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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

Mayor DiTullio's Farwell Address

Over the last eight years I have enjoyed the privilege of serving Wheat Ridge as Mayor. It has not always been easy, but I have continually worked with residents, staff and City Council to find win-win solutions that benefit residents and enhance our community.

During my time as Mayor I spearheaded initiatives to promote Wheat Ridge as a great place to **live**. Ensuring that our residents have a high quality of life and that our neighborhoods are strong, safe and peaceful has been a driving force for me. Some of those initiatives include:

- Supported funding for the Senior Circulator Bus in partnership with the Senior Resource Center
- Created the Mayor's D.I.R.T. Task Force – Reviewed and recommended public works projects – two projects were referred to voters
- Supported national accreditation for the Police Department
- Supported pro-active code enforcement to protect neighborhoods and property values
- Promoted open and transparent communication with residents and business owners

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As Mayor I also wanted to make certain that Wheat Ridge was a great place to **work**. During my tenure I worked to strip away unnecessary and burdensome rules that discouraged development. I often refer to this as creating the Least Restrictive Environment and it's an effort to encourage individuals and businesses to invest in our community. Many of these efforts included extensive citizen engagement to ensure that the community's wishes were embodied in the final decision. Some important economic development accomplishments during the last eight years include:

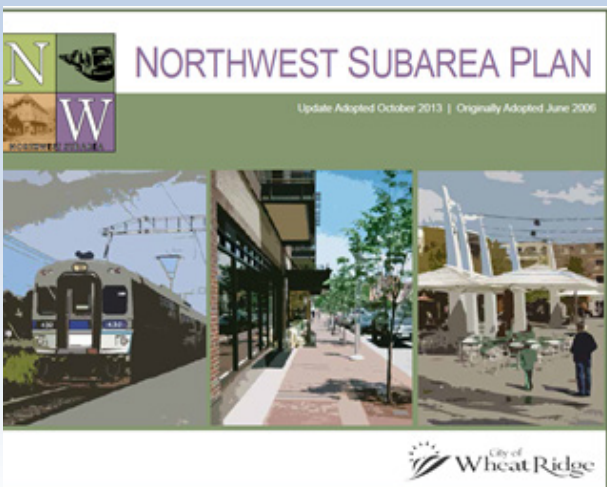
- Formation of the Mayor's Building Code Task Force – Building Code and Fee Enhancements to support the Least Restrictive Environment so residents and businesses can easily do work in the City of Wheat Ridge
- Supported the removal of the height and density restrictions in the Charter for the Urban Renewal Areas – voter approved
- Supported 50% building permit rebate to residents and businesses after the July 2009 storm that damaged many homes and businesses in the City
- Supported adoption of Mixed-Use Zone Districts

Lastly, I worked to ensure that Wheat Ridge residents had plenty of opportunities to **play**. Healthy, happy and engaged residents are the backbone of the community and contribute in so many ways. Wheat Ridge is blessed to have amenities like our park and trail system, recreation center and the active adult center to support the active lifestyle that attracts people to our community. I have worked to maintain these amenities as well as add new amenities for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike. Some major accomplishments include:

- Supported the acquisition and development of Discovery Park
- Creation of the Mayor's Public Art Initiative – Kevin Robb sculpture at Discovery Park
- Supported the new skate park at Discovery Park
- Supported the neighborhood park at 44th and Kendall

I am proud of the work that has been accomplished during the last eight years. I am excited for the future and hope that you are as well. It truly has been a pleasure to serve as your mayor.

Wheat Ridge is a great place to **live, work and play!**



Northwest Subarea Plan

An updated version of the Northwest Subarea Plan was adopted by City Council on October 14, 2013. A copy of the subarea plan is available online at <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/index.aspx?NID=377>

If you have any questions please contact the Community Development Department at 303-235-2846.



Board and Commission Openings

Volunteer opportunities are available on the City's Boards and Commissions.

If you are interested in serving please contact Deputy City Clerk, Bruce Roome at broome@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

Board and Commission information can be found on the City Website <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/index.aspx?nid=1127>



2013 Election

Information regarding the 2013 Election

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, November 5, 2013

ELECTION TYPE:
Municipal

SEATS OPEN:
Mayor

City Council (4 Seats - one in each district)

For candidate information visit the City Clerk Web Site

<http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/index.aspx?nid=1167>

or call the City Clerk's Office at 303-235-2823



Rake-Up, Colorado! November 2nd

Volunteers of America is sponsoring the 11th Annual Rake-Up, Colorado! Event to provide an opportunity to help limited-income seniors with the important fall chore of raking leaves.

Additional information can be found online <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/calendar.aspx?EID=1803>

Bus Bench Installations

New bus benches and trash receptacles are currently being installed throughout the City. In September 2011, the City was awarded a grant through the Colorado Department of Transportation to fund the purchase and installation of bus benches. This project will provide the installation of 38 bus benches and trash receptacles throughout the City.

The bus bench locations were selected based on ridership, available rights-of-way, and those locations that are construction-ready. These new installations will provide additional transit facilities to the users, and therefore will enhance this mode of transportation in the City. Bench locations can be seen at <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/20132>.



Mark your Calendar

The Holiday Celebration date has been set for Sunday, December 8th 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM, at Wheat Ridge 5-8 School Green and Main Parking Lot, 7085 W. 38th Ave. Link for further information: <http://ridgeat38.com/>

Gearing up for Winter Weather - Snow Removal Policy and Priority Map Available Online

For information on the City's Snow and Ice Control Policy and Snow Removal Priority Map, please visit the City's website, Public Works department under snow removal <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/22> or call 303-205-7600.

For more City updates friend "Mayor Jerry DiTullio" on Facebook.

For more information about the Mayor's Matters e-newsletter, please contact Heather Geyer, Administrative Services Director at hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us