



Mayor's Matters

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Greetings!

Mayor's Matters is your monthly connection to learn about the great things happening in the City of Wheat Ridge! I encourage you to share this newsletter with any friends or family who may wish to know more about Wheat Ridge. Feel free to forward this on to others.



Please note we have changed the mailing date of this e-newsletter to the fourth Friday of every month.

Mayor Jerry DiTullio

38th Avenue Corridor Plan Public Hearing Scheduled for Oct. 10

The 38th Avenue Corridor between Wadsworth Boulevard and Sheridan Boulevard is a high priority area for redevelopment identified in the



City's updated Comprehensive Plan, [Envision Wheat Ridge](#). A key implementation action from Envision Wheat Ridge is the development of a subarea or corridor plan focusing on a vision for the future of 38th Ave. The plan is scheduled to go to City Council

on Oct. 10 for adoption as an amendment to the comprehensive plan. Detailed information can be found on the City's [website](#).

"As Good As Gold"

On Aug. 31, City Elected Officials and members of the City Management team attended the signing ceremony and ground breaking for the RTD Gold Line commuter rail that was held in Old Towne Arvada. U.S.

Mark Your Calendar

Wheat Ridge Business Awards
Oct. 12 at 7:30 a.m.
Wheat Ridge Recreation Center

A Tour of the Unexpected

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 24 from 1 – 5 p.m. to visit some remarkable examples of mid-century modern residential architecture in Wheat Ridge! Wheat Ridge 2020 (WR 2020) is sponsoring the Mid Century & Modern Tour. For tickets and more information, visit WR 2020's website at www.wheatridge2020.org.

Proposed 2012 Budget

The City's proposed 2012 budget is now available [online](#). There will be a public hearing on the proposed budget during the Sept. 26 City Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood officially signed the document committing \$1.03 billion in federal funds that will be used for two commuter rail lines – the East Corridor to Denver International Airport and the Gold Line traveling from Denver Union Station through Arvada to Wheat Ridge. The Gold Line is anticipated to be completed and ready for service in 2016. For information on the Gold Line and photos from the groundbreaking event, click [here](#).

Wheat Ridge Election Forum 2011

Wheat Ridge United Neighborhoods will host the Wheat Ridge Election Forum for candidates running for office in the Nov. 1, 2011 election. The Forum will be held in City Council Chambers, Wheat Ridge City Hall on **Sept. 29, from 7 – 10 p.m.** Citizens may attend the forum in person or view it live on Cable Channel 8. The Election Forum will be available for citizens to view in its entirety on the City's [Website](#) shortly after the night of the forum and will re-broadcast daily until Election Day.



Special Thank You to WESTON SOLUTIONS!



I am grateful to Weston Solutions for volunteering to help with the cleanup of the Fruitdale School on Sept. 9 in preparation for architect evaluations. As partners in the urban renewal project at the corner of 44th and Wadsworth and this project at Fruitdale, Weston

Solutions continues to show a deep commitment to the communities in which they work.

Presentation to Jefferson Center for Mental Health

At the Sept. 12 City Council Meeting, I was presented with a check from Tom Currigan, Director of Community and Local Government Relations for



International Walk to School Day

Join kids and families around the globe to walk and bike to school on Oct. 5 for International Walk to School Day! For more information visit www.walktoschool.org.

We Want to Hear From You!

Give us your feedback on the recently redesigned *Connections* newsletter! Click [here](#) to fill out the survey.

Save the Date – Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Wheat Ridge Holiday Lighting Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011
6 p.m.
Wheat Ridge Recreation Center

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Kaiser Permanente, and Creigh Kelley, Race Director of the Colfax Marathon. This past May, the City's Relay team – Patrick Goff, Gerald Dahl, Betsy Sailor, Sarah DiTullio and Davis Reinhart – finished in the top ten. It was my pleasure to donate the winnings to Jefferson Center for Mental Health accepted by Jeanne Oliver.

[Wheat Ridge 2020](#)
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Annual Business Appreciation Awards Nominees Named

The City is honored to announce the following nominees for the 2011 Annual Business Appreciation Awards Ceremony on Oct. 12:

- ***Business of the Year***
Al's Pine Garden, The Brown Dog School, Bushell Insurance Agency, Clear Creek Surgery Center, DragonFly Coffee and Deli, Family Tree, Kevin Robb Studios, Mod Mood, Posey Girl Flowers, Starbucks on 38th and Kipling and Wheat Ridge Pharmacy.
- ***Reinvestment Award***
Blu Iron Photography, Compass Construction, Group Insurance Analysts, ModMood, My Pie Pizza, Posey Girl Flowers, Seniors' Resource Center and Wheat Ridge 2020.
- ***Cultural Commission Award***
Kevin Robb Studios, ModMood, Sandalwood Rehabilitation Center and Temple Inland.

Two other awards will be presented at the ceremony – City Council's Partnership Award and the Mayor's Business and Youth Partnership Award.

For all inquiries, please contact Steve Art, Economic Development Manager at 303-235-2806 or e-mail at sart@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

Metal Theft from Air Conditioning Units

The Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD) is asking for help from the public to help prevent metal theft, particularly from air conditioner units. Over the past two months, the WRPD has seen an increase in the number of reports of exterior air conditioning units being vandalized and the metal parts stolen.



Citizens are asked to immediately call the WRPD if they see any

suspicious activity around businesses, or anyone tampering with exterior air conditioning units. The thieves may look like a service technician, although they may in fact be removing and stealing air conditioner parts. The primary targets are businesses, and the thieves move in while the businesses are closed (typically during the night on weekdays, and any time during the day and night on weekends and holidays). These thefts have resulted in substantial financial loss to businesses.

Please report any suspicious activity immediately to the WRPD at 303-237-2220.

For more information

If you would like more information about the Mayor's Matters e-newsletter, please feel free to contact Heather Geyer, Administrative Services Director, at 303-235-2826 or via e-mail at:

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