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## Bikes and Kids

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Dear Neighbors,



May started off with a great event supported by Golden Optimists Bike Recycling Program (GOBRP) and Bike Walk Golden (BWG) at Shelton Elementary. About seven of us caught up with kids as they rode to school, adjusted helmets for safety fit, pumped up tires, tightened brakes, and even secured loose wheels. The kids and parents were great and it was a great event to encourage kids to ride safely. The city also sponsored other events including at Mitchell Elementary.



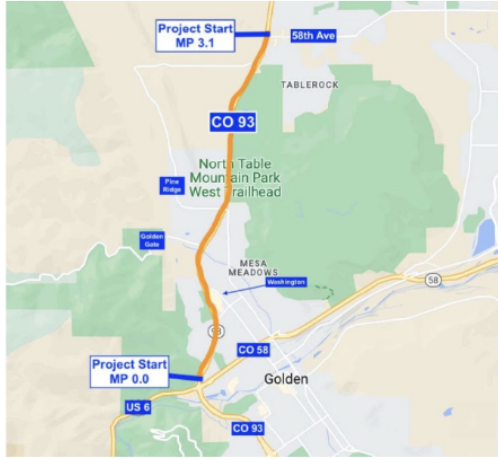
Four Day Work Week is a new proposal to test how this works in Golden, starting with the police department- More efficiency, more productivity, yet fewer hours. Tons of research and examples show that people can be more efficient and more productive if they are incentivized to do the same amount of work in less time. That seems to make sense. People who don't like this idea may say, "why don't you just make people more efficient, *work them the same amount of time*, and get more out of them?" Because that has an even longer history of not working out. Burnout, turnover rate, self-medicating, anxiety, etc are all the known, measurable outcomes of unrealistic expectations. See The Best for Golden for more information and how to give feedback. It's not a done deal yet, in fact it doesn't even start until July, but I'm in favor of this test to see if it has the upsides indicated with little downside.

I already included information about HW93 repaving last month, but some people are already moving to Ford Street as a bypass, so I am providing this information again.

**The state overturns Golden's Growth Ordinance - HB23-1255** has passed the house and senate and from what I can tell is still awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill says that growth limits are not enforceable. This is essentially the state's way of saying we can no longer manage our 1% growth ordinance. From what I have read there is a 90 day period where "someone" could get petition signatures across the state to have a statewide ballot measure on this in November of 2024. Or it may just be fought in the courts, or it may just go through. Golden, Lakewood, Boulder, and Pitkin County I believe are the jurisdictions that have these growth limits. Pitkin County (Aspen area) at least uses theirs to limit second homes and require some workforce housing, and they are not happy to lose this tool. As I have written previously, I don't think our ordinance has done anything to preserve the character of Golden, nor have we used it to get the growth we may want, where we want it. Please don't shoot the messenger, Golden did not push for this and made some efforts to modify it (so we can still have moratoria if needed in a limited way).

**Hey Don, are you running for mayor again?** - See my blog on this topic by clicking to the left.

### CDOT Project on Highway 93



The repaving and improvements project has begun on CO Hwy 93. Changes will improve driving conditions and safety along the 3.1-mile stretch of Hwy 93 between the intersection of CO58 and Clear Creek Canyon, and CO93 and 58th Ave. The work will be done initially in the day time from 9am-3pm, and switch to night time work in June. The job is expected to be completed in October. If you have questions, project hotline: 303-495-3030 or email: [CO93Repaving@gmail.com](mailto:CO93Repaving@gmail.com). Ongoing alerts can be signed up for [here](#), [enter email](#), [click on the Northwest Colorado drop-down](#) and pick the HW93 project as shown below.

Select the region that interests you, then check any project list(s) to subscribe:

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- Adams County Curb Ramp Removal & Replacement
- Central 70 | I-70 between Brighton Boulevard and Chambers Road
- CO 93 Resurfacing between US 6 & 58th Avenue in Golden
- Eisenhower Johnson Memorial Tunnel Infrastructure Repairs
- I-25 & Alameda Bridge Replacement
- I-25 Douglas County Concrete Rehabilitation
- I-25 Dry Creek Ramp Improvements
- I-70 & Harlan Street Bridge Replacement & Interchange Safety Improvements
- I-70 Mountain Corridor | Floyd Hill to the Veterans Memorial Tunnels

**Weekly Clear Creek Corridor Cleanup** volunteer events are ready to roll! Staff and community volunteers can gather Monday mornings in June, July, and August to help with trash cleanup along the flat surfaces, parks, and parking lots of the corridor. Volunteers complete a form ahead of time and meet on the creekside patio of the Golden History Museum on the day(s) they wish to help. The signup form can be found [here](#) Questions about volunteering should be directed to Rheana Rogers at [rrogers@cityofgolden.net](mailto:rrogers@cityofgolden.net).

**Stolen Focus** - If you're reading this on your free email in your free browser then you are potentially paying a high price for this apparent freedom. YOU are the product. Read more on the link above.

[101 Bills to be aware of from the 2023 session](#) - from the Colorado Sun, which has no paywall, but to which I subscribe. Great source of Colorado news.

**Demonizing the Homeless**- From one of my favorite columnists at the New York Times, I try to have empathy, which is not easy, but it is necessary.

**Free Roaming Kids** - I've read two books this month that highlight the need for kids to roam more freely. One, the [Coddling of the American Mind](#) (How good intentions and bad ideas are setting up a generation for failure), by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt. A key takeaway might be as simple as "Teach kids to navigate the road in front of them, don't smooth and straighten the road to accommodate them." The second, [Stolen Focus](#) by Johann Hari, I have already blogged about. Both books make a compelling case that kids need to be able to run more wild, learn from each other how to solve problems, and have parents and other adults just get out of the way. It is certainly more like I grew up, which worked out okay. [Here's an extreme example of kids playing freely](#) at a school in New Zealand where all play in the playground was without rules.

If you have input for city council, please use [councilcomments@cityofgolden.net](mailto:councilcomments@cityofgolden.net). Always feel free to reach me at my website, [set up a meeting](#). Or, let's run, walk or bike together if you'd like!

Peace,

Don

Feel free to forward this to friends or neighbors who may like to get more information. To join the list fill out the contact form at [cameronforgolden.org](http://cameronforgolden.org)



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