

The background of the cover features a lush green golf course. In the foreground, a family of geese is on a grassy bank next to a blue pond. An adult Canada goose stands prominently, looking towards the camera, with several fluffy yellow goslings around it. The pond is bordered by a rocky shoreline. In the distance, a golf course green and trees are visible under a clear sky.

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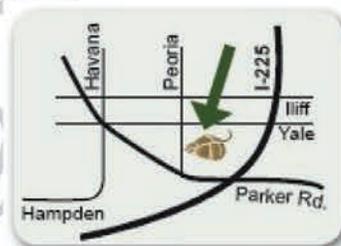
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## Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Makes Progress Towards Financial Stability, Approves 2023 Audit

The Heather Gardens Metropolitan District board convened its regularly scheduled meeting May 16, 2025. David Kennedy attended remotely, and the rest of the board was present in the boardroom.

President Bill Kennedy called the meeting to order and then led the board in the annual election of officers. New member Linda Savage was unanimously elected as Secretary. The remainder of the board positions remain the same: Bill Gold as President, Eloise Laubach as Vice President, and David Kennedy as Treasurer.

The first order of business for the newly organized board was to consider the approval of the 2023 audit for filing. The delay in filing, which should have happened in the fall of 2024, has delayed the release of property tax revenue for the district and resulted in a downgrade by Moody's Ratings. Andy Anderson from Rubin Brown, who attended the meeting remotely, reported that the audit was clean and ready to be filed upon board approval. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the audit. Kennedy suggested the board consider forming a discussion group in the future to help the public better understand the audit process and what it entails.

Following up on concerns discussed in April's board meetings, Gold reported that accounting firm Community Resource Services of Colorado has been put on notice that their contract will be terminated if they do not improve their services. He said the board just received financial statements covering January through April of 2025. Tammy Clark from Community Resource Services, who was in attendance remotely, acknowledged that the statements were still incomplete but assured the board that they were working through the details with Heather Gardens' staff to obtain the information they needed to complete the job. Kennedy said he has seen progress and complimented accountant Jing Lu for her hard work. He reiterated to Clark that they still need to complete an action plan moving forward.

For its final order of business, the board approved an increase of \$9,750 in the restaurant entertainment budget to continue Wednesday night trivia through November 2025 and Wednesday night winter games through the holiday season. Gold reported that the restaurant has had an 80% increase in sales on Wednesdays in the last twelve months, and if this trend continues, it projects an annual increase in sales of \$39,000. Gold said Wednesday nights are the restaurant's highest-selling night and he attributes this to trivia nights.

In other news, the board heard public comments, which included:

- A request from an ad-hoc group to construct two bocce ball courts next to the golf course hitting cage
- Two appeals to consider Frolics to be a club versus an outside group when determining event policies, procedures, and charges

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## The Green Team annual Shred Event



Photos by Christine Zippis

# HGA Board Meeting: Forward Movement on Current Work Plus Innovative Future Planning

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Water Conservation  
Solar Power  
Website Update  
Building Exterior Paint

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The innovative Water Conservation Project, a preliminary discussion of solar power for the future, and current progress to maintain and enhance the Heather Gardens properties were the focus of the HGA Board meeting, Tuesday, May 20.

**Joint HGA/HGMD Long-Range Planning:** HGA Director Bradford Archer, who co-chairs the committee with HGMD Director David Kennedy, noted the team has successfully completed all items that had been unfinished from the previous year.

**Solar Power:** Archer introduced the concept of exploring solar as a way of augmenting the current HGA and HGMD energy sources for cost savings and environmental concerns. Archer noted that further increases in electricity and natural gas costs are expected over the next decade. He cited a 66% increase in natural gas costs at HG in 2024.

The Board embraced the concept, with a decision to table action to allow more information to be gathered.

**Water Conservation Project:** As part of the Joint Long-Range Planning Committee, Water Conservation continues strong movement ahead. Archer presented a motion to approve the development of three business plans by Mitch Albert, who heads the Water Conservation Project. Motion passed. Albert will present the plans in July.

Rationale is that after reviewing water usage at HG and identifying rising costs of water consumption, it is the intent to demonstrate that water usage can be reduced, water conserved and monies saved.

Albert reported that planning includes understanding and setting up 54 new digital “leak alerts,” supplied by the City of Aurora. He noted that per the initial alert setup, there were four major leaks and three medium meter leak alerts out of the 54.

**Storm Water Project:** A motion was made from Joint Long-Range Planning to approve the HG Maintenance team to inspect and clear as necessary

any obstructions in the storm water piping through CP2 and CP3. Motion passed.

Archer explained that HG was developed in a way to allow re-capture of storm water for use in the ponds along the Golf Course. One of the primary water sheds is along Marina Drive, and the storm water piping that runs down Marina contains an average of approximately 10 million gallons of water run-off per year. That includes snow melt and rain. The run-off can be captured in storm drainage systems located in CP2 and CP3, feeding into the ponds on the Golf Course.

If the storm water drains in CP2 and CP3 are clogged with obstructions such as dead leaves and other debris, the water won't be captured.

**Website update:** Director Linda Hileman, Chair of Community Engagement & Communications (CECC), noted that the Heather Gardens website update, approved in April, with the intent of making the site more directed to residents rather than non-residents, is in progress with HG staff giving access to Karen Gold, who has volunteered to lead the change making process.

**ARO report:** David Woods, ARO President, reported that this team's April meeting featured informative speakers including HGA Director David Baxter on the launch of the Aging Strong at HG Club and Mitch Albert on water conservation. The goal of the monthly meetings is to keep ARs informed of important developments.

**Fiber optics:** General Manager Lary Herkal noted that review of bids and complex negotiations continue on bringing fiber optics to HG. Bidders include Comcast, which reports that it has new technologies for review, Google and recently a third company.

**Building Number Identification:** In order to improve emergency response and communication, the Board approved the motion to add easily viewable building numbers to 21 buildings on the Golf Course facing side. These numbers will assist residents and security in clearly identifying locations when incidents are reported from walkways around the Golf Course.

**Exterior Building Painting:** Director John Recob, Maintenance Committee Chair, presented the motion to award a contract of \$364,800 to Denver Commercial Coatings for painting exteriors of Buildings 233, 234, 235, and 236, with a change order allowance of \$36,480 for a total cost of \$401,280.

Recob explained that the various paint qualities and warranty terms were explored carefully, including "Rhino paint," a resident suggestion. With only one company offering Rhino at this time, this presented unwanted financial exposure to HG.

Warranty terms examined were from seven years up to 25 years. In doing a cost and quality analysis, the 25 year warranty cost was not advantageous over the seven year, with significant reservations by committee members as to any company being able to deliver on a 25 year warranty. The color will remain the same for 2025.

**HGMD Audit:** Bill Gold, HGMD President, noted that the 2023 HGMD Audit is now ready and will be posted to the HGMD website.

HGA Board meetings are the third Tuesday of each month, 1 pm in the Clubhouse Board Room. Next meeting is Tuesday, June 17. For more information, visit [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org).



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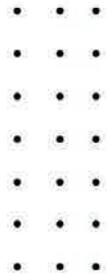
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## HGA Board President Reports

Sue McBeth

Welcome to June and the Beginning of Summer!

As we move from May and Mother's Day to June and Father's Day, the word HONOR comes to mind. My upbringing causes me to remember the directive to "Honor your Father and your Mother." Honor means to regard with great respect, high esteem and to have a high regard for. As I travel around Heather Gardens I hear conversations where residents are speaking about respect; they speak of respecting and honoring

their relationships with family and friends. We greet each other by name and wish each other well. I'm thankful that I live in a community of people who care about the well-being of others and treat each other with a sense of honor and high regard.

### Board Highlights

1. The Heather Gardens Association Board Meeting recording will now be posted on the Heather Gardens website for 7 days after each meeting. Sign in to the website with your personal sign-on to access the recording.
2. Board Director, John Harvey, and Maintenance Manager, Richard Barowsky, have been gathering information from ARs to finalize a list of where outlets are needed to eliminate the use of extension cords, thereby increasing your safety, in the common areas of multi-story buildings. The next step will be calculating the cost of installing these outlets.
3. The "Administration Policies" review by the Board is taking place. Most of these policies deal with how meetings are conducted and overall procedures that are not in another Procedure Memorandum (PM). These are found on the website under RESOURCES and then HGA Governing Documents.

### Joint HGA/HGMD Leadership Workshop Sessions

The two boards continue to collaborate, and met together with our respective attorneys to clarify more processes that will be included in the document. The attorneys are hoping to come back to the Boards on June 9 with a draft document for us to review. Once a document is available, public meetings will be conducted so that residents can ask questions, make comments, and have their opinions heard; we always value your feedback and insights!

### Leadership Meetings with the Association General Manager

- Due to vacations, only one meeting took place.
- Accounting Department priorities were established so that financial reports will become available.
- The 2023 Annual Audit for the HGMD is complete and the Board will review/approve it at their meeting on May 15.
- The General Manager was directed to move forward with purchasing the needed equipment to replace outdated and worn-out items in the fitness center.

Until next time – have a happy and safe Memorial Day Weekend and get ready for fun in the Summer sun!



Variety Show - May 2025 Photo by Janis Farrell



## HGMD Board President Reports

Bill Gold

Welcome to June and full-on summer! I must say I am very excited about this summer for many reasons. First and foremost, I feel that by the end of this summer HG will have a new agreement and we can finally return to some sense of “the norm” related to the politics and management of our community. Unfortunately, when I think about all the work we have put into this agreement, the efforts to come together and try our best to move to a more friendly and caring community, all I can think of is the very few people that are still trying to

drag us into the ridiculous arguments. The statements being made are of absolutely NO help to anyone and will just lead to more hate in our community. I am sorry to bring this up again as I have already discussed it during our last town hall meeting. I had so many people come up to me, so many calls and even more e-mails with huge thanks for speaking out against one specific person and the continued hate. I want to be 100% sure that we STOP THE LIES. Yes, total lies and misleading statements being sent out to groups of our community with absolutely no basis at all. It is just pure hate and anger. I did have someone say “I am so sorry for her” in relation to the anger and I do feel some of the same for her, but this must stop. I would encourage everyone, please, if you want the truth and want to ask questions, please come to the town halls and board meetings and have your voice heard and your questions answered. For some of the questions the two boards may not yet have a full answer, because we are still working through details, but we will do our best to answer all your questions.

Well, I tried hard to start with some positivity, but I had to address the accusations against me as not being a trustworthy source. Let me just say that if you know me at all you know that I am a man of God, and I do not take this lightly. I will never lie to or mislead this community. I will not just sit by and have my name slandered. Enough of this. Let’s talk about the good we are seeing. And it is good.

I was asked by the restaurant committee to take a motion to the HGMD Board to continue to support the weekly trivia. I did some research into the difference in sales from April 2024 to 2025. I had no idea how much of a difference the restaurant entertainment team was making. Looking at the first 4 Wednesdays of 2025 compared to 2024 (2025 had five Wednesdays this year so the last one was taken out of the numbers) we are seeing a 80.3% increase in sales and an average increase per night of 89 customers! Yes, an increase from an average of 122 in 2024 to 210 in 2025. That is 89 more residents being entertained at our restaurant and being part of this great community. I was so thankful to the HGMD Board for agreeing unanimously to continue the funding for this activity and others for the rest of 2025.

Last month we had a raving letter to the editor about the restaurant and I was so proud of Cormac Ronan and his team for all they have done. I have seen and continue to hear amazing things from the clubhouse team also. I have been so focused on the restaurant for the last few months that I am not ready to talk about this team yet but I do know Juanita Dominguez and her team have already done some great stuff and I look forward to hearing more from them. Also, give me a second to thank Steve Stratton for his efforts to get the projector in the clubhouse up and running for the Frolics performance. He worked on his own time and with his own funds to test options to get it working, he tried to take a motion to the board, but the timing was off on it and it could not go forward. I want to send out a big thanks to him for all he has done for the board and this community already and I look forward to continue working with him.

Some positive and negative aspects come when we talk about the finances. The HUGE positive is that the 2023 audit has been sent to the state and is done! Another big thanks to the HGA accounting team for all they have been through these last few years and the help in getting this done. We are still working hard to get the accounting for this year cleared up and we have seen some very impressive work from CRS (the new HGMD Accounting team) but we are still holding for some additional accounting for 2025 from the HGA team to be sent to CRS so that we can provide full financial statements for 2025. We are still not “out of the woods” in relation to the 2024 audit and this may not go as well as 2024 but only time will tell. I do know that the HGA accounting continues to work with Ruben Brown to get this finalized and this will continue to take a majority of the time for them.

So, in general, a lot of good things are happening, and even more are coming the rest of this year. We have come so far from the nightmare but still have some that cannot let it go and will try to drag us back. I will try my best to make this the last time I talk about this topic but if anymore lies/misinformation are spread, I will stand up for the truth and will call out when needed. Overall, please let us move forward. We have so much to rejoice in that I have just touched on or have not even had a chance to cover. Let us do our best to live in a community that focuses on positivity and caring. Thank you all for your time.



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Hello  
Heather Gardens!

I hope this message finds you happy, healthy, and enjoying the beautiful spring weather we've been having.

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For photos, we especially love seeing all the good things happening around campus — and of course, the beautiful wildlife!

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As always, your constructive feedback is greatly appreciated and taken into account.

Thank you for another great month of collaboration with such a wonderful community and an incredible staff.

Wishing you a joyful June and a fun, happy summer!

-Susan Harman, Editor  
*Heather 'n Yon* Magazine



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# FROLICS

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## HGMD Foundation

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Many have asked how the Foundation functions. Here is a brief summary.

Donations are made to the Foundation by having the donor complete the Donation form (available at the reception desk or online) accompanied by a check. On the form, please designate if the donation is for General Enhancement or for a specific purpose. The most helpful is General Enhancement because this gives the committee spending options.

**How donations are used.** Although we have a category for trees the Foundation does not choose the type of trees to be planted or where the trees are located. This is determined by management. This is to ensure that trees meet the "Water Wise" standards, work with the golf course, and meet maintenance needs.

Projects to be funded by the Foundation should be requested by management or an HGMD Committee or club that has management approval.

A funded project is to benefit the HGMD community and must meet all HGMD requirements along with requirements by the city of Aurora. HGMD and HDA do not allow plaques to be placed on donated items. If the Committee approves a project, it must also be approved by the HGMD board. We fund new projects and cannot pay for ongoing needs, repairs or maintenance.

The Foundation Committee needs new members. This is a fun committee because we fund unbudgeted projects and add to the enhancement of Heather Gardens. Applications are available online or in the management office.

The Committee appreciates donations and welcomes fund-raising ideas.

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# HG Clubhouse: New Exercise Classes! New Instructors! New Trips!

*Looking for new ways to socialize and join in some safe, yet fun, exercise at HG?*

*Missing the previous Pilates courses and Aqua Fit classes?*

*Well, it's all good news at the Clubhouse!*

*Pilates is back! Aqua Fit is back! Bus trips are back!*

Plus, there are additional new wellness classes on the roster, including courses for improving your cardio, strength, flexibility, balance, stress relief and, maybe most importantly, making sure you're having fun this summer.

As evidence of the enthusiastic response of residents, the Clubhouse recorded in excess of 400 more registrations for the Spring session classes and events of April, May, and June than for the Winter classes in January, February and March.

"Considering that we keep adding classes and activities each month, those registrations to date are upwards of 500 additional," noted Clubhouse Manager Juanita Dominguez, who joined HG this past March.

The Clubhouse management team consists of Juanita, Julie Racich continuing as Assistant Clubhouse Manager and Donna Stein as Clubhouse Lead, in charge of classes, events and trips.

Donna was with the Clubhouse staff for a short stint last fall, rejoining in January. "By the time I started in March, Donna had redesigned how the schedule works, had been reaching out to secure additional instructors, and had events ready to roll," Juanita says.

She noted that everyone's favorite bus trips are back, including May trips to a Rockies game and a Casino day to Blackhawk, with more to come. "We're looking to continue popular outings to places such as the Flying W Ranch and the National Western Stock Show, and we'd also like to add cultural events, such as concerts at downtown venues.

"I'm just excited about the community and the ability to help residents reach the potential they have to keep active physically, mentally and socially for now and well into their years to come.

"Overall, I would like to see us to maximize the Clubhouse space in a way that will help us provide a variety of classes, programs, events and community resources.

"This is such a cool community and I'm glad to be a part of it. I want to be here a long time."

Donna Stein added that it isn't just the physical wellbeing aspect of working out that is essential but also socialization and mental improvement.

"We're fortunate to have been able to find instructors who are highly qualified, dedicated to teaching and who truly have a heart for what they do."

Back this session with her popular Drumming Fit & Fun class, Donna adds, "I see instructors displaying a real joy in engaging with students and going the extra mile to tailor exercises to individual abilities."

Additionally, Water Warriors Instructor Cheryl Branch has added a Saturday morning class. Pamela Whitmore, who teaches Yin Yoga, also is teaching the Chair Yoga course.

**New wellness classes are:**

**New! Aqua Fitness by Patti Wolverton:** Describing herself as a "desert rat" growing up in Cochise, Ariz., Patti has been a certified aqua instructor for more than eight years, teaching at the City of Aurora recreation centers. "I've always been addicted to the swimming pool," she explains.

Patti was a teacher for 34 years, beginning with physical education, then to elementary school and finally as a middle school math teacher. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Arizona State University, Tempe, and a Masters from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff.

"I'm always so happy to see how my students who start out a little bit uncomfortable in the water in time come to really love it. They love the water, the improved balance and better core strength that they develop."

Patti develops routines that provide a total body workout, including stretching, limbering, cardio and muscle conditioning. She is careful to modify exercises for the individual, previously instructing classes targeted to people with arthritis. Whether with arthritis or not—and who of us in the 55+ group doesn't deal with at least a bit of arthritis—her focus is on individuals and their specific challenges.

"I'm enjoying teaching at Heather Gardens so much, and I love helping my students here improve their core strength and balance, burn off calories, and of course, have a lot of fun."

**New! Pilates by Mia Woodhouse.**

A blend of yoga and Pilates, called PI-Lo, is what Mia brings to HG. "I've been teaching for 30 years, starting straight out of high school and getting certified right away. My life has always been about fitness



Pilates

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“A couple people who lived here recommended me. I know I’m following a very popular teacher, so we’re all getting to know each other, and everyone is really awesome. Everyone has been really nice,” she adds.

“Individuals are finding that they are stronger than they thought would be, and they’re so sweet to let me know that. I show them variations on the moves in order to make everything appropriate from beginner to advanced levels without any strain or pain.



Getting ready for Pilates with Mia Woodhouse (second from the right).

“You know what the biggest part of exercise is? It’s simply showing up. That’s the hardest part. I love to encourage people and help them see how well they are doing.”

**New! Cardio Combo and Strength Conditioning** by Peggy Golden: “While the cardio class has a focus on cardio vascular, the strength class is slower paced,” Peggy notes. “The cardio combo class requires individuals to go down to the floor for abdominal work and then get back up again. The strength class features more work in a chair. I start the class with them standing, get the heart rate and breathing pattern up and then do strength training in chairs with weights.”



Strength Conditioning with Peggy Golden

As a fitness professional for many years, with various certifications, Peggy notes, “It’s so important for people to maintain their strength and flexibility. That’s the key.

We all start to lose muscle mass in our 30s, and it’s so important to work to maintain muscle and flexibility in every day movement. In both classes, we stretch at the end, and I remind students to stretch again later in the day. I ask them to not push beyond what would be a good stopping point for them.

“I love teaching, and you may see me when I reach 85 years old hobbling up there to teach class,” she jokes. “I don’t think I’ll ever stop.”

**New! Breathe & Move by Phred Hall:** It’s a hybrid of Qi Gong and Tai Chi, with an emphasis on synchronizing movement with breath,” Phred states. “Tai Chi is movement meditation.”



Instructor Phred Hall

As a child, Phred grew eight inches in a year, then had an auto accident, then worked in the jewelry industry for years. In order to ease the pain, “I would have to soak in a hot bath every evening just to go to sleep, because my muscles were so tight.”

The answer for Phred was Tai Chi, which he practiced as a student for over 20 years before becoming an instructor. “I think the most important thing is that Tai Chi has its comfort zone. It requires your time and attention and is great for fall prevention.

“Breathe & Move starts with 30 minutes of simple movement where you match the movement to your breath. It’s important to not try too hard, a difficult concept in our Western culture.”

Phred’s philosophy is, “Do what is comfortable for you, and build slowly. I want you to love this as much as I do,” he emphasizes.

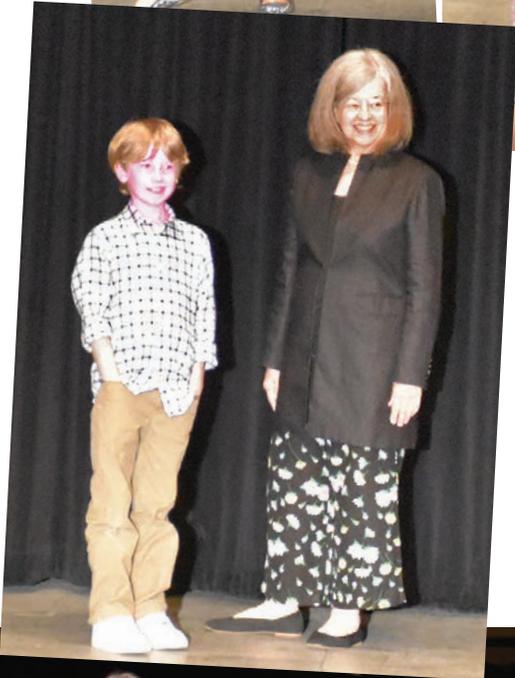
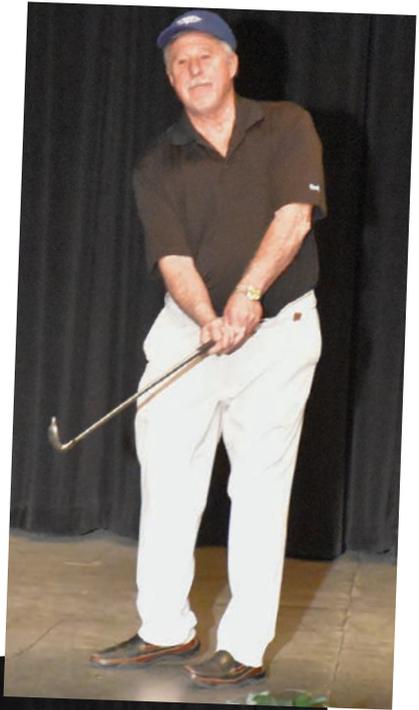
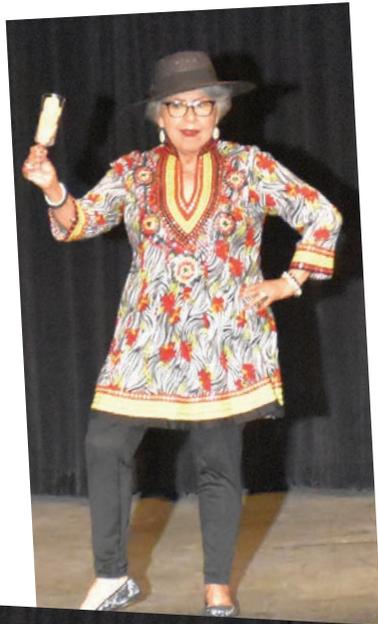
For more information on classes and events, contact the Clubhouse at 303-751-1811, X5.

-Patricia McLaughlin, B215



Breathe & Move Class

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# Fashion Show



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## Heather Gardens Golf Course: A Year of Growth (2023-2024)

Heather Gardens Golf Course, nestled in the heart of the community, was first established in 1973. It has undergone an impressive transformation over the past 52 years, and this past year, rounds of play have increased, raising revenues, and a host of improvements to the course have been made. As we reflect on 2023-2024 and look ahead to 2025 season, it's clear that the combination of strategic upgrades, hard work, and an unwavering commitment to excellence has elevated Heather Gardens Golf Course to new heights.

### A Surge in Revenue

In 2024, the number of rounds increased from 25,000 to 27,000—a significant achievement. This surge in participation reflects the course's growing appeal to golfers of all ages and skill levels.

HG golf course also experienced a 9% increase in revenue, climbing from \$522,000 in 2023 to \$567,000 in 2024. This financial growth is a direct result of several key initiatives that have resonated with golfers, as well as a few new additions to the course experience. Other increases in revenue have been merchandise sales up by 23% and cart rentals by 20% in 2024, with much of this due to the knowledge of the pro shop staff to enhance customer experience.

### The Golf Simulator: A Game-Changer

Arguably, the most impactful upgrade at Heather Gardens this past year has been the new golf simulator. Installed at the end of 2023, the system has made an immediate difference, with revenue from the simulator soaring from \$2,500 in 2023 to \$4,700 in 2024. The simulator has opened up a new avenue for golfers to practice year-round and has become a popular feature for both casual players and serious golfers looking to improve their game.

### Youth Engagement and Community Partnerships

In 2024, HG made a significant push to engage with local youth golfers by adding 5 additional high school events. These events have been well received and will continue into the 2025 season, helping to foster a new generation of golfers.

The course also welcomed three new outside leagues, all of which have been renewed for the 2025 season. These leagues add a new dimension for golfers to participate in more structured and competitive play.

### Enhanced Visibility and Course Upgrades

New signage was added throughout the property to enhance awareness of the golf shop's location, making it easier for visitors to access essential services and products.

The course's physical layout has also seen several updates. Notably, the #7 tee box was redesigned, offering a fresh new perspective on the hole and adding variety to the course's challenge. Fairways have been widened to help increase the pace of play.

### Course Maintenance and Irrigation Efficiency

Since 2023, HG has focused on making the course more environmentally sustainable. Water usage has been significantly reduced. Prior to 2023, the course used 73 acre-feet (ac-ft) of water per year for irrigation. In 2023, that number was reduced to just 46 ac-ft, demonstrating the course's commitment to sustainability while still maintaining optimal course conditions. This reduction was partially due to the elimination of 47 sprinkler heads.

### A Focus on Greens and Playing Conditions

One of the standout achievements for the course has been the improvement in greens conditions. A new greens program was implemented in 2024 to ensure healthier, more consistent surfaces. This initiative, combined with efforts to standardize green speeds, has led to a consistent reading of 10–10.5 on the Stimp meter—ideal for true putts.

### Looking Ahead

As Heather Gardens enters the 2025 season, the commitment to continuous improvement remains unwavering. The rise in participation and revenue on the course is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire staff. With a strong foundation in place, the future looks bright for Heather Gardens Golf Course.

The hard work that has gone into every aspect of the course has not gone unnoticed. Many residents invite their friends from all areas of Denver to come and play here, and the comments are often “what a hidden gem of a course” and “it's so beautiful and well kept”! Whether you're a seasoned golfer or a newcomer to the game, HG is the place to be—offering not

only a challenging and enjoyable round of golf but a community-centered experience that truly stands out. The HG golf course will continue to increase the value of our homes and community. Here's to another successful season ahead!

Residents are invited to join the HG Ladies League; [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com) or Men's League by filling out a membership application at the Pro Shop.

After golf, head to the Rendezvous patio for some refreshments ... the perfect place to talk about that one great shot!

Contributors: Greg Kohr PGA Pro, Manager HG Pro Shop and Harold Borquez, Golf Course Superintendent and the Golf Committee



# 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 Asst Manager: Julie Racich (Reservations and Clubs)

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

### Denver Brass Quintet

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### Odell Stroud and Montage Band

Tuesday, June 17, 6:00pm

Sandberg Auditorium

Cost \$10.

Register online or stop by the Activities Desk.

This is a “do not miss” event for your listening and dancing pleasure. Come ready to enjoy the sounds of Marvin Gaye, George Gershwin, Bob Marley, Chicago and Earth Wind and Fire featuring lead vocals by Odell Stroud. This group is terrific! Come sing, dance and boogie. Feel free to purchase a beverage at The Rendezvous to bring to this show.



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Saturday, June 14, 11am-6pm

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Now in its 12th year, Global Fest is a free, multicultural experience bringing the sights, sounds and flavors of nations from around the world to celebrate the diverse people and communities that call Aurora home. The family-friendly, one-day event includes two stages of vibrant musical and dance performances, a variety of local food trucks, an international marketplace, the Parade of Nations, a Fashion Show, art displays, creative activities for children, and much more.

Aurora is one of the most diverse cities in Colorado. About 1 in 5 people in Aurora are foreign-born and more than 160 languages are spoken in Aurora schools. Global Fest is an intentional event allowing the entire city to proudly embrace its global spirit.

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## FREE Days in June

### Denver Art Museum

**Tuesday, June 10**

720-865-5000, 10am-9pm

100 W 14th Ave Pkwy

[www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

### Denver Museum of Nature and Science

**Thursday, June 19 (Juneteenth)**

303-370-6000, 9am-5pm

2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver

[www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org)

### Longmont Museum

**Saturday, June 14**

303-651-8374, 9am-5pm

400 Quail Rd 80501

[www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-e-m/museum](http://www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-e-m/museum)

### Museo de las Americas

**Friday, June 6, 12-9pm**

303-571-4401

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**Thursday, June 19**

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# JUNE CALENDAR: CLUBS, RECREATION & EVENTS

<b>Sun 1</b>	Social Bridge (every Sun) HG Republicans/We the People Club	Skyview Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1-3:30pm 2-5pm
<b>Mon 2</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 Aspen Room Banquet Room Blue Spruce Room	9-11am 10am-2pm 10:30am & 1pm 11am-12pm 12:30-5pm 1-4pm
<b>Tue 3</b>	Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tues) HG Singers (every Tues) Mah Jongg (every Tues) Ping Pong (every Tues) CP2 Billiards Club (every Tues)	Mountain View Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Picnic Pavillions Billiard Room	12-4pm 1-2:30pm 1-4pm 2pm 5:30-8pm 6:30pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Tennis Club (every Wed) Cribbage (every Wed) Men's Poker (every Wed) Duplicate Bridge/ACBL (every Wed) Rummikub (every Wed) 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	9-11am 12:30-3pm 12:30-5pm 1pm 1-3pm 1pm 5:30pm 7-9pm
<b>Thu 5</b>	Tai Chi (every Thurs) TOPS (every Thurs) Fun Gals Golf (every Thurs) Optimist Club (1st & 3rd Thurs) The Green Team Time4Tap (every Thurs) Bunko (1st & 3rd Thurs) Social Bridge (every Thurs) Writers Club (every Thurs) Ping Pong (every Thurs) Meditation Club (every Thurs) Kiwanis Club of Aurora <b>Denver Brass Quintet</b> Men's Billiards (every Thurs)	Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Golf Course Rendezvous Bar & Grill Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Skyview Room Game Room Skyview Room Skyview Room <b>Sandberg Auditorium</b> Billiards Room	8am 8:30-9:30am 9am 9am 10am 11am-12pm 1-3:30pm 1-3:30pm 1pm 2pm 4pm 6pm <b>6:30pm</b> 7pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	Tennis Club (every Fri) Men with Purpose (1st & 3rd Fri) Texas Hold'em (every Fri)	Tennis Courts Skyview Room Mountain View Room	9-11am 10-11am 12:30-5pm

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<b>Sat 7</b>	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Sat) Ping Pong (every Sat) Karaoke Club	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	1-4pm 2pm 3-5pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	Texas Hold'em (all other Mondays) HG Water Conservation Taskforce (2nd & 4th Mon)	Mountain View Room Zoom	12:30-5pm 1pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	Red Hattitudes <b>Active Minds: UNESCO World Heritage Sites</b> Aviation Club	Rendezvous Bar & Grill <b>Sandberg Auditorium</b> Aspen Room	12:30pm <b>2pm</b> 7pm
<b>Fri 13</b>	HG Indivisible	Library	11:30am-12:50pm
<b>Sat 14</b>	The Breakfast Club Voice for Residents Forum	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Aspen Room	8:30am 3-4:30pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	Ladies Golf: Men's and Ladies Mixer Photo Club	Golf Course Aspen Room	7am 3-5pm
<b>Tue 17</b>	Caregivers Support Group Frolics: "Springtime in the Rockies" <b>Odell Stroud and Montage Band</b>	Aspen Room Rendezvous Bar & Grill <b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	2-4pm 4pm <b>6pm</b>
<b>Thu 19</b>	Social Justice Club Residents for Responsible Leadership Kiwanis Club of Aurora	Blue Spruce Room Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room	10am-12pm TBA 6pm
<b>Sat 21</b>	Garden Club: Open House Walk-Around Saturday Afternoon Live Social	Garden Plots Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	9-11am 3-5pm
<b>Mon 23</b>	Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30pm
<b>Tue 24</b>	HG Democrats Sevillians	Sandberg Auditorium Banquet Room	4-5:30pm TBA
<b>Wed 25</b>	Ladies Golf Board Meeting	Boardroom	1pm
<b>Thu 26</b>	HG Republicans Dinner	Banquet Room	5-7pm
<b>Sat 28</b>	National Federation of the Blind	Mountain View Room	10:30am-12:30pm

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

### Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, June 2: Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday by appt.), Arts & Crafts Room, 9am-12pm (see ad p. 55)

Friday, June 6: Sound of the Rockies Singers on Omaha Beach (see ad on p. 8)

Thur, June 19, Renewal by Anderson: Window & Door Replacement Seminar/Free Lunch, 12pm (see ad p. 9)



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SEC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, Jun 2  
CECC (BR/Zoom) – 11am, Tues, Jun 3  
Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, Jun 4  
RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, Jun 9  
Maintenance (Zoom) – 11am, Tues, Jun 10  
Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, Jun 10  
Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) - 11am, Wed, Jun 11  
Foundation Committee (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Wed, Jun 11  
Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3pm, Thurs, June 12  
Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Fri, Jun 13  
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Mon, Jun 16  
HGMD Audit/Finance (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, Jun 16  
**HGA Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, Jun 17**  
ACC (Zoom) – 10am Thu, Jun 19  
**HGMD Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Thu, Jun 19**  
Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, Jun 24  
Resident Orientation (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, Jun 25

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

# Heather 'n Yon Deadline: 6/16

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## Aurora Townhall Meeting with Angela Lawson

Tuesday, June 10, 6:30-8pm  
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,

Every single resident of Heather Gardens pays HOA dues, yet there are some folks who do not have easy access to our clubhouse or restaurant. They pay between \$5 to \$10 each way for transportation. The Rendezvous exists for our residents. The clubhouse schedules classes for all of us, but a class that costs \$40 quickly becomes \$120 for those who need a ride. Many choose not to enroll because the cost is prohibitive. So, they choose isolation rather than participation.

I have proposed the inception of a scheduled van service within HG. It could be a joint venture by both boards since our restaurant has recently created a take-out service. There are many hurdles to jump, this will not happen overnight. Because we need to start gathering information, the ARs have been given a form which needs to be completed and returned to a folder located in the NTH mailbox near the front desk. Extra forms are in that same folder, if needed. Could you utilize such a service? If so, please contact your AR. Add your name and indicate if it would be for attending classes or events at the clubhouse or enjoying a meal in the Rendezvous. The deadline has been extended to June 30.

-Wendy Pfaffhausen, NTH

## Heather 'n Yon,

A big thanks to Rendezvous Bar & Grill My granddaughters wedding was on Friday April 25th and our family was all here for the occasion. Eleven of us dropped in to the Rendezvous for lunch on Saturday the 26th. The food was delicious and the staff was professional, fun, along with the food arriving timely. It was a perfect ending to a wonderful week. Thanks again Rendezvous Bar & Grill.

Peace, The Branch Girlz  
-Cheryl Branch, CP6

## Heather 'n Yon,

We would like to clarify something. On Friday, April 11, we were coming down the elevator at our condo. Myself, and our daughter were holding on to our 2 year old grandson by his hands. When the elevator door opened a dog immediately tried to move towards us and had a mean bark. I said that is a mean dog and we left. The owner has said that our grandson rushed the dog. Nothing like that happened. Besides us there was a person in the lobby who saw what happened and will attest to this. We hope this clarifies the situation.

-Linda and Gary Kessler, B223

## Heather 'n Yon,

All Veterans Day Celebration Nov 9, 2025

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Begin now to do 2 things for the celebration:

1) Email 2 pictures (then/now) of you! Also add branch of service, rank and years served. Email to: John Guise at johnguise1720@gmail.com

2) Quilts of Valor is accepting nominations for veterans to be awarded a quilt. Contact Carolyn Morris for more information at 303-885-7807 or motoringmorris@gmail.com

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-Crystal Guise, B217



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Above: Tony Brenning collecting donations for Kentucky flood relief.

Left: A "thank you" to Heather Gardens residents

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# 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 a keen interest in Aviation, Civil Aviation and Airplanes in general.

In June we will continue following the middle east "war" between the U.S. Navy & Air Force vs the Terrorist Houthis who continue to attack our Naval Forces and commercial shipping in international waters. The Houthis are funded by Iran both with money but especially with armament ... rockets, missiles, both surface to sea and surface to air. President Trump has publicly warned Iran that the U.S. also will NOT ALLOW them to obtain a nuclear bomb capability, alongside Israel. He has warned them to re-join negotiations and be prepared to destroy their "Nuke factories," specifically their centrifuges or WE (U.S.) will destroy them (with assistance from Israel)! -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 Harnes

## **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 will be meeting in the Picnic Pavillion from 5:30-8 pm. Brauts and chips, plates, cups, napkins and utensils will be provided. (Voluntary donations accepted for these items). BYOB drinks and a dish to share. 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 meets the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) in the clubhouse auditorium at 4-5:30 pm. The purpose of our club is to

support the Constitution, the rule of law, and GOOD GOVERNMENT. In the recent weeks since the Inauguration, the institutions of our government, and indeed the world order that has prevailed for most of our lives, have been systematically dismantled through Donald Trump and his supporters. If we are to preserve our democracy, we must support each other and our allied organizations. This year our speakers will feature various groups providing opportunities for citizen engagement, with our shared goal of preserving our democracy. Often, speakers for current "hot topics" cannot be confirmed in time for this announcement. I send an email newsletter a few days before our meeting, so please email me if you want to get on my list: hgdemocrats@gmail.com. You don't have to live in Heather Gardens nor be registered as a Democrat to attend our meetings. Some of us like to socialize over dinner in the Rendezvous after the meeting, and you are welcome to join us. There is no charge for our meetings. -Marty Karnopp, Chair

## **Frolics**

Thanks to all who attended our 2025 Annual Spring Production, "The Mystery of the Stolen Sapphire Tiara." Our Traveling Troupe will be performing at the Rendezvous, TUESDAY, June 17, 4 pm. Our program theme is "Springtime in the Rockies." Join us for more music, comedy, dance, food, fun, frivolity, and frolicking!

## **Garden Club**

The Garden Club busy season is here! The May 1 Bake Sale supported the purchase of herbs and edible flowers for the Rendezvous Bar and Grill Herbarry. Funds came from the generous donations of baked goods to sell and the Clubhouse Book Sale. The Herbarry, located on the Rendezvous' pool-side patio, was planted and is maintained by Garden Club members to

provide fresh herbs for Chef Josh's splendid summer menu.

On May 12 the Club sponsored "Grow Food and Flowers, Save Water with Regenerative Practices," a program provided by Aurora Water Conservation and presented by Amanda Slover, Aurora Project Director for the Aurora Community Garden Network. Amanda discussed many water-saving tips and general gardening suggestions. One tip — to apply three inches of mulch, such as straw, organic mulches or even shredded newspapers, to garden beds to help conserve water. She also gave the CSU Soil Testing Lab addresss ([agsci.colostate.edu/soiltestinglab](http://agsci.colostate.edu/soiltestinglab)) for information about amending soil and recommended a YouTube video about Water-Wise Landscapes.

Saturday, June 21, from 9 to 11 am is an Open House Walk-Around of the garden plots for the Heather Gardens community. Visit the creative and lush rows of vegetables and flowers, speak with the gardeners, and have a snack. Everyone interested in gardening is welcome to the Walk-Around and to join the Garden Club, especially residents who grow plants on their lanais and patios, as well as volunteers who care for their buildings' flower gardens. The Garden Club meets in the Clubhouse Blue Spruce Room from 6-7:30 pm the last Monday of each month March through October EXCEPT there will be NO regular meeting in June. 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**

A giant THANK YOU to everyone who supported our seventh Shred Event. Over 200 cars and several walkers contributed to making it the best ever at Heather Gardens. We found several unusual items, such as: X-rays, negatives, musical greeting cards and a leather wallet. Remember, this is paper shredding only. Please double-check your

boxes before dropping them off to us. Mark your calendars for our next Shred Event, which has been scheduled on Saturday, May 2, 2026. We meet at 10 am on the first Thursday of every month. Come join us or call (303)587-9797 for more information. We are now meeting every first Thursday in the Skyview Room from 10 till Noon. -Wendy Pfaffhausen

### **Heather Gardens Singers**

If you like to have fun and enjoy singing, please join us. The group meets on Tuesdays in the Skyview room from 1-2:30 pm. We are working on eight songs to perform this spring with our music director, Joyce Culwell. Interested in joining or for more details call Tom Kappel 720 377-5756.

### **Heather Gardens Water Conservation Taskforce**

The Heather Gardens Water Conservation Taskforce (HG-WCT) was formed end of January 2025 after four "Lifelong Learners" lectures, where Mitch Albert presented his HG Water Consumption Study. The purpose of the newly formed taskforce is to work on implementing the recommendations mentioned in the study to conserve the usage of (city) water in Heather Gardens (HG) for environmental and sustainability reasons and to substantially lower our HG water/ sewer bill. The activities of the taskforce will primarily focus on developing and implementing business plans by each of HG's 54 water meters with their associated building(s) or Country Place and Townhouse (CP/TH) area(s) to reduce water usage for irrigation and personal usage.

These business plans will be based on garden space design and implementation in specific areas in close cooperation with residents and garden committees of the buildings or CP/TH areas. The garden space designs will be integrated with smart irrigation systems to reduce water usage. The taskforce will also work on the reduction of personal water usage by developing and implementing

(voluntary) exchange programs of conventional toilets with low-flow toilets greater than 1.28 gpf per HG maintenance. The focus will be to identify any primary toilets per unit that are still greater than 4.5 gpf. All Taskforce plans will be guided by the HG Water Conservation Committee for content, planning standards and submissions to the HGA Board. The Taskforce will develop landscaping plans and provide data necessary for the business plans. We are looking for members of building or CP/TH area garden committees and for residents interested in helping to reduce water usage in HG. 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. [Editor's Note: Gina Abegg, the contact person for the Indivisible Group, passed away on April 11. A replacement facilitator will be named in the future.]

### **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**

According to an article by Tina Grosso, the desire of older adults is to lead active and independent lives well into their later years. As a result, lifelong learning initiatives that promote physical, psychological, and socioeconomic well-being are imperative. This is our goal. The response to our spring courses has been truly remarkable, and we are thrilled by the enthusiasm of our participants. If you found joy in taking one of our classes, we kindly encourage you to share your experience with friends and neighbors. While Lifelong Learners will not be hosting any classes during the summer session, we are actively preparing an exciting lineup of new offerings for the fall. Lifelong

Learners will be participating in the upcoming Resource Fair (date TBD). This event will provide an opportunity for residents of HG to learn more about us and connect with our team. We look forward to meeting you there! Contact us at: [heathergardenslearners@gmail.com](mailto:heathergardenslearners@gmail.com)

### **Low Vision Support Group**

Low Vision Support Group meets on June 23 (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

### **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.

### **Photo Club**

The HG Photo Club is looking for new members. Our attendance has been on a steady decline even though we have over 24 members on our roster. We need some new blood with new ideas. Come join us on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Aspen Rm from 3-5 pm. We've tried a variety of topics, especially with all our new Cell Phone cameras ... many with some neat features that are getting better and better. Tried Apple's iPhone with the “Live Mode”? Great for pictures while driving down the highway and you are the photographer, NOT the driver! Also good for “freezing” moving flowers that are blowing in the wind as you are shooting close ups on windy days. How it works is amazing! The telephoto distances are getting X10 and X15 ... also amazing. The portrait modes give you a wide variety of editing capabilities as well. And a new one for me is the Slow Motion feature ... I need to try that out. Bring your cell phone cameras and ideas to our June meeting on the 3rd Monday, June 16, 2025. - Rudy Morris, [rudymorris4@gmail.com](mailto:rudymorris4@gmail.com)

### **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.

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### **Republican / We the People Club**

Sunday, June 1: Sunday Movie Matinee: Hillbilly Elegy, 2 – 5 pm Aspen/Blue Spruce Room – HILLBILLY ELEGY is a memoir as told by J.D. Vance, Vice President of the United States. Snacks and Beverages will be served. Free event. Donations are appreciated, but not required.

Thursday, June 26: Dinner with Chuck and Julie: “Truth Straight Up”, 5 – 7 pm, Banquet Room - Join us for dinner and a conservative conversation with Chuck Bonniwell And Julie Hayden, “Bringing You The Truth Straight Up.” Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork sliders, slaw, and chips, beverage and gratuity included. Beer, wine, cocktails for purchase. \$25 per person will be collected at the door. Check or cash only. RSVP is required to Robin at rlomeara1@gmail.com Text or call me at 303-949-4916.

The Chuck and Julie Show podcast airs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 – 4 pm, <https://bbsradio.com/chuckandjulieshow>. Please note: Due to the conflict with the classes scheduled for the clubhouse in the early afternoon, our regular monthly meeting and events will no longer be held in the auditorium on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

I believe now, as I always have, that America's strength is in “We the People.” -Ronald Reagan

### **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 Garden's Town Halls, held once a month. Meetings for RRL will be held quarterly beginning June 19 in the Blue Spruce room. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Nonean Price at nonean1127@hotmail.com or Nora Tracy at lenorat@comcast.net.

### **Saturday Afternoon LIVE Social (Formerly Wine & Cheese Social Club)**

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**

You are invited to participate: “Unpacking The Society In Which We Live,” Social Justice Roundtable Discussion. Meetings are held from 10 am – 12 noon, the third Thursday of every month in the Blue Spruce Room. On Thursday, June 19 (Juneteenth), Attorney Dani Newsum will speak about her father, Colonel Fitzroy (Buck) Newsum, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen. Free EJI calendars will be available. -Diane Pritchard dianekpritchard@gmail.com and Bernie Hupperts marlynber@gmail.com

### **Spanish Club (Club en Español)**

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

### **SRA (Sevillians)**

To All Residents of Buildings 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, and 236. The Sevillians monthly dinner will be on the fourth Tuesday of each

month in the Banquet Room of the Rendezvous Bar & Grill. Please call Janet Arce at (720) 774-3368 or email: arcej1946@gmail.com if you would like to be placed on the invitation list. -Janet C. Arce, B232.

### **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 beginning to plan the 2026 budgets. Our June forum will continue to dig deeply into the annual budgeting process and financial relationship between the residents, and the HGA and HGMD boards. This is your opportunity to learn more about how your Homeowners and Rec fees are used, and to understand more of the budgeting system. Please join us Saturday, June 14, 2025, 3 - 4:30 pm, 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](mailto:heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com).

### 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

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#### Email:

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[gjlesher@gmail.com](mailto:gjlesher@gmail.com)

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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 4/15 – 5/13

Apr 15:

1st Judy Hein/Otis Lawson  
2nd Melissa Sugar/Brian Bucenec  
3rd Mary Lou Scott/Roger Goldstein

Apr 22:

1st Thea Hutcheson/Scott Crowl  
2nd Mary Lou Scott/Ditto Schultz  
3rd Margie Sloan//Brian Bucenec

Apr 29:

1st Gil Lochhead/Ditto Schultz  
2nd Mary Lou Scott/Lindy Davenport  
3rd Bob Woods/Otis Lawson

May 6:

1st Dee Moore/Bob Woods  
2nd Mary Lou Scott/Thea Hutcheson  
3rd Melissa Sugar/Ditto Schultz

May 13:

1st Sharon Weiss/Scott Crowl  
2nd Dee Moore/Gil Lochhead  
3rd Melodie Blume/Jack Doherty

9 BALL WINNERS 4/15 – 5/13

Apr 17:

1st John Manzanares  
2nd Steve Hesser  
3rd Scott Crowl

Apr 24:

1st Otis Lawon  
2nd Ditto Schultz  
3rd John Manzanares

May 1:

1st John Manzanares  
2nd Jack Doherty  
3rd Otis Lawson

May 8:

1st John Manzanares  
2nd Ditto Schultz  
3rd Brian Bucenec

### Bowling League

Our Bowling season has ended for the 2024-2025 season.

Congratulations to:

1st Place: Bow Wows ( Colleen

Kreft, Dick Apt KeithTipton)

2nd Place: Wammos ( Peggy Lux, John Patterson, Dean Lux )

3rd Place: Les Miserabowls ( Mary Jo Prichard, Betsy Adams, Steve Hesser)

We will be starting up again in September. We bowl at Arapahoe Bowling Center on Thursday mornings from 10–noon. Please contact Mary Jo Prichard, [mjinsurance@hotmail.com](mailto:mjinsurance@hotmail.com), if you would like to 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 [meek045@outlook.com](mailto:meek045@outlook.com). – Linda Harder, Director

### Fun Gals Golf

Fun Gals Golf is held on Thursdays with WEEKLY tee times at 9 and 9:12 am. Enjoy time with other positive and supportive women, get outdoors, and hit a few golf balls. No handicap required and keeping score is up to you. Lunch together at the Rendezvous

afterwards is a likely option. To get involved and ask questions contact Sharon Westmoreland, sharonwestmoreland@me.com / 303-882-2929 (Text). Each time you plan to play, call the pro shop and sign up for a tee time (9 am or 9:12 am). See you on the Links!

### **Golf Club/Ladies**

Thanks to Mother Nature the first week of league play did not begin until May 14. Since then, the Heather Gardens Ladies Golf Club has enjoyed two additional weeks of play including the club's first shotgun start of the year which was a Best Ball Scramble. The league began the year with 89 players.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- June 16 – Men's and Ladies Mixer
- July 15 - Battle of the Gardens @ Heather Gardens
- July 22 - Battle of the Gardens @ Windsor Gardens
- September 3 & 10 - Club championship
- September 24 – 3rd Annual Hens and Chicks event
- October 15 – Fall Banquet

As dates for other activities as well as any outside tournaments are added, they will be published in *Heather n' Yon* and posted on the club's website. Don't forget to visit the club's website [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com) for valuable information including weekly tee times, 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. The next HGLGC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25 at 1 p.m. in the boardroom. All members are encouraged to attend. Minutes from all board meetings are posted on the website.

#### **STARTING TIMES**

This season there will be shotgun starts every third Wednesday of the month. Those will begin at 8:30 a.m. Beginning in June the first tee time for non-shotgun starts will be 6:30 a.m. and that will be true through the end of August. If you

miss signup on Wednesday, you can call the pro shop beginning Thursday morning to get a tee time.  
- 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.golfliguetracker.com/glthome/league](http://www.golfliguetracker.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.

May 2, 2025 Results:

#### *E Flight*

Kenny Duncan  
Daryl Eberhart  
Bob Woods

#### *D Flight*

Joe DeCristofaro  
Dave Walstrom  
David Krell, David Croak, Henry Ulibari, Nick Streno

#### *C Flight*

Mike Benowitz  
Paul Zipps, Tom Kappel  
Robert Luevano

#### *B Flight*

Jess Deal  
Jim Matthews  
Jon Freyer, Doug Miller, Chuck Marlowe

#### *A Flight*

Casey Williams  
Fred Lowe  
Dave Schmit  
*Closest to the Hole*  
#6 - Gary Kessler  
#8 - Jess Deal

May 9, 2025 Results

Tom Parko - Hole in One on #1!

#### *E Flight*

Mark Giarratano  
Phil Haas, Daryl Eberhart  
Mike Guise, Paul Spoutz, Tony Schierbeck, Kevin Klink, Neil Miller

#### *D Flight*

Jeff Nelson  
David Krell, Tom Merges  
David Croak, Tom Smith

#### *C Flight*

Tim Bessey  
Cal Green, Greg Harter  
Jim Jensen, Tim Mullin

#### *B Flight*

John Good, Rob Ledford  
Matt Dunne  
Sam Thiessen

#### *A Flight*

Martin Menard  
Bill Schmit  
Don Daily  
*Closest to the Hole*  
#6 - Tom Parko  
#8 - Steve Hesser

May 16, 2025 Results

#### *E Flight*

Paul Spoutz  
John Guise, Neil Miller  
Daryl Eberhart

#### *D Flight*

Larry Domer, Tom Merges, Phil Corliss, Henry Ulibarri  
Steve Galambos  
Dave Walstrom

#### *C Flight*

John McMullen, James Busby  
Raj Agrawal  
Tim Mullin, Vern Thompson, Scott Cole

#### *B Flight*

Reg Craigo  
Jim Pardikes, Doug Miller  
Jim Mathews

#### *A Flight*

John Bender  
Don Daily, Dave Schmit  
Steve Webb

#### *Closest to the Hole*

#6 - William Schmit  
#8 - Robert Luevano

### **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.

### **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 from 12-1 pm on Fridays. Feel free to drop in. Generally, we begin play between 8 and 9 throughout the summer as long as it is 40 degrees and the winds are less than 15 miles per hour. 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 Ron 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).

### **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.

The Heather Gardens Tai Chi Club celebrated World Tai Chi Day during their meeting on April 24. This was truly a worldwide event taking place in hundreds of cities in over 80 nations and six continents. (Source: [worldtaichiday.org](http://worldtaichiday.org)) In addition to practicing our style of Tai Chi, the Yang style, we played Tai Chi Trivia, practiced some movements from two other styles (there are five major styles) and also practiced a little Qigong. We finished with a round of Tai Chi Lotto followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Picnic Shelter.

### **Tennis Club**

"Tennis with a Continental Twist" was a huge success. It was wonderful seeing so many friends on the courts. We are a fun and friendly group looking for even more players. If have never played and would like to learn, instruction is available. Or if you are a bit rusty, maybe you haven't picked up a racket since high school or college, it's time to get back into the swing of things. You won't find Nadal or Serena playing, so no worries. Come to the courts on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9-11 am 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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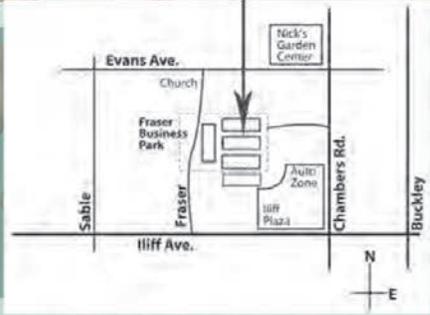
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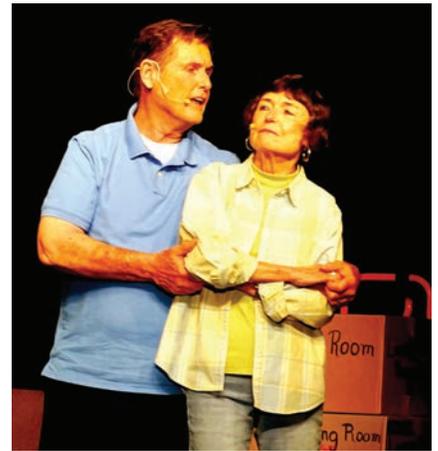




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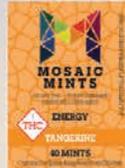
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Some things at HG just never change. I've lived here for 28 years and have an unfortunate tendency to think I've seen it all.

In a lot of these cases, I probably don't know as much as I think I do. But one HG phenomenon by which I will swear is, when something happens that is unusual, many residents will react in predictable fashion.

An excellent example of this is a visit in April to HG by a flock of six or so wild turkeys – a tom and his harem of five hens, I'm told. They've been hanging around for many weeks, when I would have guessed that they'd have moved on long ago.

Many of us had never seen wild turkeys around HG before, and the event caused many people still drowsy from a languid winter to come to life, and snap to attention.

I saw folks in cars, on East Marina Drive, slam on their brakes, and leap from the auto, to snap photos. For the May issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, the editor was inundated with pictures of wild turkeys, preening and puffing on HG land.

It's hard to believe there were only six birds. The photos made it look as though there were hundreds.

The Security chief had to explain to overly excited residents – via Pitera – that the turkeys can roost in trees, for safety at night. This flock moved into the trees in the Seville neighborhood.

The request went out to please not call Security to come and rescue wild turkeys that appeared to be penned up behind a chain-link fence. Turkeys can fly, callers were reminded, so there was no need for Security to perform an intervention.

I learned via the Internet that turkeys fan out their tail feathers as part of their courtship behavior, especially during breeding season. The male will puff out his feathers,

fan his tail, and strut while gobbling and making other vocal sounds. This performance is used to attract females and establish social dominance within the flock.

Courting turkeys also blush, apparently (who knew?). The tom's tail-fanning puffery seems, to me, to transmit the message, don't mess with me.

HG residents, by and large, have always had an inordinate interest in our local wildlife. The birds aren't the only creatures to flock.

Fifty years ago, when HG was built, our neighboring wilderness preserve had long been here. HG was specifically built, I understand, so that residents could enjoy wildlife-watching from the comfort and convenience of lanais.

This activity is still popular. Our lakes have attracted blue heron lovers, and other exotic-bird watchers who race after them, cameras in hand. In May, a Black-Crowned Night Heron returned to HG, and – on cue – the local birdwatchers flocked, too.

I see these avid bird-documenting people hustling around on my morning dog walks. At least I think I do – I'm rarely fully awake, at that hour.

More about bird watchers: one of my obsessions is watching British murder mysteries. I've noticed that the local bird watcher is frequently the killer. It's something about the perception that bird watchers are mild-mannered people – the plot twist is that they are not.

British comedian Jon Oliver once joked that he thought the reason Americans enjoy British murder mysteries so much is, Americans like watching English people kill each other. But I digress.

My dog, Poppy – who is part cattle dog (herder) and part terrier (predator) – will chase anything that moves. She pursues squirrels. She tried to round up magpies. She goes after other birds feeding on the ground, and looks offended when they take to the wing, to escape her.

Poppy has a keen interest in forming and chairing a Rabbit

Eradication Committee. I personally know several HG gardeners who would join her in this endeavor.

Poppy chases after strange people, too. Her supposition is that everyone walking by is anxious to meet her. They might even shell out a doggie treat, or two.

But I take it as a sign of higher intelligence in my dog that she leaves the turkeys alone. A neighbor pointed out that wild turkeys have hooked, nasty, sharp claws. Poppy must have heard him talking and behaved accordingly.

Until she didn't. One morning, when I wasn't fully awake, she decided to use our first walk of the day to pursue a turkey hen. She chased the hen into the street and mulled over her options for further tomfoolery.

Fearful that the large tom turkey would spring out, and make her pay for her effrontery, I quickly hustled my dog away. Let's just say, on that occasion, I woke up in a hurry.

So now, I'll have to add turkeys to the long list of hazards for which I need to watch out when I walk Poppy. Does anybody know when these #%\*?# birds will be leaving?

The dog and I, in late May, encountered a large tom turkey who was gobbling his head off in a grassy field. He was all alone, and a helpful neighbor explained to me that this tom had lost the battle for the turkey hens to a younger tom. Men have it hard, he opined.

So, this tom gobbled and gobbled, to no avail. No lady turkeys answered his clarion call.

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