



Mayor's Matters

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Greetings!

Mayor's Matters is your monthly connection to learning about the great things happening in the City of Wheat Ridge! I encourage you to share this monthly e-newsletter with any friends or family who may wish to know more about Wheat Ridge. Feel free to use the "Forward" link at the bottom of the page to send a copy of this e-newsletter to others.



Congratulations to Larry Schulz, our City Treasurer! Larry was recently recognized by the Regional Transportation District (RTD) as a 2008 "Champion of Transit." The inscription reads, "For being at the forefront in championing public transportation that will improve the Quality of Life in communities and for infusing new ideas into the process that will promote the Gold Line and FasTracks growth."

Mayor Jerry DiTullio

Business Grand Opening Day

On Thursday February 12, 2009 the Mayor and the Wheat Ridge Economic Development Division will host a progressive grand opening and ribbon cutting for five new local businesses. The businesses being honored are:

12:30 p.m. - Natural Interiors, 3855 Wadsworth Blvd

1:30 p.m. - Ornamental Beads, 5712 W. 38th Ave

2:30 p.m. - Cress Kitchen and Bath, 6770 W. 38th Ave

3:30 p.m. - Chalet, 7340 W 38th Ave

4:30 p.m. - Educyber, 4251 Kipling St, Ste 190 (Clear Creek Office Building)

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served at each ribbon cutting and photographs will be taken to include in articles submitted to

New City Business Directory

The new interactive City Business Directory is up and running!

Search for any local business and receive contact information and a map of the business location.

Visit it [here!](#)

DTV Transition

The DTV Transition, or Digital Television Transition, is now expected to occur on June 12, 2009.

Congress recently passed a bill postponing the date of the transition that was initially scheduled for February 17. The bill is now headed to President Obama, who is expected to sign it, according to *The Associated Press*.

For more information on the transition please visit the [DTV Transition Web site](#).

Coffee with a Cop

Meet and visit with members of the Wheat Ridge Police Department over coffee! Ask questions about the department, special programs

YourHub and the *Wheat Ridge Transcript*.

Please contact Ryan Stachelski, Economic Development Specialist, at 303-235-2806 or e-mail rstachelski@ci.wheatridge.co.us for more information.

Next Comprehensive Plan public workshop scheduled

The Comprehensive Plan Update is now underway and public input is an important part of the planning process. A public workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center (4005 Kipling St.). This is your opportunity to share your ideas & participate!

Comprehensive Plan Tip of the Month

Between 1990 and 2000, Wheat Ridge experienced a 12 percent population growth while the Denver-metro area grew by 31 percent during that period.

Since 2000, Wheat Ridge has experienced a decrease in population by 6 percent while the Denver-metro area as a whole grew by 13 percent.

Currently 9 percent of the land in Wheat Ridge is vacant. According to projections and modeling by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), for future land use needs in the metro area for the year 2035, 35 to 105 acres will be needed in Wheat Ridge to accommodate 250 to 1,700 single family homes.

Visit [Envision Wheat Ridge](#) for an up-to-date source for information on the Comprehensive Plan project and upcoming events.

Park planned at 38th and Kipling receives grant

The City of Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Department received a Jefferson County Joint Venture Grant in the amount of \$275,000 for the construction of the future park site at 38th and Kipling.

Plans for the park, which will be completed in phases, are currently underway to begin the design development of the project. The design phase includes a more detailed plan for the park, with the end result being the construction drawings.

City Council awarded the contract for design development and construction documents for the project to Design Concepts. The award for the construction bid is planned for

or law enforcement in general. The next opportunity is:

**Monday, Feb. 9
9 to 11 a.m.**

Coffee with a Cop takes place at the Starbucks located at 3450 Youngfield Street in Wheat Ridge.

Upcoming dates in 2009:

**Monday, March 9
9 to 11 a.m.**

**Monday, April 13
9 to 11 a.m.**

**Monday, May 11
9 to 11 a.m.**

Green Tip

YellowPagesGoesGreen.org is helping municipalities and local governments around the country establish ordinances to mandate *Yellow Pages* and *White Pages* only be delivered to homes and offices that ask for them.

Click [here](#) to join the movement against unsolicited phone book delivery or if you would like to sign up to opt out of receiving your phone book.

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August of 2009 with construction to begin in the fall of 2009.

To view the final plan for the park, click [here](#).

For more information on the park development, please contact Joyce Manwaring, Director of Parks and Recreation, at 303-231-1307.



New online application process

The City of Wheat Ridge has partnered with NEOGOV to provide online application services for prospective job applicants. Interested parties can now visit career opportunities on the City's Web site, search for jobs and apply directly online.

The new online service for applicants also features an electronic job interest card that notifies applicants when a position they are interested in becomes available.

To learn more or to view available positions, click [here](#).

For More Information

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