

# Local organizing committee springs into action for Pro Cycling Challenge

*Committee feverishly working to make Aug. 22 spectacular*

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This summer's USA Pro Cycling Challenge will have a stage begin in Woodland Park. That means that a lot of planning and coordination will have to take place leading up to the Aug. 22 event.

As a result, a local organizing committee consisting of community leaders has been assembled.

"I believe we have put together a great group of community members to serve in supporting and coordinating 'America's Race' while in Woodland Park," said Mike Perini, the chairman of the local organizing committee.

The local organizing committee members are: Mark Rabaut and Laura Rabaut (operations/lodging meals); Locke Pierce and Paul Magnuson (technical); Sherri Albertson and Kellie Case (marketing/public relations); Renee Bunting (volunteers); Melinda Truscull and Brian Fleer (partnership); Lesley Ludwick and Robin Pasley (VIP/hospitality); Karen Casey-Svetich, Steve Jerman, Deborah Maresca and Paul Magnuson (education and community); Tamara Buttery (start festival/village); Cindy Keating (ancillary events); Terri Cain and Kathy Fleer (merchandise); Bob Larson and Jim Halloran (security/Woodland Park Police Department); Deb Miller and Sue Griswold

(Woodland Park Chamber of Commerce); Tyler Lambert and Eric Riggle (fire/emergency medical services).

Brian Fleer also serves as the co-director of the LOC.

"We are thrilled that the USA Pro Challenge is coming back to Woodland Park in 2014 and that we have been selected as a host city venue," said Woodland Park mayor Dave Turley. "I know how excited our community was in 2012 when we were selected as a sprint location.

"Being a host venue really is very special and we will be ready to showcase all who join us. It really is a strong indication of our passion for cycling, our beautiful location tucked next to Pikes Peak as well as the collaborative efforts and leadership we showed the cycling world last time around."

The host cities play a key role in making the Pro Challenge a success.

"The host cities selected for the 2014 USA Pro Challenge will really highlight the majestic beauty of Colorado to our worldwide audience," said Rick Schaden, owner of the USA Pro Challenge. "These cities are valued partners who help us continue to raise the bar for professional cycling in America."

The host cities and stages of the 2014 USA Pro Challenge include:

Stage 1: Monday, Aug. 18 - Aspen and Snowmass Village Circuit Race.

Stage 2: Tuesday, Aug. 19 - Aspen to Mt. Crested Butte.

Stage 3: Wednesday, Aug. 20 - Gunnison to Monarch Mountain (mountaintop finish).



The USA Pro Cycling Challenge is coming back to the Woodland Park this summer. The City will host a stage on Aug. 22. *Courtesy photo*

Stage 4: Thursday, Aug. 21 - Colorado Springs Circuit Race.

Stage 5: Friday, Aug. 22 - Woodland Park to Breckenridge.

Stage 6: Saturday, Aug. 23 - Vail Individual Time Trial.

Stage 7: Sunday, Aug. 24 - Boulder to Denver.

The City of Woodland Park Stage 5 Start official website page can be found

at: <http://www.city-woodlandpark.org/home/stage-5-start/>.

The official Woodland Park Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/usaprochallengewoodlandpark>.

The Twitter Account can be found at @USAProCyclingWP.