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PAYT FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION
Fall is right around the corner and so is the Pay as You Throw (PAYT) Trash and Recycling Fall Yard Waste Collection. The collection dates for this year are scheduled to occur Nov. 5, 12 and 19. Monday and Tuesday trash service days, north of Highway 58, yard waste will be picked up on Nov. 5. Tuesday and Friday trash service days south of Highway 58, yard waste will be picked up on Nov. 12. Wednesday and Thursday trash days, yard waste will be picked up on Nov. 19. Remember, non-compostable plastic bags will not be collected. Yard waste collection service is limited to three cubic yards which is equal to approximately 21 thirty-gallon paper yard waste bags. Compostable bags will be available for purchase from EDS Waste Solutions, Meyer Hardware and The Home Depot. Look for collection details and a map of collection days in the November Informer. For more information, please call EDS at 303-278-8600, visit www.edswaste.com or www.cityofgolden.net/trash.

SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP
Come to a workshop for the South Neighborhoods Plan project from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 4 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St.

In the spring and summer of 2008, the Golden Planning Commission hosted a number of open houses and neighborhood discussions regarding a neighborhood plan for an area known as the South Neighborhoods, generally consisting of the part of Golden south of US Highway 6, west of C-470, and both sides of US Highway 40 (Colfax Avenue). The stakeholder input resulting from the meetings was compiled in detail, but the project was later put on hold during the Golden Vision 2030 (GV 2030) project. The project is active again, and your participation is needed to finalize the recommendations for the areas of stability as shown in the new Comprehensive Plan, and to determine recommendations for the areas along Colfax and the vacant commercial portions of Golden Ridge and Eagle Ridge, where change is expected in the future. This workshop meeting is critical to determining the community’s plans for these areas.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, go to the Planning Department page on the city web site, www.cityofgolden.net, and take a survey to share your ideas.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9-15 and the theme this year is: “Protect Your Family from Fire.” The Golden Fire Department suggests using this week to go back to the basics of home safety to protect your family year around.

Some of the basics include developing an escape plan and practicing it with your family. Also, take a moment to check and make sure your smoke and Co2 detectors have fresh batteries and are all functional. Practice safe cooking. Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries. Heaters are also a big danger in the winter months. Heating equipment was the second leading cause of all reported home fires and home fire deaths. Be sure to check for household hazards around your home, including electrical appliances and poorly placed candles. On average, there are 35 home candle fires reported per day.

For more information provided by the National Fire Protection Association, visit www.FirePreventionWeek.org or call the Golden Fire Department at 303-384-8094.
Wow, what a summer! Unless you were holed up like Grandpa Bredo in the Tuff Shed, you sure saw a lot of action in Golden these last few months. Everything from weekend markets to a grand finale on the world’s cycling stage, Golden was the epicenter of action. And, based upon the number of questions I fielded about Golden this summer, I came up with a great idea: the citizen marketing team. It’s based on the concept of personally promoting Golden and investing in the success of our community.

How it works: we enlist the help of all 18,000 residents to be our sales force. Using solid benefits to tout and examples to back up our claims, we talk up Golden every chance we get. Make up your own list of family favorites—but here’s a few that work for me:

Golden is not a suburb of Denver. There are lots of ways to differentiate Golden from the suburbs. I tell folks we are our own city with a corps of active volunteers, we have a small-town feel and great neighborhoods and we also have a year-round calendar of family events and seasonal celebrations.

Golden is in the perfect location. Point in any direction and show off our natural buffers that protect us from the creeping tentacles of those real Denver suburbs. Also explain that we have easy access to just about anywhere—the mountains, plains, international airport, those Denver suburbs, interesting neighboring states. Don’t forget our paths, trails and multi-modal roads too!

We’re a college town. A lot of people forget this. Tell folks that we have this great university right in town, an intellectual hub, with students who are more interested in learning than they are setting couches on fire.

Eat, sleep, and play. Again, we have it all—as a resident, you know that you do not have to leave the city limits to get your fill of food, fun and frills. Make sure to talk up our retail and restaurant experiences and point folks in the direction of one of our breweries too, it’s all here and it’s pure Golden.

You are probably asking the question, why do this, what’s in it for me? There are a lot of reasons. Some are certainly economic. We want our downtown and outlying businesses to succeed and be prosperous, creating decent jobs and contributing to the revenues of the City. And, the City reinvests those tax dollars into the very things that make Golden great. As a resident, we want our investments in the community to appreciate too, whether those are personal, property or social. Through a commonly held opinion of greatness, we will have an even better Golden to pass on to future generations. Community pride is another good reason. I hear a lot of people talk about how much they enjoy living in Golden and it is contagious.

So, have some fun with it and become a founding member of our citizen’s marketing team—it’ll pay lots of dividends.
The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 1 election is Monday, Oct. 3. Voter registration information is available at www.co.jefferson.co.us or by calling 303-271-8111.

To register to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, a resident of Colorado and at your present address at least 30 days prior to the election. If you do not meet all of the requirements outlined above you cannot register to vote.

You must meet the following additional requirements to be eligible to vote in City of Golden elections: You must reside within the city limits and be registered at your current address and you must register at least 29 days prior to the election.

If your Jefferson County voter registration is current and you live within the city limits of Golden, further registration is not necessary. If you are not sure if you are registered at your current residence, contact Jefferson County Election Department, 303-271-8111.

Voter registration forms are available at the Jefferson County Elections Office, the Golden City Clerk’s Office, and Driver’s License Offices. Registration forms are also available online at www.co.jefferson.co.us.

If you are registered to vote, Jefferson County will mail your ballot to you the week of Oct. 11. Your voted ballot must be returned to Jefferson County no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 1. You may mail your ballot or drop it off at one of the County Ballot box locations, including Golden City Hall, 911 10th St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jefferson County Administration Building, 100 Jefferson County Parkway.

CANDIDATES IN THEIR OWN WORDS

In order to help voters make educated decisions in the upcoming mail ballot election, the City publishes candidate profiles in each of the races. In this election, citizens will vote for Mayor and Councilors in both Districts. You can call the City Clerk’s Office at 303-384-8014 to determine which District you live in.

Each candidate was offered the opportunity to submit up to 500 words and a photo for free publication in the Informer. Candidates were not provided with any set guidelines, and candidate profiles were not edited by the City for content or style. Their submissions are on the next few pages. The order of candidates is in the order they will appear on the ballot, as picked in a random drawing.

We hope this will encourage you to get to know your candidates and get out and vote!
Mayoral Candidate

Marjorie Sloan

Experience. Leadership. Results.

My family and I have lived in Golden for decades, and many of you know me as a city councilor, planning commission chair, Foothills Art Center board president, GURA board member, volunteer, parent, neighbor, customer, and general Golden booster. In the past few weeks I’ve been knocking on doors all over town, giving me a chance to reconnect with old friends and cross paths with folks I hadn’t met before. I have heard one consistent message: In this time of national and international uncertainty, it is more crucial than ever to preserve Golden as a small-town gem.

This quality-of-life effort starts in our distinctive neighborhoods. And our Golden neighborhoods must be linked to each other; to our historic downtown; to our educational, recreational, and cultural facilities; and to the greater metropolitan area. I’m proud to be a leader on the council that designated "the year of the neighborhood," fostering ties and encouraging improvements. Council has also invested in providing for the safe, fluid movement of motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians on our trails and streets. To this end, I helped secure federal funding for an innovative circulator bus and a pedestrian-and-bike bridge so we are prepared for the first train arriving at the Golden/Jefferson County Center station.

Events, cultural institutions, special initiatives, and public lands cement our community relationships and bolster our local businesses. Our hallmark events, which get better every year, have been augmented by street fairs and the Pro Cycling Challenge. Council recently guarded Golden's heritage by placing our history museums under professional management. A notable special initiative, which I enthusiastically support, was the adoption of a Sustainability Strategic Plan to make measurable progress toward the city's ten-year sustainability goals. And I championed the recent purchases of three key open-space properties, the establishment of the Golden Community Garden, and the volunteer construction of the bike park.

It's also essential to recognize the many ways Golden has long excelled. During a major economic crisis, Golden has balanced its budget, provided quality services, and maintained its infrastructure. We have nationally acclaimed departments in parks and recreation, law enforcement, firefighting, public works, finance, and planning and development. Most importantly, we've been creative and successful in fighting off plans for a superhighway through our valley. I have a law degree and have been involved in on-going and contentious negotiations on the proposed tollway. I will put all my experience to work to protect Golden and ensure the safe, slow, and quiet movement of traffic in the 6/93 corridor.

Accessibility is a trait of good government. In Golden, no one is an outsider. Our city has responsive elected officials and staff members, volunteer opportunities, helpful websites, the Golden Informer, and televised and streamed council meetings. I personally communicate with residents through the South Golden Reader, i-neighbors.org, e-mail, telephone, community events, and face-to-face conversations.

I ask for your vote and welcome your ideas for Golden's future--303-279-0088, marjorie_sloan@comcast.net, MarjorieforMayor.com, or MarjorieSloan.com.
Howdy folks!

I've been a resident of Golden since I graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in 1991, a homeowner since 1992, and married since 1996. I am and avid skier and also enjoy mountain biking, road biking, motorcycling, hiking, backpacking, trail running, and have a passion for cooking and art. I am a self employed engineer, metal fabricator, artist and problem solver. I work less than half time, which also allows me to do a fair amount of volunteer work with the Golden Optimists "Bicycle Recycle" program, building bikes to give to those who need bikes. I see many of the bikes I have repaired riding around Golden, I love it! As you've guessed by now, I love this town too. Not only does the proximity to my recreational activities thrill me, the range of high quality businesses and entertainment in Golden is amazing. I love that I can live in a small town and do all my shopping without leaving town. Golden is still a genuine stand-alone town, and I will work towards keeping it that way. I mean all of Golden, not just the down-town area. I support the work towards making this a bicycle, skateboard, and pedestrian friendly town, but it's also mandatory that our streets be safe and usable for full size vehicles, delivery trucks, recreational trailers and RTD buses. I enjoy the outdoor music, movies, bicycle cruises and events in Golden, but also believe that a small town needs some time off from the excitement. Golden is a town that is so many things to so many people, that we experience plenty of "growing pains" as people with different ideas try to get along. I want to increase a sense of community, a neighbor to neighbor understanding of the balance required to enjoy what you love about Golden and yet understand what your fellow citizens love. And finally, I support the current activities to keep the C-470 beltway out of Golden.

- Wayne Weber
I’ll start by addressing the question that is surely on your mind — how on earth do you pronounce that name? It’s pronounced “sair’ sha,” but it definitely takes most folks a few tries.

I’m running for Golden City Council because I love our community and because I want to make sure it remains beautiful and unique. And for me, running is not just about my vision for Golden — it’s about yours. Over the next few weeks, I hope to speak with you directly, to learn why you love Golden and what you think City Council can do to protect our community.

I was born in Nebraska, moved to Colorado in 1963 and have been here ever since. I began my career in Jefferson County in 1976, and moved to Golden in 1996. Now that I’m truly “home,” I know I’ll never live anywhere else.

I had a good childhood, but my family struggled to make ends meet, and my brothers and I felt the impact. When I grew up, I decided to dedicate my life to helping children. I worked my way through college and graduate school at CSU, then began working as a school psychologist in Jeffco where I focused on child advocacy, early childhood education, and ethics. My daughter Alyssa was with me for much of this journey; she’s grown now and opening a new business in downtown Golden.

A few years after my retirement in 2003, I redirected my efforts to volunteer work in the Golden community. First, I focused my time on the Sustainability Initiative, and since, I’ve dedicated hundreds of hours talking to members of our community about issues ranging from the proposed beltway to the attempted recall of six of our city councilors in 2009. Most recently, I co-chaired a key committee helping to organize the USA Pro Cycling Challenge race in late August.

Now I’m looking forward to the new challenge of representing South Golden on City Council, and I’m eager to work together with you to make sure Golden keeps its unique character and to ensure that growth does not come at the cost of community.

Here’s what I commit to you:

- I will always fight to preserve our small-town values of hard work, honesty, and community.
- I will work hard to make sure our city government is accountable and accessible. We will not waste your money, and we will make sure you get the services you expect from your city.
- I will continue the effort to implement ideas from the citizen-driven Golden Vision 2030, including the expansion of walking and bike paths and redevelopment of the Bachman property into a public park.
- I will do everything I can to prevent the beltway from invading our city.

Above all, I want to hear from YOU about the issues most important to you. So email SaoirseCG@gmail.com or call (303) 709-7529. You can also visit my webpage at www.SaoirseForSouthGolden.com.
District 1 Candidate

Richard K. Feltes

Patriotism and service for my country has been my lifetime vocation. I am a retired U. S. Navy corpsman and a disabled combat veteran. I fought with both the First and the Third Marine Divisions in Vietnam. I have had a wide spectrum of employment including but not limited to the following: 20 years in the Navy, Elementary school teacher in the Department of Defense school system. I also taught in vocational school (medical and dental), worked in bricklaying, logging and carpentry.

For more than 50 years, I have tried to further the American way of life wherever I have traveled. As time has passed I have become more and more disillusioned with the political realities around me. In recent years it has seemed to me the constitution which is the backbone of our republic has been eviscerated. Whatever I can do to help my country and the Golden community to prosper, I will strive to do. I will be committed to serve well and make every effort to hear your concerns and accomplish the goals to keep Golden a special place for us all to live and grow our families.

Golden is a quaint and inviting city. I have always loved that. Golden’s attributes can easily be lost with rapid growth policies. The one percent growth policy served us well. The type of growth is as important as the amount of growth. Sometimes we expand in numbers but not in revenue. While this is good for some politicians, it is not good for the hard working people who pay the bills. We need balance.

I welcome your support in the upcoming election and will work hard to further the ever growing and changing needs of our valuable Golden community.
My name is Marcie Miller and I am a candidate for the District 2 City Council seat. For those who know me, this isn’t really news – I have been involved in the political and economic life of Golden for many years, as the owner of two small businesses, as a community volunteer, as a grassroots, rabble rousing community organizer, and as a city councilor a decade ago. For those who don’t know me, here’s the short version:

I am a Golden native – my father was a student at Mines when I was born, and I graduated from Golden High School. My roots in this community are deep, and although I left a few years ago to follow a dream to Hawaii and loved my aloha life, I was happy to return in 2008 to care for my dad at the end of his days. I’ve come to appreciate that Golden is its own kind of paradise, and I am proud to have played a part in shaping the community that we share.

Did you know that representatives from other small cities come here for advice on how to replicate our successes in their own communities? It’s not an accident. It’s because in the past, we have had some visionary leaders who set things in motion for us to grow into the community we are now. I seek to build on that momentum and be a force that leads Golden into the future with grace and style.

I love it that our downtown streets are vibrant and busy and full of terrific restaurants and shops. I am crazy for movies in the park and a creekside that has become a focal point in our community. I am grateful that children in our town can have adventures and still be safe. I am proud of our top-drawer police and fire departments. I visit and enjoy our museums and galleries. I am happy that our city has a sustainability initiative, and looks for ways to be more efficient. I didn’t create any of this, but as a resident, a business owner, and a city councilor I helped to shape it over many years, and I am proud of who we have become.

Now, I seek the support and trust of my community as once again I throw my hat in the ring and run for a seat on City Council. As a former councilor, I have the experience necessary to get things done. As an artist, I think outside the box and often find a creative solution to problems. And as a daughter of this town, I will always work for the highest good in our community.

As much as I celebrate all the amazing and wonderful things about Golden, I am not unaware of the challenges we face. You can be sure I will stand firm against a beltway through Golden. I will be listening to your concerns and actively working to resolve them. Please contact me with questions or comments at 303-590-8362.
District 2 Candidate

Steve Gallant

I am running for the District Two City Council seat to help preserve the singular organic character of this city. In contrast to many suburban developments surrounding Denver, Golden has a historic downtown and a mixed-use vitality. I believe it is essential to preserve these characteristics.

EXPERIENCE

It is my privilege to serve on Golden’s Historic Preservation Board. Since joining the Board in May 2008, I’ve had the pleasure of interacting with City Council, city departments, commissions and boards, as well as the School of Mines. This experience has taught me a lot about what works and what doesn’t work in city government. I plan to take those lessons to city council.

I am championing the ongoing effort to get the Golden Cemetery listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This will ensure that the cemetery, which dates from 1872, will be protected from potential future encroachment. Register listing will also ensure that the historic integrity of the Depression-era cemetery building will be preserved.

One of my goals on the Board has been to increase voluntary citizen participation in the preservation process. To that end, I proposed the revival of the plaque program, a city/citizen partnership which provides historic markers to owners of historic buildings who wish to have their property recognized for its contribution to the story of Golden.

BACKGROUND

After getting my degree in Political Science and Journalism from the University of Denver, I moved to Washington, D.C. to obtain a Master's degree from Georgetown University. I worked on Capitol Hill, in the State Department, and in the Department of Defense before returning to Colorado in 1999. My wife and I fell in love with Golden’s unique combination of history, character, and charm, and the city has been our home for more than ten years.

DOWNTOWN

I’m a strong supporter of our local merchants, who are intrinsic to Golden’s unique character and charm as well as our economic vitality. I look forward to working with local civic organizations to continue and increase the fun and diverse events that keep Golden vibrant.

BELTWAY/TOLLWAY

No way. A beltway or tollway through Golden would cause incalculable damage to the city, its character, and our quality of life.

COMMUNICATION

My experience on the Historic Preservation Board has taught me that there is always room for improvement when it comes to communication, both between city entities (such as council, boards, commissions, departments) and between these entities and you.

REAL REPRESENTATION

I am not seeking office in order to carry out a personal or pressure group agenda. I am seeking office to represent YOU. I will examine proposals on a case-by-case basis, keeping the best interests of us, the citizens, in mind. I value your input and welcome feedback on any and all issues before the council.

I look forward to hearing from you!
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You Make the Difference Awards

The City of Golden honors its exceptional employees with “You Make the Difference” awards which are handed out at quarterly employee meetings. Employees are nominated by their coworkers for consistent demonstration of higher productivity in their daily work performance; willingness to go above and beyond; ability to think “outside” the parameters of their daily duties; genuine enthusiasm for day-to-day tasks and special projects; and ability to motivate others and encourage a positive work environment. Nine employees were recently honored with the award.

Julie Brooks - Project Manager
Julie was given the nearly insurmountable task of taking over the planning and organization of the USA Pro Cycling Stage 6 event in Golden. Ultimately, Julie led Golden to what turned out to be an incredibly successful weekend that made Golden look top notch. She was always completely professional, helpful and organized and made a good impression on everyone with whom she dealt. Julie will tell you it’s the volunteers who made it happen and she’s partly right. But the success of the race simply would not have happened without her strong leadership and dedication.

Ron Reavis - Street Superintendent
Ron has years of experience with traffic planning, but the USA Pro Cycling Challenge was far beyond anything the City had seen before. Ron worked with the volunteer coordinator to individually assign course marshals to each street, alley or driveway that intersected the race course. He divided the course into phases and provided detailed signage and road closure maps for each phase, rolling with the punches when the plans changed multiple times. His attention to detail is unsurpassed and the City could not have put on a successful race without him and all of the extra work he put into it.

Steve Holmes - Police Sergeant
Sgt. Holmes went above and beyond his regular job description to ensure the safety of spectators during the USA Pro Cycling Challenge. His coordination with Jefferson County, Colorado State Patrol and other affected jurisdictions was valuable. He often served as a conduit for crucial information. And his relaxed attitude also kept everyone from getting upset about things out of their control.

James Holmes, Trevor Tucker, Scott Ota, Dale Seitz - Public Works/Streets
On Aug. 10 a truck spilled used motor oil on Heritage Road from Hwy 40 to Hwy 6, causing an extremely hazardous condition for motorists and cyclists. The crew stayed past their shift to help with the cleanup, shovel dirt and floor dry into 55 gallon drums, sweep the road and still provide traffic control to motorists who were not happy about the detour.

Brian Matzke and Mark Williams - Sr. Maintenance Worker and Utilities Supervisor
Last winter, the Street Division was once again down one employee and asked the Utilities Division if they could assist with snow/ice control operations. Brian and Mark again stepped up without any hesitation and volunteered to assist. Their attitude, reliability and responsiveness were above expectations. Without their assistance, Streets would not be able to consider the winter season a success.
Backyard chickens have grown in popularity in recent years, and City Council acknowledged this last spring by reducing the fees for small animal permits from $450 to $45 for residents to keep up to six hens. While the fee has been drastically reduced, a permit is still essential and the process for obtaining one remains the same. An applicant must first contact the Planning and Development Department to schedule a neighborhood meeting, which is a chance to have an informal conversation with neighbors in the area about the details of the plans and answer any concerns. Following this neighborhood meeting, applicants must schedule a hearing before Planning Commission, which then votes on the request.

Cock-A-Doodle Do’s and Don’ts

It is important to note that roosters are not allowed under this reduced fee permit application. When purchasing chicks, it should be known that there is a small chance one can end up with a chick that grows into a rooster instead of a hen. It is the permit holder’s responsibility to remove the rooster from the property as soon as it is discovered, and ideally before the first cock-a-doodle-doo gets broadcast throughout the neighborhood.

Please contact the Planning and Development Department for more information at 303-384-8097, or go to the Planning Department web page at www.cityofgolden.net/planning to view the brochure.

You’re invited to the 2011 State of the Community presentation and Mayor’s Awards for Excellence starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at Fossil Trace Golf Club, 3050 Illinois St. Mayor Jacob Smith started the Award program in 2009 as a way to highlight and celebrate people in Golden who are doing extraordinary things for the community, but who don’t necessarily get the recognition and credit they deserve.

Some of the specific qualities the awards committee considered were: making exceptional contributions to Golden, taking initiative, exercising leadership, solving problems in the community, creating community value and serving as a role model. For the Entrepreneur of the Year award, the awards committee considered factors such as entrepreneurial spirit and success, innovation and creating jobs in Golden.

The State of the Community presentation is an opportunity for the Mayor to share his thoughts on the state of the Golden community and the major challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Tickets are $10 and anyone can attend, but seating is limited so buy your ticket in advance by calling Kimberly Vye at 303-260-0400 or email kimberlyvye@gmail.com.
Not only could Golden residents buy this promised miracle cure from Dr. James Kelly, he advertised himself as a physician and surgeon with “a first-class Drug Store, at Reasonable Prices” located at 23 Washington Avenue. He advertised:

Leave orders for wall paper; get your prescriptions compounded with care and accuracy; get the best brands of paints, oil and varnishes at living prices - all kinds of patent medicines kept in stock - for a good glass of soda, in fact everything kept in a well appointed drug store. – Colorado Transcript, May 18, 1881.

Dr. Kelly’s medical practice thrived in Golden and at the time, Dr. Kelly was one of its most prominent citizens. As the town’s physician, he also acted as the coroner. Dr. Kelly served as Golden’s mayor in 1880.

Born in 1826, Dr. Kelly attended medical school in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Back in 1853, medical school for Dr. Kelly was just one year. At 30, he married his wife Minerva. Dr. Kelly left medicine for a few years to farm and serve in the territorial legislature. In 1863, Dr. Kelly moved to Golden and started his own practice.

The Colorado Transcript often featured the Kelly family in its society pages announcing the family’s vacations, their first automobile, and various parties held at their home.

On May 3, 1906, the Colorado Transcript featured Kelly’s house as “one of the largest and most convenient dwellings in the city.” Built in 1881, the home had “nine large rooms, besides a large and convenient reception hall, two bath rooms and lavatories, pantries, closets, etc, in abundance.” The feature gushed that the home was “thoroughly modern, being lighted by electricity and heated by a steam furnace in the basement.” Dr. Kelly occupied “the premises and is justly proud of his home, and as a measure of discipline keeps his son- Dr. J.P. Kelly and his growing family with him.”

Dr. Kelly lived in Golden until his death in 1914 at the age of 87. Dr. Kelly’s house still stands today at 920 12th Street in the 12th Street Historic District.

About the Golden Historic Preservation Board: The Golden Historic Preservation Board is an advisory board made up of community members who provide guidance to residents on how improvements to properties affect the preservation of historic Golden.
Through Oct. 29
The Quilts of Ann Elliott and Kathie Kerler
See the diversity of quilts through two different one-woman exhibits. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For information call 303-277-0377 or visit rmqm.org.

Through Nov. 6
Rocky Mountain National Watermedia
See the 38th annual exhibition at the Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. 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 information call 303-279-3922 or visit www.foothillsartcenter.org.

Through Nov. 13
The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Oct. 6
So Long to Summer Soiree
From 6 to 9 p.m. at The Retreat at Solterra. For more information or to order tickets, visit www.rooneyroadrecycling.org.

Oct. 7
First Friday
The last street fair of the season. Entertainment, food and much more. 5 to 9 p.m. on Washington Ave. between 12th and 13th streets.

Oct. 11
Fortnightly Club Lecture
This lecture highlights some well known people in the Golden and Denver areas, and their contributions to the education of early local women. 5 to 6 p.m. at Golden History Center, 923 10th St. $3 non-members, GHM members free. Tickets available at the door.

Oct. 15
Healthy Fair
The Golden Family of Churches and 9 News are holding the Healthy Fair from 7 a.m. to noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Center, 969 Ulysses St. The fair offers low-cost blood work, flu shots, mist and pneumonia shots, along with many free services including hearing and blood pressure checks. Information on volunteering, services and cost can be found at www.9healthfair.org.

Oct. 22
Knock Your Boots Off!
Chili aficionados and beer lovers are welcome to this Chili Cook-Off and Beer Tasting. From 2 to 5 p.m. on Arapahoe St. between 12th and 13th streets. $20 advance tickets available at the Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave. $25 on the day. Children under 10 no charge. For more information call 303-279-3113.

Community Food Drive
The 4th Annual Community Food Drive to benefit Jeffco Action Center and the Christian Action Guild will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church, 1500 Ford St. Items needed include non-perishable food, toilet paper and personal toiletries. For more information, call Michele Hoovler at 303-278-3841 or email mmhoovler@comcast.net.

Oct. 26
Dennis Potter Lecture
Learn the amazing history of Elsie Guerin, “the skirt who wore men's clothes,” her part in the Civil War and her connection to George West. 5 to 6 p.m. at Golden History Center, 923 10th St. $3 non-members, GHM members free. Tickets available at the door. For more information call 303-278-3557 or visit www.goldenhistorymuseums.org.

Nov. 12
Golden Civic Foundation 36th Annual Dinner and Auction
5-10 p.m. at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. For information and reservations, call 303-910-8492 or visit www.goldencivicfoundation.org.

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.
Explore Piano with Sera Schools
Learn how to play and read music, using the key values of pace, pattern, compassion and fun.
  Oct. 4 - 25
  Age: 7 - 9 years
  Tuesdays, 4 - 5 p.m.
  Age: 10 - 12 years
  Tuesdays, 5 - 6 p.m.
  $95 Resident, $100 Non-resident
  (Fee for books payable to Instructor: $40)

Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
Students will learn routine child care duties. Also stressed will be home and fire safety, infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures. Certification provided. Bring a sack lunch to class.
  Age: 11 years and older
  Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
  Oct. 22
  $65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Adventures in Family History
This program for the entire family will teach research skills, how to use the internet to search for clues and how to make history come alive. One adult must register and may bring 1 to 2 family members.
  Age: 7 years and older
  Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
  Oct. 12 - Nov. 2
  $60 Resident, $65 Non-resident
  (Fee is per family of up to 3)

Advanced Care CPR and First Aid
Certification issued and fulfills all State, OSHA and Social Service requirements. Manuals are included in fee. Bring a sack lunch to class.
  Age: 14 years and older
  Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
  Oct. 1
  $60 Resident, $65 Non-resident

Jr.FLL Club
Work in groups using your imagination to create with LEGO® Dacta Kits to design and build moving, mini-fig sized models to solve challenges.
  Age: 7 - 9 years
  Thursdays, 4 - 5 p.m.
  Oct. 6 - 27
  $49 Resident, $55 Non-resident

FLL Team Prep NXT Club
Build a bot, learn some basics about NXT programming, what a Robotics Competition team does and how to start a team.
  Age: 8 - 14 years
  Thursdays, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.
  Oct. 6 - 27
  $99 Resident, $105 Non-resident

Rocktober Fest 2011
Rocktober Fest is a youth bouldering competition and costume contest for ages 6 to 18. Registration is available online at rec.cityofgolden.net. For more information, contact Larissa at lphillips@cityofgolden.net.
  Ages: 6 - 18 years
  Oct. 29
  Competitor check-in:
  11a.m. - noon
  Competition: Noon - 3 p.m.

Golden Community Center Welcomes Sera Schools Piano Classes
The Little Sera’s Music Program weaves together an eclectic variety of traditional, folk, world and popular music with storytelling, dance, games and exposure to real musical instruments, terms and concepts to create a unique experience for each child. Sera instructors also teach positive life skills including teamwork, problem-solving and perseverance inside and outside the classroom.

Register your child for Explore Piano with Sera Schools now offered at the Golden Community Center for ages three to nine years and all abilities. For more information, visit rec.cityofgolden.net or www.seraschools.com.
Celebrate Health!

Fridays, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4
Celebrate Health! is held upstairs at the Front Porch of the Golden Community Center. For more information, please call 303-384-8130.

Chair massages $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions $13 for 15 minutes
Footcare with Chalyce $20 per 15 minutes

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

Abrakadoodle Art Experience - #37005-01
Learn about the famous master painter, Paul Cezanne while using his work as inspiration. Feel free to bring your lunch and a piece of fruit (to contribute to our still life model). NO ART EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
$20 – includes all materials

Sustainable Wellness by Chalyce - #37003-01
4 Week series where Chalyce will discuss how to take a new approach with the mind, body and spirit through nutrition and positive thinking. Refreshments provided.

Thursdays, Oct. 20 to Nov. 10
10 - 11 a.m.
$45 for the 4 week series

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Brown Palace Hotel Ghost Tour and Tea - #35011-01
Enjoy a guided ghost tour of the Brown Palace and then an afternoon Tea. Enjoy scones, tea pastries and tea sandwiches artfully prepared by the chefs of the Brown Palace.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$60 (van, guided tour, afternoon tea included.
Bring money for gratuity)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/CANCEL by Oct. 5.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal - National Wildlife Refuge #35012-01
www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal
Wildlife you may see on the guided bus tour includes bison, coyotes, raptors, mule and white-tailed deer and many song birds. Cameras, binoculars, and video cameras are welcome.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
$10 (van only; bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 1
Register/CANCEL by Oct. 12.

Celestial Seasoning Teas and Leanin' Tree Museum - #35013-01
You can see first-hand how the finest all-natural ingredients from around the world become your favorite Celestial Seasonings teas. After the tour visit the gift shop and get a bite to eat in their café. Then we will venture down the road to the Leanin' Tree Museum.

Thursday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$10 (van; bring money for lunch and shopping)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/CANCEL by Oct. 28.
An unprecedented adult education movement spread across America like wildfire in the late 1800s. These so-called Chautauqua Scientific and Learning Circles provided access to education that resulted in a degree from Chautauqua Institute upon completion of the course of study. In rural areas these circles became popular as a way of sharing the cost of printed material and encouraging group participation.

In October of 1886—exactly 125 years ago—a group of 11 women in Golden, Colorado, began meeting as a Chautauqua Circle. This small assembly became the Golden Fortnightly Club, and it is reported to be the oldest continuously meeting women’s group in the state. True to the name, Golden Fortnightly conducts meetings at two-week intervals.

Ann Camy, former president of the group and 1959 graduate of Golden High School, states “The purpose of those Chautauqua Circles was to bring educational opportunities to the rural areas, and originally it was to both men and women. But these ladies—these 11 charter members—voted to exclude men, and so they earned the nickname of ‘She-tauqua.’” According to Ann, they studied such topics as historical movements, prominent women, and literary characters.

Membership is limited to only 25 women today, not much higher than the original cap of 15. Things are “pretty much the same as they were,” continued Ann. But other, bigger changes have happened over the last century and a quarter. Ann talks about the evolution of the club: “The group actually doesn’t do a course of study that’s sponsored by a university. And in the beginning they did. They got a four-year degree from Chautauqua ...”

In the 1940s Golden Fortnightly conducted civic projects such as sponsoring the Campfire Girls and the Golden Public Library, as well as sewing and bandage-rolling for the war effort.

Though there have been other community projects in the club’s history, Ann says, “[today] our focus is on intellectual expansion, intellectual enlightenment.”

Ann says the group purchased a frieze panel in 1907 for Golden High School “to bring culture to the residents of Golden.” The cost was just under $20. The club worked with experts at the Denver Art Museum and selected “Alexander’s Triumphal Procession into Babylon” by Danish sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen.

Twenty different graduating classes from Golden High donated panels as a result of this kick-start effort by Golden Fortnightly. The panels remained at the school even after it was converted to the junior high, and they eventually found their way to the newly built Golden Hotel, and then later to storage. After much cleaning, planning, and negotiating, the full series is now on display in the cafeteria in the current Golden High School, and the club is working on credit panels to augment each piece.

For more information, please visit the museum online at GoldenHistoryMuseums.org.
Wow! What an incredible day! On Aug. 28, cycling fans took advantage of the beautiful weather and descended on Golden for our stage 6 start of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge. While official estimates are still to be made, our start has already been deemed the largest stage start ever on American soil. Many riders said it was a larger crowd at the start than they had ever seen at any start in the Tour de France. 161 countries were watching the coverage live on television. That’s remarkable international exposure for our City and we did not disappoint.

The comments have already been rolling in and one of the most important things they reflect is our sense of community. There is no doubt that an event this big was going to have an impact on our downtown area, but members of the local organizing committee were met with nothing but support and enthusiasm from our merchants and residents; even those who would be impacted the most, and not necessarily in a good way.

The City of Golden could not be more proud of the image our community presented to the entire world during the final stage of the race. Thank you, Golden!
When you live in Golden, you know there’s more than two hours of fun, just two minutes from your home. So, we suggest “getting away from it all” by staying right here in town. This fall, check out the annual “Knock Your Boots Off Beer Tasting & Chili Cook-Off” or cheer for the GHS and CSM athletic teams or stroll through Golden’s art galleries and museums. **Buy Local** and support your favorite stores, or discover new ones with your **Golden Ticket**. With all there is to offer, it’s no surprise that Golden is a favorite spot for visitors. For more “stay-cation” ideas, visit [www.2hourvacation.com/vacationideas.html](http://www.2hourvacation.com/vacationideas.html).