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## City of Wheat Ridge Closes Recreation Center, Active Adult Center and Anderson Building in Response to COVID-19

Wheat Ridge Closures and Cancellations Being Updated Daily on City Web page
WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. March 13, 2020 – The City of Wheat Ridge is responding to concerns about the spread
of COVID-19 by closing the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, the Anderson Building, and the Active Adult
Center for two weeks as of Sunday, March 15, 2020. The closures may be extended depending on the spread
of COVID-19.

"We recognize this is an inconvenience for our residents and visitors, however, this difficult decision was only made after careful consideration as we evaluated the risk to our staff and the public," stated Patrick Goff, Wheat Ridge city manager. "We are also evaluating ways to continue to provide our community with interactive access to City Council meetings and study sessions while creating a safe environment, and additional information will be made available shortly. We are asking residents, business owners, and visitors to stay tuned to changes to business practices, closures, and cancellations by checking our website (<a href="http://bit.ly/WRCOVID-19">http://bit.ly/WRCOVID-19</a>) and social media platforms."

In addition to the facility closures, the following events are being postponed or canceled:

- Refuse to be a Victim scheduled for Saturday, March 14
- Dog Walker Watch class scheduled for Monday, March 23
- Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 4
- Make Wheat Ridge Count 2020 Census event scheduled for Saturday, April 4

For an up to date schedule of closures, cancelations and postponements, visit http://bit.ly/WRCOVID-19:

Wheat Ridge City Council has convened an emergency special meeting at 1 p.m. today Friday, March 13, 2020, at Wheat Ridge City Hall, 7500 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue to determine the council meeting schedule for the next two weeks. The public may attend the emergency meeting in person or dial in toll free 1-877-309-2073 code 855-967-261.

Updates from the City of Wheat Ridge are being made daily to the City's website regarding changes to regular City services, access to City buildings, and event and meeting cancellations <a href="http://bit.ly/WRCOVID-19">http://bit.ly/WRCOVID-19</a>

## **About The City of Wheat Ridge**

The City of Wheat Ridge, located west of Denver with a population of 31,000 residents, is home to a mix of retail/commercial businesses and unique residential neighborhoods. Wheat Ridge is a vibrant community in a prime location, providing easy access to the Denver metro area and to recreation west into the mountains. The City was recently ranked Top Smallest City by the Economic Development Council of Colorado. Info about Wheat Ridge <u>ci.wheatridge.co.us</u>