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# HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

## FLU SHOTS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

It's time to be thinking about getting your flu shot. The City of Golden will offer flu shots to the public for \$25 from 7 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the Golden Community Center, 1445 10th St.

Payment can be made by cash, check or participating insurance. Insurance accepted for the shots includes: Medicare (as primary insurance), Secure Horizons, Rocky Mountain Health Plan, Aetna, Great West and Humana Gold. Kaiser Permanente cannot be accepted at this clinic. You must be at least four years old to take part and children under 18 years old must have a parent with them.

## FIRE SAFETY, INJURY PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS DAY

Mark Saturday Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on your calendars for an event full of fun and education for the entire family. The Golden Fire Department, along with the University of Colorado Hospital and the Mile Hi Chapter of the American Red Cross, will host Fire Safety & Injury Prevention Day. This event will be held at Golden Fire Station #1, 911 10th St. The event will include fire safety puppet shows for the little ones, car seat checks, presentations and a look inside several types of emergency vehicles.

The Red Cross will be on hand to discuss emergency and disaster preparedness, and the Jefferson County Wild Fire Management will be there for wild fire prevention and mitigation information. There will be safety education and activities for all ages. Door prizes will be drawn on the half hour throughout the event.

## ELECTIONS

The City of Golden will hold a general municipal election on Nov. 1, 2011. It will be a mail ballot election coordinated with Jefferson County. The Mayor and Councilors for District 1 and District 2 will be elected.

Jefferson County will mail ballots to registered voters beginning the week of Oct. 11.

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 1 election is Tuesday, Oct. 3. If you will be out of town and unable to receive your ballot you may apply for a mail-in ballot (absentee) from Jefferson County. For forms and voter registration information, visit [www.jeffco.us/elections](http://www.jeffco.us/elections) or call 303-271-8111.

The City will publish a **special election issue of the Informer in October**. It will include one page of information from each Council candidate, valuable voting information and District maps. For more information, contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at 303-384-8014 or Deputy City Clerk Andrea Banks at 303-384-8015.

## SMALL GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE

Don't forget requests for the i-Golden Neighborhood Grants for up to \$500 can be made at any time; there is no deadline for these grants. So far, 13 small grant applications have been submitted and **all** were awarded.

For information and an application form, go to the City's webpage, [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net). Under Quick Links you will find i-Golden Neighborhood Grants. You can also contact City Clerk Susan Brooks at [sbrooks@cityofgolden.net](mailto:sbrooks@cityofgolden.net) or 303-384-8014.



**B**elow 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.

**Sept. 1**  
**No meeting**

**Sept. 8**  
**Regular Business Meeting**

**Sept. 15**  
**Regular Study Session**

**Sept. 22**  
**Regular Business Meeting**

**Sept. 29 -**  
**No meeting**

**Council's upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available** online under the City Council link at [www.CityofGolden.net](http://www.CityofGolden.net).

Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.



## *Golden Summer*

*By Councilor Marcia Claxton*

In reading *Voices/Values/Visions: A Celebration of Golden's Heart & Soul Community Planning Project*, a comment by Clyde Mannon captured my attention. His story was one of many gathered as part of the Golden Vision 2030 project. Reflecting on what Golden means to him and what makes it special, Clyde depicts Golden as "a wonderful place to live, we never took vacations in the summer time...because there was no place in the world that equals the Rocky Mountains."

Watching tourists wandering along Clear Creek or strolling and shopping in our historic downtown, I always think how fortunate we are to **live** here rather than just to vacation here. Summers are special in Golden, and this summer has been no exception. So many events occur that, in recent years, we have had to institute an application and fee process in order to limit and select potential new events.

The wonderful traditions continue: the 4th of July, Buffalo Bill Days, and the Fine Arts Festival. There are the monthly cruises: the Supercruise for classic cars and Woody's cruise of the pedaling variety. This summer's weekly Farmers' Market has attracted the most visitors ever, and the First Friday Street Fairs (closing one block of Washington Avenue) have been extremely popular with bands and delicious food from our local restaurants. Was it any surprise that Golden was chosen to host the last stage of the inaugural USA Pro Challenge Bike Race in August?

Another sign of summer is street maintenance. City crews have been especially busy repairing and replacing our valuable infrastructure. Projects included the completion of the Jackson Street corridor, 14th Street, Rimrock, West 1st Drive, Quaker, Poppy and Orion streets; these represent about a quarter of all work done (with the rest too numerous to list here). The last few winters have been especially hard on our roads, and City Council will need to schedule and budget more dollars in coming years to maintain our quality standards.

A lot has been happening in our neighborhoods too! As part of its proclaimed **Year of the Neighborhood**, City Council launched its neighborhood grant program. Many neighborhoods, including Canyon View, Beverly Heights, Canyon Point, the 8th/9th Historic District, and Arapahoe Street from 5th to 6th streets, hosted block parties using grant funds. In addition, other neighborhoods did beautification and improvement projects leveraging City matched funds.

All these events and accomplishments do not happen without extensive planning and hard work by Golden's superb Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center, our service organizations, GURA, and our exceptional City staff, including our police and firefighters who ensure safety for our citizens and visitors as they enjoy the many events and recreational activities. The Parks and Recreation Department keeps our parks, trails and amenities attractive and accessible. One event that I had the pleasure of attending this summer, was a surprise 80th birthday celebration at Lions Park for Jerry Hodgden, a member of the Parks and Rec Board for **20 years**. I recognize Jerry specifically, but there are countless others like Jerry who serve or have served on boards, commissions, task forces and committees for the good of Golden. They make Golden not only the best place to be in the summertime, but year around.

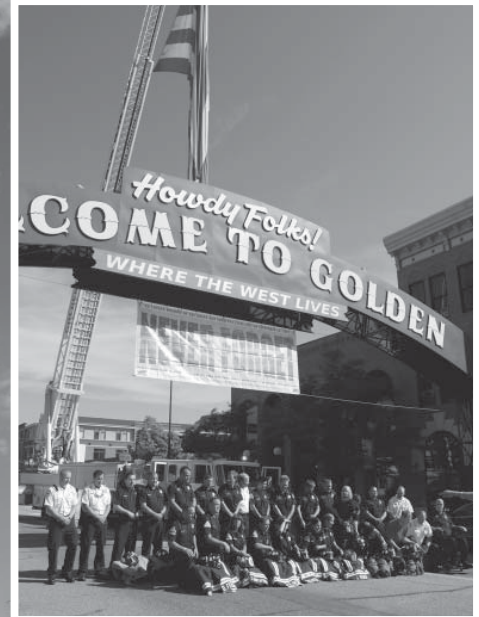
# Golden Chosen to Help Honor 9/11 Victims

On July 14, the City of Golden had the distinct honor of flying the Patriotic Flag over the arch on Washington Avenue. The Patriotic Flag was donated to the World Memorial by a group of businessmen from Escondido, California through the American Legion. What began as a casual conversation at a funeral in February 2010 for a World War II Veteran, the Patriotic Flag Project evolved into a national project of patriotism.

The Patriotic Flag, a 30' x 56' American flag, is touring the United States in honor of those who lost their lives in the attacks on America on 9/11/01. The 75-pound flag began its journey across America in San Diego on September 10, 2010 and the cross-country tour will end back in San Diego on September 2, 2011. As the flag crosses the country it will be displayed in several cities within all 50 states in the Union "sending a message to the world and families of the loved ones that were lost on 9/11 that we have not forgotten."

The Patriotic Flag arrived in Golden from Memphis, Tenn. on Wednesday, July 13 in a suitcase covered, inside and out, with patches and decals from cities where it had been flown. Early in the morning on Thursday, July 15 city crews hung a "NEVER FORGET" banner under the arch. The banner contained

the names of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. At 9 a.m. members of the Golden Fire Department transported the flag to Washington Avenue for display. The giant flag was attached to the 100-foot ladder of fire department's aerial apparatus, used as a makeshift flagpole. As the operator meticulously raised the ladder, 12 firefighters lined up, each holding the flag, unrolling the entire 56 feet. Once the flag was displayed above the arch, Golden Fire Training Chief Gene Quador led fire personnel and spectators in the Pledge of Allegiance



*Left: Golden Firefighters unfurl the flag.*

*Above: A moment of silence to remember the 9/11 victims.*

and a moment of silence for lives lost. The flag flew over the arch for 55 minutes, which was the time between the Twin Towers collapsing.

On Sept. 11, 2011 the flag will fly in Shanksville, Pa., the site where Flight 93 crashed, at The Pentagon, in Arlington, Va. and in New York City. It will then travel to Washington, D.C. on Sept. 12, Arlington Cemetery on Sept. 13 and Fort McHenry, Md. on Sept. 14. An official flag retirement ceremony will be performed for the Patriotic Flag in Escondido, Calif. After it is retired, it will be placed on display in an appropriate honorable location to be announced. For real-time GPS tracking of the flags' journey and more information about the Patriotic Flag visit, [www.thepatriotflag.us](http://www.thepatriotflag.us).

# Golden Represented at the White House

In July, 170 local elected officials, business, labor and civic leaders from 22 metropolitan regions from across the United States crowded into an auditorium at the White House in Washington, D.C. The purpose was to discuss the strengths and assets as well as the fiscal, social and environmental issues facing America's metropolitan areas, especially outlying communities. The group was joined by some of the Obama Administration's most important and influential officials, some of the nation's most respected policy experts and an exceptional group of local leaders who served as panel experts, including Golden Mayor Jacob Smith.

Mayor Smith was invited to be a panelist during the discussions, joining mayors and representatives from other cities in Arizona, New Jersey, Ohio and New York. Mayor Smith helped provide stories and examples that helped the group better understand the social, environmental



*Mayor Smith presenting at the White House during a forum on strengthening metropolitan areas.*

and economic implications of the challenges our communities are facing. The conversation made it all the way to the Oval Office, where forum representatives had the opportunity to bring their message straight to the President.

Mayor Smith says Federal policy plays a major role in local success. "If we want to make it easier for communities to encourage more compact growth, if we want to promote more efficient infrastructure investment patterns, if we want to promote increased access to transit,

and if we want to promote more equitable access to housing and jobs, federal policy offers one critical opportunity to support or undermine these goals," said Mayor Smith. "I appreciate the opportunity to participate in and present at the Forum, and I look forward to participating in the conversation moving forward."

By the way, according to Golden historian Richard Gardner, the last time a Golden City official was invited to the

White house was more than a century ago. In January 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt summoned Mayor John F. Vivian and Governor Henry Buchtel to Washington. His purpose, according to the Transcript, was "to make some repairs in a section or two of the political fence damaged in recent wind storms." In March 1909, Mayor Vivian returned to Washington to attend the inauguration of President William Howard Taft, who was a close personal friend of his son, the future Colorado Governor.

## NOMINATE SOMEONE EXTRAORDINARY

For the second year in a row, the Rotary Club of Golden and Golden Mayor Jacob Smith plan to present the Mayor's Awards for Excellence to Golden residents and businesses making extraordinary contributions to the community. Now is your chance to nominate someone for this special recognition.

Nominees for individual awards must be a resident of or employed within the City of Golden. Nominations should explain the contributions the nominee makes to the Golden community and why these contributions are exceptional. Nominees for Entrepreneur of the Year must own or operate a business within the city limits of Golden. Nominations for this category should explain how the business owner and their business contribute

to the Golden community through their entrepreneurial spirit, innovation, creating high quality jobs in Golden and any other ways that are relevant.

Taking initiative, exercising leadership, solving problems in the community, creating community value, and serving as a role model are examples of some of the qualities the awards committee may consider for all nominees. Completed nominations are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 at City Hall, 911 10th St. Nominations can also be returned by email to Denise Hish at [dhish@cityofgolden.net](mailto:dhish@cityofgolden.net). Questions can be directed to Denise at 303-384-8011. The awards ceremony and a "State of the Community" presentation will be held on Oct. 5. Watch the October Informer for details.

# Buffalo Bill Days Brings Thousands to Golden

It was a HOT time for this year's Buffalo Bill Days weekend. The festivities kicked off on a Friday night in late July and Parfet Park quickly filled with people enjoying the rockin' funky blues of Chris Daniels and the Kings.

Saturday, crowds were treated to a bountiful pancake breakfast put on by Golden's Volunteer Fire Department. By 8 a.m. Washington Avenue was filled with spectators lining the curbs to watch the annual parade, led this year by Grand Marshal Mike Bestor, Golden's City Manager. The Honored Guests were Dan and Jan



Participants in the Buffalo Bill Day parade.

Shea for all of their volunteer efforts, and Golden's 2011 Sweetheart was Carol Christensen. After the parade, Parfet Park filled up once again for shopping, food and rides.

The Classics, Rods, and Orphans Show included a Stanley Steamer and filled the street on Sunday.

American Legion's Duck Race was run "virtually" as Clear Creek was running too high. It was so hot that when the park cleared on Sunday early evening over 6,400 pounds of ice had been used.

## PARADE WINNERS WERE:

**Best Tractor** – Men in Green

**Best Auto** – Model A Fords

**Best Drill Team** – Golden

Applewood Football Assoc.

**Best Bikes** – CO Wheelmen

**Best Commercial** – EDS

**Best Float** – Colorado Railroad Museum

**Best Equestrian** – Westernairs

**Most Humorous** – Olinger Woods Chapel

**Most Unique** – CO School of MIMES

**Best Over All** – Coors Credit Union

## Free Event Thanks to i-Golden Neighborhood Grant Program

The 2011 *Coyote 5k Classic*, scheduled for Sunday Sept. 25, is **FREE** this year. The popular community event and fundraiser for Shelton Elementary School is free because the race committee was awarded a \$2,500 grant from the City's "i-Golden Neighborhood Grants" program.

Two types of grants were made available through the grant program. Small grants up to \$500 were intended for block parties, neighborhood clean-up days and other small neighborhood events and projects. So far, nearly \$6,000 has been awarded, and the small grants are still available. The larger grants involved up to \$2,500 in matching funds. The City matched more than \$13,000 this year. The community

matches could be in the form of sweat equity, donations of materials and money for the project. This was the type of grant given to the organizers of the *Coyote 5k Classic*.

Participants can choose between the 5k race though the neighborhoods below the Apex Park Open Space or the 1-mile fun run at Shelton Elementary. Register early because the number of runners will be limited. Despite the free cost, all participants are encouraged to donate what they can to this important school fundraiser.

Like last year, participants can expect some of the best prizes from any local 5k event. There will also be



a silent auction with items like Colorado Avalanche tickets and a season pass to Arapahoe Basin ski resort.

In support of Golden's "Year of the Neighborhood" initiative, the race organizers believe this race will help build a stronger sense of local community. As part of this goal, the *Coyote 5k Classic* is a certified minimal waste, environmentally friendly event that features only compostable or recyclable products. Participants are encouraged to walk, bike, or take alternative transportation to Shelton Elementary School in order to support this environmental theme. For more information, visit [coyoteclassic5k.com](http://coyoteclassic5k.com).

# Foothills Animal Shelter Celebrates Its First Year!



The old Table Mountain Animal Center moved to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds and changed its name to Foothills Animal Shelter (FAS) in August of 2010. It's hard to believe the first year in the new 33,000 square-foot facility has already passed. Thousands of animals have been cared for during this time and many great services have been offered such as low-cost spaying and neutering, vaccinating, microchipping and dog licensing.

Every day, FAS demonstrates its added value to the community. The facility's Community Room allows a professional trainer to teach dog and puppy classes three times a week.



That same room is now available to rent out for parties, meetings and seminars. People can enjoy the spacious room, with an occasional bark or meow in the background to remind them that the fees go toward helping homeless pets.

FAS also offers educational classes to pet owners. Pet first



aid and assisting stray cats in the community are some of the topics covered. Additionally, over 400 amazing volunteers help with fostering, cleaning, offsite events and many other key positions.

Go to [www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org](http://www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org) for more information about services and to see all of the adoptable pets. Congratulations to the Foothills Animal Shelter for a successful inaugural year, helping both animals and people and being a true resource for the pet community.



## Helping Protect Your Pet

Imagine this... a wildfire is raging, a mandatory evacuation order is in effect, and residents caught away from home are not permitted to go home to rescue their pets.

In Park and Jefferson counties, the Sheriff's Office and its Animal Control officers can enter the evacuation area to retrieve animals. But when the evacuation area is large, there simply are not enough officers to complete the task.

Animal Evac Volunteers (AEV) was created in 2002 to assist Animal Control in evacuating small animals during a wildfire or other disaster. AEV began with volunteers from the Pine, Bailey, Conifer and Evergreen areas. Since then, AEV has expanded and now includes volunteers throughout the Front Range area, including half a dozen members who live in Golden.

AEV was on standby throughout the Golden wildfire in March, ready to deploy under Jefferson County Animal

Control's supervision if evacuation orders were issued and affected residents needed help getting their animals to safety.

AEV volunteers train monthly during the six-month fire season. AEV participates in disaster field exercises held by Jefferson and Park counties as well as helping in animal seizure cases. Members also represent AEV at various area events to raise awareness.

AEV volunteers get great satisfaction from being able to help the community in a time of crisis and, for an animal lover, the ability to help rescue pets in need just adds to the rewards.

For more information:

- Animal Evac Volunteers: [www.animalevac.org](http://www.animalevac.org)
- Jefferson County Animal Control (if you need help getting your animals to safety): 303-271-5070
- Emergency planning and kit suggestions: [www.ready.gov/america/publications/allpubs.html](http://www.ready.gov/america/publications/allpubs.html)

## Four Steps To Green Computing

Although computers and mobile devices have become more energy efficient, demand for the latest and greatest electronics continues to soar. Green computing can help address the ever increasing demand for energy and rare earth minerals needed to produce millions of electronics each year. A few easy steps toward green computing include:



1. Reduce your e-footprint by consolidating equipment. Learn about the efficiencies of cloud computing, virtualization, and online data storage. Fewer pieces can mean less wasted heat and lower utility bills.
2. Manage your power needs. Most home office and business equipment is left on 24 hours a day, costing U.S. households over \$100 a year for the low-power mode. Use a power strip as a central “turn off” point when you are done using equipment. Using a power strip for your computer and all other accessories allows you to eliminate standby power consumption and preserves the life of your electronics.
3. Recycle your e-waste. Computer parts and many other electronic components are hazardous waste. Unlike aluminum cans that are easy to recycle, the items listed below have additional processing costs to get the metals and other hazardous components out. Drop off your electronics or batteries at the Rooney Road Household Hazardous Waste facility for a minimal charge or watch for upcoming free e-waste events.
4. Invest wisely. Look for product longevity and upgradability. Use the Green Electronics Council’s Electronic Environmental Assessment Tool at [www.epa.gov/epeat/](http://www.epa.gov/epeat/) or browse the EPA Energy Star list at [www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=find\\_a\\_product](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=find_a_product) to compare before you buy.

### THINK BEFORE YOU GO

Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled through a variety of easy options:

- **Bike.** Check out Golden’s bike routes and trail system at <http://ci.golden.co.us/Files/BikeMapBrochure.pdf>.
- **Carpool.** Visit [www3.drcog.org/RideArrangers](http://www3.drcog.org/RideArrangers) to find matches for your carpool, vanpool, or schoolpool needs.
- **Bus or Light Rail.** Find the quickest times and schedule through RTD’s easy trip planner at [www.rtd-denver.com](http://www.rtd-denver.com).
- **Air Travel.** Save on your ride to DIA by using one of Golden’s local shuttles, pick up the RTD Skyride at the Federal Center, or hitch a ride with Arvada’s A-Line direct airport shuttle.

## What is Social Sustainability?

Social sustainability encompasses human rights, community programs, and corporate governance. Check out these programs that are working to provide equal access to social resources for all:

- Golden Cares – a web-based community connecting groups and individual to local resources and services. [www.goldencares3c.org](http://www.goldencares3c.org)
- Senior programs: at the Golden Community Center Front Porch or Jefferson County Senior Resource Center
- Service clubs: Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimists, Lions, & Elks clubs
- General assistance: Jeffco Action Center, Golden Rescue Fund, Salvation Army
- Housing: Jeffco Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, Low income energy assistance program (LEAP)

### STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY

What is one item that you might be able to purchase locally?

Buying local puts more money into the local economy, reduces transportation costs and increases availability and variety.

# GOLDEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## 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.goldenochamber.org](http://www.goldenochamber.org).

## Through Oct. 29

### *The Quilts of Ann Elliott and Kathie Kerler*

Experience the diversity of quilts through two vastly different one-woman exhibits. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For more information call 303-277-0377 or visit [rmqm.org](http://rmqm.org).

## Sept. 2

### *First Friday Street Fair*

The First Friday Street Fair includes entertainment, food and much more. On Washington Avenue between 12th and 13th streets. 5 to 9 p.m.



## Sept. 3 and 4

### *Rocky Mountain Antique Fair*

A dynamic, quality environment for buyers, sellers and enthusiasts alike. Find genuine antiques at least 100 years old, vintage collectables at least 50 years old and collectables that are out of production, at least

20 years old. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 303-955-1013 or visit [www.RockyMtnAntiqueFair.com](http://www.RockyMtnAntiqueFair.com).



## Sept. 6

### *Children's Choir of Golden Fall Season*

For all children from grades 2nd through 8th. Mondays, 5:15-6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. Cost: \$150 per season. For more information call Judy Denison at 303-279-5177 or visit [goldencommunitychoirs.org](http://goldencommunitychoirs.org).



## Sept. 9 through Nov. 13

### *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*

A comedy adaption of Victor Hugo's classic novel... the story of a gypsy girl and the hunchback who loves and protects her. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For information, call 303-279-7800 or visit [www.hsmusichall.com](http://www.hsmusichall.com).

## Sept. 12

### *Golden Concert Choir Fall Season*

For singers ages 14 to adult. No auditions required, but must be

able to match pitch. Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. Cost: \$100 per season. For more information, call Judy Denison at 303-279-5177 or visit [goldencommunitychoirs.org](http://goldencommunitychoirs.org).



Courtesy of [www.foothillsartcenter.org](http://www.foothillsartcenter.org)

## Sept. 17 to 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](http://www.foothillsartcenter.org).

## Sept. 19 to Oct. 7

### *Boot Camp Challenge*

Three-week, session based programs for EVERY fitness level. You'll get the motivation and affordability of group exercise with the accountability and results of personal training, for less than \$14 per class. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. For information

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call 303-800-5606 or email [info@BCCDenver.com](mailto:info@BCCDenver.com).

## Sept. 23 and 24

### *Fine Rummage Sale*

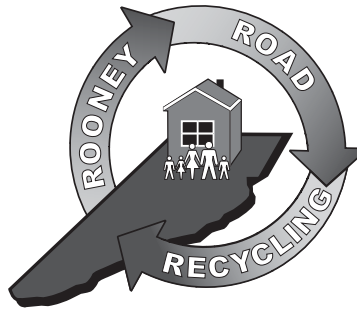
Shop for great bargains from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 1320 Arapahoe St. Admission is free. For more information, call 303-278-1721 or 303-277-9623.



## Sept. through April

### *MOPS*

Experience community, mothering support and personal growth all to help you be the best mom possible. MOPS meets on the first and third Thursday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1805 Washington Ave. There is a fee for the class. Childcare is provided. For more information call 303-349-9730 or visit [MOPS.org](http://MOPS.org).



## Oct. 6

### *Benefit for Rooney Road Recycling Center*

Live music, culinary delights and a silent auction benefitting 3RC Foundation/Rooney Road Recycling Center. The "So Long to Summer Soiree" is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Retreat at Solterra. For more information or to order tickets, visit [www.rooneyroadrecycling.org](http://www.rooneyroadrecycling.org).

## Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!



[2HourVacation.com](http://2HourVacation.com)

For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit [www.2HourVacation.com](http://www.2HourVacation.com).

**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 [ktliley@cityofgolden.net](mailto:ktliley@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.

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Workshop

The City of Golden is hosting a **FREE** Building Use Tax Workshop 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 workshop will be held in the **Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10<sup>th</sup> St.**

November 2, 2011... 9 to 11 a.m.

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

# Tax Credits Available for Renovation of Historically Designated Structures in Golden

Colorado was one of the first states to offer a State Income Tax Credit for Historic Preservation in 1990. In 2008 the Colorado Legislature extended the State tax credit through 2019. More than 900 rehabilitation projects have taken advantage of the State Tax Credit since 1991, and 90 percent of those rehabilitation projects involved private homes... perhaps like yours.

Federal and state tax laws provide tax incentives for historic preservation projects that follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

The federal government offers a 20 percent investment tax credit for the approved rehabilitation of certified historic buildings used for income-producing purposes as well as a 10 percent credit for certain other older buildings. The state offers a similar 20 percent state income tax credit based on \$5,000 or more of approved preservation work on historically designated properties. The Golden Historic Preservation Board (HPB) serves as the local reviewing entity for state tax credits, and has assisted Golden property owners with over 28

approvals in the past thirteen years. If you own an individually designated structure, or a "contributing" home in one of the historic districts and plan to make improvements to the interior or exterior of the structure, contact the Planning and Development Department at 303-384-8097 or [hpb@cityofgolden.net](mailto:hpb@cityofgolden.net) for a determination whether the work may qualify for the credits. New construction and additions are not eligible, however, many repair and maintenance projects and most interior renovations may be eligible.

## *Helping Historic Golden Properties Get the Attention They Deserve*

The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) is offering a program to assist owners of historic properties in Golden, to purchase bronze plaques denoting historic structures. The plaques cost about \$300 each. Before, property owners had to pay the full cost. As a way to encourage more recognition of our designated historic structures, the HPB is now subsidizing the purchase of these markers.

Eligible properties include locally designated structures, "contributing structures" in the three residential historic districts, and structures on the State or National Register of Historic Places. For those properties that commit to permanently attach the bronze marker to the building in a prominent location (including a promise to leave it with the building upon sale) the City will subsidize 50 percent of the cost of the purchase of the bronze marker if ordered through the City program. Funds are available for up to eight properties this year, and come from the application fees paid by applicants for the historic structure income tax credits administered on behalf of the state. These funds can only be used for historic preservation purposes. For more information on the program, contact HPB@cityofgolden.net, or call 303-384-8097.

## **STAY NOTIFIED AND STAY SAFE**

Occasionally, emergencies occur in the City of Golden where it is necessary to notify citizens to either evacuate an area, or stay indoors for safety reasons. An emergency notification call is a recorded message sent to residents during situations when it is necessary for police and fire agencies to get information out quickly. You will only be sent these messages if the emergency affects the address or nearby area where you live.

Early this spring, the Indian Gulch Fire caused such notifications to be sent out. In the past, these messages were only sent to landline phones. Now, you can receive this vital information on your wireless and internet phone numbers. To begin receiving emergency notifications in your area, opt in and register your various phone numbers online at <http://YOUR911.NET>. Even if you are not at home, you will be notified of an emergency in your home area. Be prepared and stay in the loop by registering your cell and internet phones. It could save your life.

# A Fond Farewell

After 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Golden, Police Sgt. Jon Watson has retired. Jon began working for Golden Police in 1977 and made his way up the ranks from a patrol officer to a detective and finally a patrol sergeant.

Prior to working for Golden, Jon served in the Army and did a tour in Vietnam where he was assigned to Intelligence. Jon applied much of what he learned as an intelligence officer in the Army, to his work in investigations for Golden Police. Jon loved working in investigations and it showed in his work.

"I call Jon an 'institutional encyclopedia,'" said Capt. John Garavaglia. "He was the go-to guy for historical knowledge of our organization." Capt. Daryl Hollingsworth adds, "Even though Golden is only about 10 square miles, while on patrol Jon could always show me some place I had never been before and had a story to go with it." Jon will be missed by his colleagues, who all wish him a happy retirement.



## COURT COMMENDATION

Golden Court Administrator Sandra Trujillo is strengthening her position through education. Recently, she completed the Michigan State University Judicial Administration Program, which took four years of hard work and a lot of extra hours above and beyond her job. Trujillo hopes this certification will enhance her ability to run the Municipal Court for Golden.

The mission of Judicial Administration at Michigan State University is to bring academic rigor and standing to judicial administration through its certificate programs and other specialized classes. The profession of judicial administration achieves greater recognition, status, and prestige through these credentialing mechanisms, which are made possible through partnerships with local, state, national and international judicial branch education providers. The Colorado Association for Municipal Court Administration also adopted the judicial certification program and hosted many of the classes required for the certification. Trujillo will join other Colorado graduates in a ceremony in 2012.



## Golden Mayor Pro Tem Receives Leadership Training Award

Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Karen Oxman who was recently awarded the Municipal Elected Officials Leadership Training Century Award by the Colorado Municipal



League (CML). In order to receive the award, Oxman had to complete 100 training credits in a top level program.

The Municipal Elected Officials Leadership Training Program was started in January 1991 by the League's Executive Board to recognize the efforts of officials who go the extra mile to increase their knowledge of municipal government and their capacity to lead. CML is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the interests of 265 cities and towns.

# The Golden Community Center FRONT PORCH NEWS

Check out the Golden Community Center's Front Porch -  
designed specifically for people 50 and older.

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

## For more information:

- Stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Community Center, 1470 10th St.;
- Call 303-384-8130;
- Subscribe to the Front Porch Newsletter (\$8/year);
- Check out the Recreation brochure; or
- Visit [www.cityofgolden.net/frontporch](http://www.cityofgolden.net/frontporch)

## Here's what's happening this month:

### Celebrate Health!

*Friday, Sept. 9 and Oct. 7*

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**

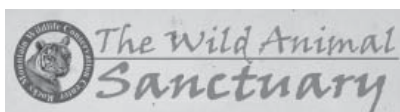
### Receive the Front Porch News Online!

Stay up-to-date about Games, Classes & Clubs, Volunteer Activities, Wellness, Trips & Events. Visit us online at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) (Active Adults) or email [frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net](mailto:frontporchnews@cityofgolden.net) to get on the email list.

### Wii DAYS!

There are no heavy bowling balls and uncomfortable shoes at this bowling alley! Wii bowling is here! We will bowl, play tennis and other games right here in the Front Porch every Monday at 11 a.m. No experience required, we'll show you how! Come join all the fun!

### UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS



#### Wild Nights at the Animal Sanctuary - #25014-01

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

As the sun starts setting behind the beautiful Rocky Mountain backdrop, packs of Wolves start howling and the Lions start roaring. It's truly an amazing experience - one that should not be missed. We will have an early dinner in Keenesburg. Binoculars are recommended.

*Thursday Sept. 8*

*3 to 8:30 p.m.*

*\$20 (van, bring \$10 for admission and money for dinner)*

*Exertion Level: 3*

**Register/cancel by Sept. 5.**

#### Spanish Market at the Fort - #25022

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

10th Annual 1830's Rendezvous & Spanish Colonial Market at The Fort. Adults can interact with 1830's era interpreters, listen to educational speakers and participate in hands-on educational activities designed to learn about the rich culture and way of life in the Early West. Come see celebrated artists demonstrating and selling their retablos, bultos, tin work and encrusted straw appliqué.

*Sunday, Sept. 18*

*10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

*\$10 (van provided, bring \$3 for admission and money for lunch and shopping)*

*Exertion Level: 4*

**Register/Cancel by Sept. 15.**

# New Housing Provides Affordable Option for Seniors



*Rendering of the future Lewis Court Apartments.*

In a little less than a year, Golden's seniors will have a new option for affordable living. The Jefferson County Housing Authority (JCHA) broke ground on the Lewis Court Apartments in late July, with about 50 housing officials, community leaders and area residents in attendance.

The new apartment complex will be located at a vacant lot at 2200 Jackson St. Purchased out of foreclosure by JCHA in 2009, the development will consist of a single two-story building with surface parking, walkways and open spaces. To maintain the historical integrity of the site, an old stone house on the south side of the lot will be restored and maintained, with design elements taken from that structure and transferred to the new building.

On hand to perform the ceremonial "breaking of the ground" to formally kick off construction was Golden Mayor Pro Tem Karen Oxman, Jefferson County Commissioner Faye Griffin, JCHA Board of Commissioners Chair Sam Wright, Melanie Keene, Director of



*Mayor Pro Tem Karen Oxman helping officials break ground.*

District Relations for Congressman Ed Perlmutter, Alan Feinstein, Executive Director of JCHA, Rick Carter, President of Palace Construction and Scott Horton of Wells Fargo.

The complex is named after the late Morris "Mory" Lewis, a commissioner for JCHA. "This was a wonderful event and we're so glad to see things get off the ground," said Bobbie Lewis, widow of Mory

Lewis. Balloons were released at the conclusion of the ceremony in Mory Lewis' memory.

Leasing for the new Lewis Court Apartments is expected to begin in May 2012. The JCHA has developed three other senior properties in Jefferson County including Green Ridge Meadows Apartments in Evergreen, Canyon Gate Apartments in Golden and Orchard Valley Apartments in Wheat Ridge.

# Golden Community Center

## activities calendar

For more information and to register for Golden Community Center Programs, visit us online at [rec.cityofgolden.net](http://rec.cityofgolden.net)

### Golden Community Center Swimming Group Rates

Group rates are available for large groups, scouts and birthday parties! Contact Brandon Vail, Aquatics Coordinator, at 303-384-8143 to schedule your group today.

### Explore Piano with Sera Schools

Learn how to play and read music using the key values of pace, pattern, compassion and fun. Gain abilities that build self-expression and self-confidence through small group and solo music-making. Chart your musical progress and work towards earning ribbons and statues along the way.

**Age: 7 - 9 years**

*Tuesdays, 4 - 5 p.m.*

*Sept. 6 - 27*

**Age: 10 - 12 years**

*Tuesdays, 5 - 6 p.m.*

*Sept. 6 - 27*

*\$95 Resident, \$100 Non-resident*

*(Fee for books payable to*

*Instructor: \$40)*

### Explore Piano with Sera Schools for Pre-Readers

Does your child show a strong interest in music but has not learned to read? This class is a great introduction to musical study on the keyboard for very young players. Kids learn how to play and read music in a group learning environment using the key features of pace, pattern, compassion and fun.

**Age: 3 - 6 years**

*(pre-readers' curriculum)*

*Wednesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.*

*Sept. 14 - Dec. 7*

*(No class Nov. 23)*

*Thursdays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.*

*Sept. 15 - Dec. 8*

*(No class Nov. 24)*

*\$140 Resident, \$145 Non-resident*

### JumpNrope

This energetic class will get your heart pumping while enjoying a fun, challenging environment. You will learn the fundamentals of jump rope, including single rope skills, double dutch and Chinese wheel. With over 10,000 tricks, your kids are guaranteed to never have a dull moment. Free jump rope included. For more information visit [www.jumpNrope.com](http://www.jumpNrope.com).

**Age: 7 - 16 years**

*Tuesday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.*

*Sept. 6 - 27*

*\$35 Resident, \$40 Non-resident*

### Tiny Tots in Action

Enjoy creative playtime with your toddler in this interactive class for parent and child. This class offers a fun, energetic playtime in the gym utilizing tunnels, mats, low-level balance beams, hoops, sports equipment and much more. Instructor will guide parent and child in this semi-structured playtime and allow a little free time at the end of each class to go wild. Parent or guardian must assist their child.

**Age: 2 - 3 years**

*Thursdays, 4 - 4:45 p.m.*

*Sept. 8 - 29*

*\$35 Resident, \$40 Non-resident*

### Fit Kids

If your child enjoys active playtime and has lots of energy, this is the program for them. Class will include tumbling, hoops, jumping, balancing, sports, parachute play and much more! Children will enjoy a little free time near the end of the class to spread their wings.

**Age: 4 - 6 years**

*Thursdays, 5 - 5:45 p.m.*

*Sept. 8 - 29*

*\$35 Resident, \$40 Non-resident*

### Trad Climbing Series

This series has two parts based on the experience level and goals of the participants who register.

*Part 1: Basic Gear Placement.*

For those who want to compete climbs unprotected by bolts or those who want to move beyond top roping. This will introduce you to the fundamentals of trad climbing focusing on active and passive gear placements, rope management and anchor building.

*Part 2: Multi-Pitch Efficiency.*

For those looking to get a little higher, this is great for alpine and big wall climbs. Basic trad skills will be reinforced, along with learning to lead more than one pitch and how to protect second climber.

**Age: 18 years and older**

*(exceptions made based on experience level)*

*Saturdays, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

*Sept. 3 - 24*

*\$39/month, Resident and Non-resident*

# National Night Out a Success

A big thanks to everyone who came out for Golden's 14th annual Night Out in the Park, as part of National Night Out on Aug. 2 in Parfet Park. Mother Nature smiled upon Golden that night; as many parts of the metro area were doused in rain, Golden had a perfect night for a big neighborhood party.

The hundreds that gathered for the event were entertained by emcee Greg Moody of CBS4 news, along with great music, face painting, free hot dogs and root beer floats and a lot of generous raffle prizes. A special thanks to all of the businesses that participated. Together, they donated nearly \$8,000 worth of merchandise, gift cards and certificates.



*Golden Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick poses with the department's 10-foot police man.*



## Here is a list of our invaluable community partners:

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AutoSport  
Avenue Gifts  
B & BE Shoe & Boot Repair  
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Bank of the West  
Bloom Boutique  
Buffalo Rose  
Canyon Point Wine & Spirits  
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Colorado Railroad Museum  
Creekside Jewelers  
Curves for Women  
Del's Tonsorial Parlor  
Denver West Towing  
El Dorado Mexican Restaurant  
First Bank  
Fleur de Lis  
Ford St. Salon  
Foss Building Wine & Spirits  
Fraternal Order of Police  
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Golden Auto Clinic  
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Golden Frames & Gifts  
Golden History Museums  
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Golden Sweets  
Golden Tea Time  
Golden Village Liquors  
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Metro Barber Shop  
Meyer Hardware  
Miners Alley Playhouse

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New Peach Garden  
Noa Noa Espresso & News  
Old Capital Grill  
Pandoro Italian Bakery  
Papa Murphy's  
Performance Plus Auto Care  
Physiotherapy Association  
Pizza Hut  
Randall Olsson Photography  
Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum  
Rose Cleaners  
Safeway  
Sherpa House Restaurant  
Sirona Physical Therapy  
Spirits in the Wind Gallery  
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Three Tomatoes Restaurant  
US Bank  
U.S. Postal Service  
Walgreens  
Woody's Woodfired Pizza  
Donna Miller  
Barb Zimmer  
Carol Baroch

## Hauntingly Familiar

Last October Golden History Museums successfully revived the Golden Cemetery Tours, and a number of the City's oldest and most famous residents came "back to life." This year, for one day only, they will make another appearance.

The Golden Cemetery is one of the oldest in Colorado, dating back to 1873 when local groups purchased the land at its current location on Ulysses Street. During the Great Depression, the Civil Works Administration built the stone shelter house, which currently functions as the cemetery office, and removed plant growth and debris that had been collecting for years. In 2011 the cemetery office was remodeled, and work crews from the City of Golden continue to ensure that the grounds are a beautiful place to remember the lives of those who have passed on.

Guests on this year's cemetery tours will hear more about the history of the place, but will also get to know the stories behind the gravestones. Over the years many people have been buried there including Willie Russell, who died at age 14 after being caught in the machinery at the paper mill where he worked. Not far from Willie's grave lies Seth Lake, the man who built the Astor House in 1867. In the late 1800s, Seth Lake held a grand reopening at the Astor House to celebrate his return as manager after a two-year



*Some of Golden's famous ghosts "come to life" through lively character portrayals at the Cemetery Tours conducted by Golden History Museums in October. Photos: © Lynne Lawlor Photography.*

hiatus. At this reopening, his son Carlos was told to set off a small amount of dynamite across the street, and Carlos thought if a little dynamite would make a noise, a lot would be better. The ensuing blast blew out every window in the office of Judge DeFrance across the street. If you visit the cemetery today, you'll find that Seth Lake is still across the path from Judge DeFrance.

Some stories are humorous and others tragic, but all are reminders of Golden's unique past. Join us for the opportunity to celebrate and remember some of the residents who lived and died in the town we call home.

### CEMETERY TOURS INFORMATION

**Date:** Saturday, Oct. 1

**Start Times:** Tours start at 2 p.m. and leave every 20 minutes. Last tour leaves at 5:40 p.m.

**Duration:** 60 minutes

#### Prices:

Adults: \$12 member/  
\$15 non-member,  
Youth 6-16/senior 65+:  
\$7 member/\$10 non-  
member, 5 and under free

For more information, call Golden History Museums at 303-278-3557 or visit [GoldenHistoryMuseums.org](http://GoldenHistoryMuseums.org).

### Golden History Museums • 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

# Thomas the Tank Engine is Back!

Thomas the Tank Engine is chugging into the Colorado Railroad Museum for a Day Out with Thomas. All Thomas fans are invited to come spend the day with their favorite No. 1 engine. This is an exciting way for children and grown-ups to enter the world of Thomas & Friends. The event provides an opportunity for kids to ride on board a train led by Thomas and have their pictures taken with Sir Topham Hatt, the controller of Thomas' railway.



Admission includes access to Museum exhibits and model train layouts, along with special activities including a petting zoo, temporary tattoos, a train table play area, sing-a-longs and a magic show. Each year about 24,000 people go to visit Thomas at the Colorado Railroad

Museum, 17155 West 44th Ave. Day Out with Thomas tickets are limited and advanced purchase is highly recommended. For more information, call 303-279-4591 or visit [www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org](http://www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org).

## Local, Regional and National Talent Flows into Golden



*Dusk in San Francisco* by Keiko Yasuoka.



*5 Speed* by Monica Pate.

Regarded as one of the top watermedia exhibitions in the country, Foothills Art Center's annual *Rocky Mountain National Watermedia (RMNW)* exhibition brings an abundance of artistic talent to Golden each year. Now in its 38th year, *RMNW* presents 80 distinct artworks that use a variety of water-based mediums or "watermedia" such as acrylic, transparent watercolor, ink, pen and ink resist. In addition to a dynamic display of technical ability, this year's artists present diverse subject matters, such as

landscapes, portraits, abstracts and more. Captivating both art lovers and watermedia connoisseurs, viewers will see a portrayal of *Dusk in San Francisco* that harmonizes street lamps, people and the radiance of an imbedded trolley line in a downtown landscape from Keiko Yasuoka, as well as Monica Pate's homage to Harley Davidson in *5 Speed*.

Bringing prestige to the art community in Golden, *RMNW* attracts hundreds of entrants and highly-celebrated jurors. This year's juror Cheng-Khee Chee is considered

one of the finest contemporary watercolor artists in America, and his work is published in several books. *Rocky Mountain National Watermedia* will be on view at Foothills Art Center Sept. 17 to Nov. 6, with a free public reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., is 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](http://www.foothillsartcenter.org).

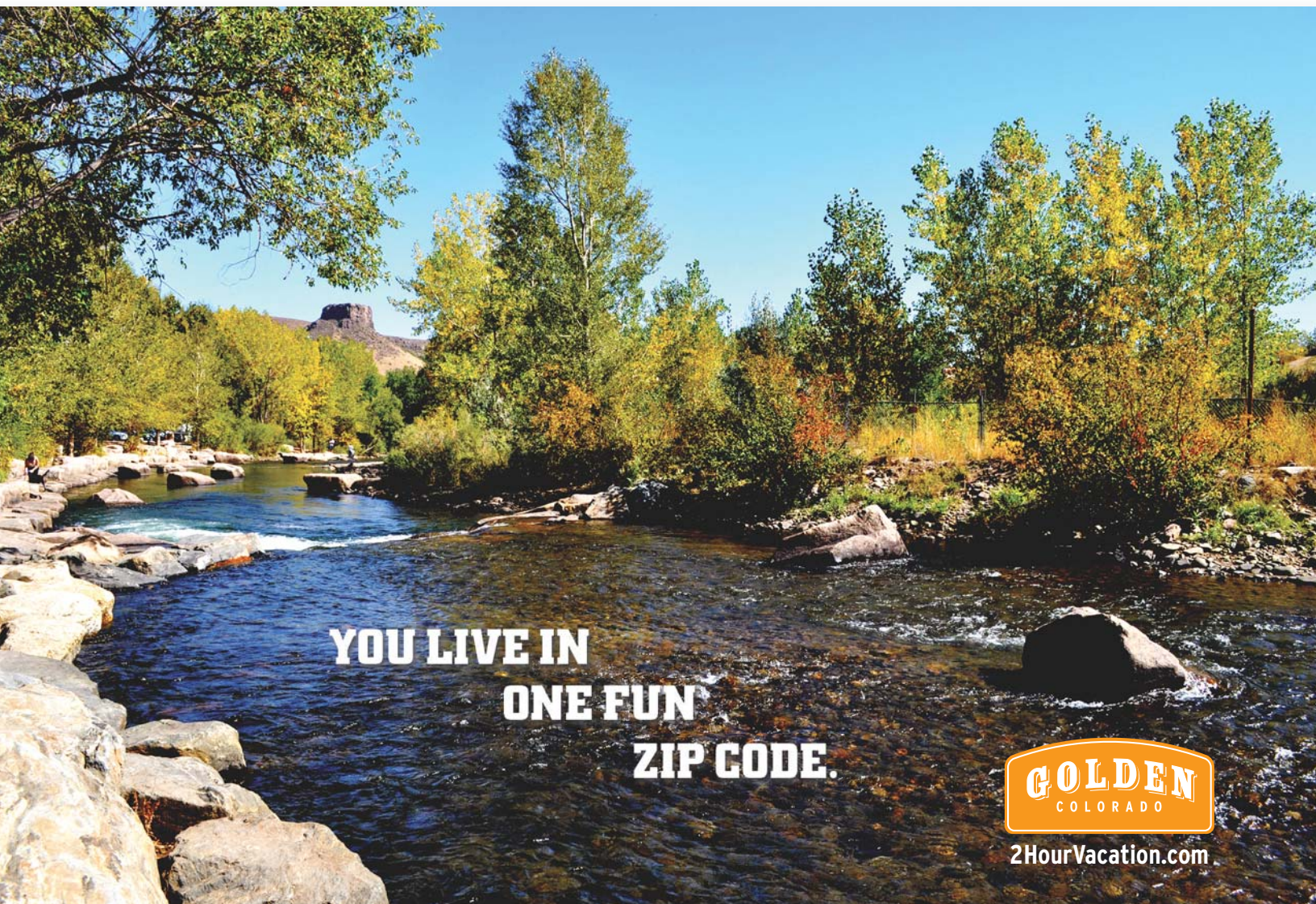


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Golden residents, it has been a fun-filled summer, and we look forward to fall activities too. Please support Golden's economy and remember to **Buy Local**. You can pick up **Buy Local** window decals at a number of locations around town. Just look for the **Buy Local** decal in the window. For a variety of ideas and to keep the good times rolling, we invite you to share your summer photos and favorite experiences at [www.2hourvacation.com/yourgolden.html](http://www.2hourvacation.com/yourgolden.html).

