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WHEAT RIDGE BUSINESS AWARD NOMINEES ANNOUNCED
Doors Wide Open!

WHEAT RIDGE, CO – The City of Wheat Ridge is honored to announce the nominees for its Business Appreciation Awards. The September 25th ceremony will mark the 10th year the City has recognized business's in the community. The theme for this year's event is "*Doors Wide Open.*" Winners will be announced at the appreciation breakfast to be held at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center and hosted by Wheat Ridge Mayor Jerry DiTullio.

Nominees are listed below by category:

2013 Business of the Year - This award recognizes a business that exemplifies the '*Best in Business*' that represents the values of our community. The nominees are: Big O Tires, The Brown Dog School, Christopher House, Food for Thought, Golden Wealth Solutions, Right Coast Pizza, Swiss Flower and Gift Shop, Teller Street Gallery, Thank 'em Promotions, Vinyl Works, Walker's Quality Cage & Feed, and Wheat Ridge Liquors.

2012 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. The nominees are: Colorado Plus, Bob Perry and Associates, King Soopers, Risas Dental, T-Bird Roadhouse, and West 29 Restaurant.

Four additional awards will be presented at the ceremony. These award recipients are selected independently by the Council, the Mayor, Wheat Ridge Business Association, and the Cultural Commission. The awards include:

- **City Council's Partnership Award** – This award gives the City Council an opportunity to recognize a business for their overall contributions to the City. It incorporates criteria from all

award categories as well as contributions in volunteerism, leadership, and community investment/involvement.

- ***The Mayor's Business and Youth Partnership Award*** – This award gives the Mayor an opportunity to recognize a business for their overall contributions. It incorporates criteria from all award categories as well as contributions in volunteerism, leadership, and community investment, but must also include involvement with the mentoring, training, and partnering with the youth.
- ***The Wheat Ridge Business Association 'Member of the Year'*** – Honors the top member of the association for their efforts to better business in Wheat Ridge and promotes the Wheat Ridge Business Association.
- ***The Cultural Commission Award*** – Recognizes a business which has made an impact on the community through one or more of the following: promoting/encouraging culture and the arts, promoting awareness of our cultural activities, diversity, heritage, supporting opportunities in art education for all ages or incorporating art into the architecture and design of their building.

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