

From the Office of the Mayor and City Council



Mayor's Matters

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Holiday Greetings!

For many, the month of December is a busy time filled with shopping and getting things in order for holiday celebrations. You, or those you know, may be affected by the recession and are struggling financially this holiday season. I encourage you to keep your neighbors, friends and family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult economic time.



It is with great sadness that I write the news that Judy DiCroce passed away on Sunday, November 30th. Judy was very involved in the community, having served on the Liquor Authority and having participated in the first annual Wheat Ridge Civic Academy, in addition to other contributions to our community. Judy loved the Wheat Ridge community and truly made a difference. Please keep the DiCroce family in your thoughts and prayers.

In lieu of flowers, the DiCroce family has requested that donations be made in her memory to the Victim Outreach Information Program, P.O. Box 5173, Golden, Colorado 80401.

Mayor Jerry DiTullio

Don't Miss the Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony Tonight!

The annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by the City of Wheat Ridge and Enterprise Wheat Ridge, is tonight - Friday, December 5, 2008 at 6 p.m. The event will be located at Wheat Ridge City Hall - 7500 W. 29th Avenue. Families and friends are invited to visit with Santa and his Elves, enjoy professional Caroling by the Yuletiders, experience horse drawn hayrides, and munch on yummy refreshments. Don't forget to bundle up for a wonderful holiday evening!

For more information, please call 303-231-1300.

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!**Wheat Ridge Snow and Ice Removal Program**

As it has become clear over the past couple of days, it's that snowy time of the year! To make sure you are prepared for winter driving, see page six of the fall [Connections](#) newsletter for more information on the City's snow removal policy and tips for staying safe this winter.

Coffee with a Cop

Meet and visit with members of the Wheat Ridge Police Department over coffee! Ask questions about the department, special programs or law enforcement in general. The next opportunity is:

**Monday, Dec. 8th
9 to 11 a.m.**

Coffee with a Cop takes place at the Starbucks located at 3450 Youngfield Street in Wheat Ridge.

The following dates are set for 2009:

**Monday, Jan. 12th
9 to 11 a.m.**

**Monday, Feb. 9th
9 to 11 a.m.**

Monday, March 9th

We're Rising to New Heights In Jefferson County!

I-70 and SH 58 Interchange Project Update

Progress is being made on the I-70 and SH 58 Interchange improvements that will provide enhanced accessibility and traffic flow. On Friday, December 12, 2008, officials from the City, Jefferson County and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will celebrate the opening of the new flyover bridge, marking a major project milestone.



The project began in February 2007 and is scheduled to be complete by March 2009. The Interchange project cost approximately \$23 million. Jefferson County funded \$11 million in addition to funding from the Federal Highway Administration.

For information about the project and the opening of the flyover, call the project hotline at 303-279-1935. For e-mail updates, contact Mindy Crane from CDOT at mindy.crane@dot.state.co.us or visit: <http://www.dot.state.co.us/I70SH58/index.cfm>.

City to Launch New Web Site December 22nd

In an ongoing effort to continually improve communication with citizens and promote the shared vision for our community, the City of Wheat Ridge has transformed the City Web site over the past year to make it more useful and intuitive; a real asset to residents searching for information about the City, services, etc.

On December 22, 2008, the new City Web site will go live! The new site will feature increased functionality and easy access to the information you need 24/7 - all with just the click of a mouse! Visit the new site on December 22nd at www.ci.wheatridge.co.us.

For more information, please contact Heather Geyer, Assistant to the City Manager/Public Information Officer at 303-235-2826 or via e-mail at: hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

For More Information

If you would like more information about the City of Wheat Ridge's E-Newsletters, please feel free to contact Heather Geyer, Assistant to the City Manager/Public Information Officer at 303-235-2826 or via E-mail at: hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us

9 to 11 a.m.

Monday, April 13th
9 to 11 a.m.

Monday, May 11th
9 to 11 a.m.

Green Tip

This holiday season, you may notice a new style of decorative lights on the shelves - they're called Light-Emitting Diodes, or LEDs. These new lights draw as little as .04 watts and are up to 90 percent more efficient than their more traditional incandescent counterparts. Another reason they are so energy efficient is that LEDs give off minimal amounts of heat. When buying new lights this year, think green!

Source: DailyEco Tips: The New Green House-Dirk Hooley

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