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Major Storm Hits North West Side of Wheat Ridge

Update

Wheat Ridge, Colorado – July 21, 2009, The City of Wheat Ridge was hit by a major storm at about 9:45 p.m. on July 20, 2009. The hardest hit area of Wheat Ridge is on W. 44th Ave. between Holland and Youngfield Streets, north to the city limits.

At 5:00 a.m. media can meet for a briefing at a staging area at Anderson Park, near the skate park, located at W. 44th Ave. and Field Street in Wheat Ridge.

Overview

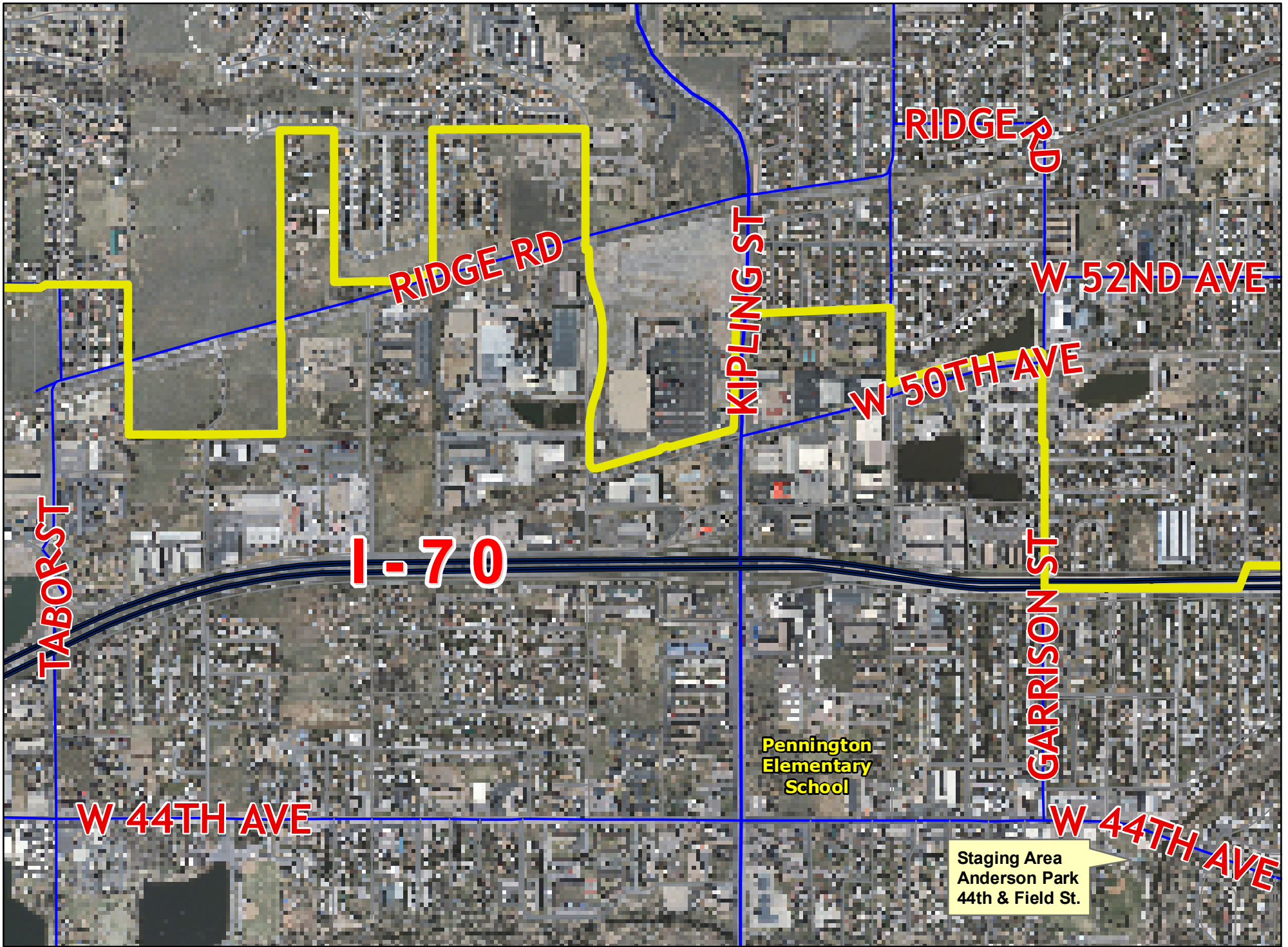
- Pea-sized hail and heavy rain caused some **street flooding**
- Clear Creek rose but receded **without** any major flooding
- There is **no confirmation** that this storm was caused by a funnel cloud
- **Downed power lines and trees in the roadways** continue to be a hazard to residents and motorists in the area
- Only **minor injuries** have been reported. Mostly due to broken glass
- There is **no electricity** throughout the City of Wheat Ridge.
- **Dark intersections** should be treated as 4-way stops.
- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**
 - **The City of Wheat Ridge will be initiating a reverse 9-1-1 call to the residents of Wheat Ridge with the following information:**
 - **Excel Energy is working in various areas in the City to restore power**
 - **Excel is focusing on eight main power lines at Parfet and W. 44th. There are downed lines that Excel is not aware of**

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- **When Excel turns the power on in the area all wires will be live. If residents or motorists come across downed power lines they should NOT touch the lines, they should dial 9-1-1 to report the location of the downed line**
 - **Individuals should stay in their homes and out of puddles and standing water anywhere downed power lines are found. This can be a very dangerous situation when Excel turns the power on**
 - **Residents should call 9-1-1 should they find downed power lines**
 - **Excel does not have an estimated time as to when the power will be restored**
- Approximately **100 windows were broken out** of the Kipling Village apartment complex at 4551 Kipling
 - No structural damage reported at this time
 - Red Cross was requested to assist with displaced families
 - Wheat Ridge Police Department is receiving mutual aid from the following agencies:
 - Arvada Fire
 - Wheat Ridge Fire
 - Westminster Fire
 - West Metro Fire
 - Pridemark Ambulance
 - Wheat Ridge Public Works
 - Authorities continue to ask **motorists to stay out of the area** hardest hit by the storm
 - To minimize the chance of injury from debris in the area, **residents should stay in their homes** at least until sunrise.
 - The City of Wheat Ridge has established a **collection point for limb debris** at 4200 Wadsworth Blvd. on the west side of Wadsworth.

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RIDGE RD

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KIPLING ST

W 52ND AVE

W 50TH AVE

I-70

GARRISON ST

W 44TH AVE

Pennington
Elementary
School

Staging Area
Anderson Park
44th & Field St.

W 44TH AVE