20,000 for Golden Public Schools!

Why support Golden Businesses?
• Enhances the Local Economy – Shopping in Golden keeps your sales tax dollars in Golden.
• Builds Community – Local entrepreneurs are connected to our community.
• Protects the Environment – No need to waste time and gas driving anywhere else.

How YOU can get involved...
• Support Golden Business by spending money in Golden March 8 – 17.
• Encourage your neighbors, relatives, friends, and co-workers to shop in Golden during the event.
• Learn what businesses are located within the City limits by visiting www.buygoldenweek.com
• Become an Event Sponsor. Learn more at www.buygoldenweek.com
• If you own a business, participate by displaying the Buy Golden Week information and spreading the word!

GoldenShopping Areas:
Often times when you call 9-1-1 for an emergency, you are stressed, scared or hurt… and it’s very difficult to give the operator all of the information needed to best help you. Right now the only pieces of information available to operators are your phone number and general location. That’s why Smart911 was created. It gives you the opportunity to give emergency responders important information about you and your household so that they’re better prepared to help you if you ever need it.

To use Smart911, all you have to do is visit https://www.smart911.com/ and put in your information. This is a secure website and you only have to give the information you want to give. This is a free national service and you can list home phones, cell phones and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phones in the system. Here are a few examples of when Smart911 can be of help:

**Missing child**
With Smart911, the 9-1-1 operator can see a high quality photo of the missing child, and forward the photo to field officers immediately after the call. A map of the child’s last known location is included.

**Senior Citizens & Elderly Care**
Accidents at home – When senior citizens live alone, or spend time alone, they may have additional medical concerns. Having their medications, medical conditions and emergency contacts in their profile can assist first responders.

**Physical Disabilities**
Over 20 million Americans are hard-of-hearing. For these people and anyone else who may have trouble communicating with a 9-1-1 dispatcher over the phone, Smart911 offers an innovative way to both preload data and communicate via SMS. Smart911 can also assist blind citizens and people with limited mobility.

**Medical Conditions**
With Smart911, anytime you dial 9-1-1 the operator can view the medical profile of a confused or disabled caller. If you or anyone in your family has diabetes, epilepsy, Alzheimer’s, or allergies, even if you’re unable to speak, EMS will be dispatched to your location.

**Pet Safety**
House Fire – If there is a fire in your home, your pets can be included in your Safety Profile so that responders know they are in the house and may need assistance.

**Protective Pet** – If you have an animal that may be protective of your family or home, it is beneficial for responders to be aware of them, so that they can approach your home to best assist you and keep your pet safe from harm.

These are just a few examples of how the Smart911 system can help you. Visit https://www.smart911.com/ to put you and your family in the best possible position to face an emergency situation.

### Honor, Service, Integrity - New Golden Police Slogan

The Golden Police Department has a new slogan, “Honor, Service, Integrity.” These words reflect the values by which our police officers serve the Golden community. In the last few months of 2012, Golden Police Chief William Kilpatrick challenged all of the members of the Police Department to create a slogan representing the department’s core values. Dozens of proposals were submitted by members in all positions within the department, and then everyone voted on their favorite.

In December 2012, Chief Kilpatrick announced the winner. Officer Matt Porter, who is assigned to the traffic team, submitted the winning motto. When asked why he chose those words, Officer Porter said “it is a good representation of what all the men and women who work for the Golden Police Department stand for.” Honor, Service and Integrity. The three words speak volumes about the commitment Golden’s law enforcement officers have always had and continue to practice in the Golden community.
A limited number of low-water garden kits are now on sale at a discount for Golden residents. Each garden kit comes with 15-28 plants; an easy to follow professionally designed ‘plant-by-number’ design and a care and maintenance guide. This year’s garden selection includes three perennial xeric garden kits - two for full sun and one suited for partial shade. Perennials come ready for planting in four inch pots that will bloom beautifully throughout the growing season. A ‘Spaghetti Dinner’ vegetable garden is also available. Garden kits can be viewed and ordered at GardenStore.ConservationCenter.org. For any garden kit questions call 303-999-3820 ext. 222. Garden kits, along with easy to install drip kits and other water conservation products, must be pre-purchased by May. Garden kits will be available for pick-up at the Greener Golden event May 11 – stay tuned for details on Golden’s annual event to kick-off the garden season.

Golden Tree Sale

The City of Golden Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to again offer residents a selection of trees that are well-adapted to our climate, at wholesale prices. A mixture of deciduous and conifer species will be available for purchase beginning March 1 during our annual tree sale.

Six species of pine are available in 3’-5’ sizes at $50 each. Five species of deciduous trees, 6’-10’ tall with approximate trunk diameters of 1.25”, will be offered for $45-$80 each. Quantities are limited, with a total of only about 100 trees available through this sale, so there is a limit of only five trees per customer. You must be a City of Golden resident to purchase a tree, and proof of residency will be required.

This year, all of our deciduous trees, except for the Swamp White Oak, will be shipped to us in air-pruned containers. This is a new system, which allows for a healthier, more transplant-friendly root system, but it also means a higher price tag over the traditional “balled and burlapped” root system. It's our hope that the improvement in quality will result in greater customer satisfaction in the end.

Please visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/TreeSale for further information, or contact City Forester Dave High at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net.

Free Waterwise Gardening Seminar
Register Now!

The City of Golden is partnering with the Center for ReSource Conservation to provide a free seminar on the must have plants for your Xeriscape Garden and other water-wise landscape practices. The seminar is FREE and open to anyone. For more information and to register visit www.ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x217.

**When:**
Thursday, April 18
6 - 8 p.m.

**Where:**
Golden Community Center
1470 10th St.
Bear Creek South meeting room (upstairs)

Garden Boxes for Sale
Interested in gardening? Looking to be more involved in the Golden community? Join the successful Golden Community Garden as it embarks on its fifth year of greening Golden. Attendance at the Garden Membership Kickoff meeting is mandatory for 2013 gardeners. Join us from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at the First Presbyterian Church of Golden, 17707 W. 16th Ave. At the meeting, we will hand out garden applications, confirm plots and host a potluck dinner. Please visit www.goldencommunitygarden.org for more information and bring payment for a plot reservation, a dish to share, and your own plates and cutlery for the potluck.

DID YOU KNOW
In the U.S. food travels on average 1,500 miles from farm to consumer. By contrast, local food travels less than 100 miles. Just one more reason to grow your own veggies.

Nominations Open For 2013 Golden Sustainability Awards

Do you know someone who is a stand-out supporter of sustainability? The Community Sustainability Advisory Board is soliciting nominations for outstanding individuals and groups who have committed their efforts toward achieving a more sustainable city. We are looking for nominations for the following categories:

• Student
• Individual
• Business
• Community Group

Nominations will be accepted from now until March 19. Download an application at www.cityofgolden.net/government/departments-divisions/sustainability/golden-sustainability-awards.

For more information, call Theresa Worsham at 303-384-8117 or email tworsham@cityofgolden.net.
Through April 27

**Surface Exploration**

**March 1 to April 7**

**The Pittman Painters**

**March 2**

**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 seharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

**March 2 to 24**

**Colorado Watercolor Society Exhibition**
Enjoy 92 exciting works in the watercolor medium, an exhibit which attracts visitors from across the state. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information, call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

**March 4**

**St. Patty's Celebration**
A Masonic event including traditional Irish step dancers, bagpipers and a meal of corned beef and cabbage, sponsored by the Golden City Lodge No. 1. Party begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Golden Masonic Temple, 400 10th St. A $10 donation is requested and reservations are required. Call 303-278-7362 for reservations.

**March 7 & 21**

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

**March 8 to May 19**

**The Villain of Gary Gulch**

**March 10**

**Spring Forward**
Daylight Saving Time. Set your clocks forward one hour and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

**March 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23**

**High School Musical**
Golden High School’s Stage Right Productions presents “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” in the GHS auditorium, 701 24th St. All performances are at 7 p.m. except the matinee on March 23 that begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10. For details, email goldentheater@jeffco.k12.co.us or call 303-982-4200.

**March 17**

**St. Patrick’s Day**

**March 20**

**First Day of Spring**

**March 24**

**Golden Community Choir Concert**
The Golden Community choir teams up with the Denver Pops Orchestra for a night of eclectic European music. 4 p.m. at Grant Avenue Church, 216 S. Grant St., Denver. Tickets are $5 for children, $10 for students and seniors and $15 for adults. For details and tickets visit denverpopsorchestra.org.

**March 24**

**Jefferson Symphony Orchestra**
The JSO and Evergreen Chorale present *Carmina Burana* at 3 p.m. at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center, 924 16th St. For tickets and more information call 303-278-4237 or visit www.Jeffsymphony.org.
Recognize Your Favorite Teacher

Do you know a teacher who stands out above the rest? Golden Schools Foundation is holding its second annual Golden Teacher Recognition Awards to reward and encourage excellence in teaching in our local schools. Teachers in eight area schools are eligible: Kyffin, Pleasant View, Mitchell, Shelton, Ralston, Welchester, Bell Middle and Golden High School. Up to four teachers will be awarded with recognition and $250.

Parents, principals, students, teachers and school staff members can nominate a teacher for this honor. Entries are due by March 22 and must be emailed to suzannemorrisett@hotmail.com or by mail to: Suzanne Morrisette, Golden Schools Foundation Board Member, 458 White Ash Drive, Golden, CO 80403. Winners will be announced during Teacher’s Appreciation Week in May. For details on how to nominate a teacher, visit www.goldenschoolsfoundation.org.

Bell Students Qualify for National Robotics Competition

Four Bell Middle School students recently competed in a multi-state SeaPerch underwater robotics competition. Bell’s students scored four of the top five scores at the competition, even beating out college students from around the region.

These four students will be heading to the national competition at Indiana University, Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in May to compete against nearly 100 other teams. The students are part of the iSTEM program at Bell Middle School, which fosters innovation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. They are participating in fundraisers to raise the $850 needed per person to attend the competition, which includes their flight, hotel rooms, registration and meals. They are also looking for financial sponsors for their trip. If you can help, contact Andrea Schulz, Bell’s iSTEM program director, at 303-982-4328, or by email at a.schulz@jeffco.k12.co.us.

FREE
Sales and Use Tax Workshop

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 workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
March 6, 2013 ........ 8:30 to 10 a.m.
April 3, 2013 ......... 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.
May 1, 2013 ............... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

CALENDAR LISTINGS

Information is subject to change.
Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event.
To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to: Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information.
Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
The USA Pro Cycling Challenge events held in Golden last August attracted thousands of people to the city. Fortunately for one man, Luke and Trish Mills were in that crowd. They found his wallet on the ground that contained $720 and other valuables.

They immediately handed the wallet over to the Golden Police, who were able to track down the very grateful owner and return it. Luke and Trish were honored with a Citizen Commendation Award at the Golden Police Awards Ceremony in February.

Chief’s Star Award
Officer Mike Gutke and Officer Bernadette Rankin
Officer Jodene Fowler
Officer Guy Garner
Dispatcher Heather Saunders
(Littleton Police)
Criminalist Kali Aulston

Professional Conduct Award
Ken Grimes – IT Network Administrator
Officer Adam Zutman
Dispatcher Jenny Pyler-Lepro
Records Supervisor Kim Kinion
Officer Frank Barr

Meritiorious Service Medal
Officer Bernadette Rankin

Golden Police Department Awards

Police Dept. Employee of the Year
Detective Jamie Guess

Jamie began her career with the Golden Police Department in 1998 as a dispatcher and is now a highly valued Detective with the Investigations Section team. Her job requires an extensive time commitment including many late nights, weekends and holidays. Det. Guess also serves as a negotiator for the Jefferson County SWAT Team and recently became a member of the Jefferson County Witness Protection Unit. As a field training officer she volunteered to teach a class to the citizen’s academy as well as a class for newly hired dispatchers.

In 2012, Det. Guess showed exemplary performance as well as service to the citizens of Golden and the members of the Police Department beyond her assignment as a detective. She played a prominent role as a leader and embodies Golden Police values: teamwork, integrity, excellence, personal responsibility and professionalism.
Priceless Contributions to Our City

Last year was a very busy year for our firefighters, who remind us every day that the happiest people work for free.

Golden has one of the most well trained volunteer departments in the state.

The Golden Fire Department recently recognized its staff and volunteer firefighters for their amazing efforts in 2012.

**Years of Service Awards**
5 Years – CJ Adkins, Jason Flickner, Daniel Glynn, Tyler Hecox, John Johnson & John O’Connor
10 Years – Steve Oliveri
15 Years – Kevin Milan
20 Years – Wes Polk & Rocco Snart
30 Years – Tom Young
35 Years – Matt Finley

**Safety Award**
Presented for actions during a wind storm to: John O’Connor, Jason Mulari, Truc Nguyen and Mike Jojola.

**Federal Disaster Service Award**
Presented for assistance during the Waldo Canyon Fire in Colorado Springs to Adam Maiers, Tina Balgemann, Noah Creaven, Jeff Steinhoff, Ryan Smith, Nick Bunting, John Johnson and Holly Hiedeman.

**Jack Harvey Award**
For the development of a computer program to track training and certifications that is being utilized by several departments across the state awarded to JJ Risch.

**Firefighter of the Year**
For his continual instruction in ice rescue and for his work on the design and implementation of the new fire truck awarded to Captain Wes Polk.

**Recruit Firefighters of the Year**
Presented to Dustin King and Zeljko Spiric

**Unit Citations**
#1 – For a two hour trench rescue in Golden Gate Canyon of a construction worker awarded to Trevor Williamson, Steven Parker, Kevin Kirby, Alex Baumeister and Brandon Daruna.
#2 – For quick response to a structure fire on Cheyenne Street awarded to Jason Flickner, Jason Mulari, Truc Nguyen and Tony Stephenson.
#3 – For extrication and rope rescue after a rollover accident in Clear Creek Canyon awarded to Adam Maiers, Jeanette Kehoe, Tina Gustafson, Casey Dragos, JJ Risch, Noah Creaven, Colin Winter, Steven Parker, Ben Moline, Dan Roozen and Marina Valenzuela.
#4 – For quick response to a structure fire on Elm Circle awarded to Jeanette Kehoe, Ben Moline, Ashleigh Andrews, JJ Risch, Noah Creaven, Wes Polk and Tina Gustafson.

**Award of Merit**
For research and implementation of the new records management system and inspection reporting awarded to Debbie Testroet and Steven Parker.

**Fire Chief’s Award of Distinction**
For the specifications, design and implementation of the purchase of a new fire truck awarded to Wes Polk and Kent McCreary.
The sales tax refund is limited to senior, low-income or disabled individuals who have lived within the city limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2012 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return. The refund amount for 2012 is $50. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden and partial year at age 65.

Please check one box only:

- **Senior Refund** (must be 65 years or older)
- **Low Income Refund**
  - *Proof required.* Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
    - State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
    - Proof of Medicaid benefits
    - Proof of LEAP eligibility
    - Proof of eligibility for food stamps
- **Disabled Refund**
  - *Proof required.* Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
    - State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
    - Proof of full benefits from Social Security Disability Income, SSI or the Department of Human Services
    - Proof of total disability from a public or private insurance plan

Please print or type:

Name: Mr(s). __________________________________________________________

Age: __________ Date of Birth: __________________

Name: Mr(s). __________________________________________________________

Age: __________ Date of Birth: __________________

Address: ____________________________ Golden, CO ZIP: __________

Phone: ________________________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2012? _____ months

Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person’s income tax form?  ❑ yes  ❑ no

Signature: ____________________________  Signature: ____________________________

This form must be submitted by no later than April 15, 2013.

Refund Donation Option:
You have the option to donate your refund to a City of Golden program or department by checking one of the boxes below:

- Golden Volunteer Fire Department
- Golden Cemetery
- Golden Senior Front Porch
- Other City program or department (please identify): ____________________________

Office Use Only:
Account #013031-6190 STR Vendor # __________ Received ______ Payable ______
Check out the Golden Community Center’s Front Porch - designed specifically for people 50 and older.

The Front Porch offers respite and entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, sports, social events, trips and volunteer activities. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.

**Here’s what’s happening this month:**

**Celebrate Health!**

*Friday, March 1 & April 5*

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!**

Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events.

- [http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch](http://www.cityofgolden.net/links/FrontPorch) or email frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net to get on the email list.

**FREE Seminars Available!**

*Sign up in the Front Porch.*

**Fun with Mosaics**

*Thursday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. to noon*

Mosaics is the art of creating images by assembling pieces of stone, glass, beads, old trinkets, etc. Feel free to bring some small materials you have laying around. A small donation is asked for materials used in this class. Each person will leave with a coaster or frame that is yours to keep.

**Upcoming Trips & Events**

**History Colorado Center Visit and Lecture –#15007-1**

We’ll visit the History Colorado Center, tour the exhibits, and attend March’s lecture on John Otto: A Man of Many Letters. A National Park Service custodian, John Otto promoted many ideals before their time including the eight hour workday, transcontinental highways and equal rights for women. His flamboyant manner of addressing current issues led to the establishment of the Colorado National Monument in 1911.

*Tuesday, March 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

- $24 (van, lecture and museum entrance, bring money for lunch)
- Exertion Level: 4
- Register/Cancel by March 14

**Glen Eyrie Castle - # 15008-1**

[http://www.gleneyrie.org](http://www.gleneyrie.org)

Immerse yourself in the history of Glen Eyrie, from General Palmer to The Navigators, with a guided walking tour of the Castle. After the tour we will enjoy a lovely English Cream Tea. This place looks quite fascinating!

*Thursday, March 28, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

- $40 (van, tour of castle, English Cream Tea included)
- Exertion Level: 4
- Register/Cancel by March 15

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
The Golden Community Center offers a Jr. Summer Day Camp (ages 5-8 years) and Adventure state-licensed Summer Day Camp (ages 9-12 years). Golden also offers a Teen Adventure Friday program for ages 13-16 years from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The state-licensed summer camp programs are full days with drop-off between 8 - 9:30 a.m. and pick-up between 4 - 6 p.m.

**Fee:** $30 per day residents / $35 per day non-residents. No additional fee for field trips!

For more information, contact Tracy at thagelund@cityofgolden.net.

**When is the online lottery registration?**
- City of Golden residents - March 11-12.
- Non-Golden residents - March 18-19.

**How to Register?**
Parent/guardian must register online at https://rec.cityofgolden.net (Parent’s Manual with the Emergency Packet is available here as well). All applicants will be entered into a lottery system and notified of their child’s status via email on Wednesday each week. More information including fees, waitlists and cancellations are available online.

**Registering after the lottery:**
If you are interested in registering after the initial lottery, please turn in your child’s Emergency Packet and Immunization Record and register online. The system will show you which days are available. Those registering after the initial lottery will be required to pay all fees at the time of registration.

**Register online at** https://rec.cityofgolden.net

**Lifeguard Training**
The City of Golden is offering an American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 26 to 29 (during the Jefferson County spring break). Register online at https://rec.cityofgolden.net or at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

**Pre-Summer Swim Lessons**
Open enrollment is underway for spring swim lessons! Spots will fill up fast. Find more information visit https://rec.cityofgolden.net or stop by the Golden Community Center.
Golden is filled with opportunities to bike, run and walk. If you enjoy any or all of those things and are looking for others who share those interests, you’re in luck. The Foothills Running and Cycling Club (FRCC) is a diverse group of people from beginner to advanced, who meet once a week to take advantage of all Golden has to offer.

On Saturday mornings at 8 a.m., the Clear Creek History Park parking lot fills up with club members who take off for a four mile run. There are grandmothers and graduate students, ultra runners and people who walk the entire four mile route along the creek.

Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. is when the cyclists meet for a ride, which is usually about 30 miles or three hours. Many of the cyclists ride competitively, but great care is taken to ensure that no riders are dropped from the group.

All of those calories burned are quickly replenished, because the FRCC loves to hit local eateries after a run or ride. “I went to the track a few times and participated in some long runs,” said Golden resident Heidi Aponte. “I stayed because I felt welcome and found quality friendships. And most of all, I really love this group because they LOVE to eat! I don’t trust anyone who doesn’t eat.”

To find out more about FRCC, visit [http://www.frcclub.com](http://www.frcclub.com).

Golden Cemetery Offers New Memorial Service

The Golden Cemetery dates back to 1873 and is the resting place of many generations of Golden residents. But each year more and more people choose to cremate their loved ones instead of a traditional burial. While the Golden Cemetery is proud of its long tradition, it also is keeping up with the times and offering new services.

The Golden Cemetery is now proud to offer a new Memorial Ledger. The Ledger provides a location to memorialize a loved one who has been cremated and has chosen to spread their ashes elsewhere. The name of the deceased will be engraved on the ledger amidst the cremation garden, giving loved ones a place to visit. In addition, the life and death of the deceased will go into the permanent records, which will help future generations track their ancestors.

The Cemetery also offers traditional upright monuments or lawn level memorials and a beautiful cremation garden featuring a waterfall, red flagstone walkways and several planter beds filled with colorful flowers. Columbarium niches, single and double plots are available in the cremation garden. For more information, contact the Golden Cemetery at 303-278-1435.
Conversations about Golden’s history typically involve George West, Adolph Coors, Edward Berthoud and W.A.H. Loveland, to name a few. These men had a profound effect not only on Golden’s development, but in many ways on the entire state. But those aren’t the only history-makers. Many transient people passed through our town, including one woman best known for her 1890 diary. Her name was Emily French and the home she rented in 1876 is still standing in Golden’s 12th Street Historic District. During her stay in Golden she was married to Marsena French and gave birth to the eighth of her nine children.

Marsena practiced medicine from his Washington Street office while Emily kept house and worked for local families to supplement her husband’s limited income. She probably performed the same tasks—washing, nursing, and sewing—that she wrote about in her book “Emily: The Diary of a Hard-Worked Woman.” Her time in Golden was short and by 1880 they moved to Iowa.

In 1889, however, her life took a dramatic turn: she and Marsena divorced. It’s after this event where her diary begins on Jan. 1, 1890. She was living in Elbert on Colorado’s eastern plains and supporting herself for the first time since she married Marsena at age fifteen. Her diary reflects a difficult time when she faced legal and financial issues, dealt with demanding employers, and worked long hours through seemingly constant illness brought on by adverse living conditions. On November 10 she wrote, “I could scarcely stir my head aches so, no use, must go. She called for coal the 1st thing, I do hope she will not be cross.” Emily shares the joys and trials of her seemingly average life and left behind a record of one woman’s life in Colorado.

Emily’s life will be discussed as part of the new Historic House Hunters tour on Saturday, April 6, offered by Golden History Museums. Attendees will get an exclusive peek inside the former residences of three notable Golden women. Details on this tour, as well as on the spring 2013 speakers series, which focuses on some amazing women who call Golden home, are available at GoldenHistory.org.

Spring Speakers
Members: free, non-members: $3

March 5 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
School of Mines in the 1970s
with Dr. Cathy Skokan

March 19 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Colorado Women
with author Gail Beaton

March 27 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Women, Music and the Colorado Connection
with musician Peggy Lyons
Edgar Degas: The Private Impressionist; 
Works on Paper by the Artist and His Circle

Special Exhibition Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on Mondays 
April 6 - June 30

Edgar Degas: The Private Impressionist presents a unique and rarely viewed selection of drawings, prints and photographs by this illustrious French artist. Exploring beyond Degas’ familiar ballerinas, you will experience a fascinating, lesser known view into the art and life of Degas. The exhibition is enriched with an additional selection of rare works of art on paper by friends and colleagues in Degas’ circle, such as Mary Cassatt and Paul Cezanne. Don’t miss the full complement of lectures, tours, panel discussions, in-gallery experiences and studio classes that will bring the exhibition to life. For a full list of events and exhibition details, visit www.FoothillsArtCenter.org.

VIP Preview Evening
Be the first to see this distinctive exhibition during an elegant evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5. Space is limited. Advance purchase required. $50 per person.

FREE Days
- SCFD Family Free Sunday 10 a.m. to noon
- AARP Free Admission Day: AARP members are admitted free with their membership card on Thursday, June 13.
- Target Free Fridays Tours: Every Friday afternoon at 1 p.m., enjoy a free tour with admission.
2013 Summer Employment Opportunities

The City of Golden will soon be accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, the Splash Aquatic Park and Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Be sure to check out our website at http://sitetools.cityofgolden.net/employment.asp for job availability.

Opportunities include:

• Lifeguards
• Swim Instructors
• Batting Cage Attendants
• Field Crew
• Day Camp Leaders
• Youth Program Leaders
• Parks
• Cemetery and Golf Maintenance
• Pro-Shop Guest Services at Fossil Trace
• Cashiers and Food & Beverage Workers at The Splash