



Mayor's Matters

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Greetings!

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 this 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.

Mayor Jerry DiTullio



"If I Were Mayor..." Annual Essay Contest for Colorado 7th grade students

If you were Mayor, how would YOU explain the importance of municipal government to kids in the community?

The Colorado Municipal League (CML) and COLOTRUST are sponsoring the 2009 annual essay contest for Colorado 7th grade students.

The deadline for submitting essays is March 31, 2009 and winners will be awarded a \$500 savings bond, certificate of achievement and the opportunity to attend the 87th CML Annual Conference in Vail June 16-19, 2009!

For more information, contact Lisa White at CML at 303-831-5411 or visit www.cml.org and click on Information.

Amici's Italian Restaurant open for business

On Tuesday, March 10, Wheat Ridge City Council members joined the staff at Amici's, a new family owned restaurant, in celebrating its official grand opening. The new pizzeria and Italian restaurant has done a soft opening for the past several weeks and has



experienced great success in moving to the Wheat Ridge community. Visit Amici's located at 4300 Wadsworth Blvd.

Mayor's Art Initiative and future park development at 38th & Kipling

Progress is being made on the future park development at 38th & Kipling and the Cultural Commission has recommended the park site as the future home of the Mayor's Art Initiative Sculpture that will be created by local sculptor, Kevin Robb.

In July 2008, the City of Wheat Ridge Mayor's Office, in partnership with the Cultural Commission and the Wheat Ridge Foundation, began fundraising efforts to acquire public art.

Homes for sale by Wheat Ridge 2020

Do you know someone looking for a townhome or single-family home? Refer them to these beautiful homes renovated by Wheat Ridge 2020!

[6265 W. 46th Pl.](#) \$229,000
[6855 W. 48th Ave.](#) \$225,000
[4753 Dover St.](#) \$209,900

Fundraising continues as plans continue for the park development.

In early 2009, the Wheat Ridge City Council awarded the design development contract for the future park site at 38th & Kipling to Design Concepts Landscape Architects in Lafayette, Colo. The award of the construction bid is planned for August 2009, with the construction projected to begin in the fall of 2009. The park will be completed in phases. Generally, Phase I will include utilities, storm drainage, site preparation, the parking lot and interior walkways. Open space funds through Jefferson County are earmarked for the park development over a three year period.

Additionally, the City has received a \$275,000 Joint Venture grant from Jefferson County that will benefit the park project. For more information on the park development, please contact Joyce Manwaring, director of Parks and Recreation at 303-231-1307 or e-mail jmanwaring@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

Citizens interested in making a tax deductible donation to the Mayor's Art Initiative can do so by making a check payable to the Wheat Ridge Foundation, please note "Public Art Campaign" on the donation. All donations can be mailed to: Wheat Ridge Foundation, Attn: Mayor's Office, 7500 W. 29th Ave. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.

Board and Commission appointments

Wheat Ridge citizens who take the step to get involved by volunteering their time and energy on one of the City's Boards and Commissions are representative of the importance of active involvement in local government in order to make a difference in the community. Board and Commission appointments are made when vacancies occur. Announcements are made when vacancies occur by our City Clerk's Office.

The City of Wheat Ridge would like to congratulate the following citizens that were recently appointed by City Council in addition to several Mayoral appointments made.

Henry Hollender - District III - Planning Commission
Marc Dietrick - District IV - Planning Commission
Barbara Hance - District IV - Animal Welfare & Control
Guy Nahmiach - District III - Parks & Recreation
Geoffrey Wodell - District IV - Cultural Commission
Elizabeth Clark - At Large - Cultural Commission
Paul Shaver - District III - Liquor Authority
Katie Vanderveen - District II - Housing Authority
Becky Bye - District I - Urban Renewal Authority
Cheri Jahn - Wheat Ridge Foundation
Ryan Fisher - District II - Board of Adjustment
Robert Howard - Alternate, District IV - Board of Adjustment

[3880 Oak St.](#) \$189,000

[Somerset Townhomes](#)
starting at \$152,500

You can link to property details and virtual tours at the [Wheat Ridge 2020 Website](#).

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. The next opportunity is:

**Monday, April 13
9 to 11 a.m.**

Coffee with a Cop takes place at the Starbucks located at 3450 Youngfield Street in Wheat Ridge.

Upcoming dates:

**Monday, May 11
9 to 11 a.m.**

Green Tip

Small changes add up! According to *IdealBite.com*, if 10,000 residents in Denver watered their gardens for 1 hour less in 2009, we would conserve enough drinking water to hydrate one million people for an entire year.

Source: www.idealbite.com
daily tip, January 16, 2009

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2009 Wheat Ridge Civic Academy

Get involved in Wheat Ridge government and learn how local government works by participating in the 3rd Annual Wheat Ridge Civic Academy. The Wheat Ridge Civic Academy was created as a way to engage residents who are interested in taking on leadership roles in the community.

The Civic Academy will begin in late August 2009 and applications will be available starting June 1. If you are interested in participating in the program and would like to have an application mailed to you, please contact Heather Geyer, Assistant to the City Manager/Public Information Officer at 303-235-2826 or e-mail hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

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Mayor's Budget Oversight Committee

Current economic conditions and recent budget cuts have inspired the creation of the Mayor's Budget Oversight Committee (BOC). In February, City Council approved the appointment of citizens to the BOC. The purpose of this new advisory committee is to provide a "sounding board" to City Council to review City revenues and expenditures. The BOC may recommend an expense not be incurred in the 2010 budget based on economic conditions and data from the City Manager's Office. The committee may explore new revenue streams and make recommendations to City Council. Likewise, City Council may refer budget questions or issues to the committee for recommendation. For more information on the BOC, visit the [City Website](#) and click on Mayor's Office under the Government tab.

The following citizens were appointed to the Mayor's BOC:

Lena Rotola, City Council
Tracy Langworthy, City Council
Larry Schulz, City Treasurer
Charles Holcer, Citizen District I
Brian Hansen, Citizen District II
Mary Cavarra, Citizen District III, former City Treasurer
George Jorgenson, Citizen District IV

Spring Green Business Showcase

The Economic Development Division is pleased to partner with Enterprise Wheat Ridge (EWR) and the Applewood Business Association (ABA) to bring you the Wheat Ridge Spring Green Business Showcase. This event is FREE and open to the public. The event will be **Tuesday, April 28, 2009 from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m.** at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center located at 4005

Kipling St. Come and check out the amazing businesses in the Wheat Ridge community.

Interested in Showcasing Your Business?

Give your business a boost this spring by being a vendor at the Wheat Ridge Spring Green Business Showcase. Experts say businesses who market during a weak economy will have a jump over those who cut back on their marketing efforts. Highlight your business to the community, get leads and make great connections.

Businesses interested in being a vendor should call Lisa Faust, Event Coordinator at 303-521-1536 or e-mail lisa@anewwaytolife.com. Each booth rental is \$30 for EWR and ABA members and \$40 for non-members if you register by April 3. Space is limited so register today!

Wheat Ridge Senior/Community

Center to host Wii celebration

Friday, March 20, 2009, Sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care

Video games are not just for a younger crowd anymore! In November 2006, Nintendo introduced the Wii and has been engaging people of all ages ever since. The Wii is the first video game to incorporate player movement into on-screen actions and has proven to be a great fitness tool for the over 50 crowd.

The Wii system allows you to use remote controllers, much like TV remotes, to play realistic sports, games and fitness activities. The characters on-screen actually move with each player, bending, turning and swinging as if they were playing the sport or game. Players can create their own personalized on-screen character called a "Mii."

"The novelty of Wii is that it provides both physical and cognitive activities that are fun and engaging," said Karen Ruiz, Recreation Supervisor for the Wheat Ridge Senior/Community Center.

Nintendo Wii supports the Senior/Community Center's goals of promoting overall wellness, fitness and social opportunities for adults ages 50 and older. The Wii offers an opportunity for older adults, regardless of their physical abilities, to engage in friendly, interactive competition, generating great enthusiasm and promoting activity. Participants are guaranteed to love the Wii sports games that allow you to smash a tennis ball, roll a bowling ball and hit the pins, knock out your boxing partner, drive a golf ball or swing a bat for a home run.

Other Wii games available at the Senior/Community Center include billiards, darts, table hockey, table tennis, hoop shooting and more! The Center also has Wii Fit which uses a sensory board to put your balance, strength and flexibility to the test with more than 40 fun fitness activities such as yoga, snowboarding

and aerobics. You can also give your brain a workout using the Big Brain Academy as you race to complete brain-tastic activities.

We love the Wii and so will you! Come join us as we celebrate our new Wii system **Friday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m.** Volunteers will show you what it is and how it works. Participants will be able to try Wii firsthand and create their own Wii character. Refreshments will be served compliments of Home Instead Senior Care.

For More Information

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