



Mayor's Matters is your connection to learn what is new, important and interesting in the City of Wheat Ridge! Feel free to share this newsletter with any friends or family who may wish to know more about our great city.

I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the coffee get-togethers over my term as Mayor. The 2017 Mayoral candidates Bud Danker and Joe DeMott are planning to attend this coffee to hear citizen concerns and express their plans for the City.

Coffee with the Mayor
Saturday, October 7, 2017

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
at Vinnola's, 7750 W. 38th Ave.



Mayor Joyce Jay



Wheat Ridge Election Forum

The League of Women Voters, Jefferson County will host the Wheat Ridge Election Forum at City Hall in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 3, from 6-8 p.m. For more information on the 2017 Mayoral and City Council candidates, visit: <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/16122017-CandDates>

Wheat Ridge Environmental Sustainability Committee Update

The Wheat Ridge Environmental Sustainability Committee (WRESC) is comprised of 11 residents who were appointed by Mayor Joyce Jay on May 8, 2017. WRESC received additional council support through Resolution 16-2017 resolved on May 22, 2017, which states, "The Wheat Ridge City Council recognizes and supports the mission of the Wheat Ridge Environmental Sustainability Committee." Its stated purpose is "to involve the community in recommending and prioritizing environmental sustainability goals for the City of Wheat Ridge municipal operations and other community-wide sustainability efforts."

WRESC has held nine meetings to date and has interviewed numerous city officials, experts, and community leaders regarding existing efforts relating to the six areas identified in its formation, which are:

- Green Building
- Renewable Energy
- Transportation
- Solid Waste and Recycling
- Water
- Communication and Engagement

WRESC provided an initial presentation summarizing its findings and identifying potential next steps to City Council on September 11. The committee will now focus on developing a comprehensive action plan to submit to Council by May of 2018. For more information, visit: <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/27322>



Committee Members: Karan Berry, Heather Head, Amy DePiero, Dan Graev, Alex Helling, April Nowak, Joy Opp, Andy Rasmussen, Rob Robinson, Adam Wyle and Eric Wilson

Wheat Ridge Business District

New Façade-Plus Program

The Wheat Ridge Business District (WRBD) is looking for commercial property owners and businesses willing to invest in their properties in the City of Wheat Ridge and make a dramatic change in the curb appeal of their buildings and properties. The WRBD has existing grant programs that match improvements in certain categories. The Façade Plus program is an effort to consider larger projects that include substantial changes to the façade.

Further information about this new program can be found online at www.WheatRidge.org/Business. Contact forms and a letter of interest for the Façade Plus Program are due to Localworks by October 2, 2017. Call Chelsea Bunker at 720-259-1030 for more information.

Be Smart, Be Seen Be Safe this Halloween!



Be Smart

- Use battery-operated candles for porch decorations
- Check electric cables to ensure they are intended for outdoor usage and replace them if any wires are worn
- Keep pets inside and away from scary visitors and the risk of escaping out the front door

Be Seen

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors
- Carry glow sticks or flashlights

Be Safe

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Children under the age of 12 should trick-or-treat with an adult. Older kids should travel in groups, have a time to check in, and stick to familiar well-lit areas

Drivers, Watch Out For Kids

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods
- Eliminate any distractions and concentrate on the road
- Be especially alert from 5:30-8:30 p.m. when kids are trick-or-treating

Watch our new Halloween Safety video on YouTube!

Read more about Halloween safety from the WRPD: <http://bit.ly/halloweenTrickWRPD>

Have a safe, not scary Halloween!



Wheat Ridge Police Department Crime Forum

A video of the Wheat Ridge Police Department September Crime Forum is available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10kay2ZG0>. The video features WRPD Chief Brennan and other members of the Command Staff presenting information and crime statistics to residents.



Protect Yourself and Your Property from Flooding

Can you believe that it has been four years since the communities just north of Wheat Ridge experienced catastrophic flooding that destroyed property and lives? Our City was spared from the worst of the floods in 2013, receiving only localized flooding. We certainly are not at risk from flooding associated with storm surges and hurricanes that are being experienced elsewhere this year, but we are at risk from a repeat of the kind of flooding our state experienced in September 2013. There are several things that you can do to protect yourself and your property:

Before a Flood:

- Elevate your house above the flood elevation. Federal programs are available to help.
- Elevate furnaces, water heaters, and electrical panels above the flood elevation to reduce expensive repairs.
- Seal basement walls with waterproofing to reduce seepage.
- Buy flood insurance to cover your house and contents, even if you are renting.

During a Flood:

- Listen to instructions from the local emergency manager regarding the need to evacuate.
- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of fast-moving water is all it takes to sweep most people away.
- Do not drive through floodwaters. Six inches can cause the loss of control or stall most cars, 12 inches will float most vehicles and two feet of moving water will sweep away almost any vehicle.

After a Flood:

- Avoid walking or riding in floodwaters because they are often contaminated. Also, do not use tap water unless the water district has announced that it is safe.
- Wait to return to your property until the authorities have announced that it is safe. Some buildings may be determined to be unsafe to enter.
- If damage has occurred, permits will likely be required to ensure that any reconstruction meets the code requirements to reduce the potential for future damage.

Save the date

October 3 from 6-8 p.m. Election Forum, City Council Chambers

October 5 - Governor visits Event Middle School to present a Fitness Grant

October 18 at 10 a.m. - The Camers Ground Breaking, 38th & Wadsworth

October 19 4-6 p.m. - Fruitdale School Lot's Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening

October 28 from 4-6 p.m. - Trunk or Treat, Ridge at 38

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