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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

**Check out the WR2020 blog!**

In addition to Twitter and LinkedIn, now you can stay updated on current news and information via the WR2020 blog! View it [here](#).

Economic Development Strategic Plan

On July 19, City staff presented to Council a draft of the City's new Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP).

The EDSP highlights five geographic priority areas as well as four programmatic economic development goals for the City of Wheat Ridge. Each programmatic goal has a series of strategies in order to accomplish each of the goals. Each strategy has a series of action items that together create a road map for implementation.

To view a copy of the EDSP, click [here](#).

Green Tip

If every office worker used one less staple a day for a year, 120 tons of steel would be saved.

Source: Planet Green

Storm-related building permit rebate program**Application deadline is September 30, 2010**

Following last year's storm on July 20, the City of Wheat Ridge implemented an ordinance to establish a 50 percent rebate on all building permit fees as a result of storm damage. Through the end of July 2010, the City has issued nearly 1,000 building permit rebates, totaling more than \$119,000.

Since July 20, 2009, the City has issued 3,633 roof permits, collected \$649,151 in roof permit sales tax and collected a total of \$940,331 in permit fees.

Property owners are required to submit an application in order to receive a rebate. **All rebate applications must be submitted by September 30, 2010.** Click [here](#) for more information and to download an application.

Volunteers needed for Carnation Festival

The 41st Annual Carnation Festival is quickly approaching and your help is needed! Volunteer opportunities are available in all

aspects of the festival and volunteers can work as many or as few hours as they'd like. It's a great way to enjoy the festival, meet people and have fun!

Visit www.wheatridgecarnationfestival.org for more information or to fill out a volunteer form.

See you there August 19-21, 2010!

Recreation Center closed Aug. 23-27 for maintenance

The Wheat Ridge Recreation Center will be closed Monday, Aug. 23 - Friday, Aug. 27, 2010 for annual maintenance. Office hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information or contact the Recreation Center Front Desk at 303-231-1300.

Ten Toe Express promotes healthy, active lifestyle

The Ten Toe express is your chance to pledge to use your ten toes to get around town for three weeks at a time all summer long. Walk and/or ride your bike to connect with public transit as much as possible for work or recreation to power your healthier, more active lifestyle. You can pledge once, or every three weeks all summer long. The more you participate the better the chance you have to win valuable prizes!

Three easy steps to pledge your ten toes:

1. Visit tentoe.transitalliance.org to fill out an online pledge form.
2. Walk and/or bike to connect with transit during the three week pledge period.
3. Once your three weeks is complete, pledge again!

For every three week pledge, you will be entered into a monthly drawing to win valuable prizes! A grand prize drawing will be held in October. The more you pledge, the better your chances... so commit to a more active, healthier lifestyle now!

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 **Wheat Ridge Economic Development**.

Congratulations to the 2010 Wheat Ridge Business Award winners

Business of the Year - EduCyber, Inc.

Reinvestment Award - Dr. Thomas P. Campbell, MD

Cultural Commission Award - Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary & Cemetery

City Council Partnership Award - Enterprise Wheat Ridge

Mayor's Business & Community Partnership Award - Temple-Inland

Communications Skills for Leaders Training Seminar

Ever wondered how you can improve your communication skills? On **Aug. 20**, the Business Education Series Training (BEST) is holding a seminar titled "Communication Skills for Leaders" at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center from 7:30 - 9 a.m. Sessions sell out quickly so click [here](#) to register or call 303-594-1520.

The BEST is a partnership of Jefferson County municipal and nonprofit business specialists and provides high quality educational seminars and training sessions to the region's business community. WR2020 is also a co-sponsor of the Aug. 20 seminar.

Economic Development Specialist takes on new role with City of Northglenn

Economic Development Specialist Ryan Stachelski

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.

Raise the Woof!

The grand opening of Foothills Animal Shelter will be celebrated with a FREE Open House on Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 580 McIntyre St., Jeffco Fairgrounds in Golden.

For more information call 720-407-5226 or click [here](#).

Wheat Ridge 2020 acquires foreclosed homes under NSP

Wheat Ridge 2020 (WR2020) recently purchased four foreclosed homes in Wheat Ridge with the intent to renovate and resell the properties to low and moderate income home buyers. Two more homes are also currently under contract. The purchases will be finalized later this month.

Funding for this program comes from a Community Development Block Grant/Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant made available through the Community Development Program of Jefferson County and the State of Colorado. The goal of the program is to turn foreclosures into owner-occupied homes in order to help stabilize neighborhoods. For more information visit www.wheatridge2020.org.

Former Wheat Ridge Council member honored with Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award

Don Eafanti, former longtime Wheat Ridge City Council representative and owner of The Don, was honored as the August winner of the Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award for his work at the Hospice of St. John.

The award, presented each month from January to November, honors men and women throughout metro Denver who make unique contributions to the community. Honorees receive \$2,000 to designate to a nonprofit of their choice.

Congratulations to Mr. Eafanti for this outstanding honor!

Support the

said goodbye to Wheat Ridge on Aug. 6 as he embarked on a new adventure with the City of Northglenn, where he has accepted the position of Economic Development Manager.

Congratulations, Ryan and thank you for the service you've provided the City. Best of luck in all of your future endeavors!

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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Senior/Community Center

Donate toward the Annual Fundraiser held in conjunction with the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Cookie Sale!

Click [here](#) for details or visit the [Carnation Festival Website](#).

For More Information

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