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Wheat Ridge Announces 2019 Business Award Nominees

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. August 8, 2019 – The City of Wheat Ridge is pleased to announce the nominees for its 2019 Business Appreciation Awards. Winners will be announced at the annual Wheat Ridge Business Association (WRBA) breakfast event on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, hosted by Wheat Ridge Mayor Bud Starker.

Nominees in each category include the following:

- **2019 Business of the Year** - This award recognizes a business that exemplifies the 'Best in Business' that represents the values of the community. Nominees: Bardo Coffee House, Four Season's Farmers Market, Pediatrics West, PetSmart, and Tazza di Caffee.
- **2019 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. Nominees: All Sacred /Ritual Cravt, Circle K Convenience Store, Cultivated Hemp, Mod Mood, Raffaele's Hair Studio and Ziggi's Coffee.
- **2019 Cultural Commission Award** - The Cultural Commission Award recognizes a business that has made an impact on the community through one or more of the following: promoting/encouraging culture and the arts, promoting awareness of the City's cultural activities, diversity, heritage, supporting opportunities in art education for all ages or incorporating art into the architecture and design of their building. Nominees: Craft Box, Ornamental Bead, and Swiss Flower and Gift Cottage.

Additional awards to be presented:

- 1) City Council's Partnership Award. This award gives the City Council an opportunity to recognize a company 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.
- 2) Mayor's Partnership Award. This award gives the Mayor an opportunity to recognize a person or company 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 youth.

(City Council and the Mayor's Partnership awards are selected independently by city council, the mayor, WRBA, and the Cultural Commission. Since there is a single winner there is no list of nominees.)

- 3) WRBA annual 'Member of the Year' Award. Honors the top member of the WRBA for their efforts to improve/enhance business in Wheat Ridge as well as promote the association.
- 4) Rising Star Award. Presented by the WRBA honoring a member who has shown growing leadership throughout the year.
- 5) Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce. An award presented to one of its members for continued support of the chamber.
- 6) Wheat Ridge Sustainability Award. This is a 'first time' presentation from the Sustainable Wheat Ridge Committee and will honor those who have registered for the Green Business Practices Program.

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About The City of Wheat Ridge

The City of Wheat Ridge, located west of Denver with a population of 31,000 residents, is home to a mix of retail/commercial businesses and unique residential neighborhoods. Wheat Ridge is a vibrant community in a prime location, providing easy access to the Denver metro area and to recreation west into the mountains. The City was recently ranked Top Smallest City by the Economic Development Council of Colorado. Info about Wheat Ridge ci.wheatridge.co.us

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