

Mayor's Matters April 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 City.



At a recent City Council meeting with Margaret Paget Parks and Recreation Department celebrating 39 years as a designated Tree City USA.

Coffee with the Mayor

Join me for Coffee on the second Saturday of each month. Our next get together is planned for Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 9-10 a.m. at Vinnola's, 7750 W. 38th Ave.

Wheat Ridge Environmental Sustainability Committee



The Wheat Ridge Environmental Sustainability Committee is winding down its one year of service, culminating in a final presentation of their proposed Sustainability Plan for the City on Monday, June 18. Anyone interested in hearing the presentation is welcome to attend.

Wilmore-Davis Elementary School

On April 6, the City of Wheat Ridge collaborated on a pollinator event with Wilmore-Davis Elementary School. City staff taught kindergarten and 3rd grade students about the bee family and together the students and staff investigated the parts of a commercial beehive before bees were installed. City staff with the help of the students decorated the fence that surrounds the beehive at the Wheat Ridge Happiness Community Garden. The students decorated the outside portion of the program despite the snow and cold.



Wheat Ridge Historic Park

Did you know the Wheat Ridge Historic Park is a collection of buildings assembled to tell the story of early Wheat Ridge? The Historic Park is a hidden collaboration between the Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Department and the Wheat Ridge Historical Society to preserve the City's history and heritage. Located at 4610 Robb Street in Wheat Ridge, tours are only \$2 per person (cash or check only please). The park is open Tuesday – Friday 1 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please call 303-421-9111 for groups of 10 or more. The buildings in the park include, 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.

The May Festival is Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Events include a May Pole Dance, craft demonstrations and sales, lunch for a nominal fee and local musicians (bring your voice or instrument and join in).

Municipal Court Opens Late May 22

Wheat Ridge Municipal Court will open late on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. This is not a day when court is in session; however, the payment window will be closed until 10:30 a.m. and calls will be returned beginning at that time.



Sharing the Road With Motorcycles

Tips for sharing the road with motorcycles: Spring has sprung in Colorado. Good weather brings out the motorcyclists. Wheat Ridge Police Department CATT offers these tips to make your travels safer.

1. Look before you turn. The majority of motorcycle accidents come from automobiles turning left in front of motorcycles. Motorcycles are small and sometimes hard to see. Look carefully before turning.
2. Give yourself more room when behind a motorcycle. Motorcycles can stop more quickly than most cars so you want a larger buffer zone between you and the motorcycle in front of you.
3. Check your blind spot using both your mirror and by looking over your shoulder. Motorcycles are small and quick and can end up in your blind spot before you realize it.
4. Give motorcycles a wide berth in inclement weather. Motorcyclists do not have windshield wipers and are more exposed to the elements in bad weather. Increase your distance when following a motorcycle when it's raining or snowing.



44th Avenue Road Closure

As part of the North System Renewal project, Denver Water will close 44th Avenue between Fig and Eldridge Streets for two weeks, starting May 7, 2018. For more information call 303-893-2444 go online to denverwater.org/northsystemrenewal or email northsystemrenewal@denverwater.org



Wheat Ridge Police Department and Localworks Hold TLC Clean Up Days for 2018

During TLC Clean Up days, trash dumpsters are provided free of charge within selected neighborhoods to assist and encourage residents to properly dispose of items that are difficult and sometimes expensive to remove.

The Wheat Ridge TLC Neighborhoods program is a collaborative effort by WRPD; the City Community Development, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works departments; and Localworks. Wheat Ridge TLC stands for *Traffic Safety, Life Quality, and Crime Reduction*. The program is designed to engage the community in proactive code enforcement strategies and includes a series of neighborhood Clean Up days.

For 2018, those events are planned for the following dates:

June 2, District IV
Clear Creek Church, 10555 W. 44th Ave

July 7, District III
Glory of God Church 12200 W. 38th Ave

August 18, District II
St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 3900 Pierce St.

September 22, District I
WR United Congregational Church 6310 W. 29th Ave

For more information and specifics on what can and cannot be disposed of in the dumpsters, call Localworks 720-259-1030 or WRPD 303-235-2926.



Wheat Ridge Police Department Volunteer Academy Graduation

The Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD) celebrated its most recent class of 2018 WRPD Volunteer Academy graduates at a dinner held at the Richards Hart Estate. "Our volunteers play a vital role in extending our services of providing public safety to the community," stated Chief Dan Brennan. "Volunteers participate in local events like the bicycle criterium, Trunk or Treat, Holiday Lighting and Operation Blue Santa, as well as the Carnation Festival. They help with speed monitoring, traffic control, the walk and watch program, and community outreach, and assist with other tasks that help the department meet its goals." The Chief and Sgt Wilkinson presented each graduate with a certificate (Photo: Chief Brennan, Donald Vecchio and Sgt. Wilkinson).