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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



Save the date for the Carnation Festival!

Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21.

Visit www.TheCarnationFestival.com for more information and volunteer opportunities.

City Council reviews governing practices

At the May 24, 2010 City Council meeting, the Wheat Ridge City Council approved [Resolution No. 24](#) to proceed with formal exploration of its effectiveness in governing the City. Community leaders are taking on the task to inform and, more importantly, ask the community if citizens are satisfied with the current Wheat Ridge form of government. The newly formed Citizen's Exploratory Committee (CEC) is examining multiple aspects of the City Charter. All meetings are aired live on the Wheat Ridge Government Access Channel and are accessible via [video streaming](#). Citizens are welcome to submit questions and or comments to the CEC [click here](#).

The Committee will report findings to the Mayor and City Council on July 14, 2010.

For more information about the CEC, please contact Heather Geyer, Assistant to the City Manager/PIO at 303-235-2826 or email hgeyer@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

Support the Wheat Ridge Farmers Market

The Wheat Ridge Farmers Market is back for a third year! Located in the parking lot at 4252 Wadsworth Blvd. (in front of

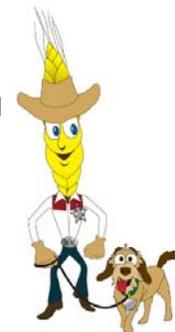
WRPD Annual Report now available

To view the latest Wheat Ridge Police Department annual report click [here](#) and scroll to "Annual Report."

Meet Cody the Code Ranger and his new dog, Tag!

Cody and Tag are working with the Community Services Team to provide information on animal related ordinances.

Whenever you see Cody and Tag you will find helpful information on being a responsible pet owner in the City of Wheat Ridge.



Click [here](#) to access the current issue of *Connections* and read more about Cody and Tag and

Ross Dress for Less), the market will be open every Thursday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. starting June 17 and running through October 28.

Click [here](#) for more details.

Fit 4 Colorado Community Walk - June 19

Join Mayor Jerry DiTullio and CBS4's Jennifer Zeplin for the Fit 4 Colorado Community Walk on June 19. The walk is 1-2 miles in length (2,000 - 4,000 steps) and encourages people to make small behavioral changes in order to improve their health. The event is free of charge and is open to all those interested in finding a fun way to stay active. Walkers are encouraged to dress for the weather, use sunscreen and bring their own water bottle. The first 100 participants will receive a free Fit 4 Colorado pedometer.

Each month, CBS4 and America On the Move partner with a different municipality to host a Community Walk.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Mayor's Public Art Campaign accepting donations

Donations are still being accepted for the Mayor's Public Art Initiative. To date, the campaign has received more than \$16,000 in private donations. Thanks to all that have contributed to the program!

Help bring your community to life through public art! Public art enhances the quality of life in Wheat Ridge and benefits its citizens and the community at-large.

For more information on making a tax deductible donation to the program, click [here](#).

Mixed use zoning project

The City of Wheat Ridge's Department of Community Development is drafting a new form of zoning that will promote mixed use development in targeted areas of the City. Mixed use development incorporates more than one land use within a single building or property. An example would be a building with stores at the ground floor and residential or office uses above. Successful mixed use developments typically include higher densities, compact forms and a high level of pedestrian connectivity between land uses. Mixed use development:

the City's animal related ordinances.

Green Tip

Temperatures keep going up, but that doesn't mean your energy bill has to!

Run your ceiling fan to create a cool breeze. If you raise your thermostat by only two degrees and use your ceiling fan, you can lower cooling costs by up to 14 percent. Remember that ceiling fans cool you, not the room, so when you leave the room make sure to turn off the fan.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

City's team takes 4th place in Colfax Marathon

Thank you to all that represented the City of Wheat Ridge in the Colorado Colfax Marathon on May 14!

The City's team took 4th place in the Municipal Co-ed Race!
Adam Tietz
Sarah DiTullio
Councilmember Davis Reinhart
Heather Geyer
Michael Snow

The latest issue of Wheat Ridge *Connections* is coming to a mailbox near you!

Connections is produced and published quarterly by the City Manager's Office and distributed as a source of news and information to residents and businesses in the community.

If you are not receiving your copy of *Connections*, please contact Heather Geyer,

- Promotes alternative modes of transportation, such as walking and biking
- Reduces road congestion through reduced automobile trips
- Provides a more sustainable form of development
- Encourages active lifestyles
- Creates vibrant places where people can live, work and play

For more information, visit www.wrmixeduse.com or contact Sarah Showalter, Planner II, at 303-235-2849 or via email sshowalter@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

Economic Development Summit

The "Connecting the Dots" Economic Development Summit has tentatively been scheduled for the week of August 1, 2010. More information on the summit will be forthcoming. Check the [City's Web site](#) for more information.

38th and Kipling Park development moves forward through summer

Last year, Wheat Ridge City Council approved a master plan for the future park site at 38th and Kipling. With the support of Jefferson County Open Space funds, construction of Phase I and II are underway.

Phases I and II will be constructed back to back and will include utility installation, storm drainage and site preparation. Additionally, construction of the parking lot, interior walkways, lighting and electrical, signage, benches and picnic tables, playgrounds and play area surfacing will also be completed. Construction is currently underway, weather permitting, and is planned to be completed this summer. Phase III design development will begin in January of 2011. This phase includes the skate park, climbing wall, additional shade shelters and restrooms, trees, landscaping, and construction of two gateway structures and the maze.

Click [here](#) for more information.

For More Information

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