

# Golden BUILDING BLOCKS



## ***HELP US DEFINE GOLDEN'S CHARACTER!***

Golden is a unique community full of eclectic neighborhoods, diverse architecture, and historic avenues, and we need help cataloging them. Golden Building Blocks is a new, community-driven exercise where the City is asking you, the community, to help us put the best of Golden's character on display. Over the next several months we want you to take pictures of the buildings and city blocks that you feel best represent the community of Golden and its character.

This exercise will help the City better understand the elements of our city's homes, buildings, and streets that directly tie to Golden's small-town character. Through this understanding, we will be better able to preserve the character of Golden through future City initiatives. Is it a roof, a yard, a porch, a building's orientation? Is character best reflected by the sum of all the houses along a City block? Is it the landscaping? You tell us!

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

We are asking the community to take photos of these elements and post them to Guiding Golden with a description of how their photo contributes to Golden's Character. We're asking individuals to try their best and take photos of properties within their neighborhood so that we can build as big a library as possible. However, if you feel compelled to move outside your neighborhood to capture a structure that you think is very important, please feel free to add it to your collection. All photos will be on display for the public to view and react to, and who knows, maybe the photo with the most 'likes' will receive a prize!

As the days are getting warmer and we are all in search of sunshine and exercise, we think this is a great opportunity to break our COVID-19 blues. Working with a partner or a small team is encouraged, but please be safe and try to limit your group to your family members or a limited number of teammates. Please wear a mask and practice safe distancing of at least six feet between individuals.

## **2 Steps**

### **TO DOCUMENT YOUR COMMUNITY**



#### **STEP 1: PHOTOGRAPH**

Explore your community on foot or by bike, taking photos of the buildings, streets, sidewalks, and public spaces that best capture the area.



#### **STEP 2: LOG**

Head back home and log onto Guiding Golden and find the Golden Building Blocks page. Use the ideas tool to log your places, add your photos, and write a few words about it. You can even like and comment on other photos!

# Step 1:



## PHOTOGRAPH DOCUMENTATION

### What to Do?

1. Work individually or as a household. Please be sure to follow social distancing rules.
2. Each person or group should have a camera and a notepad and pen to write down photo locations and descriptions.
3. Head out on foot or by bike to take photographs. It's okay to drive to an area, but you should take photos while walking around, not from a car.
4. Take photos that best represent what your neighborhood looks like and places that are distinctive or unique.
5. Write down where you took each photo, so we can accurately compile information later.
6. Remember to be careful and respect private property – stay on sidewalks and in public areas.
7. If someone asks what you're doing, you can say "I'm participating in a City of Golden project to document the character of neighborhoods. Check it out on [guidinggolden.com](http://guidinggolden.com)

Photo Documentation is a key tool to understand a community and its strengths and short comings. Take photos of the typical types of buildings and streets that best represent what your community looks like, as well as the places that are distinctive or unique.

### What to Bring?

A digital camera (or mobile phone with camera), a notepad, and a pen

### What to photograph?

- Take pictures of residential and commercial buildings, sidewalks, streets, special places, etc. (see back page for examples).
- Photograph a variety of features and from a variety of perspectives described in the "Examples of Photographs to Take" on back page.
- There are no set number of photos you need to take but avoid taking duplicate pictures.
- Avoid taking pictures with things that block what you are photographing (trash cans, light poles, traffic, power lines).
- If there is an example of a property that you feel doesn't fit within Golden's character, please feel free to email it to the contact provided. These photographs will be analyzed but with respect to individual property owners privacy, we ask that they not be uploaded to Guiding Golden.

# Step 2:



## LOG ON TO GUIDING GOLDEN

### What to Do?

1. Log on to Guiding Golden and find the Golden Building Blocks page.
2. Upload your photos, and write a few words on why you took it, and comment/like other submissions!
3. Submissions will close at the end of the summer.

## *HERE'S HOW YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE USED*

The Planning Department will use your photo documentation and comments from this activity to:

- **Compare types of buildings and spaces across the city to understand similarities and differences.**
- **Understand the distinctive qualities of your community.**
- **Bring more information to future planning efforts.**



# EXAMPLES OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO TAKE

Take both residential and commercial photo examples. See below for example photographs.

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## Elevation

Take front, or elevation, photos to show how tall and wide a building is.

- Look for unique details in the architecture
- Capture shots of important landmarks or historic structure



## 45-degree Angle

Take 45-degree angle photographs to show how deep a building is.



## Proximity of Buildings

Take photographs of buildings together, to show how far apart buildings are, and to show how tall a building is compared to a nearby building.



## Sidewalks & Streets

Take photographs looking down the sidewalk and street to show how a building relates to the public street (front yard, porch, stoop, outdoor seating, landscaping, street trees, etc). How far back from the street is the building?



## Architecture

Take photographs of architectural styles that you find often in Golden. Do you like the use of bricks? Or the gabled roof? Tell us why that building catches your eye.



## HOW TO STAY INVOLVED

Follow the project at [www.guidinggolden.com](http://www.guidinggolden.com)

## CITY OF GOLDEN CONTACT

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