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## JOINT EVENT TO FOCUS ON FUN & SAFETY!



What better recipe for a successful local event than to pair the fun of a kite festival with a focus on the safety of the children in the community? That's exactly what will happen along the Greenbelt in Anderson Park on Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Kite Flite Festival team will partner with the Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD) for a joint festival. This will be the second year for the Kite Flite Festival and the fifth for the Dia de los Ninos Child Safety Fair and Bike Rodeo.

Sgt. Kevin Armstrong, who coordinates the safety fair, said he recognized the similar focus of the events (family fun in a safe community environment), and with the close proximity of the dates, it only seemed logical to combine the two. He approached kite team chairperson Margie Seyfer, and the wheels were in motion.

Last year's Kite Flite Festival kicked off with lots of high flying fun and an unexpected number of participants. More than 1,000 attendees joined in to fly kites, design kites, participate in craft projects and generally enjoying being outdoors among neighbors and friends. The event was deemed a huge success by the team of residents and local business supporting the event.

It's going to be an even busier event this year, so take a look at the highlights of the combined event and get ready for another great local event! Unscheduled entertainment and local celebrities that may pop up throughout the park include chalk art by local artist Martin Calomino, giant hamster balls, police motorcycles, hula hoop tricks by Amy Callahan, Coconut the Clown, a magician, and for the brave at heart (14 and over), a chance to try flying a giant nine-foot kite provided by Red Rocks Community College.

Since parking areas will be used for many of the events, residents are encouraged to park in nearby neighborhoods and enjoy a short walk or bike ride to the festival. A bike corral will be provided.

Events of this nature do not take place without the help of volunteers and community support. "As a first year festival, we had volunteers show up for two hour shifts and then stay all day," said kite team chairperson Margie Seyfer. "We were shocked. We didn't know we would get such a great response. If you are interested in volunteering for this year's event please visit our website [www.kiteflitefestival.com](http://www.kiteflitefestival.com)."

The Kite Flite Festival Team and the WRPD would like to thank the many sponsors and supporters, including, but not limited to, First Bank, Compass Construction, PG Construction, Seyfer Automotive, Mile Hi Automotive, Vinylworks Signs and Graphics, Teller Street Gallery, Cress Kitchen & Bath, Lisa Schrag, Bob Leid Insurance Agency, Lutheran Medical Center, Red Rocks Community College, Healing Waters International, Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado State Patrol, Child Passenger Safety of Colorado, and the City of Wheat Ridge.

### KITE FESTIVAL SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Participants can bring their own kite or chose from a selection of kites available to purchase at the festival. There will be a kite hospital providing free assembly of kites purchased on site and helping to repairing broken ones.

**Kid's Kite Crafting Class** for ages 7-12-8:45-10:30 a.m. in the Anderson building, for kids who love drawing and creating their own kites. Judging will follow and prizes will be awarded in various categories and age groups. There will be a small fee and registration is required. Visit [www.kitefestival.com](http://www.kitefestival.com) to register. Prizes provided by Teller Street Gallery and the City of Wheat Ridge.



Mayor Jay presents award at the 2014 Kite Festival.

**Toddler Kite Fly** – 11 a.m. Little ones can get in on the action at the south field near the playground.

**Parachute Kite Relay Races** for ages 10-14 – 11 a.m., followed by second round of races for ages 15 and over.

**Kite Raffles** – Drawings will be held every thirty minutes starting at 11:30 a.m. for one of 15 kites provided by the City. At the end of the festival, a ticket will be drawn for winner of the giant six-foot kite. Drawing tickets will be available at the welcome booth.

**Senior Kite Flite** – ages 50 and over, 1 p.m., north field. Flying lessons at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

**Mass Kite Ascent** – 3 p.m. All kites in the air!

For more information about the Child Safety Fair and Bike Rodeo, go to page 3.



## Mayor Joyce Jay



# Looking to the Future

This is the time for our City to lean into the future like never before. Some exciting developments are unfolding in Wheat Ridge that promise to fuel the City's growth for years to come.

Within months, we will see the opening of the Kipling Ridge Shopping Center at 38th Avenue and Kipling Street. A new Starbucks with additional seating and a full service drive-thru will open its doors in April, while the City's first Sprouts Farmers Market should begin welcoming customers in June. The site will also include a 64-unit, assisted living apartment complex operated by MorningStar Senior Living.

In early April, construction will start on the east side of Kipling Trail, from 32nd to 44th Avenue. This 10-foot wide paved bike/pedestrian walkway will provide vital and safe north/south connectivity to our existing trails and corridors and will also serve as the missing multi-modal link to the Gold Line rail station in Arvada.

Natural Grocers has started vertical construction on the site that previously housed Furr's Cafeteria on the north side of I-70 on Kipling. They are planning to open in late summer (see page 7). Another Starbucks and a King Soopers fueling station are proposed within the Applewood Shopping Center at 32nd and Youngfield.

On the housing front, we have a variety of new housing options in various forms of development in five locations. Perrin's Row, at 38th Avenue and Depew Street, features 26, two-and-three bedroom row homes. Incarnation, a sustainable community at

39th Place and Fenton Street, will bring solar-powered row homes, duplexes and single-family homes to the market. Standard Pacific Homes is adding more upscale stock at Fireside at Applewood, a community of single-family homes up to 3,400-square feet in size, at West 38th Avenue and Simms Street.

Just breaking ground are two other housing projects: Yukon Grove at 32nd Avenue and Wadsworth, which features 21 patio style homes, and Quail Hollow at 33rd Avenue and Yukon Street, with 12 upscale, single-family homes.

The supply of senior housing will also expand when Wazee Partners opens the Town Center North Apartments at 44th Avenue and Upham Street in October. The age-restricted complex will add 50 units to the market.

In 2016, our transportation access will improve, as the farthest-reaching corner of Wheat Ridge will be transformed into a charming village with the arrival of the Gold Line commuter rail station.

This much progress tells me it is our time to shine. The region has noticed Wheat Ridge's ideal location near Downtown Denver and its abundant natural amenities. It is our time to plunge forward.

Our solid brick homes with comfy large lots are a draw for families and young professionals bringing talent and fresh ideas to our community. Some residents might be surprised to see 38th Avenue bustling with activity even on weekday evenings. The Ridge at 38 has been a catalyst for excitement in a City looking for new life; and, we want to retain that energy.

Our City has embraced the changes that have brought new businesses to town that will continue to generate sorely needed revenue to all of the areas mentioned above.

I will continue to work with City Council and City staff to look at all development, including the 38th Avenue Corridor Plan. Now is the time to re-examine the plan's boundaries, possibilities, and our capacity to bring the best of this vision to fruition. Through careful, affordable steps we can bring the plan to life and show the region we are the City of choice for both businesses and residents.

Lastly, Wheat Ridge's emergence as a City on the rise is due in large part to the efforts of City staffers who are often working behind the scenes to attract development and improve the amenities that make residents proud to call Wheat Ridge home. I'd like to specifically recognize City Manager Patrick Goff, who recently received the City Manager of the Year Award from the Colorado City County Management Association (CCCMA) at the annual conference in February.

Patrick has served as City Manager since 2010 and has not only played a crucial role in facilitating key residential and commercial developments but has also helped create a City core at the Ridge at 38 by championing business growth and promoting community building. We owe Patrick a huge debt of appreciation and should count ourselves lucky to have such a tireless leader working on our behalf.

## Patrick Goff Wins CCCMA Manager of the Year Award



City Manager, Patrick Goff, was presented with the City Manager of the Year award at the February Colorado City and County Management Association (CCCMA) conference in Glenwood Springs. CCCMA is a statewide association of local government managers and assistants, and an affiliate of International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

Goff was nominated by his Executive Management Team at the City of Wheat

Ridge for his significant contributions during 2014. The nomination cited his outstanding leadership skills, inspirational hands-on management style and his commitment to the development and well-being of the employees and community he serves.

Administrative Services Director Heather Geyer summarized the nomination by saying, "2014 was a huge year for the City of Wheat Ridge. The recognition, economic growth and development, the partnerships fostered,

and the funding leveraged, would not have been possible without Patrick's leadership and vision for moving the City forward. The magnitude of his accomplishments reflects the depth of influence he has had on the City of Wheat Ridge, and the reason he is deserving of this recognition."

Patrick has served Wheat Ridge for a total of 14 years, as City Manager since June 2010, and previously as Deputy City Manager.

# 2015 Large Item Pick Up Program

The City has scheduled two dates for large item pick up within Wheat Ridge City limits. The program is for residential participants only, and citizens must register to have an item picked up. Absolutely no pick ups will be scheduled for businesses and apartment complexes. Pick up dates are:

- Saturday, May 23, 2015
- Saturday, May 30, 2015

The first 275 Wheat Ridge residents that register will be eligible to have ONE large bulky household item picked up (examples are listed below). These are items residential trash services will not collect without extra payment.

Registration will begin Monday, March 30, and continue through Friday, May 8. Calls will be accepted between the hours of 7 a.m. 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Verification of Wheat Ridge residency and pre-approval of the type of item to be picked up will be required at the time of registration. The number to call is 303-205-7600.

## Additional Program Guidelines

- Your large item must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your registered pick up date
- Pick up hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no designated schedule or route so specific times can not be determined or assigned.
- Place large pick up item well away from refuse to be collected by your regular service.
- Trash cans, trash bags and additional large items will not be picked up.
- Pick ups will be made from private streets only if they are wider than 20 feet and loop or connect to a public street at both ends, or end with a standard size cul-de-sac.
- Items will not be picked up if two workers cannot safely lift it into the collection truck.
- If you wish to have additional large items picked up, you should contact your private trash service to determine costs and availability.

For more information, visit the City website at [www.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us) or contact Karen Scott in Public Works at 303-205-7600 .



## Acceptable Items

- One piece of furniture
- One bed (includes mattress, box springs & frame)
- Regular oven or stove
- Dishwasher
- Washing machine
- Dryer
- One sink, toilet or bathtub
- Water heater
- Bicycle
- Door or window
- Gas grill (no propane bottle)
- Swing set (disassembled)



## Items that will NOT be picked up

- Refrigerator, freezer or any item with Freon
- Microwave oven
- Wood stove
- Television, computer or monitor
- Garbage bags, trash bags or cans
- Trees, branches or lawn debris
- Household chemicals, paint, fuel tanks, batteries, propane bottles or closed drums
- Gravel, asphalt, rock, sod, earth, concrete, brick, cinder blocks, pavers, roofing materials or pipe
- Tires
- Engine blocks, car parts or gas engine equipment
- Materials or debris from a contractor's work

## DIA DE LOS NIÑOS/CHILD SAFETY FAIR & BIKE RODEO

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This will be the first year the Child Safety Fair has partnered with the Kite Festival, but the mission remains the same - to promote child safety and increase community awareness about dangers facing children today. It is also an outreach event, sponsored by the Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD), and coordinated with the inclusion of the Hispanic community in mind. Vendors will be distributing safety resource information in both English and Spanish, and car seat inspectors will be bi-lingual.

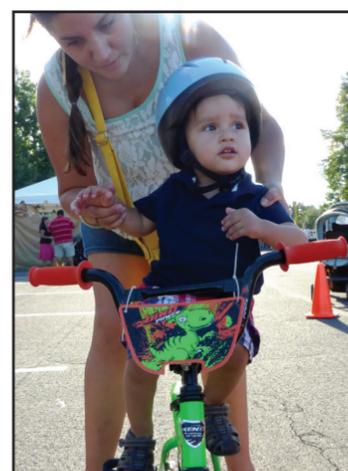
The "Cheezo" mobile unit, sponsored by the 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office will be on hand with their five-foot-tall cat mascot to interact with the children and provide information about the prevention of Internet crimes against children.



### FREE child safety seat inspections and replacements for residents.

Bi-lingual car seat inspection technicians will perform inspections and to educate participants on proper car seat use. When needed, car seats will be provided at no charge for residents; donations will be accepted. Car seats are being provided by the Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Department of Transportation and Child Passenger Safety of Colorado.

**FREE child ID kits** will be distributed by the WRPD volunteers.



### FREE bike and helmet inspections

will be conducted at the Bike Safety Rodeo, also hosted by the WRPD. The rodeo will teach children bicycle and road safety in a simulated environment. Kids can bring their own bicycles or borrow one for the event. Lutheran Medical Center will provide free bicycle helmets as needed. \$1.00 donations encouraged.

**FREE bicycle drawing.** Last but not least, there will be a drawing to give away two children's bicycles donated by the Wheat Ridge Fraternal Order of Police.

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## CITY MANAGER'S Column

## Civility in Public Discourse



City Manager Patrick Goff

Imprinted on the wall in the lobby of City Hall are the words “People create the quality of their government through participation or neglect.” It has been encouraging to witness an increase in participation by Wheat Ridge residents on numerous issues that impact the quality of life in our community. Wheat Ridge is currently experiencing transformational changes that have rightly sparked spirited debate among its residents.

Wheat Ridge has a population of over 30,000 residents and almost as many opinions on what is best for

our community. Debate about today’s issues is healthy and imperative to any democratic process. Former White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers noted, “Although our interests as citizens vary, each one is an artery to the heart that pumps life through the body politic, and each is important to the health of democracy.”

So, how do we maintain civility in these debates? We have all certainly witnessed a lack of civil debate at the federal level of government. Approval ratings for Congress are at an all-time low of 16% primarily due to the perception that healthy debate is no longer possible at the Capitol and therefore policy making has come to a standstill.

Locally, the City Council has had to address difficult public policy on many issues, including the legalization of marijuana and the use of public subsidies to support economic development. These issues naturally carry differing opinions within the community. However, there has been an alarming trend of less civility, among a few, in the debates over these issues.

Several months ago, one of my neighbors, who I did not know personally, came to my home to discuss the issue of the legalization of marijuana in our community. I explained to this gentleman that the current and previous City Councils approved the legalization of both medical and retail marijuana in the City and it was my job as City Manager to implement those policy decisions. To my surprise, I was told by this gentleman that he did not want me living in his neighborhood - because of

a policy decision made by his elected representatives.

More recently, an unfortunate incident occurred at the City Council meeting on February 9th. After a public hearing concluded on a policy discussion concerning public subsidies for a redevelopment project at the southwest corner of 38th and Wadsworth, members of the development team were verbally and physically assaulted in the lobby of City Hall. A wife of one of the developers was actually hit in the chest with a water bottle, papers were torn up and thrown in their faces and a verbal assault was brought upon them. Is this how we want to treat guests in our community?

Most elected officials and government employees understand you sometimes need thick skin to work in public service. But just how thick does it have to be? Are personal attacks and physical assaults an acceptable response to healthy debate in Wheat Ridge? I don’t believe so. As the City continues to debate new policy issues, I hope we all will consider the following approach to maintaining civility in public discourse.

Guy and Heidi Burgess from the Conflict Research Consortium at the University of Colorado have developed an approach to public discourse called “constructive confrontation.” The Burgess’ identified the following areas in which stakeholders in public policy debates can work together to “increase the constructiveness of public debate.”

- ▶ Separating people from the problem – constructive debate needs to focus on solutions which are most likely to be successful, and not upon personal attacks.
- ▶ Obtain available technical facts – constructive civil debate requires that the parties work together to resolve

factual disagreements wherever possible.

- ▶ Limit interpersonal misunderstandings – civility requires that contending parties make an honest and continuing effort to understand the views and reasoning of their opponents.
- ▶ Use fair processes – public input needs to be honestly solicited and considered and decisions also need to be made on the basis of substantive arguments.
- ▶ More persuasion, more exchange, less force – the best way to produce stable, long-term policy change is through persuasion in which the parties negotiate mutually beneficial win-win trade-offs.
- ▶ Separate win/win from win/lose issues – parties should try to reframe the conflict in ways which transform win-lose confrontations into win-win opportunities. In cases where this is not possible, the parties need to recognize and accept the fact that political and legal institutions will repeatedly be called upon to make tough choices.
- ▶ Limit the backlash effect – parties need to take positions which can be justified on the basis of broadly acceptable principles of fairness which all members of society have an interest in supporting to avoid a “counterattack” from those who may feel they were forced to do something against their will.

Democracy cannot survive without a system that allows for constructive public discourse. Hopefully we have not lost that common respect for each other that is so paramount in a civil society.

As George Washington once proclaimed, “Every action in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present.”

## Wheat Ridge Parks & Recreation

now offering

### Classes *for the* Entire Family

#### Family COOKING Nights

Ages: 3+

Together you and your family will create a delicious meal!



#### Family PAINTING Nights

Ages: 5+

This program is presented by Teller Street Gallery, so round up the kids for a night of family painting fun!

#### Wheat Ridge WILD! Family NATURE Series

This series includes exploring the mysterious lives of OWLS, learning about RACCOONS and a sunset stroll to look for wildlife along Clear Creek.



For dates, times or to register, visit

[webtrac.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://webtrac.ci.wheatridge.co.us) or call 303-231-1300



## Youth Rugby Program

The Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation athletic staff will offer a comprehensive Rugby program once again in 2015. The rugby program will be comprised of a clinic, classes for various age groups and a league. This will give children options for participation while allowing for a natural progression in learning the sport.

The Rugby Clinic is for ages 5-15 years and is designed to teach kids the basics of both the contact and non-contact versions of the game including positioning, game strategy and Rugby lingo in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

The Rugby – TRY League Team is available for youths and teens ages 5-17 years and is open to boys and girls of all experience levels and ability. The team is coached by Jim Nelon, who also coaches Rugby at the Colorado School of Mines. Practices are held twice a week

at Creekside Park, 4900 Marshall St. and games are played on Saturdays in the Denver Metro area.

For kids interested in taking a Rugby class, Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation offers Rookie Rugby for ages 7-10 years and Rugby Rascals for children ages 4-6 years old. Both classes teach the basics of the game in a friendly and easy to learn environment. These classes are offered prior to the Rugby Clinic and League so those interested can try the sport at a minimal fee.

Registration is currently being accepted for the Rugby Clinic, Rugby rascals, Rookie Rugby and the Rugby – TRY League team. For more information or to register for a class, clinic and/or league, please call 303-231-1300 or visit [webtrac.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://webtrac.ci.wheatridge.co.us).

# Facts About Floodplain Insurance

Many people don't think they need flood insurance. However, during the duration of a 30-year mortgage, a home located in a flood hazard area is 27 times more likely to suffer damages from a flood than a fire. Fire damage is typically covered by a standard homeowner's policy; losses due to flooding are typically not covered by a homeowner's policy.

Within the City of Wheat Ridge, there are more than 500 acres of property located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) also known as the 100-year floodplain. Around 50% of the SFHA is owned and/or managed by the City, and the other half is privately owned property, most of which is residential.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) makes federally guaranteed flood insurance available to property owners in communities that adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations. Because Wheat Ridge actively participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) portion of the NFIP, all flood insurance policy holders receive an automatic reduction in their insurance rates of 20%. City staff is reviewing the City's program this year to see if an additional 5% discount can be achieved by raising the CRS rating.

Although flood insurance policies are sold through licensed insurance agents, rates are set by the NFIP. There is a 30-day waiting period for coverage to take effect, so don't wait for a flood to be forecast to purchase flood insurance. More information about flood insurance can be found on the NFIP website at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

For additional information or to determine the floodplain status of your property, visit the City's floodplain webpage at [www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/flood](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/flood) or contact Mark Westberg, Floodplain Administrator, at 303-235-2863 or [mwestberg@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:mwestberg@ci.wheatridge.co.us). Property owners can direct requests or complaints about flooding or drainage problems to the City Public Works Department at 303-235-2861.



## Did You KNOW?

Water that soaks into the soil is naturally filtered and cleaned. But the same is not true for stormwater that flows over water-resistant surfaces, such as a parking areas or driveways. As this stormwater flows over an impervious surface it will pick up pollutants like sediment, oil, grease and salts, which will eventually flow into our lakes and streams. This is also true for runoff from lawns which can

contain pollutants like fertilizers and bacteria from dog waste.

The effect of one property on the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff may seem insignificant; however, the collective impact from all properties in the City can negatively affect water quality. Keep in mind that stormwater that is not naturally filtered by soaking into the ground becomes stormwater runoff. This polluted runoff enters our streams and ponds untreated and eventually become our drinking water!

For more information, please visit the City's website at [www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/stormwater](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/stormwater).

## Wheat Ridge Parks & Recreation



# Easter Egg Hunt

**Date:** Sat, March 28th

**Location:** Panorama Park  
35th & Fenton

**Time:** 10am  
\*arrive by 9:45

**Rain date:** Sat, April 4th

**\*Bring a Basket**

**\*Enter to Win Prize Drawings**



Sponsored by:



**Age Divisions:**

2 & under, 3-4 yrs, 5-6 yrs, 7-9 yrs

For more information, call: 303-231-1300

### Test Sirens will Sound in April



Wheat Ridge and Lakewood will be conducting an audible test of the Emergency Warning System (EWS) sirens on Friday, April 10, at 11 a.m. The test will consist of a 10-second tone, followed by a verbal message that identifies the tone as a test of the system. The tone and message will each air twice, and should only last about 30 seconds.

The City currently has 15 sirens which are actively used to provide emergency notifications for the entire City. Several of the sirens are located along Lena Gulch and Clear Creek and are used for emergency flooding notification. The EWS sirens are capable of issuing pre-recorded and live messages that provide specific information about the situation and any instructions or precautions that should be followed.

For information about the EWS sirens, contact Emergency Manager Mark Cooney at [mcooney@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:mcooney@ci.wheatridge.co.us) 303-235-2931 or follow the WRPD on Facebook and Twitter.

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### BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Bill Gaume, owner of Iron Rail Tavern, 4111 Kipling Street

Bill Gaume, owner of the Iron Rail Tavern, opened his establishment last October at 4111 Kipling Street in the former A Taste of Home Cooking location. Gaume describes his menu as upscale tavern fare. "We're a scratch kitchen (which means everything is made from basic ingredients rather than using previously prepared foods). We hand cut our steaks and try to source our ingredients locally whenever we can. The whole feel of the restaurant is like an old style steakhouse with new school food."

Gaume has been in the restaurant

business most of his life and had been looking for restaurant sites when a friend told him about the Wheat Ridge location. "I just knew it was the right place to be, and I already have plans to expand and add a patio in the front of the restaurant," said Gaume. The tavern has a staff of 25 and has recently added a Sunday brunch menu. The Iron Rail is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays. To learn more about the Iron Rail Tavern visit the website at [www.ironrailtavern.com](http://www.ironrailtavern.com) or call them at 303-423-2737.



Tammy and Tim Glover, owners of AAA propane

## Wheat Ridge says "Tanks" to AAA Propane

When Tammy and Tim Glover, owners of AAA Propane, learned their two 1,000-gallon propane tanks were hindering the development of a senior housing complex across the street, they immediately agreed to remedy the situation.

Tyler Downs is co-owner of Wazee Partners, the firm constructing 50 additional, age-restricted affordable apartments at Town Center North. The development is the second phase of the Town Center Apartments, on the south side of 44th Avenue, just east of Wadsworth. "The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is funding a portion of this project," says Downs, and part of HUD's review process is to assure there are no potential hazards." And an example of a hazard would be 1,000-gallon propane tanks located within a 250 foot radius of any building. It turns out that AAA's tanks would be about five feet within the radius of the proposed building.

Upon learning of this situation, Downs and Urban Renewal Manager Steve Art approached the Glovers to see if the situation could be remedied by removing or replacing the two tanks. The Glovers immediately spoke of their love of doing business in Wheat Ridge and readily agreed to remove the large tanks and replace them with four, 500-gallon tanks which will meet HUD regulations. "The Glovers are the type of local business that you really enjoy working with," said Art.

"They can see the bigger picture and are willing to work for the good of the entire community, as well as what may benefit them personally."

"We were happy to work with everyone on this project," said Tammy Glover who, along with her husband Tim, has owned AAA Propane since September 2000. "We really like the new apartments that opened two years ago," says Tim. "They have improved the look of our neighborhood and we're looking forward to the second phase of the development. We need to take care of our aging population and plan for the future."

AAA Propane is located at 7405 West 44th Avenue and is one of the area's largest purveyors of propane, serving users throughout Denver as well as Wheat Ridge. AAA also supplies kerosene and can repair almost any piece of propane-related equipment from a BBQ grill to a full system in a motorhome. "Our customers are from multiple generations. Grandfathers, fathers and their children come in here and tell me they've never been anywhere else to buy propane. Our customers support small business and recognize the importance that small businesses play in this community," Tim said.

Tim and Tammy can be reached at 303-425-7623 or at [www.AAApropane.com](http://www.AAApropane.com). For more information on the projects of the Urban Renewal Authority, contact Steve Art at [sart@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:sart@ci.wheatridge.co.us).

## The Social Side Economic Development

While relatively new in the economic development arena, social media is a reality on the rise. In a recent survey, a majority of economic development professionals admitted they have used social media for less than two years, but expect it to continue to grow in importance as a communications tool.

Wheat Ridge Economic Development Manager Steve Art views social

media as one more way to attract new development to the City. He recently created a LinkedIn page and an electronic newsletter. LinkedIn is a business-orientated professional and social networking site founded in 2002. The LinkedIn page will provide insight into the City's economic development efforts and provide other useful information.

The quarterly newsletter is distributed

to developers, real estate agents, business and property owners, and statewide economic development organizations. "It contains testimonials and highlights the key development opportunities in the City," Art explained. "We're excited about the work we're doing in Wheat Ridge, and we will take every opportunity to share that excitement with potential new residents and developers. Using

social media to market your community is critical in the 21st century," said Art.

If you would like to receive the quarterly newsletter, contact [Gabby@staskoagency.com](mailto:Gabby@staskoagency.com). If you are interested in connecting with Steve or the division of economic development via LinkedIn, type Wheat Ridge Economic Development into the search bar on the LinkedIn website.



# NATURAL GROCERS®

## Opening Soon



The City of Wheat Ridge will welcome Natural Grocers in 2015. The new grocery store will be located at 4900 Kipling Street, the former site of Furr's cafeteria.

"Our stores are built to embrace the communities we serve," stated Jeremy Jones, brand engagement manager. The Wheat Ridge store will follow the format of a smaller store to allow customers to easily and conveniently find what they are looking for. This location will feature a demo kitchen that will be used for free educational classes and as a community room.

The 60-year-old company was built on five founding principles: nutrition education, offering the highest quality natural and organic products, everyday affordable prices, supporting communities, and providing great jobs that pay well.

A visit to their website will convince customers of their dedication to nutrition and health, with articles and information ranging from food system regulations to tips on how to prepare a healthy meal. There are recipes, a nutrition library, detailed product information and even an online health coach! They even have a "What we do not sell" list, outlining products they refuse to sell because they contain ingredients that are determined to be of questionable quality or safety.

And customers won't have to make the decision of paper or plastic. As a commitment to environment preservation, they offer neither. Customers are encouraged to bring their own bags, and the store will offer inexpensive cloth bags or free recycled boxes.

Jones stated, "We are so excited to be a part of the Wheat Ridge community and appreciate how welcoming the City has been. Opening a store in Wheat Ridge is a great fit for us and an opportunity for the City to have more healthy living options and access to the highest quality natural and organic products available. For us, it's about more than being a grocery store; it's about being part of the community."

## NORC Program Launched for Wheat Ridge Seniors

Recognizing the need to be proactive in planning for the growing senior population, the Colorado Health Foundation awarded a three-year \$911,000 grant to Jewish Family Service (JFS) to design and implement a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) pilot project in Wheat Ridge. The program has been designed and is currently in the second year of a three-year implementation.

NORCs are communities in which significant numbers of seniors have chosen to live and age in place. They promote self-sufficiency, reduce healthcare costs, and alleviate isolation allowing older adults to maintain their social networks. Participants take an active role in the planning and implementation of the program, thereby empowering them to be responsible for their own health and wellness as well as for their community

at large.

The Wheat Ridge NORC model is an expanded version of the traditional NORC community. Wheat Ridge is a larger geographic area with a greater emphasis on wellness, healthy living and access to health care. "We are showing that this model works on a larger scale and can be replicated anywhere" says Cathy Grimm, JFS senior solutions director.

JFS is serving as the lead agency in the project, partnering with the City of Wheat Ridge, Brother's Redevelopment Inc., Colorado Health Foundation, Colorado Latino Age Wave, HealthSET, Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Rose Community Foundation and the Senior Resource Center.

For more information, please contact Alison Joucovsky, at 720-248-4591 or [ajoucovsky@jewishfamilyservice.org](mailto:ajoucovsky@jewishfamilyservice.org).

## Air for our Heirs

Jefferson County was ranked by the American Lung Association's 2014 report as the worst county in Colorado for ozone pollution and was given a grade of F. That report showed even worse ozone numbers than those in 2013. The League of Women Voters supports measures and regulations aimed at reducing the levels of air pollution from various sources, such as vehicle emissions.

The Jeffco LWV recently completed an informational update on the impact of planning decisions on air pollution and ozone levels in the county which included safety, health and environmental issues. They examined monitoring, sources of pollution, contaminants of concern, health risks, ecosystem effects, current air pollution studies, new proposed standards, and

community efforts to reduce air pollution.

Results were discussed at unit meetings throughout the county earlier this month along with consideration of a study next year with a more specific focus. Determination of future studies and program planning will be finalized at the League's annual meeting set for April 28. For more information contact Ellen Stiner at [erstiner@gmail.com](mailto:erstiner@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.lwvjeffco.org](http://www.lwvjeffco.org).

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that neither supports nor opposes candidates from any party. The League's mission is to promote informed and active participation in government and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.



### Metro Community Provider Network

If you or your family needs a dentist, find out more about the MCPN family plan and start down the path to dental care.

Call **303-360-6276** or visit  
**Jeffco Family Health Services Center**  
**7495 W. 29th Avenue**

MCPN is accepting new dental patients including:

- Children ages 0-20 and their parents
- Pregnant women
- Individuals with HIV/AIDS or Diabetes

The program is either free or provided at a reduced cost, depending on insurance status of the individual.

For more information contact Diana Pinney at [Diana.pinney@mcnpn.org](mailto:Diana.pinney@mcnpn.org) or visit the MCPN website [www.mcnpn.org](http://www.mcnpn.org)

## Make Every Trip Count!

Get rewarded for your pledge to reduce two car trips per week! The City of Wheat Ridge and the Regional Air Quality Council are teaming up this year to reward Wheat Ridge residents for helping to make the air cleaner. In 2014, the program eliminated over 1,000,000 vehicle miles traveled!

The goal of the Every Trip Counts program is to reduce auto emissions during the summer months when ground-level ozone pollution is the worst. To reward participants, the program will be providing a number of random prize drawings for transit passes during the summer ozone months.

Sign up today at

[everytripcounts.org](http://everytripcounts.org)

If you have questions or need more information about the Every Trip Counts program and summer air quality, please email Kate Cooke, Transportation Program Manager, Regional Air Quality Council at [kcooke@raqc.org](mailto:kcooke@raqc.org)

## Keeping the Greenbelt Clean

The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) will again partner with the City to work on environmental projects in Wheat Ridge. In 2012-2013, IES collaborated with the City to develop and implement Revive the Greenbelt, a pilot restoration program to reverse the decline of trees in the Greenbelt and improve the long-term health of the ecosystem. The Wheat Ridge High School (WRHS) Career Exploration Class, led by teacher and Councilman Jerry DiTullio, was one of the first groups to participate in the program back in 2012-13, when volunteers planted more than 200 trees along Clear Creek.

The Growing the Greenbelt Education and Environmental Health Program was developed in 2013-14 to protect and improve the Greenbelt by educating and engaging students and educators through hands-on learning experiences in a local environment. They will again partner with the City Parks and Recreation Department and the WRHS Career Exploration Class to plant trees along the Greenbelt. IES hopes to make the program a yearly project.

Last month, IES received a \$2,000 grant from the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) for the program. CTC has awarded 468 grants totaling more than \$754,000 since 1991. As a result of these grants and matching community money and time, more than 69,670 trees have been planted throughout the state.



Local students and volunteers planting trees along the Greenbelt.

Interested citizens, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are invited to join the Project Advisory Committee and participate in this exciting education and environmental improvement project. For more information please contact IES at 303-2388-5211 or [www.i4es.org](http://www.i4es.org). For information about the Colorado Tree Coalition, contact [Solutions@i4es.org](mailto:Solutions@i4es.org) or visit their website at [www.i4es.org](http://www.i4es.org)

## Brownfields Grant Funds Still Available

The City, through its environmental contractor, RMC Consultants, Inc., continues to perform environmental assessments of Brownfields properties using the \$400,000 grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Brownfields are abandoned or underused industrial or commercial properties whose expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence, or perceived presence, of contamination. Because lenders, investors and developers sometimes avoid properties with potential environmental problems that they did not create, otherwise viable properties in various parts of the City have not been redeveloped. The Brownfields assessments reduce the uncertainty regarding the presence or potential presence of contamination.

Successes using the grant funding continue. One example is the Kipling Ridge property at 38th and Kipling. The property developer asked the City to perform an environmental assessment prior to developing the site. The assessment confirmed there was no contamination, allowing the developers to begin construction more quickly. Starbucks is scheduled to open next month, Sprouts in May or June, and the MorningStar residences sometime this fall.

If you would like more information about environmental assessments and how the Brownfields grant funds can be used to benefit your future development, contact Steve Art, Economic Development Manager, at 303-235-2806 or [sart@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:sart@ci.wheatridge.co.us)

## Public Works Construction/Capital Improvement Updates

### Kipling Multi-Use Trail

Construction of a multi-use trail along the east side of Kipling Street between 32nd Avenue and 44th Avenue is expected to begin this April or May and be completed by the end of the year. The trail will not only provide safe space for pedestrians and cyclists along Kipling, but will also provide connections between Crown Hill Open Space Park, Discovery Park, the Clear Creek Regional Trail, and other destinations. The project will include the installation of a separate bridge over Clear Creek adjacent to the existing Kipling Street Bridge. Relocation of underground and overhead utility lines will be completed prior to work on the trail itself. During the course of construction, motorists may experience occasional lane closures and related construction activity.

### Tabor Street Reconstruction

Reconstruction of Tabor Street between Ridge Road and the I-70 Frontage Road is expected to begin later this summer. The improvements are in preparation for the Gold Line Commuter Rail and Ward Road Station, which is expected to open in 2016. The reconstruction will include concrete curb and gutter, new asphalt pavement, bicycle lanes, sidewalk, and lighting.

For more information on these and other Capital Improvement Projects, visit the City's website at [www.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us) or call Public Works at 303-235-2861.



Lutheran Medical Center is offering a series of FREE, educational seminars on a variety of health and medical topics.

All classes are led by physicians and held at the Lutheran Medical Center's Learning Center, 8300 W. 38th Avenue, 2nd Floor

### Women and Heart Disease

Dr. Jody Kleinman | 4/08/15 | Noon - 1 p.m.

### When is Enough Enough?

**How to tell when drug & alcohol use is a problem**  
Dr. John Bridges | 4/12/15 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

### The Back-up Plan: How to safely strengthen your back & avoid unnecessary drugs and surgery

Dr. Byron Jones & Nicole Webb, PT | 4/23/15 | 6-7:30 p.m.

### Thinking about having a baby?

Dr. Jennifer Grube | 4/25/15 | 8:30 - 10 a.m.

### Depression and Dementia in the Elderly

Dr. Woljciech Zolcik | 4/28/15 | Noon - 1 p.m.

### Stroke Risk Factors

Dr. Chis Finale | 5/06/15 | Noon - 1 p.m.

### When is Enough Enough?

**How to tell when drug & alcohol use is a problem**  
Dr. John Bridges | 6/09/15 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

### Early Heart Attack Care:

#### Warning signs of a heart attack

Dr. Doug Martel | 6/11/15 | Noon - 1 p.m.

You can register online at [Lutheranmedicalcenter.org/classes](http://Lutheranmedicalcenter.org/classes) or call the Answerline at 303-689-4595



## Taking Water Safety to the Next Level

The statistics are staggering, and yet undeniably transparent. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) an average of ten people die from drowning every day, and the highest rates are for children ages one to four. This is why the Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Aquatics Section has implemented the industry's top safety standards across the board.

"The best prevention for childhood drowning is to empower children by teaching them to swim," explained Barb Kloberdanz, aquatics supervisor. The Recreation Center offers a comprehensive Learn to Swim program designed by the American Red Cross (ARC) based on a logical, six-level progression that helps swimmers of all ages and abilities develop their swimming and water safety skills.

Water safety also relies on a highly trained staff, and for the Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Aquatics section, it starts at the top. Kloberdanz was designated as the 2014 Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) Safety Champion and she expects no less from her staff. Not only must they pass a 40-hour ARC certified lifeguard training prior to employment, they are required to attend monthly

in-service trainings and meet various requirements to maintain their position. Staff safety skills are continually rated through unannounced observation visits from ARC representatives as part of the program.

Patron Matt Pocernich recently commented, "I really appreciate the professionalism of the life guards on duty. In contrast to some of the other pools in the area, they never cluster together to chat, talk on their phones or get distracted from watching the pool. I have also noticed that they are rotated regularly and when doing so - they systematically check the entire pool."

Wheat Ridge pools also comply with the CDC's guidelines to combat recreational water illnesses, a common concern in public swimming facilities, through the use of continuous filtration and disinfection systems. The pool rules are posted throughout the facility, and lifejackets are available for anyone who may need them.

To learn more about water safety, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). To learn more about Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Department's Learn to Swim program, call 303-231-1300 or visit [www.webtrac.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://www.webtrac.ci.wheatridge.co.us)

## Need a Little Help?



### Chore Program

The Seniors' Resource Center (SRC) offers free chore services to individuals 60 and older living in Jefferson County. The program is called Chores and is provided through grant funding. They can help with things like cleaning and organizing closets, deep cleaning of bathrooms, kitchens, floors, window washing, and outside cleanup of porches and patios and seasonal yard clean up.

To schedule an appointment call the Chore Service Hotline at 303.235.6952 or email to Loretta Trujillo at [ltrujillo@SRC Aging.org](mailto:ltrujillo@SRC Aging.org) Chore Service Workers are background checked and must meet SRC hiring criteria.

### Tax Help

There's still time to get help filing your taxes. SRC's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program offers free tax help, primarily to seniors, through April 15. Volunteers will assist taxpayers at the SRC main office in Wheat Ridge or the satellite office in South Jefferson County. For more information or to make a reservation call the SRC income tax line at 303-235-6921.

Jefferson County Public Library will also offer free tax preparation assistance to any individual who requires assistance filing their tax returns. Additional information, locations and times can be found at [jeffcolibrary.org/research/taxes](http://jeffcolibrary.org/research/taxes)



## Fall Prevention

1 in 3 adults 65 and older will fall each year  
Don't let it be YOU

The Wheat Ridge Fire Department will be holding the following Fall Prevention classes:

March 27	1-2pm	Highlands South Apartments, 6360 W 38th
March 30	1-2pm	Town Center Apartments, 4340 Vance St
March 31	1-2pm	Ye Olde Firehouse, 3232 N Depew St
April 2	1:30-2:30pm	Edgewater Plaza, 2250 Eaton St

Wheat Ridge and Edgewater residents can call 720-248-4591 to arrange for a FREE phone or in home fall safety screening. Free necessary home safety modifications may also be available. For more information visit [WheatRidgeSenior.org](http://WheatRidgeSenior.org)

## Community Calendar

### APRIL

- 13 Wheat Ridge City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Wheat Ridge City Hall
- 27 Wheat Ridge City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Wheat Ridge City Hall

### MAY

- 11 Wheat Ridge City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Wheat Ridge City Hall
- 25 City Administrative facilities will be closed for Memorial Day

### JUNE

- 08 Wheat Ridge City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Wheat Ridge City Hall
- 22 Wheat Ridge City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Wheat Ridge City Hall



*Exceptional  
People  
Providing  
Exceptional  
Service!*

## WRPD Salutes 42 Years of Service

In late February, after more than 40 years of service to the Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD), Division Chief Joe Cassa retired from a long and decorated career in police work. He holds the record for the longest tenure in the department. Division Chief Cassa began with the department as a dispatcher in 1972 and became a fully-sworn officer the following year. "I wanted to be involved in the development and growth of a new police department with an emphasis on serving citizens," Cassa stated. "My family and I were longtime residents of Wheat Ridge, and I believed the best way for me to make a difference in the community was to become a member of the WRPD."

Cassa served in many areas of the department, including Investigations, Patrol, Crime Prevention and the K-9 unit. During his career with WRPD, Division Chief Cassa worked tirelessly to educate the department and the community on mental health issues and how to help those in mental health crisis. "One of my passions is serving people with mental illness in our community," he explains. His work on the local, county and state levels became a major focus of his career and has led to numerous partnerships in the community. As a founding member

of the Crisis Intervention Team, he made it his mission to serve those with mental health problems and to help other officers to understand and deal with mental issues in the community. His vigorous work in this area also earned him the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police Pioneer

psychologically stressful work environment filled with danger, high demands, ambiguity in work encounters, and human misery. I know it has also been incredibly rewarding for Joe to be able to make a positive difference in the community and the lives of the men and women of the Wheat

Ridge Police Department, and that he would not trade that experience for anything," said Division Chief Jim Lorentz, who has worked with Division Chief Cassa for more than 32 years. "Joe's leadership and commitment will be sorely missed and his shoes will be difficult to fill."

"I have been blessed throughout my career with opportunities to grow personally and professionally," Cassa said. "The City and the Police Department has treated me very well throughout the years and I am grateful for the family relationship that is fostered on a daily

basis," he continued. Police Chief Dan Brennan expressed his appreciation to Cassa at his February retirement celebration, "On behalf of all of us here at the Wheat Ridge Police Department, we salute Division Chief Joe Cassa for his many years of service. His commitment to the City, Police Department and our community will be greatly missed."



1972



2006

Division Chief Joe Cassa

Award for the establishment of the Peer Counseling Program for Jefferson County High School students, which provides crisis intervention techniques to peers.

Division Chief Cassa has served as a friend and mentor to hundreds of Wheat Ridge officers and staff over the years. "It is an amazing accomplishment to complete 42 years of police work. Policing is a



The first all-female graduation class (l to r) officers Aines, Al-Arahawi, Burton and Wright

## WRPD Welcomes New Officers and Recruits

The Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD) is proud to welcome four new police officers to the department. Officers Aines, Al-Arahawi, Burton and Wright graduated from the Combined Regional Academy in December 2014. This is the first all-female class from the WRPD to graduate from the academy. All four officers are now out on the streets and completing their training in the field.

In early January, four additional police recruits began their training at the police academy and are slated to graduate in June. "We are very excited to welcome all of these young officers to our ranks," said Wheat Ridge Police Chief Dan Brennan. "Their enthusiasm and commitment to upholding our core values of integrity, respect, courage, perseverance and initiative will serve both the department and the citizens of Wheat Ridge well."

### JOIN THE VOLUNTEER TEAM!

The Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD) is committed to developing a partnership with the community. In doing so, the department has created the WRPD volunteer team. Volunteers are needed to support the mission and vision of the department and become one of the exceptional people providing exceptional services. Joining the team gives citizens an opportunity to contribute to the police department and the community as a whole. Your service within the police department will also give you a personal and informed perspective of the police department, and the services it provides.



For more information or to volunteer for the team, visit the City website at [www.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us) or contact Sgt. Armstrong at 303-235-2927.

## Police Department Hosts 2015 Citizen's Police Academy

**August 26th – November 18th**

Meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the police training room at City Hall  
7500 W. 29th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

This 13-week class will give citizens an opportunity to learn first-hand about the inner-workings of the police department and help participants understand the department's mission, practices and operations. Academy graduates have the opportunity to join the Wheat Ridge Police Department's volunteer team.

You must be at least 18-years-old, willing to sign a waiver of liability, have no felony or domestic violence or serious misdemeanor convictions, and you cannot be a registered sex offender. The Citizen's Police Academy is not designed to train citizens as police officers or to give citizen's police authority of any kind.

To apply, visit the City's website at [www.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us) or contact Sgt. Armstrong at 303-235-2927.



## Dreaming of Improvements



BEFORE: Former site of Valente's restaurant in 2008.



AFTER: Colorado Plus Pub in 2013.

Have you ever found yourself daydreaming, not of white sand beaches or coconuts, but of updating your bathroom or adding a new roof? Business owners, this goes for you as well. What about that patio you've been dreaming of - or maybe all new windows?

Wheat Ridge 2020, a community non-profit organization, has low-interest business and home loans that may help turn those dreams into reality.

Residents owning homes between Sheridan and Wadsworth in the City of Wheat Ridge are eligible for the Home Investment Loan Program. These low-interest property improvement loans are up to \$20,000, with the maximum loan amount increasing to \$30,000 for those adding a bedroom and bathroom to their home.

The Home Investment Loan Program allowed Mark and Ellen Gauthier to make needed repairs to their older home. "We were able to do more than the cosmetic things. We addressed structural elements like a foundation and roof," explained Gauthier.

For commercial property owners, the Building Up Business Loan (BUBL) program provides improvement loans for up to a maximum of \$50,000. Wheat Ridge 2020 is pleased to announce that in 2015 all properties within the City of Wheat Ridge are now eligible to apply.

The BUBL program helped provide funding for Eugene Kahng and his wife to renovate the former Valente's restaurant, and open Colorado Plus brewpub. "The loan from Wheat Ridge 2020 helped pay for our roll-up garage doors and the

façade improvements, which added curb appeal," explained Kahng.

Wheat Ridge 2020 has made 27 loans and leveraged more than \$2 million in improvements using these programs. The revolving loan fund is an investment made by the City of Wheat Ridge to help revitalize real estate in the community. The loans can stand alone or be used in conjunction with loans from other lenders to help bring about projects that otherwise may not have been possible.

This is a great time to apply and make your dreams a reality!

To learn more about these loan programs, visit [www.WheatRidge2020.org](http://www.WheatRidge2020.org) or call the Wheat Ridge 2020 office at 720-259-1030.

## How is Wheat Ridge 2020 Accountable?

Wheat Ridge 2020 is a non-profit organization advancing Wheat Ridge as a vibrant and sustainable community. Our role at Wheat Ridge 2020 is to be a catalyst for the community. As a community non-profit we are governed by a board of directors with 13 volunteers. This board is comprised of Wheat Ridge residents and business owners who support the organization's mission.

### Who oversees our finances?

Wheat Ridge 2020 has two full-time and one part-time staff members. The staff expends funds in accordance with a board-approved budget that is developed in accordance with our strategic plan and priorities. Two board members sign off on every check, and expenditures over a certain amount are approved by the whole board.

Monthly financials are generated by staff and reviewed and questioned by a finance committee. The finance committee members include certified public accountants, bankers, lawyers, small business owners and accounting

educators who want to see our community thrive. If the financials meet their standard, they recommend approval to the board of directors. The Wheat Ridge 2020 Board of Directors also apply their perspective to ensure we are providing clear accounting for our funds and that we steward our resources wisely. The board reviews and approves the financials subject to audit.

### Is Wheat Ridge 2020 audited?

Every year Wheat Ridge 2020 hires an outside auditing firm to review and test our procedures and accounting. The local auditing firm Wilson Downing Group conducts our annual audits and prepares our audited financial statements. Wheat Ridge 2020 has an operating budget under \$500,000. Many organizations our size do not take the time and expense to conduct an audit. Wheat Ridge 2020 chooses to invest in auditing to ensure sound practices and accountability. Both the finance committee and the board review, and the board approve the audited financials. We are pleased to report yet another clean audit this year.

### Does Wheat Ridge 2020 file taxes?

All non-profit organizations like Wheat Ridge 2020 file a form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service. The 990 forms are publicly available and help you get a financial picture of a non-profit organization. If you would like to view the 990 of any non-profit organization you can do so at [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org).

You can find Wheat Ridge 2020's 990s since our incorporation nine years ago at our website [WheatRidge2020.org](http://WheatRidge2020.org) by clicking on Who We Are and then Governance. You may also visit our office at 7391 W 38th Avenue to view or to request a copy. This 23-page form tells you about many aspects of our programs and investments. The board of directors reviews and approves the entire 990 and the many pages of questions on our policies and practices.

### How is Wheat Ridge 2020's financial information utilized?

Besides daily management, Wheat Ridge 2020 uses the audited financials to report to funders. The City of Wheat



### March 25, 2015

*Food and Film Series: Food Patriots*  
Family-friendly film and potluck series to learn more about the food we eat! Bring a dish to share and join us!  
Active Adult Center,  
6363 W. 35th Avenue  
6 p.m. Potluck; 6:30 p.m. film

### May 3, 2015

*Welcome to Wheat Ridge Tour*  
Cost: \$10  
Brewery Rickoli, 4335 Wadsworth Blvd.  
2 - 4 p.m.

### June 7, 2015

*Ridge at 38 Criterium*  
USA Cycling and BRAC-sanctioned short loop road bike race and accompanying festivities along Ridge at 38. A fast-paced and thrilling spectator experience for race goers, and a beer/wine garden, live music, face painting, and food vendors!  
Wheat Ridge 5-8, 7101 W. 38th Ave.  
7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### September 26, 2015

*Mid Century and Modern Home Tour*  
An afternoon tour of Mid Century and Modern homes and buildings throughout Wheat Ridge.  
Modmood, 7700 W 44th Ave.,  
1 - 5 p.m.

### December 8, 2015

*Wheat Ridge 2020- 10 Year Anniversary Gala*  
A celebration of Wheat Ridge 2020 and all they have achieved in the past 10 years.  
Wheat Ridge Rec Center,  
4005 Kipling St  
5 - 9 p.m.



Ridge grants funds to Wheat Ridge 2020 to conduct several specific programs to benefit the community and achieve strategic goals. We provide our audited financials and report on our progress and results. You can view the Wheat Ridge 2020 Annual Report on our website or request one in person at our office.

Wheat Ridge 2020 and many nonprofits strive to be transparent so you can make wise decisions on investing in organizations that help our communities and make a difference. Please contact our Executive Director Britta Fisher at [bfisher@wheatridge2020.org](mailto:bfisher@wheatridge2020.org) if you would like to learn more about investing in or donating to Wheat Ridge 2020.

# CODY SAYS: Be Safe and Have Fun!

## Be a Good Neighbor

Everyone enjoys a fun day at the park or a stroll through the City's greenbelt areas. Cody the Code Ranger would like to remind folks the parks are available for all to enjoy. Cody is also asking for assistance in reporting bad behavior in the parks and greenbelt areas.

The City Community Service Officers (CSO) encourage park visitors to let them know when things are going right – or wrong! By being the “eyes and ears,” of your community, you can help make a safer more pleasant place to work and play.

### Cody's reminders when visiting parks and greenbelt area:

- Be courteous to other park visitors and neighboring residents.
- Keep dogs on a leash and under your control at all times.
- Be the, “eyes and ears,” of your community.
- Report bad behavior.

Park hours are 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Greenbelt hours are sunrise to sunset. Please remember all of our parks and open spaces are smoke free.

To report bad behaviors call: **303-237-2220**

To report positive feedback: **email Cody**

In an emergency, **call 911**

You can send e-mail Cody anytime at: [Cody@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:Cody@ci.wheatridge.co.us)



## Council Approves Targeted Code Enforcement Strategy

When properties are in compliance with nuisance codes, there is an overall increase in property values, community pride, perception in the quality of life, and a reduction in crime and fear of crime, in neighborhoods.

During the 2014 City Council retreat, Council members identified code enforcement as a priority for 2015, recognizing the important role proactive code enforcement plays in achieving the goals of the City. Council and staff agreed to expand code enforcement efforts by directing additional resources to two or three targeted residential neighborhoods and one commercial corridor.

Data gathered from calls for service, service requests and officer observations will be used to identify and select areas that are most in need of additional code enforcement due to crime, traffic and quality of life issues.

In January Council approved additional resources to implement the program. Two part-time Community Service Officer positions will be extended from 26 to 52 weeks, and a vehicle will be provided for their use. The officers will work on specific code enforcement strategies to address residential and commercial nuisance code issues in the targeted areas. The program will be re-evaluated at the end of the year.

If you have questions regarding Code Enforcement please contact the Community Services Team at 303-235-2926 or e-mail [Cody@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:Cody@ci.wheatridge.co.us)



Brought to you in partnership with the City of Wheat Ridge and Wheat Ridge Police Department's Community Services Team

## BENEFITS OF A PET LICENSE

- 🐾 Immediate notification if your missing pet is found. In many cases, animal control or a good Samaritan can bring your pet directly home.
- 🐾 Your pet licensing fee helps support Foothills Animal Shelter—where thousands of homeless pets are cared for each year.
- 🐾 It's easy! License online, by mail or in person.

**A license, renewed annually, is required for all dogs 4 months and older living within the city limits of Wheat Ridge.**

For more information visit [www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/License](http://www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/License) or call **303.278.7577**

You may see these symbols appearing throughout Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation areas reminding citizens of park rules and policies.



## JEFFERSON COUNTY PET LICENSE APPLICATION

Please print clearly and fill in all applicable information.

Owner Last Name		Owner First Name	
Residential Address (required)			Apt #
City	State	Zip	
Mailing Address			
Primary Phone	Work Phone	Alternate Phone	
Email Address			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog	Breed (if unknown, list breed most resembles)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Spayed/Neutered
<input type="checkbox"/> Cat		<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
Pet Name	Color(s)	Weight	Age/DOB
Microchip #			
Owner or Agent Signature Verifying Spay/Neuter Status			

Please check here to opt out of online license tag lookup:

Questions? Call **303-278-7577** or visit [www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/License](http://www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/License)

### Annual License Fees

Unaltered pet . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 30.00
Spayed/neutered (altered) pet . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 15.00
Replacement for lost tag prior to time of renewal . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 5.00
Replacement for lost tag at time of renewal . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0.00
<b>License Total</b> . . . . .	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Donation** . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Count me in! I want to help the homeless pets at Foothills Animal Shelter!  
**Total Enclosed** (Please make checks payable to Foothills Animal Shelter) . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### LICENSING OPTIONS

**Online:** [www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/License](http://www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/License)

**In Person:** Wheat Ridge Police Department Records window at 7500 W. 29th Avenue, or at any of our pet licensing sites (for a complete list of sites, visit [www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/License](http://www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org/License)).  
**Bring a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination certificate.**

### By Mail:

- Enclose this application **and a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination certificate.** Documents are not returned – please submit **copies** of required documents and retain the originals for your records.
- Make your check or money order payable to Foothills Animal Shelter (please do not send cash).
- Mail to **Foothills Animal Shelter Pet Licensing, c/o PetData, PO Box 141929, Irving, TX 75014.**

PetData focuses solely on the administration of animal licensing programs for municipalities and animal welfare agencies throughout the United States.