



# Mayor's Matters

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## Greetings!

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 newsletter on to others.

*Mayor Jerry DiTullio*



## Welcome 2011 Elected Officials



The 2011 Elected Officials were sworn in at the November 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Congratulations to City Treasurer, Larry Schulz and City Council Members William "Bud" Starker (District I), Kristi Davis (District II), George Pond (District III) and Tracy Langworthy (District IV).

## As An Aside:

### Notice of Neighborhood Input Meeting

RTD Eagle P3 Project is proposing a Special Use Permit on property located at Ward Road and W. 50<sup>th</sup> Place. A neighborhood meeting will be held on December 5, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. in the Carnation Room at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center – 4005 Kipling Street, Wheat Ridge, CO 80333. The purpose of the request is to allow the development of a RTD Commuter Rail Station and its associated parking lot. If you have any questions please call the Planning Division at 303-235-2846.

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## **Holiday Lighting Celebration, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling Street

Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation rings in the Holiday Season with a Lighting Ceremony and festivities on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy horse-drawn hayrides and live entertainment by the Jingle Singers. Santa and his elves will be on hand and parents are



welcome to bring their cameras and take pictures of their children with Santa. Refreshments will be served. The Holiday Lighting Ceremony is open to all ages and is free. For more information call the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center at 303-231-1300.

## **38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor Plan Adopted**

The Wheat Ridge City Council adopted the 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor Plan that establishes a vision for the revitalization of 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Wadsworth and Sheridan Boulevards which is a priority redevelopment area for the City. The plan lays the framework for creating a vibrant, economically- viable corridor, a portion of which will serve as the community's main street. Major recommendations include the creation of a corridor-wide marketing plan, land use and urban design strategies to attract private investment and redesigning the roadway to improve the pedestrian environment.



A key step in implementing the plan is the formation of a 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Leadership Committee that will include business and property owners along the corridor. The involvement of businesses on the street is essential as the City proceeds with the revitalization of 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I look forward to creation of the Leadership Committee, which will play an important role in the plan's implementation. I also want to give thanks to all those that have participated so far and to those

who participated in the public comment portion of the Council meeting.

Detailed information regarding the recommendations and implementation strategies can be found at the City's [Website](#).

## City to Hold First Ever Run-off Election

On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, the City of Wheat Ridge will hold its first ever run-off election for the position of City Clerk. As required by the City Charter, the positions of Clerk, Treasurer and Mayor are elected by a majority vote. This year's Clerk race drew the interest of four candidates. With none of the four candidates garnering the required majority vote, a run-off election is necessary. The two City Clerk candidates with the highest votes from the November 1<sup>st</sup> general election are eligible for the run-off election. Currently Janelle Shaver and Maureen Keller are the two leaders in the Clerk's race according to the official election results from Jefferson County. Run-off election policies and procedures may be found at [www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/cityclerk](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/cityclerk). This is an all-mail election. All active and inactive voters will automatically receive a ballot. Voters may obtain replacement or absentee ballots at the Office of the Wheat Ridge City Clerk.



Once residents receive their ballot they should fill them out and return or mail them to the City Clerk's office at 7500 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. All ballots must be received no later than 7 p.m. on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff, Election Commission members, and election judges will be on hand to ensure that the handling and counting of ballots is in accordance with the adopted rules and procedures concerning this run-off election.

For more information regarding the run-off election please contact the City Clerk's Office at 303-235-2823 or by email at [msnow@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:msnow@ci.wheatridge.co.us).

## Jefferson County Public Library Previews 2012 Hours of Operation



Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) announced that it will implement new service hours in 2012. These and other changes will enable the Library to bring 2012 expenses in line with revenues and balance the Library's budget.

Beginning in 2012, all JCPL libraries, including Arvada, Belmar, Columbine, Conifer, Edgewater, Evergreen, Golden, Lakewood, Standley Lake and Wheat Ridge, will provide service on Mondays. (All Libraries have been closed in 2011 on Mondays) Outreach initiatives, including our Traveling Children's Library, Bookmobile, eTrain mobile computer training lab and Homebound Services, will operate on Mondays as well. Hours at all library locations will be changing as a result of budget reductions; however, the Online Library ([jeffcolibrary.org](http://jeffcolibrary.org)) will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Link to JCPL [website](#) for complete list of library locations and new hours.

### **Muscular Dystrophy Association's Most Wanted Citizen!**



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Drive (and my release from jail) on November 17<sup>th</sup>. My friend Adrian is a student at Wheat Ridge High School and is one of thousands of young people affected by muscular dystrophy. In 2009, he received special recognition from the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth (AWRSAY), a program that honors teens who have overcome obstacles and adversity. Your donation will provide help and hope to kids and adults like Adrian who benefit from MDA services in our community. Thanks for making a difference!

### **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).