



# Mayor's Matters

MARCH 2011

## Greetings!

I hope you are all enjoying our HOT spring! Mayor's Matters is your monthly connection to learn 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.

Please note we have changed the mailing date of this e-newsletter to the fourth Friday of every month.

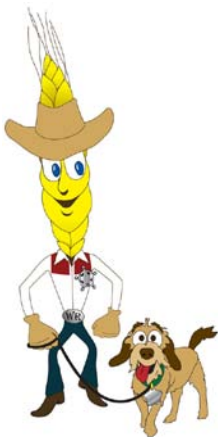
*Mayor Jerry DiTullio*



## Here's to a quiet spring and summer

During my ten years on City Council and now as Mayor, there is one issue that always seems to consistently pit neighbor against neighbor. That issue is a chronic barking dog. A chronic barking dog usually is the result of an inconsiderate pet owner who does not realize how irritating

barking can be to the neighbors. City Code states that a maximum of three dogs and a maximum of four cats are allowed on a residential property. If you file a complaint with the City about a barking dog, Community Services will take your complaint, investigate and work to solve the problem. The bottom line is that every pet owner has a responsibility to be a good neighbor and not allow pets to infringe on the peace and quiet of others. If you have an issue with a barking dog, call 303-237-2220 and leave



a message (24-hour number) or go to the City's web site at [www.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us).

## Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m. at Panorama Park. A rain date is scheduled for April 23. For more information, contact the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center at 303-231-1300.

## Meet your elected officials!

Join State Representative Sue Schafer and Senator Cheri Jahn on **Saturday, March 26** at a Town Hall meeting from 9 – 10:30 a.m. at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center (4005 Kipling). Bring your questions and opinions regarding elections, bills being debated and more.

## Jefferson County

### Commissioner updates: Congratulations to John Odom

On March 2, John Odom was appointed to fill the unexpired term vacated by Kevin McCasky, Jefferson County Commissioner, District 2.

## 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor – what's your vision?

Visit the City web site to review the progress of the 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor Plan Project. The purpose of the

### **Time for spring cleaning!**

The Large Item Pick-Up program will be held on Saturday, May 14 and Saturday, May 21. The first 500 residents of Wheat Ridge that register will be eligible to have **ONE** large bulky item picked up that the residential trash service will not collect without extra payment. Unfortunately, no pick-ups will be scheduled for businesses or apartment complexes.

Registration for the program will begin Monday, April 4 and continue through Friday, May 6. Calls will be accepted between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. The number to call is 303-205-7600. The program is limited to the first 500 registrants. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **City Council approves changes to Building Code Advisory Board**

City Council approved changes to the Building Code Advisory Board which reflect the City's efforts to create an open for business environment as well as support revitalization efforts.

The Building Code Advisory Board acts as a hearing board on appeals to decisions of the Chief Building Official, determines the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction, and provides for reasonable interpretations of the International Codes. The Board composition was decreased from eight to five members with a quorum requirement of three members.

Additionally, homeowners will now be allowed to conduct electrical work in their own homes. In an effort to provide a higher level of customer service, cell phone numbers for Building Inspector(s) will be provided as needed. For more information, contact the Building Department at 303-235-2855 or click [here](#).

### **Jefferson County makes deep budget cuts**

Jeffco Public Schools will be cutting nearly \$40 million from its 2011-12 budget. The impact on the community will be in the form of school closures, larger elementary class sizes, fewer choices in secondary schools, student-contact furlough days and increases in fees. Click [here](#) to view the proposed budget cuts.

City Council passed [Resolution 10-2011](#) in opposition to the school board's decision to close Martensen Elementary School. Community Meeting Budget Forums will be held in April. [Click](#) here for details on meeting dates and locations.

project is to develop a vision for the future of the 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor between Wadsworth and Sheridan. Click [here](#) for information.

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

#### **City tax payable online by credit card**

Sales and use, admissions and lodging taxes may now be paid by credit card. Simply log in and follow the on-screen instructions. Click [here](#) to get started.

### **Low cost spay and neuter clinics**

To support the efforts of the Dumb Friends League, LuLu Mobile low cost spay and neuter services for dogs only will be at the Municipal Building parking lot on April 16 at 7:30 a.m. For prices and information call 303-751-5772 ext 7272.

### QUICK LINKS

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## Rugby clinic

Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation is offering the opportunity to learn the basics of the game in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

Sports/Athletics

Wheat Ridge  
Parks and Recreation

# Introductory Rugby Clinic



Ages 5-15 years  
Girls and Boys

Young rugby enthusiasts will learn the basics of the game in a safe and supportive atmosphere, including positioning, game strategy and of course, terminology. Equipment included.

Cost: \$20 Wheat Ridge residents  
\$25 non-residents

Monday/Wednesday, April 4-April 27, 2011  
5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Prospect Park West, W. 44th Ave. and Robb St.  
(clinic located in back of park)

Additional flag rugby league and clinics will be offered.

**Register by April 1 : 303-231-1300**

[Jefferson County](#)

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## Art sculpture at Discovery Park

Thanks to many donors, public art in Wheat Ridge has become a reality. To date, the Wheat Ridge Foundation has received \$45,270. We are so close to attaining our goal of \$50,000. If you can help, please send your tax deductible donation to: Wheat Ridge Foundation, Attn: Mayor's Office, 7500 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO, 80033. Check payable to Wheat Ridge Foundation, Check Memo: Public Art Campaign.

## Arvada-Wheat Ridge Youth – AWRSA Awards

The AWRSA program honors middle and high school youths from around the area who have demonstrated personal strength, resilience and determination in overcoming adversity, while making positive changes in their lives or in the lives of others. On March 9, 103 area youth were recognized. Of those honored, 25 seniors received scholarships to Red Rocks Community College and 35 non-seniors were eligible for up to \$300 to use toward leadership opportunities.

### **Eight Annual Wheat Ridge 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest Winners**

At the Council Meeting on March 14, the following students were recognized as the 2011 Essay Contest Winners. Congratulations on a job well done.

*Kayla Brady*  
*Hannah Keller*  
*Mason James*  
*Sarah Smalley*  
*Melissa Geer*  
*Savannah Gallegos*  
*Chase White*  
*Joe Banks*

### **Welcome MyPie**

A grand opening was held on March 14 for MyPie, located at 3928 Wadsworth Blvd. President and founder Katie Crouse noted, "I am blessed to be welcomed with open arms into such a close-knit community. I have met many amazing Wheat Ridge citizens and couldn't have imagined opening my first business in a better community." For more information visit [www.welovemypie.com](http://www.welovemypie.com).

### **For more information**

If you would like more information about the Mayor's Matters e-newsletter, please feel free to contact Heather Geyer, Administrative Services Director, at 303-235-2826 or via e-mail at: [hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us).