



# 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 newsletter with any friends or family who may wish to know more about Wheat Ridge. Feel free to forward this on to others.

*Mayor Jerry DiTullio*



## Neighborhood art recognized

*Contributed by Councilmember Joyce Jay*

I would like to thank Wheat Ridge resident and Cultural Commission member Milly Nadler for taking photos of the wonderful art that graces the front and back yards of our neighborhoods. It turns out that the City is full of artistic surprises, poking out of trees and gardens and clinging to structures. A new page on the City of Wheat Ridge website is devoted to the neighborhood art project and features Nadler's photos, cataloged by address so that anyone can take an impromptu "art tour." [Follow this link](#) to view photos and comments from the owners. Any citizen who has their own submission can contact Milly Nadler by email at [Cultural@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:Cultural@ci.wheatridge.co.us).



## West Chamber honors Wheat Ridge community members

The West Chamber held its annual Chairman's Inaugural Celebration lunch on Jan. 28 at the Arvada Center. More than 300 people from the Jefferson County business community gathered to recognize outstanding Chamber members for their exceptional service in 2010. Exempla Lutheran Medical Center received the Business of the Year award (50 plus employees) and was recognized for 50 years of

## Green Tip

Clean your furnace or heat pump filter. Dirty filters reduce airflow, making your equipment work harder and use more energy. Replace your furnace filter during the heating season per the directions in the owner's manual, and you could reduce your heating costs by up to five percent.

## Meet your elected officials this Saturday!

Join State Representative Sue Schafer, Senator Cheri Jahn and Jefferson County Clerk Pam Anderson this **Saturday, Feb. 26** at a Town Hall meeting from 9 – 10:30 a.m. at the Wheat Ridge Active Adult Center (6363 W. 35th Ave.). Bring your questions and opinions regarding elections, bills being debated and more.

## Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow

Although we have had a relatively dry winter so far, spring snow in Colorado is inevitable. Click [here](#) for complete plowing information and priority schedule.

## If I were Mayor...

CML hosts an annual "If I

community service. Councilmember Karen Adams, District II, was chosen as a finalist for the Elected Official of the Year award and Enterprise Wheat Ridge was selected as a finalist for the Non-Profit of the Year – both were recognized for their efforts in the community. The news release can be found on the City website [here](#).

### **Fire District awarded federal grant to hire firefighters**

The Department of Homeland Security awarded a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant to the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District. The grant will enable the District to increase public safety by hiring 11 certified firefighters in fiscal year 2011. SAFER grants will fund 100 percent of the salary and benefits for the firefighters spanning a two-year performance period. Additional information can be accessed at the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District website [www.wrfire.org](http://www.wrfire.org).

### **Source Office Products recognized as a “Colorado Company to Watch”**

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade recently recognized Wheat Ridge business Source Office Products as a "Colorado Company to Watch." Source Office Products offers clients industry-leading online account management and ordering technology, all with the touch of a friendly and local supplier. "Colorado Companies to Watch" is a dynamic program honoring growing companies that are developing valuable services and products. To learn more about sponsoring, partnering or to nominate a company for the 2012 awards please visit [www.colorado.companiestowatch.org](http://www.colorado.companiestowatch.org).

### **City welcomes Zinn Canine Training Center to area**

I welcomed the Zinn Canine Training Center to Wheat Ridge with a grand opening on Jan. 7. The center, which is located at 12200 West 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Suite 6, offers the K9 Nose Work Program which teaches dogs to use their noses to find a specific odor on cue. The center also offers pet first aid, obedience training and pet massage. Please join me in welcoming a unique business to the area. For more information, contact [DanaZinn@ZinnDogTraining.com](mailto:DanaZinn@ZinnDogTraining.com).

### **38th Avenue Corridor Plan -- What's Your Vision?**

The public is invited to attend the first input meeting for the 38th Avenue Corridor Plan project on Tuesday, March 15, at Wheat Ridge Middle School, 7101 W. 38th Ave., from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come be a part of developing a winning vision and plan. Additional information can be found on the City website by following this [link](#).

Were Mayor..." essay contest open to all 7th and 8th grade students across the state. Winners will receive a certificate of achievement, a savings bond, and are invited to attend the 89th CML Annual Conference. This program is made possible in part by the sponsorship of COLOTRUST. Get information and an application by following this [link](#).

### **Best practice City cost-saving measure**

#### **Revenue Share Report 2010**

The City has participated in the Visa Revenue Share Program since 2007. This program offers monthly rebates on the total volume amount paid by using a Visa card.

In 2007 the total amount returned to the City was \$9,723.70. In 2010 the total amount back to the City was \$13,301.63. The Purchasing and Contracting Division researches various opportunities and trends for the City to increase the Revenue Share.

### **Stop the spread of the flu!**

Get a flu shot, wash your hands regularly and stay home when feeling ill. Follow these simple steps to reduce the spread of the flu virus. For additional information click [here](#).

### QUICK LINKS

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**Colorado statewide task forces putting auto theft on lockdown**

Together with law enforcement agencies, insurance companies and community partners, the newly formed Coloradans Against Auto Theft (CAAT) coalition is working to put the brakes on auto theft. Compared to 2005, they have reduced motor vehicle thefts by 60 percent and criminal trespasses to vehicles by 54 percent in 2010 in Wheat Ridge. However, a recent statewide poll shows that one in five Coloradans engage in risky behaviors such as not locking cars, leaving cars running, or parking in dimly lit areas. For more information and tips to reduce auto theft visit CAAT’s website [www.lockdownyourcar.org](http://www.lockdownyourcar.org).

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