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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

GOLDEN LIBRARY CLOSURE
The Golden Library will be closed from Nov. 4 through Dec. 16 in order to replace the building’s heating, ventilating and air conditioning system. The book return will also be closed, so Golden Library patrons are asked to return all library materials to other Jefferson County Public Library locations during the closure.

Golden Library Storytimes will be temporarily relocated to the First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. For more details and locations of other libraries in Jefferson County, visit jeffcolibrary.org.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON 2012 BUDGET, NOV. 3 AND DEC. 1
The City of Golden will hold public hearings on the 2012 Budget during City Council’s regular business meetings at 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 and Dec. 1, including taking public comment on the proposed budget. Following the public comment on Dec. 1, Council will discuss, may amend, and then is expected to adopt the 2012 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan and set the mill levy for 2012.

The proposed 2012 Budget maintains current levels of service. The proposed Budget and the City Manager’s Budget Message are available for review on the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net. For more information on the Budget, contact Finance Director Jeff Hansen at 303-384-8020 or jhansen@cityofgolden.net.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 6, which means you get to set your clocks back one hour and gain an extra hour of sleep. The change in time occurs at 2 a.m., which is believed to be the time that has the least impact on workers, businesses and schedules.

This is also a time when fire departments remind you to change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors and CO2 detectors. It is estimated that more than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries.

CELEBRATING SERVICE IN GOLDEN
The Golden Civic Foundation (GCF) hosts its 36th Annual Dinner and Auction from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. This year’s honorees are Gail and Joe Coors. The GCF was founded in 1970 to raise funds, primarily from private sources, and to use them for the betterment of Golden. Since then, it has contributed over $2.5 million to charitable, cultural and civic projects in the Golden community. Funds raised this year will benefit Golden’s schools and nonprofit organizations. Tickets for the event are $85 per person or $800 for a table of ten. The event is open to the public but reservations are required. For reservations, visit www.goldencivicfoundation.org, email goldencivic.org@gmail.com or call 303-910-8492.

CITY HOLIDAY HOURS
The City of Golden’s administrative offices will be closed on Nov. 24 and 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will return to regular business hours on Monday, Nov. 28. The Golden Community Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, but will continue normal business hours on Friday, Nov. 25.

Below is the Golden City Council’s calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

Nov. 3
Rescheduled Business Meeting

Nov. 10
No Meeting

Nov. 17
Rescheduled Business Meeting

Nov. 24
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.
What inspires so many in Golden to dedicate their time and effort to our community? A worthwhile question, and it’s important to realize how often individuals have risen to the occasion and made the difference in creating our unparalleled quality of life.

Local artists spent decades developing the Foothills Arts Center – a regional treasure. Residents working with municipal leaders have shown strong governance and foresight time and again: voting for an urban renewal authority that revitalized a dying downtown into the heart of our community, building a new Golden Community Center, and approving a forward-thinking sales tax supporting well-maintained infrastructure – roads, bridges, parks, water, life safety – providing peace of mind for us all.

25+ years of struggle finds Golden still without a superhighway splitting our neighborhoods. The Golden Civic Foundation has seeded over 40 years of good works across the city. The Colorado School of Mines has grown into a peerless academic institution. It was individual citizens of Golden who stepped in to save – and expand – the Golden Library when it was threatened. Soon our family will walk together with thousands of Goldenites in the yearly Candlelight tradition maintained by residents and our community Chamber.

Recently, residents initiated groundbreaking public-private partnerships with the city to grow our Community Garden and build the Golden Bike Park. Local school PTAs are being renewed as a resource for improving education. Golden shined during the USA Pro Cycling Challenge as hundreds of people gave their time. Police volunteers gave over 1,800 hours last year and Golden maintains an award-winning community Volunteer Fire Department.

With that in mind, as we commence this busy season filled with family, school, sports, clubs, get-togethers and just trying to get through another busy work week…

*Take a moment and imagine Golden, not as we enjoy it now, but without all the efforts by individuals who stepped up in decades past.*

Our family is thankful to the many whose spirit makes Golden wonderful. And I thank you for allowing me an opportunity to serve and protect our community through an open, engaged, and thoughtful City Council.

Yet new challenges await Golden. Having celebrated our 150th anniversary, it is worth considering how your unique contribution will make Golden a thriving, sustainable community for the next 150 years.


You are Golden. So think big, and think local!

Cheers,

Bill Fisher
City Councilor, Ward 4
Realizing that the City of Golden’s “Small Town, Big Fun” advertising campaign was falling flat with visitors, the City of Golden, along with CCT Advertising, researched how visitors perceive the City of Golden, and thus created the “2-Hour Vacation” campaign theme. Golden has leveraged the popularity of Coors Brewery and the City’s unique outdoor activities and events to attract visitors.

The City didn’t have a lot of advertising dollars to work with, so the major part of the 2 Hour Vacation promotion was to drive visitors to the website, www.2hourvacation.com and let the web site help sell the City. As a result, traffic on the web site over the summer was up 60 percent from the previous year. Also, sales tax revenues have increased since the program began.

In recognition of these efforts and successes, the City of Golden was awarded the Governor’s Award for Outstanding Marketing Program for helping make a positive impact on local tourism as well as state tourism. If you haven’t already visited, check out www.2hourvacation.com and discover even more things Golden has to offer!

With winter comes snow. And when it falls in Golden, the City of Golden’s Public Works Streets Division will work hard to ensure residents and commuters can safely navigate the city’s 242 lane miles they’re in charge of plowing.

The City works to maintain all streets, but prioritizes the order in which they are plowed. City policy is to begin plowing once two to three inches of snow has accumulated, and to plow before the application of de-icing materials begins. Golden’s seven snowplows are equipped with computer-controlled sanders that calibrate sand spreading. The city applies “Ice Slicer” and also a mixture of salt and sand to priority areas, such as bridges, inclines, curves, schools and fire stations before other areas.

When snowplows come through, they leave what is called a “wind row” (hill or pile) of snow in the path along the curb, including in front of driveways. While snowplow operators do their best not to “plow you in,” it is recommended that if possible, citizens wait to shovel their driveways and sidewalks until after the plow has come through. By waiting, you will not have to re-shovel to get out of your driveway.

By law, you must shovel your walks. The city Municipal Code requires any owner or occupant of any property, whether private residence or business, to remove any accumulation of snow more than one-inch no later than 24-hours after the snowfall stops. Citizens are asked not to shovel the snow into the streets, but instead into your yard or other landscaping. To report a sidewalk that has not been cleared a day or more after a snowstorm, call the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8045.
Help Fund Your Volunteer Fire Department

This year the Golden Fire Department (GFD) is soliciting donations to the volunteer membership fund with the included envelope in the Golden Informer. In years past, envelopes were dropped off at every city residence. This year the GFD decided to give you this convenient alternative, along with a year in review and a background into the department, so you can get to know your local firefighters better. GFD also extends a big thank you for your donations in past years. They make a big difference!

The expense to equip each volunteer firefighter with a complete set of personal protective equipment, including bunker gear, boots, pants, coat, hood, gloves and a helmet, is $2,595 per member. Although most of the equipment and expenses are paid for by the City budget and local, state and federal grants, there is needed equipment that is not funded. The GFD volunteers depend on your donations to help purchase this unfunded equipment.

Last year over $4,700 went to training personnel in Wildland Firefighting skills, Technical Rescue skills and Advanced Fire Developmental training. $10,000 went to upgrading rescue equipment used frequently on rescue calls, and $4,800 went to purchasing new fire equipment for structure fire calls. Additionally, nearly $4,000 went to medical and rehabilitation supplies (water, blankets, food, etc.).

As a volunteer membership organization, the GFD is committed to providing the best training for its members along with the best resources for aiding the City. Thank you for your consideration in donating to help provide the best possible equipment for the volunteers. When you’re experiencing the worst day of your life due to an unforeseen event, your Golden Fire Department volunteers will be there for you.

Go online and learn how to donate any time: http://FireDonations.cityofgolden.net.

An Impressive Legacy

Over the past 136 years, volunteers have provided fire protection and emergency services to the citizens and visitors of Golden. As the community grew and the number of businesses, homes and people increased, so did the demand on the emergency responders. In fact, the Golden Fire Department (GFD) is on pace to top 1,400 incidents this year surpassing last year’s record count of 1,279. Incidents for 2011 included several significant structure fires, technical rescues and swift water rescues. The Indian Gulch Wildland Fire, which threatened Golden in March, required six days and 50 personnel from the GFD along with aid from several other agencies including a national incident management team, to mitigate the threat to the citizens of Golden. To keep up with the demand, the membership has evolved from an average of 40 volunteers to 90 and a career administrative staff of nine.

Due to the excellent reputation of GFD and the high quality of training provided by the department, this year over 130 applications were received for the 2011 Academy. Out of those, 16 people were invited to attend the five-month fire Academy. On Sept. 10, all 16 candidates successfully completed the 240 hours of training to become state certified firefighters for the GFD.

Golden’s fire volunteers do much more than respond to emergency incidents. In 2011, during Buffalo Bill Days, nearly 2,000 people enjoyed a pancake breakfast hosted by the GFD. In August, the fire department personnel played a large role in the planning and implementation of the first USA Pro Cycling Challenge that went through Golden. The volunteer fire department this year received the Living Landmark Award from the Golden Landmarks Association and Organization of the Year from the Golden Rotary Club.
CAPT. TINA GUSTAFSON has been with the Golden Fire Department (GFD) for 11 years. She has lived in Golden since 1987 with her husband and two kids. She joined the department after hearing about how fun it was from a couple of other firefighters with whom she played softball.

Tina exudes the type of energy and zest for the job that inspires other firefighters to step up their game just to keep up. Gustafson is 49 years old and doesn’t see her involvement on the department ending any time soon. She said, “I’ll stop the day I can’t pull a firefighter out from a scene. And then I’ll stick around and train others.”

TREVOR WILLIAMSON has been with the GFD for six years. He’s been a resident of Golden for 36 years and is a graduate of Golden High School. Williamson owned his own construction company before becoming a career firefighter. He decided to be a volunteer for Golden after seeing a recruitment ad in the Informer. Later, he would be named the recruit of the year from his class.

Williamson’s career is in the Frederick Firestone Fire District, but he continues to volunteer for his home town of Golden. He is the type of firefighter who trains hard both in the gym and on the fire ground to be the best firefighter he can be so he is ready for any type of call. Williamson resigned his Lieutenant position last year to spend more time with his family, but he plans to try for a Captain’s position this year.

LT. J.J. RISCH recently retired from her job with the Federal Government, but she has no plans to retire from her position with the GFD, where she’s been serving for 11 years. Risch joined the department after a string of fires within the City of Golden, one just a couple of blocks from her house. She wanted to do something more than just donate to the Red Cross. She decided to join after seeing an article in the Informer asking for volunteers, and she’s been an active member ever since.

What attracts Risch to the Fire Department is the rewarding opportunity to serve her neighbors and the visitors that come to the city. Lt. Risch is an avid cyclist who recently won the Citizens Race up Lookout Mountain in the Women’s 50+ division. She logs 8,000 miles a year on her bike (and only about 4,500 on her truck).

LT. CJ ADKINS lives in Evergreen, but chooses to volunteer for the GFD. Adkins joined the department after moving to Colorado from Las Vegas. He was drawn to the fire service out of curiosity, the challenge and the potential for fun.

Now, four years later, Adkins is a Lieutenant, supervising a crew when he is on shift and on all incoming calls. Adkins displays the type of patience and levelheadedness that inspires his crew to follow and be better firefighters. Adkins brings dedication and leadership to the department that has a positive impact on the membership and will benefit the department for years to come.

CITY OF GOLDEN RESIDENT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED!

The Golden Fire Department is currently seeking Golden residents who are interested in joining the family of Golden Firefighters. The Department provides all training through the Golden Fire Academy, during which you will learn the basics of being a firefighter; from putting out fires and responding to accident scenes to helping educate the public.

The Golden Fire Department will be accepting applications for the 2012 Fire Academy starting Dec. 1. If you would like additional information please contact Lt. Jeanette Kehoe at 303-215-8888 or email jkehoe@cityofgolden.net.
The City of Golden’s Pay as You Throw (PAYT) Trash and Recycling Fall Yard Waste Collection will be Nov. 5, 12 and 19. Please see the map for your collection date.

Yard Waste Service Guidelines

- This service is only available to residents covered by the City’s PAYT trash and recycling program.
- Yard waste for this collection includes grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, weeds and branches that are no longer than four feet and no larger than four inches in diameter; untreated and unpainted lumber, sawdust, ground or chipped wood.
- Yard waste is recyclable, so please do not contaminate with any of the following:
  - NO food waste (including fruits and vegetables), plastic, dirt, cactus, tree stumps, branches greater than four inches in diameter, street sweepings, ashes, animal waste, treated lumber, logs, large tree limbs, old garden hoses or broken flower pots.
  - No construction material is allowed for this service. Plastic bags are not allowed.
- Yard waste may be placed in the same place where your trash is collected, on your designated day for the service in a container of your choice.
- Yard waste should be placed for collection by 8 a.m. on your designated collection day (See Map).
- Branches may be bundled with string, yarn or rope - please do not use wire for bundling. Bundles should be no more than four feet in length and no more than two feet in diameter.
- Yard waste will be limited to three cubic yards per resident which is equivalent to:
  - an area that is approx. 4 feet x 4 feet x 4 feet.; or
  - 21 compostable 30 gallon bags
- Material that is not bundled, not in reusable containers or not in compostable plastic bags will not be picked up.

For more information, please contact EDS directly at 303-278-8600 or visit the City’s website at www.cityofgolden.net.
Recycle Your Fryer Oil Into Biofuel

Over two million people in the U.S. plan to deep-fry their turkey this Thanksgiving and, while many folks swear it's the best turkey you'll ever eat, cleaning up can be problematic. With 3-to-5 gallons of used oil on your hands, disposing of it isn't as easy as just pitching it in the garbage. And don't even think about pouring it down the drain! To make it convenient, the City's recycling drop-off site in north Golden accepts all vegetable oil that is then filtered by a local company and reused as biofuel for vehicles. With the satisfaction of knowing your waste is getting put to good use, you can now relax on the couch with yet another turkey sandwich.

A Year of Pay-As-You-Throw

As the first year of the City’s Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program wraps up, we’re seeing some interesting results:

• A 30 percent recycling rate. From the start of the program in September 2010 until now, residents increased their recycling participation by six percent. Residents found it easier to recycle through their curbside pickup, rather than the dropoff at the City’s recycle site.

• Over 1,000 tons, or two million pounds, of recycling and yard waste was diverted, extending the life of our local landfill. To get a picture of the size, it’s a pile of materials, hip-deep at the CSM football field.

• Savings To You. Almost 60 percent of the participating households are now using the smaller size trash containers. These households realize an annual savings of $130-$200 per year over the average trash bill in Golden before the PAYT program started.

And more:

• Coming soon – a Rewards program to thank you for recycling. The more you recycle, the more you can save on your bill. Watch the EDS Waste Solutions or City web sites for an upcoming announcement.

• Don’t forget – Extra trash may be picked up by purchasing trash tags for $2.65 each. Purchase your tags through EDS Waste Solutions or at City Hall and set out your extra garbage bag for your next regular pickup.

City Awarded Grant for Radon Testing

In October, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) awarded Golden an $18,140 grant to help offset costs for indoor radon detection and mitigation. As part of a new Energy Advisor Program that will start this winter, Golden building owners who participate in the program will also receive testing and a report for radon detection. Radon-trained professionals will be available to sit down with building owners and decide the appropriate method of mitigation if significant radon levels are detected. Earlier this year, the City adopted a requirement for radon testing and mitigation measures for all new homes.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Through Nov. 6**

**Rocky Mountain National Watermedia**
The 38th annual exhibition presents 80 distinct artworks that use a variety of water-based mediums or “watermedia.” Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission: $5 adults, $3 seniors, members and students free. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

**Nov. 6**

**Fall Back**
Daylight Saving Time ends

**Golden Gallop**
The 6th annual Golden Gallop 5K/10K/Kid’s Run begins at 9 a.m. The course is a challenging USATF certified route that starts and finishes near the Splash Aquatic Park, 3151 Illinois St. Proceeds benefit the Golden Schools Foundation. Register for the Golden Gallop at www.GoldenGallop.com.

**Nov. 11**

**Veteran's Day**

**Nov. 15 to Dec. 13**

**North Pole Golden: U.S. Postal Box for Santa**
Bring your letters to Santa’s mailbox and Santa will answer them. Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. For information call 303-279-3113.

**Nov. 17**

**Holiday Business Expo**
An after-hours event open to the public where various Golden businesses will present their holiday specials and products for the holiday season. 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Ave. For more information, call the Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113.

**Nov. 18 to Dec. 31**

**A Christmas Tradition**
Comedy, dance and all of your favorite songs of the season to put you in the spirit. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For information call 303-279-3113 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

**Nov. 24**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Nov. 28 to Dec. 16**

**Boot Camp Challenge**
Keep your fitness on track this holiday season with this three-week...
session-based program, designed for every fitness level. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Cost is less than $14 per class. For information call 303-800-5606 or email: info@BCCDenver.com.

**Along the Creek after the Candlelight Walk**

- A family sing-a-long under the direction of Dr. Erika Sueker: Music and Merrymaking. At the Rotary Ampitheatre on Clear Creek. Showtime is 7 p.m.
- D’Evelyn High School choir will sing at the Clear Creek History Park.
- The Hot Shoes adult dance company will dance on the terrace of the Golden Visitors Center.

**Photos with Santa**

Get your picture with Santa and enjoy a holiday bake sale. 5 to 6 p.m. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

**CSM Seasonal Sing**

The Colorado School of Mines Chamber Singers, Orchestra and Concert Band present their annual Seasonal Sing at 7:30 p.m. on the Bunker Auditorium Stage in the Green Center, 924 16th St. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 303-384-2073 for more information.

**Dec. 2, 3, 4**

**Golden Holiday Open House**

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Historic DowntownGolden. These merchants will be extending hours until 6 p.m., offering sales, refreshments and entertainment. Call 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org for more information.

- Ace Hi Tavern Co.
- Art on the Brix
- Avenue Gifts
- Baby Doe’s Clothing
- Chelsea’s of London
- Creekside Jewelers
- Foothills Art Center
- Golden Sweets
- Heart of Oneness Center
- Red Wagon
- Spirits in the Wind Gallery
- The Clothes Mine
- Vidal Outdoors
- Wild West Traders, LLC
- Golden’s museums and cultural groups will participate as well.

**Dec. 3, 10, 17**

**Daytime Holiday Open House**

Cookies, candy and refreshments from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. Call 303-279-3113 for details.

**Olde Golden Christmas on Parade**

Come see a true olde fashioned hometown parade with floats, clowns, Christmas characters, music and Santa. 11 to 11:30 a.m. on Washington Avenue. Call 303-279-3113 for details.

**Newfoundland Dog Cart Rides**

Free for children. Pick up at 12th and Jackson streets across from the Golden Diner. Noon to 3 p.m. Donations benefit Newfoundland Dog Rescue Fund.
Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 W. 44th Ave. For information call 303-279-4591 or visit www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org.

Dec. 10 and 11
Christmas Concert
Golden Concert Choir and Denver Pops perform at 4 p.m. at Golden High School, 701 24th St. on Saturday. The Sunday performance is at 4 p.m. at 216 S. Grant in Denver. For information call 303-279-5177.

Dec. 11
Holiday Concert
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra presents Rimsky-Korsakov’s Christmas Eve Suite and arias from Puccini’s La Boheme. Silent auction and wine reception follow. 3 p.m. at the Green Center, Colorado School of Mines campus, 924 16th St. For tickets and information call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

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.
Mayor Recognizes Excellence

Congratulations to several Goldenites who inspire and motivate the rest of us to be more involved in our community. These Mayor’s Awards for Excellence were presented by Mayor Jacob Smith to recognize people who make exceptional contributions to Golden. Some of the qualities which put these residents above the rest were their abilities to take initiative, exercise leadership, solve problems, create community value and serve as a role model. There was also an Entrepreneur of the Year award given to a Golden business that demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and success, innovation and created jobs in Golden. Here is a list of the award winners:

MATT BURDE for his vision, initiative and thousands of hours of hard work creating the Golden Community Garden.

JUDY DENISON for her widespread volunteer contributions to Golden’s civic and cultural life, including publishing her “Golden Newsletter.”

BARBARA FALL for her community spirit, tireless volunteer contributions to Golden community organizations, and leadership role in creating Golden’s parks and recreation system.

JAN MARTYNUSKA for her community volunteerism, her long career as a math teacher at Golden High School, and her exemplary service with the Leadership Golden program.

TAYLOR SHULL for his dedication to creating and maintaining Golden’s mountain bike park.

ARUN MADAN and GARY JONES of MVSystems as “Entrepreneur of the Year” for their success, job creation in Golden, and innovation.

Golden School Gets “Smart”

At Bell Middle School, planned technology improvements had to be cancelled due to the 2011-2012 budget cuts. To help mitigate the impacts of the extra lean budget, the Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) created its ParaTroopers fundraising initiative. As a result of its fundraising efforts, the GSF was able to purchase and install a Smart Board for the Bell Middle School Library. A Smart Board is an easy to use, digital whiteboard that creates a powerful tool for teaching and presenting information.

“We are excited to have a Smart Board in the Bell library to help enhance the student learning experience,” said Bridget Jones, Principal of Bell Middle School. “This Smart Board will positively impact every student at Bell.”

The GSF is a non-profit organization founded by parents and community members with the vision of encouraging a high level of performance and accountability in Golden area schools. “This purchase is tangible evidence of Golden’s commitment to improving its neighborhood schools to Grade ‘A’ status for the benefit of all students,” said Greg Poulos, Chair of the Golden Schools Foundation. Learn more about The Golden Schools Foundation at www.GoldenSchoolsFoundation.org.
Celebrate Health!
Fridays, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2
Celebrate Health! is held upstairs at the Front Porch of the Golden Community Center. For more information, please call 303-384-8130.
Chair massages.................$13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions ........$13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce .....$20 per 15 minutes

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

Abrakadoodle Art Experience - #37005-02
Learn about the famous master painter, Paul Cezanne while using his work as inspiration. Feel free to bring your lunch and a piece of fruit (to contribute to our still life model). NO ART EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
$20 – includes all materials

2011 Front Porch Holiday Party
We’re cooking up something special for this year’s holiday party! Stay tuned for details on this special event that you won’t want to miss! Call the Front Porch at 303-384-8130 for details on this great event to celebrate the holidays with our Front Porch friends and family.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS
Miramont Castle - #35014-01
www.miramountcastle.org
We will tour the Miramont Castle and gardens in Manitou Springs and lunch in the Queens Parlour Tea Room.
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$23 (van and admission included; bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by Nov. 4.

Adams Mystery Playhouse - #35015-01
www.adamsmysteryplayhouse.com
Enjoy the Adams Mystery Playhouse actors at the Table Mountain Inn. The murder mystery will be performed in their private dining area and the Table Mountain Inn will provide dinner.
Friday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.
$47 (includes dinner, show, tax and servers’ gratuity. Bring money for cocktails and actor gratuity if you choose to do so).
Exertion Level: 1
Register Today – Space is Limited!

Georgetown Loop Railroad Holiday Cheer Train! - #35016-01
Join us for live music aboard our decorated and lighted enclosed heated coaches. Enjoy complimentary wine glow, eggnog and hot spiced cider along with a great selection of appetizers and snacks.
Saturday, Dec. 3, 5 to 10 p.m.
$55 (van, train, drinks, appetizers and snacks)
Exertion Level: 1
Register/Cancel by Nov. 16.
For nearly one year now, the Golden Police Department has offered monthly classes for women in self defense, and participants are learning that it is much more than self defense... it is self awareness and empowerment. The program is called Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Systems.

R.A.D. teaches realistic, self defense tactics and techniques. It is a comprehensive course for women over the age of 16 that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance while progressing to the basics of hands-on defense training.

In addition to instruction, students are given the opportunity to participate in a simulated scenario against a real “aggressor” to demonstrate and practice techniques learned in the class. “This may be the best $30 investment I have made,” said City Councilor Marica Claxton, who was a participant. “The class includes learning about the law, psychology and other cultural aspects of rape and how to be aware of your surroundings and rely on your intuition and other strengths and tools.” Another participant wrote a thank you letter to the instructors which said, “Thank you City of Golden for caring enough about the women of Golden for providing such an empowering, informative program.”

The class is $30/residents, $35/non-residents for four Saturday sessions, each about 3-4 hours. Once you pay for the initial class, you can return at any time for refresher classes, as well as practice time at future R.A.D. class offerings without an additional charge.

The next R.A.D. class begins on Nov. 7 and space is limited. To sign up, contact Dispatcher Shanyn Cascia at 303-384-8045 or scascia@cityofgolden.net.

For September, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to kickoff construction of a new Habitat for Humanity project for two families in need. The property at 708 Iowa Street is planned for a duplex, with the intent of providing additional opportunities for affordable housing. The City worked with the property owner to arrange its acquisition by the Jefferson County Housing Authority, using federal Community Development Block Grant funding.

This is not your typical Habitat home, though. This Habitat for Humanity duplex in Golden will be the first home in the nation to be built to a trio of EPA new home programs that set standards for energy efficiency, water efficiency and healthy indoor air in residential home construction. Here’s a look at how the standards will increase their home performance:

**Energy Star.** Energy Star certified homes are 20 to 30 percent more efficient than standard homes and use substantially less energy for heating, cooling, and water heating which delivers $200 to $400 in annual savings. The homes will exceed current building code requirements by 15 percent.

**WaterSense.** WaterSense labeled homes are designed to use 20 percent less water, indoors and out; resulting in cost savings of $600 a year. A WaterSense labeled home can save a family of four as much as 50,000 gallons of water a year – enough to wash more than 2,000 loads of laundry.

**Indoor airPLUS.** Homes built with Indoor airPLUS incorporate more than 30 design and construction features to help protect you against pollutants such as moisture and mold control, radon resistant construction, improved heating and air conditioning design and installation, advanced air filtration, fresh air ventilation, combustion safety, insect barriers and steps to reduce levels of chemicals in the home.

If affordable homes can also be sustainable, this project may just be a win-win-win for Golden residents, our economy, and our environment.

**New Homes – Affordable AND Sustainable**

**Protecting Golden’s Women**
For more information and to register for Golden Community Center Programs, visit us online at rec.cityofgolden.net

Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
This course is designed for the pre-teen (11 - 13 year olds) and helps them prepare for their first babysitting opportunities. Students will learn to identify their own responsibilities such as routine child care duties (feeding, bathing, and diapering). Stressed will be home and fire safety, infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures. Certification provided. Bring a sack lunch to class.

No refunds for no-shows.
Age: 11 years and older
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Nov. 5
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Contraption Construction
Build new “contraptions” using LEGO® education kits, both sensible and silly. Build creatures that walk with many legs. Build a magnetic seesaw, a dancing mini figurine and devices that are powered with magnets.
Age: 5 - 9 years
Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 1 - 22
$55 Resident, $59 Non-resident

Hogwarts Amusement Park
Using LEGO® Harry Potter® kits and advanced LEGO® Mindstorms systems with computers, students will build and program a train, bumper cars, twirling ride and designs of their own imagination.
Age: 7 - 14 years
Tuesdays, 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.

Advanced Pilates
This is an advanced level class conducted on the floor with mats. Experience new exercise variations and a faster paced workout, adding in more complicated and challenging exercises that require greater flexibility, endurance and strength.

Tuesdays, 7 - 7:55 p.m.
Nov. 8 - Dec. 13
$41 Resident, $45 Non-resident
$10 drop-in if min. is met for registration.
Instructor: Chrissie Ciampa

P.M. Yoga
Create a sense of physical well-being, balance, strength and flexibility. Get in touch by using an ancient system of combining postures (asanas) with breath. Please note that this class runs for 1 1/2 hours.

Thursdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Nov. 10 - Dec. 22
No class Nov. 22.

Snowball Camp is filling up quickly – Dec. 19 through 30!
Don’t miss the field trip to see the dinosaur exhibit at the Denver Museum and Jump Street. The Snowball Showdown in the pool is back again this year! Register online today at http://rec.cityofgolden.net.

Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!
Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen.

Call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates.
Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.
In September, visitors to the Golden Community Center (GCC) lap pool found some surprise motivation in the form of two Olympic swimmers, who came to the GCC to do some high altitude training for the upcoming Olympic Trials.

The swimmers included American athlete and World Champion Swimmer Dana Vollmer, who was fresh off her win at the Federation Internationale De Natation (FINA) World Championship, where she beat all competitors in the 100 meter butterfly. She is also a 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist, NCAA Champion and NCAA Swimmer of the Year.

Sharing a lane at the GCC with Vollmer was three-time Japanese Olympian Noriko Inada, who was hard at work trying to claim a spot on her country’s team for what will be her last Olympic bid. Inada has been competing in the Olympic Games since the 1992 games in Barcelona.

The Olympians were in Denver for a conference and were looking for a place where they could practice “under the radar.” Several coaches told them Golden was the place to come. While here, they took time out from training to inspire young athletes of the Golden Phoenix Swim Team, who practice at the GCC. Vollmer and Inada said they enjoyed swimming at the GCC and they definitely made a positive impression on swimmers of all ages.

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**FRIDAY NIGHT FUN CLUB**

Friday Night Fun Club (FNFC) is the place to be this fall for teens ages 8 to 14. Themes every Friday include activities, dancing, crazy competitions and more.

**Nov. 4** - Canned food drive night. Receive one free redemption ticket (good for prizes, food and drink) for every canned item you bring. Limit 10 canned items.

**Nov. 11** - Double Theme Night:
- Twilight/Breaking Dawn Night- FNFC will be giving away movie passes along with movie merchandise. Are you Team Edward or Team Jacob?

- Call of Duty MW3 Theme Night- FNFC will be hosting a MW3 Tournament giving away the new game for XBOX 360 and PS3 as well as game prizes.

**Nov. 18** - Snow Fun Night- Various competitions in the gym for winter fun passes. Prizes such as lift tickets, ice skating tickets, even a limited edition custom snowboard!

**Nov. 25** - No FNFC.

For more details “Like” Friday Night Fun Club on Facebook or call the Golden Community Center at 303-384-8100.
A History of Hospitality at the Astor House

There are few figures from Golden’s past who stir the imagination like Ida Goetze. A widow of German background whose husband Henry had some success as a merchant in Georgetown and Central City, Goetze was a savvy businesswoman who purchased the Astor House in 1892 shortly after her husband died. She (and later, her descendents) ran the Astor House from 1892 up through the 1950s.

The prime years for Goetze’s boarding house were in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, a time when Golden was expanding, and improved transportation linked together the country at an astonishing rate. With the increased speed and ease of travel, Americans often found themselves in new towns, starting new lives.

Ida Goetze was ready to welcome these mobile citizens to the Astor House for a hot meal and a room (or even a hot bath for 25 cents in one of the first indoor tubs in town).

The Colorado Transcript noted on Nov. 29, 1896 that, “after Sunday next…the Astor house will be open again to transient and regular customers. Mrs. Goetze’s popularity as a landlady will keep it filled.”

“Mother Goetze” (as she was sometimes referred) was known to be a fantastic cook and a gracious hostess. As Goetze continued to make improvements to the Astor House, she took out an advertisement in the Colorado Transcript on Dec. 2, 1896. She wrote that “[the Astor House] is now in the best possible shape to entertain regular boarders and transient custom[ers]. The rooms are all newly fitted up, and the table is not surpassed by any house in the country.”

Holidays at the Astor House

Nov. 23 to Dec. 31 (excluding Thanksgiving)

Wednesdays - Fridays: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(ending at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve)

Regular admission fees apply: $3 per person; members free

DECK THE HALLS... AND HALLWAYS

This holiday season, Golden History Museums invites you to the Astor House for a celebration of Victorian holiday traditions in the spirit of Ida Goetze.

Imagine this scene. As you step in from the cold, you are warmly welcomed into the Astor House for the holidays. You smell cinnamon and cloves and baked goods wafting in from the kitchen. A pine tree stands in the corner of the front room and candlelight creates a peaceful and festive mood. The house is decorated with garlands and you spot stockings hanging near the stove.

Once inside, you explore the house and take in some fun activities. In the front room you help decorate the freshly-cut pine tree, and you play classic Victorian parlor games in the dining room. In the kitchen kids are decorating cookies and cutting out “dough.” And this is where you’ll sample a pre-made cookie to satisfy your sweet tooth.

As you explore the second floor to find out who is staying in each room and what their holiday traditions are, you’ll use some investigative sleuthing to find a different storyline in each room.

So whether you’ve been out to the Astor House as a regular or are new to the boarding house as a “transient,” we hope that you are able to join us this season for a new holiday tradition for you and your family or friends.
What could be more rewarding than giving back to the community in which you live? Holiday items and unique gift purchases from Foothills Art Center’s Holiday Art Market (HART) not only benefit the exhibitions and programs of the organization and the local artists who produce them, but it also benefits you and your neighbors. Whether you’re buying stocking stuffers or fine works of art, every dollar spent at HART and other local retailers helps keep Golden’s economy alive.

When you search this holiday season for the elusive “perfect” gift, consider the Holiday Art Market. Offering something for every price range, taste and preference, this exhibition features an ever-changing selection of ceramics, jewelry, glass, fiber art, ornaments, paintings, and much more. Shop early and shop local.

The Holiday Art Market runs Nov. 19 through Dec. 30. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

The USA Pro Cycling Challenge was a huge success for Colorado and a big hit in Golden. Can you still hear the cowbells? The cowbell is a spectator tradition in bike racing, and while the pro cyclists are long gone, there is still demand for the cowbells. If you thought you missed the opportunity to get your piece of historic memorabilia during the inaugural race, there is still time! The cowbells from Golden’s stage of the race will make a great gift for a cycling fan and, because of its design, it makes the perfect tree ornament, as well! The cowbells will be available at least through December, while supplies last, at the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce, 1010 Washington Ave., and at Peak Cycles, 1224 Washington Ave. They cost just $3 and all proceeds go to bringing the race back to town next year! For information, please contact Julie Brooks at 303-384-8013 or jbrooks@cityofgolden.net.
Celebrate the holiday season in a place that’s as close to your home as it is to your heart. Golden offers unique shopping experiences, friendly entertainment, and more holiday ambiance than you can imagine. Find your holiday spirit, a listing of shops and restaurants, and a complete calendar of events at www.2hourvacation.com.

December 3, 10 and 17, come to Washington Avenue at 11 a.m. to enjoy a true hometown Christmas parade complete with floats, holiday characters, Santa Claus, live music, and much more.