



Mayor's Matters

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Seasons Greetings!

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season! Despite the tough economy and the challenges that lie ahead for us individually and as a community, I ask you to join me in helping those you know that are in need. I look forward to working with you in 2010!



I would also like to welcome back Councilman Mike Stites, who ran unopposed in District III, and welcome three new Council members who were sworn into office on Nov. 23:

- Davis Reinhart, District I
- Joyce Jay, District II
- Joseph DeMott, District IV

To access a [map](#) with Council District boundaries, visit the City Website. [Contact information](#) for all City Council members is also available on the City Website.

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

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Wheat Ridge Snow and Ice Removal 2009-2010

Wheat Ridge Public Works takes a proactive approach in providing snow removal services during adverse weather conditions due to snow storms. Businesses and residents can both participate in this proactive approach by going the extra step to make sure your sidewalks are shoveled after a snow storm.



Renew Your Dog License at the Police Department

Residents can now purchase mandatory dog licenses at the records window of the Wheat Ridge Police Department located at 7500 W. 29th Ave. Licenses are sold from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (Holidays and City furlough days are excluded).

For additional information, visit the City [Website](#) or call the Community Services Team in the Police Department at 303-235-2926.

2010 Carnation Festival Volunteers Needed

The 40th Annual Carnation Festival was a huge success and the planning committee is looking for volunteers to help with the 2010 festival! If you are interested in assisting with this event, please contact Cheri Jahn, Festival Chair, at 303-424-0086.

Comprehensive Plan Update



I received a call recently from Sharon Aydelott who slipped and fell on a snow packed sidewalk along Wadsworth Boulevard following a snow storm. Snowy and icy sidewalks create a safety hazard for pedestrians. Please do your part in making Wheat Ridge accessible by clearing your sidewalks and helping elderly or disabled neighbors who may not have the ability to clear their sidewalks.

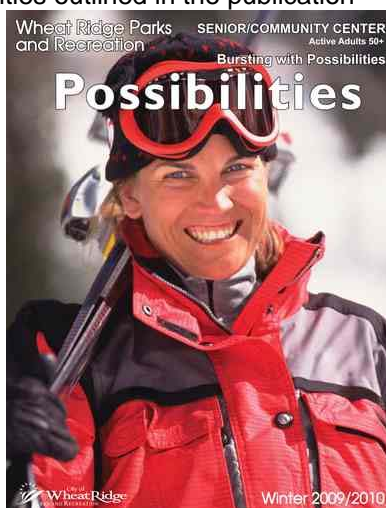
To learn more about snow removal in the Wheat Ridge, visit the City [Website](#) or tune into WRTV8 [Top of the Hour](#) and click on the Snow Removal video.

Possibilities Highlights

The Parks and Recreation department has unveiled its new quarterly publication, *Possibilities*, which highlights all the recreational, educational, fitness, wellness and travel opportunities offered to active, older adults through the Senior/Community Center. Activities outlined in the publication include special events/entertainment, day trips, extended travel opportunities, computer classes, arts and crafts classes, fitness and wellness programs, drop-in activities at the Center and more.

Possibilities replaces the former publication, *Gateway*, and is designed to be more user friendly for readers while meeting the objectives outlined in the Parks and Recreation Department's marketing/branding plan.

Possibilities can be picked up at the Senior/Community Center, located at 6363 W. 35th Ave., or at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling St. If you would like to receive a copy of *Possibilities* in the mail, call 303-205-7500. Program and class information can also be accessed on the City [Website](#).



WR2020 and City Awarded Grant for 38th Avenue Market Study

On Dec. 2 and 3, Wheat Ridge 2020 (WR2020) participated in the Community Revitalization Partnership Program. Through a partnership with the Department of Local Government Affairs of the State of Colorado and Downtown Colorado, Inc., WR2020 has received a matching grant that provides assistance to pay for a team of experts to help conduct a market study for 38th Avenue from Sheridan to Wadsworth. Preliminary recommendations from

The Envision Wheat Ridge Comprehensive Plan was unanimously adopted by City Council on Oct. 12, 2009. Look for a special insert about the new Comp Plan in the next edition of the *Connections* Newsletter in your mailbox the week of Dec. 14.

Thank you to City Council, Planning Commission, City staff, members of the Citizens Advisory Committee and local stakeholders who were instrumental in the public input process. This is a tool that will help the City continue to move forward and make sure the community's vision is representative of the possibilities that lie ahead for Wheat Ridge.

For more information about the Comp Plan, please visit the City [Website](#).

Wheat Ridge State and Local Elected Official Town Hall Meetings

Hosted by Senator Moe Keller and Representative Sue Schafer and local elected officials. Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Upcoming 2010 meeting dates:

Jan. 23 & Feb. 27 - Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, Dahlia Room, 4005 Kipling St.

March 27 & April 24 - Wheat Ridge Senior/Community Center, Art Room, 6363 W. 35th Ave.

Green Tip

As you're stringing up those holiday decorations this

the initial phases of this study were presented on Dec. 3 and a final report will be forthcoming in early 2010.

To learn more about this project and other WR2020 initiatives, visit the WR2020 [Website](#).

Show Your Support for Local Businesses This Holiday

Shop in Wheat Ridge this holiday season, and you could be a lucky winner! Enterprise Wheat Ridge is encouraging everyone to shop in Wheat Ridge and support the vitality of local businesses with a new program called [Passport to Wheat Ridge](#).

Here's how it works:

- Spend more than \$5 at any Wheat Ridge business.
- Ask the cashier of the business to sign your passport to validate your purchase.
- Fill up your passport with 8 transactions.
- Drop your completed passport in a drop box at a designated location by 5 p.m. on Dec. 31.
- A prize drawing will be held at the Jan. 12, 2010 Enterprise Wheat Ridge meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

For more information on the program and a list of designated drop off locations, click [here](#).

FasTracks At Work

The FasTracks Gold Line is coming to Wheat Ridge. All across the metro area, you can see visible signs of FasTracks tax dollars and people at work. Five years in, bridges and bus ramps are being built, facilities are expanding and utilities are being relocated. As more FasTracks projects move from planning and design into full construction, the metro region will begin the transformation to a world-class transportation system.



Stay up to date on the progress of FasTracks via the City [Website](#) or visit www.RTD-FasTracks.com and click on "FasTracks At Work."

month, think about purchasing lights that use Light Emitting Diodes (LED). LED lights are durable, long-lasting and use about one-tenth as much energy as incandescent bulbs. LED lights also do not cause heat build-up, making them safer to use in the home.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

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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 in the spring to enhance the accessibility of Channel 8 programming to citizens who may not have access to WRTV8.

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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