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# Mayor's Matters

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**Greetings and Happy Holidays!**

On behalf of the City of Wheat Ridge, warm wishes to you and your family this holiday season. Remember to do your holiday shopping in Wheat Ridge whenever possible and keep in your hearts families that may be facing hard times this year. This has been a memorable and successful year for our community and we thank you for your continued support now and throughout the New Year.

Mayor Jerry DiTullio

**Changes to the distribution of Mayor's Matters**

Based on the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), any City e-mail distribution list is accessible to open record requests. To protect the privacy of our readers, the *Mayor's Matters* distribution list has been deleted, and future editions of the e-newsletter will come directly from me through my private e-mail.

As in the past, a copy of the newsletter will be available on the City's [website](#). I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, but look forward to continuing to provide *Mayor's Matters* as a source of news and information from the City of Wheat Ridge.

**Passport to Wheat Ridge**

Enterprise Wheat Ridge and the Wheat Ridge Economic Development Division are encouraging everyone to shop Wheat Ridge this Holiday Season and take advantage of the Passport to Wheat Ridge program. For more information on how to participate, click [here](#).

**City Council study session for urban agriculture**

A growing number of communities throughout Colorado and the U.S. are embracing urban agriculture in a variety of forms. In step with this trend, LiveWell Wheat Ridge is pleased to announce a City Council study session devoted entirely to examining the present and future of urban agriculture in Wheat Ridge on **Monday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall (7500 W. 29th Ave., Wheat Ridge).

Presenters will include:

**Sarah Showalter** - Planner, City of Wheat Ridge**Suzanne Teale** - Wheat Ridge resident/grower and a Wheat Ridge 2020 partner**Shannon Spurlock** - Community Initiatives Coordinator, Denver Urban Gardens**Ted Heyd** - Planning and Technical Consultant, LiveWell Wheat Ridge**City to test final phase of All Hazards Emergency Warning System sirens**

On Monday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m., the City will be conducting an audible test of its newest Emergency Warning System (EWS) sirens.

**Mayor's Matters available online**

Did you know past issues of the *Mayor's Matters* e-newsletter are available online? Click [here](#) to access the City's website and

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## Royal Image Boutique cuts ribbon in style

On Dec. 2, I helped welcome the Royal Image Boutique to its new Wheat Ridge location with a grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony. The new boutique, located at 6073 West 44th Ave., Suite 200, offers bridal, cocktail, prom and pageant dresses, as well as stylish clothing for everyday use. The boutique also features a new showroom with three dressing rooms to meet your shopping needs.



Visit Royal Image at [www.royalimageboutique.com](http://www.royalimageboutique.com) for more information.

## BEST Business Education Workshop

Getting and Keeping Your Customers, *presented by Jefferson County Workforce Center*  
 Wednesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 - 9 a.m.  
 Wheat Ridge Recreation Center

Business Education Series Training (BEST) is a partnership of Jefferson County municipal and nonprofit business specialists that provides high quality educational seminars and training sessions to the region's business community. The seminars are relevant, diverse, affordable and encourage successful growth in a challenging business climate.

## Recycle your holiday tree

The City will be recycling holiday trees Monday, Dec. 13 through Friday, Jan. 28. There is no charge and trees may be dropped off at the following locations:

- Prospect Park - 11300 West 44th Ave. (*Behind the tennis courts*)
- Panorama Park -33rd and Fenton (*East of the ball field*)

Signs will be posted at both locations to assist you in finding the right spot. All tinsel, garland, ornaments and metal objects must

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be removed from the trees so they can be recycled. The trees will help replenish the City's mulch pile, which is located just west of the tennis courts in Prospect Park. Citizens are invited to help themselves to the mulch free of charge as long as it lasts.

For more information contact Forestry Technician Dave Kinser at 303-205-7556 or [dkinser@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:dkinser@ci.wheatridge.co.us).

## Urban wildlife carrying Sarcopic Mange

Wheat Ridge Community Service Officers have recently experienced an increase in calls reporting sick foxes. The foxes carry a contagious disease and are a threat to both humans and to pet populations. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Car thieves look for "puffers" - don't make yourself an easy target

Cold weather has settled in for the winter and car thieves are looking for easy targets, such as vehicles left unattended as they warm up. Click [here](#) for more information on how you can protect yourself from becoming a victim.

## Fraud prevention for the holidays

There are many giving citizens in the community during the holiday season ready to donate food, clothes and cash. Unfortunately, there are also plenty of individuals and organizations poised to take advantage of the giving spirit.

The Wheat Ridge Police Department would like to remind citizens to be wary of fraudulent calls looking for charity donations.

Websites such as [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org) offer helpful hints for giving to charity, including tips and resources, as well as a list of the top 10 charities and featured charities. The website [www.charitywatch.org](http://www.charitywatch.org) can help you find out how your favorite charity is rated by the American Institute of Philanthropy. This site can also provide you with information about supporting disaster relief efforts and much more. The Better Business Bureau's website, [www.bbb.org/us/charity/](http://www.bbb.org/us/charity/), also offers a wealth of information and resources on charity reports and standards, charity complaints and reviews, and a wise-giving guide and resource library.

## For More Information

If you would like more information about the City of Wheat Ridge's monthly e-newsletter, please feel free to contact Heather

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