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### First of Wheat Ridge 2E Investing 4 the Future Projects Nears Completion

*Anderson Park Celebrates Grand Opening in June 2019*

**WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. June 1, 2019** –Anderson Park on W. 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Wheat Ridge is scheduled to reopen beginning with a celebration hosted by Mayor Bud Starker on Saturday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m. The plan to renovate and improve Anderson Park is the first project to be completed of the four Investing 4 the Future projects being funded by ballot initiative 2E, which was passed by voters in 2016, approving a ½ cent temporary sales tax increase.

“Construction on this extensive project has been underway since September of last year, and City staff are thrilled to unveil the changes on June 22,” stated Joyce Manwaring, director of parks and recreation for Wheat Ridge. “The plan included a great deal of input from the community, and we think everyone who uses the park to swim, listen to music, participate in sports or simply enjoy the sound of Clear Creek will be very pleased with the changes.”

Plans included improving the park’s existing features while also adding several new amenities. A brand new stage/picnic pavilion will enhance summer Performances in the Park. Residents will also have better access to Clear Creek, thanks to new construction using natural elements. The outdoor pool facilities have also undergone a facelift with completely renovated locker rooms, as well as the addition of two private changing rooms and an upgrade to the lifeguard office.

“Over the years, the park has grown in popularity and become heavily used for many community events, sports programs, and other activities,” continued Manwaring. “As a result, facilities were showing their age and the wear from years of heavy community use. By maintaining the characteristics of the park and updating and improving its amenities, Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation will be able to meet the growing demands of the community.”

Other improvements include new playground features, and a complete renovation of the Anderson Building. A new original piece of art will be installed later this year. Originally built by the Wheat Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, the Anderson building once served as the City’s council chambers and a recreation center.

New ballfield lighting, roof replacements, and sidewalks are also part of the completed improvements, and were designed to help keep the park safe and accessible. For more details, visit [www.rootedinfun.com](http://www.rootedinfun.com) or follow [www.facebook.com/wheatridgeparks](https://www.facebook.com/wheatridgeparks)

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