



Mayor's Matters

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Greetings!

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you all to our 34th Annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m. The event is FREE so bring your Easter baskets to Panorama Park located at 35th Ave. and Fenton St. in Wheat Ridge. For more information, click [here](#). Hope to see you there!



I had the pleasure to meet Richard Kasson last year while I was working at Wheat Ridge High School as a transition aide. Richard was a freshman and I would assist him occasionally in his daily exercises to keep him stretched and limber or I would accompany him to class and assist him in taking class notes. Richard helped out in the Joe Pit Coffee shop a few times. Richard has a great sense of humor and works hard to keep his grades up. This year, one of Richard's teachers e-mailed me his written paper and asked if I would publish it since it was an inspiring written piece. I expect great things from Richard in the future, and I am proud that he considers me a friend. Richard approved the publication of his paper. Click [here](#) to read Richard's inspirational essay. The essay is also posted on the Mayor's Office page on the City's [Website](#)!

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.

Mayor Jerry DiTullio

HOLD UP Program

What is HOLD UP?

HOLD UP stands for **H**ardening **O**pportunity, **L**imiting **D**anger, and **U**niting **P**revention.

The [HOLD UP](#) program is a positive, collaborative crime prevention effort offered by the Wheat Ridge Police Department

Comprehensive Plan Tip of the Month

Did you know 77 percent of commercial structures in Wheat Ridge were built before 1980? Only 23 percent of commercial structures have been built since 1981, with most of those occurring before the year 2000. Because the majority of commercial structures are nearly 30 years-old, many are prime sites for redevelopment.

To learn more about the Comprehensive Plan Update click [here](#).

Spring Green Business Showcase

The Economic Development Division has partnered with Enterprise Wheat Ridge (EWR) and the Applewood Business Association (ABA) to present the Wheat Ridge Spring Green Business Showcase.

The event will take place at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center on **April 28, 2009 from 7:30 to 10 a.m.** and will showcase mostly members of both EWR and the ABA.

The event is **FREE** and open to the public. Wheat Ridge residents are encouraged to attend and see what a

(WRPD). The program is an opportunity for local businesses to educate themselves and their employees on Robbery Prevention, and learn how to implement strategies designed to reduce theft. The training is geared toward management and ownership so the information can be taken back to businesses and passed on to their employees. HOLD UP also provides valuable safety tips to employees that will minimize their exposure to dangerous situations should a robbery occur.

On average, Wheat Ridge businesses are victims of 30 robberies per year, according to the WRPD. "Participation in this program may reduce the likelihood of businesses becoming a victim," said Detective Scott Jungclaus of the WRPD.

What are the requirements for HOLD UP?

HOLD UP training requires less than a half-day commitment and is provided free of charge to local Wheat Ridge businesses. Classes are held quarterly throughout the year.

How can I get my business involved in HOLD UP?

For more information on HOLD UP please contact the Wheat Ridge Police Department at 303-237-2220 and ask for Crime Prevention Office.

Senior/Community Center to Host Salute to Jazz!

The Wheat Ridge Senior/Community Center is hosting a Salute to Jazz Legends on **Sunday, April 19 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.** The event is **FREE** and will feature professional vocalist Sheryl Renee, accompanied by Tom Sandquist, performing jazz numbers that made history. Enjoy the sounds of Billie Holiday, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horn, Louie Armstrong and other legendary jazz musicians. Sponsored by Humana, FirstBank and Villa Manor Care Center, the event will serve dessert and will be held at the Wheat Ridge Senior/Community Center located at 6363 W. 35th Ave. in Wheat Ridge.

For more information and to RSVP, please call the Wheat Ridge Senior/Community Center at 303-205-7500.

Land Use Zoning Code Changes

At the direction of Mayor DiTullio and City Council, the Community Development Department has initiated the process of revising the City's residential development standards and is seeking feedback on these important zoning code amendments.

"These amendments are one piece of a larger project to overhaul much of the City's zoning codes to implement key recommendations from the adopted Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy," said Ken Johnstone, Community Development

dynamic business community Wheat Ridge has. There will be **FREE** food and door prizes at the event.

Coffee with a Cop

Meet and visit with members of the Wheat Ridge Police Department over coffee! Ask questions about the department, special programs or law enforcement in general. The next opportunity is:

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

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

Upcoming dates:

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

**Monday, June 8
9 to 11 a.m.**

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

**Monday, August 10
9 to 11 a.m.**

EARTH DAY!

Earth Day is **Wednesday, April 22!** To learn about how the first Earth Day came about, click [here](#).

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Director. "Our intent is to make it easier for homeowners to reinvest in their homes and properties."

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Residential development standards are regulations contained in the City's zoning code (Chapter 26 of the municipal code) pertaining to property that is zoned residentially. These regulations address numerous issues related to land development, including the size and orientation of structures on a residential lot. This process will take a closer look at these regulations in an effort to encourage investment and provide more flexibility for property owners looking to make improvements, with a focus on building setbacks. Many property owners have found that the current regulations present an obstacle to such improvements being made.



"These amendments will represent a significant improvement toward allowing more flexibility and options for residential property owners," said Mayor Jerry DiTullio.

More information on this project can be found on the Community Development home page on the City's Website under "special projects", or by clicking [here](#).

Information will also be forthcoming as we proceed with public meetings.

Board and Commission Openings

The City of Wheat Ridge has several Board & Commission openings:

- Cultural Commission, District 2
- Cultural Commission, District 3
- Building Code Advisory Board, District 1
- Building Code Advisory Board, District 2
- Senior Programming Advisory Committee, At Large

If you are interested in serving on a Board or Commission, please contact Janice Smothers, Assistant to the Mayor and City Council, at 303-235-2815 or E-mail jsmothers@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

Interested residents are also encouraged to contact their [District City Council Members](#).

Click [here](#) for an application.

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

The Wheat Ridge Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a resource designed to help residents, owners and managers of rental properties keep drugs and illegal activity off their property. The program utilizes an effective three-part approach that aims to prevent crime, while maintaining a friendly, non threatening relationship with residents.

The first phase includes an eight-hour seminar presented by the Wheat Ridge Police Department. The second phase, upon completion, certifies the rental property has met the security requirements for the residents' safety. And in the third phase, a resident crime prevention meeting is held for full certification. Managers are then granted the use of large metal signs for display on the property, as well as the use of the program logo in all advertisements.

For more information on the Wheat Ridge Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, click [here](#).

For More Information

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