



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 this 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



Comprehensive Plan Tip of the Month

Did you know that the service sector is the largest industry in Wheat Ridge with 9,150 employees in approximately 660 businesses? The service sector comprises 45 percent of total employees in the City. Retail trade accounts for 22 percent of employees who are employed at approximately 324 businesses. *Source: Comprehensive Plan Update Project.*

The next Comprehensive Plan public meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2009.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Comprehensive Plan Update.

40th Annual Carnation Festival Seeking Sponsors

The Mayor's Office, in partnership with the 2009 Carnation Festival Chair, Cheri Jahn, is currently seeking sponsors to help make this year's event another special one! The Carnation Festival is scheduled for August 13-15 and will feature live music and entertainment, a parade and the annual fireworks show!

For more information about how you can sponsor the event by making a tax deductible donation, please click [here](#).

City Website Wins Award

I am pleased to announce that the City of Wheat Ridge Website has been recognized by the Horizon Interactive Awards program. The City, along with CivicPlus, the developer of the City's new Website which launched in December of last year, was recognized with a Gold Award for online media in the government category.

The new City Website has been well received by the community and I hope you continue to find it as a useful and convenient tool for information.

Check out the City's Website at www.ci.wheatridge.co.us!

3rd Annual Wheat Ridge Triathlon

Join us Sunday, July 26 at 8 a.m. at Anderson Pool for the 3rd Annual Wheat Ridge Triathlon!

The event includes a 500-meter swim, 13-mile bike ride and 3-mile run. The cost to participate is \$30(R)/\$35(NR).

For more information contact Ian Montel at 303-231-1306.

Public Invited to Speak at June 10 Citizens' Budget Oversight Committee

WRHS Girls Soccer Team State Champions!

The City of Wheat Ridge would like to extend our congratulations to the Wheat Ridge High School Girls Soccer team who won the Class 4A State Title on May 20 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City. This is the first state soccer title in the school's history. The WRHS Farmers were undefeated with a 19-0 season record. **Go Farmers!**

Big Sky Espresso Cafe Celebrates Grand Opening

Last month, the City of Wheat Ridge helped to celebrate the grand opening of family-owned Big Sky Espresso Café. CBS Channel 4 covered the event and aired a wonderful piece on how Wheat Ridge is helping a business open, even during tough economic times.

The redevelopment effort was the result of funding partnerships with the Wheat Ridge Business District Grant Program and the Wheat Ridge 2020 Building Up Business Loan Program. These programs provided the necessary funding to improve the building where the Café is now located.

Congratulations to Big Sky Espresso Cafe!



Interested in Running for Elected Office in Wheat Ridge?

Potential Candidate Forum scheduled for June 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Looking to boost your involvement in the community? Do you want to know just what it takes to be the Mayor or a member of the Wheat Ridge City Council? The City Clerk's Office will host a Potential Candidate's Forum on **Tuesday, June 23**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Wheat Ridge City Hall, 7500 W. 29th Ave.

Topics will include everything from time commitments required by the position to a primer on how the City is run. City staff and Elected Officials will be on-hand to present material and answer questions in a conversational and informal setting.

The following elected positions will be up for election in November

(CBOC) Meeting

Public comment is scheduled for the Wednesday, June 10, 2009 meeting of the Citizens' Budget Oversight Committee. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 7500 W. 29th Ave. Public input is requested and welcomed!

4th of July Fireworks

The Wheat Ridge Police Department would like to remind citizens that **ALL** fireworks, including sparklers and fountains, are illegal within City limits. Section 5-86 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws prohibits fireworks and establishes punishment for violations in the form of fines, jail time or both. Historically, the Police Department receives a high volume of complaints and will have extra officers on duty specifically for fireworks enforcement.

Please have a safe and happy holiday!

Community Invited to Provide Input on Proposed Zoning Code Amendments

The Community Development Department is currently working on revising the City's residential development standards and parking regulations, and is interested in collecting public feedback on these important topics.

The first public hearing on the new ordinances is scheduled for **Thursday, June 18, 2009** at 7 p.m. at City Hall before the Planning Commission.

Click [here](#) for more

2009:

- **Mayor - At Large**
- **Council Member - District I**
- **Council Member - District II**
- **Council Member - District III**
- **Council Member - District IV**

All terms are for 4 years

Additional candidate information is available online by clicking [here](#). For more information or to RSVP for the forum, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 303-235-2823.

Summer Safety

Summer safety is an issue for all families. Wheat Ridge offers many parks and recreation activities to spend your time and energy, such as summer camps at the Recreation Center, the Greenbelt trails and skateboard ramps at Anderson Park. All can be fun this summer, but with some precautions.

If your family and/or kids are planning to take out bicycles this summer, prepare them by making sure everyone is wearing bike helmets, has properly inflated tires, good brakes and well-adjusted seat and handlebars. Learning the rules of the road is a must for all ages.

Make sure your kids are safe when they're away from your home as well. Know who their friends are, and their parents. If your child is being driven anywhere, make sure safe driving is being practiced. This includes everyone wearing seat belts, even on short rides.

For the weekend remodelers, make sure to read instructions for the new tools you are buying and stay safe by wearing eye and ear protection.

Reward your whole family for safety practices. Simply being aware of the dangers of summer is enough to keep some accidents from happening. Using sunscreen, cleaning cuts, wearing sunglasses etc...are all good habits to keep you and your family safe.

The City of Wheat Ridge would like to wish everyone and their families a safe and fun summer.

Submitted by the Wheat Ridge Parks & Recreation Commission

Tai Chi in the Park

Learn the health benefits of Tai Chi and Tai Chi moves while

information or contact Jeff Hirt at 303-235-2849 or via E-mail at: jhirt@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

FREE Summer Concert Series

Join Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation for Performances in the Park this summer at Anderson Park! All performances are FREE and take place on Wednesdays. Bring the kids out for this fun summer event, going on June 17 - August 5.

For more information, click [here](#).

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, June 8
9 to 11 a.m.**

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

Upcoming dates:

**Monday, July 13
9 to 11 a.m.**

**Monday, August 10
9 to 11 a.m.**

Green Tip

Consider composting as a small step to help the environment. Not only does composting reduce the amount of material heading to

enjoying the outdoors! Studies show that the practice of Tai Chi improves overall health and well-being for people of all ages. Join the Parks and Recreation Department on **Saturday, June 6** from 10 a.m. - noon, at the Senior/Community Center located at 6363 W. 35th Ave. Citizens over 12 years of age are welcome to participate. Please RSVP by today, Friday, June 5 at 303-205-7500.

Click [here](#) for more information.

LiveWell Wheat Ridge

LiveWell Wheat Ridge is a coalition of concerned community and governmental groups committed to improving the healthy eating and active living (HEAL) behaviors and opportunities for everyone who lives or works in Wheat Ridge. LiveWell Wheat Ridge is funded by LiveWell Colorado, comprised of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Colorado Health Foundation and Kaiser Permanente.

To learn more, attend the next LiveWell Wheat Ridge information meeting, scheduled for **June 11, 2009** from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center.

For more information on LiveWell Wheat Ridge please visit the Website at www.wheatridge.livewellcolorado.com or contact Elise Lubell, at 303-271-5719 or via E-mail at: elubell@jeffco.us.

Leaves of Hope 5K Walk/Run

Lutheran Medical Center Foundation wants to continue the strong tradition started last year by inviting you to join us for the second annual **Leaves of Hope 5K Run/Walk** scheduled for **Sunday, June 7, 2009**. Every dollar helps support the fight against cancer and offers hope for individuals in our community.

The cost to register is \$35. Youths age 14 and under are \$10. Look for the registration tent near the starting line to register on the day of the race.

To pre-register online by credit card, click [here](#). Credit card payments will be accepted until 3 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2009.

Strollers and dogs on leashes are welcome! The event will begin and end at Lutheran Medical Center. A map of the certified 5K course can be found by clicking [here](#).

For more information, contact Lutheran Medical Center



the local landfill, but it also ensures that valuable nutrients are broken down and returned to the soil.

For an introduction to composting, click [here](#).

Mayor's Matters available online

Did you know past issues of the *Mayor's Matters* e-newsletter are available online? Click [here](#) to access the City's Website and download past issues of *Mayor's Matters*!

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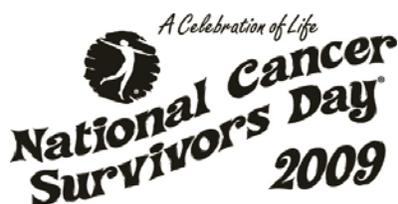


Foundation at 303-467-4800 or visit the [Lutheran Medical Center Foundation Website](#).

Celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day!

A survivor is defined as anyone living with a history of cancer, from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life. On **Sunday, June 7**, Exempla Lutheran Medical Center (ELMC) will host festivities to honor our community's cancer survivors and families.

As in the past, Murphy Huston will host the festivities and All that Entertainment, Inc. will provide musical entertainment.



We invite survivors, their families and friends to gather in celebration from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in and around the Radiation Oncology Department at ELMC. Join us for music, refreshments, children's activities, door prizes, educational displays and exhibits and much more! Reservations are NOT required.

Stay Connected with Live and On Demand Videos

Wheat Ridge residents are now able to watch local City meetings broadcast live over the internet! Users can also instantly replay all or part of those meetings at their convenience through a link on the City's Website. The City launched the new videostreaming technology last month to enhance the accessibility of Channel 8 programming to citizens who may not have access to WRTV 8.

Click [here](#) to view the live and on demand videos!

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

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