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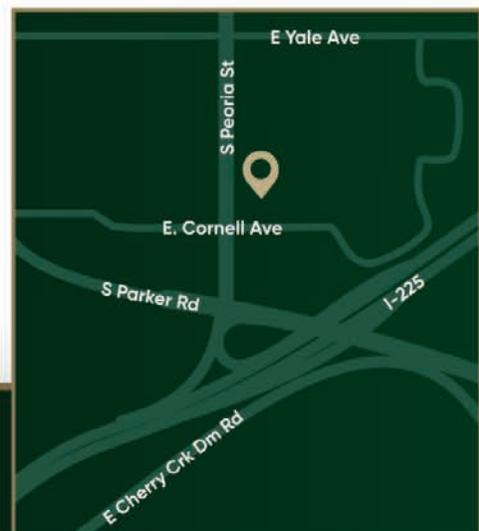
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# No Smoking at HG: Enforcement is the Key

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**No Smoking Policy**  
**Water Conservation**  
**Campus Technology Subcommittee**  
**Building Identification Signs**  
**Lee Nicholson Fills Board Vacancy**

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The No Smoking Policy at Heather Gardens and how to enforce it was among key topics at the Tuesday, July 22 HGA Board meeting.

Board President Sue McBeth explained that the new Colorado House Bill 1137, which supersedes HOA smoking policies, is creating havoc for HOAs throughout the state when it comes to enforcement. A strict no smoking policy has been part of the Heather Gardens resident covenants for many years, meaning no smoking in the individual home units or on the property. Yet, there is smoking and there are complaints from residents, recognizing that even second-hand smoke is a serious health hazard. As other HOAs are dealing with the same issues of enforcing no smoking rules, the Board is seeking out information from other sources and agreed to speak with HG legal counsel for direction.

“We need to be able to provide HG management with a way to deal with enforcement and get that information out to residents,” McBeth added.

**Community Technology Subcommittee:** Director Linda Hileman, Chair of the Community Engagement & Communications Committee (CECC), introduced the motion to reinstate the Campus Technology Subcommittee.

Hileman noted the importance of evaluating current and anticipated needs at HG in the area of technology. She explained that there are various software platforms for Security, Clubhouse, the new Resident Access Control System, work orders, inventory, and accounting, and they all need to be able to talk to each other.

“We need to develop a big picture, long-term approach of where we want to go with technology and be able to oversee it in a cost effective, efficient manner.” The motion to reinstate the subcommittee passed. A representative of HGMD will be included on the subcommittee, as all the technology issues affect HGMD as well as HGA.

Additionally, Hileman reported that the volunteer work on updating the content on the HG website continues in progress.

**Town Hall Meeting:** Positive resident response continues with the Town Hall Meetings, with the Board brainstorming interesting and informative new topics for each month. It has moved to the first Tuesday of

each month, with the next one scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, at 3 pm in the Clubhouse.

**Water Conservation:** Resident Mitch Albert, who heads the Water Conservation project, came armed with charts and graphs outlining on-going progress on the three business plans that the Board previously had sanctioned.

With strong support from the Board, Director Bradford Archer, Chair of the Joint Long-Range Planning Committee, and Director John Recob, Chair of the Maintenance Committee, recommended the next steps are to move forward with obtaining cost projections from contractors, including installation costs for equipment needed to improve sprinkler systems and other equipment where needed, with this further planning to be brought to the Board in August.

**Building Number Identification:** General Manager Lary Herkal noted that the signage previously approved by the Board is expected to be delivered and installed within six to eight weeks from the July 22 Board meeting. The signs will be affixed to 21 buildings on the Golf Course facing side of the HG property. Purpose of the signs is to assist residents and Security in identifying specific locations when incidents are reported from the walkways around the Golf Course. This will aid in streamlined emergency response and communications.

**New Machines for Fitness Center:** In progress at the Clubhouse, Herkal noted that the new floor is completed and that management is looking into some new exercise equipment for the Fitness Center. Additionally, the new restaurant manager, Tony Walker, has begun work and a new sous chef has been hired.

**Lee Nicholson Joins Board:** A vacancy was created on the HGA Board when Director Bill Archambault moved to the HGMD Board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of HGMD President Bill Gold. At the HGA Board meeting on July 22, two candidates were presented, Cecilia Williams and Lee Nicholson, to serve the remainder of 2025. Nicholson received the majority vote of the Board members and will serve on the Civic Affairs Committee.

In a recent change, HGA Board meetings are now held the fourth Tuesday of each month, 1 pm in the Clubhouse Board Room, rather than the previous third Tuesday. Next HGA Board meeting is Tuesday, August 26. Residents are encouraged to attend by Zoom or in person. A package of the Agenda and Committee reports is posted on the website prior to the meeting. Visit [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org) and click on the green bar in the upper right.

# Highlights of the *July 24* Meeting of the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Board

- The board approved a motion to change the date of its monthly meeting to the last Thursday of every month, allowing Community Resource Services of Colorado sufficient time to prepare financial statements for review.
- The board approved a motion to suspend the Pledge of Allegiance at district board meetings and district committee meetings in order not to infringe on attendees' individual rights and personal beliefs.
- The board considered merging the district's Audit and Finance Committee with the Heather Gardens Association's Audit Subcommittee. They approved a motion to suspend the Audit and Finance Committee's procedural manual until it can be revised to reflect the merger.
- The board approved the payment of \$1,540,000 to the Heather Gardens Association to repay expenses incurred by the district during both this year and last year.

A full report of the July 24, 2025 meeting was not possible due to the date change, which fell on *Heather 'N Yon's* print deadline. More information is available in the board packet, attached to the meeting agenda on the district's website. Videos of all public meetings are also posted on the district's website.



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July has certainly brought us the heat, even 100-degree days! I hope everyone is coping with the weather. This month I would like to share with you the words from a card containing:

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Carve your own path, Go slow  
Channel your strength, Smooth the way for others  
Keep moving forward, Avoid meltdowns  
Be cool!

As the two Boards (HGA and HGMD) keep developing the Asset Management Agreement, we are indeed moving forward and going slow enough to concentrate on the details so as to avoid meltdowns now and in the future.

### Board Highlights

1. A fabulous and very informative presentation was given by Mitch Albert on the Water Conservation Program.
2. The Town Hall meetings are changing their date and time for the rest of the year. These meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month and will begin at 3:00 pm in the Sandberg Auditorium. This month's (August) Town Hall is on Tuesday, August 5. Mark your calendars, because we can't wait to see you there!
3. The HGA Board meeting has moved to the fourth Tuesday of the month. There is always a rush to put together the packet of information for the Board members to review for the meeting and give them time to digest the material. Having the meetings one week later in the month will provide this time.
4. As a consequence of moving the HGA Board meeting later in the month, the distribution of *Heather 'n Yon* will be delayed to the 7th or 8th of the following month.
5. There are openings for the HGA Board both for the current year and for the 2026 calendar year.

If you are interested in being on the Board and helping shape the community, submit an application to the Management Office. The application can be obtained from the Management Office or from the Heather Gardens Website.

### Joint HGA/HGMD Leadership Workshop Sessions

More of the details that the Boards need to be concerned about are being ironed out. Our attorneys presented a more complete agreement to us on July 28. The Boards will meet in August to try to finalize this draft agreement. This agreement will be presented to residents in the fall, both at a Town Hall meeting and other meetings, for comments and questions.

In closing, I would like to encourage all residents to set aside time to listen to and participate in the Budget Workshops that will be happening in September. This is a great way to gain information on the proposed budget and to let your thoughts be known to the Budget & Finance Committee.

Until next time – stay cool and keep yourself hydrated!



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## HGMD Board President Reports

David Kennedy

It has been some time since I last prepared a report of this kind, so please excuse any lack of familiarity in this edition.

Firstly, the members of both Heather Gardens boards of directors have collaborated over the past year to address the task of revising and restructuring the management agreement. Eloise Laubach and Bill Gold played key roles throughout this process by demonstrating leadership and persistence.

Secondly, both HGA and HGMD have faced difficulties during the past six months due to changes in accounting processes, which caused delays in producing financial statements. Contributing factors included transitioning HGMD to an external accounting service (CRS), staff injuries and illnesses at HGA, audit-related issues, and other challenges, many of which are ongoing. On a positive note, the 2023 audit for HGMD has been completed, allowing for timely bond obligation payments, and preparations for the 2024 audit are on track. Bill Archambault has resumed the position of Treasurer at HGMD.

Thirdly, the committee structure and leadership at HGMD remain robust and are expected to support future developments. The community has experienced improvements and increased engagement in areas such as restaurant events, clubhouse activities, golf leagues, and participation. Plans are also underway to introduce Bocce Ball outside the restaurant near the driving cage.

Fourthly, the recent Town Hall meeting had strong attendance and facilitated valuable dialogue among HGA/HGMD staff, board members, and residents. While existing communications channels—including websites, meetings, and electronic messaging—are helpful, ongoing two-way communication is encouraged.

Fifthly, there are open positions on committees and boards that need to be filled. As a volunteer-based community, Heather Gardens benefits from individuals with a variety of experiences, skills, and expertise. There is particular demand for board candidates with backgrounds in finance, business management, accounting, technical fields such as water and waste management, or governmental agency experience.

Finally, appreciation is expressed to those who supported continued service on the HGMD board. Serving on the board presents both challenges and opportunities to contribute to the Heather Gardens community. Feedback and suggestions for improvement are welcomed, with the shared goal of maintaining the quality of life within Heather Gardens.

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## HGMD Foundation

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Do to ongoing health issues, I have resigned from the HGMD board. As such, I can no longer Chair the Foundation Committee as our PM requires the Chair to be a board member. I have requested donation information still be sent to me so nothing is lost and memorial donations will continue to be recognized in *Heather 'n' Yon*.

Since I have Chaired the Foundation Committee, we have accomplished many projects: T.V. monitor in the clubhouse lobby, televisions in the restaurant, furniture and umbrellas for the restaurant patio, the beautiful Christmas tree in the clubhouse lobby, items needed for the restaurant to grow their own herbs, many tree plantings and landscape/bench projects, and our biggest project: the upgrade to the outside lighting for the clubhouse. This has been possible to work of the Committee but more importantly the generosity of our community.

It has been fun and rewarding to work with the Committee and I want to thank Foundation Committee members and the community for their ongoing support.

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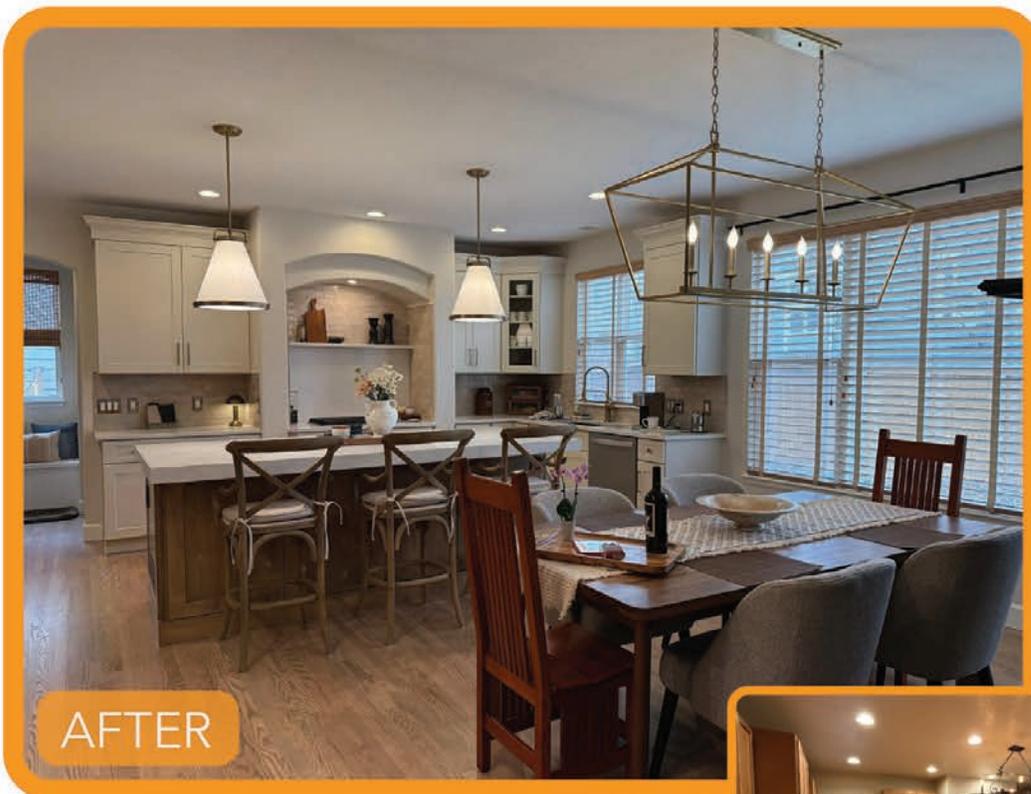


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“Joy comes to us in moments—ordinary moments. We risk missing out on joy when we get too busy chasing down the extraordinary.” -Brené Brown

In an effort to be more mindful and to seek out daily joy amidst the hubbub, I’m doing my best to soak up every bit of summer.

Between work and personal responsibilities, I’ve been savoring the little things—swimming with friends, lounging on my deck, and enjoying some of the best watermelon I’ve had in years. Earlier this summer, while in Missouri, I was treated to a beautiful festival of lightning bugs, lighting up the evening like tiny lanterns.

Joy can have a powerful impact on our well-being and even our lifespan. Research shows that people who regularly experience joy (and other positive emotions) tend to be more emotionally resilient. They’re less likely to be negatively affected by stress and more likely to bounce back quickly from a crisis.

Fortunately, joy isn’t hard to find—it lives in the everyday. Spark more of it by nurturing relationships, practicing gratitude, letting go and laughing...

What brings you joy today?



-Susan Harman, Editor  
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## Tricia Patterson: From the Heather Gardens Swimming Pool to the Senior Olympics

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But Tricia Patterson had a passion for marking her 2025 by taking on an impossible dream—that of simply competing in the Senior Olympics.

New residents to Heather Gardens in 2021, Tricia and husband, Bill, grew up in Maryland and lived there “until the kids and grandkids started moving to Colorado,” she explains.

Back in Maryland during the Covid shut down, Tricia couldn’t use the gym, so she started running until the pool opened back up. A casual swimmer, Tricia says the indoor pool at Heather Gardens was a reason she and Bill moved here. “For me, it was the pool. For Bill, it was the woodshop.”

But it was her dad who inspired her to go for the Senior Olympics. “My dad had been in the Senior Olympics with his softball team,” she notes. “I was doing laps at the Heather Gardens pool and thinking about that.”

She started working out in January, then in February went onto the Colorado Senior Olympics website and registered. “It was a little complicated, since I have no history at all as a swimming competitor, no coach, and have never been on a swim team. I couldn’t figure out how to actually register, but finally I found a kind soul who would answer my emails.”

Once signed up, she and Bill, with two of the grandsons in tow, visited the famed U.S. Olympic Museum in Colorado Springs. Fans of Maryland sports for their whole lives, she and Bill were excited to see a Maryland state flag painted on the side of one of the sleds that had competed in Winter Olympics years ago.

They also visited the pool in which she would compete at the Colorado Springs Athletic Club.

“It’s a really big pool,” she adds. “It’s 25 yards long, compared to the 20-yard HG indoor pool, seven-foot deep end to end, with no shallow end, and with 10 lanes—each lane eight feet wide.



Training in the HG indoor pool.



Building strength in the HG Fitness Center.

“It’s humongous, and it also is an infinity pool, one of those with the appearance of the water spilling over the sides and no place to hold onto. I found it really disorienting. I was so glad I went down there to get some swimming practice in the actual competition pool.”

While Tricia never had a coach previously, she did find a resident of HG who volunteered to coach her. Sue Momsen, who had competed and coached in Wisconsin, coached Tricia in the HG pool, sometimes jumping in to better observe her strokes, and sometimes from the top side. “It was lots of drills, working on different parts of my stroke, and doing touch and turns at the end of each lap. We can’t dive into the HG pool, with it being 5 feet, 9 inches at the deepest, and Sue told me that she would not have me doing anything in competition that I didn’t do in practice. So touch and turn it was.”

Tricia and the coach started with two hours a week, then three one-hour sessions a week in March. But that was only part of her training regimen. To build strength, Tricia continued running for stamina and working out in the HG Fitness Center to increase muscle strength.

“It was hard to fit in sometimes, because I babysit two of my grandsons three days a week.” In addition to that, Tricia was flying back to Maryland once a month to spend time with her dad, who is now in his 90s. “Changing from sea level to Colorado altitude made swimming more difficult.”

Tricia anticipated peaking at the right time, just ready for the July 13 competition. “My breathing is getting better all the time, and my lap times are looking good.”

She was entered in three heats, all three on Sunday, July 13, which are 50 yards freestyle, 50 yards backstroke and the 200 yard breaststroke, all in the 65-69 age category. The 200-yard breaststroke is eight lengths in the “big pool,” or 10 lengths in the HG indoor pool.

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There were a number of unknowns, such as how many other people she would be competing against and even how well known this summer's events may be. "This competition was held regularly for many years, but for some reason, stopped in 2017. I'm not sure how many people will be aware that it's back for 2025."



Family and friends came to cheer her on.

But it isn't just the dream of Olympic competition where Tricia is known at HG. A dialysis nurse for many years, she recently taught one of the Lifelong Learners classes that was part of the Medical Potpourri series. She worked at Davita for years in Maryland, specializing in teaching patients to do their own dialysis at home. Before retirement, she was a keynote speaker at the American Nephrology Nurses Association conference in Chicago. She also is a published author, penning a book on the life of her father, titled "Tell Me a Story, Poochie."

Tricia and Bill have six children, "each by C-section" notes Tricia, who is barely five feet tall. She homeschooled all six: three boys and three girls.

Bill and Tricia met in church in their hometown of Bowie, Md., near Annapolis. While Tricia is retired, Bill is still working. Before moving to Colorado, he was employed at the Pentagon and now at Buckley Air Force Base as a civilian contractor in a project management role.

Bill's woodshop adventures have resulted in some truly beautiful gifts for friends and family. For Christmas 2024, Bill fashioned pepper mills on the lathe for each of the kids, each one unique and tailored to the recipient. As an example, for the daughter who is a missionary traveling to and from Israel, he used a gorgeous Jerusalem olive wood.

Currently, he is working on creating wooden tables for the Messianic Jewish church they attend. In moving to Heather Gardens, Tricia notes that she

now realizes they didn't just need a house—they needed a community. "I left my church community in Maryland, but now I have my friends at the pool and I know everyone in our building.

"People can die of loneliness and isolation, but with our community here, we have community. We go to lunch and brunch together and are a great support system for each other.

"Heather Gardens is a wonderful place to live."

**Silver Metalist!**

**Tricia Patterson Wins Senior Olympics Silver!**

With a personal best of 52 seconds in the 50-yard backstroke, and second out of five competitors, Tricia Patterson took home the Colorado Senior Olympics Silver Medal. Congrats to our Olympics champion.

-Patricia McLaughlin, B215

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Ruth Guy, Building 220

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**<< 3082 S Wheeling #408 Alpha F 2BR/2BA 1,550 sq.ft.**  
 Amazing 8th hole view from full glass encl. patio. Penthouse w/vaulted ceilings,  
 expansive living room/dining area. Hard surface flooring & fresh paint throughout.  
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**13606 E Bates Ave #102 Alpha E 2BR/1BA 930 sq.ft.**  
 Welcome to this adorable 1st-floor condo! Private primary bedroom w no shared walls.  
 The kitchen features ample cabinets & large pantry. Enjoy gatherings  
 in the large living room that flows seamlessly to the covered patio, perfect for relaxing  
 & overlooking the lush green space. **\$194,900 >>**

**<< 13800 E Marina #112 Seville K 2BR/1BA 952 sq. ft.**  
 Convenient first floor corner unit. Full glass-enclosed lanai. Underground parking  
 & close to exterior parking. The most affordable condo in HG.  
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### Coming Soon:

**13743 E Marina Drive A 3BR/3BA 1,176 sq.ft. + 588 finished basement**  
 Engineered hardwood and solid surface flooring throughout, designer color scheme  
 and backsplash, quartz countertops, and attached two-car car garage!

**14102 E Linvale Pl #403 Somerset A-dinette 2 BR/2BA 1,200 sq.ft.**  
 This condo boasts a modern updated kitchen w SS appliances, LVP floors  
 throughout, and updated bathrooms. Enjoy the beautiful golf course view from your  
 fully screened in lanai!

**3082 S Wheeling Way #205 2 BR/2BA 1,380 sq.ft.**  
 Alpha G unit, undated kitchen cabinets. Over the stove microwave. Located across  
 from the laundry area and storage closet. Updated windows and fully-enclosed lanai!

### For Lease:

**13500 E Cornell Ave #410 Alpha A 1,200 sq. ft. 2 BR/2BA**  
 4th floor penthouse with vaulted ceilings! Electric fireplaces in both  
 bedrooms. Updated kitchen with stainless appliances. Fully glass  
 enclosed lanai. **\$2,195/mo.**

**14091 E Marina Dr. #604, Somerset A 1,200 sq ft, 2 BR/ 2BA.**  
 Incredible views of the golf course and mountains from this 6th floor  
 rental. New flooring throughout, SS appliances, laundry in-unit,  
 basement level parking, GREAT location! **\$1,950/mo.**

**3022 S Wheeling Way #210 Alpha A 1,200 sq. ft. 2 BR/2 BA**  
 Newer appliances, ice maker in freezer and large utility room. Fully  
 enclosed glass lanai! Laundry is just down the hall and parking right  
 across the street. **\$1,850/mo.**



**2838-A SHGW Ranch Patio Home 1,176 sq.ft. plus bsmt. 2 BR/ 3 BA**  
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**3274 S. Heather Gardens Way 4BR/ 4BA 1,650 Sq Ft. + basement**  
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**3144 S Wheeling #410 3BR/3BA Alpha AE Executive layout with 2,145 sq.ft.**  
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**14152 E Linvale #605 NEW PRICE!! 1,560 sq.ft. 2 BR/2BA Som F.**  
 Spacious floorplan with dining area. Gorgeous views! **\$345,000**

**13606 E. Bates #304 2BR/2BA Alpha A 1,200 sq. ft.**  
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**14050 E Linvale #601 Somerset F2, 2BR/2BA 1550 sq.ft. \$308,000**

**13626 E Bates Ave #207 2 BR/2 BA 1,200 sq. ft. \$210,000**

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## “Love Epidemic Flag Tour” stops at Rendezvous



On the patio, Warren Kennison Jr. and Lonesome Roads provided live bluegrass music.

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On Saturday, July 5, the first stop of “The Love Epidemic Flag Tour,” sponsored by American Legion Post 2, took place at Heather Gardens’ Rendezvous Bar & Grill. The tour is scheduled to visit all 64 counties in Colorado, and seeks to identify military veterans who passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic, when restrictions prevented their families and friends from providing, or attending, the memorial services those vets deserved.



A special ceremony will be held for these veterans on Veterans Day, November 11, 2025 (time and place yet to be determined).

This initial tour stop at the Rendezvous was emceed by former HG resident Tony Brenning.

HG residents Janet Arce and Vickie Hoffman helped coordinate the event.

# HG Clubhouse Events

## Clubhouse Hours

Monday–Saturday 6 am–9 pm; Sunday 7 am–7 pm

Phone 303-751-1811, x5

Clubhouse Manager: Juanita Dominguez

Clubhouse Lead: Donna Stein (Clubhouse Sponsored Activities and Events)

### ActiveMinds South Africa: From Apartheid to Global Citizen

Wednesday, August 13, 2:00pm

Sandberg Auditorium

Join Active Minds as we explore the history of South Africa, its struggle with race and its journey to rejoin the international community since apartheid ended in 1994. We will discuss the pivotal role played by Nelson Mandela, the impact of immigration/colonialism, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and other important aspects of this story. We will end with a look at the current events, challenges and opportunities for South Africa. No charge for this event, however, registration is encouraged. Please register online or at the Clubhouse Activities desk.

### SEASONS OF FUN – Music Throughout the Years

Friday, August 29, 1:00pm

Sandberg Auditorium

Join us for an afternoon of music featuring guitarist Mary Ellen Armbruster. Enjoy a fun filled hour of music spanning the generations. Listen and sing along to iconic songs of your generation.

There is no charge for this event, however, registration is required. Register either online or at the Activities Desk. This event is sponsored by All Season Healthcare and Comfort Keepers.

### AARP Smart Driver Class

Thursday, August 21, 12:45-5pm,

Arts & Crafts Room

Cost: \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members, cash or check only (no credit or debit cards). Please pre-register for the class by calling the clubhouse at (303) 751-1811 x5. Are you a driver aged 50 and over? Would you like to receive a discount on your auto insurance? Would you like to learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle more safely? If so, then consider attending the AARP Smart Driver Class here at the Heather Gardens Clubhouse. The class is 4 hours long.

### Fitness Walk and Activities Showcase

Saturday, September 6

Check in: 8:15 - 9:30 am

Clubhouse Lodgepole

No charge, but advanced registration is required at the Clubhouse Activities Desk.

Get a cool Event Tee Shirt: \$10 payable at time of registration.

Healthy Lunch options afterwards: \$16 include tax and gratuity.(select option at time of registration). Lunch will be prepared and served by Rendezvous Bar &

Grill. This fun and joyous event, held Saturday, September 6, at Heather Gardens, provides something for everyone! Enjoy an escorted walk of your choice from a 0.25 mile GREEN ROUTE

(Easy – Great for those with mobility concerns), a 0.75 mile BLUE ROUTE (Moderate) or a walk of up to 2.5 mile perimeter RED ROUTE (for Serious Walkers!)

Upon return to the clubhouse, join fellow walkers in the Rendezvous Banquet Room and talk with Club and Class representatives about fitness options you can participate in this fall. A variety of opportunities await you this fall including Pickleball, Golf, Tennis, Water exercise, Yoga, and much more. Our campus is beautiful this time of year. Join in on the fun. Bring a friend, or two, and celebrate the wrap up of summer. Mobility devices, walkers, and scooters are welcome, and you may go at your own pace. Bring a re-fillable water bottle. Sponsored and supported by the HG Green Team and Heather Gardens Brokers.



### Old Man Rock Party

Saturday, September 13, 6:00pm

Sandberg Auditorium

Ticket cost: \$10.

This group's talent, energy and heart make every performance unforgettable. They know how to get the whole crowd dancing – maybe even in a conga line! If you love standard rock, you'll be sure to have a good time. Come listen, dance, tap your feet or whatever works! Reserve your spot at the Clubhouse Activities Desk or by calling 303-751-1811 x5

### Barbershop and Beyond!

Sunday, September 14,  
5:30pm

Sandberg Auditorium

Ticket cost is \$10.

The Timberliners Chorus and quartets are coming to Heather Gardens for this Sunday afternoon program. Seventy-six years ago the Boulder Timberliners Barbershop Chorus was born. Over the years the group has evolved while entertaining a variety of audiences in the Front Range and beyond. Under the direction of an



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## LOCAL EVENTS

### Southlands Farmer's Market

August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 8am-1pm  
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Aurora, 80016



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### Havana Street Night Market

Saturday, August 30, 6-10pm  
2710 S Havana Street  
Aurora, 80014

This isn't just a market – it's a global celebration of food, culture, and community. Expect an unmatched lineup of vendors selling jewelry, clothing, art, and unique finds from around the world. Add in live music, dance, interactive games, and giveaways, and you've got the perfect setting for a family night out or an evening with friends.

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### Art in the Park

Saturday, August 30, 10am-4pm  
10795 Victorian Dr.  
Parker, 80138

The Parker Artists Guild is pleased to announce the return of Art in the Park after a one-year hiatus! A much-loved event held at O'Brien Park in the heart of charming downtown Parker, Art in the Park will feature a diversity of artwork.

## FREE Days in August

### Denver Art Museum

**Tuesday, August 12**  
720-865-5000, 10am-9pm  
100 W 14th Ave Pkwy  
www.denverartmuseum.org

### Denver Botanic Gardens

**Wednesday, August 27**  
720-865-3500, 9am-2:30pm  
1007 York Street 80206  
www.botanicgardens.org

### Denver Museum of Nature and Science

**Monday, August 25**  
303-370-6000, 9am-5pm  
2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver  
www.dmns.org

### Longmont Museum

**Saturday, August 9**  
303-651-8374, 9am-5pm  
400 Quail Rd 80501  
www.longmontcolorado.gov/  
departments/departments-e-m/museum

### Museo de las Americas

**Friday, August 1, 12-9pm**  
303-571-4401  
861 Santa Fe Dr., Denver  
https://museo.org/

### Plains Conservation Center

**Thursday, August 14, 9am – 2pm**  
21901 E. Hampden Avenue  
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### US National Parks

**Monday, August 4**  
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# COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

## Your Capital Reserve Dollars at Work

Exciting progress has been made recently across all capital reserve projects slated for 2025, a testament to the collaboration between our dedicated Heather Gardens Association (HGA) Engineering and Contracts departments staff, and the contractors who made this happen. Here's a closer look at five key projects making headlines this summer:

**Parking Structures Progress:** Parking Structure (PS)-2 is now open for residents as of July 9, with only minor siding work remaining. Attention now turns to PS-4, where the removal of the topping slab within the upper deck garages is necessary, along with the replacement of half of the structural metal support beams of the garage doors. Construction will continue through mid-September.



Preparations for roof replacement on B244

**Roof Replacements:** B236, the first of the five roof replacements on our 6-story buildings scheduled for 2025, has reached substantial completion, with just a few finishing touches left. Terpstra, our trusted roofing contractor, has begun work on B244, with B235, B231, and B217 to follow. Work is expected to wrap up by the end of October.

**Atrium Parking Garages:** Waterproofing efforts at the atrium buildings' underground garages

have faced a challenge: the landscaping above the concrete garage roof needs to be scraped off. The roof has a 6,000 lb. weight limit, but the necessary excavator exceeds this weight restriction. One of the solutions currently being investigated, so the project can proceed safely, is shoring towers which could be installed based on structural engineering guidance, allowing the project to advance without compromising the garage's integrity.

**Painting and Aesthetic Enhancements:** The painting crews have finished work on B233, and B234 will be completed by the time you read this. B235 and B236 are next in line. Beyond a fresh coat of color, the project includes thorough caulking around windows and air conditioners to protect the units from water intrusion. By fall's end, all these multi-story buildings will boast renewed, vibrant exteriors.

**Atrium Carpeting Replacement:** Preparations are underway to begin carpet replacement in three of the Atrium buildings, promising a refreshed and comfortable environment for their residents.

**Reserve Study Update:** The Heather Gardens Metro District study portion nears completion, and the preliminary phase for the HGA portion is now underway.

### Your Capital Reserve Contribution

Every one of these five initiatives above is funded by our capital reserve fund—a fund diligently built over the years since 2016 with consistent allocations from our

### Engage

Transparency, communication, and resident involvement are key for managing our capital reserves. Budget workshops will be held September 22–26, with at least half a day dedicated to the HGA Capital Reserves Budget and 2026 projects proposal. Attend to get updates, ask questions, and share your ideas for the 2026 budget.

monthly dues. During budget season, the Capital Programs Subcommittee, in partnership with HGA staff, reviews and selects and sets the scopes for the projects which are slated for the upcoming year. Throughout the budget cycle, detailed discussions also determine the capital reserve contribution included in our monthly dues, guaranteeing continued funding for future capital expenditure projects. This careful, collaborative process ensures that our community's infrastructure remains robust and well-maintained in essence to protect your property value and investment.

### Capital Reserve Financial Planning

Reserve planning relies heavily on a comprehensive asset list—maintained by HGA as a spreadsheet—covering all assets in and directly around the multistory buildings, country places, and townhouses, including their replacement costs and lifespans. HGA has a robust list we have used now for years. A capital reserve study was initiated earlier this year to review the asset list for completeness and accuracy. The fully funded percentage (FFP) indicator (see insert) is utilized to assess the financial health of a homeowner association's capital reserve funds. The Capital Programs Subcommittee recommends that HGA maintains a minimum FFP of 60%.

It's vital to recognize that the success of our capital projects relies on a budget grounded in careful analysis and forward-looking planning. By remaining committed to sound financial practices, we ensure that the savings in our HGA-Capital Reserves can cover both today's improvements and tomorrow's needs, securing a bright future for our entire community.

-Community Engagement and Communications Committee / Project Insight

### The Fully Funded Percentage (FFP)

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## Aurora City Council AT-LARGE

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### *Focusing on what's important to Aurora...*

#### **Jobs & the Economy**

As a successful small business owner and entrepreneur, Danielle knows firsthand what it takes to live within a budget, make payroll, and grow a business.

#### **Public Safety**

Danielle will continue to fight for a stronger, safer Aurora while bridging the gap between Aurora citizens and our local Aurora law enforcement.

#### **Taxes & Fees**

Danielle isn't a politician, she's a job creator and a single mom who works hard to live within her budget and believes government should do the same.

#### **Development**

Danielle will continue to ensure Aurora is one of the most business-friendly cities in the state and will continue to eliminate bureaucratic red tape and burdensome government regulations.

#### **Revitalizing Neighborhoods**

Local Aurora residents know what's best for their neighborhood and unlike politicians, Danielle will listen to those needs and respond.



*"The Aurora Police Association proudly endorses Danielle Jurinsky for Aurora City Council. Her unwavering support for law enforcement in Aurora has been crucial for us to do our jobs, protect the public, and rebuild relationships in the community. Danielle is not only an Aurora resident, but she is a business owner in the City. This puts her in a unique position to understand the many aspects and challenges Aurora is facing today. Danielle has the knowledge and energy to drive this city back to a safe and prosperous place to live and raise our families. Danielle supports all first responders and we look forward to continuing our relationship with her in the City of Aurora."*



**David Exstrom**  
 APA President



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# AUGUST CALENDAR: CLUBS, RECREATION & EVENTS

<b>Fri 1</b>	Tennis Club (every Fri) Men with Purpose (1st & 3rd Fri)	Tennis Courts Skyview Room	8-10am 10-11am
<b>Sat 2</b>	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Sat) Ping Pong (every Sat) Karaoke Club	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	12-3pm 2pm 3-5pm
<b>Sun 3</b>	Social Bridge (every Sun)	Skyview Room	1-3:30pm
<b>Mon 4</b>	Tennis Club (every Mon) Men's Bridge (every Mon) Book Club Spanish Club (every Mon) Texas Hold'em (1st Mon) Mah Jongg (every Mon)	Tennis Courts Skyview Room Mountain View Room & Library Library Banquet Room Blue Spruce Room	8-10am 10am-2pm 10:30am & 1pm 11am-12pm 12:30-5pm 1-4pm
<b>Tue 5</b>	Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tues) HG Singers (every Tues) Mah Jongg (every Tues) Ping Pong (every Tues) CP2 Billiard Club (every Tues) SRA	Mountain View Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Rendezvous Bar & Grill Billiards Room Banquet Room	12-4pm 1-2:30pm 1-4pm 2pm 4:30-8pm 6:30pm TBA
<b>Wed 6</b>	Tennis Club (every Wed) Cribbage (every Wed) Men's Poker (every Wed) Duplicate Bridge/ACBL (every Wed) Rummikub Woodshop Club CP1 Square Dance (1st & 3rd Wed)	Tennis Courts Sunburst Cafe Mountain View Room Blue Spruce Room Lodgepole Lounge Skyview Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	8-10am 12:30-3pm 12:30-5pm 1pm 1-3pm 1pm 5:30pm 7-9pm
<b>Thu 7</b>	Fun Gals Golf (every Thurs) Tai Chi (every Thurs) TOPS (every Thurs) Optimist Club (1st & 3rd Thurs) The Green Team Time4Tap Bunko (1st & 3rd Thurs) Social Bridge (every Thurs) Writers Club (every Thurs) Ping Pong (every Thurs) Meditation Club (every Thurs) Kiwanis Club (1st & 3rd Thurs) Men's 9-Ball	Golf Course Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Bar & Grill Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Skyview Room Game Room Skyview Room Skyview Room Billiards Room	7:36am & 7:48am 8-11am 8:30-9:30am 9am 10am-12pm 11am-12pm 1-3:30pm 1-3:30pm 1-4pm 2pm 4pm 6pm 7pm

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<b>Fri 8</b>	HG Indivisible Texas Hold'em (every Fri)	Library Mountain View Room	11:30am-12:50pm 12:30-5pm
<b>Sat 9</b>	The Breakfast Club Ping Pong (every Sat) The Voice for Residents Forum	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Game Room Aspen Room	8:30am 2pm 3-4:30pm
<b>Mon 11</b>	Texas Hold'em (all other Mondays) HG Water Conservation Taskforce	Mountain View Room Zoom	12:30-5pm 1pm
<b>Wed 13</b>	Red Hattitudes <b>ActiveMinds South Africa: From Apartheid to Global Citizen</b> Aviation Club	Rendezvous Bar & Grill <b>Sandberg Auditorium</b> Aspen Room	12:30pm <b>2pm</b> 7pm
<b>Sat 16</b>	Saturday Afternoon Live Social	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3-5pm
<b>Sun 17</b>	Frolics: "Trailer Park Tragedy Murder Mystery"	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	2pm
<b>Tue 19</b>	Caregivers Support Group Frolics: "Anything Goes" Variety Show	Aspen Room Rendezvous Bar & Grill	2-4pm 4pm
<b>Wed 20</b>	Ladies Golf Club Annual Picnic	Rendezvous Bar & Grill	1pm
<b>Thu 21</b>	Social Justice Discussion <b>AARP Smart Driver Class</b>	Blue Spruce Room <b>Arts &amp; Crafts Room</b>	10am-12pm <b>12:45-5pm</b>
<b>Sat 23</b>	National Federation of the Blind	Mountain View Room	10:30am-12:30pm
<b>Mon 25</b>	HG Water Conservation Taskforce Low Vision Support Group HG Democrats	Zoom Aspen Room Picnic Pavillion	1pm 1:30pm 5-6:30pm
<b>Tue 26</b>	We the People Club Annual Picnic	Picnic Pavillion	4:30-7pm
<b>Thu 28</b>	Bowling League Sign-up Meeting Garden Club	Arts & Crafts Room Blue Spruce Room	1pm 6pm
<b>Fri 29</b>	<b>Seasons of Fun – Music Throughout the Years</b>	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	<b>1pm</b>

See pages 24, 34 & 38 for more information on Clubs and Recreation

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## Boards and Committees Monthly Meetings

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, Aug 4  
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Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, Aug 5  
Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, Aug 6  
Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Fri, Aug 8  
RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, Aug 11  
Maintenance (Zoom) – 11am, Tues, Aug 12  
Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, Aug 12  
Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3pm, Thurs, Aug 14  
Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) - TBD  
Foundation Committee (BR/Zoom) - TBD  
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Mon, Aug 18  
Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, Aug 20  
ACC (Zoom) – 10am Thu, Aug 21  
~~HGMD Audit Subcommittee (BR/Zoom) – 9am, Mon, Aug 26 cancelled~~  
**HGA Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, Aug 26**  
Resident Orientation (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, Aug 27  
**HGMD Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Thu, Aug 28**

***For the most current information, please check  
the Heather Gardens website under HGA/HGMD  
Committee Meetings***

# Heather 'n Yon Deadline: 8/21

**SUBMIT TO:**  
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**Aurora Townhall  
Meeting with  
Angela Lawson**

Sat, Aug 16, 10-11:30am  
HG Clubhouse

**Bible Study** (Interdenominational) on every Wednesday, 9–10 am, Aspen Room (women); Blue Spruce Room (men). Join a lovely group of caring women dedicated to the study of the word of God. We welcome everyone. No sign-up. Just show up. Call Joyce Smith, 918-586-2954.

Join the men as they study the Bible in person with Pastor Bill Cheyne or online on Wednesday morning, 9 am. Saturday morning is only online at 9 am, <https://meet.google.com/vpk-rgxi-fja>.

**Ecumenical Bible Study.** (Formerly Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study), All Christian traditions: Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Other. Theme: Trust Jesus. We will begin by studying early Church history. Meets every Tuesday 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Mountain View Room. Drop in for a visit! Led by Eric Cline, D. Min., MA Biblical Exposition, 720-839-4289 or [clinecellars57@gmail.com](mailto:clinecellars57@gmail.com); also <https://www.godtalkshop.com/>

**HG Women's Bible Study** meets the fourth Thursday at 10-11:30 am, in the Mt. View room in person and also on Zoom. All other Thursdays are via Zoom only. Contact Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, or [motoringmorris@gmail.com](mailto:motoringmorris@gmail.com) for more information. I can arrange help with Zoom if you need it.

**Catholic Mass** St Michael's Catholic Mass is held weekly at 1 pm Saturday, Sandberg Auditorium.

**Chapel** (Interdenominational Church Service) 11 am Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Pastor Bill Cheyne. We will continue the service on ZOOM for those who are unable to attend in person. Email Carolyn Morris for the link, [motoringmorris@gmail.com](mailto:motoringmorris@gmail.com).

- **Sunday Bible Study:** 10 am, Mountain View Room.  
Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.
- **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

# Letters

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

I live in HG CP3. On May 29, 2025, a lady accidentally drove into the side of my house. She was not physically hurt (Praise the Lord) and she immediately contacted her insurance carrier. The second praise I have is the way Carlos and Jon, our renovation coordinators for HG, gave me immediate relief from any part of the restoration. As of June 16th, my bedroom closet, inside wall and exterior siding were completely restored. The day after the accident, Lary Herkal assured me that HG would deal with the bids and insurance. I can't tell you how relieved my 82 year mind is. Thank you, Bruce, for being the first one to take charge of the accident scene with traffic, firemen and securing the premise. Also, I am grateful for all the maintenance team, who came into the basement and other rooms to check for water damage from the outside spigot and heavy rains during those days.

Again, thank you to Carlos and Jon who not only oversaw all of the restoration but completely assured me I had to do nothing. Did I say I love living here?!

-Jane Farrell, CP3

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration regarding a recent issue that has affected my ability to spend quality time outdoors with my grandchildren. Time is not only valuable, but it's limited, and I cherish every opportunity I have to be with my family—especially when encouraging children to spend time away from screens and engage with the world around them. In today's digital age, getting kids outside is a real challenge, and it's disappointing to feel that this effort is being undermined.

While I recognize the value of scheduling specific times or days for activities involving residents' family members from outside the community, it is unacceptable to deny residents the right to use communal property with said family. These shared spaces exist for the

benefit of the residents, and that includes the ability to enjoy them with their loved ones. Restricting such use undermines the very purpose of a communal living environment. Adjustments were made recently to accommodate these requests but were then rescinded one week later with no communication these actions were taking place or why. All residents pay HOA fees to enjoy our homes and community particularly when it involves something as important as creating meaningful family memories.

Furthermore, I trust that the HOA is here to serve the community's best interests, and I hope we can move forward with a mutual respect for personal boundaries, family values, and fair governance.

Sincerely,

-Laurie Knight, CP2

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

I would like to share my concern about the family swim hours for our outdoor pool. This pool is only open for 3 months. In June, family swim was from 10am-12pm and 3-5pm, 7 days a week. If residents wanted to go to the pool when there were no children, we were allotted time from 12-3. So, family swim got 4 hours a day and residents got 3 hours a day. A few weeks ago, it was abruptly changed. 10-12 would be the outdoor pool and 3-5 would be indoor pool only. [Editor's Note: On July 16, HG management sent a Pitera email saying: Indoor Pool: Family swim time is now available Daily from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. (Note: Two swimming lanes will remain open.) Outdoor and Indoor Pool Hours: Monday – Saturday: 6 am – 9 pm and Sundays: 7 am – 7 pm ] This was a favorable change for the folks that want to enjoy the outdoor pool without kids, but it disrupts residents who are trying to swim quietly in the indoor pool.

This entire family swim policy needs to change! We used to have a pool attendant monitoring who came in and out.

I see twenty somethings at the pool without a resident. I do not think we need family swim time seven days a week for 4 hours each day. My HOA dues support these pools,

and many residents enjoy the quiet and solitude of our pools without children. I think family swim time should be no more than 3 days a week for 2 hours. Seven days a week is TOO MUCH! Four hours a day is TOO MUCH! We need to accommodate the residents that live here in HG not the visiting grandchildren.

There are several public pools in this area and that should be their go to option, not our pools in this 55+ community.

-Colleen Bergner, B223

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

I attended the last HG Town Hall on July 11. I am grateful for the staff and board members for being there and the valuable information given. One item I wanted to expand on was the use of the green liquid that maintains our drains.

I have been using the liquid since I moved in 6 years ago. I use it once a month. It is given free to any resident. A paper trail is kept on building usage. It can be picked up at door 2 in the maintenance yard. You can park near the door for a quick pick up as the bottle is heavy. Written instructions are given along with a measuring cup if requested. The employee who distributed the liquid suggested it should only be put in the non-garbage disposal side of the kitchen sink. Otherwise, all other drains are treated.

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*Heather 'n Yon* welcomes letters concerned with community issues. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number. Letters may be edited for clarity.

### **Please submit letters to:**

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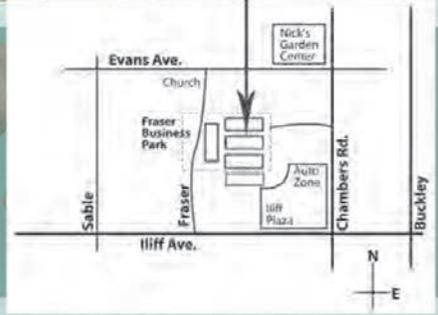
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-Nikki Tennant, B214

**Heather 'n Yon,**  
One of the lasting effects of Covid and the lockdown has been negativity that has impacted our country and our community of Heather Gardens.

It only takes a few negative people to create a toxic atmosphere, from the spreading of false accusations, loud demands, threats of retaliation and revenge lawsuits, using intimidation in attempts to show strength, raising voices in anger against coworkers. What miserable lives some people must lead to be so negative!

We've seen angry leaders spouting

threats and insults in their own attempts to show strength. That's not strength, that's bullying. Strong leaders take responsibility for their actions; don't use force or anger to make a difference; remain calm, listen to all sides, and strive for peaceful solutions; have no need to humiliate others. Strong leaders know that creating a positive, trusting environment is a key to successful leadership.

When the Heather Gardens Commitment to Civility and Caring was created, it was because of the negativity we were seeing, not only in Heather Gardens, but in the world around us. One resident commented that old people are cranky and then complained that she hadn't been quoted accurately. We may be old or getting there, but that is no excuse for angry, cranky, entitled

behavior. What can we do?  
Treat coworkers and neighbors with respect, even the cranky ones. Listen to all sides of issues. Register concerns calmly, be ready to offer viable, positive solutions that can work for all. Be a positive role model. Demonstrate integrity. Stand up to bullies. Contradict misinformation with facts that can be proved. Spread positivity. A post on Facebook always ends with "Be kind and wash your behind." Wash what you want but always strive to be kind.  
-Elizabeth Bergeron, B236

**Heather 'n Yon,**  
Come join us Sept. 6, for the Fitness Walk and Activity Show Case, to learn how to play Bocce Ball.  
-Sharon Weiss, B220



Seville June Event  
Submitted by Suzanne Schmid, B236



"A big thank you to security for getting the snake out of my front yard!" -Colleen Duke, CP3



# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## **Aviation Club**

The HG Aviation Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Aspen Rm in the clubhouse. All you need to join is an interest in aviation ... you do not have to be a veteran, or a pilot or aircrew or any military, just have a keen interest in aviation, civil aviation and airplanes in general. -Rudy Morris, 720-995-0484, rudymorris4@gmail.com

## **Book Club**

The HG Women's Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month, to discuss the chosen book of the month. There are two sessions: in the Mountain View Room at 10:30 am and in the library at 1 pm. Call Janet Arce, 720-774-3368, for the 10:30 am group; or Joanne Urias, 251-518-5781, for the 1 pm group.

## **The Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus meets at 8:30 am on the second Saturday in Rendezvous Bar & Grill for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is \$20. TBC has grown in the past 20 years — it has three other chapters along the Front Range. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour. Each month, there are also different activities planned, such as museums, sports events, plays, concerts, and day trips, to name a few. Come see! – Suzanne Harmes

## **CP1**

We have Happy Hours on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms, where you are encouraged to bring your own drink and shareable snack. -Susan Osman, susanosman21@gmail.com.

## **CP2**

We meet the first Tuesday of the month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms from 5-8 pm in February & October. These are BYOB drinks

and a dish to share events. In April, August and December, we will be meeting in Rendezvous Bar & Grill from 4:30-8 pm. Drinks and food, as well as tax & trip are at your own expense. In June, we meet in the Picnic Pavillion. If you have any questions, please contact Jake Flint, AR Representative for CP2. 303-845-0541.

## **CP4**

Please look for an email from the AR with an invite to the monthly get together, telling you when and where the gathering will happen. -David Crum

## **Caregivers Support Group**

The HG Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Aspen Room from 2-4 pm. All caregivers are welcome. Questions? Call Nancy Fuhr at 303-337-4890.

## **Democrats/HG**

The Heather Gardens Democratic Club supports the Constitution, the rule of law, and GOOD GOVERNMENT. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4-5:30 pm in the auditorium—usually. Our meetings are free, you don't have to live in Heather Gardens and you don't have to be registered as a Democrat. NOTICE: DAY, TIME AND LOCATION CHANGES FOR AUGUST MEETING: Our August meeting will be on MONDAY, AUGUST 25, at 5 - 6:30 pm. We will meet in the PICNIC PAVILLION. This will be our annual DEMOCRATIC CLUB POTLUCK PICNIC! Please come, bring friends and bring FOOD—enough for at least 12 servings of whatever you bring. And please call me to let me know what you are bringing. 303-353-9640. - Marty Karnopp, Chair

## **Frolics**

Join us for two events this month. Become a member for only \$12 and attend the "Trailer Park Tragedy Murder Mystery," Sunday, August 17, 2 pm at the Aspen/Blue Spruce. It's a story of ill-mannered, irresponsible, and intoxicated

trailer park patrons solving the murder. Food provided by the Frolics Club. Contact Arlene Krell at 720.284.9774 to RSVP. Also the Traveling Troupe will be performing a variety show of "Anything Goes" at the Rendezvous, Tuesday, August 19, 4 pm. Join us for frivolity, frolicking, and fun! Any questions, contact Susie Hayes at 303.745.1816.

## **Garden Club**

After hosting a "walk around" of the HG garden plots in June instead of holding our regular meeting, we got together July 28 to celebrate the mid-summer flowers and vegetables that are in full bloom. The next meeting will be August 28 at 6 pm in the Clubhouse Blue Spruce Room and feature sharing what went very well and what could be improved for next year.

One issue is the problem of bind weeds in the garden and other areas of Heather Gardens. These little aggressive perennials that look like white or pink morning glories, have stems that can grow up to 6 feet long, and will twine around all plants it can reach to pull them down. The deep taproot can be up to 20 feet and have extensive lateral roots. Using mulch can help suppress its growth and consistent removal can exhaust the plant's energy, but herbicides and persistence along with sustained effort over multiple seasons is necessary to win the war.

The Club usually meets the last Monday of each month, Blue Spruce Room, 6 – 7:30 pm, March through October. For information about leasing a garden plot, joining the Club, or being added to the email notification list, call or text President Nancy Linsenbigler at 720-932-6990.

## **The Green Team**

Are you concerned about our environment here in HG? Then join us the first Thursday of every month from 10 am – noon in the Skyview Room. Come and learn

what a small but mighty group of residents are doing to make improvements. Maybe you have a suggestion or idea. Well, that's great! We are literally all ears and welcoming. So don't just sit in your chair watching TV. Get up and take a stand. We look forward to seeing you soon. For information call (303)587-9797. W. Pfaffhausen

**Heather Gardens Singers**

All skill levels of musicianship are welcome to come sing in the one-year-old choir, "Heather Gardens Singers." There are two basic requirements for joining this group: 1. You love to sing alone or for an audience; 2. You like having fun! We are pretty serious about entertaining our audience with well-done performances and we laugh along the way. In fact, we laugh several times in every rehearsal. One chorister said, "We have professional directing and excellent accompanying with amateur fun." Another said "There is a strong atmosphere of camaraderie amongst the singers." Sounds like something you'd like to try? Here are a few more details: the dues are minimal and attendance is heartily recommended but we don't keep an attendance chart. We meet on Tuesdays in the Skyview room from 1-2:30 pm. We are on a summer break. Next session starts September 9. For more details call Tom Kappel, 720-377-5756.

**Heather Gardens Water**

Conservation Taskforce  
We are meeting on Zoom the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 1 pm. For more information visit our website [www.hg-wctf.org](http://www.hg-wctf.org) or e-mail to [hgwctf@gmail.com](mailto:hgwctf@gmail.com).

**High Twelve Club #11 Masonic Club/HG**

High Twelve Club #11, a Masonic Club at Heather Gardens, meets every 4th Wednesday (3rd Wednesday in November and December) at Rendezvous Bar & Grill at 11 am. The club invites all Masons and friends to these open luncheons where there is usually a guest speaker. The club is "dark" June, July, and August.

High Twelve International supports students at George Washington University in a Master's program so as to serve in public service. Members include a retired attorney, retired teachers, retired police officer, retired Air Force and Army gentlemen, and many more! The contact is Walter Martin at 303-810-6189 for more information.

**Indivisible/HG**

Heather Gardens Indivisible meets the 2nd Friday of each month, 11:30 am – 12:50 pm, in the HG Library (Media Room). You are welcome to join us for lunch afterward at Rendezvous. Connected to over 1,200 groups nationwide, Heather Gardens Indivisible is a community of neighbors who choose to make a difference in the world, addressing the many problems we see with positive, forward-thinking actions. We address issues that concern us, such as wealth inequality, racial injustice, environmental threats, women's reproductive rights, gun safety, etc., with both education and action. Although people of any political affiliation are welcome, our approach is progressive. Whether you can regularly attend the meetings or not, you are welcome to also sign up for our newsletter of information and action items.

**Karaoke Club**

The club meets on the first Saturday of each month, 3 - 5 pm in the Aspen/Blue Spruce rooms. BYOB and snacks. We have a huge inventory of great songs from which to choose and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For more information call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877.

**Kiwanis Club of Aurora**

Kiwanis meets on the first Thursday, 6 pm, for a business meeting in the Skyview Room, and on the third Thursday, 6 pm, with a guest speaker. If interested in participating, contact the club at [jwmkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:jwmkiwanis@gmail.com). – James Martin, president

**Lifelong Learners**

YOU ARE INVITED! Lifelong Learners will be hosting an Open

House on Tuesday, Sept 16 (from 10 to 11:30 am) to celebrate our first full year of classes. We will be gathering in the Aspen/Blue Spruce room. Enjoy some light refreshments and meet our committee members and a few facilitators. Whether you're a returning participant or brand new to our program, this is the perfect time to learn more about our mission and have your questions answered. Plus, you will get an early preview of our fall classes. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact us at: [heathergardenslearners@gmail.com](mailto:heathergardenslearners@gmail.com).

**Low Vision Support Group**

Low Vision Support Group meets on August 25 (fourth Monday of the month) in the Aspen Room, 1:30 pm. Questions? Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224

**Meditation Club**

Meditation for stress relief and general well-being. Join us for 20 minutes of deep relaxation and de-stressing from the hassles of daily life. We meet every Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Skyview Room. Questions: contact Darryl Stafford, 303-489-5292

**Meet & Schmooze**

HG Meet & Schmooze is a group of Jewish residents that meet at least quarterly. Other events are planned on an ad hoc basis. The group is primarily social and meets either in the Aspen/Blue Spruce rooms or the Rendezvous. We bring snacks, have speakers, celebrate holidays or just enjoy the company. Anyone can plan an event. For information contact Myra Lansky. [myralansky@gmail.com](mailto:myralansky@gmail.com)

**Men with Purpose**

A group of men, with diversified backgrounds, gather to discuss timely topics regarding healthy aging and purposeful retirement.

Books and articles relating to these topics are discussed by group members. Leadership is shared. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, Skyview Room. For information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

**National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter**

Meet other blind and low vision at the monthly meeting held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Mountain View room from 10:30-12:30 pm. We discuss changes in legislation and government programs such as transportation, insurance, and more that affect us and how to effect change. Contact Peggy Chong, B220, 303-745-0473.

**Optimist Club**

The club meets on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous Bar & Grill, 9 am. A continental breakfast buffet is served, \$10 per person. Optimist Clubs are dedicated to “bringing out the best in kids” through various service projects. We welcome anyone interested in finding out more. Contact Sue Brandreth, 248-701-9263 with questions.

**Red Hattitudes**

Ladies, if you are looking to have lunch with a bunch of fun-loving gals at the Rendezvous Bar & Grill, join the Red Hattitudes on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 pm. The Red Hats are a non-political, non-sectarian, group of ladies who like to wear purple outfits with a red hat or fascinator. Please call Janet Arce for more details at (720) 774-3368.

**Republican / We the People Club**

We The People Club pray for the families who lost loved ones in the flash floods of Texas. We also pray for the hundreds involved in search and rescue efforts. Please consider making a donation to Samaritan’s Purse North American Ministries (NAM) and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association’s Rapid Response Team (BGEA-RRT)

who have deployed to hard-hit Kerr County, Texas. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>  
**AUGUST EVENTS**  
 Sunday Afternoon Movie Matinee – Free Event  
 August 10, 2:30 – 5:00 Location TBD

The Last Rifleman: A story based on true events. A 92-year-old veteran escapes his nursing home to honor his past on a bold mission to Normandy. Snacks & Beverages are served. Donations welcome, but not required.

We The People Club Annual Picnic August 26, 4:30 – 7 pm, Heather Gardens Pavilion

Our annual picnic celebrates our liberty and freedom to live in our beautiful state of Colorado and these United States of America. Our meal will be catered and feature BBQ chicken and beef brisket with traditional picnic sides, desert & beverages.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** to get a specific count for the event. RSVP to Robin O’Meara, President, by texting 303-949-4916 or email [rlomeara1@gmail.com](mailto:rlomeara1@gmail.com). No cost to currently paid members. \$20 per person for non-members. **SAVE THE DATE**

September 20 – Candidate Meet & Greet Aurora City Council Candidates 10:00 am – noon. Heather Gardens Pavilion. We The People Club Stands for: The U.S. Constitution, Common Sense Governance, Defending Life & Freedom.

**Residents for Responsible Leadership (RRL)**

This organization grew out of the Residents for Renewed Leadership, which was in action during the recall event in our community. Our mission is to instill unity in the community. We will continue to meet to encourage residents to become involved and knowledgeable by attending Board meetings, both of the Heather Gardens Association Board and the Heather Gardens Metro District Board. These meetings can be attended by Zoom or in person. Times for meetings can be found on the Heather Gardens website. We also encourage you to attend

The Heather Gardens Town Halls, held once a month. Meetings for RRL are held quarterly in the Blue Spruce room. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Nonean Price at [nonean1127@hotmail.com](mailto:nonean1127@hotmail.com) or Nora Tracy at [lnorat@comcast.net](mailto:lnorat@comcast.net).

Saturday Afternoon LIVE Social Meets every 3rd Saturday in Aspen/Blue Spruce Room from 3 to 5 pm. Listen and or dance to the sounds of our wonderful Final Approach Band while enjoying your own beverage of choice and everyone can bring a snack to share. Free fun event. Bring your friends and make new ones! Any questions call Mary, 303-909-3988.

**Singles Club/OPOCS**

Pinochle and bridge groups are meeting, and social gatherings are ongoing. For information, call Jackie Clements, 303-988-3555. – Bernice Lucero

**Social Justice Discussion**

Meetings are held from 10 am – 12 noon, the third Thursday of every month in the Blue Spruce Room. You are invited to join the discussion on Thursday, August 21, from 10 am -12 noon in the Clubhouse Blue Spruce Room. Dr. Brian Arnold will speak about the transformational tours he conducts for young Black Men: “A Journey to Freedom,” a Civil rights Tour to Montgomery Alabama. “Unpacking The Society In Which We Live”: Facilitators: Diane Pritchard [dianekpritchard@gmail.com](mailto:dianekpritchard@gmail.com) and Bernie Hupperts, [marlynber@gmail.com](mailto:marlynber@gmail.com)

**Spanish Club (Club en Español)**

Practica y conversacion en español, 11 am–noon every Monday, Clubhouse Library. Miriam Colón, 303-261-2057.

**SRA (Sevillians)**

To all residents of buildings 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, and 236: Starting July 1, the Sevillians monthly dinner will now be on the First Tuesday of each month in the Banquet Room of the Rendezvous Bar & Grill. Please email Janet Arce at: [arcej1946@gmail.com](mailto:arcej1946@gmail.com) or call (720) 774-3368 if you would

like to be placed on the invitation list.

**TOPS**

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. With a sense of teamwork, we encourage each other to eat healthy, lose the unwanted pounds and have fun along the way. TOPS Chapter 0366 in HG Clubhouse has celebrated 45 years of providing members with information and support in making healthy eating choices. TOPS is an international diet club. We have many success stories to share. Please visit us during one of our meetings to see what we are about. Guests are always welcome. Real People. Real Weight Loss. Men and women are welcome. For information, contact Lisa Jackson, 469-323-5434 or mljackson81@gmail.com.

**Voice For Residents Forum**

Fostering community engagement, education, and communications on current issues involving Heather Gardens residents, leadership and management. Committees and management departments are working on the 2026 budgets. At the July forum, we summarized comments received from residents over the past six months regarding the state of the HG Community. Please join us Saturday, August 9th, 2025, to discuss next steps toward solving these issues: 3-4:30pm, in the Aspen Room. Questions, comments, please contact Marilyn Macdonald at thevoiceforresidentsforum@gmail.com.

**Woodshop Club**

The Woodshop Club promotes use of the woodshop and better care of the equipment, focuses on safety within the woodshop, and helps develop new woodworking classes, fellowship, and training. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 1 pm, Skyview Room. Member experience varies from beginner level to experienced woodworking individuals. You are invited to join this great energetic club, and have an opportunity to share your ideas and initiatives

relating to woodworking. Come learn why the members all love working with wood — from designing writing pens to wall hangings and furniture. Direct questions to President John Sinning at heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com.

Please notice: The meeting on August 6, 2025 is CANCELLED. Next meeting is September 6, 2025, 1 pm, Sky View Room.

**Writers Club**

Do you want to write your memoirs? Have you put poems or prose to paper? Have you thought of writing a book, but didn't think you could? Come meet with other writers at the HG Writers Club. Join us on Thursdays, 1-4 pm, Skyview Room. Club contact: Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608.

**Clubs/Organizations & Sports/Recreation**

**SUBMISSIONS**

**Email:**

Gloria Leshner:  
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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Billiard Club

The Billiard Club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in BEFORE 6:10 pm in order to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns 303-695-0766 or Judy Brehmer 303-369-6258.

### 8 BALL WINNERS 6/17 - 7/15

June 17:

1. Brian Bucenec/Louise Lucero
2. Lindy Davenport/Margie Sloan
3. Otis Lawson/ Dee Moore

June 24:

1. Thea Hutcheson/Scott Crowl
2. Doug Miller/Don Gunnarson
3. Otis Lawson/Margie Sloan

July 1:

1. Otis Lawson/Shannon Boyd
2. Ditto Schultz/Melodie Blume
3. Roger Goldstein/Mary Lou Scott

July 8:

1. Doug Miller/Margie Sloan
2. Brian Bucenec/Rita Cusack
3. Don Gunnarson/Mary Lou Scott

July 15:

1. Otis Lawson/Linda Gonzalez
2. Greg Martens/Margie Sloan
3. Ditto Schultz/Melissa Sugar

### 9 BALL WINNERS 6/17 - 7/15

June 19:

1. Otis Lawson
2. Ditto Schultz
3. Jack Doherty

June 26:

1. Otis Lawson
2. Brian Bucenec
3. Ditto Schultz

July 3:

1. John Manzanaras
2. Jack Doherty
3. Steve Hesser

July 10:

1. Otis Lawson
2. Leo
3. Steve Hesser

## Bowling League

Our league will be starting soon. We will start our 2025-2026 season on Thursday, September 4. We bowl at Arapahoe Bowl, 6850 S. Dayton, 10 am every Thursday. It is a mixed league; all bowlers are welcome. Our signup/

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organization meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28 at 1 pm in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Heather Gardens Clubhouse. Please contact Mary Jo Prichard at [mjpinurance@hotmail.com](mailto:mjpinurance@hotmail.com), if you would like to get any additional information. We hope you will join us!

## Bridge/Men's Monday

This group meets every Monday, 10 am–2 pm, in the Skyview Room. Questions: Tom Melton, 303-570-6584.

## Bridge/Social

Open, casual, intermediate-level bridge is played on Thursdays in Mountain View Room and Sundays, Skyview Room, 1–3:30 pm. No reservations or partner needed. Please call before you come the first time. – Joanne Turner, 719-641-3644

## Bunko

Bunko meets the first and third Thursdays each month, 1–3:30 pm. We gather in the Blue Spruce Room at 12:45 pm, and start play at 1 pm. For information: Carli Williams, [carliwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:carliwilliams@hotmail.com), 303-518-7337.

## Cribbage/Afternoon

Afternoon Cribbage meets 12:30-3 pm Wednesdays, in the Clubhouse Sunburst Café. For information: Dean Lux, 303-353-4267.

## Duplicate Bridge/ACBL

We play at 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. For partnership information, or with questions, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032, or [meeek045@outlook.com](mailto:meeek045@outlook.com). – Linda Harder, Director

## Fun Gals Golf

Fun Gals Golf is held every Thursday morning at 7:36 and 7:48 am for July - September. Enjoy a relaxing time on the course without a competitive atmosphere. No handicap and no score cards to turn in. All players are positive and supportive. Call the Pro Shop to sign up each week. For more information contact Sharon Westmoreland at 303-882-2929 (text or call). See you on the Links!

## Golf Club/Ladies

Club members are already lamenting the fact that the end of the golf season is only six weeks away. It's been a great year that has included a trial run of new technology for scoring. ANNUAL MIXER: The Annual Men's and Lady's Mixer, which was planned this year by HGLGC, was held on June 16 with 44 participants. Players were organized in two flights.

### Flight 1 Winners

- 1st - Don Daily and Joan McGary
- 2nd - Larry Hill and Jon Erion
- 3rd - Jon Freyer and Judy Brehmer

### Flight 2 Winners

- 1st - Glen Riggs and Charlane Pluchek
  - 2nd - Tom Smith and Nancy Wilson
  - 3rd - Joe Rook and Glenda Pitts
- The Longest Drive winners were Jake Flint and Liz Sanchez. Closest to the Pin winners were John McMullen and Debbie Conlon.

CLUB ELECTIONS: Club elections and the annual meeting will be held on August 20. A committee is currently finalizing a slate of officers that will be shared with the membership when it is complete. CLUB WEBSITE: Don't forget to check out the club's website [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com) for valuable information including weekly tee times, weekly tournament results, handicaps, and the club's membership roster. The site also includes Golf Tip Videos from club pro Greg Kohr and minutes from the board of directors' meetings. Visit the site regularly to keep up to date on club news. CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Please add these important dates to your calendar.

- August 20 – Annual club picnic and election of officers
  - September 3 & 10 - Club Championship
  - September 24 – 3rd Annual Hens and Chicks event
  - October 15 – Fall Banquet
- All women interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Learn more about the club and get a membership application

at the Heather Gardens Pro Shop and our website, [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com). The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Wednesday, August 27. All members are welcome. Board meeting minutes are posted on the website.

Tournament Results June 18, 2025  
(Chips Ahoy Best Team Format)

1st – Jan Belt, Susan Craig, Bonnie Soman, Debbie Schmeisser  
2nd – Debbie Conlon, Maureen McBride, Susan Brennan, Bonnie McMullen  
3rd – Joyce Laffea, Betsy Adams, Rosalie Einspahr, Nancy Reid  
4th – Glenda Pitts, Suzi Stolte, Anne Gillis, Sue Robertson  
Birdies – Debbie Conlon  
Chip-ins – Sue Robertson, Colleen Kreft

Tournament Results June 25, 2025

*Flight A*  
1st Phyllis Joslin  
2nd Beulah Gould  
3rd Colleen Kreft  
4th Debbie Conlon  
*Flight B*  
1st Gina Studer  
2nd Judy Nelson  
3rd Betty Parko  
4th Mary Kay Mauro

*Flight C*  
1st Ann Agee  
2nd Dee Moore  
3rd Carol Strickland  
4th Sue Robertson

*Flight D*  
1st Ellen Allie  
2nd Joan McGary  
3rd Sandy Costello  
4th Maureen McBride  
Low Gross Awards  
Flight A – Nancy Wilson  
Flight B – Susan Brennan  
Flight C – Linda Savage  
Flight D – Suzi Stolte  
Chip-ins – Nancy Wilson

Tournament Results July 2, 2025

*Flight A*  
1st Glenda Pitts  
2nd Beulah Gould  
3rd Brenda Lees  
4th Nancy Wilson  
*Flight B*  
1st Marsha Swink  
2nd Betty Parko  
3rd Rosalie Einspahr  
4th Kathy Stebbins

*Flight C*

1st Carol Strickland  
2nd Linda Gonzalez  
3rd Linda Savage  
4th Ann Agee

*Flight D*

1st Suzi Stolte  
2nd Eileen Umhoefer  
3rd Judy Brehmer  
4th Nina Churchman  
Low Gross Awards  
Flight A – Debbie Conlon  
Flight B – Mary Kay Mauro  
Flight C – Debbie Smith  
Flight D – Sharon Weiss  
Birdies – Debbie Conlon, Colleen Kreft  
Chip-ins – Glenda Pitts, Debbie Schmeisser, Susan Brennan

Tournament Results July 9, 2025

*Flight A*  
1st Colleen Kreft  
2nd Phyllis Joslin  
3rd Brenda Lees  
4th Beulah Gould  
*Flight B*  
1st Gina Studer  
2nd Karen Bentley  
3rd Bonnie Soman  
4th Marsha Swink  
*Flight C*  
1st JoAnn Sterling  
2nd Linda Gonzalez  
3rd Dee Moore  
4th Linda Savage

*Flight D*  
1st JoAnn McGary  
2nd Eileen Umhoefer  
3rd Sharon Weiss  
4th Lisa Matthews  
Low Gross Awards  
Flight A – Charlane Plucheck  
Flight B – Nancy Reid  
Flight C – Ann Agee  
Flight D – Suzi Stolte  
Birdies – Jeannie McCabe, Charlane Plucheck  
Chip-ins – Jeannie McCabe, Charlane Plucheck  
-Publicity Chair, Suzi Stolte

### **Golf/Men's**

The Heather Gardens Men's Golf Club (HGMGC) season is underway, but we still have room for anyone who wants to join. Pick up your application at the Golf Pro Shop. You may also download the application from Golf League Tracker (GLT) at [www.golfleaguetracker.com/glthome/](http://www.golfleaguetracker.com/glthome/)

league. Send an email to [jon.freyer54@gmail.com](mailto:jon.freyer54@gmail.com) for login instructions. The application fee is \$50 and all applications must be turned into the Golf Pro Shop. If you have any questions, please contact the Golf Pro Shop, (303) 751-2390.

June 20 Results

*E Flight*  
Neil Miller  
Joe Robinson  
John Guise  
*D Flight*  
Henry Ulibarri  
Joe Rook, Tom Smith  
Dave Walstrom  
*C Flight*  
Bill DeSonier  
John McMullen, David Krell  
Eric Neel, Tim Bessey, Fred Skirde  
*B Flight*  
Dave Rose  
James Busby  
Mark Blagen, Gary Kessler  
*A Flight*  
Bill Connors  
Fred Lowe Jr  
Chris Hughes  
Closest to the Hole  
#6 - Neil Miller  
#8 - Rob Ledford

June 27 Results

*E Flight*  
Bob Woods  
Jon Erion  
Joe Robinson, Tony Schierbeck  
*D Flight*  
Tom Smith  
Henry Ulibarri  
Blair Kittleson  
*C Flight*  
Tom Kappel  
Raj Agrawal, Greg Harter  
Tim Mullin  
*B Flight*  
Mark Blagen  
Rob Ledford  
Dave Rose  
*A Flight*  
Steve Webb  
Fred Lowe Jr, Dave Schmit  
Butch Harper, Bill Connors  
Closest to the Hole  
#6 - Sam Thiessen  
#8 - Joe Robinson

No Tournament July 4th

**July 11 Results****E Flight**

Jon Erion  
Dick Apt  
Ray Binder, Neil Miller

**D Flight**

Todd Reid  
Tom Kappel, Jeff Nelson  
Cliff Creswell, Steve Galambos,  
Dave Walstrom

**C Flight**

Jim Pardikes  
Raj Agrawal  
Mark Ruhl, Tim Mullin

**B Flight**

Mike Steffens  
Sam Thiessen, Russ Smith  
Doug Miller, Jeff Green, Paul Zipps

**A Flight**

Fred Lowe Jr, Dave Rose  
Phil Marquis, Chris Hughes, Bill  
Connors  
Dave Schmit  
Closest to the Hole  
#6 - Doug Miller  
#8 - Jeff Green

**Hand (Knee) and Foot**

Also known as Tripleplay, this is a variation of Canasta. Fun and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, noon–4 pm (starts 12:15 pm), Mountain View Room. Call Linda Serio, 303-396-2218, or just show up.

**Mah Jongg/Monday**

We meet 1–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the Activities Desk for our location. We play for a maximum of \$3, so bring your coins. All players are welcome, but you must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. If you are just curious about the game, feel free to drop by to observe. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 720-708-6738.

**Mah Jongg/Tuesday**

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room. All players are welcome. Please have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game: we do not play for money, only glory. Never played Mah Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to learn. Free lessons can be arranged. Call Laurie, 720-210-8033, or Bobbie, 520-743-6849, for information.

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**Mexican Train Dominoes**

We play noon–3 or 4 pm, every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. It's a game for everyone. – Mara Goskirk 510-333-9951.

**Pickleball**

Come and enjoy America's fastest growing sport with us. We offer fun experiences for players of all skill levels including open play and instruction as well as mixers and socials throughout the month. We provide paddles and pickleballs for new players and offer beginner instruction on Fridays by request. If you are interested in learning the game, please contact Jan Belt at [janetbelt4@gmail.com](mailto:janetbelt4@gmail.com) for more information. Visit <https://www.hgpickle.org> for the latest club and schedule information and to find many informative pickleball links. Contact Jan Belt at 303-514-8526 or Linda Hileman at 720-256-7477 if you have any questions. If you would like to be added to our weekly email updates, let Ron know at [ronhileman@gmail.com](mailto:ronhileman@gmail.com). We'd love for you to join us on the courts!

**Ping Pong**

Fun and great exercise. Come join us in playing doubles, 2 pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in the Game Room. You can also play by contacting the Activities Desk in the clubhouse. If you have questions, call June Brigandi, 720-495-0273

**Poker/Men's & Texas Hold 'em**

On Mondays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room, except on the first Monday of the month, when we play in the Banquet Room. On Wednesdays, we play Men's Poker (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room. On Fridays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room. Our Texas Hold 'em games are open to the ladies. Our men-only poker games consist of a variety of dealers' choice games. For information, please call Paul Reddy, 303-750-0442, or Larry Hill, 720-272-7765.

**Rummikub**

A rummy-like tile game that is played in tables of four. Easy to learn, fun to play. Lodgepole Lounge on Wednesdays, 1-3 pm. -Rosemarie Kessler, 303-337-7005.

**Square Dance**

Heather Twirlers invites all square dancers to join us every first and third Wednesday 7-9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. The cost is \$7. If you are an experienced dancer, a newer dancer or feeling a little rusty in your dancing, it is an excellent chance to both experience the joy of dancing and improve your skills, while meeting new and old friends. You meet other dancers, have a lot of fun and get your exercise. Any questions call Beverly Nelson at 303-750-6632.

**Tai Chi**

Experience the ancient art of Tai Chi, a graceful form of exercise that integrates mind, body, and spirit. With slow, controlled movements, Tai Chi promotes relaxation, balance, and flexibility, while reducing stress and improving overall well-being. One of the best ways to learn Tai Chi is the step-by-step approach used by the Heather Gardens Tai Chi Club. Although you can join and start learning at any time during the year, starting at the beginning of the spring season facilitates this step-by-step learning method.

The club meets on Thursday mornings from 8-11 am on the clubhouse tennis courts. The club is a residents-only club. Please contact Dean Uyeno via e-mail at [dean.uyeno@live.com](mailto:dean.uyeno@live.com) prior to your first meeting for information that will help make your first experience enjoyable and productive.

**Tennis Club**

WOW! What an amazing article appeared in last month's Heather 'n Yon! Did you see it? Well, some things you read in the news or see on TV are not true. But every bit of that article was. We are a fun-loving and welcoming group. Come out and see for yourself. During these hot summer months, we

play from 8:00-10:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the courts next to our clubhouse. We will be playing on the second and fourth Saturdays there, too. But, on the first and third Saturdays you will find us on the Utah Park courts. With advanced notice, we can supply a racquet if you need one. Come join us or call (303) 587-9797 for more information.

#### Time4Tap Dance Group

Step in time with tap dance. Learn steps, combinations, routines and dances to a variety of music, tempos and styles. Make Time4Tap in the Sandberg Auditorium on Thursdays: Intermediate/Advanced meets from 11 am -12 pm and Beginning/Intermediate meets from 12 -1 pm. QUESTIONS? Call or text Julie Whalen at 303-550-5985 or email [jwhalen97@comcast.net](mailto:jwhalen97@comcast.net)



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# While on a Stroll One Fine Day

While strolling in Heather Gardens one fine summer day, I happened to see a BIG BROWN SIGN at the Seville entrance surrounded by lovely flowerpots and a couple of plants in the ground. 1,2 (see footnotes on page 48)

Curiosity got the best of me, so I started to extend my walk along the double-wide paved entrance drive.

Lo and behold, on my left was a rock laden hill. The inner end garden was filled with cacti type plants adaptive to the blazing heat often found hard to survive. 3

Continuing my walk, I spotted one enormous rock right before my eyes. My question: "How, oh how did it ever arrive?"

Many inquiries I did have, so sad there was not a plaque to be had, not one to be found.4

I could easily see the flower power had just begun, one pot alongside two charming signage gardens, followed by three pots—could there be possibly more? 5,6

Oh yes! I saw three ceramic pots just up the slope aside the newly designed pickleball court. 7

My eyes were overwhelmed with color, and a slow smile soon crossed my face. I was so pleased I decided to venture out; so far, I can give a grand report.

My stroll had many twists and turns; I had a funny feeling this little trek had just begun. If I followed the path, I knew the intended route would not be cut short.

I found another gem in the making, on the hill and to the pond's left. It happened to be the latest addition, all pots overflowing wearing posies of vibrant colors. It might be complete with another sizable well-placed rock or two. Additional blades of grass we will try to attend. This area will be fun to watch and further explore. 8

Benches by the pond were so carefully placed, I decided to stop to study the fish, and also enjoyed watching the falls in their melodic pace. Keeping things neat and tidy must be a big chore!

As my walk continued over the solar capped bridge, I soon spotted a large metal art object impressively filled with baskets of intensely colored flowers. Oh my, it was a bicycle, wonderful and stately, so perfectly placed! 9

Not to be outdone, a wheelbarrow garden with overflowing flowerpots soon appeared just ahead. Now I had a question: "With three standing straight and tall, did one happen to fall on its head?"

Please do not touch the designer did warn; it lay in its own carefully created flower bed.10

As I ambled on the walkway, I appreciated the evening light provided by the stately new park light poles, a necessity I was sure not considered a waste.

Rounding the bend, I saw a necessary black barrier fence standing guard to a well-tended aqua tinted pool.

In complementing colors, deck chairs and chase lounges were carefully placed sitting two by two.

Adorned with flowerpots both big and small, reaching far and wide, all came with an interesting story, painted in shades of forest green and aquamarine, none inclined to be blue. 11,12,13,14

Time was a wasting, so off I went, slowly around the sidewalk. I didn't want to miss the view.

Spotting our nation's flag with the decorative black antique fenced garden underneath, I've been told of its history as one of Seville's biggest and prized jewels.15

Looking to the east amidst a grassy knoll, I gasped at the countless gorgeous plants flanked by two creative pieces of glass art serving as backdrops waiting to capture the bright rays of sun.

Rumor has it, it was once an unsightly weed patch taking years of challenging work, pure labor and toil. Now lilies stood tall demanding

my attention, thanks to excellent dedication and lots of marvelous soil.14,16,17, 18

Just beyond the 12-foot fence, I saw the newly designed and installed pickleball court with its brightly painted floor. With no lights, players can't burn the midnight oil.

Getting on in the day, I stopped for a rest at each of the three park benches beside the walkway admiring the view and the well-designed arrangements adorning the bench. My instinct told me they were planted with the utmost of care, silently hoping to share their beauty with everyone.15, 19

The grounds are always clean as can be no traces of trash or waste. (I heard she uses a Bissell.) 20

Perhaps you would like to join me on my next walk; if so, please give me a whistle.

\*Plan your visit on a Tuesday after the Heather Gardens R & G crew performs their weekly magic beautifying the property. Without their dedicated effort, our work would not be a showcase of beauty for the residents to call the area their home.



Photo by Janis Farrell

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## HG Clubhouse Events continued...

up-and-coming local star, Jadyn Johnson-Diaz, the Timberliners continue to honor vintage barbershop style music while also exploring music with a modern edginess. The Timberliners will be presenting several quartets as part of their performance. This show is not to be missed.

Reserve your spot at the Clubhouse Activities Desk or by calling 303-751-1811 x5.

### Rockies Game - Rockies vs. Marlins

Thursday, September 18, 2025  
 Cost: \$45 for residents includes game ticket, transportation, and driver gratuity. Register today online or at the Activities desk.



The deadline for cancellation is Tuesday, September 9. The Bus departs promptly at 11:15 am from parking lots Bldgs. 243 & 244 on East Marina Drive. The return time is approximately 4:45pm. Our seats are located along the first base line and covered. Limited Accessible seating available. Please inform us of your request for accessible seating at the time of registration. Join us for a fall day at Coors Stadium!

### Heather Gardens Annual Flea Market

Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20  
 9:00 am – 3:00pm  
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Interested in having a booth at the Flea Market? Vendor applications will be available at the clubhouse Activities Desk beginning the week of August 4th. 303-751-1811 x5

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It came to my attention, the other day, that a neighbor of ours is feeding the squirrels. Her immediate neighbors aren't happy about it, as they now are experiencing a horde of chattering destructo-machines invading the surrounding garages.

Feeding the wildlife, I have read, is not only bad for neighbors. It isn't the best thing for the wildlife either.

Human foods are not the best for wild animals, sources say. If animals get addicted to junk food, they'll stop eating the nutritious stuff. This can lead to sickness and death.

Animals that rely on human feedings can lose their hunting and foraging abilities. They can grow too tame, and lose their fear of humans, which often ends badly for them.

Feeding wildlife can have a bad effect on entire ecosystems. Although it might seem kind to throw out some scraps for animals – especially in the dead of winter – the wildlife experts say, simply, don't do it ...

... which brings me to the story of my mother, who couldn't resist running outdoors toting a bagful of unsalted peanuts in the shell whenever a sad-looking little squirrel pressed his furry face to the window.

My mother was in the U.S. Army. She followed rules, and didn't believe in making a silly fuss about small things.

But she loved feeding the squirrels – birds, too, in snowy weather – like she loved breathing. It was sort of like a religion with her.

My mother was so honest that she once tried to turn in a penny she found on the ground, in the

Safeway parking lot. It wasn't one of my finer moments that I found it funny, because my law-abiding-to-a-fault mother wound up getting busted by HG Security.

But someone reported her activity, and soon a Security officer came to call. Mother – my super-duper rule-following mother – received a warning.

I think she did stop feeding the squirrels after being visited by The Fuzz. But she never quite got over it.

I am aware that we in my family all were over the top, when it came to our furry friends. I come by my animal-loving credentials honestly.

Every one of my relatives harbored a fondness for the furry, the feathered, and even the scaly. My father – who I often say reminded me of Archie Bunker, without the laughs – also loved all animals.

After Dad retired, at age 55, he and Mother bought a small farm in rural Missouri, and proceeded to accumulate even more, and more exotic, animals. Dad got himself a nanny goat, which never struck me as an especially affectionate pet – particularly after she tried to butt me, the first time I met her. But Dad was crazy about her.

When they bought the farm, a tiny fox terrier was part of the purchase. The dog was a stray, and the farm-seller offered to shoot the dog, if it was unwanted. This offended my mother deeply, so the fox terrier joined the family, and lived to a ripe, old age.

Dad rented out one of his pastures to a neighbor who ran cattle on it. My father spent many happy days supervising the cows, summoning the neighbor-owner when one of the calves fell into a ravine.

The ducks in the barn became pets, and this ended sadly, as another wild animal – an opossum – put an end to these, one night. Mother was upset about the death of her baby ducks, so Dad loaded up his 22 pistol, and performed an execution on the offender.

For my part, I was horrified he shot the opossum. Opossums are small, furry creatures, too. Nature can be cruel.

When I first moved into my current home in CP6, I made the unhappy discovery that there were mice in my garage. Mice are not fun. They eat pet food, chewing through the bags stored there. They leave an astonishing amount of little, round calling cards. They smell.

But on my worst day, I never wanted to kill them. I just wanted them to pack their mousey luggage, and quietly move away.

What finally made them abandon my abode, I believe, was simply moving the pet food, and any other stored items – such as Costco-sized bags of rice – to a safer location. Deprived of their food source, the mice left.

I forgot the lesson, last year, and bought a cute, decorative bunny-gnome at the HG Arts & Crafts Show. I dutifully put the bunny-gnome on my front porch, for Easter, but he came to a sad end.

The next morning, I found bunny-gnome in pieces, with his legs torn off and his accessories – such as a colored Easter egg that hung rakishly off his bunny ear – cast to the four winds. Knowing he'd never be the same, I set about trying to repair him, anyway.

I discovered, while gluing his legs back on, that the bunny-gnome was stuffed with rice. This explained everything. Some optimistic squirrel thought I'd left him a pouch of goodies for Easter Sunday.

In conclusion, if we wish to live in harmony with the wildlife, we need to be smarter than they are. Somehow, I don't think I've gotten there yet.

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**<< 3228 S Xanadu 3BR/3.5BA 1663 sq.ft. plus finished basement**  
 2 stories, quiet location with 2 car garage. 3 Fireplaces, Hardwood floors, covered deck, granite in kitchen, skylights, remodeled bath in primary bedroom. Big family room & laundry in basement. Great value! **\$407,500**



**13961 E Marina #409 Atrium F2 2BR/2BA 1,564 sq.ft.**  
 Love Mountain Views? Pick this! End unit with open double patios w sweeping views of 4th fairway & front range mtns to Long's Peak! New LVP throughout, 4 new ACs, new paint. Move-in ready! **\$390,000 >>**

**<< 14390 E Marina #601 Somerset F2 2BR/2BA 1,560 sq.ft.**  
 Panoramic mountain views, penthouse unit, views from Pikes Peak to Downtown. Enjoy the luxury of 2 lanais, 1 enclosed for year-round enjoyment & 1 open to soak in the fresh air and take in the scenic vistas. **NEW PRICE! \$355,000**



**13850 E Marina #506 Seville AB Executive 3BR/3BA 1,876 sq.ft.**  
 Newer cabinets & granite counters. Hard surface flooring in living areas. 2 enclosed lanais w lovely mountain views. Perfect for entertaining, formal dining area, & expansive living room. Walk-in pantry in kitchen plus walk-in closet in **\$350,000 >>**

**<< 13631 E Marina Dr #105 2BR/2BA 1,200 sq. ft.**  
 Spacious open floor plan with gorgeous LVP flooring that runs throughout, enhancing the home's contemporary feel. The designer paint adds a touch of sophistication to every room. Equipped kitchen with top-of-the-line SS appliances. **\$344,000**



**13952 E Marina #102 Seville F 2BR/2BA, 1,344 sq. ft.**  
 Simply elegant and quiet end unit overlooking the park in Seville. Good quality hard surface flooring in main living area & carpet in bedrooms. Updated cabinets & granite counters. Full glass enclosed lanai with tile flooring. **\$340,000 >>**

**<< 13961 E Marina #314 Atrium A 2BR/2BA 1,290 sq.ft.**  
 Fully Remodeled by Expressions in Flooring! New cabinets, granite countertops, kitchen island, SS Appliances, custom tile, new vanities, beautiful fixtures throughout. Plush carpet, LVP in kitchen & halls. Walk-in closet. Enclosed lanai. In-unit laundry. Gorgeous! **NEW PRICE! \$327,500**



**14102 E Linvale #405 Somerset F 2BR/2BA 1,560 sq.ft.**  
 Welcome to this well cared for condo on the 4th floor, offering stunning golf course views! Features a large living room that invites relaxation and entertainment. Step outside to the lanai, where large screens provide a picturesque view of the golf course. **NEW PRICE! \$310,000>>**

**<< 14001 E Marina #606 Somerset A 2BR/2BA 1,200 sq.ft.**  
 Great penthouse view w screen & glass lanai. SS appliances, newer carpet/paint. Tile floors in kitchen and baths. New Washer/dryer and 2 new ACs. **\$307,500**



**13992 E Marina #109 Seville A 2BR/2BA 1,092 sq.ft.**  
 New paint, SS appliances, LVP flooring in living room and new carpet in bedrooms, granite counters, updated bathroom vanities! Don't miss this 1st floor gem in Seville. Enclosed lanai. **NEW PRICE! \$289,900 >>**



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