



Mayor's Matters June 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.

Crime Prevention Interim Sergeant Bowman and I pictured with a regal friend at the Summer Fest & Child Safety Fair 2018. Special thanks to Hawk Quest.

Coffee with the Mayor

Join me for Coffee on the second Saturday of each month. Our next get together is

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Have a safe, happy 4th of July!

**Thanks to Localworks for a
great Criterium 2018
and to all of you for coming
out to enjoy the fun!**



Mayor Starker and iHeart Radio DJ Robbyn Hart entertain the crowd



Nominations for Best in Business Awards

The City of Wheat Ridge Economic Development Division is requesting nominations for the best in business awards as it prepares for the 15th Annual Business Appreciation Awards Breakfast on Tuesday,

September 20, 2018, at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center.

Wheat Ridge-based businesses can be nominated in the following categories:

- Business of the Year - A business that exemplifies the "Best in Business" representing the values of the Wheat Ridge community.
- Reinvestment Award - A business that has demonstrated one or more of the

following:

- Made a significant investment in its property
- Improved the overall appearance of the site
- Maintained property at the highest standards
- Updated their building in a manner to make it more marketable

Deadline for nominations is Monday, August 6, 2018, and the winners will be announced at the 15th Annual Business Appreciation Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, September 20, 2018, at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center.

To nominate a Wheat Ridge business for an award this year, go to the [City's Economic Development website](#) and print a nomination form. Forms are also available at City Hall, the Recreation Center and the Active Adult Center.



Mayor Starker was honored to host several Mayors from Jefferson County for lunch at Colorado Plus to discuss issues of common concern and highlight this Wheat Ridge establishment. From left to right: Mayor Marc Williams, Arvada; Mayor Adam Paul, Lakewood; Mayor Laura Keegan, Edgewater; Mayor Bud Starker, Wheat Ridge; Mayor Marjorie Sloan, Golden; and Mayor Herb Atchison, Westminster.



Wheat Ridge Police Will Strictly Enforce Fireworks Policies Over July 4th Holiday

As the July 4th holiday approaches, the Wheat Ridge Police Department reminds residents that all fireworks, including fountains and sparklers, are illegal within city limits.

Section 5.86 of the International Fire Code adopted by Wheat Ridge in 2012 prohibits fireworks and violators face fines, jail time or both. Anyone in possession of fireworks in the City of Wheat Ridge may face a fine of up to \$999, up to a year in jail, or both. If the illegal use of fireworks causes serious bodily injury or damages property, more serious felony charges could be applied.

“Although many people think fireworks are a traditional part of the annual holiday, the threat of fires this year is very high in Colorado and fireworks could put us all at risk,” stated Wheat Ridge Police Chief Dan Brennan. “Additionally, the risk of personal injury or damage to property from illegal fireworks is also high. People who use illegal fireworks are financially liable for any damages. In addition, children, veterans, and pets are often extremely sensitive to the loud noise that accompanies fireworks which can create anxiety and fear.”

For any questions regarding the use of fireworks in Wheat Ridge, please call the Crime Prevention Office at 303-235-2910. [Link to online press release](#)

Wheat Ridge Police Department Issues Reminder about Dogs Left in Cars during Extreme Temperatures

During the summer months, the Wheat Ridge Police Department Community Services Team responds to numerous reports of animals left unattended in parked vehicles.

The temperature inside a vehicle can increase almost 20 degrees Fahrenheit in just 10 minutes and can surge almost 30 degrees Fahrenheit in less than 20 minutes. At 60 minutes, the temperature inside your vehicle can be more than 40 degrees higher than the outside temperature. Even on a 70-degree day, that is 110 degrees inside the car!

“We’ve already seen extreme summer temperatures this week so please, if you love them, leave them at home where they’ll be safe and happily waiting for you to return,” stated Lucas Hunt, Wheat Ridge Police Department Patrol Commander. Link to [online press release](#)



“Greetings from Wheat Ridge” new artwork at Anderson Park

The 2018 [Wheaties Academy](#), a program of [Localworks](#), commissioned the artwork designed by local artists [Blu Hartkopp](#) and [Chris Jenuine](#) and now installed at Anderson Park. City Council approved the artwork installation with the support from the Cultural Commission and Wheat Ridge Parks & Recreation. Community contributions assisted with the project. Stop by and post a selfie to the City Facebook page with Greetings as the backdrop!

"New" Quick Links Icon on the City Website

We have created a new icon on the home page of the City website where visitors can easily find important documents, information,



and a list of departments within the City of Wheat Ridge.

To City Information

The new icon next to Police, Parks & Rec, and Bids & Proposals, provides easy access to links for those web pages most often visited. After trying it out if, you do not find what you need, please contact our Public Information Officer for additional help or information sspaulding@ci.wheatridge.co.us or call 303-235-2877.

[Quick Links](#)



Performances in the Park

Enjoy FREE outdoor family-friendly concerts and performances on Wednesdays all summer at the pavilion at Anderson Park. For optimal enjoyment, bring your lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic!

Children's Shows: 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Evening Shows: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

[Link for Schedule](#)

Bench Warrant Clearing Program

Wheat Ridge Municipal Court has a program to permit most persons with outstanding bench warrants to be able to clear those warrants. If a person fails to appear for Court and the Court enters a bench warrant, those with outstanding bench warrants can appear in person on the second Thursday of the month, at 10:30 a.m. to see the Judge. They must appear in person and go before the Court.

Most people who appear will be able to clear warrants and address case issues. Some types of cases, for example, domestic violence designated cases, are not eligible for this program. Please be aware that this does not make a case go away; but it will allow for the elimination of a worrisome warrant. Removing the bench warrant eliminates the possibility of being arrested for that warrant. For more information, contact the Court at 303-235-2835 or [online Municipal Court](#).

Please be advised that court employees may not give legal advice.

For more information about the Mayor's Matters e-newsletter, please contact Sara Spaulding, Public Information Officer at sspaulding@ci.wheatridge.co.us

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