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## [Test] Post Election musings, Golden grows in acreage, and lots more

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Dear Neighbors,

I don't know about you, but I'm glad the election is in the rear view mirror. Still, besides my comments below, other things are going on in the city as well.

**Election Outcome and my thoughts on it** - I'm mostly happy with the outcome of the election as most of my candidates and issues were approved. The mill levy for Golden Fire Department (GFD) passing was to me, the most important win. As a result of the mill levy passing GFD we are able to move much more aggressively on some capital projects (transfers from the general fund) to deal with speeding issues and sound mitigation around town.

**I70 Construction on the truck runaway ramp** - Did you know that there will be extensive work on the truck emergency ramp just west of Golden on eastbound I-70? It is sad, that a recent tragedy led to the need for the emergency ramp redesign. But at least it is happening so perhaps it will be used when needed.

**Community Engagement Group** - Consider getting involved in the Community Engagement Group (CEG). It serves as a resource to the Chief of Police and the city in general regarding public safety matters. The CEG is an informal group intended to provide feedback and communication between the Golden Police Department and members of the Golden Community and meets only once a month. Applications are open until 12/31 with selection in the first part of the year and first meeting in March.

**Annexation of over 50 acres into Golden** - The county, *not open space* is in final negotiations with a developer to sell the land they own north of town and west of HW93. They are in the final stages of selling this land to an entity that is going to build light industrial just north of Pine Ridge Road, including a commercial element (restaurant/brewery), and a not-at-grade multi-use path across HW93 to access North Table Mountain (NTM) and new trails to Mt. Galbraith and White Ranch. (Not at grade means either a bridge or a tunnel across 93 for peds and bikes) The

city planning department has been working on the annexation with the developer for many many months. A new metro district will be set up to develop the infrastructure including a lift station for their waste. The staff presentation, developer presentations, and public comments were all strongly in favor of the project. One point made by the Jeffco Economic Development Corporation was that the vacancy rate for the proposed light industrial space is about 2%. Once built out it would be a primary job creation center. It will include trail connections to North Table, Mt. Galbreth, White Ranch and Tucker/Cressman Gulch. This will increase

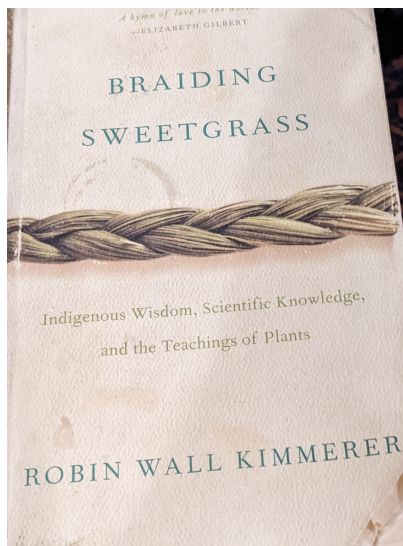
**Closing Lookout Mountain Road at night?** - We have received the following notice from Jefferson County about a public meeting with west side residents to discuss potential nighttime closures of Lookout Mountain Road:

“Per our outlined next steps, we’ve planned an informal, open-house style check-in with the West side neighbors for the evening of **Wednesday, December 13th, 6 – 7:30 PM in the Activity Room at Lookout Mountain Nature Center**. ...According to our process outlined in our intergovernmental stakeholder meeting in July, here are our next steps (in approved order):

- Interest group engagement (Bike Jeffco, paragliders club, climbers, etc.)
- General public engagement
- Conceptual design based on feedback.”

**2023 Concrete Replacement Program:** Beginning the week of November 13, concrete crews began the installation of a section of shared use path on 1st St between Ford St and East St on the north side. This project is a Tier project in the Pedestrian and Bike Plan. I want to thank Nancy Torpey and others in bringing this to my attention and working with [Bike Walk Golden](#) to move this along.

### Quick Hits and Things I've been reading



**Braiding Sweetgrass** - While I have not yet read this book, I was honored to receive a passionate review of this book about the relationship between humans and the Earth around us. Sweetgrass grows better when it is harvested, not just ignored. Sometimes we need to leave things alone, and sometimes we need to invest time and energy into their growth. The occasion was the periodic potluck dinner that the Delong Park Weedbusters were holding. It was a powerful review and reminder of how we need to PARTNER with the land, not SUBJUGATE the land.



**“pessimism of the intellect, optimism of the will.”** - A line from this article in CNN about some haunting underwater pictures off an island in Fiji.

**From February 7, 1977 Golden Transcript**

“As a homeowner in the Golden area, I realize the growth taking place. As I think back to three years ago, when I had the occasion to canvass the surrounding areas, I discovered the biggest complaint that people had was development on the scale at which it was happening. Colorado has always been a beautiful state for tourists and residents. Development in good taste—yes—but does it have to be on such a grand scale? Native Coloradans have always enjoyed room to breathe and move, not be hemmed in and feel like sardines. I have always lived in small towns and dislike the traffic, pollution, taxes, crime and danger to our children playing that must come with such extensive development.”

**I guess citizens have been concerned since at least 1977** with growth - An article I came across while trying to do some research (does anyone know when or if Coors de-annexed from Golden? Or was the land down valley never in the city?). Anyway, this article about a public meeting shows shocking (not shocking?) parallels to meetings I've been to recently.

**Demography collides with housing** - Where will I live in my eighties? My nineties if I make it that long? How about you?

**More on taking risks with kids and teaching resilience** - As a former teacher I used to try to challenge students, but not too much, *zone of proximal development* is what we called it. Here's an article on the same topic and what happens if you miss the mark.

**I get an overwhelming number of requests for donations this time of year** - **The Bringing it Home Fund** is trying to create a pool of low cost capital to build housing for firefighters, teachers and others who we need in our community but can't afford to live here. Consider a donation too.

**Help for our unhoused neighbors** - I still maintain that treating people with dignity is a good thing for our world. There is an **Amazon Wish List** for the Homelessness Navigator to provide items needed by the unhoused.

If you have input for the city council, please use [councilcomments@cityofgolden.net](mailto:councilcomments@cityofgolden.net). I initiated a change to have the replies we saw as city councilors **published**,

and they are now online.

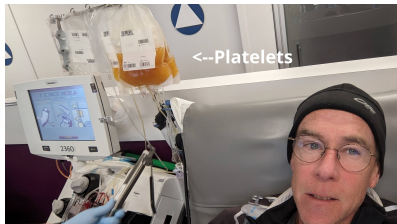
Always feel free to reach me at my website, [set up a meeting](#). Or, let's run, walk or bike together if you'd like and just have a chat!

Peace,

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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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