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WHEAT RIDGE BUSINESS AWARD NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

WHEAT RIDGE, CO – The City of Wheat Ridge is honored to announce the nominees for its 12th Annual Business Appreciation Awards.

The theme of this year's awards is "Opportunity Knocks" and pays tribute to the willingness of local entrepreneurs to take chances in their pursuit of success. The year's winners will be named at the awards breakfast, which will be hosted by Mayor Joyce Jay and held at 7:30 a.m. on October 8th at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center Ballroom.

The City is honored to announce the nominees in the following categories:

- **2015 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: AAA Propane, Anthony M's Visions in Gold, Cosmo's Retail Store and Dog Biscuit Bakery, Fanelli's Amici's, Karebear Bakery, Kevin Robb Studios, Pet Club of Wheat Ridge, Quality Auto Care and Tire, ReStore, T-Bird Roadhouse, and VinylWorks.

- **2014 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: Confluent Development for the Kipling Ridge project, Helliemae's for their re-use of an old building on 44th Avenue at Jay Street, Kidney Center of Wheat Ridge for the redevelopment of an

old building on West 38th Avenue which formerly housed Mark's Restaurant, Lutheran Medical Center for their Emergency Room expansion, and Natural Grocers for the redevelopment of the Furr's Cafeteria building at Kipling Street and 49th Avenue.

- **2015 Cultural Commission Award** - 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. The nominees are Blu Iron Photography, Colorado Actors Company and Theater School (ACTS), and Mid Mod Vintage.

Three other awards will be presented at the ceremony: The City Council's Partnership Award, the Mayor's Partnership Award and the Wheat Ridge Business Association "Member of the Year" Award.

The City Council's Partnership Award gives the City Council an opportunity to recognize a company for its overall contributions to the City. Companies are judged on criteria from all award categories as well as contributions in volunteerism, leadership, and community investment/involvement.

The Mayor's Partnership Award recognizes a person or company for their overall contributions. Winners are chosen for their contributions in volunteerism, leadership, and community investment, as well as their involvement with mentoring, training, and partnering with local youth.

The Wheat Ridge Business Association "Member of the Year" honors the top member of the association for their efforts to improve business in Wheat Ridge and promote the Wheat Ridge Business Association

These awards are selected independently by the Council, the Mayor, Wheat Ridge Business Association, and the Cultural Commission and as a result, there is not a nominee list but only a single winner.

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