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NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 10th ANNUAL WHEAT RIDGE

BUSINESS APPRECIATION AWARDS PROGRAM

Submit your nominations by August 16th

WHEAT RIDGE, CO – Do you have a favorite business in Wheat Ridge that is doing a great job? Providing the best in customer service? Or has done a great job renovating their location? If you answered, “Yes” to any of these questions, then here’s your chance to nominate your business of choice for the 2013 Wheat Ridge Business Appreciation Awards program.

This year the City and Wheat Ridge Business Association are partnering to offer the 10th Annual Business Appreciation Awards Program.

“I am very excited about this new partnership with the Wheat Ridge Business Association,” said Mayor Jerry DiTullio. “I enjoy hosting this annual event because it is such a great honor to recognize and promote our local businesses and the many ways they give back to the community.”

Nominations are being accepted for the following two award categories:

- **Business of the Year** - This award recognizes a business that exemplifies the ‘Best in Business’ that represents the values of our community.
- **Reinvestment Award** - This award recognizes a business that has demonstrated one or more of the following: made a significant investment in its property, improved the overall appearance of the site, maintained property at the highest standards, or updated their building in a manner to make it more marketable.

Winners of the 2013 Business Awards will be honored at the annual breakfast awards ceremony on September 25, 2013 at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center. Anyone wishing to nominate a Wheat Ridge business for an award this year should go to the Economic Development page of the City's website at www.ci.wheatridge.co.us to print a nomination form. Forms are also available at City Hall, Senior's Resource Center, Wheat Ridge Active Adult Center, Wheat Ridge Recreation Center and other areas around town. All nominations for the Annual Business Awards Program must be received by Friday, August 16.

"It made sense for us to team up with the City of Wheat Ridge for these awards," said Loretta DiTirro, President of the Wheat Ridge Business Association. "In past year's we've presented our awards separately. This year our Board of Directors approached the City about combining our two events. It really makes sense for both organizations. We're ecstatic about being part of this program honoring our membership and the entire Wheat Ridge business community."

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