

From the Office of the Mayor and City Council



# 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 the monthly e-newsletter with any friends or family who may wish to know more about Wheat Ridge. Feel free to use the "Forward" link at the bottom of the page to send a copy of this e-newsletter to others.

Mayor Jerry DiTullio

## Wheat Ridge Community Celebrates National Night Out!

On Monday August 4th, the Wheat Ridge Police Department hosted the annual National Night Out Celebration in Hayward Park. We had a wonderful turnout with over 400 participants of all ages enjoying tours of the Wheat Ridge Police Department, seeing displays from the Police and Fire Departments, SWAT, the crime scene investigation team, the crime prevention unit, Live-Well Wheat Ridge, and the Victim's Advocacy Center.

On Tuesday, August 5th, members of the Police Department visited local National Night Out block parties show their support for citizen driven crime prevention. If you would like to know more about the National Night Out Celebration, please contact Officer Kyle Eversole at 303-235-2948 or at [keversole@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:keversole@ci.wheatridge.co.us).

**Zoning Code Amendment Project Open House:**  
**Thursday, August 21, 2008,**  
**6:30 to 8:30 p.m. City Hall**

The Community Development Department and the City's Planning Commission are hosting an Open House on the Zoning Code Amendment Project to inform citizens of the details of this project and solicit important feedback. The City encourages citizens to get involved and participate in this exciting project to help "reposition Wheat Ridge." For information on this project feel free to contact Jeff Hirt, Planner at 303.235.2849 or at [jhirt@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:jhirt@ci.wheatridge.co.us).

Read the [Zoning Code Amendments Project article](#) in the Summer/Fall Edition of the *Connections* Newsletter for more information.

### Upcoming Community Events!

**39th Annual Carnation Festival**, August 14, 15 & 16, 2008. Anderson Park, 44th and Field Street.

**8th Annual Taste of Wheat Ridge**, Saturday, September 6, 2008, along 38th Avenue,



**Citizens of all ages joined the Wheat Ridge Police Department in celebrating National Night Out on August 4th!**

## Public Art Fundraiser

**Local partnership to raise funding to acquire public art.**

The Mayor's Office, in partnership with the Cultural Commission and the Wheat Ridge Foundation, began fundraising efforts to acquire public art in early July. 2007 Wheat Ridge Volunteer of the Year Tom Abbot donated \$2,500 and I've contributed \$1,000 towards the public art fundraising effort.

A total of \$50,000 in funding is needed to purchase a sculpture that will be created by local artist and Wheat Ridge resident Kevin Robb. Citizens interested in making a tax deductible donation can do so by making a check payable to the Wheat Ridge Foundation noting "Public Art Campaign," and send it to the following: Wheat Ridge Foundation, Attn: Mayor's Office, 7500 W. 29th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.

For more information about this program, please contact Janice Smothers, Assistant to the Mayor, at 303-235-2815 or via E-mail at: [jsmothers@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:jsmothers@ci.wheatridge.co.us).

## 2008 Business Award Winners

**Recognizing local leaders making enhancing quality of life in Wheat Ridge!**

On July 28, the City Council and I presented the 5th Annual Business Awards to a diverse group of distinguished businesses and individuals here in Wheat Ridge. Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to making Wheat Ridge a great place to

between Upham and Pierce Streets.

### Wheat Ridge Farmers' Market

Have you made it out to the [Wheat Ridge Farmers' Market](#) yet? The new Farmers' Market is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday from now until October 30th.

The Farmers' Market is located at 4252 Wadsworth Boulevard. For more information contact the Metro Denver Farmers' Market Hotline at 303-887-FARM.

### Green Tip

Buy locally produced organic food. Organic food tastes better and it is kinder to the earth. Thirty percent of the fossil fuel used on farms goes into the making of fertilizers. Get greener by buying items grown or produced within 100 miles and you will reduce the amount of diesel fuel needed to ship food. You can get fresher food and help small-scale agriculture by shopping at the Wheat Ridge Farmer's Market. Visit [Denver Farmers' Market](#) for more information.\*

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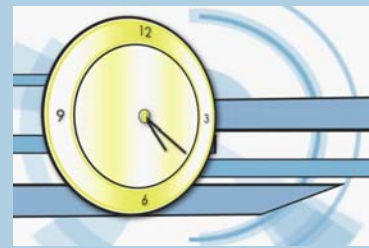
The 2008 award winners are:

- **Cultural Commission Award: Harriet's Treadle Arts**
- **Vision Award: The Digital Frontier**
- **Reinvestment Award: Seyfer Automotive**
- **Volunteer of the Year: Loretta DiTirro Schwankl**
- **Small Business Award: Beds-n-Biscuits**
- **Business of the Year: PrimeStar Solar**
- **City Council's Partnership Award: First Bank of Wheat Ridge**
- **Mayor's Business and Youth Partnership Award: Village Inn**



*The 2008 Business Award Winners!*

## 2008 Annual Open House



### Wheat Ridge Top of the Hour

Do you have access to Wheat Ridge Channel 8? Wheat Ridge is now featuring a new 30 minute magazine style show called "Top of the Hour" to help inform citizens about important issues facing the City. The next "Top of the Hour" show will air in late September featuring information about the City's Comprehensive Planning Update project and recent infrastructure and technology improvements at local schools by the Jeffco School District in 2008.

If you do not have access to Wheat Ridge Channel 8, please contact Heather Geyer, Assistant to the City Manager at 303-235-2826 to find out how you can check out a copy of the DVD at no charge.

The new program will air daily, at various times at the top of the hour. For show airtimes, click [here](#).

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- Body fat screening.
- Crunch the numbers of the City Budget.
- Be interviewed by WR Channel 8 to share your favorite thing about Wheat Ridge!
- Learn about Stormwater quality and preserving wildlife habitat.

**WHEN:** September 10 between 3 and 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** City of Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling Street.

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 303-235-2819.

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