

Mayor's Matters March 2018



Greetings from Mayor Bud Starker

Mayor's Matters is your connection to learn about the great things happening in the City of Wheat Ridge. Share this newsletter with any friends or family who may wish to know more about our great city.

Second Saturday of the Month

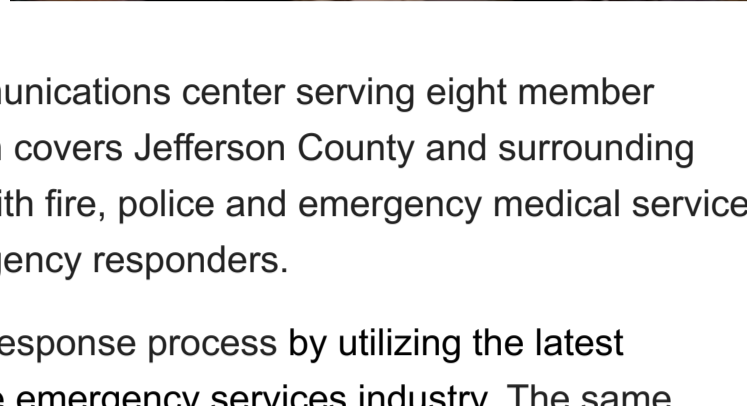
Coffee with the Mayor

Join me for Coffee on Saturday, April 14, 2018, from 9-10 a.m. at Vinnola's, 7750 W. 38th Ave.



"Jeffcom 911, What is Your Emergency?"

As of March 22, 2018, that is what you will hear when you call Wheat Ridge Police.



Jeffcom 911 recently announced the opening of its newly consolidated communications center serving eight member agencies, including Wheat Ridge, which covers Jefferson County and surrounding districts. Jeffcom 911 call takers work with fire, police and emergency medical service providers to dispatch appropriate emergency responders.

Jeffcom 911 enhances the emergency response process by utilizing the latest technology and best practices within the emergency services industry. The same emergency 911 number and local non-emergency phone number 303-237-2220 remain in effect, and while the new center is located in Lakewood, the Wheat Ridge Police Department will still respond to calls for service in our community. More information about the transition to [Jeffcom 911](#).



Great Outdoors Colorado Grant Received

Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Department received a \$350,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to help fund the \$1,500,000 construction cost for Prospect Park Phase II. Phase II renovations include replacing the picnic pavilion, adding six lighted pickle ball courts, enhancing the park entrance, adding a new boardwalk and shelter at Prospect Lake, increasing accessibility, and improving vehicle and pedestrian circulation with new sidewalks, a pedestrian bridge, and parking lot repairs. Prospect Park Phase II renovations will provide more opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to enjoy the 39 acre park and adjacent Clear Creek Trail. The Department will be finishing Phase I construction this spring with Phase II construction which is scheduled to begin in June and last approximately six months.

Colorado voters approved a Constitutional Amendment in 1992 which authorizes GOCO to invest a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance Colorado parks, trails, and open spaces.



Apply to be on the Outside Agency Review Committee

Applications for the 2018 Review Committee are due Monday, April 2, 2018.

The review committee reviews funding requests, attends presentations, and then recommends funding allocations to City Council for the Outside Agency Program.

One or more Wheat Ridge resident from each City Council District will be selected to serve on the committee for two budget cycles to expire July 2019.

Applications to apply for funding are due April 23, 2018. Eligible organizations must be nonprofit, nondenominational, and able to demonstrate that the services they provide directly serve Wheat Ridge residents.

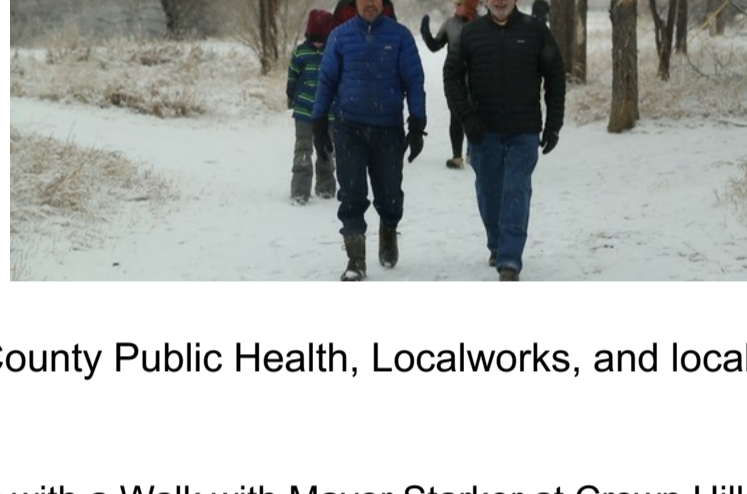
Both applications can be found at <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/831/Outside-Agency-Contributions>

For more information contact Carly Lorentz clorentz@ci.wheatridge.co.us or for scheduling contact Laura McAvoy Lmcavoy@ci.wheatridge.co.us

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Heart Healthy Wheat Ridge

[Heart Healthy Wheat Ridge Week](#) was a partnership between the City of Wheat Ridge Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Committee, Lutheran Medical Center, Jefferson County Public Health, Localworks, and local businesses and residents.



The week kicked off on Monday, Feb. 19 with a Walk with Mayor Starker at Crown Hill. Throughout the week, Wheat Ridge residents attended a variety of free heart-healthy events including yoga, nutritional classes, screenings, and farm tours. For more information about upcoming events, visit www.HeartHealthyWheatRidge.com



Wheat Ridge Large Item Pickup Program 2018

Registration for the Large Item Pickup Program opens April 2, 2018. Available pickup dates are Saturday, May 12 and May 19, 2018.

The 2018 Large Item Pickup Program is for Wheat Ridge residences only (not businesses or apartment complexes) located within Wheat Ridge City limits.

The first 275 City of Wheat Ridge residences that register for the program will be eligible to have one large bulky household item picked up that residential trash service will not collect without extra payment.

Call 303-205-7600 to schedule a pick up or for [more information](#).

Mayor Starker met with Senator Bennet, Senator Gardner and Representative Perlmutter during the 2018 National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. (Pictured with the Mayor, Senator Bennet and Representative Perlmutter)



Wheat Ridge Police Department and Lutheran Medical Center

National Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Drop off prescription medications at the main entrance to the hospital.

National Park Rx Day is April 29

Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with Jefferson County Public Health, Localworks, and Lutheran Medical Center to celebrate National Park Rx Day at Prospect Park on Sunday, April 29 from 9-11 a.m. The free community event will include a walk with a registered dietician, lawn games, and giveaways.

Parks and recreation play a significant role in promoting health and preventing disease. Park prescriptions is a concept that links the healthcare system to local parks and recreation facilities to create healthier people. Members of the medical community prescribe parks, access to nature, and recreational activities to patients to help them meet their healthcare goals. National Park Rx Day is an opportunity for people to see Park Prescriptions in action. For more information, contact Matt Anderson at manderson@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

28th Annual Good News Breakfast

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

6:59 – 8:29 a.m.

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

15200 West 6th Avenue, Golden CO

\$15.00/person includes breakfast

Register <http://goodnewsjeffco.org/>

The Wheat Ridge Historical Society

Did you know that the Wheat Ridge Historic Park is a collection of buildings assembled to tell the story of early Wheat Ridge? The Historical Park is a hidden gem of the Wheat Ridge Parks Department and WR Historical Society's joint efforts to preserve our history and heritage. Located at 4610 Robb Street in Wheat Ridge, tours are only \$2.00 per person (cash or check only please). The park is open Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please call 303-421-9111 for groups of 10 or more. This one-acre park has The Soddy built around 1860, The Red Brick house built by Bert White in 1910, The Implement Shed, The Johnson Cabin built in 1859 and the first Wheat Ridge Post Office built in 1913. A wealth of knowledge awaits visitors in the Historic Park with a museum host to guide visitors through the buildings showing surviving examples of the area's farming heritage.

For more information check out the Society's Facebook page and watch for the new Wheat Ridge Historical Society website coming soon!

At Risk of Flooding?

Everyone is at risk for flooding no matter what the location. For most residents in Wheat Ridge the risk is very low. However, for those that live in a floodplain the risk is very real. Those living in one of the City's regulatory floodplains along the Clear Creek or Lena Gulch, also known as the 100-year floodplain, or the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the chance of being flooded in any given year is at least 1 percent. Over the lifespan of a typical 30-year mortgage, statistically there is a 23 percent chance of being flooded. This is nine times higher than the chance of suffering a loss or damage from a fire.

Property owners and tenants in the floodplain were invited to a meeting in mid-March. The presentation was videotaped and is posted to the City [website](#). Those who do not currently have flood insurance are encouraged to do so. More information is available in the Winter/Spring edition of the [Connections](#) newsletter or [online](#)



WRPD Offers Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Tips

Make yourself visible to drivers:

- Wear brightly colored clothing and/or reflective material.
- Carry a flashlight when walking at night/have lights on your bicycle

Avoid dangerous behaviors:

- Always walk on the sidewalk
- Don't assume drivers can see you, make eye contact
- Follow pedestrian signals when crossing the street
- Bicyclists either follow the traffic signals or dismount your bicycle and follow pedestrian rules
- Don't wear headphones
- Watch for turning vehicles

