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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.

47th Annual Carnation Festival

August 12-13

Check out the expanded carnival features, kiddie rides, adult rides, midway games and yummy carnival treats!

There will be a parade on 38th Ave. on Saturday morning and live music and firework shows on Friday and Saturday night.

Zoppe' Circus tickets are on sale now.

For further information [http://
www.thecarnationfestival.com/](http://www.thecarnationfestival.com/)



Coffee with the Mayor Please note:

The next Coffee with the Mayor will be held on
Saturday, August 27th,
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at Vinnola's.
Regularly scheduled Coffee with the Mayor will
resume October 1st.



The Anderson pool, located at 44th & Field St., opened May 28th for the season.

The existing water tower toy was removed and replaced with a mushroom feature. All three out-door pools were resurfaced and additional work was completed on toy repairs. Dry and warm days have increased the out-door pool attendance up more than 25% from this time last year.

**WHEAT RIDGE READS
2016**

Adult and teen readers are invited to
immerse themselves in the 2016
selection *The Reconstructionist* by Nick
Arvin.

**TWO COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS AND
CHANCE TO MEET THE AUTHOR**

 <p>BOOKS AND BREWS TUESDAY, SEPT. 13, 6:30 P.M. IRON RAIL TAVERN, 4111 KIPLING ST.</p>		<p>THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB THURSDAY, SEPT. 15, 9 A.M. WHEAT RIDGE LIBRARY 5475 W. 32ND AVE.</p>
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Wheat Ridge Author Chosen for Annual Reading Event

Local author Nick Arvin and his novel of secrets and survival, *The Reconstructionist*, have been selected for this year's Wheat Ridge Reads. Now in its fifth year, the program encourages the public to read books by Colorado authors and engage with the community and the author in a discussion about the work.

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Wheat Ridge Author con't

The book tells the story of the collision between a budding forensic investigator, his tormented mentor and the haunted woman who emerges from the wreckage of his past.

Arvin has lived in Colorado since 2001 and in Wheat Ridge since 2014. In addition to *The Reconstructionist*, Arvin is the author of *In the Electric Eden* and *Articles of War*. His work has appeared in the New Yorker, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Salon, and Rocky Mountain News, and he has been honored with numerous awards.

The Reconstructionist is available from Jefferson County Public Library and for purchase at BookBar, 4280 Tennyson St.

The author will appear at two public events in September: Books and Brews, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Iron Rail Tavern, 4111 Kipling St. and the Thursday Morning Book Club, Thursday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m., Wheat Ridge Library, 5475 W. 32nd Ave. Arvin will also present to students and staff of Wheat Ridge High School on the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 15.

The program is sponsored by the Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission and Jefferson County Public Library.

For more information, contact Gay Porter DeNileon, gpdenileon@gmail.com.

Share the Road

A reminder to safely share the road. With the nice weather upon us, be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists and bicyclists safe. Bicyclists help us with less pollutants to the environment, so let's help them.

Also, motorcyclist and bicyclists are reminded to make themselves visible to motorists.



Top of the Hour Videos

Check out the two new Top of the Hour videos featuring Vivian Elementary Sign Club and the 2016 Criterium.

[Vivian
Criterium](#)



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://wearelocal-works.org/event/ridgefest/>

Congratulations

Congratulations to Wheat Ridge Mammoth 12U baseball team who are headed to Canton, Michigan the end of July for the USSSA world series.

These players have done a wonderful job representing Wheat Ridge both in the Jeffco League and many tournaments in Colorado.

“You’re invited to attend this wonderful family event hosted by Jefferson Center for Mental Health, 4851 Independence St., Wheat Ridge, CO.

Stop by and say hello to your West Metro Fire Fighters and the Big Fire Engine!

Hope to see you there, Councilor Monica Duran, District I”.

Speed up Business Tax Filing

City Treasurer Jerry DiTullio signed a resolution effective July 15, 2016, calling for rounding of amounts to the nearest dollar on all tax returns.

How it works: For an amount that ends in .50 or higher you will round up to the next dollar (\$99.50 becomes \$100). For an amount that ends in .49 or less, you will round down to the previous dollar (\$99.49 becomes \$99).

DiTullio created the new regulation in response to feedback from taxpayers seeking to speed up and simplify online filing. If tax returns are filed without rounding dollar amounts, the software will apply rounding during input.

Catch up with Kristi

Save the date of August 27th at 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for the District II outreach meeting with Council Member Kristi Davis. The meeting will be held at Infinitus PIE, 5807 W. 38th Ave.

This is an opportunity to meet with members of your community and receive updates on City activities. There will be plenty of time for Q & A. For additional information visit Kristi’s website at www.Kristi-DavisWR.com or e-mail her at kdavis@ci.wheatridge.co.us

Chili's Tip a Cop

"Tip a Cop" was held on Sunday, July 10th at the Chili's located at 32nd and Youngfield St. Over the course of the day, five Special Olympic Athletes worked with Wheat Ridge Officers and raised over \$2,000 for Special Olympics of Colorado. Thanks to officers Barry Malloy, Brian Gross, Zahra Arahawi, Dave Pickett and Jamie Watson.



Artists Selected for Wheat Ridge Artist Studio Tour



Eleven local artists and a frame business will display their workspaces during the second Wheat Ridge Studio Tour on Saturday, August 27. Organized by the Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission, the tour will provide an opportunity for the public to view these professional artists in their realm—a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to create fine art.

This year's event also includes demos on proper care and framing of artwork at Metro Frame Works.

The artists chosen are Shamanic artist Antonio Arguello; clay and mixed media artist Marie E.v.B. Gibbons; oil painter and water colorist Juanita Gutierrez; children's book artist Katie Hartkopp; representational painter Sina March; mixed-media sculptor Lisa Bonilla Panter; multi-media artist Maria Sands; fabric artist Karin Soderholm; painter Sherry Veltkamp; collage artist Laurie Waalkes; and performance painter Terry Womble.

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Artist Studio Tour con't

“Last year’s inaugural event was very well received, and we are pleased to have some returning artists as well as some new faces on this year’s tour,” said commissioner Milly Nadler, who is organizing the event.

The self-guided tour will begin at 9 a.m. on August 27, with the studios closing at 2 p.m. Maps to tour locations will be available for \$5 at the Teller Street Gallery, 7190 West 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge, the day of the tour.

About the Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission

The Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission, with nine members appointed by the City Council, was created to promote cultural arts in Wheat Ridge and foster cultural enrichment and education opportunities for the community. Further information contact Milly Nadler at 303.319.0690

The Train is Arriving This Fall!

Come to the G-Line grand opening and Wheat Ridge Ward Road station party. Food, Fun and Free Rides! Games, Music and Kids Activities! Watch for updates at www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/G-Line

