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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG. 2
Don’t forget the Golden Police Department’s 14th annual National Night Out is from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday Aug. 2 at Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Turn on your porch lights, lock your doors and join your neighbors and police department for free food, entertainment and gifts. Meet Emcee Greg Moody from Channel 4, hear live music from Eric Lane, win prizes and check out the Air Life helicopter. Come on down for a good, safe, community party.

THE CITY OF GOLDEN GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOV. 1
Have you ever thought about running for City Council? Now is your opportunity. In this year’s election, Golden voters will elect the Mayor and Councilors for District One and District Two.

These are the requirements to run for office per the City of Golden Charter, Section 3.4: must be an elector (registered voter) of the City of Golden; citizen of the United States for at least five years; resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the election. Candidates must be a resident and elector of their ward, when nominated and elected.

Nomination petitions may be taken out and circulated beginning Aug. 2. Petitions must be picked up from the City Clerk’s office, 911 10th St. Nomination petitions will be due to the City Clerk by 5 p.m. on Aug. 23.

Candidates for the position of Mayor must obtain 25 signatures from registered electors within the city; District candidates must obtain 25 signatures from the District for which the candidate is running.

The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 3. You can register at the Jefferson County Election Department or the Golden City Clerk’s office.

Contact the City Clerk’s Office at clerks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8014 or 303-384-8015 for more information. Information can also be found on the City of Golden Web site www.cityofgolden.net.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
Victim Outreach Information: Do you want to become more involved in your community? Victim Outreach Information (VOI) offers opportunities to work directly with crime victims, offering support and access to resources during a critical stage of trauma. Volunteer Victim Advocates carry a pager, and are called out by law enforcement on evenings and weekends to respond on scene, to ensure victims’ rights are upheld and needs are met. The application process is selective and applicants must be at least 21 years of age, submit to a background check, and attend a 40-hour training. No experience necessary. Applications are being accepted for the upcoming training that starts in September. Contact Shawna, Volunteer Recruiter, at 303-202-2196 or email: langevoi@aol.com.

B e-low 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.

Aug. 4 Regular Study Session
Aug. 11 Regular Business Meeting
Aug. 18 Regular Study Session
Aug. 25 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.
I believe the fight to protect Golden from the beltway is among our most important efforts of the past two decades. A large, high-speed superhighway plowing through the Golden Valley would truly devastate our community, and we will continue doing everything in our power to prevent that.

Fortunately, Golden has enjoyed a great deal of success in this effort. In a major City of Golden victory three years ago, the state dropped its plan to build the beltway. The remaining beltway proponents scaled back their ambitions and are now proposing to build a much shorter toll highway north of Golden between Highways 93 and 128. Most important, two decades into this fight there is no beltway through Golden.

While we have so far protected Golden from the beltway, we also recognize that beltway proponents may be able to build a new toll highway north of town over our objections and despite our best efforts. We also realize that the congestion, safety, and pollution issues on the highway corridor in Golden right now present real challenges, and that we are unlikely to solve them until we all find a reasonable resolution to the beltway fight.

In February, after an extensive three-month community outreach effort and considerable input from Golden residents, the City Council unanimously adopted an updated, formal position on the proposal for a new toll highway that reflects these two basic concerns. Golden is committed to seeking an agreement with Jefferson County and the other beltway proponents as long it genuinely protects our community. That protection must include limiting U.S. 6 and Highway 93 through Golden to four lanes and 45 mph, noise and air pollution mitigation, protecting highways north of town from non-compete agreements, and – critically – funding to complete several Golden projects up front. And we are making a serious, good faith effort to reach a reasonable agreement that accomplishes these goals. In the absence of a strong agreement, however, we have no choice but to take the steps we believe necessary for protecting Golden.

One recent effort is our own bid to purchase the Rocky Flats right-of-way on the east side of the National Wildlife Refuge. In an important decision, the U.S. Department of Interior agreed to conduct an environmental assessment comparing our “Jefferson Bikeway” proposal with the toll highway proposal. The agency plans to complete this public comment process and analysis by the end of the year.

We continue to reach out to our Congressional delegation, and earlier in July I traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with them (and to represent Golden at a White House forum on small towns near large metropolitan areas). We are also part of an ongoing conversation with all of the parties in this dispute, convened by Governor Hickenlooper, looking for a fair resolution.

And we continue to build our legal case in the event that we are forced to go to court in order to protect Golden.

How can you contribute? You can call, email, or send letters to members of our Congressional delegation respectfully encouraging them to insist on strong protections for Golden. You can provide comments during the formal Environmental Assessment process this summer. And you can write letters-to-the-editor expressing your views every time you see an article in the newspaper.

On behalf of the City Council, thank you for caring about Golden’s future and being involved in this critical effort.
The new highway features along 6th Avenue between 19th Street and Heritage Road are part of a test program designed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in conjunction with the Golden Police Department. A combination of fencing, reflective and audible delineators, detection beams, lighting and real-time signs are among the features being tested. CDOT hopes to find reliable, economical ways to increase driver safety while limiting the impacts on wildlife migration.*

This particular corridor in Golden was chosen for the test project because accidents involving cars and wildlife make up about 40 percent of all reported accidents in this area.

Most Golden residents have likely driven though that corridor, seen the lights flashing, but not seen any wildlife. You may be wondering if the system is faulty or setting off false positives. “It’s important to note that the lighted warning signs will stay on for a total of two minutes,” said project co-designer Tom Dinardo, of CDOT’s Region 1 Engineering Division. “An animal can trigger the signs, run away or across the highway, and not be seen by many motorists while the signs are still flashing.”

CDOT also notes it will be monitoring the validity of this system in the years to come. It will take several years to collect enough data to determine whether or not the system works. “The most important thing we can all do is slow down – particularly at night – when traveling through wildlife areas,” said CDOT lead engineer Paul Neiman. “While we are testing a variety of features, we will continue to make modifications and track collisions, but much will depend upon drivers taking care. Whether or not the reflectors and detection systems function consistently, or have the desired results we are hoping for, it’s a corridor we share with wildlife – please heed the warnings.”

The project includes mitigation features, several focusing on wildlife detection and warning at night, when the majority of wildlife-vehicle collisions occur. A total of 13,000 linear feet of 8-foot-high deer fencing lines both sides of 6th Avenue. A single opening was left in the fence to allow for “controlled” animal crossings. At that fence opening is an infrared trail monitor which is triggered by an animal walking through the beam. Once triggered, a series of LED message signs and LED flashing beacons along the highway alert motorists that a possible wildlife crossing may be occurring ahead.

56 roadside reflectors and 20 audible warning devices were installed at each end of the fencing, to deter wildlife from entering the highway where the fencing ends. When a vehicle’s headlights hit the roadside reflectors, the reflectors send a perpendicular beam across and away from the highway that can discourage the wildlife from crossing. These reflector beams are not visible to motorists. Vehicle headlights also activate an audible warning device that makes a high-pitched “squeal” audible to wildlife but not humans.

Sets of cross-highway striping on either side of the wildlife crossing areas serve as “fake” cattle guards on the roadway to help keep wildlife on a straight path across the road and over to the fence opening on the other side.

“These wildlife safety mitigation projects are challenging, because we cannot – nor would we want to – fully obstruct the animals’ migrations,” said Neiman. “With this project, we hope to re-direct animal movements, as well as change driver behavior. With both of these elements working together we hope to see a marked decline in these types of collisions.”

For information on other wildlife mitigation projects in Colorado or wildlife-vehicle collision data, visit www.coloradodot.info/programs/environmental/wildlife/wildlifenthemove.

*Details of the project provided by CDOT.
Motorcycles, Visibility and Recognition

With the summertime upon us and the rising cost of fuel, motorcycles are out more and more. There are some important things for vehicle drivers and motorcycle riders to know, to be more visible and safe while on the road. Motorcyclists: visibility is a must. Use your headlights, high beams in the day, and wear bright visible clothing. Also when approaching intersections, a quick shift of weight or lean that makes your headlight move or “flicker” can make the difference for someone to see you. Lane position can be a huge factor in your visibility. Most riders have a tendency to ride in the middle of the lane. Unfortunately, most riders don’t realize that that is where all the leaky oil and debris from vehicles is deposited and can sometimes be very slick. Ride in the tire paths of cars, either left or right. When riding in traffic, ride in the tire path closest to the lane next to you, making it easier to see you when coming around other cars.

Additionally, make sure you attend some training to obtain your motorcycle drivers license. While anyone can jump on a motorcycle and ride, you may not always know how to brake in an emergency or maneuver to avoid an obstacle. As a rider, one of the most important skills is emergency braking. Most motorcycles are balanced for 70 percent front braking and 30 percent rear braking. Most riders have a tendency to use only rear brakes, which greatly increases their braking distance. Training will teach the appropriate braking methods. Obstacle avoidance is also a key. Most riders tend to look at an object that they are about to strike. The key is to “look where you want to go”, looking for the opening to escape, not focusing on the object that you are trying to avoid.

For vehicle drivers there are some things that you can do to make it easier to see motorcycles. First, adjust your mirrors to eliminate your blind spots. This will help seeing all around, not just motorcycles. Next, when making a lane change or leaving parallel parking spots, check your mirrors and also glance over your shoulder. That second glance could be the difference in seeing an object or not. Finally, look around and recognize the single headlights or taillights and use of hand signals or turn signals. Motorcycle lights are smaller and there is not a large vehicle attached to them so use caution. If you see something that catches your eye, but you didn’t see a vehicle, take a second look, chances are it could be a motorcycle or scooter.

Observing motorcycles is a two way street. The rider needs to do what they can to be seen: visibility, lane adjustments, and a simple movement of the bike. Vehicle drivers need to take a little more time to look and make sure nothing is coming prior to moving around in traffic. This information not only applies to motorcycles, but pedestrians and bicyclists as well. Ride safe, ride smart.

YOURGOV APPLICATION HELPS US HELP YOU

Golden’s residents are the eyes of our community. You see the potholes in the street, the graffiti on the wall, the damaged or fading sign and the street light that is out. The City of Golden has an easy way for you to report these issues so that we can take care of them promptly. YourGOV is an application that allows you to report non-emergency issues to the City via the web or your smart phone, and then track its progress from submittal to completion. Issues are brought directly into the City’s Work Management solution where they can be quickly and efficiently forwarded to the appropriate department.

YourGOV is available for both the iPhone and Android smart phones, and an application for Blackberry is in development. Since the launch of YourGOV in October 2010, the majority of the submittals have come from smart phones. By using your smart phone to submit an issue to YourGOV, a picture can be attached to assist in determining the proper course of action. Help the City create a more responsive, more sustainable and more collaborative community. It’s quick. It’s easy. It’s efficient.

To learn more about YourGOV, please visit www.cityofgolden.net/YourGOV.
What teenager would want to spend part of their summer in an educational course... with police? Ask the students of the 2011 Golden Police Department Youth Citizens’ Academy and they’ll tell you it was a really fun way to spend a week of their summer.

The Youth Citizens’ Academy gives teens between the ages of 13 and 17 a behind-the-scenes view of law enforcement. Since interactions between police and young citizens are often negative, the Academy also gives both the officers and the students an opportunity to interact with each other in an environment that is educational and non-threatening.

Participants were given an inside view of the intensive training police officers receive in their academies. While learning the skills used by officers, participants were also taught teamwork, leadership and community involvement. The highlight of the week was when the participants spent half a day learning firearms safety, followed by half a day of shooting police weapons. The annual “Top Gun” competition was won by Anthony “Ant” Tyrell-Ead from Golden High School. Taylor Nelson from Moore Middle School came in a very close second.

Overall, the academy was a fantastic success. The participants came together as a group of strangers with similar interests, and left as a cohesive team filled with new friendships. Ten students from throughout Golden, Wheat Ridge, Centennial and Westminster completed the program and celebrated with a graduation dinner at Golden Pizza Hut, generously donated by Lorna Crawford. Lorna has sponsored every Academy graduation since the program began in 2002.

The Youth Citizens’ Academy is held every June and it is free to anyone between the ages of 13-17. Residency is not required to participate. If you are interested in learning more, contact Officer Dave Hart at 303-384-8052 or dhart@cityofgolden.net.

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**Teaching New Dogs Old Tricks**

By Dispatcher Carrie Lorea

In the first six and a half months of 2011, the City of Golden 911 Dispatchers took approximately seven hundred and thirty 911 calls that were accidental misdials from cell phones. Dispatchers return each of these phone calls to verify that there is not an emergency, which can take valuable time away from genuine emergencies that are occurring.

How do these phone calls happen? Many cell phones are equipped with an emergency key. If this key is pressed and held down, the phone will automatically call 911. Many of these calls are also “pocket dials” in which a phone has been placed in a purse or pocket without the key pad locked, causing the phone to press buttons and accidentally dial 911. Many citizens also give old or unused cell phones that are not connected to a service provider to children to play with. It is important for citizens to understand that these “disconnected” cell phones will always have the capability to call 911. Many children dial 911 on these phones and actually reach a dispatcher.

City of Golden Dispatchers kindly ask that citizens be aware of locking the key pads on their cell phones, especially when placed in pockets or purses and when allowing children to look at or play with phones.

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**Oops, I Accidentally Dialed...**
Years of planning and community discussion have resulted in a significant transportation corridor improvement in Golden. Over ten years ago, the City Council started discussing changes in the Jackson Street corridor between downtown and Golden High School. The process included four open houses, numerous public hearings, bike and pedestrian task forces and multiple design concepts.

All along, the goal was to improve the very poor sidewalks in the area, and provide a better opportunity for bicycles while still providing for traffic. The City completed a number of studies that showed the current and future traffic volumes could be easily handled with two through lanes in the current one-way configuration. Additionally, parking studies were completed that showed the available parking was much more than was needed.

The results were removal of parking on the west side, and the elimination of one traffic lane. This area was then converted to a 10-foot wide sidewalk and a four-foot wide bike lane, along with additional planting areas. The $1.6 million project also improved storm drainage and replaced the old failing retaining wall between 14th and 15th streets. In addition, improvements were made to stop icing problems that occurred in the area.

The project includes a bicycle safety test project that is underway for the Federal Highway Administration. Safety studies and surveys were conducted prior to construction and will happen again after the bike lane is complete. The City is also adding a green background for the bike lane symbols, and additional data will be collected. Finally, the entire bike lane will be painted green to see if that adds additional safety.

So get on your bike or take a stroll along Golden’s newest bike and pedestrian corridor!

CSM Parking Reminder

The Colorado School of Mines (CSM) is gearing up for the fall semester, which begins on Tuesday, Aug. 23. As seasoned students return and new students hit the campus for the first time, the City of Golden wants to remind everyone who parks near campus about the permit parking system which is now in place.

In January 2011, City Council approved establishing a residential permit parking system for areas surrounding the CSM campus to make it easier for homeowners and residents to park near their homes. The permit system designates resident parking, to make parking more accessible to those who live in the area.

Parking restrictions are enforced weekdays, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the school year only. There will be strict enforcement of the program, including fines for parking without a permit during school hours.

Parking permits for the 2011/2012 school year have already been mailed. If you are a new resident in the area, it’s important to find out if you need a permit for your street. For information about permit areas or to obtain a permit, contact your landlord or call Denise Hish at 303-384-8011 or dhish@cityofgolden.net.
Conservation – Where Do I Begin?

The choice to be more energy efficient may be clear, but the starting point can be more difficult to determine. The Pyramid of Conservation is designed to help you prioritize steps and develop an action plan that’s right for you. By establishing a foundation in energy efficiency and gaining a better understanding about how you use energy, you can more effectively work your way up the pyramid.

Check out where you fit in your own home’s energy pyramid.

Source: www.mnpower.com

5 Steps to an Eco-friendly Lawn

1. Make sure you’re not overwatering. Sign up for a free irrigation audit through the City’s partnership with the Center for ReSource Conservation or purchase a lawn moisture meter. For information go to ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 x217.

2. Go old school – get a reel mower. No air pollution and a bonus – no engine to hassle with. If you can’t use a push mower, try a plug-in electric model.

3. Leave your grass clippings on your lawn. Clippings make great mulch and help your lawn retain its moisture.

4. Compost your yard waste. Sign up for the City’s yard waste collection or start your own backyard pile.

5. Learn about xeric and native plants. Take a Native Plant Master class from the CSU extension office in Golden.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY RECYCLABLES?

Ever wonder where your cans and bottles go after they leave your recycle bin? Whether you’re on the City’s Pay-As-You-Throw trash collection program or contract with a private waste hauler, your recycling goes to one of three Material Recovery Facilities (or “MRFs”) in the Front Range. A MRF separates the single-stream materials using high-tech magnets, blowers, and balers and prepares them for transport to other locations for processing. Check out a new video clip of how your materials are sorted at www.golden.com/recycle.

DID YOU KNOW?

On a hot summer day Golden citizens use enough treated water to cover 24 football fields one foot deep in water; in the winter the usage drops to about 7.
**GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Through Aug. 28**

*A Touch of Spring*
Dealing with love and red tape and the magical atmosphere of Rome in the spring, this delightful witty comedy had phenomenal success in London in the newly revised version offered here. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. For tickets and information, call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

**Through Sept. 4**

*Musical Adventure*
The Heritage Square Music Hall’s Excellent Musical Adventure is a great collection of the classic songs you know and love so well. Celebrate the songs that have helped define more than one generation. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For information, call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

**Through Sept. 4**

*Cowboys and Rock Stars*
The exhibition features an extensive collection of Rockmount’s famous shirts dating back to the 1930’s, narrating visitors through the journey of Rockmount and its landmark design philosophy. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For more information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

**Every Saturday through Oct. 1**

*Golden Farmer’s Market*
Come meet new vendors and welcome back your old favorites. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot just west of the Golden Library, 1019 10th St. Call the Golden Chamber of Commerce for details, 303-279-3113 or visit www.goldencochamber.org.

**Aug. 2**

*A Golden Night in the Park*
Join the Golden Police Department for the 14th annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Free food, games, demonstrations and giveaways. For more information call Jodie Marquez at 303-384-8031 or at jmarquez@cityofgolden.net.

**Aug. 5**

*Movies and Music in the Park*
Movie: *How to Train Your Dragon*  
Band: Clam Daddys  
Music begins at 7 p.m. in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue. Movie will begin after dusk. Food available for purchase or you can bring your own.

**Aug. 12**

*Movies and Music in the Park*
Movie: *Back to the Future*  
Band: Jonny Barber & the Living Deads

**Aug. 19**

*Movies and Music in the Park*
Movie: *Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader*  
Band: The Resonatorz

**Aug. 20**

*Golden VeloSwap*
Sell and/or buy used bikes, parts and gear. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside Pedal Pushers Bike Shop, 2401 Ford St.

**Aug. 20-21**

*Golden Fine Arts Festival*
More than 130 artists display and sell their works of art. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in downtown Golden. The Festival is free. For more information visit...
www.goldenfineartsfestival.org or call 303-279-3113.

Aug. 22 through Sept. 9
Boot Camp Challenge
Boot Camp Challenge is a session-based program for every fitness level. You’ll get the motivation and affordability of group exercise all for less than $14 per class. 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information call Jessica at 720-897-7711 or info@BCCDenver.com.

Aug. 22 School Starts

Aug. 26-28
USA Pro Cycling Challenge Weekend of Fun
For the latest information, visit www.procyclinggolden.com.

Aug. 26
“American Flyers” Movie – a cult classic cycling movie that was filmed in Golden. Viewer discretion is advised. Lions Park Ball Fields, movie will start at dusk.

Aug. 27-28
Sustainability, Health and Wellness Expo:
vendors, organizations, food, a renewable energy demo and entertainment. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue.

Aug. 27
King of the Mountain Hill Climb – Citizens time trail race up Lookout Mountain. Challenge the same hill the pros will race the following day. 8 a.m. on Lookout Mountain Road. Pre-registration required.


Taste of Golden Block Party – Live music, restaurants and beer. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Washington Avenue.

Aug. 28
USA Pro Cycling Challenge race comes through Golden. Race will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Cruiser Paradigm – prizes awarded to outlandish costume and unique bike. Immediately following pro bike race on Washington Avenue.

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.

AUGUST 2011
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.

- September 7, 2011.. 9 to 11 a.m.
- October 5, 2011 ....... 9 to 11 a.m.
- December 7, 2011.... 9 to 11 a.m.

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

FREE
Building Use Tax Workshops
The City of Golden is hosting FREE Building Use Tax Workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors. Classes are geared toward individuals who need to learn about building use tax concepts on an in-depth basis.

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

- August 3, 2011 ....... 9 to 11 a.m.
- November 2, 2011.... 9 to 11 a.m.

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

For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.2HourVacation.com.
Fine Art, Fun Festival

There is something very special about the Golden Fine Arts Festival, which has long been a summertime favorite for art lovers and artists alike. The Festival is an open-air art gallery adjacent to Clear Creek in downtown Golden. It’s free and takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 and Sunday, Aug. 21.

The Golden Fine Arts Festival is well known for its quality, affordability and ambiance. The festival features 130 juried artists, most of whom are Coloradoans, and others from all over the U.S. The Festival features a variety of media, including ceramic arts, fiber arts, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and 2D. More than 35,000 people are expected to attend making it one of the area’s most popular summer arts festivals.

As always, there are free horse-drawn carriage rides through historic downtown Golden, free live musical entertainment with two main stages and three smaller stages throughout downtown, artists’ demonstrations, and a special hands-on Kids Art Zone operated by ArtReach that is always a hit with younger art patrons.

In addition, many other coinciding art-filled events and activities are offered throughout the weekend at galleries and merchants in downtown Golden. Just a block from the Festival is Golden’s Clear Creek History Park, which will be free from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and will feature pioneer artisan demonstrations, including lace making, leather crafting and blacksmithing, as well as pioneer cooking demonstrations.

For more information and updates about the Golden Fine Arts Festival and other activities in Golden, visit the Festival’s web site at www.GoldenFineArtsFestival.org or Golden’s visitor Web site at www.2HourVacation.com throughout the year.

Golden Rotary Peach Sale Deadline Aug. 15

The Rotary Club of Golden is once again selling famous Palisade, Colorado Western Slope peaches. The price this year will be $35 for a twenty pound box averaging 25 to 35 #1-grade peaches per box. Picked only two days ahead of delivery and brought in a refrigerated van, these are the freshest peaches in town – the cold, tree-ripened peach falls right away from the pit.

Proceeds from the peach sale help support the local and worldwide charitable activities of the Rotary Club of Golden.

Order forms are available from any Golden Rotarian, online at www.rotaryclubofgolden.org, or at any of the following locations: Dru Short’s State Farm Insurance, The Golden Transcript, Foss Wine and Spirits, Golden Visitors Center, The Hair Place, Action Swimming Pool and Spa, and Golden City Hall.

If you’ve purchased from the Golden Rotary Club before, you should receive an order form in the mail. Peaches must be ordered by Aug. 15.

Once you’ve ordered your peaches, plan to pick them up between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 6th Ave. frontage road. Peaches not picked up during this time are donated to Golden food charities.

For more information, call Les Jones at 303-458-8000.
It’s hard to keep track of all of the awards given to Fossil Trace Golf Club, but a recent accolade stands out to those who run the course. According to Golf Digest, Fossil Trace is #18 of America’s Top 50 Golf Courses in America for Women. The magazine stated, “A welcoming atmosphere is essential, and so are top-course conditions and great amenities.”

The golf course opened in July of 2003. In its short history, it has enjoyed tremendous success and is considered one of the finest golf courses and golf experiences available in Denver and all of Colorado. “It is an honor and pleasure to lead a team that is dedicated to the quality of product we provide to our guests,” said Head Golf Pro Jim Hajek, who gives all of the credit to the employees at the golf course. “Congratulations to one and all for constant hard work and effort on making Fossil Trace the special place our guests know it to be.”

In addition to this national honor, Fossil Trace Golf Club was also picked as the “Best of Jeffco Reader’s Choice.” This comes from readers of Mile High Newspapers, including the Golden Transcript, who voted on their favorite businesses in a variety of categories.


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The City of Golden has been recognized as one of the best in the nation when it comes to balancing our budget. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced that the City of Golden received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The award represents a significant achievement for Golden. It reflects the City and staff’s commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, Golden had to meet specific guidelines. Budget documents must be rated “proficient” in four categories: a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.

In addition, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation was presented to Assistant Finance Director Don Warn, as being the primary person responsible for achieving award status.

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving over 17,600 government finance professionals throughout North America.
Celebrate Health!

**Friday, August 5 and September 9**

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. We offer appointments for chair massages, hand and foot reflexology and medical foot care. 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**

**Footcare with Chalyce.....$15 per 15 minutes**

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**UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS**

**Washing Machine Museum - #25012-01**

**www.oldwash.com**

Take a trip to Eaton and enjoy a personal tour by Lee Maxwell of his Antique washing machine museum that houses more than 1,150 washing machines.

- **Tuesday, Aug. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **$15 (van; admission and bring money for lunch)**
- **Exertion Level: 2**

**Register/Cancel by Aug. 2.**

**Denver Botanic Gardens and Domo Restaurant - #25013-01**

We will arrive early and enjoy the beautiful gardens and explore the works by American Modernist Allan Houser (Warm Springs Chiricahua Apache 1914-1994) in this outdoor sculpture exhibition, Natives Roots / Modern Form: Plants, Peoples and the Art of Allan Houser. Then we will continue our “garden” journey to the Domo Japanese Garden Restaurant.

- **Monday, Aug. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **$9 (van provided; bring money for lunch)**
- **Exertion Level: 3**

**Register/Cancel by Aug. 22.**

**Golden Pacers Hiking Trip, Rampart Trail at Sedalia - #15220-07**

A walk into nature and some of Colorado’s spectacular scenery. All mountain trips are rated difficult and all hikers should be sure to have appropriate clothing as the weather is unpredictable.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **$9 (van, bring a sack lunch and plenty of water)**
- **Exertion Level: 5**

**Register/Cancel by Sept. 10.**
With its small town charm but big city amenities, Golden has remained the perfect location to host the DocuWest Documentary Film Festival since its beginning in 2009. Now in its third year, DocuWest 2011 will present groundbreaking and insightful documentaries ranging from environmental issues about mining and oil pipelines, to relevant social commentaries examining diversity and civil rights. The film selections—proving to be an eclectic mix of topics and viewpoints—will enlighten, educate and entertain every festival attendee. This year, DocuWest is increasing the number of films by 25 percent for greater variety and viewpoints, alongside presenting more than double the works of international filmmakers than in previous years. Not only is active participation on the rise, but the quality of films has risen dramatically. A number of the selected films have received accolades and awards, have premiered at prestigious film festivals such as Sundance and Tribeca, and have aired on HBO. The DocuWest Film Festival opens in Golden on Wednesday, Sept. 7 and runs through Sunday, Sept. 11. Foothills Art Center is thrilled to bring these acclaimed films and filmmakers to Golden, and would love local participation in making this year the festival’s most successful. If you are interested in advertising, sponsorship, volunteer or leadership opportunities, please contact Sherri at 303-279-3922 x31. For more information regarding the DocuWest Film Festival, or the year-round activities of Foothills Art Center, visit www.docuwestfest.com or www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Now is your chance to pick up a copy of the “Voices/Values/Visions” book that was written to celebrate the Golden Vision 2030 project. The book is not a city policy, rather it commemorates the community stories, quotes, and characters that led to the guiding principles and heart and soul community values contained in the Golden Vision 2030 document, and our newly updated Comprehensive Plan.

From the beginning, Golden Vision 2030 was a leap of faith, a unique mission undertaken by city managers willing to risk not doing business as usual. While the goal was clear: to end up with a comprehensive plan that reflects the community’s identity, the challenge was to find new ways to get there. Gathering the voices, experiences and stories of the residents was the first step in Golden’s journey of self discovery.

Through a series of storytelling sessions and neighborhood events, like block parties and chili socials, we recorded stories from people of all ages. Resident Betty Stevens summed it up well, “It’s a neighborhood that people move into and stay forever. The guy next to us, his son has bought next to him, his son’s wife’s mother lives up the street. We’ve always watched out for our kids. We try to keep it safe.” Resident Kristie Brice added, “I love our neighborhood, I like that it’s really diverse and lots of different kinds of people live there and age differences…I like that I can walk, and bike and walk the dog safely even in the night – I don’t have to worry about it.”

Susan Buhr recognized what draws her and many others to Golden, “I’m always amazed by all the things I see people doing outside when I’m downtown on a weekend, people walking around, at the restaurants, kayaking, paragliding off the mountain, biking… so it just seems like a really vibrant community.”

Copies of the book are available from the Planning and Development Department at 1445 10th St., or can be mailed upon request by emailing planningcommission@cityofgolden.net. Be sure to get your free copy this summer, and enjoy it as part of our community’s celebration of our past, present, and future. Who knows… you may be in there!
Swimming Lessons
Fall Swim Lesson Registration is Aug. 22 for residents and Aug. 23 for non-residents. Choose from three, 4-week weekday sessions and two Saturday sessions. This year, Tuesday and Thursday morning sessions are offered. If you have a home school group and would like to schedule lessons or swim times contact Brandon Vail, Aquatics Coordinator, at 303-384-8143. Register online at rec.cityofgolden.net.

Fossil Trace Junior Golf Clinics
The 4-week Junior Golf Clinic is offered on consecutive Saturday mornings throughout the golf season. Each of the four 1-hour sessions will cover various aspects of the game including full swing and short game (chipping, pitching & putting), basic rules and golf etiquette and fun practice games for junior golfers.

Age: 4 - 7 years  
$90 per junior golfer  
(4 hours)  
Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27  
8 - 9 a.m.  
Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Oct. 1  
8 - 9 a.m.

Age: 8 - 12 years  
$90 per junior golfer  
(4 hours)  
Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27  
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.  
Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Oct. 1  
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Family Music Class
Bring the whole family in to enjoy a day of fun music making! Music will focus on ages 6 months through early elementary. The class will incorporate bouncing and tickles for babies, sing-a-long favorites for older children, fun instruments and movement songs for all ages. Infants under 6 months are free.

Age: 6 months - 8 years  
Tuesday 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.  
Aug. 16  
Wednesday 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.  
Aug. 31  
$20 per family up to 4  
($3 per add’tl)

Family Art Night
Families will create unique artwork using a variety of different art materials and techniques. All ages are welcome.

Age: 1 year and older  
Thursday 5 - 7 p.m.  
Aug. 4  
$25 Resident, $29 Non-resident  
- per family of up to four  
($4 per add’tl)

Alien Invasion Workshop
SpaceTime’s Alien Invasion Workshop takes kids on a virtual space mission to search for alien life on the new worlds that have been discovered outside our solar system as well as the worlds inside our solar system.

Age: 5 - 12 years  
Wednesday 9 - 11 a.m.  
Aug. 3  
$19 Resident, $25 Non-resident

Lift Off Camp
SpaceTime’s Lift Off Camp will take kids on an amazing ride into the world of space exploration on the vehicles that make it happen. It is non-stop, high-flying excitement that builds on the fun of the Rockin’ Rockets Programs with more spacecraft building and launching.

Age: 6 – 12 years  
Monday to Friday 1 - 4 p.m.  
Aug. 8 - 12  
$109 Resident, $115 Non-resident

Rocketeers
Kids research, design, build, paint and take home their own rockets. The rockets are safe, water-propelled and shoot 300-500 feet in the air! Participants will research and build hot air balloons. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to join the fun on launch day!

Age: 6 - 12 years  
Monday to Thursday  
9 - 10:30 a.m.  
Aug. 8 – 11  
Monday to Thursday  
5:30 - 7 p.m.  
Aug. 8 - 11  
$65 Resident, $69 Non-resident

Art from Around the World
Take a trip “Around the World” using printing, sculpture, collage and lots of color. Come with us as we visit Ecuador and make beautiful birds, learn about the Festival Elephants of India, travel to the land of the snow bear to create Inuit Bear Art and finally to the warmth of Mexico to create a Sun Sculpture.

Age: 4 - 6 years  
Monday to Thursday  
11 - 11:45 a.m.  
Aug. 1 - 4  
$59 Resident, $65 Non-resident
Golden Playgrounds are Smoke Free!

On June 29, the community celebrated Golden’s Smoke Free Playgrounds at the Healthy, Safe and Tobacco-free Summer Event held in Lions Park. Jefferson County Public Health and the Health is Golden Coalition partnered with the City to install signage at each playground in Golden to educate the public of the Smoke Free Playgrounds ordinance.

Over 50 people of all ages attended the event. St. Anthony Hospital Trauma Service gave away 25 bike helmets, Golden Police Department’s K-9 unit was on hand, Golden Dispatch helped children practice calling 911 and vouchers for free dental screenings were provided by Jefferson County Public Health. Golden Parks and Recreation provided trail maps and recreation opportunities and everyone enjoyed healthy snacks and a sprinkler in the playground on the warm summer day.

Golden City Council adopted the tobacco ordinance in an attempt to reduce youth access and exposure to tobacco. Ordinance No. 1886 prohibits smoking in retail tobacco establishments and within 25 feet of any playground located in a Golden city park. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), each day nearly 4,000 adolescents between the ages of 12 and 17 try their first cigarette, and 1,000 children under 18 years old become daily smokers. Many of these children become addicted before they are old enough to understand the risks related to tobacco use.

The event and signage were made possible by Jefferson County Public Health Tobacco Prevention Initiative grant funds. For more information visit www.healthisgoldencoalition.com.

Updated Parks, Trails and Open Space Map Now Available!

The Golden Parks, Trails and Open Space Map has been updated to include new trail connections and open spaces in Golden. The City of Golden maintains 253 acres of developed parkland, 24 miles of interconnected trails and 402 acres of open space. Each brings beauty to the City, provides areas to recreate, fosters a sense of community and improves quality of life for Golden residents and visitors.

The map is available at several city locations including the Golden Visitor’s Center, Library, City Hall and the Golden Community Center. The popular map serves as a guide to the wide variety of parks and trail experiences available within the City of Golden. Additionally, it provides information on accessibility to nearly 8,000 acres of open space surrounding the community. Pick up your copy today or download the map at www.cityofgolden.net/trails.
Heritage Square’s Amazing History

When Walt Disney bulldozed an orange grove in Southern California and opened his “Magic Kingdom,” he ushered in a brand new era in family entertainment and destination travel. The instant success of the park inspired a slew of imitators to jump on the bandwagon and open theme parks across the United States. One of the most notable regional theme park pioneers was C.V. Wood. Wood was hired by Walt and Roy Disney to help them find a location for their theme park. He was named Disneyland’s first general manager until he decided to open his own theme park enterprise. Wood established Marco Engineering and assembled a staff of designers, artists, and engineers poached largely from Disney’s enterprise.

In 1957, Wood embarked on his first project—a small Western-themed park nestled in the foothills west of metro Denver in Golden. He named his new park “Magic Mountain” and with his team began designing and building a large entertainment complex. Many of the themed rides were patterned almost exactly on amusements at Disneyland. One highlight was a Western-themed river boat ride reminiscent of Disneyland’s Jungle Cruise replete with animatronic wildlife, gun fighting desperadoes, and bow-and-arrow armed Indians. Like its Californian inspiration, Magic Mountain was divided into numerous “lands” that were joined together by a circling railroad.

Burdened by heavy debt, Magic Mountain was short lived. The park opened in 1957 only to close a few seasons later. While elements of the park were sold in pieces (a train engine is in Durango and a carousel is in Illinois), much of the infrastructure was left behind. For a while, the park was revived as East Tin Cup, only to again fall in disrepair. In 1970, the remains of Magic Mountain were purchased by Lafarge who has since resurrected the park once more as Heritage Square Family Entertainment Village. This spring, Golden History Museums received a remarkable addition to its collection from Heritage Square, in the form of a trove of original hand drawn plans of Magic Mountain. Drawn in vivid detail, the materials include park maps, ride concepts, and mechanical details. They are an important piece of Golden’s 20th century history and shed light on a little known, yet fascinating part of our community’s past.

Golden History Museums • Summer Hours of Operation
Astor House Museum (822 12th St.) and Golden History Center (923 10th St.)
Tuesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Sundays: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Clear Creek History Park (11th and Arapahoe) • Open daily sunrise to sunset
Once again, the City of Golden and GREAT (Golden Resource for Education, Arts and Theater) have joined forces to produce the Movies & Music in the Park series. This year’s events are scheduled for every Friday night in August in Parfet Park, located at 10th Street and Washington Avenue, in picturesque downtown Golden.

Movies and Music in the Park features family-friendly music and a movie each night. Bands begin performing at 7 p.m. and the featured movie of the night begins at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Admission is FREE so grab your blanket and settle into your spot early! Enjoy a relaxing evening in the park and watch a movie under the stars.

The year’s schedule is:

Aug. 5: 🎵 Clam Daddys
   How to Train Your Dragon

Aug. 12: 🎵 Jonny Barber & The Living Dead
   Back to the Future

Aug. 19: 🎵 The Resonatorz
   The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

More information on these artists and movies is available online at www.goldengreat.org or www.cityofgolden.net. Cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted at the park, on the web sites and on the voice mail at 303-384-8132 by 6:30 p.m.
When you live in Golden, there’s two hours of fun, two minutes from your home. So, we suggest “getting away from it all” by staying right here in town. Check out the Fine Arts Festival, get a double-scoop of ice cream or meander down Washington Avenue. Shop in your favorite stores, or discover new ones. For more “stay-cation” ideas, visit www.2HourVacation.com.

For a complete listing of Buy Local companies, visit www.Golden.com/BuyLocal or scan this code with your Smartphone or other internet connected device.