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City of Wheat Ridge Participates in Regional Point in Time Count of Those Experiencing Homelessness

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. Jan. 15, 2020 – The City of Wheat Ridge and the Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD) will be participating in the Point in Time count conducted by the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI) from sundown on Jan. 27 until sundown on Jan. 28, 2020. The community is being asked to assist with PIT by volunteering, and/or donating items and snacks that will be distributed during the count.

The Point in Time (PIT) count is a voluntary survey of those experiencing homelessness in the community at a single point in time, on one night at the end of January. During PIT, Family Tree, WRPD and Wheat Ridge City staff along with trained volunteers talk with interested individuals, youth and families experiencing homelessness who are willing to complete a survey in person or on the phone. The goal of PIT is to help estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness on any given night in the metro Denver area. The Wheat Ridge Police Department participates each year in the PIT survey process, a donation drive, and volunteer opportunities.

The donation drive is designed to collect items for the packages created for individuals experiencing homelessness. Packages are handed out during the survey process and help to encourage participation in the survey. The deadline for item donations is Fri., Jan. 24, 2020. The program is in need of the following donations to create those packages:

- New or gently used warm hats and gloves for adults
- sleeping bags (can be gently used)
- boots
- hats
- gloves
- candy bars or energy bars or snacks
- small containers of Vaseline (for frostbite prevention)
- \$5 gift cards for King Soopers, McDonald's, Thrift Store

WRPD will be assisting with the count beginning sundown Mon. Jan. 27 through sundown Tues. Jan. 28, and completing voluntary surveys with those experiencing homelessness. Additionally volunteers will assemble sack lunches during the day on January 27 for distribution that evening.

Opportunities to volunteer include assisting WRPD with the survey, and with assembling and distributing donated items, and with preparing sack lunches. Drop boxes for donations are located at City Hall, 7500 W. 29th Ave., the WR Recreation Center 4005 Kipling St., and the WR Active Adult Center, 6363 W. 35th Ave until Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Financial donations may be made on the [PIT donation page](#).

Learn more and [sign up to volunteer](#). [More information](#) on the Point in Time survey.

About The City of Wheat Ridge

The City of Wheat Ridge, located west of Denver with a population of 31,000 residents, is home to a mix of retail/commercial businesses and unique residential neighborhoods. Wheat Ridge is a vibrant community in a prime location, providing easy access to the Denver metro area and to recreation west into the mountains. The City was recently ranked Top Smallest City by the Economic Development Council of Colorado. Info about Wheat Ridge ci.wheatridge.co.us

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