

August 2016



# Mayor's Matters

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## Deep Roots, Short Commutes



Mayor Joyce Jay

Mayor's Matters is your connection to learn about the great things happening 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.

7101 W 38th Ave | Wheat Ridge, CO  
Green on the Ridge  
September 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
3:00pm - 8:30pm

# RIDGE FEST

BLUEGRASS MUSIC | CLASSIC CAR SHOW  
KIDS GAMES | HOME BREW CONTEST  
COTTAGE FOODS CONTEST | VENDORS  
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL | FOOD TRUCKS

HEADLINING:  
BLUE CANYON BOYS

[Ridge38](#)  
RIDGEAT38.COM

Wheat Ridge, Evergreen, and other local business logos are listed at the bottom of the poster.

Reserve the day for RidgeFest

Saturday, September 10th promises to be an exciting event with plans well underway for RidgeFest.

Link for additional information <http://ridgeat38.com/>

## Coffee with the Mayor

### Please note:

Regularly scheduled Coffee with the Mayor will resume Saturday October 1st.  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at Vinnola's  
7750 W. 38th Ave.



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### East and West Fruitdale Neighborhood Cleanup Day

- East - Miller St. to Parfet St. from 44th Ave. to South Frontage Road
- West - Parfet St. to Tabor St. from 44th Ave. to South Frontage Road

Saturday, September 17, 2016  
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Clearvale Neighborhood Cleanup Day

- 44th Ave. to I-70 South Frontage Road
- Brentwood Street to Garrison Street

Saturday, September 24, 2016  
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The City of Wheat Ridge and Localworks, invites residents to get involved in the beautification and continued maintenance of their properties and neighborhoods. We expect dumpsters to fill up quickly. Items allowed: yard debris, furniture and general trash. Items not allowed: Electronics of any kind, non-hazardous material, paint in liquid form, refrigerators, toxic items such as batteries and motor oil, large construction debris, household food, garbage and tires.

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### Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Update

The City will be updating its Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan over the next several months. The plan provides guidance to construct, enhance and improve bicycle and pedestrian routes and connections throughout the City. The plan was last addressed in 2010 and needs to be updated as a result of an increasing variety of travel modes. Gaps in the existing plan need to be identified and changing community needs and priorities assessed. Public input is strongly encouraged as part of the updating process. Further information <http://co-wheatridge3.civicplus.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2231>

## FILE OF LIFE

**Prepare for emergencies. Have File of Life completed for any family members with medical issues.**

**FILE OF LIFE**

**KEEP INFORMATION UP TO DATE !!  
Review At Least Every Six Months !**

**MEDICAL DATA REVIEWED AS OF** MO. YR.  
Sex  
M F

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why everyone should have their own File of Life:**

“Medical emergencies can happen anytime. When they do, there is confusion, panic and urgency. Paramedics arrive on the scene with no information about the person in need. Seconds count – they can make the difference between life and death. Does the patient have prior medical conditions? Allergies? What medications are they taking? Who do they want us to call? How do we contact their family or friends? File of Life puts these answers at their fingertips. It allows first responders to immediately begin the best possible treatment, notify loved ones, and pass this vital data on to awaiting physicians at the emergency room. File of Life has already saved thousands of lives. It is an absolute asset to emergency preparedness, and peace of mind for every household and community across the nation.”

*Source: File of Life website*

File of Life packets are business size that fit in your wallet or a larger magnetic size for your home. Both are available at City Hall or at the West Metro District Offices. Further information:

<https://www.westmetrofire.org/>

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## Top of the Hour Videos

Check out the New Top of the Hour Video about Crosswalk Safety

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHZ\\_zd9gs5k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHZ_zd9gs5k)

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**District IV meeting with  
Councilmember Larry  
Mathews**

**Thursday,  
September 1, 2016**

**Wheat Ridge  
Recreation Center,  
Dahlia Room**

**6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.**



**“We Dream Big and We Deliver!”**

That was the message during the grand opening of the recent Red Rocks Community College 54,000 square foot expansion. The school’s academic capacity will triple with the addition of 800 students and four times the current faculty and staff.

The College will be the only community college in the nation to offer a Master’s Degree. This will be in their Physician’s Assistant Program. This new expansion by Red Rocks perfectly serves students from Wheat Ridge and Arvada and is a nice complement to the needs of Lutheran Hospital. A special thank you to Community First Foundation which provided a \$1 million grant to assist in the \$22.5 million-dollar project.

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**Congratulations Carnation Festival Royalty**



**Joe DeMott, Festival Chair; Steve Keller, Grand Marshal; Mayor Jay; Heidi Haas-Sheard, Countess, and Wade Hammond, Count**

## Women's Wellness and Life Balance Experience at Lutheran Medical Center

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Women's Wellness & Life Balance Experience*

Saturday, September 17, 2016 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*Join us for a morning of fun, relaxation and education!*  
The Women's Experience event is **free**, but space is limited.

Register online at [bit.ly/womenshealthexpo](http://bit.ly/womenshealthexpo)  
and see the full schedule of events and classes!  
Register by phone at 303-689-4595.

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WOMEN'S  
CHAMBER/COMMERCE

### Protect Yourself and Your Property from Flooding

Almost three years ago in September 2013 communities just north of Wheat Ridge experienced catastrophic flooding that destroyed property and lives. Our City was spared the worst of the floods that year receiving only localized flooding. There are several things that you can do to protect yourself and your property:

#### **Before a Flood:**

- Elevate your house above the flood elevation. Federal programs are available to help.
- Elevate furnaces, water heaters, and electrical panels above the flood levels to reduce expensive repairs
- Seal basement walls with water proofing to reduce seepage.
- Buy flood insurance to cover your house and contents, even if you are renting.

#### **During a Flood:**

- Listen to instructions from emergency services regarding the need to evacuate.
- Do not walk through moving water; six inches of fast moving water is all it takes to sweep most people walk away.
- Do not drive through floodwaters; six inches can cause loss of control or stall most cars, 12 inches will float most vehicles and two feet of moving water will sweep away almost any vehicle.

#### **After a Flood**

- Avoid floodwaters, they are often contaminated. Also, do not use tap water unless the water district has announced that it is safe.
- Wait to return to your property until the authorities have announced that it is safe, some buildings may not be safe to enter.
- If damage has occurred, permits will likely be required to ensure that any reconstruction meets the code requirements to reduce the potential for future damage.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU GO TO WHEAT RIDGE MUNICIPAL COURT**

### **Wheat Ridge Judge Christopher Randall submitted the following:**

You may appear in Wheat Ridge Municipal Court at some point as a juror, witness, parent, friend, or defendant. Here are some tips to make the experience positive.

Don't miss your court date. When you arrive, check in with court staff. Please remain quiet.

The judge, as well as the court clerks cannot represent you or provide legal advice. The judge will advise you of your rights; listen carefully because these rights are important and can help you effectively negotiate your case. Keep in mind that no one is required to plead guilty.

The judge will address each person's case one at a time. Friends and relatives may attend, but they cannot represent or speak for you. You are always welcome to hire an attorney to help you with your case, or if destitute, the court might be able to appoint an attorney for you.

Defendants are always welcome to discuss their case with the Assistant City Attorney (prosecutor).

If the person is being sentenced, that means that they have pled guilty to or been found guilty of a crime. Sentences vary widely and are based in part on what the person did and their criminal history. Sometimes defendants use the excuse that they are poor to avoid blame or to get out of a sentence. Being poor does not prevent you from being charged or immunize you from punishment. As you have heard, "justice is blind" and all defendants are treated equally.

Most sentences include the payment of a monetary amount. This includes restitution for property damage, veterinarian, or medical bills, or in many cases, a fine. Victims are an important part of a criminal case and the judge must consider their loss. Court costs are sometimes assessed and are permitted by City ordinance and state statute to offset the expense of court operations. Some sentences do not require the payment of any amount, but may require a program, class, treatment, or community service to rehabilitate the accused.

Everyone is permitted time to pay or set up a monthly payment plan for monetary amounts. However, the judge can incarcerate someone who willfully neglects to pay. Incarceration is avoided at all costs. After you have seen the judge and addressed your case, you then see the court clerk to finalize your court business.

Please keep in mind that the judge cannot take phone calls or emails in the beginning of a case; this is prohibited by the no-contact ethical rule. The judge cannot read notes or letters or discuss active or pending cases. Motions, or requests of the court, must be in writing and written by the defendant or the defendant's attorney. There is one major exception: if the defendant pleads or is found guilty, the judge can read input about the defendant from interested persons.

If you do attend court, we hope that your experience is as proficient and professional as possible.