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Mayor's Matters

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Mayor's Matters is your monthly connection to learning about the great things happening in the City of Wheat Ridge! I encourage you to share the monthly e-newsletter with any friends or family who may wish to know more about Wheat Ridge. Feel free to use the "Forward" link at the bottom of the page to send a copy of this e-newsletter to others.



On November 11th as we celebrate Veterans Day, please join me in remembering our local veterans, our fallen heroes and those still serving overseas to protect the many freedoms we enjoy here at home.

Mayor Jerry DiTullio

2008 Election

Local ballot initiatives fail

The City of Wheat Ridge had three local initiatives on the November 4th ballot. Unfortunately, initiatives 2a+2b+2c failed. I believe our national economic troubles and stock market woes are bigger than all of us at this time at the local level.

I would like to thank the thousands of voters in Wheat Ridge who recognized the importance of these local initiatives and voted in support of them. Many residents worked tirelessly over the past weeks to educate voters about these important issues. I want to thank you for your commitment to repositioning Wheat Ridge.

2A - 38th Avenue Reconstruction and Streetscape

Yes: 35.87% No: 58.45%*

2B - Flood Control and Drainage Improvements

Yes: 32.27% No: 58.83%*

[Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! 2009 Wheat Ridge Snow and Ice Removal Program](#)

It is just a matter of time before snowflakes begin falling in Wheat Ridge. Make sure you and your family are prepared for winter driving. See page six of the City's fall *Connections* Newsletter for more information on the City's snow removal policy and tips for staying safe this winter.

[Who Ya Gonna Call?](#)

Do you have a copy of the new "Who Ya Gonna Call?" Wheat Ridge Telephone Directory? This new directory is a great resource for citizens in Wheat Ridge, providing important phone numbers for City, County and State services. "Who Ya Gonna Call?" is organized by topics such as "barking dog." A copy of the directory can be accessed on the City Web site in PDF format. If you would like a copy of the directory mailed to you, please contact City Hall at 303-234-5900.

[Coffee with a Cop](#)

Meet and visit with members of the Wheat Ridge Police Department over coffee! Ask questions about the department, special programs or law enforcement in general.

2C - Amending City Charter to Provide for Height & Density Limitations as Stated in Zoning Code

Yes: 41.55% No: 44.09%*

*Election information as of 11/5/08. Source: www.votejeffco.org.

City Receives National Recognition for New Marketing Brand

Recognition Important to City's marketing and revitalization efforts

The City is pleased to have been awarded the prestigious "Silver Circle" award for the development of the community's new marketing logo and brand identity by the City-County Communications Marketing Association (3CMA) in October.

Tip from Cody the Code Ranger on Barking Dog Disturbances

Question: Cody, I have a neighbor whose dog barks non-stop and I have complained to my neighbor but he doesn't think it is an issue. What can I do?



Answer: A barking dog disturbance is considered a nuisance in the City Code defined in Section 4-9 as, "creating a disturbance by frequent, habitual and unprovoked howling, barking or other unreasonable noise...."

If the Community Services Team in the Wheat Ridge Police Department receives a complaint about a barking dog, the Community Service Officer (CSO) initially issues a written warning to a dog owner after the first complaint, and then allows 7-10 days for the dog owner to resolve the problem. If the problem persists, and if the City has a named complaining party, the City is then able to conduct a neighborhood canvass. This is done to determine the extent/severity of the barking problem and determine what enforcement action needs to be taken.

It is helpful to City CSOs to gain as much information from the citizen filing the complaint such as: address of the property where the dog resides, how long the problem has been going on, typical days/time of day barking occurs, description of dog, how long barking goes on (i.e.: 10 min vs. 3 hours), etc.

As a reminder, the City Code allows for a maximum of three dogs and maximum of four cats on a residential property. All dogs are

**Monday, Nov. 10th
9 to 11 a.m.**

**Monday, Dec. 8th
9 to 11 a.m.**

Coffee with a Cop is held at Starbucks located at 3450 Youngfield Street in Wheat Ridge.

Green Tip...Accelerate and Decelerate Slowly

To save gasoline while driving, accelerate and decelerate smoothly and gradually. Jack-rabbit accelerations consume up to 50 percent more fuel and generate one-hundred times (100x) as much carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emissions when compared to slow, steady accelerations. In traffic, anticipate stops and starts for traffic lights and changing traffic speeds to maintain a constant speed and minimize brake use.

Source: *Environmental Defense Fund*

Do your part in helping make Wheat Ridge environmentally friendly!

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required to be [licensed](#) in Jefferson County.

To file a complaint about a barking dog, please contact the Community Services Team Message Line at 303-235-2926 or the non-emergency dispatch number at 303-237-2220.

Save the Date for the Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Sponsored by [Enterprise Wheat Ridge](#)

Save the date for the annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony sponsored by Enterprise Wheat Ridge. This year's ceremony is scheduled for Friday, December 5, 2008 at 6 p.m. at Wheat Ridge City Hall (7500 W. 29th Avenue). Festivities include Santa and his elves, professional carolers The Yuletiders, horse-drawn hay rides and refreshments! Please call 303-231-1300 for more information.

[Fundraising Continues for Public Art](#)

[Would you like to see new public art in Wheat Ridge?](#)

During the summer, the Mayor's Office, in partnership with the Cultural Commission and the Wheat Ridge Foundation, began fundraising efforts to acquire public art. Fundraising efforts to date have proved fruitful with \$6,275 in donations received and an in-kind donation of \$7,000 in materials received from the artists' materials supplier.

2007 Wheat Ridge Volunteer of the Year Tom Abbott donated the first public art donation of \$2,500 and I also contributed a \$1,000 donation towards the public art fundraising effort. A total of \$50,000 in funding is needed to purchase a sculpture that will be created by local artist and Wheat Ridge resident Kevin Robb.

Citizens interested in making a tax deductible donation can do so by making a check payable to the Wheat Ridge Foundation noting "Public Art Campaign," and send it to the following:

Wheat Ridge Foundation
Attn: Mayor's Office
7500 W. 29th Ave.
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

For more information about this program, please contact Janice Smothers, Assistant to the Mayor, at 303-235-2815 or via E-mail at: jsmothers@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

For More Information

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