



# Mayor's Matters

MAY 2011

## Greetings!

I hope you have an enjoyable and safe Memorial Day weekend. 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.

It was an honor to receive the 2011 Elected Official of the Year Award from John Zabawa, President/CEO of the Seniors' Resource Center, and Kathleen Stapleton, Chair of the Board. The award was unexpected and appreciated.



*Mayor Jerry DiTullio*

## 44<sup>th</sup> and Wadsworth Redevelopment Update

The 44<sup>th</sup> and Wadsworth Redevelopment is underway. The City, in partnership with Renewal Wheat Ridge and Wazee Partners, was awarded a tax credit allocation from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority for the proposed Town Center North Senior Residences Apartment Community. We are very



## Bike to Work Day is June 22, 2011

[More information](#)

## Jefferson County Lakewood Library to Close for Construction

The Lakewood Library will be temporarily closed for construction from May 30 through September 5.

## Community Development Planning Division

A list of current projects, including the Cabela's project, and any proposed code amendments being processed by the Planning Division are available [online](#).

excited to have Wazee Partners on this project. They have a quality housing community planned which will provide new housing options for the City of Wheat Ridge. The apartment community will be developed on two acres of the eastern portion of the redevelopment site, and will provide high-quality, amenity-rich senior housing at affordable rent levels. Residents will enjoy large, on-site community spaces, including a fully furnished exercise room, library, card room, coffee/bistro room, community room and outdoor courtyard with garden plots for residents. Prospective tenants, and other interested parties can receive additional information by emailing

[Town.Center.Senior@CMDenverLLC.com](mailto:Town.Center.Senior@CMDenverLLC.com) or by contacting Tyler Downs at 720-420-1568. For questions about this project, contact Steve Art, Economic Development and Urban Renewal Manager at 303-235-2806 or [sart@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:sart@ci.wheatridge.co.us)

### **Mulligans for Mutts: Giving Animals a Second Shot!**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Benefit for Foothills Animal Shelter**



Foothills Animal Foundation, the nonprofit organization that supports Foothills Animal Shelter, will host the sixth annual Mulligans for Mutts Golf Tournament on Monday, June 13, at Lakewood Country Club. This popular event, which features adoptable dogs out on the course, has sold out the last three years. Proceeds from this year's tournament will help the shelter fund many of its vital programs including adoptions and veterinary services. An entry fee of \$185 per golfer includes: access to the driving range and putting green, 18 holes of golf, cart rental, contest prizes and lunch. Tournament play will begin with the morning session starting at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon round. For more information contact Caitlyn Ray, Foothills Animal Foundation

### **Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic**

The Foothills Animal Shelter [Mobile Vaccination/Licensing Clinic](#) will be at the City of Wheat Ridge municipal parking lot on June 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### **Tabor Lake is Closed to all Boating until August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Tabor Lake is closed to all boating until August 1, 2011 due to Great Blue Herons and Double-Crested Cormorants nesting. For information call 303-205-7554.

### **2011 Kaiser Permanente Colfax Marathon Update**

Congratulations to the Wheat Ridge relay team that ran the Colfax Marathon on May 15. The City's relay team took 7<sup>th</sup> out of 31 municipal teams. Great job!

### **Save the Dates**

42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wheat Ridge  
Carnation Festival  
August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Development Manager at 720-407-5226 or online registration is available at [www.MulligansforMutts.org](http://www.MulligansforMutts.org)

### Bring Out the Picasso In You

*Enterprise Wheat Ridge Benefit*

Corks & Canvas

On Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Enterprise Wheat Ridge will host a benefit for Wheat Ridge's Feed the Future Backpack Program.

*BRING OUT THE PICASSO IN YOU.....*  
*Join us for a painting bash!*

## Corks & Canvas

Benefitting Wheat Ridge's Feed the Future Backpack Program

**W**ednesday, May 25th from 6:30 – 8:30pm  
*and/or*  
**S**aturday, June 25th from 1:00 – 3:00pm  
\$25 per adult  
Children's art project (ages 4 and up) offered on June 25th  
\$10 dollars per child  
**L**ocation: 1 Rangeview Circle, Wheat Ridge 80215

Please bring a snack or dessert to share  
"Corked" beverages will be provided  
Corks & Canvas attendees will receive \$10 off of their registration  
for The Great Hat Affair to be held on Saturday, July 23

**R**egister online at [www.ewheatridge.com](http://www.ewheatridge.com)  
*or*  
Mail a check to:  
EWR  
PO Box 1231  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80034 -1231

**Q**uestions?  
Contact Loretta DiTirro  
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303.594.1520

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Enterprise Wheat Ridge  
[www.ewheatridge.com](http://www.ewheatridge.com)

Click [here](#) or on the flyer above for more information!

1<sup>st</sup> Annual E-Waste Recycling  
Day  
September 10, 2011  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
(More info to follow)  
Organized by Sustainable WR

### Wheat Ridge Outdoor Pool

Opens Saturday, May 28th at  
10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
(Weather permitting)

### QUICK LINKS

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### Calling for Outstanding Chili Cooks

The Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival 2011 is calling for all outstanding chili cooks to participate in the second Chili Annual Cook-Off on Saturday, August 20th, from 5 – 7pm. This year there will be three categories to compete in: green chili, red chili and veggie chili. There is no cost to enter and there will be awards for the best chili in each category. Festival-goers will vote by ballot. Standard chili cooks, innovative chili cooks, and all kinds of chili cooks are encouraged to participate! Please contact Milly at: [milly@thecarnationfestival.com](mailto:milly@thecarnationfestival.com) for more information or to enter.

### When Sirens Sound

#### Guidelines for the Outdoor Early Warning System

The City of Wheat Ridge has activated our Early Warning Systems (EWS) sirens several times over the last two years, including several testing processes. When residents hear the sirens, they should follow the guidelines below.

- ❑ Turn on the radio to 850 KOA AM (the designated emergency broadcast station for the Denver area) or turn on your TV and find a news station for information about what is happening.
- ❑ Do NOT telephone the police or fire departments. This ties up the phone lines, making them unavailable for emergency calls.
- ❑ If residents have reason to believe the sirens are being activated for a tornado, take shelter immediately.
  - At home, take cover in the basement if one is available. If no basement is available, take shelter in a room in the center part of the house away from windows. Do NOT remain in a trailer or mobile home.
  - At work or school, go to the interior hallways on the lowest floor or to the designated shelter area away from windows.
- ❑ Continue to listen to the radio or television for developments on the emergency and for information on when it is safe to leave shelter.

Sirens are primarily used to warn residents who are **outdoors** when dangerous weather or a flash flood is approaching. The system can also be used to alert residents and motorists of chemical spills and other emergency situations occurring in the City. Often times in a situation such as this, the City web site will contain pertinent information.

[www.ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us) For more information or questions about the City's Early Warning System, please call Lt. Mark Cooney at 303.235.2931

### First Annual

### Wheat Ridge Child Safety Fair



On Saturday, April 30, 2011, the Wheat Ridge Police Department and a host of local partners held the first annual Wheat Ridge Child Safety Fair. In spite of the chilly and windy weather, the turn out for the event was impressive! More than 200 children and parents attended the fair and took advantage of the many free activities from face painting and cotton candy to a bouncy castle.

Exempla Lutheran Medical Center handed out free bicycle helmets; Wheat Ridge Cyclery employees stayed busy performing free bike check ups. Certified car seat inspection technicians checked and replaced unsafe car seats with the new child seats which were obtained through a grant from CDOT.

In addition to all the fun, two bicycles were donated by the Wheat Ridge FOP to be given away to a lucky girl and boy. Thirty one girls and forty two boys registered in the drawing for one of the bicycles. The winners, James Kindschua, with CSO Supervisor Mary McKenna, and Cathlyn Salazar were thrilled with their prize!



The willingness of so many community stakeholders to come together and make this event successful speaks volumes about their commitment to the safety of our children in Wheat Ridge," said Police Chief Dan Brennan. "We have already started planning for next year's event. Our goal is to

make this an annual fair.”

Many thanks to the local partners who contributed to the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wheat Ridge Child Safety Fair:

- Wheat Ridge Police Department
- Wheat Ridge Fire Department
- Wheat Ridge 2020
- Wheat Ridge Cyclery
- Wheat Ridge FOP lodge 24
- Colorado Department of Transportation
- 1st Bank of Wheat Ridge
- Exempla Lutheran Medical Center
- Hispanidad
- Servicios de la Raza
- Wheat Ridge Middle School
- Wheat Ridge Optimist Club

#### **The New Face of Code Enforcement**



Community Development Director Ken Johnstone and Police Chief Dan Brennan examined the feasibility of moving the Property Inspector position to the Police Department’s Community Services Team. Staff members from both

departments worked together to determine the impact of the increased duties and what additional training and certifications would be necessary to complete the transfer. The intent of the change is to provide a single public face for the City’s code enforcement activities and to enhance customer service.

#### **Market on Your Calendar**

The [Wheat Ridge Farmers’ Market](#) starts June 16 and runs until October 27. The Market will be every Thursday at 4252 Wadsworth Blvd. from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Parks and Recreation New Addition

### Watchable Wildlife Boardwalk



The Watchable Wildlife Boardwalk around Bass Lake opened on April 19. Margaret Paget, Forestry and Open Space Supervisor, stated “The boardwalk was something I wanted to see replaced and improved when I first hired on, and it is great to see a dream come to fruition. We should all be proud of this new addition to our Parks and Open Space system.”

### Parks and Recreation Activities Guide

Beginning in the fall, the Parks and Recreation Activities Guide will be published two times annually instead of three. Additionally, the activities guide is now available as an interactive-flip-through digital catalog. Check out the activity guide [online](#).



**Exempla Lutheran Medical Center Leaves of Hope**

**Run/Walk**

**Sunday, June 5, 2011**

The annual Leaves of Hope Run/Walk is just around the corner. They have added a 10k in addition to the 5K run/walk which will take participants around Crown Hill Park.

Click [here](#) for more information!

**My Pie's Dedication to Community**

My Pie, Wheat Ridge's new personal pizza restaurant is fulfilling its promise of "passionate dedication to community, education and humor." The popular food venue at 3928 Wadsworth has been donating 31.4% (mathematical formula for pie) of a full day's proceeds one day a month to school programs at Wheat Ridge Middle School, Wheat Ridge High School and soon to follow will be St Peters & Paul Catholic School. Father and daughter owners Peter and Katie Crouse have donated a hefty \$1500 thus far after starting the donation program three months ago. Thank you, My Pie.

**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).