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Mondays with the Mayor

During this week's Mondays with the Mayor, Mayor Laura Weinberg highlighted several items, including:

- Xcel Public Safety Power Shutoff
- 19th Street Closure by Colorado School of Mines and Detour
- City facilities holiday schedule and closures
- Christmas Tree recycling (see more below)

There will be no Mondays with the Mayor next week--we'll see you again in the New Year! You can always watch recordings of the live streams on the <u>City's Facebook page</u>.



City Offices and Golden Community Center Closed Dec. 25

City offices will be closed on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25. Emergency services will continue to operate as normal.

The Golden Community Center (GCC) will be open on Christmas Eve from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and closed on Christmas Day.



Community Food Support For Those Impacted by the PSPS

When power is shut off for an extended period, one of the most immediate and costly impacts is the loss of food and other perishable items stored in refrigerators and freezers. The Planned Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) last week resulted in significant food loss for many residents, including those who already have limited resources

If you experienced food loss due to a power outage during the PSPS, the following organizations are available to help you replace lost food, provide short-term assistance, or connect you to available resources.

If you are able, also consider donating to one of the above organizations to help your neighbors in need.

Food Assistance Resources

Golden

- **Golden Pantry & Thrift:** Provides emergency food assistance to Golden residents.
- BGOLDEN: Provides food-insecure students and families within Golden, Colorado with sustainable access to fresh, healthy, culturally appropriate food.
- Go Farm Mobile Market: A "farmers' market on wheels", which travels to different community locations to sell fresh and affordable food from our local farmers
- Hunger Free Golden: A community collaborative in Golden, CO with a common focus of identifying and addressing the challenges many members of our community face in providing for their food needs.
- The Golden Community Center is also taking nonperishable food donations.

Jefferson County & Beyond

- **Jeffco Human Services:** Offers emergency assistance programs and can connect residents to food, housing, and utility-related resources.
- **Jefferson County Food Policy Council:** Coordinates food access across the county, including multiple pantry locations.
- Action Center: The Action Center Food Market provides free groceries to community members facing difficult circumstances. The goal is to ensure that everyone has access to healthy, nutritious food in a welcoming and respectful environment.
- Food Bank of the Rockies: Works with local pantries and distribution sites throughout the metro area, including Jefferson County. Use their pantry locator tool to find pantries nearby.



Supporting Local Businesses After the PSPS

This past week has been especially hard for Golden businesses. The Xcel PSPS and additional power outages forced businesses to close during one of the busiest times of the year.

The City is actively working with our partners on plans and ideas to help support businesses throughout Golden. Our local economy matters, and we know this has been a difficult stretch. Here are a few things currently underway:

- The City and Visit Golden are sharing and boosting a community-wide "shop local" message throughout January.
- Downtown City parking garages on Jackson Street, the Arapahoe Lot (1211 Arapahoe St) and Miners Alley Lot are free through January 1, with additional free parking generously supported by the Foss family at the Mesa Meadows lot.
- While the Olde Golden Holidays Committee is not able to bring back
 Jingle on the Avenue this year due to timing, coordination, and
 resource constraints, we are developing a two-week January
 campaign encourage people to visit and support businesses citywide.
 More details are coming soon, and it's shaping up to be a fun way to
 bring energy back into our community.

This has been an incredibly challenging time, and we are grateful for the way Golden continues to show up for one another. Thank you for supporting your neighbors, local businesses, and the community we all call home.

If you are able, please consider spending time with businesses throughout Golden. Every visit, purchase, and kind word truly makes a difference right now.



Pickleball in 2026

Starting January 4, 2026, the Golden Community Center will be offering Pickleball Mixers for Upper Intermediate and Lower Intermediate, along with the popular Drill and Play classes. Additionally, check out the new Improver Pickleball Clinic, a great opportunity to focus on refining your technical skills while improving your consistency in playing pickleball.

For more information on class dates, times, and cost visit rec.cityofgolden.gov.



Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Golden offers a simple and eco-friendly way to dispose of your Christmas treeby giving it a second life as mulch! From December 26 through January 26, you can drop off your tree at our NEW collection site located at The Splash, 3151 Illinois St. The site will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To participate, please ensure your tree meets the following guidelines:

- Remove all ornaments, hardware, strings of lights, and tinsel.
- Only live Christmas trees will be accepted.
- Wreaths, tree branches, trash bags, or other wood materials will not be accepted.

The collected trees will be turned into mulch, which will be available for free pickup at a later date at the public site on 11th St., just west of the Clear Creek History Park.



All public meetings in Council Chambers are available to watch on the <u>Agendas and Meetings page</u>; most are both recorded and livestreamed. Meetings in Council Chambers that are not available via livestream will be denoted by an asterisk (*). Off-site meetings are audio recorded and uploaded as soon as possible.

There are no public meetings or events scheduled this week. Enjoy the holiday!

Road and Construction Updates

Right of Way Impacts

Clear Creek Trail - Behind Golden Hotel (Washington Ave. to History Park parking lot)

- Hotel exterior upgrades
- 12/1 3/31/25
- Weekdays 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
- Pedestrian detours in place

10th St – Illinois St to West of Maple St.

- City of Golden Utilities Division new water main installation
- 12/08 12/31/25
- Weekdays 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
- Expect construction related traffic delays and parking/sidewalk impacts with pedestrian detours on place

Washington Avenue - 2nd Street to 5th Street

- Water/sanitary sewer installations for private development project located at 347 Goldco Circle
- 12/15/25 01/09/26
- Weekdays 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
- No work 12/25 (Christmas Day) or 01/01/26 (New Years Day)
- Expect construction-related traffic delays and parking/sidewalk impacts with pedestrian detours in place.

19th Street – Elm Street to Illinois Street

- 19th Street hardscape improvements for Colorado School of Mines Residential Hall 7 project
- 12/22 12/23/25: FULL CLOSURE OF 19TH STREET
- 12/29 01/10/26: FULL CLOSURE OF 19TH STREET
- 19th Street will be closed to vehicular traffic day/night and weekends during the specified dates
- Vehicular detour through Colorado School of Mines campus
- Sidewalk on north side of 19th Street will remain open for pedestrian access
- These dates are tentatively scheduled as the Public Works Department continues to work through details with the Colorado School of Mines

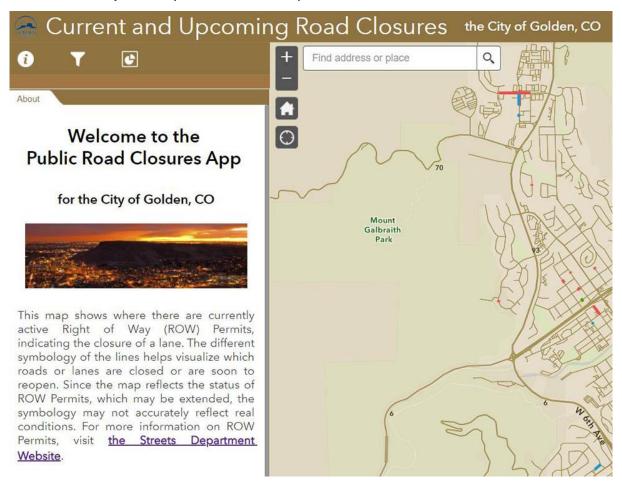
Citywide

- Xcel Energy overhead power pole replacements/maintenance wildfire mitigation
- 01/13 12/31/25

- Weekdays 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Expect construction-related traffic delays and parking / sidewalk impacts with pedestrian detours in place

Public Road Closures

Wondering about road closures that might impact your drive? Check out the <u>Public Road Closures map</u> for an update on all current permitted street closures in Golden.



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