



# Mayor's Matters

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## **Happy New Year!**

I wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2009!

Mayor Jerry DiTullio

## **Veto of Ordinances**

Following the December 8, 2008 City Council meeting, I chose to exercise my authority as Mayor to veto the following three ordinances in order to have additional review by staff and City Council and ensure the best public policies are enacted:

Ordinance #1424, Series of 2008  
Ordinance #1425, Series 2008  
Ordinance #1426, Series of 2008

For more information about my decision to veto these ordinances, please feel free to contact me at 303-235-2800 or e-mail [jerryditullio@comcast.net](mailto:jerryditullio@comcast.net). For a copy of memorandums by the Mayor, visit the [Mayor's Desk](#) on the City's Web site.



## **Board and Commission Vacancies**

The City of Wheat Ridge has vacancies open on several Boards and Commissions. Applicants must live in the district for which they are applying and applications from interested residents must be submitted by February 1, 2009 to the City Clerk's Office, 7500 W. 29th Avenue.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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

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

Upcoming dates in 2009:

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

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

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

## **Interested in learning more about the City of Wheat Ridge?**

### **WR2020 Planning Academy**

Wheat Ridge 2020 will host its third Planning and Development Academy in 2009. The class offers information and expertise on how development and planning works in the Denver metro area, including Wheat Ridge. There will be five sessions and participants must be able to attend at least four of the five sessions. One session is an off-site development tour.

The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, Feb. 3, Feb. 17, March 3 and March 17 at the Wheat Ridge Center with the tour TBD. If you have interest in participating, please contact Denise Balkas at 720-259-1030 or [dbalkas@wheatridge2020.org](mailto:dbalkas@wheatridge2020.org).

### **Police Department Citizens' Academy**

The Wheat Ridge Police Department will host its sixth Citizen

Police Academy Class beginning March 4, 2009. This is a 12-week program for adults who want to learn about the inner-workings of the police department.

Classes will be held every Wednesday evening from March 4 - May 20, 2009 from 6-9 p.m. Participants must commit to attending nine out of 11 meetings in order to participate in the graduation ceremony on May 20, 2009. Please visit the [City of Wheat Ridge Web site](#) to download an application.

For more information contact Sergeant Jim Cohen at 303-235-2951, [jcohen@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:jcohen@ci.wheatridge.co.us), or Sergeant Paula Balafas at 303-235-2941 or [pbalafas@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:pbalafas@ci.wheatridge.co.us).

### Comprehensive Plan

What Is Your Vision For the Future of Wheat Ridge?  
Share your comments and help update the Wheat Ridge Comprehensive Plan!

#### Why Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a guide to help the community make decisions and establish a direction to grow in a sustainable and beneficial way in the future. The plan will address issues such as:

- Future development
- Economic vitality
- Transportation and mobility
- Community safety

Join us for a public meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2009 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center located at 4005 Kipling Street.

For questions or more information, please contact Sally Payne, Senior Planner at 303-235-2852 or e-mail: [spayne@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:spayne@ci.wheatridge.co.us). To view the City's comprehensive plan, [click here](#).

## 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](mailto:hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us)

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### Green Tip

There's still time to recycle your Christmas tree!

The City of Wheat Ridge is offering Christmas tree recycling at two convenient locations:

Prospect Park  
11300 W. 44th Avenue  
(behind tennis courts)

Panorama Park  
33rd Avenue & Fenton  
(east of ballfield)

There will be signs at both locations. Please be sure to remove all tinsel, garland and metal from your tree. Commercial dumping is not permitted. Mulch will be available at the Prospect Park location.

For more information, call 303-205-7556.

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