



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



City Team Donates Golf Tournament Winnings to Mayor's Public Art Campaign

City staff members that participated on a team at the Annual Applewood Business Association Golf Tournament last week, including Joyce Manwaring, Director of Parks and Recreation; Ken Johnstone, Director of Community Development; Rich Swanson, Facilities Operations Supervisor; and Ryan Stachelski, Economic Development Specialist. The team placed 2nd in the tournament and graciously donated their monetary award to the Mayor's Public Art Campaign.

A big thanks and congratulations to the Team for their generosity! To learn more about how you can support the Mayor's Public Art Campaign, click [here](#).



Comprehensive Plan Tip of the Month

Between 2000 and 2007, residential building permit activity in Wheat Ridge was primarily single-family houses (68 percent), averaging 20 permits per year. Compared to the surrounding communities of Arvada, Lakewood and Golden, Wheat Ridge had a lower proportion (32 percent) of multi-family permits between 2000 and 2007, averaging 9 multi-family permits per year. In addition, Wheat Ridge saw significantly fewer total multi-family permits (74 total compared with 2,041 in Arvada; 1,497 in Lakewood; and 135 in Golden) during that period.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Wheat Ridge Business District After Hours

Join us for this excellent networking opportunity on **Wednesday, July 15** from 4 - 7 p.m. The event will be held at Big Sky Espresso Cafe at 7300 W. 38th Ave. in Wheat Ridge. Light refreshments, wine and beer will be served.

Please click [here](#) to RSVP by July 13. Hope to see you there!

Coffee with a Cop

Community Conversation on Growth

Wheat Ridge 2020 and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) of Colorado are pleased to invite you to a Community Conversation on Growth. The Colorado Grassroots Outreach Committee has received a grant to help facilitate conversations regarding a long-term community outreach campaign that will:

- Increase awareness of how community growth can be managed effectively to enhance neighborhoods and communities.
- Increase awareness of growth options, particularly smart growth options.
- Enhance the understanding of consumer preference and public sentiment regarding community growth.
- Help growing communities in Colorado work more effectively together on growth issues.

The forum will feature interactive sessions, in-depth questions and answers and electronic polling. The forum is free and will take place on **Saturday, July 11** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Copper Fields Event Chateau, located at 4901 Marshall St. The Jefferson County Association of Realtors is generously sponsoring the venue for the event. Reservations are required as meals will be provided and electronic voting devices will be utilized.

We invite you and your neighbors to participate in this dialogue about shaping the future of Wheat Ridge. Space is limited so please reserve your seat today and invite interested neighbors and stakeholders to join us as well. For reservations, call Julie Stark at 720-259-1030 or E-mail jstark@wheatridge2020.org.

Promote Crime Prevention While Walking Your Way to Fitness

For the third year in a row, the Wheat Ridge Police Department has teamed up with LiveWell Wheat Ridge (LWWR) for the Walk and Watch Program. This innovative crime prevention and fitness program is one-of-a-kind and only offered in Wheat Ridge. Walk and Watch brings the principles of Neighborhood Watch to the streets, parks, greenbelts and trails.

As a volunteer with Walk and Watch, individuals serve as the eyes and ears of the Police Department and assist in reporting any suspicious behavior they may encounter while walking in and around their neighborhoods, parks and trails in the greenbelt. Being a Walk and Watch volunteer is a great way for Wheat Ridge residents to get involved in their community by helping people feel safe while staying physically active.

To become a Walk and Watch volunteer, individuals must attend an information and training meeting. The next meeting is

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.

Due to the popularity of Coffee with a Cop, we've added additional dates and locations!

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

The next opportunity is:

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

Upcoming dates:

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

**Monday, August 10
9 to 11 a.m.**

**Monday, Sept. 7
9 to 11 a.m.**

On Fridays, Coffee with a Cop takes place at Big Sky Espresso Cafe located at 7300 West 38th Avenue in Wheat Ridge.

Upcoming dates:

**Friday, July 10
9 to 11 a.m.**

**Friday, Sept. 11
9 to 11 a.m.**

Green Tip

Clean Your Fridge Coils!

scheduled for **July 23** from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center Columbine Room.

For more information on the Walk and Watch Program, visit the LiveWell Wheat Ridge [Website](#) or contact Elise Lubell, at 303-271-5719 or via E-mail at: elubell@jeffco.us.

38th and Kipling Park Receives Great Outdoors Colorado Grant

The Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Department has received a Great Outdoors Colorado Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the park construction located at 38th Ave. and Kipling St. Grant awards for this project now total \$475,000, which includes \$275,000 from the Jefferson County Joint Venture Grant.

Design, development and construction drawings for the project are now 95 percent complete. Bidding is scheduled for August and the contract is anticipated to be awarded in the fall.

New Foothills Animal Shelter Celebrates Groundbreaking

Jefferson County commissioners and Table Mountain Animal Center VIPs tossed the first ceremonial dirt on June 30 for the new \$9.7 million Foothills Animal Shelter in Golden.

The new 30,000 square-foot facility is scheduled to open no later than the end of 2010 and will feature larger, more comfortable "holding" areas for all animals, a better design for more efficient cleaning of animal spaces, extensive ventilation systems to minimize the spread of illness, sound-proofing to minimize animal stress, a community room for education, training and public gatherings and a veterinary area to provide basic animal welfare services.

The new shelter will be located at 6th Ave., west of Indiana St. near the Colorado Mills Shopping Center in Golden. To learn more, visit www.tablemountainanimals.org.



City Tests New All Hazards Emergency Warning System

Refrigerators are an essential electrical appliance and are used 365 days a year.

Improving the efficiency of your refrigerator is a great way to keep it in good condition and cut down on your electricity bill. Dust accumulates on the coils and can increase energy consumption by 30 percent. So on the next rainy day, try pulling out your fridge and giving your condenser coils a good dusting, chances are it needs it!

Source: DailyEcoTips, June 29, 2009.

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 download past issues of *Mayor's Matters*!

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On June 24, the City of Wheat Ridge successfully performed a final test of its new state-of-the-art warning system. The All Hazards Emergency Warning System (EWS) is designed to alert Wheat Ridge citizens and motorists of the typical dangers that may be encountered, such as tornados or floods, as well as hazardous material spills and police and fire emergency situations that may occur in the City.

The EWS has the ability of producing a variety of warnings, such as the commonly known wail or air horn, or several pre-recorded messages. The system also allows for an emergency services specialist to speak through the units, individually or as a whole system, from in the Police Department's Communications Center.

The City is very excited about the final testing of the first six EWS units. The six phase 1 units cover the Lena Gulch flood plain and most of the Clear Creek flood plain. The City's objective is to eventually have fifteen units throughout the City.

For more information, contact Wheat Ridge Police Department Public Information Officer Lisa Stigall at 303-235-2930 or E-mail lstigall@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

Police Ask Park and Greenbelt Patrons to Leave Valuables at Home

Each summer, citizens of Wheat Ridge attract unwanted attention from thieves by leaving their valuables in their unattended vehicles in park and greenbelt parking lots. Criminals take advantage of the opportunity and occasionally break into vehicles to steal these valuables. Unfortunately, vehicle break-ins can be completed in a matter of minutes and witnesses are few.

The Wheat Ridge Police Department asks you not to store valuable items such as briefcases, wallets and purses in your vehicle. If you must carry a purse or briefcase, lock it in the trunk prior to arriving at the parking lot or trailhead. As always, please call 9-1-1 or the Wheat Ridge Police Department at 303-237-2220 if you see any suspicious activity or you are a victim of a crime.

Save on Prescription Drugs With the New Prescription Discount Card

The City of Wheat Ridge has a new program to offer savings on prescription drugs to residents who are without health insurance, a traditional benefits plan, or have prescriptions that are not covered by insurance.

The Prescription Discount Card is made available to residents by the City of Wheat Ridge in collaboration with the National League

of Cities (NLC) and is made possible through the Wheat Ridge membership in NLC.

The card is FREE to all Wheat Ridge residents, regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. By using this card you may save an average of 20 percent off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies.

To discover the savings and learn more about the program, visit the [Caremark Website](#) to access the program online, print a card, check drug prices and locate participating pharmacies.

Residents may also pick up a card at the following locations:

Wheat Ridge City Hall Front Reception Desk, 7500 W. 29th Ave.

Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling St.

Senior/Community Center, 6363 W. 35th Ave.

For more information, call Caremark toll free: 1-888-620-1749.

City to Celebrate Grand Opening of Arista Spa

A grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for July 23 from 5 - 7 p.m. at 6658 West 38th Avenue to celebrate the opening of Arista Spa & Wellness. Sole proprietor, *Ms Vicki* Gesford has recently opened this gender-friendly establishment and has been earnestly serving the community by offering a variety of affordable day spa getaways called "Spacations."

Ms Vicki will be offering a 20 percent discount for new clients. In addition, complimentary treatments will be provided during the Carnation Festival Parade.

For more information, contact Arista Spa & Wellness at 303-410-1464 or visit www.aristaspa.com.

Stay Connected with Live and On Demand Videos

Wheat Ridge residents are now able to watch local City meetings broadcast live over the internet! Users can also instantly replay all or part of those meetings at their convenience through a link on the City's Website. The City launched the new videostreaming technology last month to enhance the accessibility of Channel 8 programming to citizens who may not have access to WRTV 8.

Click [here](#) to view the live and on demand videos!

For More Information

If you would like more information about the City of Wheat Ridge's E-Newsletters, please feel free to contact Heather Geyer, Assistant to the City Manager/Public Information Officer at 303-235-2826 or via E-mail at: hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us

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