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FREE SUNSCREEN

Wheat Ridge is 5,459 feet above sea level and has over 300 days of sunshine a year which makes skin protection important. The department was awarded a grant from the Melanoma Foundation of New England to provide community access to free sunscreen at Discovery Park and the outdoor pool. The sunscreen dispensers are intended for the convenience of park users who forget to pack sunscreen.

JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT

The department received a \$360,000 local government grant from Jefferson County Open Space to help fund the Phase I renovation of Prospect Park. The Department completed the public input and park master plan process in 2016. Phase I construction consists of updating two aged softball fields and adding a new football field on the City owned undeveloped property east of the softball fields. Construction will begin this spring and last approximately 6 months.



CLEAR CREEK TRAIL MAINTENANCE REPLACEMENT

This trail replacement project started in December 2016 and was completed by February 2017. The department removed approximately 2,000 linear feet of asphalt between Moore Street and Prospect Park and replaced it with 10 foot wide concrete.

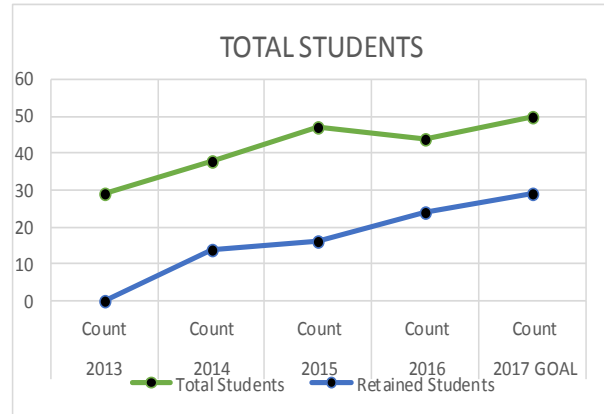
2017 DISCOVER

Discover is an annual event hosted at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center. The event is designed to be a free demo-day of a variety of programs and classes offered by the department including fitness, wellness, athletics, dance, aquatics, and so much more. Over 300 people participated in over 30 free classes during the event.



TAEKWONDO

The department's martial arts and self defense classes are growing. The chart to the right illustrates the growth of the taekwondo program since 2013. Youth taekwondo is currently offered on Monday and Thursday evenings for youth ages 6-12. 88% of taekwondo students have tested up one belt level in the last year. With the growth of the youth taekwondo program, the department has added an adult taekwondo program on Monday nights.



ANDERSON PARK MASTER PLAN

On March 27, City Council awarded Moore Iacofano Goltzman, (MIG) Inc. the contract to create the master plan for Anderson Park. MIG will be providing opportunities for public input this spring to gather input for the master plan. The master plan will outline construction projects to be completed with the allotted funds from ballot measure 2E.

ACTIVATE 38

Localworks received a grant from Kaiser Permanente to implement Activate 38. Activate 38 is a neighborhood active living project that will increase the number of people who walk, bike, wheelchair roll, and use public transit for transportation along 38th Avenue, west of Kipling. The project's overall goal is to understand how the community uses that section of 38th Avenue to get to where they need to go. The department participates on the Activate 38 Core Team.



CLEAR CREEK TRAIL GRANT

The department received a \$125,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to alleviate the existing ADA noncompliance conditions at Johnson Park, improve two sections of substandard trail that do not meet current City trail design standards and straighten out two sets of 90 degree sharp turns. Construction will begin in the fall.

These improvements will greatly enhance user experience and make the trail accessible for all.

