



# Mayor's Matters

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## **Greetings and Happy New Year!**

I would like to welcome everyone to this year's first edition of *Mayor's Matters* and express how optimistic I am that 2010 will truly be a great year for our community. Already this year has been a busy one, as we have many exciting things on the horizon for Wheat Ridge. I look forward to your continued support as we enter into a new decade of possibilities for our City!



*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 Asks For Input From Residents in Eastern Wheat Ridge

The Wheat Ridge Police Department, together with Wheat Ridge 2020 and LiveWell Wheat Ridge, is seeking input from the eastern Wheat Ridge community through a neighborhood survey mailed to current residents and businesses. The survey asks for feedback regarding a variety of issues including crime prevention, neighborhood information, services and general information on residents in the area. The survey results will help the City determine how to better serve eastern Wheat Ridge with tools and incentives to enhance their neighborhoods and position the City as a vibrant, sustainable community. For more information, please visit [www.wheatridge2020.org](http://www.wheatridge2020.org).

## Marketing Program Workshop

The Business Education Training Series (BEST) is holding a business education seminar focused on marketing on Jan. 29, 2010 from 7:30 - 9 a.m. at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center. "Marketing, Marketing, Marketing - Effective, Affordable



## Latest Issue of *Connections* Available Online

The Winter 2009-2010 issue of Wheat Ridge *Connections* is available on the City's Web site!

The *Connections* newsletter is a publication produced and published by the City Manager's Office and serves as a source for community news, information and notices. The newsletter is mailed quarterly to businesses and residents throughout the City.

If you do not currently receive a copy of *Connections*, and would like to be added to our mailing list, please e-mail Heather Geyer, Assistant to the City Manager and Public Information Officer, at [hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us) or call 303-235-2826.



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**Who Is My Council**

Strategies," is the first topic of BEST's 2010 seminar line up. The fee to attend is \$15, which includes breakfast.

BEST is a partnership of Jefferson County municipal and nonprofit business specialists which provides high quality education seminars and training sessions to the region's business community. These sessions are relevant, diverse and affordable for the purpose of encouraging successful growth in a challenging business climate.

The education seminars and training sessions are geared towards any sized business or profession. Topics for the 2010 series include communication skills, social networking, financing your business, immigration law, buyer behavior and more.

For more information, a complete list of workshops, or to register for the seminar, click [here](#).

## WR2020 and City Awarded Grant for 38th Avenue Market Study

On Dec. 2 and 3, Wheat Ridge 2020 (WR2020) participated in the Community Revitalization Partnership Program. Through a partnership with the Department of Local Government Affairs of the State of Colorado and Downtown Colorado, Inc., WR2020 has received a matching grant that provides assistance to pay for a team of experts to help conduct a market study for 38th Avenue from Sheridan to Wadsworth. Preliminary recommendations from the initial phases of this study were presented on Dec. 3 and a final report will be forthcoming in early 2010.

To learn more about this project and other WR2020 initiatives, visit the WR2020 [Website](#).

## Edible Garden-In-A-Box Offered Through Center for ReSource Conservation

The Jefferson Conservation District, in partnership with the Center for ReSource Conservation and The TSR Group, would like to announce the addition of an edible garden to the Garden-in-a-Box program for the 2010 season.

Garden-in-a-Box is a nonprofit program run by the Center for ReSource Conservation intended to simplify water-wise gardening by providing professional "plant-by-numbers" designs, a selection of xeriscape plants and planting and care instructions at low cost to residents in participating cities.

The edible garden features perennial herbs and annual vegetables in a design that promotes efficient water use and

### Member?

Not sure what District you live in? Wondering which Council Member represents your District? The City's Web site features a map of all the Wheat Ridge City Council Districts to help you answer these questions! Click [here](#) to access the City Council District Map online. To access contact information for all City Council Members, click [here](#).

### Save the Date!

**March 27, 2010** marks the City's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at Panorama Park, located at 35th Ave. and Fenton St. The event is FREE to attend so bring the kids for a day of fun in the park! The festivities will begin at 10 a.m.

### Wheat Ridge State and Local Elected Official Town Hall Meetings

Hosted by Senator Moe Keller and Representative Sue Schafer and local elected officials. Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Upcoming 2010 meeting dates:

**Feb. 27** - Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, Dahlia Room, 4005 Kipling St.

**March 27 & April 24** - Wheat Ridge Senior/Community Center, Art Room, 6363 W. 35th Ave.

*Meeting notes will be posted on the Mayor's page of the City Website [here](#).*

### Recycle Your Christmas Tree

scenic edible landscapes. It will be available for viewing Feb. 1, 2010 and for purchase in participating cities beginning March 1, 2010.

For more information, visit [www.conservationcenter.org](http://www.conservationcenter.org).

## Upcoming Parks and Recreation Activities

### Chinese New Year - Feb. 13

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a variety of performances!

**Where:** Wheat Ridge Senior/Community Center, 6363 W. 35th Ave.

**When:** 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$4 or free to SilverSneakers card holders

### Applewood Bridal Fair - Feb. 21

Join the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center and A to Z Rental Center for the Applewood Bridal Fair. Vendors from all wedding categories will be available and there will be a prize drawing, so don't miss out!

**Where:** Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling St.

**When:** 12 - 3 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE!

For more upcoming events and activities in Wheat Ridge, pick up a copy of the Parks and Recreation Activity Guide, or click [here](#) to access it online.



## Citizen Police Academy Scheduled for 2010

The Wheat Ridge Police Department is proud to announce that it will host another session of the Citizen Police Academy in March of 2010.

The purpose of the Academy is to give citizens who live and/or work in the City an opportunity to learn first-hand about the inner workings of the Wheat Ridge Police Department. Police and civilian personnel will present lectures and demonstrations in order to give Academy participants an understanding of the department's mission, practices and operations.

The Citizen Police Academy is scheduled to begin on

It's not too late! You still have time to recycle your Christmas tree. The Christmas Tree Recycling Program runs through Jan. 29, 2010. There are two drop off locations for your convenience: Prospect Park at 11300 W. 44th Ave and Panorama Park at 33rd Ave. and Fenton St.

Please remove all tinsel, garland and metal from trees. Commercial dumping is not permitted. Mulch will be available at the Prospect Park location.

For more information, call 303-205-7556.

### Fight the Flu!

Flu season isn't over just yet! For tips on protecting yourself and your family from the flu, visit the Jefferson County Public Health [Website](#).

### Cody the Code Ranger's Tip of the Month

Due to concerns expressed by Wheat Ridge citizens to City Officials last year, City Council adopted revisions to the Wheat Ridge City Code of Laws, Section 26-501, which prohibits the parking of a motor vehicle on landscaping or other soft surfaces. The amendments became effective in August 2009.

Cody would like to remind you to refrain from parking vehicles on lawns or compacted dirt surfaces. In addition to being unsightly, using lawns or soft surfaces for the purpose of parking or



Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday night through May 19, 2010 (twelve weeks). The final class will consist of a graduation ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Academy.

For more information, see page 11 of the *Connections* newsletter, found [here](#). If you are interested in applying for the Citizen Police Academy, please complete the [application form](#) and return it to the Patrol Administrative Sergeant at the Wheat Ridge Police Department. Please contact Sergeant Cohen at 303-235-2951 with any questions.

## Now on Wheat Ridge Top of the Hour...

The current edition of the award-winning WRTV8 Top of the Hour is now playing and features information about the City's new Off-Street Parking Requirements.

WRTV8 programming is available to subscribers of Comcast Cable on Channel 8. Non-cable subscribers may access WRTV8 programming on demand, online at the City's [Website](#), click on the video streaming button on the left side of the homepage. WRTV8 Top of the Hour is also available on [YouTube](#).

## 2010 Board and Commissioning Vacancies

The City is recruiting residents wanting to participate in their Government by volunteering on the City's Boards and Commissions. Applicants must live in the district for which they are applying and applications from interested residents must be submitted by Feb. 1, 2010. For a list of district openings, click [here](#).

## 38th and Kipling Park Progress

In 2009, City Council approved a master plan for the future park site at 38th Ave and Kipling St. The park will be completed in phases. Design development for Phase I and II, which includes a detailed plan for the park and finalized construction drawings, is complete. Undergrounding of the utilities has been completed, and the utility poles are being removed.

Phase I and II will be constructed back to back and will include utilities, storm drainage, site preparation, the parking lot, interior walkways, lighting and electrical, signage, benches and picnic tables, playgrounds and play area surfacing. Construction is projected to begin this month, as weather permits, with completion expected by this summer.

storage of vehicles has a negative effect on storm water quality when dirt and debris from the yards is carried onto the streets.

The revised ordinance provides definitions for an acceptable residential driveway and approved hard surface materials. It requires certain durable materials be used for off-street parking areas throughout the City.

For more information, contact the Community Services Team Message Line at 303-235-2926.

### 2010 Census

Be on the lookout for your 2010 Census coming this March. Don't miss your opportunity to make a difference. By answering 10 simple questions, you can help improve our schools, roads, public transportation, hospitals, job training programs and much more. For more information, visit [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov).

### 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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Design development of Phase III begins this month. Phase III will include a skate park, climbing wall, shade shelters and restroom, trees, landscaping, construction of two gateway structures and a maze. The timing for construction of Phase III is pending based on the outcome of grant funding. With grant funding, construction will continue for Phase III; however, without the grant, construction will begin in spring 2011. For more information, click [here](#). To view a final plan of the park, click [here](#).

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## Enterprise Wheat Ridge Announces *Passport to Wheat Ridge* Winners

At its January 21 meeting, Enterprise Wheat Ridge (EWR) announced the three winners of Passport to Wheat Ridge, a new "shop local" campaign held during November and December 2009 to stimulate the local economy. The winners, Cheryl Keller, Dennis Brungardt and Patti Humphrey, each received a gift package valued at more than \$300 after their names were drawn.

"Our Passport to Wheat Ridge program rewarded everyone -- customers who had a chance to win these prizes, businesses that experienced customers coming in to purchase and participate, and the City of Wheat Ridge that experiences an increase in tax revenue from more local purchases. EWR members are committed to making a difference in our local economy to benefit all," said EWR President Loretta DiTirro.

City of Wheat Ridge Police Chief Dan Brennan (pictured right) and Wheat Ridge Council Member, District III, Mike Stites (pictured center) drew the names at the January 12 meeting, while EWR President Loretta DiTirro announced the winners. In addition to selecting three grand prize winners, EWR also held a prize drawing for shoppers who submitted Passports showing they spent at least five dollars at any Wheat Ridge business; each Passport submission required eight separate purchases. All the prizes were donated by Wheat Ridge businesses and individuals in support of the program.



"Thanks to Mayor Jerry DiTullio, City Manager Randy Young and the City of Wheat Ridge for their support of our new program. We look forward to building on it this year," said DiTirro.

Formed in 2002, EWR is dedicated to promoting economic vitality and the sustainability of Wheat Ridge businesses. More than 150 members - including businesses, City and state officials, individuals and organizations - comprise the nonprofit

organization. For full details about Enterprise Wheat Ridge, visit [www.ewheatridge.com](http://www.ewheatridge.com).

## For More Information

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