



Mayor's Matters is your connection to learn what is new, important and interesting in the City of Wheat Ridge! Feel free to share this newsletter with any friends or family who may wish to know more about our great city.

Coffee with the Mayor

Saturday, May 6, 2017
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Vinnola's
7750 W. 38th Ave.



Mayor Joyce Jay



Lucky's Market Coming to the Corners at Wheat Ridge

The Boulder-based natural foods grocer was the first to sign a contract for the Corners at Wheat Ridge, the new development at 38th and Wadsworth. The 35,000 square-foot market is unique, as it offers local, natural and organic items as well as a selection of conventional items not typically found at natural grocery stores. Lucky's will also feature in-house smoked bacon, fresh produce and seafood, a full bakery, antibiotic and growth hormone-free meats, ready-to-eat meals, grab-and-go snacks, international cheeses, a cafe area, and natural and mainstream medicines. This will be the first Lucky's to open in the Denver area, and the fourth in Colorado. Stay tuned for details about the groundbreaking event this spring.



Mayor Jay (left) with Colorado Attorney General, Cynthia H. Coffman (2nd from left) to announce new Walgreen's kiosks

Drug Disposal

The annual WRPD Drug Take Back day will be Saturday, April 28, at Lutheran Medical Center from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. outside the main entrance. This community collection will be conducted by the Wheat Ridge Police Department with the help and support of the Drug Enforcement Agency. In addition, Front Range Mayor's, including Joyce Jay, worked with the Colorado Attorney General's office to set up drug collection kiosks in the back of 11 Walgreen's pharmacies, including the Wheat Ridge location at 4401 Wadsworth Blvd. The kiosks are intended to provide a safe and convenient location for year-round drug disposal and help protect the state's water supply. For more information <http://bit.ly/walgreenskiosk>

Thanks for the Great Work on Behalf of our Citizens!

Special recognition to our own budget team, Director of Administrative Services Heather Geyer and Assistant to the City Manager Cary Lovett, for their work to create the tax record tool posted to the City's website. The City was recognized for this innovative tool for local taxpayers in the recent edition of Governing Magazine. Read more here - <http://bit.ly/GoverningMagazine>

Tea with the Treasurer, Mayor and Council on Thursday, May 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center

City Treasurer Jerry D'Ulio will provide an update on financial reports, including management of the new sales tax. City Council members, Janessa Rogge and Monica Duran will provide additional insight into plans for projects throughout the City, and City Manager Patrick Goff will share updates including Investing 4 the Future, the four projects funded by ballot measure 2E, and the recent bond sale. As Mayor, I will announce and describe the new Wheat Ridge Environmental Sustainability Committee (WRESC), nicknamed "Rescue."

Be "Street Smart" Smart This Spring

The Wheat Ridge Police Department has implemented "Street Fair" a project to help promote pedestrian safety throughout the City. Part of the project is to identify potential hazards to pedestrians.

- Drivers:
- Drive slowly through residential areas, give yourself extra time to react
 - Check crosswalks prior to turning right on a red light
 - Watch for children darting between cars
 - Be mindful of people crossing streets mid-block, at night pedestrians do not realize how difficult they are to see
- Pedestrians:
- Don't walk and text
 - Check for vehicles prior to entering an intersection
 - Make eye contact with drivers if possible, to confirm they are aware of your presence
 - Instruct your kids on pedestrian safety



Investing 4 the Future: Anderson Park Project Selects Designer

On March 27, City Council awarded Moore Scudiero Colomier (MSC) Inc. the contract to create the master plan for Anderson Park. MSC will be providing opportunities for public input this spring including specific user focus groups and a public meeting. Contact Kara Martin, Marketing Generalist at kamartin@wheatridge.org for further information. The master plan will outline construction projects to be completed with the allocated funds from ballot measure 2E. For more information: <http://bit.ly/investingthefuture>

WR Parks and Rec Receives Jefferson County Open Space Grant

The Parks and Recreation Department received a \$200,000 local government grant from Jefferson County Open Space to help fund the Phase I renovation of Prospect Park. The department completed the public input and park master plan process in 2016. Phase I construction consists of updating two softball fields and adding a new football field on the City-owned undeveloped property east of the softball fields. Construction will begin this spring and last approximately six months.



HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) Street Signs Installed

The Parks and Recreation Department received a grant from LiveWell Colorado to add street signs to promote walking and help educate residents as to the location of neighborhood parks. Half of the 40 (12 x 12) signs have been installed to date. Signs are located in all areas of the City.



Mayor's Sustainability Committee

Applications are being accepted for membership on the Mayor's Wheat Ridge Environmental Sustainability Committee (WRESC). The committee will study such issues as water, solid waste processing and recycling, green building and transportation. If you know someone with experience or interest in environmental issues who may be interested in participating on the Committee, applications can be found on the City's website at <http://bit.ly/wresccommittee>

Outside Agency Contributions

The City is inviting nonprofit organizations to apply for 2018 Outside Agency Contributions. Applications will be accepted through Friday, May 5. Eligible organizations must be nonprofit, nondiscriminatory, and able to demonstrate that the services they provide directly serve Wheat Ridge residents. The Citizens Review Committee will evaluate the applications and make recommendations to City Council on funding amounts. Applicants are asked to give a 10-minute presentation to the Review Committee about their organization and to be available for questions. Applications are online at <http://bit.ly/WROAOutsideAgencies>

Check out the new Top of the Hour video featuring Discover Day at the Recreation Center

<https://youtu.be/hNqjgZ0t8k>



Lutheran Medical Center - Nurse Assistant Apprenticeship

Lutheran Medical Center has been working with the Colorado Department of Labor, Jefferson County Workforce Center and others to provide opportunities for workers seeking meaningful healthcare careers. Lutheran will offer the first Colorado Registered Apprenticeship - Nurse Assistant, Certified in an acute healthcare setting. To learn more about the program and qualifications, contact eneca@lmc.org or 303.413.5139

Everitt Middle School Celebrates 50 Years

Everitt Middle School will celebrate its 50-year history on Wednesday, May 10. The open house begins at 4:30 p.m. and a special ceremony at 7 p.m. Alumni memorabilia is being collected and can be dropped off at the school or display during the celebration. Alumni are also encouraged to stop by the school and pick up a puzzle piece to personalize with photos and memories from their days at Everitt. For more information email deborah.dardano@arffco.k12.co.us

Construction Update

Denver Water is currently performing maintenance on Sheridan Boulevard between 28th and 32nd Avenues and anticipates finishing in early June. Single lanes will be open on most dates, but there will be a full closure on Saturday, April 29 through Tuesday, May 2. The closure schedule is posted on the City website, and more information is available on Denver Water's project website www.denverwater.org/traffic. Denver Water also maintains a 24-hour hotline for the project: 303.628.6788.

Cody Reminds Cyclists to "Ride with the flow of traffic and obey traffic laws"

Ride single file whenever possible. Always ride on the right but that does not mean hugging the curb or edge of the road. It means riding as far right as practical while avoiding debris, obstacles and traffic. Bicycle riders who violate traffic laws will be subject to the same penalties as drivers of motor vehicles, except that no penalty points will be assessed against the cyclist's driver's license.

- Cody reminds drivers to:
- Allow at least three feet between a vehicle and a bicycle to avoid slowing the cyclist out of control or off the road.
 - If passing a cyclist, be patient and wait until there are at least three feet between the car and the bike.
 - Be aware that when a road is too narrow for cars and bikes to ride safely side by side, cyclists can legally ride in or near the center of the lane for more visibility and safety.
 - Do not honk the horn. Doing so may startle the cyclist and cause an accident.
 - Always look to the right before turning to avoid cutting off a cyclist.
 - Keep cyclists safe from being hit by an open car door. The "Dutch Reach" refers to using your far hand to open the door after parking on a busy street. Reaching with the far hand forces the body to turn and makes a quick check over the shoulder for oncoming bicycles.
 - Keep an eye on cyclists and pedestrians. They have a right to use all the roads in Colorado unless expressly prohibited.
 - Check for cyclists in rearview and side mirrors, and remember to slow down.



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