



# 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET IN BRIEF

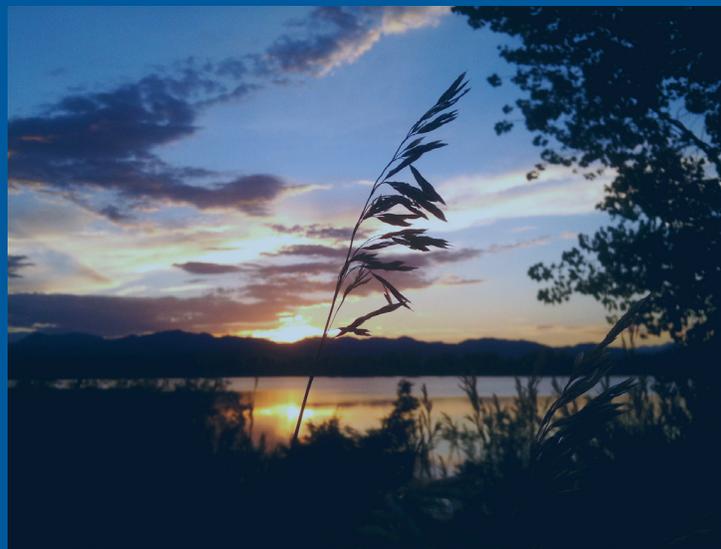
*Financially Sound City  
Providing Quality Services*

*Choice of Desirable  
Neighborhoods*



*Economically Viable  
Activity Centers*

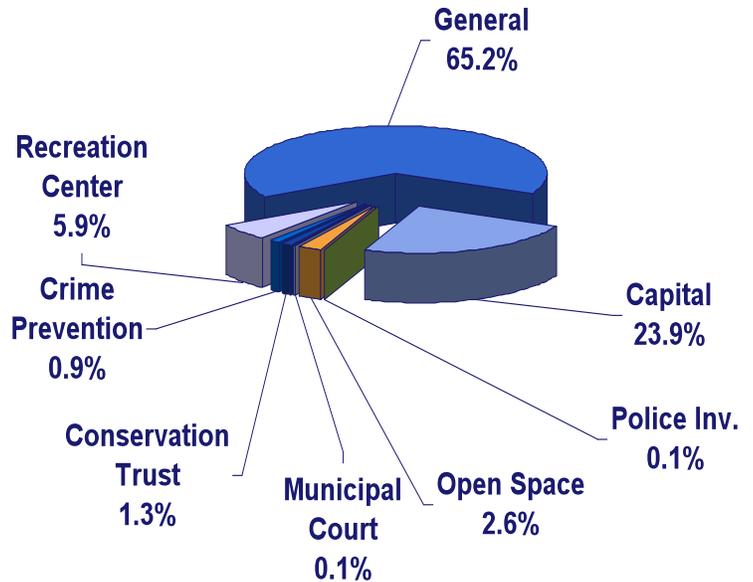
*More Attractive  
Wheat Ridge*



**ADOPTED BUDGET IN BRIEF**

**2012 Total Expenditures  
\$41,260,340  
(excluding transfers)**

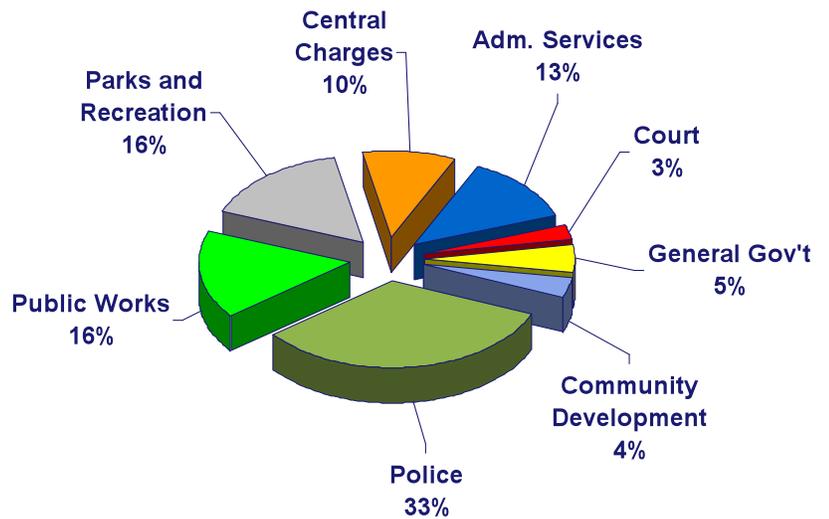
General	\$26,887,109
Capital Investment Program	\$9,870,000
Recreation Center	\$2,452,888
Open Space	\$1,076,782
Conservation Trust	\$530,000
Crime Prevention	\$356,561
Municipal Court	\$57,000
Police Investigation	\$30,000



**2012 General Fund Expenditures  
\$26,887,109  
(excluding transfers)**

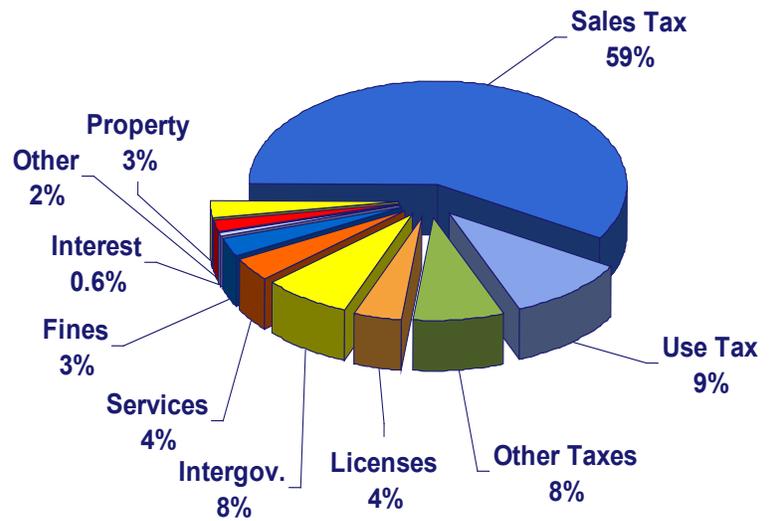
Police	\$8,952,111
Public Works	\$4,399,372
Parks and Recreation	\$4,370,669
Administrative Services	\$3,361,112
Central Charges	\$2,669,954
General Government	\$1,454,416
Community Development	\$932,184
Municipal Court	\$747,291

*Ending Fund Balance*      \$6,670,912

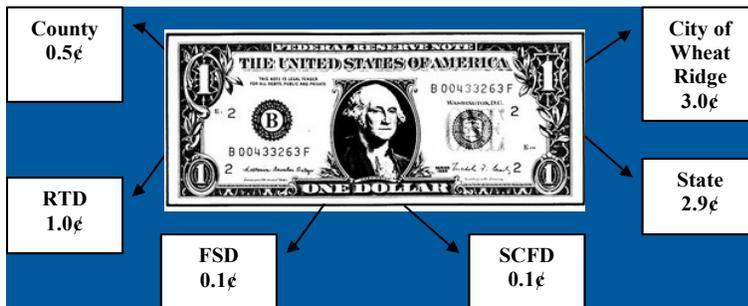


## General Fund Revenues

2012 General Fund Revenues	
\$26,887,109	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$8,770,912
Sales Tax	\$15,785,130
Use Tax	\$2,747,000
Other Taxes	\$2,101,000
Intergovernmental	\$2,017,359
Licenses	\$1,109,664
Services	\$981,951
Fines	\$805,400
Property Tax	\$775,000
Other	\$414,605
Interest	\$150,000
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$35,658,021</b>



## Sales Tax Distribution



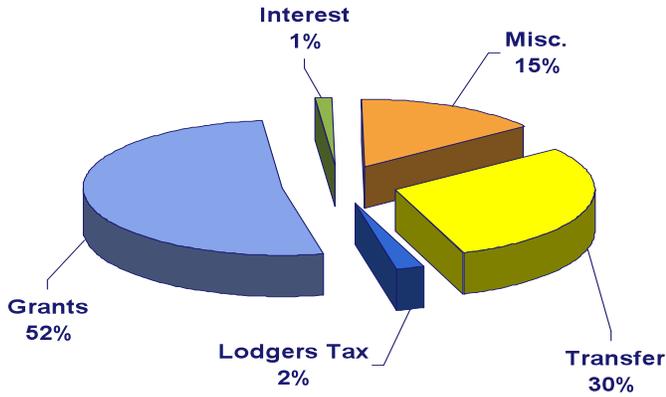
The total sales tax rate in the City of Wheat Ridge is 7.5%. For every dollar you spend on retail purchases, you pay 7.5 cents in sales tax. Only **3 cents** of this goes back to the City.

## Property Tax Distribution

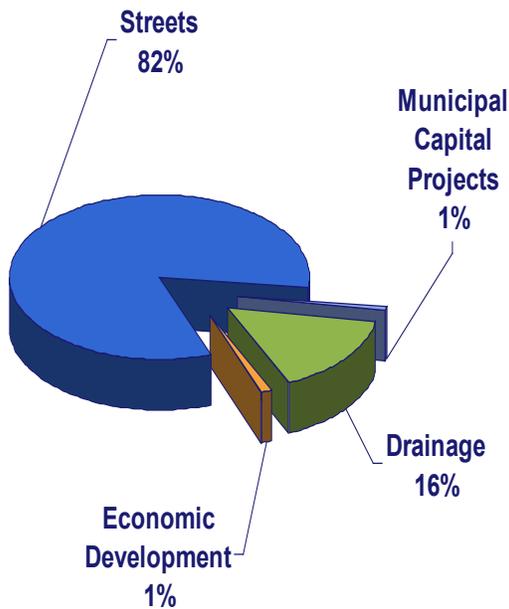
Most people will be surprised to know that for every dollar Jefferson County receives in property taxes from Wheat Ridge residents, only **3 cents** goes back to the City.



### Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund



2012 CIP Revenues	
<b>\$6,750,000</b>	
<i>Beginning Fund Balance</i>	\$4,360,109
Grants	\$3,486,000
Sales Tax (transfer)	\$2,000,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,014,000
Lodger's Tax	\$150,000
Interest	\$100,000
<i>Total Available Funds</i>	<i>\$11,110,109</i>

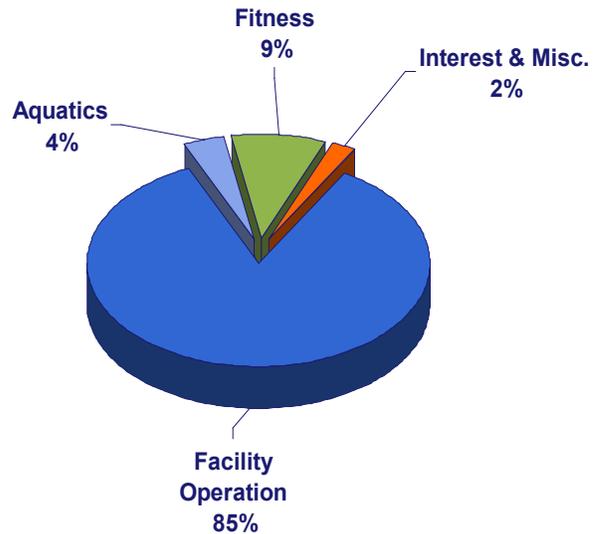


2012 CIP Expenditures	
<b>\$9,870,000</b>	
32nd & Youngfield Improvements	\$5,517,000
Preventative Maintenance Projects	\$2,000,000
Major Drainage Improvements	\$850,000
Arvada Channel Improvements	\$700,000
Kipling Pedestrian Improvements	\$273,000
Revitalization Projects	\$250,000
Public Improvements	\$110,000
Gateway Signage Program	\$100,000
Aerial Photography/GIS Updates	\$70,000
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$1,240,109</i>

## Recreation Center Operations Fund

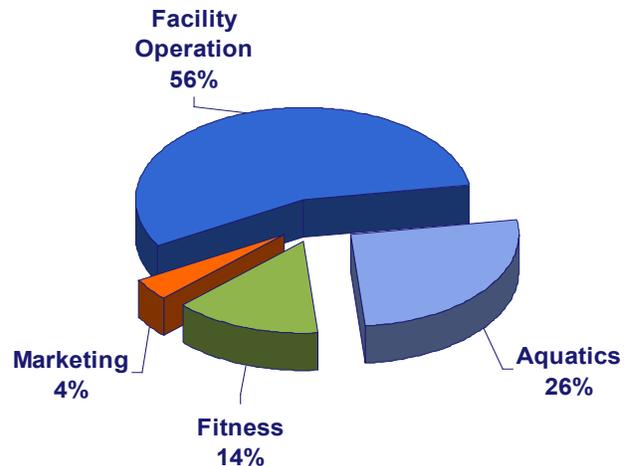
### 2012 Recreation Center Operations Revenues \$2,142,887

<i>Beginning Fund Balance</i>	\$1,497,725
Facility Operation	\$1,822,000
Fitness	\$190,887
Aquatics	\$85,000
Interest	\$45,000
<i>Total Available Funds</i>	\$3,640,612



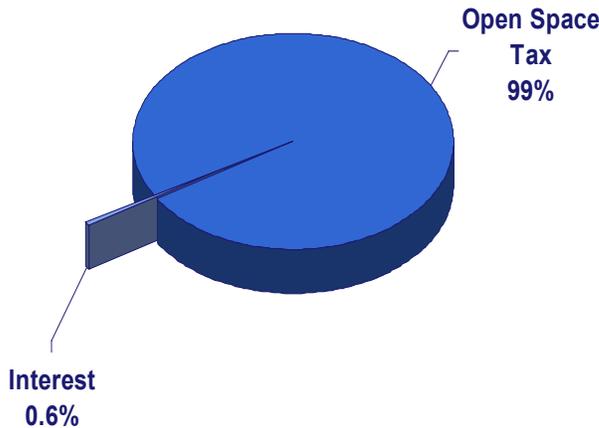
### 2012 Recreation Center Operations Expenditures \$2,452,888

Facility Operation	\$1,367,901
Aquatics	\$642,042
Fitness	\$346,443
Marketing	\$96,502
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	\$1,187,724



The Wheat Ridge Recreation Center (at left) is a state-of-the-art facility located in the heart of Wheat Ridge. The Center was established through a voter approved, temporary increase in the sales and use tax rate to pay for the construction of the Center which opened in February 2000.

## Open Space Fund

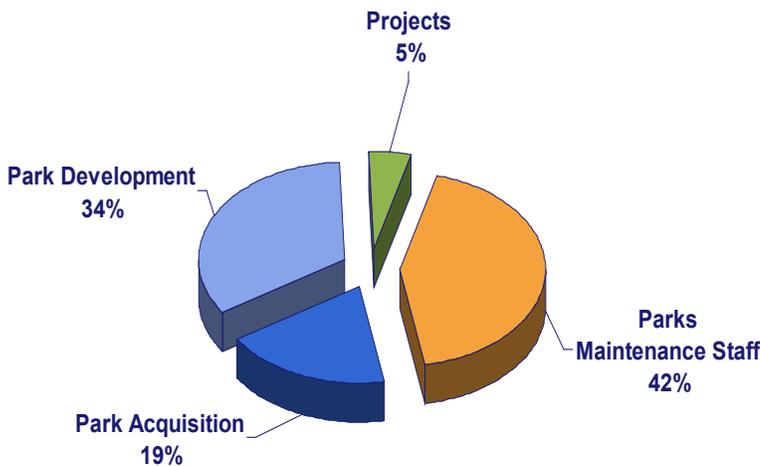


### 2012 Open Space Revenues \$893,000

<i>Beginning Fund Balance</i>	\$359,539
Open Space Tax	\$885,000
Developer Fee/Interest/ Misc.	\$8,000
<i>Total Available Funds</i>	\$1,252,539

### 2012 Open Space Expenditures \$1,076,782

Personnel	\$464,782
Acquisition - Martensen	\$200,000
Kipling Pedestrian Grant Match	\$70,000
Sign Fabrication/Open Space	\$50,000
Misc. Maintenance	\$50,000
Off Leash Dog Park	\$22,000
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	\$175,757



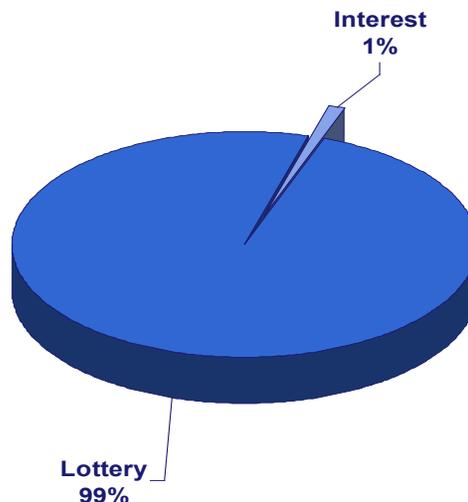
*Discovery Park (at right), Wheat Ridge's newest park, opened in October of 2010 featuring playground equipment, shade shelters and housing the Kevin Robb "Discovering the Stars" sculpture. A skate park, climbing wall, additional shade shelters, two gateway structures and a maze are planned for Phase III of the park's construction.*



## Conservation Trust Fund

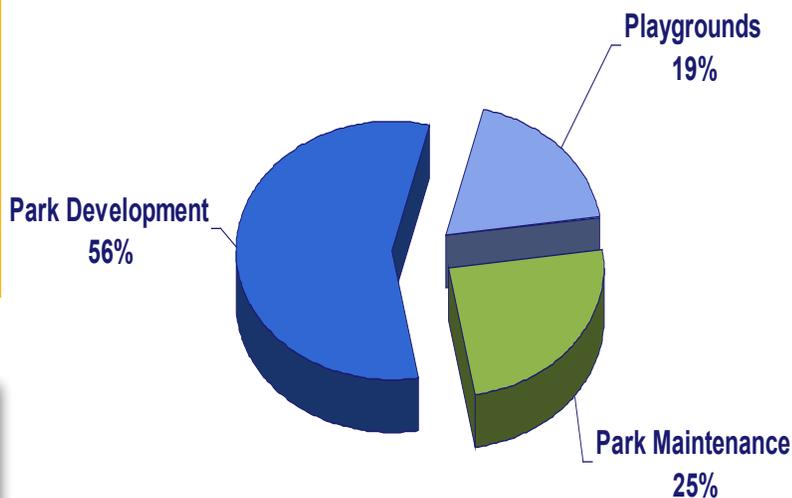
### 2012 Conservation Trust Revenues \$283,000

<i>Beginning Fund Balance</i>	\$315,900
Colorado Lottery	\$280,000
Interest	\$3,000
<i>Total Available Funds</i>	\$598,900



### 2012 Conservation Trust Expenditures \$530,000

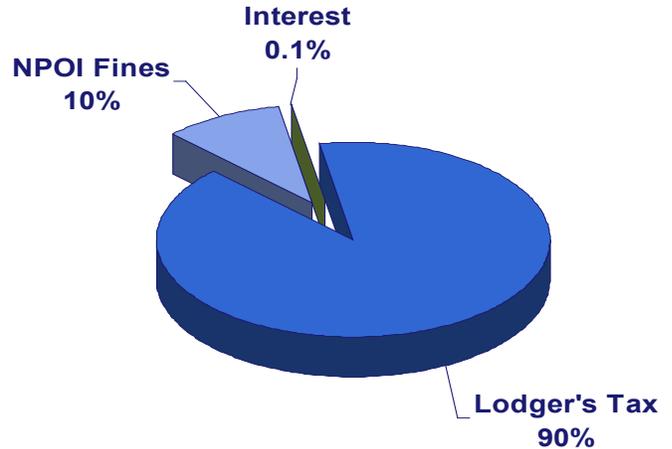
Facility Improvements	\$150,000
Park Development (Kendall)	\$150,000
Recreation Center Maintenance	\$130,000
Paramount Park Playground	\$100,000
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	\$68,900



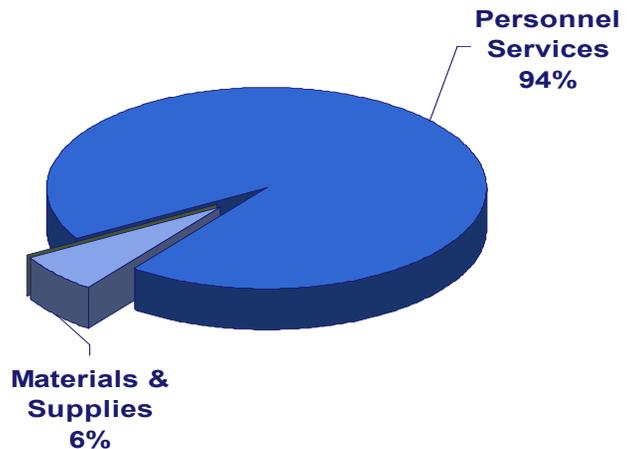
The City of Wheat Ridge has received over \$3 million in revenue from the Colorado Lottery since 1992 which has been used for park and recreation construction and maintenance projects such as the DiscoverPark Playground (at left).

## Crime Prevention Fund

<b>2012 Crime Prevention Revenues</b>	
<b>\$260,200</b>	
<i>Beginning Fund Balance</i>	\$189,058
Lodger's Tax	\$235,000
No Proof of Insurance Fines	\$25,000
Interest	\$200
<i>Total Available Funds</i>	<i>\$449,258</i>



<b>2012 Crime Prevention Expenditures</b>	
<b>\$356,561</b>	
Personnel Services	\$330,661
Materials & Supplies	\$22,600
Other Services & Charges	\$3,300
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$92,697</i>



Voters approved a 5% increase in the lodger's tax in November 1998. Sixty percent of this tax is used for police and code enforcement activities within the City.

## Other Special Revenue Funds

### Police Investigation

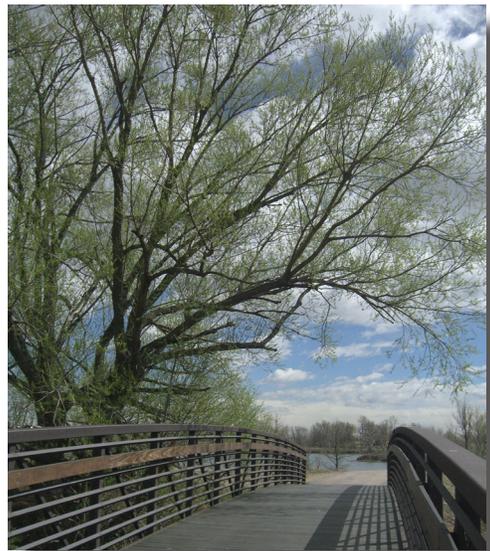
Beginning Balance	\$53,431
Revenues	\$ 100
Expenses	\$30,000
Ending Balance	\$23,531



*Police Department Evidence Room*

### Municipal Court

Beginning Balance	\$27,123
Revenues	\$31,750
Expenses	\$57,000
Ending Balance	\$1,873



*Clear Creek Trail*

### Equipment Replacement

Beginning Balance	\$307,457
Revenues	\$102,000
Expenses	\$ 0
Ending Balance	\$409,457

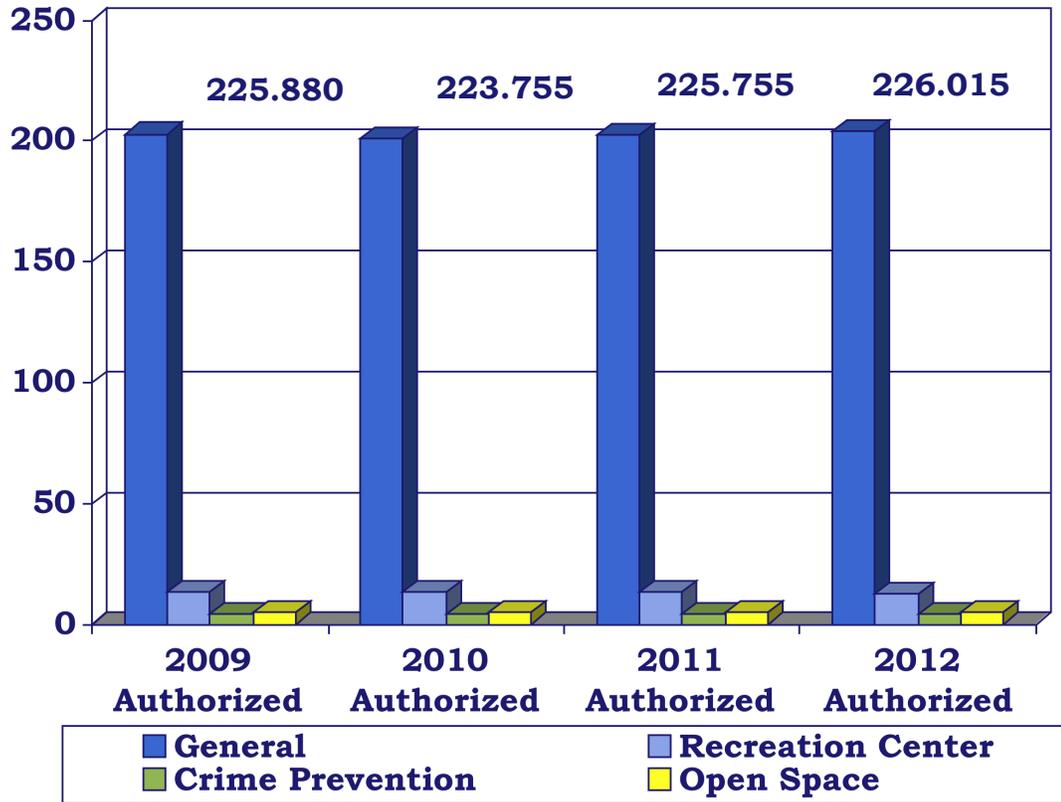
### Public Art Fund

Beginning Balance	\$5,170
Revenues	\$5,170
Expenses	\$0
Ending Balance	\$10,340



*Discovery Park Functional Art*

### Staffing 2009-2012



### 2012 Staffing by Department



General Government includes: City Manager's Office, City Clerk's Office and Legislative Services

## **FACTS ABOUT THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE**

- The City of Wheat Ridge was incorporated in 1969.
- The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government with an elected mayor and two Councilmembers from each of the four districts. The City has an elected City Clerk and City Treasurer.
- Elected members of City Council serve a 4-year term with the option to run for a second 4-year term.
- The Mayor is elected at-large by all voters in the City. The Mayor is a part-time position.
- The City of Wheat Ridge encompasses 9.5 square miles and has an altitude of 5,459.
- The current estimated population is 31,000 citizens with 14,000 households.
- The City maintains 20 parks, 250 acres of open space, four lakes and more than five miles of nationally recognized trail along Clear Creek.
- The City operates a 70,000 square foot Recreation Center and an Active Adult Center.

*More information about Wheat Ridge and the community's history can be found online by visiting the City Website at [www.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us)*



From left, standing: Davis Reinhart , Karen Berry, Joseph DeMott, Mike Stites. From left, seated: Tracy Langworthy, Karen Adams, Jerry DiTullio, Wanda Sang and Joyce Jay

**Newly Elected officials for 2012**  
(not shown in picture)

**William "Bud" Starker, District I**  
**Kristi Davis, District II**  
**George Pond, District III**  
**Janelle Shaver, City Clerk**

**Jerry DiTullio**  
**Mayor**

**Councilmembers, District I**  
**Davis B. Reinhart**  
**Karen A. Berry**

**Councilmembers, District II**  
**Joyce Jay**  
**Wanda Sang**

**Councilmember, District III**  
**Karen Adams**  
**Mike Stites**

**Councilmember, District IV**  
**Joseph E. DeMott**  
**Tracy Langworthy**

**Michael Snow, City Clerk**

**Larry Schulz, City Treasurer**

**Patrick Goff**  
**City Manager**

### **2012 Budget Process**

The annual budget process includes considerable staff participation from all departments and City Council direction concerning key policy areas. The public has the opportunity to participate with comments, concerns or budget requests during two public meetings and a public hearing prior to adoption of the budget. The budget process spans a great portion of the year. The following summarizes the 2012 budget schedule:

#### May

- City Council Strategic Planning Retreat

#### June

- Distribute budget packet instructions to departments

#### July

- Public meeting on 2012 budget

#### August

- 2011 revenue estimates and 2012 revenue projections
- Deadline for submittal of 2012 department budget requests and 2011 budget estimates
- City Manager/Budget Officer review budget

#### September

- Distribute proposed budget to City Council
- Public Hearing on 2012 Budget

#### October

- 2012 Budget/Appropriation Resolution Adoption
- Property Tax Mill Levy Certification

#### November

- Finalize budget document for printing

#### December

- Distribute Budget to City Council, et. al.

The City Council and staff adheres to the following legal requirements pursuant to the City Charter (Chapter 10).

Section 10.1: The fiscal year of the City and all its agencies shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December of each year.

Section 10.2: Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the City administration shall prepare and submit to the Council a recommended budget for the next fiscal year and an accompanying message.

Section 10.3: The City administration message shall explain

the budget both in fiscal terms and in terms of the work programs.

Section 10.4: The budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all municipal funds and activities for the next fiscal year and, except as required by ordinance or this charter, shall be in such form as the City administration deems desirable or the Council may require.

Section 10.5: The total of the proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated revenue.

Section 10.6: The City administration, with such assistance as the Council may direct, shall prepare and submit to the Council a long-range capital program, simultaneously with the recommended budget.

Section 10.7: A public hearing on the proposed budget and proposed capital program shall be held before its final adoption at such time and place as the Council may direct.

Section 10.8: After the public hearing, the Council may adopt the budget with or without amendment.

Section 10.9: The Council shall adopt the budget by resolution on or before the final day established by the statute for the certification of the next year's tax levy to the county.

Section 10.10: Adoption of the budget by Council shall constitute appropriations of the amounts specified therein as expenditures from the funds indicated and shall constitute a levy of the property tax therein proposed.

Section 10.11: During the month of July, and as often as the Council may require, the administration shall present a budget status and forecast report to the City Council with any recommendations for remedial action.

Section 10.12: Amendments after adoption

Section 10.13: Every appropriation, except an appropriation for a capital expenditure fund or special fund, shall lapse at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that it has not been expended or encumbered.

Section 10.14: Copies of the budget and capital program as adopted shall be public records and shall be made available to the public in the City Clerk's office.

Section 10.15: An independent certified audit shall be made of all City accounts annually, and more frequently if deemed necessary by the Council.