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## Some thoughts on the housing discussions around town

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Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are enjoying your winter that feels like winter finally. And for this month, since so many organizations are asking for donations for giving Tuesday and Colorado Gives day, I just want to say thank you for what you have already done this year to help your neighbors in and around Golden.

Housing Ruminations December of 2022 - There has been a lot of discussion in the news around housing, and seniors and whether they are valued in Golden. On that topic I have posted a new blog on my website. I hope you'll read the whole post, but here is the main highlight. "Golden has limited resources, cannot grow forever, and if it does nothing STILL has unsustainable pressures that impact the quality of life for the current residents. It is completely unreasonable to just bar the door as many of our current residents are rent/cost burdened and their quality of life is impacted. So yes to more CSM housing, and yes to more housing that fits our character. In my opinion doing nothing is a dereliction in duty, and it doesn't help keep Golden awesome."

Giving Tip - One thing I learned from my mother was the value of asking for help. Often this time of year we are asked to give, of our time, of our money etc. But what my mom taught me was how good it can feel to give someone else an opportunity to help you. For example, if you have a need for something to be fixed in your home, a sidewalk shoveled, a chore taken care of, and you ask for help, the person to whom you ask feels that they are needed, they can do something, they are valued. You are giving a gift by helping the person feel wanted. Obviously too often, and an unachievable request can feel like a burden, but a one-off or simple, "hey can you help me with X" is self-care and reciprocal despite what you think. At least, that is what I learned from my mom.

Happy December!

If you didn't open last month's email, you can always find it at cameronforgolden.org on the top right Past Emails link. Last month covered budget issues both general and capital related, a shuttle bus proposal, voting, and some gardening tips.

If you have input for city council, please use councilcomments@cityofgolden.net.

Always feel free to reach me at my website, <u>set up a meeting</u>. 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 <a href="mailto:cameronforgolden.org">cameronforgolden.org</a>

Want to know even more? Two other councilors have websites too, <u>JJTrout</u> and <u>Bill Fisher</u>

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