

Mayor's Matters March 2017



Mayor's Matters is your connection to learn what is new, important and interesting 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.



Mayor Joyce Jay

Coffee with the Mayor

Saturday, April 1, 2017
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Vinola's
7750 W. 38th Ave.



Capture Wheat Ridge Celebration

Saturday, April 1
6-9 p.m.

Sons of Italy, 5925 W. 32nd Ave.

Join Localworks for an evening full of food, photos and fun. There will be a "mini-taste of Wheat Ridge" with area restaurants participating. The winners of the "Capture Wheat Ridge" photo contest will be announced. In addition, there will be a silent auction featuring your favorite Wheat Ridge businesses. Support Localworks and their mission at this fundraiser and celebrate Wheat Ridge.



4th Annual Kite Flite Festival & Child Safety Fair

Saturday, April 29
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Anderson Park, 44th and Field

The Wheat Ridge Kite Flite Festival and Child Safety Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Anderson Park at 44th and Field Streets.

This is one of Mayor Joyce Jay's favorite events. "As an advocate for exercise and family play in our parks, I love this annual event and a chance to enjoy the camaraderie of friends and neighbors. It's a great way to get out and play in one of our beautiful Wheat Ridge parks," stated Jay. "And, there are plenty of things for kids to do in addition to flying kites. Our Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD) will be hosting the Child's Safety Fair, providing information for parents and helping get our kids ready to bike safely this summer."

Wheat Ridge Police officers, Arvada Fire Department and the Colorado State Patrol will conduct drive-up car seat safety inspections, and provide free car seats (while supplies last). WRPD will also sponsor a caricature artist, a balloon artist, face painting, Chess-O the mascot and a bike safety rodeo (bikes provided if needed). Crime prevention information will be available in both English and Spanish, and Healing Waters Ministries will be on hand with health information. Lutheran Medical Center will give away free bike helmets on a first-come, first-served basis. A drawing will be held at 3:30 p.m. for two children's bikes, donated by Wheat Ridge Walmart. Drawings will also be held throughout the day for kites and other prizes. WRPD officers will use their DJ skills to provide music for the event. Flight for Life® Colorado is scheduled to land a helicopter in the baseball diamond between noon and 2 p.m. and they invite participants to stop by for a "tour." Their availability will depend on calls for service that morning as well as weather conditions. Link to website <http://co.wheatridge3.civicplus.com/Civ/Events.aspx?AltID=2339>

Don't Forget the Sunscreen



Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded two battery operated sunscreen dispensers and two free cases of sunscreen from the Melanoma Foundation of New England. One dispenser will be located at the Anderson Park outdoor pool and the other will be at Discovery Park.

Wheat Ridge is 5,459 feet above sea level and gets approximately 300 days of sunshine a year, which makes protecting your skin even more important. The Parks and Recreation Department wants to help reduce skin diseases.

The dispensed sunscreen is Bright Guard Sport SPF 30, and water resistant. The dispensers will be serviced by the Parks and Recreation Department. If the sunscreen dispenser is out, please call 303-231-1307.

Tips for Sharing the Road with Motorcycles

We have been experiencing an early spring. With the good weather comes motorcyclists. Please use the following driving tips to make your travels safe.

-Look before you turn. The majority of motorcycle accidents come from automobiles turning left in front of motorcycles. Motorcycles are small and sometimes hard to see, look carefully before turning.

-Give yourself more room when behind a motorcycle. Motorcycles can stop quicker than most cars so you want a larger buffer zone between you and the motorcycle.

-Check your blind spot using both your mirror and looking over your shoulder. Motorcycles are small and quick and can end up in your blind spot without you knowing.

-Increase your distance when following a motorcycle in bad weather. Motorcyclists do not have windshield wipers and are more exposed to the weather.



LARGE ITEM PICK-UP

Wheat Ridge Residents Only

Each spring the City offers free Large Item Pick-up service for residents - not meant for businesses and apartment complexes.

The scheduled pick up dates for those who register will be either

-Saturday, May 20 or May 27

Registration is required and is limited to the first 275 City of Wheat Ridge residences. Each resident will be eligible to have one large bulky household item picked up (an item your residential trash service will NOT pick up without an additional fee).

The City will begin accepting registration calls on Monday, April 10, 2017 through Friday, May 5, 2017, between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at (303) 205-7611.

Registrations will not be accepted after the maximum registration number is met or after 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 5, 2017, whichever comes first.

<http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/1151>

What is Culture in Wheat Ridge?

The Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission wants to know what art in the community means to you, and what cultural events and activities are meaningful to making Wheat Ridge a vibrant, interesting city. Please take few minutes to answer the Commission's 11-question survey, online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRCultural>. Thank you!

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 22, 2017

The City of Wheat Ridge has been awarded "Tree City U.S.A." by the National Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Trees continue to be respected as an important part of the quality of life for citizens and visitors, enhancing property values and community spirit. Join the Mayor in encouraging all citizens and businesses of Wheat Ridge to participate by planting a tree or shrub.

For more information about the Mayor's Matters newsletter, please contact Sara Spaulding, Public Information Officer at ms@wheatridge.com

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