

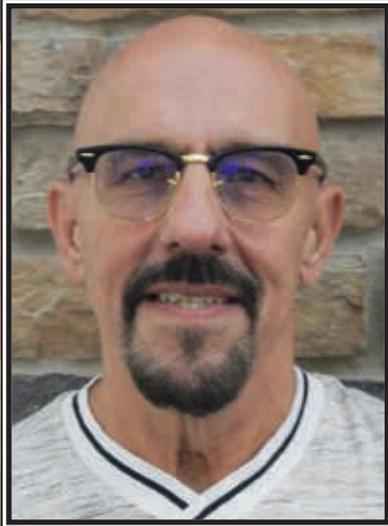


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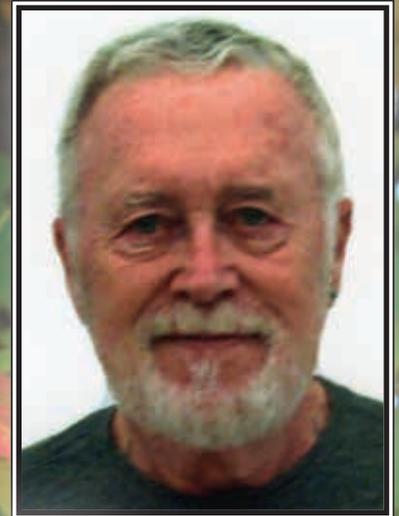
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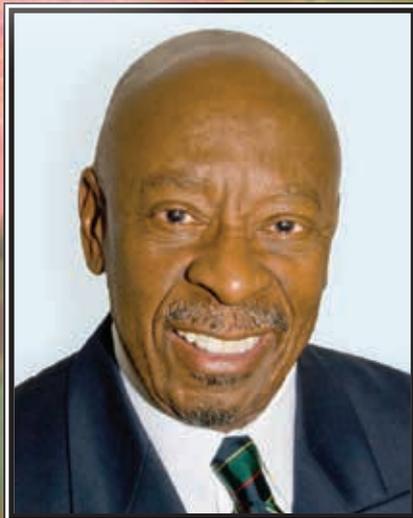
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HGA Board Candidates for 2022 Board. Ballots were mailed to residents. Vote for three. Return your ballot by 4 pm Friday, Nov. 19, to the Management Office. (See page 5)

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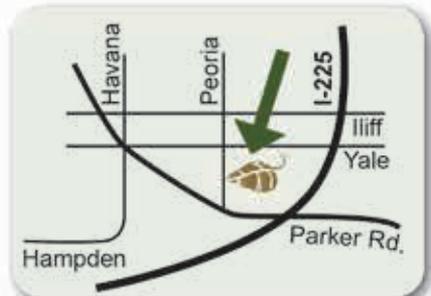
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HGMD accepts 2022 budget in special meeting Oct. 14

On Oct. 14, the HGMD Board held a joint monthly meeting/public hearing on the 2022 budget. The board moved quickly through its regular agenda items, and advanced to highlighting its portion of the proposed budget.

HGMD President David Funk announced the RV lot has been sealcoated. The vendor currently was resolving items on the project punch list.

Chief Executive Officer Jon Rea announced that a Clubhouse Manager had been hired. He was to assume the position on Oct. 21. Rea remarked that applications for the Assistant Clubhouse Manager position were being reviewed. Interviews for that position were to begin shortly. He indicated the new Clubhouse Manager would participate in selecting the assistant.

The board opened the public hearing on the budget, and invited audience members to comment. No comments were made. It is necessary for HGMD to approve its future budget before the HGA Board can act on the total HG budget, because it becomes the Recreation Fee on the full budget. The HGA Board met the afternoon of Oct. 14 in a Special Meeting on the budget (see page 7).

The board approved the resolution to adopt the budget as presented by the Budget & Finance Committee, certify the mill levy, and appropriate necessary sums of money.

Key components included:

Anticipated Enterprise Fund Revenue:	\$2,730,172
Anticipated Enterprise Fund Expenditures:	\$2,524,448
Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)	205,724
Anticipated Restricted Fund Revenue:	\$ 553,397
Anticipated Restricted Fund Expenditures:	\$ 594,385

(Note: The budget anticipates using \$60,000 of excess debt service cash held by the Trustee Bank.)

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When compared to the 2021 Budget, HGMD had a slight decrease of -2.79 percent. Total revenue was \$2,808,640. Expenditures are also expected to be less (-4.18 percent). In 2021, it is \$2,634,683, which, when COGS are added in for this year (\$227,879), produces an operating loss of -\$53,922.

The board did not announce the amount of the mill levy, suggesting the number could change slightly in the coming month. It is required to deliver that number in December.

The board moved to the public forum session of the meeting, and invited additional audience comment. No comments were forthcoming. The board adjourned its meeting.

Annual HG Membership Meetings

Monday, Nov. 1, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1 pm

Thursday, Nov. 4, 10 am

Sandberg Auditorium, Zoom

You may attend in person or via Zoom. Those who attend in Sandberg Auditorium will be observing only — no questions or comments allowed. If you want to ask questions or make comments, you should attend by Zoom.

From a Pitera message on Oct. 19:

There are several important announcements regarding the mailing of the ballots for the upcoming 2022 Proposed Budget Veto and Board Election.

Ballots were mailed out Wednesday, Oct. 20. Returned ballots must be enclosed in the return envelope that has your name and address on it to be counted. You can return your two ballots — one for the Budget Veto and a second one for the Board Directors with terms beginning January 2022 — either via mail or dropped off in-person. Ballot drop-off boxes will be in the Clubhouse and in the Management Office.

Ballots must be returned by Friday, Nov. 19, at 4 pm (MT). Photographs of candidates for the board are shown on the cover of this newsmagazine.



Above: Three residents completed their ballots for Aurora City Council and local school boards well in advance of Nov. 2 Election Day, then securely deposited them in the Arapahoe County Drop-Off Box that is conveniently located at the HG Clubhouse. Photo by Janis Farrell.

Key 2022 Budget assumptions/notes

Budget Development: The budget was assembled with the assumption that every department is fully staff.

Payroll has been budgeted for a 3 percent increase in wages for all employees. This is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Wages and salaries increased 3.2 percent for the 12-month period ending in June 2021 and increased 2.9 percent for the 12-month period ending in June 2020. Benefit costs increased 2.2 percent over the year and previously increased 2.2 percent for the 12-month period ending in June 2020.

Fuel/Gas budgeting has increased in all departments with vehicles, equipment and tools requiring gas. Estimates for 2022 are across the board that pricing may go down or possibly continue to increase due to supply and demand. There will be roughly a 3–30 percent increase of fuel expenses.

Gas & Electric is expected to be relatively flat in 2022. A 3 percent increase was included for gas and electric, but there was no budget for the \$71,000 surcharge that was incurred in February 2021.

Water & Sewer is expected to increase about 4 percent based on information provided by Aurora.

HG Insurance expense is budgeted at 9.5 percent based on the estimate provided by McGriff, HGA's Insurance Broker, as of Sept. 7. With this increase, the premium of \$1,747,313 is about \$150,000 greater than the 2021 forecast.

Costs for **miscellaneous outside contractors** were expected to increase. Most increases in outside contractors were due to inflation. These include the following contractors: HVAC/Boiler, roof repairs, electrical, concrete repairs (33 percent increase), siding repairs, and sewer/plumbing (increased 50 percent). One outside contractor for glass replacement was decreased 20 percent.

Due to aging water pipes and lines, **Maintenance** is expecting additional work by outside contractors. **Roads & Grounds** expects a 20 percent decrease in contractors. The CP1 retaining wall was delayed due to the costs for materials increasing.

As the budget was developed to accommodate **repairs and equipment** in the various departments, the following were some of the choices made:

- Projects in the **Clubhouse** will be targeted to repairs and employee labor. Locker room tile will be re-grouted and cleaned. Sandberg

Auditorium floor will be refinished, not replaced.

- **Maintenance** will have a significant increase in 2022 for sewer/plumbing repair.

- **Restaurant** needs a microwave, sandwich table, range, and a waffle machine.

- **Roads & Grounds** completed many repairs on equipment in 2021. This line item has decreased roughly 25 percent.

- **Software and Information Technology.** HG will continue to use current programs. Still researching Accounting/Community Management Software.

- **Security Department** will research and potentially implement a new software program that includes report platforms and patrol tracking, etc.

The budget for **supplies** was cut or remained flat in most departments with the exception of Maintenance, Custodial and Security.

All **HGMD profit centers and Clubhouse** are expected to return to pre-COVID sales and expenses.

HEATHER GARDENS ASSOCIATION & HEATHER GARDENS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 2022 Fee Summary & Comparison					
Heather Gardens Association					
	2022	2021	Diff	% Change	
Maintenance	6,477,035	6,065,680	411,355	6.78%	
Water & Sewer	1,325,468	974,552	350,916	36.01%	
Gas & Electric	955,938	1,044,914	(88,976)	-8.52%	
Insurance	1,708,273	1,713,054	(4,781)	-0.28%	
Capital Reserve	3,401,830	2,489,691	912,139	36.64%	
Capital Adjustment		107,330	(107,330)	-100.00%	
Total	13,868,544	12,395,221	1,473,324	11.89%	
Avg Monthly Dues*	\$ 476.39	\$ 425.78	\$ 50.61	11.89%	
Heather Gardens Metropolitan District					
	2022	2021	Diff	% Change	
Rec Fee	1,496,739	1,409,428	87,311	6.19%	
Capital Adjusment		107,330	(107,330)		
Total	1,496,739	1,516,758	(20,019)	-1.32%	
Avg Monthly Dues*	\$ 51.41	\$ 52.10	\$ (0.69)	-1.32%	
HGA & HGMD Combined					
	2022	2021	Diff	% Change	
HGA	13,868,544	12,395,221	1,473,324	11.89%	
HGMD	1,496,739	1,516,758	(20,019)	-1.32%	
Total	15,365,283	13,911,979	1,453,304	10.45%	
HGA Avg Dues	\$ 476.39	\$ 425.78	\$ 50.61	11.89%	
HGMD Avg Dues	\$ 51.41	\$ 52.10	\$ (0.69)	-1.32%	
Total Avg Monthly Dues	\$ 527.80	\$ 477.88	\$ 49.92	10.45%	
Analysis of Dues					
	2022	2021	Diff	% Change	% of the Total Increase
HGA Operating Expense	\$ 359.53	\$ 336.57	\$ 22.96	6.82%	46%
HGA Capital Reserve - Parking Structures Repairs	\$ 38.65	\$ 7.21	\$ 31.44	435.79%	63%
HGA Capital Reserve - All Other Proj.	\$ 78.20	\$ 81.99	\$ (3.79)	-4.62%	-8%
HGMD Operating Expense	\$ 37.77	\$ 38.92	\$ (1.15)	-2.95%	-2%
HGMD Capital Reserve	\$ 13.65	\$ 13.19	\$ 0.46	3.50%	1%
Total	\$ 527.80	\$ 477.88	\$ 49.92	10.45%	100%
*The average monthly dues is a calculation of taking the total budget amount, divide that by 2426 (total number of units), then divide by 12 (to get the monthly amount).					
*Total does not include other revenue sources outside of the above 5 fees.					

2022 budget approved, ballots for HGA Board and budget veto ready to mail

The HGA Board of Directors held a special meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14. The sole agenda item was the 2022 HGA budget.

The board approved the proposed budget, and announced three public meetings, at which residents could comment on the budget and ask questions. Three Annual Membership Meetings were scheduled, in the Sandberg Auditorium (see page 5).

The board approved a total combined budget, for HGA and HGMD, of \$15,365,283. This figure is a 10.45 percent increase, compared to the 2021 budget.

HGA's portion of the budget totaled \$13,868,544. Earlier that day, the HGMD approved their portion of the budget (see page 5).

The 2022 HGA budget motion assumed revenues of \$14,037,202 and expenditures of \$14,573,096. The 2022 budget includes a surplus from 2020 of \$219,850.

Operating expenses for the year increased 6.82 percent, compared to 2021. Capital funds designated for repairs of the four parking structures increased 435.79 percent. The budget assumed the balance of the Capital Reserve Fund would be reduced by \$315,961.

President Jill Bacon blocked the attempts of several audience members to express their opinion about the budget or ask questions. The time for input would have been at the budget workshops, held Sept. 27–30, she said. Homeowners can ask questions and make comments about the budget at the three Annual Membership Meetings. (A Pílera announcement to HG residents who have subscribed to this service asked that questions be submitted in advance of the meetings, if available.)

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The HGA held its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 19. President Jill Bacon acknowledged she was incorrect when she said homeowners could not speak about the 2022 budget at the Oct. 14 meeting. Candice Compton, B220, pointed out Bacon had violated the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA). CCIOA requires, when an agenda item is on the table, homeowners must have an opportunity to discuss it.

Nominating Committee Chair Mark Nading reported November ballots were ready to mail, and the “counting team” was ready to go. Ballots were mailed to eligible members on Oct. 20. They must be returned by Thursday, Nov. 19. Ballots for the Budget Veto vote and 2022 HGA Board Directors were to be counted on Tuesday, Nov. 23.

In response to a question, Nading said the two parts of the election would not be counted together. Votes for directors would be counted in a separate room than the votes on whether to veto the 2022 budget.

Last year, due to COVID protocols, counting ballots to veto the budget was delayed until it was safe for count-

ers to gather. Since fewer than 50 percent of all eligible homeowners returned ballots last year, it was a foregone conclusion that the budget was not vetoed, since 50 percent plus one vote is required to send the budget back to the board for revision. The same vote margin still applies.

The board voted to allow Chief Executive Officer Jon Rea to continue discussions with Comcast, regarding work on HG's property. Rea noted Comcast's contractor, SEFNCO, reported it was short-handed and needed to hire a contractor of its own to complete work. HG's current agreement with Comcast prohibits this; however, Rea agreed to continue negotiations, and present a new agreement to the board for approval.

Comcast

Rea said he would reach out to HG's attorney, to make sure the language in any new agreement “is as tight” as in the current agreement. Board members noted the current agreement contains no deadlines for completing the work. Rea indicated he would get performance goals added to any new agreement.

Rea also noted that Comcast has committed to performing work within HG in one neighborhood at a time. Having contractors throughout the property, in the past, made adequately supervising them difficult. In addition, all underground digging has been completed.

The board approved revisions to its bylaws submitted by Director Larry Dávila. Revisions included that any HG committee member dealing with proprietary information must sign a confidentiality agreement. It clarified that prohibiting verbal or physical abuse of employees is the responsibility of owners, even when the abuse is done by renters, contractors or guests. It specified that the title company must provide HG with name of the new owner and date of transfer, when a unit is sold. It stated that audience members cannot actively participate in board working sessions.

Bylaws revised

Revisions also clarified that a board director cannot miss three meetings in a calendar year and remain on the board. The old wording said directors could not miss more than three *regular* (monthly) meetings. Discussion ensued over whether the restriction was too onerous; however, directors agreed that with the ability to Zoom in to board meetings from remote sites, the restriction was reasonable.

The board approved revisions to the Employee Handbook. Director David Baxter remarked the changes, dated Oct. 14, reflected recommendations of the Ad Hoc Personnel Policy Committee, but did not enumerate what the changes were.

The board approved its Administration 5 Policy, which

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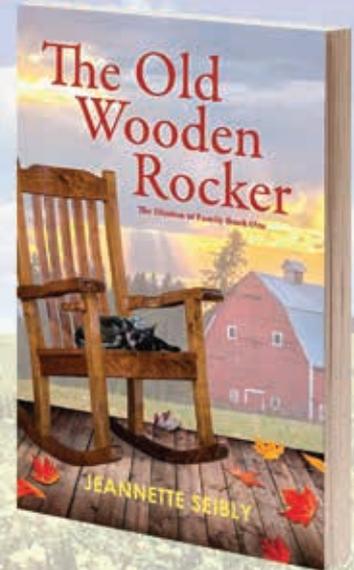
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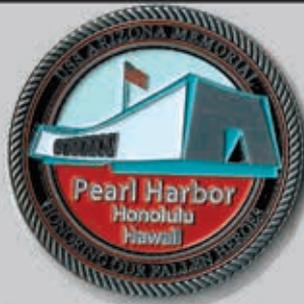


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Parking Structure update from PSAC

What is the best choice to make regarding the Parking Structures (PS): SAVE, REPLACE, or PATCH then REPLACE? The HGA Board, utilizing information gathered by the Parking Structure Advisory Committee (PSAC) and HG management team, is evaluating the different options. Making an informed decision is in the best interests of the HG community.

Building & Civil Engineering (BC&E) is contracted to do an updated evaluation of PS 1–4. Its report will provide a prioritized list of required work and estimates of cost for each item. Restructure Corporation will drill holes so BC&E can do close inspection in eight locations throughout the four PS. Restructure will assist with pricing the work that BC&E lists.

Ivins Design Group has been contracted to provide Phase I drawings (plot plans) for submission to Aurora's Planning Department during a pre-application meeting(s) with them.

By early next year, PSAC expects to have additional information and specific requirements from the city about PS replacement, and BC&E's report about what it will take to save the PS. At that time, management and the PSAC will be able to do further cost analysis that will help when choosing which option to take. Armed with this data and analysis, the HGA Board can make an informed decision.

Frequently Asked Questions

- One of the most common questions or suggestions PSAC has received is, *"Can we replace the PS with a mixed-use facility with enough parking for everyone?"*

Bruce Henson explains why multi-story, mixed use, development is not an option for HG's PS.

"About five years ago, at the request of HG management and directors, my firm, HG Brokers, reached out to architects, developers, financial people, and someone doing public/private partnerships regarding the feasibility of 8–10-story mixed-use buildings on top of the footprint of Parking Structures (PS) 3 and 4. This strategy for PS 3 and 4 would not change the necessity or expense of dealing with PS 1 and 2. All those contacted raised concerns."

- **Cost.** The first thing that HG would require of any developer would be to replace about 300 parking spaces. At a cost estimate of \$30,000 per space, that would be \$9 million to begin a new build. Even if HG contributed half that amount into the project, it is still an obstacle.

The developer would also need to provide parking for additional units built, which could require another 300–400 spaces. Also, code would require an elevator to access parking and the newly added units.

- **Design Constraints.** The city of Aurora has current requirements of any new construction to have retail or conference/meeting space (not residential space) on the ground level, with residential units going on the floors above that. With at least a 20-foot-deep space around the perimeter of the footprint, it makes the first floor interior space too small for any parking. It has room for an access drive to parking, requiring all parking to go above or below the first floor element of the design.

- **Condo construction defects legislation.** Several years ago, Colorado's legislature passed a very stringent construction-defects law binding any builder to an unusually high standard and time period. The effect of this law was to virtually stop new construction of condos all over the state. While this law has since been relaxed slightly, the contemporary wisdom is that most builders prefer to lease the property for at least seven years, then sell the properties after that. This creates a difficulty in HG due to the rental cap in the Declaration of Condominium.

- **Rental cap.** Given the HG limit of 20 percent for rental properties in all of HG, it is problematic to add another 400 units of rental units into the 18 percent that currently exists.

- **Affordable housing requirement.** While it is not a certainty, most new construction needs to have a certain ratio of units that qualify as affordable housing. There would be a deed restriction on these units that would only allow the sale to buyers fitting a particular income profile.

- **Potential legal obstacles.** It is a fact of life that putting an 8 to 10 story building on top of the footprint of PS 3–4 would mean obstructing the views to the west of those currently on South Wheeling Way. The odds of legal action to stop the project are to be considered.

Summary

Given the challenges, the folks that Henson spoke to, and after discussing it with some financial people, it was decided that this type of project is too far outside of the normal business model. It made more sense for developers to continue with their main business model — purchase vacant land, build conforming apartments or condos, and lease or sell them as a bundle for a profit. Alternatively, they could build strip malls using the same land acquisition model.

– Linda Hileman, CP1
Bruce Henson, STH
PSAC Communication Subgroup





HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

This is the month of Thanksgiving. It has surely arrived quickly this year. Many changes have taken place since the year began. Are there things that you and I should be thankful for? Colorado is short on water. Gas prices are higher. Food costs are expected to rise 10 percent in the months ahead. There is more crime moving into HG and the state. When considering these conditions, it appears, from first glance, that things are pretty bad.

I can choose to dwell on these negative things. Or I can choose to look at the positive things that are happening. Many HG residents have received the vaccine that is cutting down on the number of COVID-19 cases. Those of us who are in good health have a lot to be grateful for. The weather so far this fall has been generally nice — the days are warm, and the nights are cool.

I look forward to spending time with friends and loved ones this year, which was much more difficult last year due to the coronavirus restrictions. What a relief it will be to see my children, grandchildren and friends, without all of the restrictions of the past 18 months. That is good news for you and me.

Yes, there are still many problems in the country and in the world. I cannot deny it. It is up to you and me to make sure that our attitude and outlook on life is not adding to the “problem.” A positive attitude can be part of the “solution.”

It is my hope that during this year’s holiday season, all residents consider finding the “good” in our community and our lives. Find ways to become part of the “solution.” You can assist one another to make this season a positive one.

There are many opportunities in HG to be of assistance. The Optimist club had their annual food drive. You can share with others in this manner. I am hoping that we will once again have the “Angel tree” to help those children who do not have the opportunity to have a holiday like other children have. There are so many great opportunities here in Heather Gardens to share ourselves with others. It is my hope that everyone will take the opportunity to share their thankfulness with each other and with the good things around us.

HGA...from page 7

outlines what happens when residents want to inspect or copy HGA records. Complying with a legislatively requirement that such policies be reviewed every three years, Dávila remarked, the vote reaffirmed the document, last revised in 2018. “No changes whatsoever,” he remarked.

Area Representative Organization (ARO) President Betty Bergeron told the directors that Security Chief Mike Martinez told the Area Representatives (ARs) that those buildings that have established cameras to record criminal activity in the lobby or around the building should set a policy that recordings are reviewed only when a crime has occurred. In addition, who gets to review those recordings should be restricted, possibly to only the ARs or Assistant ARs and the HG Security Chief. This advice was to avoid violating the privacy of residents in the building as they come and go. Bergeron added that too many people are reviewing what the cameras have recorded.

ARO

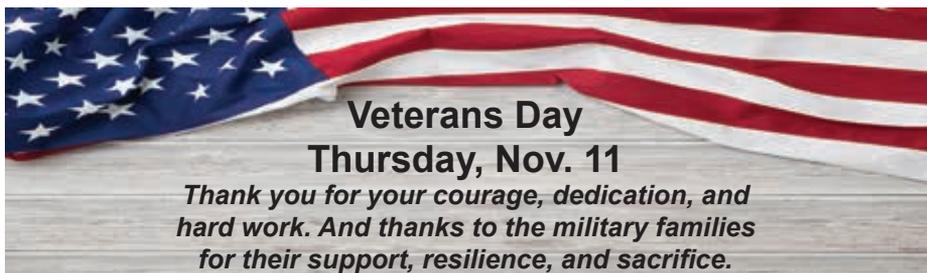
Bergeron also noted that a guest speaker to the Oct. 14 meeting, Jim Seneca from the Aurora Police Department, spoke on “Seniors at Risk.” He urged residents to contact Adult Protective Services (APS), Arapahoe County, 303-636-1750, if they notice that a resident is having difficulties, or has not been seen recently. Any concerns can be reported. APS will assign a caseworker and investigate.

At the ARO meeting, Seneca praised HG’s Security officers for making life safer for HG residents.

{Editor’s Note: For instance, if a vulnerable adult is showing signs of self-neglect, APS can arrange home services that help with bathing, pest-control, meal delivery, clutter removal, or a combination of these. In Colorado, any APS report and case information is confidential and, except in limited circumstances established in statute, it cannot be shared without a court order for good cause.}

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Publisher's Corner

An inspiring life story — just for Thanksgiving time

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

There are a lot of newspapers in our home. Over the years, my husband and I have subscribed to at least four separate newspapers in the Denver area. We were sorry to see the *Rocky Mountain News* cease publication. Others that came via delivery or mail are now available only digitally.

While I am comfortable reading the digital version, my husband has never quite adapted to that. He likes having the paper in his hand. (Besides, he claims, "Computers hate me.")

One publication that I get digitally now is *The Washington Post*. A feature story from June 14 was one of those that touched my heart. I want to share it with you.

A young man, 18 years of age, went to work at a local Waffle House in Center Point, Alabama, on the day of his high school graduation. Timothy Harrison was a server.

His store manager, Cedric Hampton, was surprised to see him there because he had given him the day off for the milestone life event. Unfortunately, Harrison's family was unable to attend the graduation, and he did not have a ride to the ceremony in nearby Birmingham, about an hour's drive from his home.

When co-workers learned about why Harrison was at work and not his graduation, manager Hampton took charge. He told Harrison to go home, get his paperwork, call the school. Hampton, 38, said, "We will figure out the rest...it was a no-brainer. Graduation is one of those things you get to do once in life...it's necessary to be there."

Harrison had told his coworkers that he did not have a cap and gown or tickets to the event. He had missed the rehearsal where these items are distributed because he was at work.

One employee drove Harrison to the high school to get his graduation gear. Another visited a nearby Target

to buy a new outfit for him.

Four Waffle House employees contributed about \$40 each for a pair of gray pants, blue dress shirt and tie, and matching gray shoes for Harrison.

Hampton noted that a couple customers contributed as well.

"We...[took] care of everything so he could really celebrate this day."

When Harrison tried on his new outfit at the restaurant, "I felt like the president."

Harrison was overwhelmed with appreciation and now considers the Waffle House employees his "work family."

"My work family is helpful and thoughtful. They make sure everybody around them is okay," he said. "They are very loving people."

Due to pandemic restrictions, the Waffle House employees were not permitted inside the ceremony, but congratulated Harrison when he returned to the parking lot.

"It was most definitely the best



Above: A Waffle House employee's daughter adjusts the graduation cap for Timothy Harrison as he prepared to attend his high school graduation in June. Photo by Waffle House Manager Cedric Hampton.

day of my life," he said. "The experience was amazing."

Harrison's story was shared on local news, where faculty members at Lawson State Community College in Birmingham heard it. They offered him a full scholarship, as well as books.

Cynthia Anthony, president of Lawson State Community College, said, "This young man was certainly hard-working and dedicated to the task at hand at Waffle House...We just wanted to see how Lawson State could help him to further his education and meet his career goals."

Harris was elated. "This is a blessing," he said. College had not been an option for Harrison because of cost. He would work at Waffle House. Maybe join the military eventually.

Restaurant Manager Hampton commented that the college offer was "the crowning moment...now, there's doors opening up that he never even thought about."

Hampton accompanied Harrison in June to tour the college campus. Harrison wanted to study business and computer science.

"I am his full-time mentor," Hampton said. "I feel really good about what's about to happen next for him. And I'll always be there along the way."

(Inspired Life story by Sydney Page, June 14, 2021, *The Washington Post*)

I don't know about you, but I get a little choked up every time I read this story that I had put in a special folder — on hold for the right occasion to share it. With this being November, Thanksgiving (on the third Thursday) has arrived for another year. I like taking a moment annually to be grateful for all the good in my life.

Whether you use this month, or only the day of Thanksgiving, for gratitude, it is a reminder to be thankful for a home, food on the table, friends, family and all the other good things that make us feel valued. You and I can strive to be better in all activities.

I'm sure that Timothy Harrison has lots to be thankful for this year. Cedric Hampton certainly set the bar high for the rest of us in meeting the moment, providing the opportunity for someone else to have "the best day of their life."



Management

Which department should you call?

By Jon Rea
Chief Executive Officer

In an effort to continue enhancing communication and to provide higher quality service, HG employees need your help! Many things occur daily at HG — a nuisance concern with a neighbor, a leaky pipe, a broken thermostat, needing a shrub to be pruned, carpet cleaning, etc. It's important that all residents know where to go to get your service needs addressed in a timely and efficient manner.

Many times, throughout the day, HG Management Office gets quite a few phone calls or emails that can be addressed quickly by HG staff. I don't want your service request to be delayed due to my schedule or the schedules of staff that you contact when you have a concern.

I love speaking with residents and addressing needs. However, I want to ensure that you get a streamlined resolution to your problem by using the resource that can get you the quickest response.

Sometimes residents call an employee whom they know, even when they may work in a department different from the one that will act on your request. I'd like to avoid that. I also want to ensure that all employees respond promptly to resident requests. Therefore, I thought it be appropriate to outline who you should contact for different activities or help requests.

Security is an integral part of HG operations, providing support to the entire community 24/7, 365 days of the year. They address and provide services for many matters which include:

- Reporting nuisances that need an investigation
- Issuing courtesy notices
- Reviewing covenant concerns and violations
- Reviewing suspicious activity
- Patrolling HG property to reduce criminal behavior and opportunity.

Chief Mike Martinez and his staff do a great job resolving and assisting residents through these issues.

As always, if there is an emergency, it is recommended that you call 911.

Maintenance, Roads & Grounds/Landscape and Custodial provide various services throughout the HG property. The best way to ensure that you receive timely service is to contact the Management Office. Resident Services Coordinator Michelle Audet will triage the request, reach out to the appropriate department, then create a work order for your request. It is important to remember that the office team, which includes Receptionist Veronica Gonzales will ask clarifying questions to determine the severity of the issue. A timetable will be created by the responding department regarding when the work order will be addressed. What kinds of requests do these departments handle and what should you call the office for?

Maintenance:

- Water leaks and plumbing
- Heating
- Ventilation,
- Air conditioning (does not include window units)
- Common area problems
- Electrical wiring within walls
- Flat concrete work, and so on.

(For a comprehensive list of services and responsibilities that are done by HGA and those that are done by an owner, please contact the Management Office.)

Roads & Grounds/Landscape:

- Common-area mowing
- Leaf and pine-needle cleanup on the grounds
- Irrigation labor/maintenance
- Planting, pruning or removing trees or shrubs
- Snowplowing or shoveling sidewalks, applying ice melt

Custodial:

- Vacuuming entry mats and common areas
- Spot clean glass in entryways and lobby areas
- Empty trash and clean chutes
- Dust or mop non-carpeted areas
- Spot cleaning or shampooing common-area carpets
- Clean elevators
- Polish stainless steel
- Clean laundry rooms

Note: These aren't all inclusive lists

The managers of each department are available to address specific concerns and issues as well. They are happy to help anytime.

As always, if there are any issues you feel are not being addressed, I am happy to discuss it with you via phone, email or in-person. That includes problems that you believe I should be aware of or if you have a concern with a department or employee.

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The Aurora Commission for Older Adults is accepting applications to fill several vacancies. This commission enhances the quality of life of the older-adult population in Aurora by supporting current programs and promoting the development of new ones in the areas of housing, transportation, health, nutrition, legisla-

tion, recreation, education, advocacy and networking. Members must be an Aurora resident, registered voter and not hold any paid, elected or appointed position with the city or any board of education. Members must be at least 45 years old, with the majority of the commission over 55 years old. To learn more and apply,

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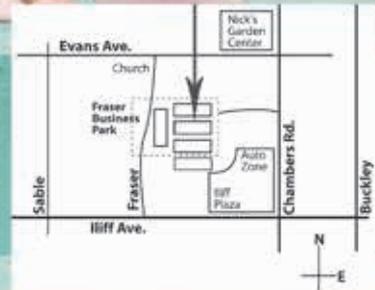
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{Editor's Note: Other city boards or commissions with vacancies include Aurora Fox Arts Center Board, Civil Service Commission, Election Commission, Human Relations Commission, Immigrant and Refugee Commission, and Planning and Zoning Commission.}



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Artist Lisa Garness Mallory, B232, is still unpacking

Holding back her affectionate Cotonese pup “Cherie,” Lisa Garness Mallory opens the door to her rooms in B232. It’s been a scant three weeks since she moved to HG, and packing boxes still line the walls. Lisa has pulled one sample of her art work out from the boxes and laid it on the dining table. It is a macro photo of an orchid into which she has etched lines along the flower’s vascular system. The etching enhancements are her own invention.

A Denver native, Lisa moved to Sterling, Colorado, when she was in eighth grade. Her parents liked the slower pace of a rural town. It didn’t suit Lisa, who describes herself as a city girl. She moved back to Denver after studying fine arts

at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling. She married, had one son, divorced and placed her art interests on hold while she worked to support herself.

Apparently, art is in her DNA and will not be suppressed. Her mother was an avid painter. Her father took courses to learn to make frames for their paintings. He continued taking courses in silver smithing and gemstone jewelry. Generations earlier, Lisa’s great-great uncle had drawn illustrations of Hans Christian Anderson fairy tales and stories for Norwegian publications.

In 2009, she resumed her art full time.

She took up nature photography and enjoyed dabbling with digital en-

hancements. She exhibited her work but was one among many other photographers. Pondering over what she could do to be different and original, she decided one night to conflate her fine arts background with her photography. Using a sewing needle, she began scratching the ink from her photos. The resulting three-dimensional look bathed the subject through a shimmer of other-worldly light and popped the subject toward the viewer.

After pricking her fingers several times, she explored other tools to use.

“I didn’t want to impale my hand.” Wood carving tools worked for her artistic purposes but resulted in carpal tunnel symptoms.

These last few years, she’s been using an engraver, “It’s been a godsend.” The engraver can be used on metal, wood

and canvas as well as photo paper surfaces.

She exhibited her photo etchings in several art guilds. In 2014, she was featured on the Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Station (RMPBS) show, “Arts District.” The show aired nationally on PBS stations. Viewers liked her work, but fellow painters and fellow photographers severely criticized her approach.

Painters (who devote hours to their painting) were miffed because they thought all she had to do was make digital alterations from her computer. Photographers refused to accept her work as photography.

“I almost quit the process because of all the criticism I got from my peers.”

She was nearly in tears while driving home with a friend from a guild exhibition.

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Above: Lisa Garness Mallory, B232, holds Cherie on the lanai of her condo. Photographs of her artwork (from top: flowering cacti; water lilies; and a blue iris. For additional artwork, see website — <https://lisagarnessart.weebly.com/>



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S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald: a Great Lakes freighter that sunk

Somewhere in the back of your mind, you are thinking, “where have I heard that name?!” Mr. Fitzgerald was the president of a large insurance company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, named Northwest Mutual Life Insurance. The company invested heavily in the iron and minerals industries, including the construction of an ore carrier named after the company president.

Construction began in 1957 with specific dimensions to allow passage through the soon-to-be completed St. Lawrence Seaway, a complex passage allowing shipping between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean. At a cost of \$7 million (\$49 million by today’s rate), it was the first laker [a term used to describe a lake ship] built to meet the maximum seaway size. The *Fitzgerald* measured 729 feet in length and 75 feet in width. Today, the dimensions of these ships have increased to an average 1,000 feet in length and 105 feet in width.

Ocean-going vessels are much larger, but lakera have to negotiate the seaway locks and canals, thereby limiting their size.

*The legend lives on from the
Chippewa on down
Of the big lake they called
Gitche Gumee
The lake, it is said, never gives
up her dead
When the skies of November
turn gloomy
With a load of iron ore twenty-six
thousand tons more
Than the Edmund Fitzgerald
weighed empty*

*That good ship and true was a
bone to be chewed
When the gales of November
came early*

These ships were built to be work horses, but due to the presence and involvement of Mr. Fitzgerald, amenities were included in the construction making her unusual “for the times.” By ore freighter standards, the interior of *Edmund Fitzgerald* was well done. Her company-designed furnishings included deep pile carpeting, tiled bathrooms, drapes over the portholes, and leather swivel chairs in the guest lounge. There were two guest staterooms for passengers.

Air conditioning extended to the crew quarters, which also had more amenities than usual. A large galley and fully stocked pantry supplied meals for two dining rooms. The *Edmund Fitzgerald’s* pilothouse was outfitted with “state-of-the-art nautical equipment and a beautiful map room.

Fitzgerald’s own grandfather had himself been a lake captain, and his father owned the Milwaukee Drydock Company, which built and repaired ships. More than 15,000 people attended *Edmund Fitzgerald’s* christening and launch ceremony on June 7, 1958. The event was plagued by misfortunes.

When Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Edmund’s wife, tried to christen the ship by smashing a champagne bottle over the bow, it took her three attempts to break it. A delay of 36 minutes followed while the shipyard crew struggled to release the keel blocks.

When it launched sideways, the ship created a large wave that “doused” the spectators. It then crashed into a pier before righting. One man watching the launching had a heart attack and later died. Other witnesses said they swore the ship was “trying to climb right out of the water.” [These misfor-

tunes, to me, at least, looked somewhat ominous!] On Sept. 22, 1958, *Edmund Fitzgerald* completed nine days of sea trials and was ready for work.

Edmund Fitzgerald was a record-setting workhorse, often beating her own milestones. The vessel’s record load for a single trip was 27,842 tons in 1969. For 17 years, *Edmund Fitzgerald* carried taconite (iron pellets) from Minnesota’s Iron Range mines near Duluth, Minnesota, to iron works in Toledo, and other ports.

A round trip between Superior, Wisconsin, and Detroit, Michigan, usually took her five days. She averaged 47 similar trips per season. By November 1975, *Edmund Fitzgerald* had logged an estimated 748 round trips on the Great Lakes, covering more than a million miles — “a distance roughly equivalent to 44 trips around the world.”

*The ship was the pride of the
American side
Coming back from some mill in
Wisconsin
As the big freighters go, it was
bigger than most
With a crew and good captain
well seasoned
Concluding some terms with a
couple of steel firms
When they left fully loaded for
Cleveland
And later that night when the
ship’s bell rang
Could it be the north wind they’d
been feelin’?*

The following is an abbreviated time line of events on the fateful day:

- At 2:15 pm, Nov. 9, 1975, the *Fitzgerald* left Superior, Wisconsin, fully loaded with iron taconite pellets. She was under the command of Captain Earnest McSorley, an experienced seaman with 40 years on the lakes.

- Around 5 pm, she joined a second freighter, the *Arthur M. Anderson*. The *Fitzgerald* was headed to unload near Detroit. The *Anderson* [which is still carrying iron ore on the Great Lakes] was heading to unload at

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Above: The S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald in 1971

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The Month (October)

Two CP4 units were sold in February and April 2021 after being rebuilt. HG got \$979,000 from the sale (HG financial reports for September 2021). With costs to build these condos at \$885,378, HG netted a profit of \$93,622, which is taxable, said Chief Financial Officer Jerry Counts.

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From a HG Plera message on Oct. 20: If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so.

Please visit the Tri-County Health Department website for more information regarding their recommendations: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) | Tri-County Health Department - Official Website (tchd.org). In 2021, HG has had 40 residents test positive and show some symptoms of COVID-19. Two recent cases were for residents in B219.

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CFO Jerry Counts detailed the status of delinquent homeowner fees in HG to the Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) on Oct. 18. He said that about 150 delinquency letters had been sent to owners, totaling about \$250,000. Eight accounts have been sent to the HGA attorney; 20 more would be given to the attorney that week (Oct. 18). About 43 owners have significant complications in their account that has required extensive staff time to research and resolve for both parties, HG and the homeowner. He expects the work to take until the end of this year to catch up.

He described that the first action taken by HG accounting is to send a written delinquency notice/letter to the owner. In it, they are given 30 days to correct. If the owner does not respond, the account may be referred to HG's lawyer. Counts noted that 1 or 2 of the delinquent accounts are for units that may already be in foreclosure. He also reminded the B&F Committee members that all collections had stopped in March 2020 with the COVID-19 lockdown, an action that helped create the backlog.

Total accounts receivable outstanding as of Sept. 30, 2021, was \$406,988. The goal of Accounting, according to Counts, is to get this total below \$100,000.

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Above: At its Oct. 7 meeting, the HG Optimists inducted new members to the club, then introduced the officers for the year to come. (Photo by Janis Farrell)

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That Was...

Maintenance Facilities Engineer Jon Howell reported on several projects to the Maintenance Committee on Sept. 17. *{Editor's Note: The monthly meeting of this committee occurs too late to make the next month's issue.}*

- Looking into using a polyurethane foam to straighten any leaning pillars in the CP areas. Replacing those pillars is approximately \$2,500 versus the foam treatment that runs about \$400. He is currently testing the process on one pillar.

- Replaced two PVC fences that needed to be replaced with wood fencing. The PVC fencing product supply is inconsistent and, in some cases, it is impossible to match new fencing to old fencing for repairs.

- Hot Shot infrared photography work on 16 multi-story building roofs was partially completed and should be finished the following week [end of September].

- The fire alarm testing throughout the community was completed.

- There continues to be significant plumbing issues in the community. [At the time] a sewer line needed to be replaced in one unit. A fire line leak was also needing repairs.

- Warranty issues on roofs that had Henry foam installed in the last few year were still pending. Howell and Chief Operating Officer Jason Altshuler did say that certain roofs will need to be repaired without waiting for resolving the warranty issues with Henry.

Contracts Manager Don O'Gorman told the same committee that miscellaneous parking structures repairs on PS1 and PS2 were in progress. The post-tension work on PS3 was scheduled to begin Sept. 30.

Carpet replacement of 10 floors in various buildings was scheduled to begin Oct. 4.

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HG Security Chief Mike Martinez reminds residents, **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR REMOTE IN YOUR CAR!** In his weekly Security Report, dated Oct.13, Martinez wrote, "The prior two weeks have seen the highest rate of building break-ins in our community. The number one thing stolen was garage remotes. Please do not leave your garage remote or valuables of any kind in your vehicle."

When calling the Security Office – ALWAYS call 303-750-9477. If you have a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 first, then HG Security.

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Photos by Janis Farrell



Said "goodbye" to summer: A Colorado Rockies Baseball game on Sept. 30



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



The Seville area had an outdoor concert around its tennis court on Sept. 25, complete with an ice cream truck. It was an "End to Summer Party."



Photos by Janis Farrell



The Seville area developed a new garden landscape, then added a bicycle feature that could hold seasonal flowers or plants: The

Bicycle Garden

Photos by Patt Clark



Gretchen Simone, Seville Recreation Association Board member, was offered an ornamental garden bike from a friend and active member of the Lakewood Garden Club. After getting approval from Seville Board President Byron MacDonald, Simone and other gardeners identified the perfect spot.

With all the summer gardening activity in Seville, another volunteer joined the



group known as the "Seville Sunflowers." Sandy Roberts, B235, will officially manage the new Bicycle Garden. With some TLC, it came to life.

– Patt Clark



Left: Three residents of the Seville buildings collaborated to set up the small bike (clockwise) Gretchen Simone, Al Reasoner and Sandy Roberts, work on the bike installation. Al offered the required expertise needed for installation.

Mallory ...from page 17

Her friend calmed her by explaining: "They're jealous, they don't understand what you're doing. You're going to be stiff competition in upcoming shows. They don't want to compete with you."

Lisa's reaction was, "Sweet, I'm going to keep doing it and I'm going to get better and better. I'm going to show these people."

Since then, numerous photographers began to alter their photographs. A new category, Alternative Photo Processing, emerged. Lisa literally cried in happiness when she saw her work exhibited in an Alternative Photography show. She felt vindicated. She felt akin to her favorite fine arts painters, the early impressionists whose work was roundly criticized in the 19th Century. She felt defiant responding to the old school rules:

"I created the process, therefore I can make or break the rules. I make my own rules about how I do my work."

She was equally defiant when she experienced a life threatening

disease during this period. She became seriously ill for a year before a worried doctor diagnosed her with severe Graves disease.

"I'm not going to die. I'm on an artist's journey to continue," she told the doctor.

Then COVID-19 slammed into her life. It shut down exhibitions and galleries where she sold her work. Her long-time landlord died, and her home and studio were sold out from under her. Rentals became too expensive. Moving to HG is getting her back on track.

She likes HG's proximity to nature. Her windows face the spillway. A lily pond is outside her door. She's near Cherry Creek State Park and is not far from Plains Conservation Center — all places she can wander with her camera. Residents are friendly. There are a plethora of



Above: Lisa Garner Mallory photographs flowers at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

classes she's interested in joining. Other forms of art intrigue her, and she wants to learn. She's looking forward to activities that will involve her in the HG community.

"I'm still moving ahead. My art is what keeps me grounded. It's who I am. I can't do it if I'm not happy."

Pup Cherie is her muse, she's keeping Lisa happy.

– Dala Giffin

Walking, by the Watcher

I love to watch people walking. Since childhood, I have been a people watcher. My mother, brother, and I would go to town on the bus. Then, on our return, we would sit on the benches at the bus stop. This was an opportune time to see many walkers going by, talking to themselves and to others on the street. Everybody seemed to know each other and were not timid about talking out loud or yelling at one another from across the street. This setting took place in Saint Petersburg, Florida, in 1941-45.

What did I, this many years ago, notice about people in this town? They were very old and ancient looking. All of them soaking up the Florida sun and just waiting around for a call home. I had lots of fun watching people, especially those with weird walking gaits. I noted their different walking motions, pointing them out to my mother.

One style of moving that I like is done by the clowns at the circus. They throw their legs forward to stretch out their floppy, oversized shoes. They look like they are doing the duck walk, much like Charlie Chaplin did. There are many different varieties of this motion of walking. Few are cognizant of this style in their gait. You can keep this in mind if you have a chance to talk with some of these people. No academic study has been made, but the folks with this gait tend to be funny with a keen sense of humor.

What did I learn from watching? Well, one thing I learned was to keep my eyes on the ground so I do not fall. I find that as I gained maturity there are focus issues. Sometimes I think an object or something in my walkway is maybe a paper bag. To my astonishment, it is something else.

I have observed these various gaits for their entertaining value. I see people whose gait is rabbit-like. They move along with a skip and a hop. If you watch them carefully, they seem to be thinking about something other than walking. They are not walking with any purpose in mind. They greet everyone they pass by. Keep watching. You will see this gait frequently. Again, there are many varieties of this walk.

I like the military walk that doesn't look like official military. It is a serious walk with one foot in front of the other.

The head of the individual is held up. There is no messing around. They are on a mission that does not get interrupted. They may look over at you when they pass by, but they only smile for a second before they have passed. You probably know someone with this gait. I find it hard to walk with them.

In addition to the health nuts who walk in the streets, there are those who walk the perimeter of the golf course in their community. These are the strollers. I call them strollers because they are taking it easy. Many times they have an animal on the leash. They are pleasant to talk to. They answer you when you ask, "how are you?" or "good morning," or whatever. The strollers are not in a hurry. They always have good tidings. If you have an animal, they will say, "What a pretty dog. What is it — a boy or a girl?"

My last example is a fun one. Maybe you remember when TV first in the 1950s. We could watch shows having to deal with everything. One of the shows I remember was a trade show having to do with fashion clothing. The models were of one type — tall and slim. You saw a different walk than I saw at the bus stop. It was almost a glide. I called it the squeeze. Each foot went into the same foot print of the foot in front. The hips had a swing. I loved watching these models come down the gangway. Us guys probably appreciated it the most.

What you and I should appreciate about most senior walkers is that they are ambulatory. They are trying to stay healthy and adding a little exercise to keep the blood flowing. This walking is an exercise. My folks walked almost five days a week after retiring to play golf in Hawaii. They lived there well into their nineties, walking each of the golf courses while pulling their golf bags.

Give walking a try. I recommend it for myself even though I am not good at it.

— Bill Wilson
B210

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Mon 1	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics	Blue Spruce Room	9 am–noon
	Pickleball (every day, weather permitting)	Tennis Courts	10 am
	Women's Book Club (Arce)	Mountainview Room	10:30 am–12:30 pm
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	11:30 am–2:30 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Women's Book Club (Urias)	Mountainview Room	1–3 pm
	Texas Hold 'em Poker (every Monday)	Skyview Room	3:30–5:30 pm
	B202 Meeting	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	6 pm
	Pinochle (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6–8 pm
	HG Annual Membership Meeting	Zoom or Sandberg Auditorium	6–8 pm
Tue 2	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	1–3 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Billiard Room	5 pm
Wed 3	Texas Hold 'em Poker, Co-Ed (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	11:30–5 pm
	Cribbage (every Wednesday)	Clubhouse Lobby	12:30–3 pm
	HG Annual Membership Meeting	Zoom or Sandberg Auditorium	1–3 pm
	HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4:45 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
Ward V Town Hall Meeting: Alison Coombs	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	6 pm	
Thu 4	Tai Chi (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8–10 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	HG Breakfast Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	9:30 am
	HG Annual Membership Meeting	Zoom or Sandberg Auditorium	10 am–noon
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–4 pm
	Open Bridge (every Thursday)	Skyview Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	CP4 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora	Skyview Room	5:30–7:15 pm
B220 Meeting	Sandberg Auditorium	5:30–8 pm	
9-Ball Billiards (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	6–7:30 pm	
Fri 5	Men with Purpose	Skyview Room	10–11 am
	Men's Poker	Mountainview Room	11:30 am–7:30 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

- Mon, Nov. 1 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Rm, 8:30 am–12:30 pm (see ad, p. 55)
- Thu, Nov. 11 Cherry Creek Schools honors Veterans at different local schools, RSVP required (see ad, p. 9)
- Mon, Nov. 15 Open House at St. Andrews Village, continues through Nov. 20, call for appointment (see ad, p. 36)
- Wed, Nov. 17 Book signing with Jeannette Seibly, *The Old Wooden Rocker*, Rendezvous, 5–7:30 pm (see ad, p. 8)
- Sat, Nov. 20 "Downsizing Made Easy" Lunch, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, 10:30–1:30 pm (see ad, p. 22)

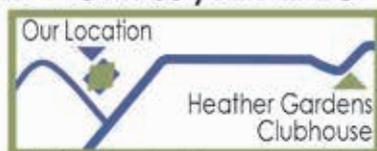
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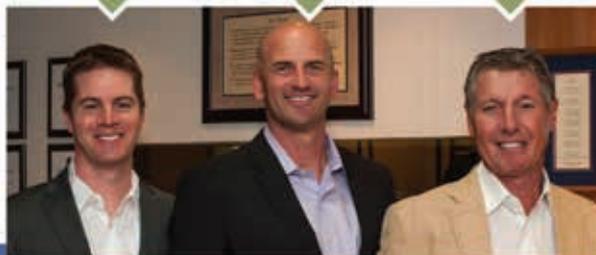
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Fri 5 (cont'd)	HG Indivisible 500 Club (every Friday) Clubhouse Movie: Lady of the Manor Clubhouse Movie: Lady of the Manor	Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	1–2 pm 1–4 pm 1 pm 6 pm
Sat 6	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong (every Saturday) Karaoke Club	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	noon–4 pm 2–3 pm 3–5 pm
Mon 8	Sawyer Bridge Mah Jongg	Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room	noon–4 pm 12:30–4 pm
Tue 9	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus B201 and B202 Monthly Social Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday) 2nd Tuesday Bridge	Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant Billiards Room Blue Spruce Room	1–3 pm 4:30 pm 5:30–7:30 pm 6:30–7:30 pm
Wed 10	Clubhouse Event: India in Crisis Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	2 pm 6 pm
Thu 11	Green Team Clubhouse Event: Veterans Day Salute RV Lot Club	Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	noon–2 pm 1–3 pm 5 pm
Fri 12	Birding and Nature Club HG Indivisible Clubhouse Event: Seniors '88 Concert	Lodgepole Lounge Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1–2 pm 7 pm
Sat 13	Clubhouse Event: Seniors '88 Concert	Sandberg Auditorium	4 pm
Sun 14	Clubhouse Event: Seniors '88 Concert	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Mon 15	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics America Recycles Day	Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	8 am–12:30 pm 12:45–3 pm
Tue 16	Starry Internet Introduction Caregiver Support	Aspen Room Aspen Room	9–11 am 2–4 pm
Wed 17	Resident Open Forum (CEO Rea)	Zoom	3 pm
Thu 18	Clubhouse Event: Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony Bunko LRC Games Kiwanis Club of Aurora Tennis Club	Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant	1 pm 1–3:30 pm 3:45–7:30 pm 5 pm 5 pm
Fri 19	Men with a Purpose HG Indivisible Bingo	Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1 pm 1:30–3 pm
Sat 20	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	3–5 pm
Mon 22	Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30–2:30 pm
Tue 23	HG Republican Club NoteAbles Mixed Chorus Mah Jongg	Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room	1–2:30 pm 1–3 pm 1–4 pm

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Tue 23 (cont'd)	HG Democratic Club Bridge (4th Tuesday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room	4–5:30 pm 6 pm
Wed 24	Resident Orientation	Board Room; Zoom	10 am
Thu 25	Thanksgiving Holiday — Management Offices and Clubhouse closed		
Fri 26	Management Offices Closed		
	HG Indivisible	Zoom	1 pm
	Clubhouse Movie: Spy	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Clubhouse Movie: Spy	Sandberg Auditorium	6 pm
Wed 1	Clubhouse Event: Deck the Halls	All Clubhouse Rooms	8:30 am–1 pm

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Men will continue to share on *Meet.Google* both on Wednesday morning and Saturday morning, <https://meet.google.com/vpk-rgxi-fja>.

Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study. For information, call Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email clinecellars57@yahoo.com.

Bible Study (women) meet every Thursday in the Mountainview Room, 9:30–11 am. We are studying Ray Vander Laan's *Clash of the Kingdoms (Caesar's Kingdom and God's Kingdom)*, about Paul in Philippi and Thessalonica. Call Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, to join.

Catholic Mass St Michael's Catholic Mass, held weekly, will resume 1 pm Saturday, Sept. 11 at HG.

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.

- **Sunday Bible Study:** 10 am, Mountainview Room. Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.

- **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

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• Monthly Meetings •

Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room unless Zoom is noted. In some cases, both in-person meetings and Zoom are available.

- Property Policy (Zoom) – 9:30 am Mon, Nov. 1
- Annual Membership Meeting** (Zoom, Sandberg Aud) – 6:30 pm Mon, Nov. 1
- SEC (Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Nov. 1
- ~~Public Relations (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Nov. 2~~ **Canceled**
- Annual Membership Meeting** (Zoom, Sandberg Aud) – 1 pm Wed, Nov. 3
- Annual Membership Meeting** (Zoom, Sandberg Aud) – 10 am Thu, Nov. 4
- Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Nov. 5 TBD
- ad hoc PSAC (Zoom) – 3 pm Fri, Nov. 5
- Campus Tech (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Nov. 9 TBD
- Golf (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Nov. 9
- Clubhouse/Restaurant (Zoom) – 3 pm Tue, Nov. 9
- Foundation (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Nov. 10
- Budget & Finance (Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Nov. 15
- HGA Board** (Zoom) – **1 pm Tue, Nov. 16**
- Resident Open Forum (Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, Nov. 17
- HGMD Board** (Zoom) – **1 pm Thu, Nov. 18**
- ACC (Zoom) – 3 pm Thu, Nov. 18
- Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Nov. 24
- Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Nov. 30

FYI

VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$40 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15. If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5. Have exact cash amount or checks, made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change. Call VNA, 845-418-4006

- Monday, Nov. 1, 8:30 am–12:30 pm, Blue Spruce Rm
- Monday, Nov. 15, 8:30 am–12:30 pm, Blue Spruce Rm

Catalytic Converter Anti-Theft Program

Colorado Starts Nation's First Catalytic Converter Anti-Theft Program: AAA, law enforcement join in first-of-its-kind partnership to fight car, catalytic converter theft

(July 1, 2021) AAA Colorado has joined with the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) and other key

state and law enforcement partners in a first-of-its-kind partnership to give Coloradans free devices to stop automotive theft.

Car theft and related crimes are surging to historic levels in Colorado, per data from CATPA. Some jurisdictions report a 1,000 percent increase in catalytic converter theft over 2019, while overall automotive theft is up 57 percent over 2020. All told, should these trends continue, Colorado will verge on twice the national per capita theft rate by the end of the year.

"It's no secret that having a car stolen or disabled by thieves carries devastating effects for Coloradans and their families," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "What's more, vehicles are commonly stolen to commit other crimes. Pro-

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

Seniors 88 presents
2021 Musical Comedy
A Show You Can't Forget?
Friday, Nov. 12, 7 pm;
Saturday, Nov. 13, 4 pm; and
Sunday, Nov. 14, 2 pm.
HG Sandberg Auditorium

It is with great excitement that Seniors 88 presents its 2021 Fall Show, "A Show You Can't Forget..." After being off for a year, we are elated to be together and to bring this show to HG residents. It is a fun, musical comedy that will keep you laughing with a variety of performances for you to enjoy.

Since 1988, this group has been performing as a chorus and in roadshows that we take into the community. Each Fall, we present an original play. None of this would be possible if not for the continuous support of the Aurora Center for Active Adults. They have been our sponsor, providing free rehearsal space and doing all — marketing and promotion. They have made it possible for adults 50 years and older to fulfill their performing dream. We hope you love our show as much as we loved creating it.

Come see...*A Show You Can't Forget?* Tickets: Aurora Center for Active Adults, \$10. 303-739-7951.

**Judy Rowe, Director
Sonja Roybal, B221**

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Anyone addicted to Scrabble? Words with Friends? Or, would you like to be?

If you are a Scrabble aficionado and/or would like to learn and play, please call Charlene, 303-695-8022. Perhaps we could get a group started. These games are great for the mind. Just think of all those new words you can learn!

**Charlene Spiegelman
B242**

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If you are a seasoned tap dancer, you may want to join Time4Tap Dance Group. Time4Tap meets on

Thursdays in the HG Sandberg Auditorium from 11–noon. If you have any questions, please call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985 (leave message), or email jwhalen97@comcast.net.

**Julie Whalen
Time4Tap Dance Group**

Heather 'n Yon

After HG spent a lot of money to redesign the waterfall at the Golf Course, it's covered up with poorly designed landscaping.

Where's the waterfall?

Heather Gardens spent a lot of money a couple of years ago to have the waterfall redesigned and landscaped.



The landscaping was so poorly designed that the waterfall is hidden in the overgrowth. There should have been blooming ground cover and short growth plants to show off the beauty of the waterfall. The waterfall at the Seville buildings (as seen on the cover of the August issue of Heather and Yon) is beautifully designed. Then take a look at the hidden "masterpiece" at the golf course. Notice anything different? What a shame, or maybe what a sham!

**Larry Tuveson
B214**

Heather 'n Yon

In my wildest dreams I never expected to be living on what I tell folks

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. The HGA Board requires that letters do not exceed 300 words. Letters will not be run from the same individual in successive months. Writers may publish only 4 letters per year, but not in consecutive months.

is "my cruise ship on land. I LOVE it!"

Cruise Director Cheryl Greenman and "the crew" have done a great job of keeping HG's Clubhouse sailing during rough seas these past months. I appreciate the hard work!

To whoever made the decision that Family Swim Time be returned to pre-COVID hours — thank you!

Now if the Clubhouse could just return to pre-COVID hours! I have brought this subject up at numerous meetings. I have yet to fully understand why it has not happened.

Comments I have heard include:

- "No one ever came."
- "The staff does not want to work those hours."
- "The board wants to channel the 'savings' to the Parking Structures."
- "The decision has been made. Let it go."
- "Pre-COVID hours were not cost effective for our community."

I know that the first comment is false. With CEO Jon Rea's approval, early morning swimmers Michele Yonker, Carol Reed and I gathered 76 residents who would support a 6 am opening. Jon Rea did explain that he was waiting for the new Clubhouse Manager to participate in the decision on Clubhouse operating hours.

I appreciate the time and energy that it has taken to develop the budget. My concern is that if the budget passes, there is little chance that the previous hours will return. The Clubhouse headcount summary (page 7 of the 2022 budget) shows a 15 percent decrease in employee hours.

When I asked about this during a Budget Workshop, I was told that the numbers reflected the current operating hours. HG residents are being asked to pay an approximate 10 percent increase to HOA fees, yet the Clubhouse amenity is reduced by 15 percent. Increasing fees with less amenities just doesn't add up.

**Linda Worthey
B250**

Heather 'n Yon

City Council members for Ward IV and V, Juan Marcano and Alison

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Letters...from page 31

Combs, have blocked the mayor's proposed camping bans repeatedly. This has continued to nourish the hordes of vagabonds living off the grid in tents around Aurora. King Soopers is hiring. The beggars prefer not to be held accountable for living clean and sober. Elections have consequences.

Local homeless encampments will pale in comparison to the coming tens-of-thousands of unvetted immigrants needing support that are flowing through the nonexistent southern border. Elections do have consequences.

**Laura Chapman
B216**

Heather 'n Yon

To residents of HG, I want to thank Al Lindeman and his committee for all their efforts in working on the Parking Structures dilemma for the last 2+ years! With the ownership records of the upper deck storage garages in disarray — possible solutions have been difficult and time consuming.

There are new people who have formed an ad hoc Parking Structure Advisory Committee who are continuing the work to "solve things." I wish them well and hope they succeed.

Thanks Al, for all your hard work.

Rudy Morris, B217

Heather 'n Yon

{Editor's

Note: When asked by a resident about the public art being erected near the Iliff Light Rail Station that was previously referred to as HG Stonehenge II in Heather 'n Yon, Councilmember Curtis Gardner sent the following response.}

Here is the response from the Library & Cultural Services Director:

"Dear Councilmember Gardner, The artwork, 'Once Around,' by Tim Upham, has been completed and installed, with additional site work and landscaping to be completed by PROS in spring 2022.

"A community-based Art Selection Panel met three times and developed the criteria for the project. [They] selected and interviewed finalists, choosing Tim Upham's proposal for 'Once Around' as the winning proposal, which received unanimous approval from City Council on April 6, 2020.

"The costs of the artwork itself were covered by funds from a private



Above: Sculpture by Tim Upham, entitled "Once Around," was completed in early October. Photograph by Rudy Morris, B217, who had christened it "Heather Gardens Stonehenge II," due to its resemblance to Great Britain's Stonehenge, a prehistoric monument.

developer who had to meet a COA requirement for public art within a Transit-Oriented Development District. Please let me know if you have any additional questions."

Take care, Midori Clark

...

Please note, while this was "approved" by City Council, a private developer paid the costs.

Curtis E. Gardner
Councilmember At-Large
City of Aurora
720-505-4312 cell
303-739-7015 office
www.curtisforaurora.com

Below: Residents from B203 honored the memory of their long-time Area Representative (AR) Harley Fouts with an Autumn Blaze Maple tree that they planted on the grounds in full view of his former picture window. "Harley was a caring person, he knew everyone in the building," said one.



"Harley took care of things around here. He was very, very special," said another.

"He was funny and a jokester," said a third.

Even so, Harley, who was known to go the extra mile often overdoing things for his residents, had his limits. When asked by the children of one resident couple to perform a wellness check on their parents, he reportedly answered: "This ain't no nursing home."

Born Nov. 30, 1925, Harley moved to HG in 1990 and lived here until his death on Dec. 20, 2018. He served as AR for 25 years.

Attending the Sept. 29 tree planting were his son and friends from B203: Eilene Hogan, Bernice Lucero, Connie Butler, Donna Morin, Inez Galloway, Laurie Knight, CP2, Harley's son Gene Fouts, CP2, Cynthia Weber, and Shar Garrett.

- Dala Giffin

Clubs and Organizations

HG Book Club

Heather Gardens book club is a group of like-minded ladies who love to read all types of books, and get together to discuss them. We have lively conversations, which are very stimulating and enjoyable.

We meet every first Monday of the month at 1 pm in the Mountainview Room. We also have another group that meets every first Monday of the month at 10:30 am in the Mountainview Room. If interested, please call Joanne Urias, 251-518-5781, for the afternoon meeting; or Janet Arce, 720-774-3368, for the morning meeting.

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

Come join us in the Sandberg Auditorium every week, and sing with our mixed chorus. All you need is a desire to sing, and a willingness to learn songs. We are a friendly group that loves to sing.

We have a new time and location for our weekly practices. Come join us in the Skyview Room on Tuesdays, 1–3 pm.

If you have questions, call Chairman Thomas Kappel, 720-377-5756. Make sure to leave a voice message, so he can call you back.

We operate on donations and dues. All newcomers are welcome. – Valery Van Matre, Secretary

CP1

CP1 will be wrapping up its outdoor happy hours with an outdoor chili supper on Wednesday, Nov. 3. Watch your mailbox for information about time and place, and for our upcoming winter plans.

Optimist Club

Join us at 9:30 am on the first Thursday of each month, as we re-ignite our breakfast meetings at the Rendezvous. Current, prior, and new, potential members are welcome. Our mission is to make our community better with many fun and worthwhile projects for this upcoming year. Contact Darlene Park, 303-798-5088, with questions.

TOPS

Coronavirus 19, have you heard of it? It is the weight gain during the shutdown. Maybe you decided to put

away those comfortable clothes, and get ready to fit into those dress-up clothes again. Thinking of saving pajamas for bedtime only? Or just want a new beginning of healthy eating and losing weight.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday morning, 8:30–9:30 am, 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. Both men and women are welcome. For information, contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388.

Time4Tap Dance Group

If you are a seasoned tap dancer, you might want to join Time4Tap Dance Group. Time4Tap meets on Thursdays in the Sandberg Auditorium, 11 am–noon. If you have any questions, please call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985 (leave message), or email jwhalen97@comcast.net.

CP4

We have our monthly get-together in Rendezvous at 5 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Call Beverly Nelson if you plan to attend.

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, in the Skyview Room. For further information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

Heather Gardens Indivisible

The purpose of HG Indivisible is to protect and preserve our democracy by empowering active citizens to take actions that will impact public policy. We are nonpartisan and inclusive — more issue-oriented than candidate-oriented.

We meet on the first and third Fridays of the month, 1 pm at Rendezvous, to discuss issues, books, ideas. You don't have to be a resident of HG. And you don't have to order

lunch, but it's a good way to support Rendezvous.

The Zoom meeting will be fourth Friday of the month, 1 pm. The link is sent out with the agenda. Be sure you are on Linda's email list to receive notice of changes or additional opportunities. Information: Linda Champ, 720-252-7324, lindachamp91@gmail.com. – Linda Champ

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 information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877.

B201 and B202

B201 and B202 have resumed meeting on the second Tuesday, in Rendezvous. We gather at 4:30 pm on Nov. 9.

We will not meet in December. For more information, please call Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

The Green Team

We have been called a "small but mighty" group. More folks are always welcome to come to meetings, especially if you care about our environment and the legacy we can leave for future generations. We meet monthly at noon on the second Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. For more information about our projects, please call Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-306-0066.

America Recycles Day is Monday, Nov. 15, 1–3 pm in the Sandberg Auditorium. Recycling vendors, including ARC, Habitat For Humanity Restore, Detera Bags Drug Disposal, Waste Management, and Sunshare Solar Farms, will make presentations. Here's your chance to learn the best ways to get rid of all the junk you have pushed to the back of your closets or garage. Meet 12 vendors who recycle various items from mattresses to medical equipment. While there, enjoy refreshments and watch a movie about recycling. Enjoy a movie and refreshments!

RV Lot Club

Our club is open to all who RV, not just those who rent space in the HG RV lot. At our meetings, we share information and experience about RV-ing. We lobby to improve conditions in the RV storage lot. We also

anticipate having social, travel and camping activities.

The club meets the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, in the Aspen Room. For additional information, please contact Forrest McClure, 720-979-4707, or Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877. Happy trails and safe travels!

Birding and Nature Club

The HG Birding and Nature Club meets at 10 am on the second Friday of each month in the Lodgepole Lounge (sitting/TV room along the ramp to the restaurant from inside the Clubhouse). Outings will be planned that incorporate, not only bird watching, but also activities for those interested in Geocaching, jogging, hiking, and biking.

If you are interested in any of these hobbies/activities, please contact Karen Gold, ksb5x5@hotmail.com, or 712-301-2284. We will add you to the email group, so you can join us on outings.

Caregivers Support Group

This group meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 2–4 pm, in the Aspen Room. All caregivers are welcome. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

CP3

CP3 will not gather in November. – Robin O'Meara, AR

Wine and Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday of every month, 3–5 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For more information, Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

SRA

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building. For information: Byron Macdonald, B232, 303-745-2521.

HG Republicans

"Society in every state is a blessing, but government even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one." – Thomas Paine

The direction our current government is heading is firing up many of us to get involved as it is becoming intolerable to our families, jobs, health and economy. This direction

validates our club motto: "I want to control my own life, not yours." We are fired up and learning how to get involved and make a difference.

Would you like know how our state lawmakers' voting records measure up, according to Constitutional Principles that include individual rights, free markets and limited government? Come to our monthly meeting and meet Sue Moore, Chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus. She will share the Colorado Scorecard, peppered with stories about both Democrats and Republican resistance toward bringing the truth about events on the floor of the statehouse.

We will also hear Dustin Zvonek, Danielle Jurinsky and Schume Navarro review the Nov. 2 elections results. Their topic: "What now?"

General Meeting

Date: Nov. 23, 2021

Speaker: Sue Moore, Chairman
Republican Liberty Counsel
Time: 1–2:30 pm

Location: Sandberg Auditorium

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If you want to attend and are not a member, we welcome you to join us. A \$5 donation is appreciated, which helps cover advertising costs. For more information on membership or to send payment, email hgrclub@gmail.com, or call 720-500-4047.

– Janet Yoder

HG Democratic Club

The HG Democratic Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 4–5:30 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room (except in December). For November, let's have a small holiday celebration. If you like, bring a small appetizer and a drink of your choice (and glass).

We can have dinner at the Rendezvous after. And, of course, talk politics. If you don't get my monthly newsletter, send me your email address. Marty Karnopp, chair, 303-363-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com.

OPOCS Singles Club

Pinochle and bridge groups are meeting again. We are working on getting social gatherings going.

Get your shots! For reservations, you can reach JoAnn Cunningham, 303-751-5195 or Kay Robertson, 303-400-8358. – JoAnn Cunningham

Frolics

The Frolics Club is for those who enjoy performing and/or creating scenery and props. We have started rehearsing a play; it now will be presented in May 2022. Some roles have been cast, but there are more to be added.

HG Grief Support

Our Grief Support helps those who have lost a loved one. We have a structured eight-week program, combining an educational and supportive approach in how to cope and live with your loss.

You must register in advance. For information and registration, please call Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722. Please leave a message if no answer – or call again.

Photo Club

The Photo Club will be on hiatus for November and December. We will reconvene on our regular date – the third Monday — Jan 17, 2022. Keep your cameras busy. Learn and master a new technique. – Anne Gillis, Anne@hummelgillis898.com, 303-751-3030.

Free Tech Sessions

A long-time ministry from an HG resident offers one free hour of technology help to fellow HG residents, one on one, in the Lodgepole Lounge (sitting/TV room along the ramp to Rendezvous from inside the Clubhouse). By appointment only. Call or text Karen Gold, 712-301-2284, to schedule.

Low Vision Support Group

We meet the fourth Monday of each month, 1:30–2:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224, for information or questions.

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Sports and Recreation

Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 11:30 am–2:30 pm, in the Skyview Room. Questions: Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

Monday Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the Reception 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, 720-708-6738.

Evening Pinochle

The group meets 6–8 pm Monday nights, Mountainview Room. For information: Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

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 registration desk in the Clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205 – B. Schlageter

Hand and Foot

Hand and Foot is a card game that is fun, and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. Call Kevin Keator with questions: 303-699-4641.

Pickleball

It's a little like tennis, ping-pong, racquetball, and badminton — all mixed together. It's a lot of fun, and great exercise, too. We welcome pickleball players at all skill levels.

Beginner? We are happy to help you learn to play this game we enjoy so much. We play Pickleball daily, from 10 am until about noon, weather permitting. Play can be delightful down to freezing temperatures, provided it's a sunny day with little wind. Afternoon times have not been decided, but we might try Tuesday and Thursday at 2 pm, if there would be enough participation.

Phil Hughes, phdenver@comcast.net, occasionally sends out

emails to the Pickleball list of players. For more info on Pickleball, visit: <https://plaidflannel.com/pickleball>. If you want to learn more about Pickleball at HG, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226. To get on the Pickleball roster and be notified of any changes, email Phil Hughes: phdenver@comcast.net, or call, 303-503-7633.

Tuesday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the fourth Tuesday of the month, when we play in the Skyview 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.

Billiard Club

The club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 5 pm on Tuesdays, and 9-Ball at 6 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$10 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new HG-resident players are welcome. Questions? Call Rita Cusack, 720-535-8637, or Connie Burns, 303-693-0766.

8-Ball Results September 28

- 1st Gil Lochhead team
- 2nd Brian Bucenec,
Bob Schlageter
- 3rd Don Gunnarson, Chuck Toner

October 5

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Dee Moore
- 2nd John Recob, Gil Lochhead

October 12

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Debbie Recob
- 2nd Linda Hileman, Rick Barnhart
- 3rd Judy Brehmer,
Roger Goldstein

9-Ball Results September 16

- 1st Tom Stolzenberger
- 2nd Tammy Beeman

September 23

- 1st Kenny Diaz
- 2nd Brian Bucenec
- 3rd Roger Goldstein,
Tammy Beeman

September 30

- 1st Tammy Beeman
- 2nd Brian Bucenec
- 3rd Roger Goldstein

October 7

- 1st Brian Bucenec

- 2nd Roger Goldstein
- 3rd Lindy Davenport

October 14

- 1st Tammy Beeman
- 2nd Brian Bucenec

Ladies Golf Club

November is a quiet month for the Ladies Golf Club. Our weekly Wednesday tournaments are complete. We miss the camaraderie, play-of-the day, and even the geese that so often joined us during play.

The club's last event of 2021 was an end-of-season luncheon on Oct. 6. Social Chair Lisa Matthews and her committee (Susan Brennan, Beverly Nelson, Glenda Pitts and Kathy Stebbins) put on a spectacular event. The theme was the history of women's golf, featuring historic photos (including women in large hats and flowing skirts), and stories about the amazing pioneers.

Club Champion Charlane Pluchek received a standing ovation as she donned her Green Jacket from last year's champion, JoAnn Fitch.

The board is working on plans for next season, looking for ways to ensure that everyone has a positive experience each week. Prospective members can obtain an application for the 2022 season in the Pro Shop, or on website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com. Contact Membership Chair Mary Jo Prichard, mjpinsurance@hotmail.com.

Tournament Results Sept. 15

Flight A

- 1st Charlane Pluchek,
Barbara Tucker
- 3rd Susan Brennan, Beulah Gould,
Liz Sanchez

Flight B

- 1st Kathy Stebbins
- 2nd Rosalie Einspahr,
Florence Madonna
- 4th Linda Hileman

Flight C

- 1st JoAnn Sterling
- 2nd Pat Profera
- 3rd Gina Studer
- 4th Gini Klein

Flight D

- 1st Gwen Alexander, Anne Gillis
- 3rd Lucy Adler,
- 4th Marilyn Cornell

September 22

Flight A

- 1st Margie Francone
- 2nd Barbara Tucker
- 3rd Beulah Gould, Liz Sanchez



Above: President Beulah Gould, B215, presented the champion's trophy to Charlane Plucheck, B218, at the Ladies Golf Club luncheon, Oct. 6. Right:



Last year's champion, JoAnn Fitch, B215, congratulated Plucheck, who was wearing the traditional "green jacket" that is passed from the last champion to the new one. Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis

Flight D

- 1st Sue Robertson
- 2nd Suzi Stolte
- 3rd Anne Gillis
- 4th Lucy Adler, Gwen Alexander, Anne Grasse, Lisa Matthews

The board does not meet in November or December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022.

Golf Trivia: Golf balls were originally made of thin leather stuffed with feathers. Today's balls are subject to testing and approval by the United States Golf Association. A ball must have a mass no more than 1.620 ounces, a diameter not less than 1.680 inches, and perform within specified velocity, distance, and symmetry limits. On average, golf balls have between 300 to 500 dimples, depending on the manufacturer and

specific ball. – Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

Afternoon Cribbage

We meet 12:30–3 pm Wednesdays, in the Clubhouse lobby, near the fireplace. For information: Dean Lux, 303-353-4267.

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

We play at 1 pm in the Blue Spruce Room each Wednesday. Pre-registration is required, by email, to merrilyv@sonic.net, or call, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032. – Merrily VanZevern, Director

Pinochle

We play for fun and friendship. We start at 1:30 pm, ending at 4 pm, every Wednesday in the Mountainview Room. Please join us if you'd like to play, learn, or just sharpen your skills. Call Diane, 707-799-6449 or 6446. We look forward to seeing you.

HG Bowling

We can tell it is autumn by the way the pins are going down! We bowl Thursday mornings, 10 am at Arapahoe Lanes, 6850 S Dayton.

We still have a few openings in the league. The bowlers just voted to allow substitutes. If you don't want to commit to a full season, you may want to consider being a substitute on one of our teams. Please contact

Glenn Riggs, gvriggs@yahoo.com, if you would like to join us.

Tai Chi

The club practices on the tennis courts every Thursday morning. Although Tai Chi was originally developed for self-defense, it has evolved into a slow form of exercise used for stress reduction and improved posture, flexibility, and balance.

Tai Chi consists of deliberate, flowing movements, which are grouped into forms. It has been described as "meditation in motion."

Because we meet outside, the start time is weather dependent. New? Interested? For more information about the club or to sign up, contact Dean Uyeno, dean.uyeno@live.com, before attending.

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, then start play at 1 pm. For information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

Thursday Open Bridge Club

We play every Thursday, 1–4 pm, Skyview Room. No need for reservations: all bridge players welcome for casual, social play. Information: Joanne Turner, 719-641-3644.

Men's Golf Club

The Men's Golf Club season came to an end in October. Trophies were presented at the annual banquet, where officers for the 2022 season were elected. President Ed Bradley noted that the league had approximately 80 percent participation rate for the season, based on club membership for 2021.

Tournament Results September 24

Flight E

- 1st Sam Lozano
- 2nd Bill Riley, Mike Corcoran, Blair Kittleson
- 3rd Steve Galambos
- 4th Jon Erion

Flight D

- 1st Bill Dearing
- 2nd Larry Maitland, Al Reasoner
- 3rd John McMullen
- 4th Tim Bessey, Cliff Cresswell

Flight C

- 1st Gary Kessler
- 2nd Glenn Riggs, Mark Ruhl
- 3rd David Croak
- 4th Tom Merges

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Above: Marilyn Miciek, B221, wrote, "Feeling cooped up? Try something new, like Indoor Skydiving — exciting and different. I went with the Malley Senior Center (Englewood). There were six of us. It was fun. I think...you would want to do [it] several times to get good at it."

Tennis Club

The Tennis Club gets together socially once a month. We meet the third Thursday of the month, 5 pm, in Rendezvous Restaurant. Play continues throughout the cold-weather months, weather permitting. We offer free tennis lessons. With questions: Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-587-9797. Hope to see you on the courts.



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Laker ...from page 19

Gary, Indiana.

- Predictions of a storm had been issued earlier that day but it was predicted to pass well to the south by 10 am the following day. This was not an unusual forecast for November.

- At 7 pm, the national weather service altered the forecast for gale warnings of the whole of Lake Superior. On receiving the update, both ships altered course to find lee. Conversations between the two were overheard by Captain Dudley Paquette of the *Wilfred Sykes*, which was in radio range.

When suppertime came, the old cook came on deck sayin'

"Fellas, it's too rough to feed ya"

At seven pm, a main hatchway caved in, he said

"Fellas, it's been good to know ya"

The captain wired in he had water comin' in

And the good ship and crew was in peril

And later that night when his lights went outta sight

Came the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

- At 1 am, Nov. 10, 60 miles per hour (mph) winds and 30 foot waves were reported.

- Just after 1 am, Paquette reported hearing McSorley say he was reducing speed which, by his reputation, was unheard of. McSorley was always fearless and had set many speed records.

- At 2 am, the storm was upgraded to storm status, now with even worse conditions.

- At 2:45 am, the storm passed overhead with wind speed dropping, changing direction, then picking up speed. Snow and ice began to form on the ship. The two ships were no longer in sight of each other.

The wind in the wires made a tattle-tale sound

And a wave broke over the railing And every man knew, as the captain did too

T'was the witch of November come stealin'

The dawn came late and the breakfast had to wait

When the gales of November came slashin'

When afternoon came it was freezin' rain

In the face of a hurricane west wind

- At 3:30 am, McSorley radioed the *Arthur M. Anderson* to report that *Edmund Fitzgerald* was taking on water and had lost two vent covers and a fence railing. The vessel had also developed a list. Two of *Edmund Fitzgerald's* six bilge pumps ran continuously to discharge water. McSorley said that he would slow his ship down so that *Arthur M. Anderson* could close the gap between them.

- At 4:10 pm, McSorley called *Arthur M. Anderson* again to report a radar failure. He asked *Arthur M. Anderson* to keep track of them.

- By late afternoon, winds recorded by the *Anderson* blew at 60 mph and waves of 25 feet. Radio contact with the *Fitzgerald* became spotty.

- At 6 pm, winds of 86 mph and waves of 35 feet hit the *Anderson*.

- At 7:10 pm, a short message was received from McSorley when he said "we are holding our own." No word was heard from the ship after that communication.

- At 10.30 pm, the United States Coast Guard began searching, using ships and aircraft.

Does any one know where the love of God goes

When the waves turn the minutes to hours?

The searchers all say they'd have made Whitefish Bay

If they'd put 15 more miles behind her

They might have split up or they might have capsized

They may have broke deep and took water

And all that remains is the faces and the names

Of the wives and the sons and the daughters

The day after the wreck, the Mariner's Church in Detroit, rang its bell 29 times, one for each life lost. Until 2006, the church continued a memorial for the crew, then expanded it as a memorial for all lives lost on the Great Lakes. The memorial continues on Nov. 10 every year.

The month of November holds a tremendous number of memories for Americans who have given their lives doing their jobs.

It is estimated that 10,000 sailors have gone to the bottom of Lake Superior over the years. Of the ships that have gone down, the *Edmund Fitzgerald* is the most well-known. The wreck was located four days later by a U.S. Navy helicopter and crew.

The ship's bell was recovered on July 4, 1995, and is now located at Whitefish Point, Michigan, where the ship sank. The dive to recover the bell was partially funded by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, who signed a \$250,000 loan. At the same time the original bell was brought to the surface, a replacement was lowered and attached to the debris. That bell is engraved with the names of all 29 crew members.

Countless studies have been done, movies filmed and documentaries produced. Yet, there has not been any conclusive decision made as to why the ship went down.

In a musty old hall in Detroit they prayed

In the maritime sailors' cathedral The church bell chimed 'til it rang 29 times

For each man on the Edmund Fitzgerald

The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down

Of the big lake they called Gitche Gumee

Superior, they said, never gives up her dead

When the gales of November come early

As a postscript, the lyrics, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" that you have been reading are from a song written and recorded by Gordon Lightfoot, a Canadian composer in 1976 after reading an article, "The Cruellest Month," in the November 1975 issue of *Newsweek*. Most people know of him by this composition. Both his personal and professional histories are amazing. After all he has gone through in his life, at 93 years old, he is still out there and at it!

**- Denise McCammon
B242**

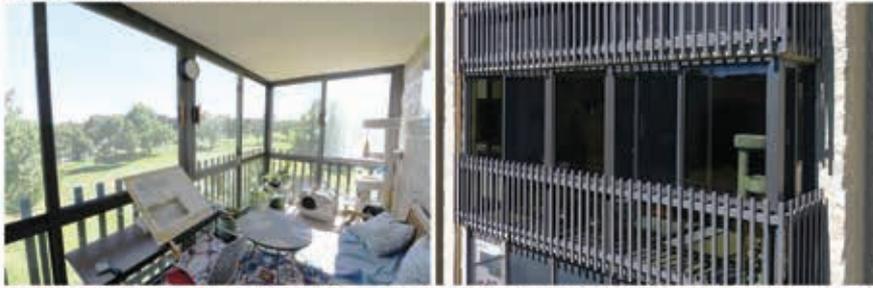
{Editor's Note: The sinking led to changes in Great Lakes shipping regulations and practices that included mandatory survival suits, depth finders, positioning systems, increased freeboard, and more frequent inspection of vessels. -wikipedia}

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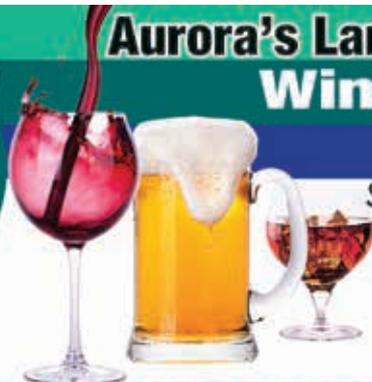


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Saturday Lap Lanes limited to 2 lanes, 8–10 am.*

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Ward V Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 6 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Ward V Town Hall Meeting will be hosted by City Council Member Alison Coombs. Topic will be Cultural Services. Speaker Midori Clark.

Movie Matinee and Night: *Lady of the Manor*

Friday, Nov. 5, 1 pm and 6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$5 pre-register; \$6 on the day of the event

Past and present collide in this supernaturally funny buddy comedy when stoner-slacker Hanna (Melanie Lynskey) is hired to portray Lady Wadsworth (Judy Greer), a Southern belle who died in 1875, in a tour at Wadsworth Manor. Hannah figures she can take it — until the ghost of Lady Wadsworth appears! Lady Wadsworth tells Hannah it's time to change her wild ways — and she'll haunt her until she does — in this hilarious movie costarring Justin Long and Ryan Phillippe. Rated R

Bally's Blackhawk Casino

Tuesday, Nov. 9

Fee: \$14, no cancellations/refunds after Nov. 2

Players will receive 50 points or 1 hour of tracked table play and receive a \$15 food coupon. \$10 free slot play. (Guests will need to set up a pin number and update account information upon arrival.) Register at the Clubhouse or call 303-751-1811 ext. 5. No cancellations after Nov. 2. This bus is an ADA/lift accessible bus. Meet at 8 am between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. Bus will leave casino at 2 pm, arriving back at Heather Gardens around 3 pm.

Active Minds: India in Crisis

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

The COVID crisis began setting tragic mortality records in India this past spring. The situation is likely to get worse before it gets better. Join Active Minds to explore

the current crisis in India as well as the political and historical backdrop against which it is set. The country has been led since 2014 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a controversial but widely popular leader from the BJP, a Hindu Nationalist party. His policies have alienated the Muslim minority within India, particularly in the disputed Muslim-majority region of Jammu and Kashmir. Additionally, tensions with China have sparked border skirmishes that reflect a challenging regional dynamic between the two largest countries in the world.

Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, Nov. 11, 10 am–noon (or until food runs out),
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In response to COVID-19, the city of Aurora, in partnership with SECORCares, is bringing a mobile food pantry for seniors. No cost for the food. Sample food may include but is not limited to: rice, beans or pasta, cereal/oatmeal, various canned items, fresh produce, dairy, eggs, and protein. *Food will be modified to accommodate senior needs as best as possible, i.e., low sodium, low fat, softer foods. Questions? Call 303-739-7281. Please do not line up before 9:45 am.

Salute to Veterans

Thursday, Nov. 11, 1–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$7 pre-register; \$8 on the day of the event

The John Philip Sousa Band of Colorado will be in concert on Veterans Day to honor of all veterans. Steve Stratton, Special Forces Army, will host this special event. Everyone is welcome — especially veterans. Sponsored by Cherry Creek Retirement.

Seniors 88 Concert

Friday, Nov. 12, 5–9:45 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Saturday, Nov. 13, 2–7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Sunday, Nov. 14, 1–6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Tickets: Aurora Center for Active Adults, \$10. 303-739-7951.

Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony,

with Kathleen Arnold

Thursday, Nov. 18, 1–2:45 pm,
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303-751-1811 ext. 5

The English colonists that settled at Plymouth are most remembered for starting the tradition of Thanksgiving. But perhaps the most important outcome of the Pilgrims coming to the New World is the planting of the first seeds of democracy.

BINGO

Friday, Nov. 19, 1:30–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Reservations required, 303-751-1811 ext 5.

Our first Bingo event of the year! Come enjoy your neighbors and friends as John Lowen calls out the numbers. Snacks included. Sponsored by Garden Plaza of Aurora.



Movie Matinee and Night: *Spy*

Friday, Nov. 26, 1 pm and 6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$5 pre-register, \$6 on the day of the event

Melissa McCarthy is armed and hilarious in the “outrageously entertaining” comedy. Deskbound CIA analyst Susan Cooper (McCarthy) is about to become the world’s newest — and unlikeliest — secret weapon. When her partner (Jude Law) falls off the grid and another top agent (Jason Statham) is compromised, Susan volunteers to go deep undercover and bring down a deadly arms dealer. Loaded with wisecracking action and adventure, *Spy* is a mission impossible to resist. Rated R

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2022 Club Rental Renewals will begin Monday, Nov. 1, 2021. You may get a club renewal/application form at the Reception Desk, or one can be emailed to you. No in-person renewals will be offered at this time. There must be a minimum of 8 Heather Gardens’ residents attending each meeting to rent one of the rooms (without charge) in the Clubhouse. Smaller groups will be assigned to the library, Lodgepole Lounge, Sunburst Café or the Clubhouse lobby. The Clubhouse staff have been counting how many club members have been attending past meetings to know what the average attendance is for your group. You may email clubrentals@heathergardensmail.com for additional information or to get the application and room setup form.



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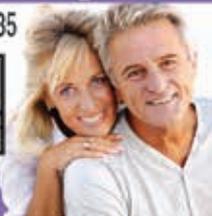
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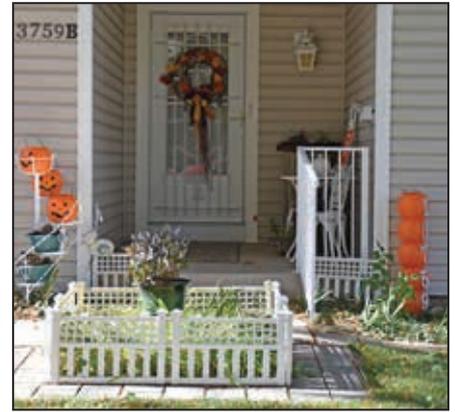
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FYI...from page 30

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Per Colorado State Patrol data, 151 stolen catalytic converters were reported to Colorado law enforcement agencies in 2019. In 2020, that number jumped to 930 — an increase of 520 percent.

In 2021, year-to-date, a total of 2,485 Coloradans have had their catalytic converter stolen — a 1,556 percent increase over 2019 with fully half of the year still ahead.

Fighting Catalytic Converter Theft

Catalytic converter theft is skyrocketing in Colorado and across the country because of a lucrative black market for the precious metals that converters contain. These devices, which help control exhaust emissions, commonly cost well over \$1,000 to replace. They're also an attractive target to

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“As Colorado's largest membership-based, not-for-profit organization, we think it's our job to help Coloradans get around safely,

however they choose,” said Skyler McKinley, regional director of public affairs for AAA.

“That's what we've done since 1922 and, facing new challenges nearly a century later, we're thrilled to rise to the occasion to serve Colorado by fighting against auto theft.”

Motorists can visit AAA.com/StopTheft to learn more about how to receive this free service.

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Overheard @ HG

It's a "support" dog's life

by Morticia Hafka

I believe my loyal readers would agree: I'm a hard-working dog. I restrict my napping to 16 hours per day. I patrol my residence faithfully, and give a clarion yap if danger is near — such as another dog treading near my front door.

Most importantly, I am a trusty support pet. I am faithful, square and honest — sort of like a Boy Scout.

I'm better than a Boy Scout, because I don't require a new uniform each year, due to growth spurts. I do think I've earned a nifty, new support-dog vest. Even without one — I perform my duties with heart and soul.

I accompany my human on three or more brisk walks per day. Neither rain, nor snow, nor black of night keep me from these appointed rounds. Okay, that's the U.S. Postal Service, but the comparison is fair. I am a diligent dog.

Sometimes, though, I feel under-appreciated. Every now and then, for example, my human — who can be a bit challenging on the best of days — decides to alter our peaceful routine and chase after some wonderful, new activity that leaves me struggling to retain my equilibrium.

Dogs like routine. My brother, the cat, likes routine. Brother Tytus enters his 22nd year in 2022, and not in dog years. Neither he, nor I, appreciate it when our meals are late. It annoys us when our immediate needs are neglected due to our human participating in frivolous, pointless endeavors, such as garage sales.

My human always has been a garage-sale junkie. She likes buying from them. She enjoys selling accumulated possessions at them. She'll drive endless miles to find one. This is her idea of a good time.

Did you notice last month's *Heather 'n Yon* was a few days late getting out? It was due to a delay at

the printer — that's the official story.

Could the truth be it's because practically the entire magazine staff was participating in a mid-September garage sale? You be the judge.

There's a sort of camaraderie, apparently, in garage-sale selling. People marvel at what others will buy, and for how much. Many items a person thought would sell, don't — while many, which a vendor is sort of embarrassed to offer, fly off the tables.

HG sellers flocked to participate in this nearby garage sale, because HG prohibits holding them here. The public reportedly was in a buying mood, perhaps exhibiting pent-up demand after a year of staying home. So with Tytus and I languishing indoors, tummies rumbling, our triumphant garage-sale seller finally dragged herself home after two days. She came bearing a wallet thick with one-dollar bills.

She also came home with a cute, ceramic plaque she bought for 50 cents, stating, "This House Protected By Killer Dust Bunnies." I spend much of my life on the floor, looking underneath chairs and beds. I personally can attest that this adage is true at our house.

The stuff she sold included one of my carrier crates. While I don't particularly enjoy being crated (I am a free-spirited pooch), you think she'd have had the courtesy to ask me before she unloaded my pet carrier.

There was an advertised shortage of Halloween decorations this season, due to supply-chain problems. So she sold all our Halloween decorations, which meant — when October rolled around — we had none for ourselves.

(Did she spend any of that easy money buying her faithful lapdog a snazzy support-pet vest? She did not.)

There used to be a half-hour TV

series called *Downward Dog*, which featured the family pet narrating events. The canine explained what it was like to be left at home alone, all day, while humans go off to work. Will they ever come back? Do they think of the dog, as they are zipping around town in their automobiles? Or meeting friends for drinks, which means the dog just has to wait longer for dinner?

Predictably, *Downward Dog* was canceled after only a few episodes. Humans think they want the truth? They can't handle the truth.

Downward Dog made an excellent point. How can we provide emotional support to our people if they won't stay home?

Many categories of support animals exist. A service dog is a dog (or miniature horse) that provides help to an individual with a disability, such as pulling a wheelchair, medical alert, PTSD, seizure alerting, and more. I do not fit into this category, as I am not built to pull wheelchairs. Plus I'm allergic to horses.

A therapy dog is trained to provide affection and comfort to those in hospitals, schools, nursing homes, etc. I do not wish to travel far from home, as I might get stuck in traffic, and miss a meal.

There also are arthritis dogs, diabetes dogs, search dogs, seeing and hearing dogs, and a host of others that require rigorous training and constant skill updating.

No, I'll stay in my role as support pet. A support animal can provide emotional and therapeutic benefit to those suffering with emotional disability, anxiety, or psychiatric disability. I won't offer an opinion as to which category describes my person.

If we're done with garage selling for the winter, I trust she will no longer leave me pining at home, with no company except the cat and my squeaky toys. And my rope toy. And my stuffed penguin. Lounging on my new Christian Siriano pet bed (added as part of the recent bedroom redecoration).

I now rest my case for providing more support to support pets. Grateful donations from the public of treats and dog accessories cheerfully accepted. Don't make me launch a "Go Fund Me" site.

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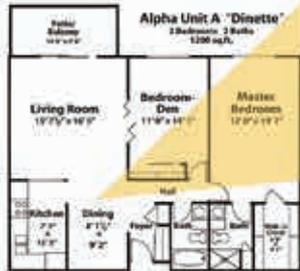
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