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Mondays with the Mayor

There was no Mondays with the Mayor this week. We'll see you again in the New Year!

You can always watch recordings of the live streams on the [City's Facebook page](#).



City Closures for New Year's Day

City offices will be closed on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2026. Emergency services will continue to operate as normal.

The Golden Community Center (GCC) will be open on New Year's Eve from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and closed on New Year's Day. The Golden History Museum will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.



East Amenity Zone Vision Plan Draft

Following several months of community engagement and input, a draft East Zone Amenity Vision Plan has been prepared and is now available. The draft document includes recommendations for all of the city properties in the Heart of Golden East Zone, located east of Washington Avenue.

The draft document will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their January 15, 2026 meeting and to City Council February 10, 2026.

Learn more about the [East End Amenities project on Guiding Golden](#).



Winter Informer Arriving Soon in Mailboxes Citywide

The next edition of the Informer will be arriving in mailboxes in the coming days. Due to recent Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) and our commitment to printing with a local business, distribution is running slightly behind schedule.

We appreciate your understanding and patience, and in the meantime, the digital edition is [available to read on Issuu](#).



Golden Community Center Offerings in the New Year

Free Class: Weight Loss & Your Mental Health

Thursday, January 8, 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Coal Creek North Room

Participants will learn how to support healthy weight loss while improving mood and reducing stress, anxiety, and depression; explore which common weight-loss approaches may negatively impact mental health; understand how everyday food choices affect mood and energy; discover foods that support brain and mental health; and gain perspective on intermittent fasting and GLP-1 medications. The session is led by Laura Sapienza, an Evergreen resident with an MA in Human Performance from UNC–Chapel Hill and credentials as a National Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach, Functional Medicine Certified Health and Wellness Coach, and Certified Holistic Nutritionist.

New Youth Ceramics Offerings

The Golden Community Center Ceramics program is now offering youth ceramics classes. From schools out days for elementary age to six-week wheel throwing classes for middle school and high school students.

[Learn more and register!](#)

Senior Line Dancing

Friday, January 9, 3:00 -5:00 p.m.

\$5 residents / \$7 non-residents

Calling all adults 50+! Dust off your boots and come on down to the Golden Community Center for an afternoon of line dancing and line dancing instruction--no partner needed! Grizzly Rose & Whiskey Rose teacher Carol Graham, also a senior, knows a thing or two about line dancing. She has been dancing all of her life and has taught beginners, seniors and plenty of dances to many styles of music.

[Register for Line Dancing Fun!](#)

School's Out Camps

When school's out, the fun is on! Our licensed day camp keeps kids active and engaged with a mix of arts and crafts, games and sports, swimming, and more—no bored moments here. Camps are offered on Martin Luther King Day (1/19), Presidents Day (2/13 and 2/16), and during Spring Break (3/23–3/27).

[Register your child for fun this spring!](#)



Taking Care of Your Trees in Winter

During extended periods of warm, dry weather, trees can benefit from a little extra attention, even in the winter months. Consistent watering helps trees stay healthy, strong, and resilient.

While trees require far less water during the dormant season, watering is still necessary to prevent root damage. This is especially important for newly planted trees, which need extra care as their roots become established. A little water goes a long way in supporting a greener, healthier community.

[Learn more about caring for your trees in the winter.](#)



Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Golden offers a simple and eco-friendly way to dispose of your Christmas tree - by giving it a second life as mulch!

You can drop off your tree at our NEW collection site located at The Splash, 3151 Illinois St., through January 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

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.

Public Meetings



All public meetings in Council Chambers are available to watch on the [Agendas and Meetings page](#); 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.

Municipal Court Criminal Arraignments

Monday, January 5, 8:00 a.m. in City Hall | 911 10th St., Golden

Art & Culture Commission Meeting

Monday, January 5, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall | 911 10th St., Golden

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
- 12/29 - 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 [Public Road Closures map](#) for an update on all current permitted street closures in Golden.



Current and Upcoming Road Closures


the City of Golden, CO




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Welcome to the Public Road Closures App

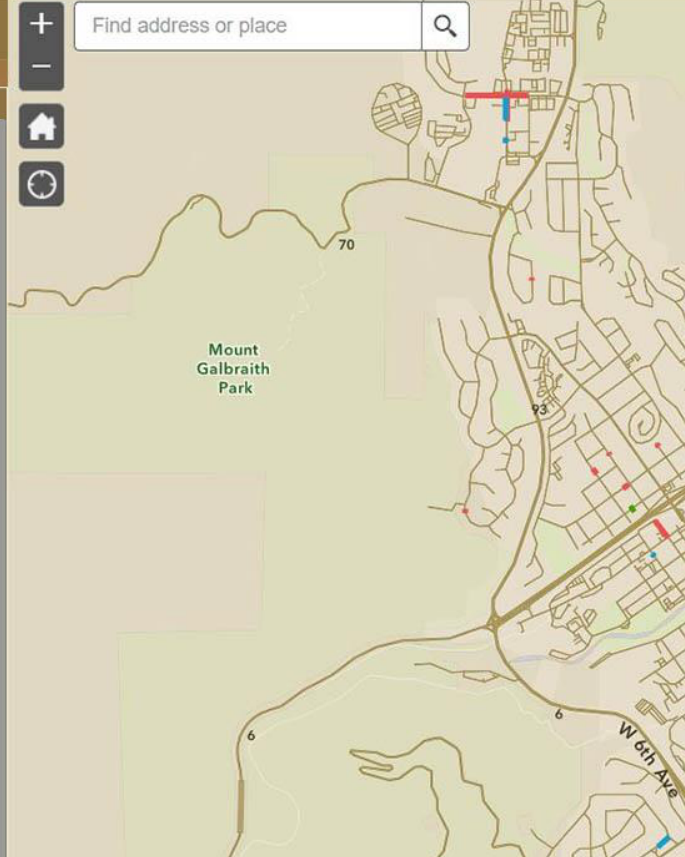
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This map shows where there are currently active Right of Way (ROW) Permits, indicating the closure of a lane. The different symbology of the lines helps visualize which roads or lanes are closed or are soon to reopen. Since the map reflects the status of ROW Permits, which may be extended, the symbology may not accurately reflect real conditions. For more information on ROW Permits, visit [the Streets Department Website](#).







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