

MAYOR RON *reports*

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Given that November 11 is celebrated as Veterans Day, I want to pay a special tribute to and honor all the veterans of Greenwood Village, in our region, and throughout our nation. Veterans were and always will be the bulwark that protects our country. It is our duty as Americans to honor and respect veterans for their courage and dedication to keep us safe and protect the nation at any cost. As President John Fitzgerald Kennedy spoke to the importance of honoring our veterans —

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

On behalf of Greenwood Village and our citizens, we extend our thanks to all the members of the armed forces who have persevered and continue to in order to preserve liberty. On Veterans Day, take a moment to remember those who stand tall to achieve

democracy. As we honor them, we should also salute them for sacrificing their family life for our protection. Veterans, thank you for making a difference in our lives and for our country!



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MAX FRIEDER PRESENTED WITH MAYOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

Arts and culture is a part of our community that sometimes goes unnoticed, but it is one of the reasons why Greenwood Village is a special place. As you will read on pages 22-24, the Curtis Arts & Humanities Center brings arts and culture experiences to our community. Individuals make a significant and lasting contribution to the arts in Greenwood Village. Without these people, the arts would not play a role in our lives.

On October 20, the City Council and I, along with members of the Greenwood Village Arts and Humanities Council (GVAHC), honored Max Levi Frieder with the Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts for 2014. Max has a remarkable history with Greenwood Village. As a young teen, he joined the "Teen Art Board." During his tenure he was introduced to various master artists, mainly Carlos Fresquez and Deborah Carlson. Under Fresquez, he collaborated on a mural designed by the teens, with Carlson. He visited her



studio and then worked on a collaborative glass mural. Max received a 2008 scholarship from the GVAHC.

Max enrolled at the Rhode Island School of Design, where he graduated with honors in Painting with a focus in Community Based Public Art. He has worked throughout the world spreading his philosophy of Community Collaborative Art. He has endeavored to demonstrate that working on a single piece of public art can evolve into a local source of creative unity. His artistry can be found throughout the U.S., Israel, New Zealand and Costa Rica. In Greenwood Village he worked with young children developing a large mural that has been exhibited at the Curtis Center and hopefully a permanent home will be found. Max calls his

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Mayor Rakowsky with Max Frieder and his parents.

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community project “Artolution,” and his future plans involve working with more communities throughout the world. Overall, Max is an amazing young man and I expect more great things from him in the future to make this world a better place.

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR CITIZEN SURVEY

Every household in Greenwood Village should have received a copy of the 2014 Citizen Survey by the last week in October. The purpose of the citizen survey is to help the City Council and Village staff assess the level of resident satisfaction with Village programs and services. Responses received from residents will help identify where improvements are needed and plan for future activities. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope. It can be dropped off at City Hall, 6060 South Quebec Street or completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014GWV>. For more information, please call Matt Cohrs, Assistant to the City Manager, at 303-486-5746 or email at mcohrrs@greenwoodvillage.com.

DON'T MISS THE MAYOR'S HOLIDAY LIGHTING

It's that time of year to celebrate the holidays Village style. Please come to our annual Mayor's Holiday Lighting on Thursday, December 4 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Greenwood Village City Hall. In keeping with past Mayor's Holiday

RAMBLE WITH RON IN NOVEMBER

Have some ideas or suggestions to share about living or working in Greenwood Village? Walk and talk with Mayor Ron Rakowsky from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting) on:

Monday, November 24

Westlands Park, 5701 S. Quebec Street

Wednesday, November 26

Tommy Davis Park, Swim Club Lot,
9200 E. Orchard Road.

Registration is not required. For more information, please call the Mayor's Office at 303-486-5745. Check for updates of the monthly schedule for *Ramble with Ron* at www.greenwoodvillage.com.



Lighting events, there will be many activities. Santa Claus will be making a grand entrance. You can read more about the event on page 21. We look forward to sharing the spirit of the holidays with your and your family!

SHOP LOCAL DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

As we do at City Hall, we hope our citizens realize the significant contribution the business community makes to our overall quality of life. The tax revenue generated from sales and use tax by the 2,500 businesses located in the Village funds the excellent services residents and businesses receive on a daily basis. Such services include street sweeping and snow removal; parks and recreation, including the recreation reimbursement program; police services, quality roadways, and much more. It's a win-win for both our residents and business community.



These are the reasons why it is important for each one of us to shop in Greenwood Village. Our businesses are friendly and offer a variety of unique products and choices. You can find a list of all of our local businesses on the Village Website at www.greenwoodvillage.com. I also encourage you to watch the new episode of *GV Business Connections, The Restaurant Show* which will air on GVTV 8 on November 21. If you don't have cable, you can watch the program on The Greenwood Village YouTube Channel. We will feature some new and established eateries that offer some amazing drinks, treats, and dishes. It's a great program and I hope you will be able to watch it. *GV*