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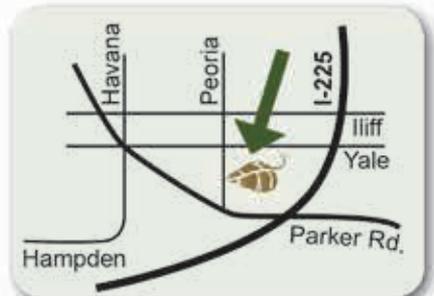
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Crosswalk project progresses, HGMD must be revenue neutral

All directors attended the Sept. 17 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors, via Zoom. HGMD's attorney, Jennifer Ivey, also joined via Zoom.

President David Funk noted that work on the crosswalk between HG's Clubhouse and the Maintenance Building continues unabated.

General Manager Calvin White expressed concern at the lack of signage, or "indicators," warning drivers as they approach a crosswalk.

"We are a little concerned. We expected notice signs, north and south. Now, the warning is line-of-sight only." White added, HG might have to trim some trees, to make the crosswalk more visible.

Director Rita Effler remarked the rates charged for RV-lot parking are well below commercial rates.

"Nonprofit doesn't mean you can't make a profit," she remarked. "It just means that profits can't go to shareholders."

Ivey explained the difference between entities that are nonprofit, and those that are governmental, as is HGMD.

"It should be revenue neutral," she said. "Each fee is

for the service it's providing...you can only charge fees high enough to offset the cost of the service."

Revenues from the RV lot, for example, can't be used to make up shortfalls in the restaurant.

"They have to be separate buckets," Ivey said, with rates from the Golf Course sufficient to cover the costs of the Golf Course, for example.

White added, "With HGA departments, they can offset each other. But not with HGMD's profit centers.

Effler reported that Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee Member Gwen Alexander continues to work on the Restaurant Plan.

Fran Clemens reported that trees in memory of former residents Mildred Hiebert and Jeanne Hizer had been planted, using Foundation funds. The Mask Warriors — who made masks for use during the pandemic — had expressed the wish to install a memorial bench on the Golf Course.

"The bench that Golf Pro Greg Kohr wants to install costs more than the Mask Warriors have," Fran reported, so research on that project is ongoing.

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Employee "Hero" pay ends Sept. 30, emergency repairs to Parking Structures

The Sept. 15 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors met via Zoom with all directors present.

The board passed a motion to discontinue the "hero" pay, which added \$3 per hour to HG employees' hourly wage, effective Sept. 30. General Manager (GM)

Calvin White commented, "We extended it past our original 90 days. The 'new normal' is that everyone is getting exposed to COVID-19, and employees interacting with residents is one of those ways."

He added, "I'm not 100 percent sure we should stop hero pay," but employees "going into units" has become normal. "If a resident refuses to mask, staff can decline to go into a unit."

The board voted to discontinue the hero pay, with the proviso that, should new COVID-19 cases surge, hazard pay could be reinstated.

The board approved ratifying an emergency expenditure, to complete the post-tension-cable-repair project for Parking Structures (PS) 1 and 2. The Contracts Department requested the additional funds while working on PS1 and PS2, said Structure Maintenance Committee Chair David Archer. The vote to fund \$388,463 as a capital expenditure was unanimous; however, in a work session that followed the HGA meeting, one director said he might not have voted yes, had the information from the work session been available to him before the vote.

The additional funds included adding \$348,500 to the original contract, plus \$13,000 for added engineering, and \$26,900 for staircase work on PS2. The Structure Maintenance (SM) and the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committees both recommended the additional work.

Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) Chair Al Lindeman noted, the additional funds brought the total-project cost to \$555,000.

Treasurer John Coil remarked, "It's going to keep getting worse, until Al finds a solution."

General Manager Calvin White added that this amount was only for PS1 and PS2 — nothing for PS3.

The board approved a revised Procedure Memorandum (PM) for the performance evaluation for the GM. Personnel Policy Committee Chair Susan Lambert commented the revised PM recognized current performance standards established for evaluating White.

Some changes to the evaluation process were: removing staff members from the evaluation process; establishing a dialog between the board and the GM to set performance standards for the coming year; seeking input from the HGMD; using SMART objectives (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, time bound); and establishing new evaluation forms, to be completed by both boards.

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Seven candidates vie for HGA Board director

Eight homeowners, including two incumbent directors (one elected, one appointed), and one former director took out applications to join the Heather Gardens Association (HGA) Board of Directors in January 2021. Since then, one presumptive candidate withdrew. Biographies of the seven candidates follow.

Jill Bacon, B244, is president of the HGA Board of Directors currently. She has served as floor representative; social chair; AR (two years), a member of SEC from its inception; on the Clubhouse/Restaurant committee; and chair of the Architectural Control and Personnel Policy committees.



"My interest in being a candidate for the board is primarily to represent all the residents of the HG community," she said. "I have made it a goal this past year to make sure that people are 'heard,' by answering emails, and phone calls whenever I can, so that I have an understanding of what residents are thinking and what they desire in their community. I also attend almost all the Zoom meetings so that I can stay well informed.

"...COVID-19 has given our community a whole new outlook as we did everything possible to keep our high-risk group as safe as possible from the virus.

"The Board is involved in some major issues right now, in which I would like to continue to play a part. We have the open garages that are aging and must be addressed, as well as older buildings that must be maintained, so that our community can continue to have high property values."

Bacon was a first-grade teacher for eight years, and later an RN. She was an ER director in two hospitals, a nurse manager for a skilled nursing unit in a hospital, and finally, a Professor of Nursing at a Community College.

David Baxter, B217, is a Technology and Information Security Manager with more than 20 years of experience leading and building business technology, business continuity, physical and information security in the Financial/Mortgage industry, he said. For the last six years, he is employed by FirstBank. Previously, Baxter has been an independent technology consultant, worked for AuroraBank locally for 15 years, and once held comparable positions in Pennsylvania and Northern California.

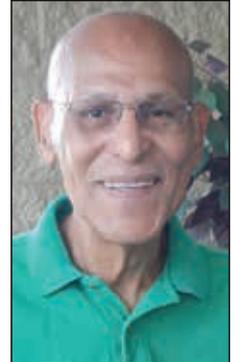


A strong believer in teamwork, communication, collaboration, and improving efficiency, Baxter said he has successful experience in strategic hiring and building team dynamics. Baxter currently is on two committees at

FirstBank, which include the Stride/Diversity and Branch Operations committees.

As a large Halloween- and Christmas-decorating enthusiast prior moving to HG, Baxter said he enjoyed planning and building large displays. Since moving to HG, he remarked he has been able to continue to keep this enthusiasm, on a smaller scale.

Larry Dávila, B216, is a former HGA board member and president, who explained, "Being a board member is quite a responsibility, with which I am familiar. It requires time, commitment, and a willingness to work with peers for the betterment of HG. I have no 'ax to grind,' and my sole intention is to work with others, so that our community continues to be safe, secure, and a place where people will continue to dwell well into their mature years."



Dávila is a former Aurora Public School teacher.

"At one time or another, I served in the Aurora Educators Association Board of Directors, led a Citizens Advisory Committee, and became head of the Foreign Languages Department at Rangeview High School," he said.

"My wife and I moved to HG in 1997, and became involved with The Frolics. I served as its president for two years. I served in the Clubhouse Committee after that, and was elected to the HGA Board in 2003. Initially, I was appointed to head committees for the Clubhouse, Personnel and the Roads & Grounds. Eventually I was elected to serve as HGA vice president, then president for three years.

"I have just finished being a member of the Aurora Mental Health Center. After being its president for 13 years, I was honored with its 'Lifetime Achievement Award'."

Beverly Havens, B218, said, "I am a 30-year resident of HG, and have loved every minute of my time here. I was employed as a deputy treasurer in the Gary, Indiana, school system for 18 years before moving to Colorado with my mother. We first settled in Heather Ridge before moving to HG.



"I have an Associate Degree in Accounting. After serving the Denver Broncos as a staff accountant for 23 years, I retired and 'wintered' in Mesa, Arizona, where I enjoyed working as a security staff of a local resort. I have also been a park ranger for the campgrounds of the Cherry Creek State Park.

"While living in HG, I served two terms as a member of the Budget & Finance Committee. During my 30 years,

I served as the AR for Country Place 2, as well as for B218. I was chair of the Audit Subcommittee, as well as a member of the SEC Committee. In April of 2020, I was appointed to the Board of Directors for HGA, and chair of the SEC Committee.

"I love our community and have enjoyed serving the residents in many capacities; therefore, I would like to continue. I pledge to continue listening to each resident, and I will do my best to keep this great community thriving. I look forward to representing you by serving on the Board of Directors of HGA."

Terry Hotstetler, B216, stated, "I was born and reared in Louisville, Kentucky. Having graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, I moved to Colorado in 1977, to flee the humidity of Kentucky, and enjoy the Rocky Mountains. I have always given thanks for being so blessed to be living in such a beautiful and remarkable place.



"I have worked for small banks most of my 40-plus-year career, as a consumer and commercial lender. While working in Breckenridge, I met my wife, Judy, and our son Ryan was born in Vail, in 1984.

"In 1985, I started working at a bank in Castle Rock, as a lender, and also became actively involved in the community. From 1987 to 1988, I served as the president of the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Rotary Club of Castle Rock.

"From 1990 to 1994, I served on the Castle Rock Town Council, when the town was almost bankrupt. As a town council member, I found that I was spending a lot of my time educating my constituents — who generally were not well informed as to what was really happening, or what the issues were — about why we were considering the solutions that we felt would best keep the community moving forward, in a positive manner.

"I served again as the chair of the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, 2003–2004, and served on the Board of Directors of the Castle Pines Chamber of Commerce, 2015–2017.

"My wife and I retired in 2018, then moved to HG in March 2019. Since our move, I have become the second-floor rep of B216, and have attended many of the HGA committee meetings, and board meetings.

"If elected to the HGA Board, I would like to extensively review the HGA and HGMD budgets. I also want to be available for communicating with our residents, who are concerned with the monthly HOA dues increasing every year, as to why our dues have been increasing.

"I am also anxious for our community to return to 'normal,' after we feel safe to go back to socializing, without the fear of spreading the deadly virus. I love living in HG, and feel very fortunate to have experienced the wonderful times and experiences early enough, before we had to go into survival mode, once the pandemic became a reality."

Mike Pula, B243, said, "My wife Sally and I have lived in HG since March 2017. After renting a unit in B242

for six months, we purchased a unit in B243. We are transplants from central Illinois. Our move to Colorado was precipitated by the fact that two of our four children and four of our seven grandchildren live in metro Denver.

"I have an undergraduate degree in Economics from Illinois State University. I also have a Masters of Business Administration from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

"After a two-year stint with the Army, working in the Adjutant Generals Office, I spent several years in credit analysis and trust administration with the largest down-state bank in Illinois. That was followed by many years working with small-to-medium-size retirement plans, including plan design, actuarial work, record keeping and other administrative and consulting services.

"Over the years, I have served in many volunteer positions with a variety of organizations. Currently, I am serving on two HGA and HGMD committees. This is my third year on Civic Affairs, and my second year on Property Policy. This has exposed me to issues facing both the HGA and HGMD Boards.

"I have decided to increase my service to the HG community by running for the HGA Board. I believe some of the key issues facing HG are the continued maintenance and improvement of our aging property, long-range planning for future capital needs, and seeking new ideas and ways of meeting the needs and desires of the HG residents. I strongly feel our community needs to be proactive in planning for the future. All of this is also subject to the challenge of budget constraints. I feel that I can offer valuable input into some of the decisions that will be facing the board and the HG community in the next few years."

Pat Spratt, B203, said, "I have been married to Cliff Spratt, for 53 years. We lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, all our lives, and moved to Colorado 18 years ago. We lived in Highlands Ranch for 16 years, and moved to HG two years ago. We love this community, and would like to be a small part of its future.



"In Pittsburgh, we had a music store and studio for 30 years, selling instruments and giving music lessons. We also volunteered in Pittsburgh at a home for abused children, giving them music lessons.

"We love it in Colorado: This is a beautiful state. Our children went to CSU and are married now, and have children who live in Colorado."

We have volunteered at Mt. St. Vincent Home for children in Colorado for about 16 years. We sing songs with the kids and bring them books and candy.

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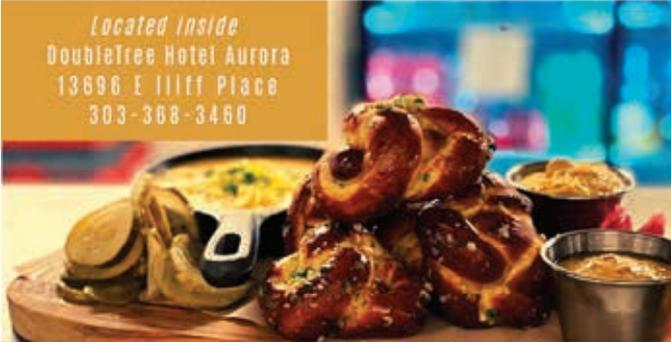
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The candidates made opening statements, answered questions from the audience, and made closing statements. Cathy Mendoza, Election Committee Chair, moderated the sessions.

One question elicited near-unanimous agreement with the candidates: most stated they did not favor investigating the pros and cons of hiring a property-management company, to run HG. Bev Havens, and David Baxter said each had lived in a neighborhood with a property-management company – they found repairs to be cheap, service to be poor, and expenses high.

Larry Dávila remarked, “I’m against it. The company would have to make money. To enhance their income, they must scrimp on repairs.”

Jill Bacon added, “I’ve had several people tell me they moved here, because there was *not* a management company.”

Mike Pula commented, “I’d have to defer. I’ve never lived in a community, before this, that even had an HOA.”

When asked, what is the major challenge facing the board, in 2021, several candidates talked about keeping property values high while maintaining HG’s aging facilities — without breaking the bank that is the HGA monthly fee.

Terry Hotstetler said, “I think parking is the number one issue, as well as the finances of tearing down the parking structures (PS).”

Havens mentioned the problems with parking, and the great challenge of dealing with HG’s deteriorating PS. Havens added, “Now that we’ve put security cameras into many buildings, my goal is to see how we can secure the parking structures.”

Bacon said she agreed, adding, “but we have to be prepared for anything – whatever is put before us.” Pula agreed with Bacon.

Dávila said, “‘Life is what happens to you, while you’re busy making other plans.’ (quote attributed to John Lennon, 1980). Who could have predicted COVID-19?”

Baxter agreed the PS would be a challenge; however, “also insurance (costs) and security. I hope the board is not just focused on one issue.”

Outgoing HGA Treasurer John Coil asked, who was interested in taking over as treasurer? Hotstetler said he was interested in being treasurer.

Other candidates pointed out that treasurer is a position voted on by the rest of the board. Several stated they would be willing to serve, if elected.

Pula remarked, “I have a background in numbers and accounting. It’s the board’s decision.”

Havens stated she would prefer to remain chair of the SEC. Bacon remarked, “I’m not the math person — I’m the people person.”

Noting that the last board packet was 100 pages long, one questioner asked if candidates had time to serve and meet the job’s demands? Hotstetler replied, “Yes, I am. I was on the town council of Castle Rock.”

Baxter remarked, “I’m more than able to accept that challenge. Some security reviews (that I’ve worked on) are hundreds of pages.”

Havens said she has been known to spend 36-40 hours per week, reading board information, since being appointed to the board. “It’s a lot of reading.”

Dávila remarked that, the last time he served on the HGA board, “no director had better attendance. I am ready to put in the time.”

Candidates offered summaries of what assets each could bring to the board.

Pat Spratt said, “I had a music store, in Pennsylvania, and am experienced in working with people.”

Dávila stated, “With me, what you see is what you get. I feel very strongly about respecting my fellow directors. I have a lot of institutional history, and believe boards work best that work together.”

Hotstetler said, “My background is in banking for 40 years. I’m interested in helping to meet the challenges the board is facing. I feel I have the experience to be a great board member.”

Havens said, “I’ve lived in HG a long time — 30 years — through many ups and downs. I think we’re on an upswing now. I feel I’ve gained a wealth of experience from working on boards, committees, and the Area Representative Organization (ARO).”

Bacon said, “I’ve learned that property values must remain high, while everything must be done to keep fees low. The grounds must remain beautiful. All residents have a vested interest in the property, and their concerns must be heard.”

Spratt said, “I would like to make HG an even better place than it is.”

Pula said, “I believe in service. I hope I can be part of making correct decisions for HG. I’m happy that HGA, and later HGMD, established a formal capital-reserve policy. I would focus on planning for the long term, for our 40-year-old property. To keep HG a good community, we must work on some issues.”

Baxter said, “I love it here at HG, and would be excited to help prepare it for the future. My excitement is heartfelt. HG is not your run-of-the-mill community. My goal would be to move the community forward, balancing needs and costs.”

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On Monday, slightly different questions were asked

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HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

Your chance to be heard: During October and November of this year you have the opportunity to “make your voice heard” by taking part in several votes.

Hopefully, you have spent the last four days listening to and commenting on the Budget Workshops on Zoom. These meetings gave you the chance to voice your opinions on the HG budget for 2021. These line-item reviews provide residents an opportunity to ask questions, give input, and generally influence the budget for next year. These are the items over which residents have some control.

When it comes to insurance, and some other things, HG is at the mercy of large entities and prevailing practices. These include property insurance premiums, taxes, etc.

This month we have the HG Census, which is a requirement in order to retain our FHA, VA and reverse mortgage financing. You can complete this census by computer or by filling out the form that has been inserted in this issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. You will receive more information in an email from HG shortly.

Then, in November, other opportunities for you to take action are extremely important. First is the National election. Probably one of the most important elections to be held in years.

There are two more HG elections in which every member has the opportunity to vote. You will receive two ballots in November. One is the ballot to choose whether you want to veto the HG budget for 2021. The other is the ballot to vote for the directors on the HGA Board for next year.

The rest is up to you. You have a choice to be a part of these processes, or not. If you have the desire to be heard, take advantage of these opportunities to do so. If not, that is your choice too. I hope that each resident will realize that they do have a vote and that it matters.

There is an old saying that goes something like this, “If you vote, you can complain about the outcome, if you did not vote, then you have nothing to say.” Be one of those who has the right to complain or compliment. It is your choice.

Have a wonderful fall season by taking the opportunity to be heard.

Candidates...from page 10

of the candidates.

One question posed to all candidates was, “with the scope and responsibility for the general manager (GM), is monitoring his/her performance once a year in an evaluation adequate?”

Pula said, “Just as important as reviewing is to establish objectives/goals. More frequent reviews might be warranted.”

Baxter noted that “goal setting is the responsibility of the board. More frequent updates on goals set and reviewed could be done.”

Spratt said, “I’m not that familiar. Maybe twice a year...I cannot evaluate now.”

Havens noted that the current “evaluation is extensive. A lot of questions are asked of each board member [HGA and HGMD]. Yearly is sufficient.”

Bacon said, “I worked closely with the GM this year. We have been getting quarterly reports from him.”

Dávila said, “With the way things are now, we evaluate the GM everyday. As president, I took concerns from the board to GM regularly. I did not want him to be surprised.”

Hostetler recalled his experience on the town council in Castle Rock, which was nearly bankrupt — “try to get a mayor to lead. There are lots of issues in the year to come [for HG]. Communication will be important.”

A resident asked about Comcast resuming its upgrade to fiber optic cables that have to be drilled underground. How will this be handled to avoid an accident like the one in CP4?

Spratt: “I don’t know anything about it.”

Havens: “The HGA Board approved a new contract with Comcast with strict supervision mandated.”

Bacon: “The board approved Comcast to proceed with strict constraints on how to work on buildings. The entire community will know when they will be exposed. They will have to meet standards.”

Dávila: “I follow the adage, ‘trust but verify.’ It is not only the CP4 residents who are angry about what happened two years ago.”

Hostetler noted, “there is a new tab on the website that describes how Comcast is to handle its buildout. I want to avoid the tragedy from two years ago. Expect HG will monitor Comcast.”

Pula: “The board has developed a strong statement of expectation. Now it needs to monitor the work.”

Baxter: “I plan to listen to the board choices on Comcast that the safety of residents will be met. Expect transparency.”

Additional questions on Monday addressed the Security Department, employee turnover and salary ranges. Recordings of these two Zoom meetings were reportedly to be accessible from the HG website, www.heathergardens.org. If you missed the meetings, you may be able hear candidate views from the recording. Remember to vote by Nov. 20. Ballots are to be sent by mail to HGA members in October.

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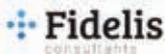
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Publisher's Corner

Zoom (virtual) meetings: Are they here to stay?

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of *Heather 'n Yon*

Zoom meetings for the HG boards and committees have become the rule, not the exception, during the coronavirus pandemic. Such meetings permit more residents to attend virtually, avoiding the still potential danger of transmitting the coronavirus among large groups of people in small meeting rooms.

In a sampling of recent meetings, the HGA Board on Sept. 15 had 53 participants that included the nine directors on the board and key management staff: general manager, operations manager, controller, and two administrative staff to “host” the virtual meeting. Last month, I noted there were 48 participants.

Later that week (Sept. 17), 27 residents and staff were in the Zoom meeting for the HGMD Board. Last month, HGMD had 37 participants.

These two meetings are usually held in the board room, which can accommodate slightly more than 30 residents plus the directors.

Earlier, the “Meet the Candidates” meeting, conducted by Zoom on Sept. 14, had 39 participants. This meeting traditionally is held in Sandberg Auditorium. It introduces candidates for the HGA Board election in November (see story, pages 6 and 10).

The negatives to a Zoom meeting? If participants join with their audio and video engaged, some surprising incidents can be observed, such as a spouse crossing the room behind the viewer. Frequent Zoom participants have learned to pick a room that has less clutter because everyone can see what your decor is behind you. Or you use a virtual background by selecting a photo from those provided by Zoom or select one of your own photos. I currently use a photo of an empty Mile High at Empower Field with the Broncos logo clearly shown as my virtual background. With stadiums mostly empty for National Football League games this year — it seems appropriate.

One meeting that I attended, a frequent participant has found photos of quite “posh” interiors. She selects one of those to use as her virtual background — I am envious.

The audio at a meeting can be another distraction. Everyone attending a meeting can hear conversations taking place in another room of your home, a loud TV or radio that your roommate turns on, or a dog barking. If you have a phone near your computer, expect it to ring during the meeting at some point. I have had to scramble to “mute” my audio to keep from disrupting the meeting too much. The protocol is to keep your room/home “muted” in the meeting unless it is your turn to speak. Then, you have to remember to “unmute” yourself.

HG directors are contemplating continuing these Zoom meetings, even when in-person meetings resume. This option does seem to encourage more residents to participate in their governing group meetings. Another advantage is that you don't have to get dressed fully for public meetings — just wear a top that represents you well. (Pajama bottoms won't be seen by anyone, unless you stand up.)

I recently attended a meeting that I did not have to take notes. Consequently, I kept both my video and audio turned off and continued to work on this issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. I could listen to the proceedings quite fine. (You might not like multi-tasking like this, but in a pinch it works.)

I have also observed participants doing other obvious activities while at the meeting — eating, checking something on the desktop or drinking (I hope it is water). My nieces gleefully told me about doing virtual “Happy Hours” with friends where everyone is enjoying their beer or wine. I don't think that attending a HG meeting falls into that category.

If you must check your email on your cell phone, or carry on a text conversation, I suggest that you turn

off your video. Being distracted at a meeting is not polite, suggesting that you are bored. Even better, leave the meeting.

When we were in lockdown during March and April, my widespread family met weekly to check in with one another. Then we played games. Online games included trivia pursuit (we did not try this one), jigsaw puzzles (the person who places the most pieces gets the highest score), a variation on pictionary and several other word games. We talked about trying an escape room game, but the lock-down ended and our lives got more active away from home.

Recently, a weekly conversation was about how each contestant is doing on fantasy football. Our family loves sports of all kinds! We were glad to see most of those activities return, although it has a different feel with no fans (or fewer fans) at the games.

One place that the virtual meetings may help HG is the budget workshops at the end of September. Those are usually sparsely attended by residents not on a board or a committee. When I reviewed the number of participants at the HG Budget & Finance Committee meetings the past two months, it was about 27, which does include 7 committee members and about 5 staff members.

In past years, these budget meetings can take 6–8 hours, which might have kept residents from attending. (Who wants to get stuck in a meeting room for that long every day, especially if you are just an observer?) Being able to attend virtually might be more attractive. You can sign in when the topic or department you care about is being discussed on the 2021 budget for HG.

Unfortunately, these meetings will be held on Sept. 28–Oct. 1. By the time you get this newsmagazine on Oct. 1, the workshops will be mostly over and the decisions made.

While there are many things about how easy it is to attend a Zoom meeting — I miss the in-person meetings. I miss the camaraderie. I miss the body language. I miss sharing information in an informal way.

Will a hybrid version — in person and virtual Zoom meetings provide the best of both worlds?



Management

Parking structures: Before extensive repair, need data

By Calvin White
General Manager

Over the past few years, HG has had frequent discussions about the Parking Structures adjacent to the 4-story buildings in which residents for these building park their cars. We have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on repairs. These repairs are not permanent and have not offered any improvements to safety, security, or accessibility of those structures.

HG has engaged an engineering and consulting firm to help by providing options for doing something that more permanently improves these structures that is cost effective.

Accurate information is needed from residents who use the Parking Structures for planning as HGA prepares to repair the existing parking structures.

This research will start by asking ARs in the 4-story buildings to determine the accuracy of a list of the units in those buildings and the parking spaces associated with each unit. We are asking the residents to verify the list's accuracy for their unit and, if there is an error, to provide

the correct information. We would like to have this review of the list returned to the Management Office by Oct. 15.

I am asking residents to provide an email address and whether they are able to participate in a Zoom meeting. This information will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used to communicate with the affected residents.

Repair of the parking structures — including providing physical security for the lower level — will be a complex, multi-year process. Al Lindeman, chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, is scheduling meetings with the ARs in the 4-story buildings for the purpose of having a dialogue about resident concerns regarding the parking structures and the planned repair process.

A portion of the HG website has been devoted to information about the parking structures. To access this information, go to heathergardens.org. In the green banner at the top of the page, click on "Important Topics," then click on "Parking Structure News." That will give you the option to read short question and answer posts about the repair process or to look at the studies that have been done to date.

Having parking structure issues addressed is something we have wanted for years. These meetings with the ARs is an opportunity to provide comments and suggestions as plans are developed.

Doing something about these aging parking areas has become a top near-term priority.

(See story on Parking Structure workshop, page 27.)

Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White:

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 8–9:30 am, Zoom Meeting — Join Calvin White for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to ask your burning questions.

HGMD...from page 5

Clemens reported that the Clubhouse lobby kiosk, which was purchased 10 years ago, when the new Clubhouse opened, is never used. The Foundation no longer posts the names of contributors on it. She recommended the kiosk be removed and recycled or sold.

Board members approved her recommendation, and discussed allocating up to \$200 to defray disposal costs. Several audience members asked, why not sell the kiosk on Craigslist, since it apparently is in good working order? Gary Ford, B242, offered to help Clements with the Craigslist posting.

The board approved purchasing four propane heaters for the Restaurant patio, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000, using Foundation funds.

Clemens commented, "We still have many diners on our patio, but it's getting cooler now."

Treasurer Bill Archambault asked if anyone had considered electric heaters? Clemens responded that finding enough outlets outdoors could be a problem. In addition, Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan felt propane heaters would do the job best — they could easily be moved to

different spots without having to consider cords. Ronan would actually purchase the heaters, she said.

Effler remarked that HGMD might need to review its management agreement with HGA, to coordinate with HGA's new procedure for evaluating the general manager. Funk concurred, but said it was a future activity.

Golf Committee Chair Mike George reported the committee had recommended — on a narrow, split vote — not to have a beverage cart on the course, now that the liquor license includes Golf-Course property. The committee felt buying alcohol in the restaurant, and taking it onto the course was sufficient. Selling beer from the Pro Shop was another option.

Archambault reported the Nice Group, which is advising HG on investing its cash reserves, made a presentation at the Sept. 14 Budget & Finance Committee meeting. The Nice Group reported that CDs currently are paying next to nothing in terms of interest. The group recommended that HG explore investing in annuities. HG's current investment policy prohibits putting its money into annuities; however, the Nice Group noted there are many kinds of annuities, and some might well serve the purposes of HG's investment goals.

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Tour bus driver enjoys dressing for the role as he shares the west with tourists

Descending through a storm on Red Mountain Pass, Paul Solem, B219, slowed for rock tumbles loosened by the heavy rain. Absolute silence issued from his passengers and tour guide. On tour from Great Britain, their lives were in the hands of the bus driver. Paul took the microphone: "Folks, I could use a little help up here."

Passengers tensed. Finally one asked, "What can we do for you?"

"Well, I'm working on a crossword puzzle and I'm looking for a seven letter..." His sentence trailed off as the passengers relaxed in laughter.

"You better not be working on a bloody puzzle," one called out.

An experienced bus driver, Paul opted to drive for Arrow Stage Lines touring industry in 1999. He remained with the company until he retired in 2014. Most of his tours headed west from Denver. He relished being in the "fun" business where he, along with the tour guide, could enhance the experience of his passengers through pranks, jokes and playacting.

He changed costumes with the roles he assumed. He informed passengers when he dropped them off to ride the Pike's Peak Cog Train that he'd still be sitting on the bench when they returned. The round-trip on the Cog was a tedious three and one half hours excursion. The scenery changes ever so slowly. Tourists, and especially the tour guide, were happy for it to end.

"They'd get back. I'd be sitting there in my uniform looking like an old man wearing a Halloween mask of long hair and long white beard."

He would don an Old West outfit — cowboy hat, vest, sheriff's badge, holster and six-shooter — on the Durango to Silverton Narrow Gauge Train leg of the tour. Tourists liked

taking no-charge souvenir snapshots with "Sheriff Solem."

After delivering his passengers to ride the historic train, Paul would drive to a scenic overview where the highway met the track. As the train passed, passengers would see Paul

seeing a bus driver shooting his engine.

Chugging along narrow gauge rails in historic train cars was a delight of short duration. The seats were straight-backed, hard and lacked suspension. Passengers bumped and rattled with each sway of the train.

"So they'd be ready to get off."

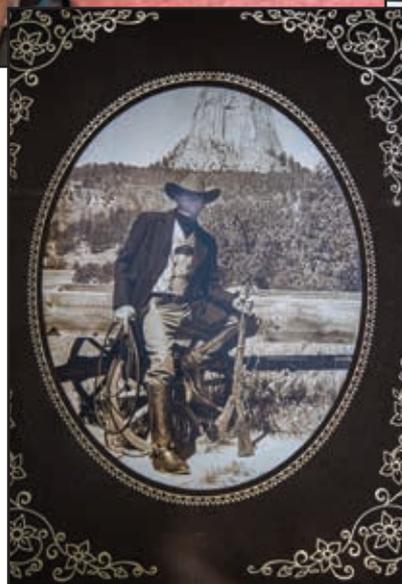
It wasn't always fun for passengers who were the target of a joke. Signs at the Petrified Forest directed



Above: Julie and Paul Solem, B219, were photographed outside their home in HG.

Right: Paul was photographed in western wear during a trip through Monument Valley in Arizona and Utah.

Far right: With tour guide Denise McCammon, B242, Solem dressed the part for a tour in front of the bus he drove.



persons who saw "anyone stealing rocks or having a heart attack to call this number."

Paul was pulled over as he left the grounds. A bona-fide

scowling at the engine while waving a large wrench in each fist. Then he'd remove his pistol and shoot the danged thing. One day, at the next stop in Mesa Verde, he laughed as he overheard a tourist remark about

ranger boarded and accused a British passenger of stealing a rock. She explained she had held a rock long enough to take a photo of its underside. She put it back and pocketed

See Solem...page 26

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What you (absolutely) need to know about HG parking rules

I wish I had volunteered to write about something more exciting — but this stuff is critical. Especially if you don't want your vehicle or a friend's/relative's vehicle towed away. {*Note: Rules were adopted in June 2020.*}

When you could be towed away

If you or your guest parks in a handicap space or in a way that obstructs a walkway, bike lane, driveway, service drive, fire lane, fire hydrant, in an area marked "Tow Away Zone," or in any other way that creates a safety hazard (whew!) — kiss that vehicle goodbye. It will be towed away immediately. And getting it back won't be cheap.

Where to park

You need to park in your assigned parking space or an open parking space next to your building. And, of course, Country Place and Townhome residents are to park in their driveways or garages. *Makes sense? Right?*

How about vehicles parked in undesignated spaces?

They are allowed to park for seven days. Security verified that if a vehicle has been parked in the same spot for more than seven days — the owner will be notified and told to move the vehicle.

Guest parking spaces

Non-residents can park in one of these spaces for a maximum of 72 hours. They must then move the vehicle to a different parking space.

What about trailers?

Non-resident commercial trailers, including construction trailers, are only allowed on HG property for loading or unloading, or for the time they are providing service to a resident. Those trailers can be parked for a maximum of 10 hours. They cannot be parked in garages.

Contractors with construction trailers or storage pods must apply for the right to park on HG property. This is a part of the Architectural Control Committee's (ACC) procedure memorandum. Contractors must work with Security to determine the best place to park their trailers while working on the property.

On the other hand

It's easier for residents with trailers or moving pods because they can park them without going through the ACC. However, their trailer or pods can remain on HG property for only 72 hours. There can be only two pods parked on HG property at one time.

If you are a resident with a commercial vehicle, you can park it in an assigned space if the vehicle fits within the parking space. If not, you must park it elsewhere.

You can't touch that.

HG employees are not allowed to move any vehicle. However, the General Manager can grant exceptions to this rule.

Two big no-nos

First, no delivery vehicles or moving vans with a gross weight of more than 6,000 pounds are permitted to park on the parking slabs.

Second, no vehicle of any kind, including trailers, that does not have a valid license plate, can be stored on any portion of HG property, except in a designated space or an enclosed garage. If you have an unused vehicle, it can be parked or stored only in a designated space inside a closed garage.

If you have an unlicensed vehicle or one with an expired license, you will receive a written notice requesting that you remove the vehicle. If you do not remove it within 72 hours, HG has the right to have it removed without any liability to HG. You will be billed for any expenses incurred in removing the vehicle.

You may be asking yourself...

So what exactly is an unused vehicle? *We didn't think you'd ever ask.*

There are two criteria. First, it's any vehicle that has not moved under its own power in the past 14 days. And second, it's a vehicle with one or more flat tires or that has a broken window(s).

All vehicles parked on HG property must have liability insurance coverage. All residents are also required to provide HG with the make, model, and plate/tag of their vehicle(s). Submit this information through Piler.

How about RVs?

Self-propelled RVs can use guest parking spaces for loading and unloading for 48 hours. Trailers or fifth-wheel vehicles must be detached from their tow vehicles while on HG property. They must comply with the 48-hour rule.

No RV, trailer, or fifth-wheel vehicle can be parked in such a way as to block the driveway of other residents.

If your vehicle becomes a nuisance (per Declaration Section 8.10) or an embarrassment to the residents of HG, you will receive a violation notice. It will be handled like any other violation.

And, yes, there are exceptions

If you need an exception to these rules, you must submit your request to the General Manager or his designee. {*Note: These rules do not apply HG vehicles or those of HG contractors.*}

Now for the fine print

These rules do not apply to streets that are owned, maintained, and regulated by the City of Aurora. These streets include East Marina Drive, South Heather Gardens Way, East Bates Avenue, East Bethany Place, East Cornell, South Wheeling Way, Dartmouth Street, and South Xanadu Street. HG does not regulate parking on these streets.

Rights of way and property owned and managed by the HGMD are also excluded.

Finally, and I do mean finally

If you would like to see the full policy for HG parking (*and who wouldn't?*), go to the Resource page on the HG website, look for "Governing documents – HGA." Select "Policies," then Legal 6.

– Doug Hanna, B220
Communications Committee

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The Month (September)

On Sept. 10, the HGA Board of Directors convened a special meeting, to approve the commercial-insurance premium for HGA, effective Oct. 1, 2020–Sept. 30, 2021. The premium of \$1,580,247, obtained through McGriff & Co., represents a 10.1 percent increase over last year’s premium. The insurance package includes General Liability, Umbrella, Security, Security Umbrella, Automobile, Property, Terrorism, Crime, Excess Crime, Cyber Liability, and Directors & Officers/EPL/Fiduciary, and Workers Compensation policies.

HGA Treasurer John Coil explained the Insurance Subcommittee of the Budget & Finance Committee had feared an increase closer to 20–25 percent for the coming year. He called for a special board meeting to approve the insurance package, because some insurance companies were threatening moratoriums on writing new or renewal policies, due to the financial impacts to insurers of hail/windstorms, massive western wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, etc.

Coil stated the increase would add about \$5 per month per unit to the HOA. The deductibles are the same as last year, and coverages were comparable — beefed up, in some areas. Coverage was added for workplace violence and several other categories.

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At the Sept. 8 meeting of the Golf Committee, Pro Greg Kohr reported that August had notched another re-

cord month. Play was up by 300 rounds over the same month last year, despite longer periods of time between tee times, due to COVID-19 social distancing.

Kohr announced that wood for golf-course porta-potty-shed renovations had been purchased. Once completed, a sanitation company will clean them twice per week. Signs will direct, “Use these facilities at your own risk.”

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Each month, BioBags Americas Inc. highlights community heroes that are making a difference in their communities and working to make their local environments cleaner and healthier. In September, it was the Heather Gardens Green Team! The story went:

“Heather Gardens is an Active Adult 55+ Community in Aurora, Colorado. The community covers 198 acres with approximately 3,800 resident owners. Amenities include a 9-hole executive golf course, tennis courts, clubhouse, restaurant, pools, classes, and clubs, one of them being the Heather Gardens Green Team. The goal of the Heather Gardens Green Team is to help make Heather Gardens ‘greener.’

“Co-President Virginia L. Anthony, along with team members Marsha Bengen and Janet Arce, sent us their story about how they used a City of Aurora Neighborhood Beautification Grant to develop the only (as far as we know!) HOA Compostable Dog Waste Collection Program. Find out what they’re doing and how they ac-

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completed this innovative feat on our blog!

"Huge kudos to Virginia, Marsha, Janet, and the entire Heather Gardens Green Team, our Community Hero of the month!" (*marketing@biobagusa.com*).

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This sheltering bird commented, "What to do, where to go? Yesterday it was summer hot, 93 degrees. Today it is 34 degrees with rain/snow like winter. Sheesh!"

Evan Morris, STH, was the photographer and bird whisperer.

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United States deaths in past/current conflicts or pandemics, compared to COVID-19 (as of Sept. 23, 2020).

No. Died	Year	Event	Source
201,120	2020	COVID-19	Johns Hopkins U.
675,000	1918	H1N1 virus	<i>cdc.gov</i>
~655,000	1865	Civil War	<i>wikipedia.org</i>
117,466	1918	WW1	<i>wikipedia.org</i>
419,400	1945	WW2	<i>wikipedia.org</i>
36,516	1953	Korean War	<i>wikipedia.org</i>
58,209	1975	Vietnam	<i>wikipedia.org</i>
2,977	2001	Sept. 11	<i>wikipedia.org</i>
2,216	2020	Afghanistan	<i>wikipedia.org</i>
4,497	2011	Iraq	<i>wikipedia.org</i>

{Editor's note: Wikipedia does break out the number of combat deaths and deaths from "other" causes for each war. However, these numbers represent the total deaths during the conflict.}

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Anti-Racist Action

"400 years ago white people kidnapped black people and brought them here to enslave them: And sold them: And treated them as less than human: For 250 years: While white men formed the country and created its laws and its systems of government: While 10-15 generations of white families got to grow and flourish and make choices that could make their lives better.

And then 150 years ago white people "freed" black people from slavery. But then angry white people created laws that made it impossible for them to vote: Or to own land: Or to have the same rights as white people: And even erected monuments glorifying people who actively had fought to keep them enslaved: All while, another 10 generations of white families got to grow and accumulate wealth and gain land and get an education.

And then 60 years ago we made it "legal" for black people to vote, and to be "free" from discrimination. But angry white people still fought to keep schools segregated. And closed off neighborhoods to white people only. And made it harder for black people to get bank loans, or get quality education or health care, or to (gasp) marry a white person. All while another 2-3 generations of white families got to grow and pass their wealth down to their children and their children's children.

And then we entered an age where we had the technology to make PUBLIC the things that were already happening in private— the beatings, the stop and frisk laws, the unequal distribution of justice, the police brutality (police began in America as slave patrols designed to catch runaway slaves).

And only now, after 400+ years and 20+ generations of a white head start, are we STARTING to truly have a dialog about what it means to be black in America.

White privilege doesn't mean you haven't suffered or fought or worked hard. It doesn't mean white people are responsible for the sins of their ancestors. It doesn't mean you can't be proud of who you are.

It DOES mean that we need to acknowledge that the system our ancestors created is built FOR white people.

It DOES mean that we aren't disadvantaged because of the color of our skin and it DOES mean that we owe it to our neighbors— of all colors— to acknowledge that, and work to make our world more equitable."

Author Unknown

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New crosswalk from the Clubhouse to Maintenance Building

After several years in planning at the City of Aurora, work began in earnest on the crosswalk to create a safe traverse for employees who work in the Maintenance Building, or others who need to visit to pick up supplies. Discussions between HG and Aurora began in summer 2018. Overhead lights will flash red when a pedestrian is crossing; yellow will follow. The city built the curb ramps. Currently missing are advance warning signs.



Photos by Janis Farrell and Lynn Donaldson



Last year in June, the towering spruce tree that dominated the entry circle in front of B218 was destroyed in the derecho storm that passed through HG. This year, two service berry trees were part of the renovation to that island of land. The building landscape committee worked with the HG Roads & Grounds Department to implement the new landscape design.

Right: 13 new trees for the Golf Course were staged near B218. Varieties included oak, maple, linden, honey locust and Kentucky coffee tree.

Photos by Lynn Bliss Replinger, B218

The Green Team had a successful Shred Event on Aug. 29

Records Broken

WOW! The Green Team's Shred Event exceeded all expectations. More cars participated, and more boxes were collected than ever before. Result: 15,000 pounds of shredded paper. By filling the truck to capacity, it was the largest amount Curbside Shredding accomplished in one day. The multitude of vehicles moved smoothly with the help of 15 HG volunteers and 12 students from Regis Jesuit High School. Sponsors Heather Gardens Brokers and St. Andrew's Village were exceptional in attracting locals from area neighborhoods. Thanks to everyone who participated in making it an enormous success.

The next Shred Event will be coming in Spring 2021.



Photos by Wendy Pfaffhausen, NTH



Above: Outside B235
Photo by Janis Farrell



A new accessory — face mask

The collection worn by HG residents is varied and colorful, including one with a hole to insert a straw for drinking!

Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

Solem...from page 17

her camera. After examining her belongings, the ranger was satisfied she had not stolen it. Instead, it was he who had stolen her dignity.

Further along the road, a contrived ghost town claimed the attention of the British tourists. A make-believe sheriff boarded the bus, seized the microphone, and announced that the Grand Canyon Train had been robbed. One of the suspects had escaped on a bus. Walking to the seat of the same passenger, he accused her of complicity in the robbery. Beyond humiliation, she was livid and imputed blame to the tour guide.

The novice tour guide was taken aback by the stunt and ensuing anger. She was nervous and had confided in Paul at the outset of the trip that she would appreciate his suggestions for improvement.

Tour guide schools instruct students to never let the driver or passengers know you are new. Paul always saw through their false confidence right away. Guides with attitude left drivers with stories to tell

other drivers.

Still, the drivers were instructed not to contradict the guides. When one guide pronounced a raven to be a "baby eagle" and further along identified another raven as a "California Condor," Paul shook his head.

A pugnacious French Canadian was hired to guide a group of tourists from France. He told Paul the reason he acted ugly was "so people seeing me do it will know not to complain."

The guide baited a woman and her adult son until the woman hauled off and punched him. Paul was required to intervene. As bus "Captain," he had authority to call the State Patrol when a passenger, guide or tourist, interfered with the "safe operation of a motor transportation vehicle."

Occasionally, medical emergencies arise on tours. A passenger with cancer, happy to have completed his bucket list, died on the last stop of a tour.

Dehydration can leave people behind as they recuperate in hospitals. Paul encouraged passengers to hydrate often in the western dry climate. He carried a good supply of water free of charge. He also sup-

plied his bus with kits for first aid, eyeglass repair and cracked tooth repair.

Paul's happiness was soon unsurpassed when a Scottish passenger named Julie stepped onto his bus. She was on a world tour and had originally been assigned to a bus that would leave the following day. The two chatted and gradually got to know one another. They remained in touch and got together on vacations. They married in November 2006.

Paul and Julie moved to HG in 2016, first renting their condo, then purchasing it in 2018. Julie works at the UCH Kidney Transplant Clinical Trials office. Now retired from bus driving, Paul has part-time work at the Heather Ridge Golf Course.

Having worked in construction and driven for RTD, schools, and deliveries, he liked driving tours best.

"One day I could be sitting on the South rim of the Grand Canyon, watching the sunset. Four days later, I could be taking a bunch of kids to the zoo."

— Dala Giffin

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Extra! Extra! Information for you –

Future of Parking Structures

Following the Sept. 15 meeting of the HGA Board, directors met with two representatives of Walker Consultants: Design Department Head Andrew Vidor, and Brian Faith. They summarized the company's assessment of HG's Parking Structures (PS) 1, 2, 3 and 4. The Parking Structures, which were designed to last 40 years, have now stood closer to 45 years. Multiple structural problems are evident due to poor water drainage that has caused slabs to move, steel post-tension cables to deteriorate and the concrete itself to crack and fail.

"Even the repairs you've recently done are deteriorating, with cracks in the repair patches," Faith commented.

All parking structures require extensive structure repair, Vidor stated. Walker presented recommended options for restoring the integrity of the structures.

Option one would apply a topping slab on the four existing parking structures, while installing gating around the structures and improved lighting, for better security. Putting a new structural system in place, Faith said, replaces all old, post-tension cable. The estimated cost was \$8.3 million.

Option two suggested performing the measures outlined in option one for PS1 and PS2, while converting PS3 and PS4 into surface parking. PS3 and PS4 would be razed, and made into a single parking lot with the street that currently divides them eliminated. Gating and lighting

would be installed, as would garages and carports, with cowboy storage. The estimated cost was \$10.2 million.

Walker estimated these costs would increase about 3 percent per year, for every year the project is delayed. The cost estimates don't include engineering or project-management fees.

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Al Lindeman suggested that ADA access, including an elevator to second levels, might be required, to bring the structures up to code. He noted that Walker's engineering and project-management costs could add another \$500,000-600,000 to the final project.

Faith remarked, it was always the intention to stage the work, at one structure per year. Plans would have to be made for alternate parking for residents, as each structure is under construction.

HGA Board Member Tom Reeber stated that the \$388,000 for repairs, which was just approved in the preceding HGA Board meeting, might be unnecessary, if HG could move on construction quickly. He suggested he would not have voted in favor of the expenditure had he received the information Walker Consultants just presented prior to the vote.

Treasurer John Coil stated, he doubted work could begin before 2022 on the PS project. A vote of home-

See Parking Structures...page 30

HGMD Treasurer's report

Highlights of HGMD Operations:

For the month ended August 2020

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$54,185)	(\$65,571)
Golf Profit (loss)	\$ 4,507	(\$ 1,994)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$ 9,184)	(\$13,613)

Year to date through August 2020

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$427,738)	(\$368,639)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$102,699)	(\$175,674)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$ 72,165)	(\$140,621)

Enterprise Fund

Revenue through August was \$1,417,000, which is about \$486,000 less than expected. Enterprise Expenses through August were \$1,356,000, which is about \$377,000 less than anticipated. Clubhouse and Restaurant revenue is significantly less than budgeted, essentially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Golf revenue has also been impacted by the pandemic, although not to the

extend of the Clubhouse and Restaurant. Expenses for the Clubhouse and the Restaurant are much less than expected.

Restricted Funds

- **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** There was no activity in the Lottery Fund during August. Year-to-date income has been \$8,300. Expenses have been \$1,700. At Aug. 31, the lottery bank account had a balance of \$135,400.

- **Foundation Fund.** The Foundation received \$100 in donations in August. Year-to-date donations have been \$650. Foundation funds of \$643 have been spent on HGMD projects. At Aug. 3, the Foundation bank account had a balance of \$41,208. The Foundation has CDs of \$150,000.

- **Debt Service Fund.** Through August, HGMD has received \$539,300 in property taxes and \$25,800 in specific ownership taxes. At Aug. 31, the Zion Bank held \$655,600 to pay future principal and interest payments. The next principal and interest payment will be on Dec. 1.

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Allison L.

a month ago-

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3 weeks ago

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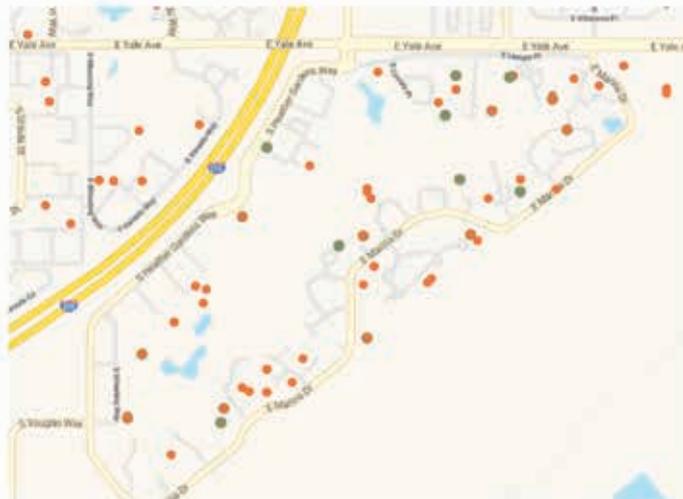


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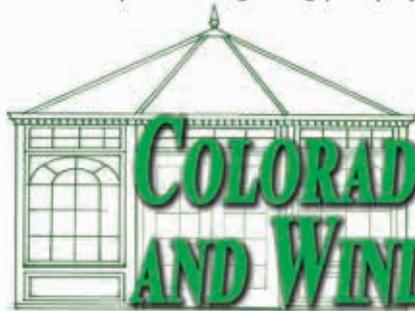


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SEC Committee Chair Bev Havens reported that interviewing for a new Security Department chief was ongoing.

"It might be two or three weeks before we have any answers for you," she said.

White explained he intended to do two and perhaps three interviews with candidates for the chief job.

Lindeman reported that he would hold a Zoom meeting with representatives from Starry Internet that Friday, Sept. 18, to finalize the company's proposal. Three subsequent Zoom meetings for the public, outlining Starry's services, would be presented during late September, after which, SM Chair Dave Archer would assume control of the Starry project.

The board approved a revised PM for the LRPC. Lindeman stated the changes "tightened up the language," and required a progress report, to the board, annually.

Art Mendoza, B222, raised the issue of whether the board had the right to purchase the two rebuilt units in CP4.

"I found nothing in the Declaration (of Condominium) that supports HGA had to buy the CP4 units to rebuild them. As a responsible owner, I ask that my points be investigated and validated." (See letter, page 31.)

White responded the board has the right to lease, buy and sell property.

"This was done through our attorney," he added. "It's not done as an investment, so it doesn't fall under the investment policy."

Mendoza responded that any purchase of real estate constituted an investment.

Lambert said, "We had total, total, total legal advice from the attorney. I believe the advice we got was correct."

Bacon offered, "to examine your points and get back to you," agreeing to do what Mendoza had requested.

Other actions by the board:

...approved a contract with Carpet One & Flooring, for the carpet-replacement project for 2020 (\$93,000).

...approved a contract with JNJ Construction to replace the sixth-floor fascia/fiber panels that have been damaged by water on B223 and B224 (\$54,000). The amount is \$8,000 over budget; however, HG will save \$4,500 by doing two adjacent buildings at the same time.

Parking Structures...from page 27

owners, to approve the expenditure, would have to be conducted. Other tasks, such as asking the city of Aurora to turn the public street that current separates PS3 and PS4 over to HGA, if Option 2 was selected, could take some time.

Lindeman added, a plat map would have to be obtained, before the vote. He remarked, "It seems to me that we should ask Walker to proceed with the design work on PS1 and PS2."

HGA President Jill Bacon noted that Walker had given the board directors a lot to think about. She suggested that directors mull over the information they just received, and regroup at a future date.



Right: With raging wildfires in Western Colorado (and possibly some contribution from California wildfires), the sunrise on Sept. 16 was unique. The usually brilliant yellow sun in Colorado was masked by the smoke in the atmosphere over Colorado. Note the gray sky. Photo by Patt Clark, B235, was taken from her lanai looking east over the Cherry Creek Spillway.

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

What are you looking for in a member for our Board of Directors, Heather Gardens Association (HGA)?

If you are wanting somebody that will listen to you, is sincere and compassionate, will take action and is committed to the betterment of Heather Gardens, then please consider voting for Jill Bacon and Bev Havens — both serving on our board at the current time in excellent ways. They are extremely committed to representing the best interests of Heather Gardens (HG) at all times. Thank you!

**Mike and Veryl McBride
B218**

Heather 'n Yon

Endorsement of Larry Dávila for the HGA Board.

I want to let you know that I endorse Larry Dávila to the HGA Board. He has extensive experience that began when he was first involved in the HGA Board in 2003.

Most people know Larry because of his beautiful voice while a member of the Frolics and as its president. He's been head of various committees, including the Clubhouse, Personnel and Roads and Grounds. He has been vice president and president of the board. He knows how to run a meeting.

Since he loves HG and has been a resident since 1997, Larry will help to keep our property values up. He will listen to residents if they have questions and be respectful of fellow board members. When you receive your HGA ballot, please vote for Larry Dávila in November.

Thank you.

**Rosalie Richter
CP1**

Heather 'n Yon

In these uncertain times, we all become frustrated and impatient when matters continue to go wrong. This can cause us to overlook events that go right.

I want to thank the HG maintenance team for responding promptly to our plea for help with a garage door that had busted in half! Having our automobile trapped inside the garage was a scary possibility for us. The maintenance team got us fixed in a hurry. They came out to view the problem on Saturday morning after I called, assessed the situation, and by the following Tuesday they had installed a new garage door.

Also, I especially want to recognize Rene Portillo, a member of the team. He did an excellent and prompt job for us. He was pleasant to deal with in all respects. He is a credit to the professionalism of the HG staff.

**Joseph and Dianne Foss
CP3**

Heather 'n Yon

A great job deserves recognition!

A Special Projects crew from the Roads and Grounds Department installed pavers for benches at our building in September. Daniel and Diego were the installers. Dawn was responsible for the design and placement.

We had so many positive comments from the residents and several requested that a special thanks be sent. I decided to let all residents of HG know how lucky we are to have these people working for us!

A great big thank you to Roads and Grounds: Daniel, Diego and Dawn.

**Marcia Tillery and
residents of B220**

Heather 'n Yon

To ALL residents of HG:

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appreciation to the residents of CP2 and CP3 for their generosity in allowing the Karaoke Club to meet outside under their shady trees in their beautiful backyards. What a generous act — an example of the true nature of neighborliness!

Many thanks also to Paul Spoutz for his leadership of the Karaoke Club. Other folks to thank include: Ron Dunn created SongBooksLive. Shel McClaury, Steve Wolther, Bob Baggs and others helped to move all of the Karaoke equipment. Cindy Crockett arranged the venue. Karyn Simon helped sanitize in our proper, socially distanced and clean outside environment.

Another round of applause for ALL singers. (Note: No one makes you sing at this Karaoke event — but you may find yourself joyfully singing along during a chorus of familiar songs.)

Finally, to ALL residents of HG, please consider joining our fun and friendly group. No fee to attend but
See Letters...page 35

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.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Note: Due to ongoing restrictions imposed by COVID-19, the Clubhouse is slowly reopening. Where the schedule and venue for an activity are known, they are shown here.

Thu 1	Fun Gals Golf (every Thursday) Pickleball (every Thursday) Fruit Shak Farmer's Market (every Thursday) Ping Pong (every Thursday) On the Rocks Concert (see ad, page 16, RSVP)	Golf Course Tennis Courts Clubhouse Parking Lot Game Room Cherry Creek Retirement	8:24 am 9 am–noon 9 am–6 pm 2–3 pm 3:30 pm
Fri 2	HG Men's Golf (every Friday) Tennis (every Friday) Clubhouse Event: Flu Shots (reservation required) Tennis (every Friday) HG Indivisible Group (every Friday)	Golf Course Tennis Courts Clubhouse Tennis Courts Zoom meeting	7 am–noon 8–10 am 9 am–1 pm 1–4 pm 1–2 pm
Sun 4	HG Chapel (by reservation) Fruit Shak Farmer's Market (every Sunday) HG Chapel (by reservation)	Sandberg Auditorium Clubhouse Parking Lot Sandberg Auditorium	9 am 9 am–6 pm 11 am
Mon 5	Tennis (every Monday) Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment) Tech Hope by Karen Gold (every Monday, call)	Tennis Courts Lodgepole Lounge Rendezvous Patio	8–10 am 9 am–noon 9 am–1 pm
Tue 6	Fun Gals Golf (every Tuesday) Pickleball (every Tuesday) Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Golf Course Tennis Courts Game Room	8:24 am 9 am–noon 2–3 pm
Wed 7	Meet and Greet with General Manager Calvin White Mobile Post Office Make reservations to play Tennis (every Wednesday) CP1 Outdoors Happy Hour	Zoom Circle Driveway Tennis Courts CP1 cul-de-sac	8–9:30 am 12:50–1:05 pm 8–10 am 5 pm
Thu 8	Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry	Clubhouse parking lot	9 am–noon
Fri 9	Birding Nature Club Karaoke Club	Zoom Clubhouse parking lot	1 pm 4–6 pm
Tue 13	Green Team	Virtual meeting	noon
Wed 14	Clubhouse Event: History of Rock 'n Roll	Active Minds Zoom	2 pm
Thu 15	Resident Open Forum	Zoom meeting	3 pm
Wed 21	Clubhouse Event: Rare Coins CP1 Outdoors Happy Hour	Sandberg Auditorium CP1 cul-de-sacs	2 pm 5 pm
Fri 23	Low Vision Support Group	Conference call	1:30–2:30 pm

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Tue 27	HG Republican Club Democratic Club	Aspen Room Zoom meeting	1:30 pm 4-5 pm
Wed 28	Resident Orientation	Zoom meeting	10 am

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MTWTF: **Indoor Pool** Hours: 8:15-9:15 am, 9:45-10:45 am; 11:15 am-12:15 pm; 12:45-1:45 pm; 2:15-3:15 pm; 3:45-4:45 pm; 5:15-6:15 pm; 6:45-7:45 pm

Sat/Sun: **Indoor Pool** Hours: 8:15-9:15 am, 9:45-10:45 am; 11:15 am-12:15 pm; 12:45-1:45 pm; 2:15-3:15 pm; 3:45-4:45 pm; 5:15-6:15 pm; 6:45-7:45 pm

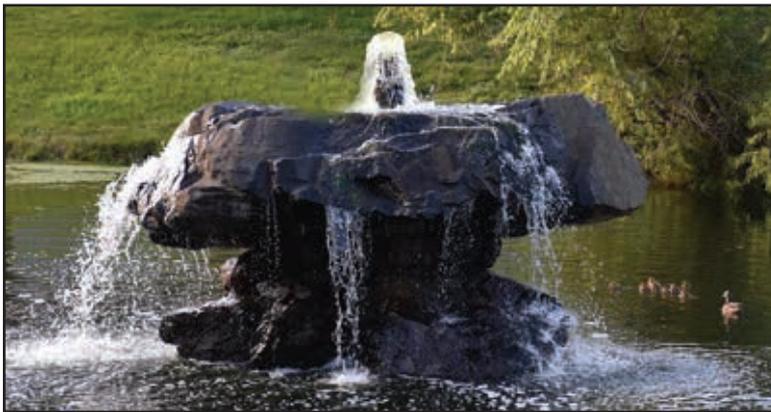
(Reservations the week before are required. If time periods are not full, walk-ins are permitted by Pool Attendant.)

Fitness Center (every day): 8:30-9:30 am; 10-11 am; 11:30-12:30 pm; 1-2 pm, 2:30-3:30 pm, 4-5 pm; 5:30-6:30 pm; 7-8 pm (reservations required)

Woodshop (every day): 9 am-Noon; 1-4 pm; 5-8 pm (reservations required)

If you need to cancel your reservation, please call and let the Clubhouse know so your neighbor can fill that opening! (303-751-1811)

Note: If your organization has arranged alternative meeting locations or is using Zoom, and you want an announcement to appear in Heather 'n Yon, send your information to the editor, LynnNeu@comcast.net.



The North Lake on East Marina Drive, known for its picturesque rock fountain, had several new residents this summer — baby ducks. Because these photos were taken in July, the ducklings are probably a lot larger now, if you go looking.



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Bible Study (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8–9 am

We probe the Scriptures with an eye to practical applications for everyday living. It is a great mid-week boost. Women meet in the Aspen Room. Men in the Blue Spruce Room. For more information, call Joyce Smith, 918-586-2954.

Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study, Please join us for a journey through the Scriptures. Only requirement is your Bible. We meet @ 9:30 am Tuesdays, Sept.–May, in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email clinecellars57@yahoo.com.

Bible Study (women), second and fourth Thursdays, 10 am, Skyview Room. Join Carolyn Morris in using Bible selections to face everyday problems. Our group started a new study on Jan. 9. We are using a series by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel, called "The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi." Call Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, B217/103.

Catholic Mass - Saturday, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. All HG residents are welcome. Father Terry Kissell presiding.

Chapel (Interdenominational Church Service) - 9 am and 11 am, Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Reverend Bill Cheyne.

Bible Study - Sunday, 10 am, Mountainview Room. Leader: Reverend Bill Cheyne (*on hold for now*).

Coffee Time - 3rd Sunday, prior to the chapel service.

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

FYI

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 10/16

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be via Zoom until further notice

- Budget & Finance – 9 am Thu, Oct. 1
- ~~Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Oct. 1~~
- ~~Personnel Policy – 10 am Fri, Oct. 2~~
- SEC – 1 pm Mon, Oct. 5
- Communications – 10 am Tue, Oct. 6
- HGA Board/Walker – 9 am Thu, Oct. 8
- ~~Campus Tech – 9:30 am Tue, Oct. 13~~
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 13
- Clubhouse/Restaurant – 3 pm Tue, Oct. 13
- Foundation – 1 pm Wed, Oct. 14
- HGMD Budget – 10 am Thu, Oct. 15**
- HGA Budget – 1 pm Thu, Oct. 15**
- ACC – 3 pm Thu, Oct. 15
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Oct. 19
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 20**
- Long Range Plan – 10 am Wed, Oct. 21
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Wed, Oct. 21
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, Oct. 27
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 27
- Resident Orientation – 10 am Wed, Oct. 28

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Flu Shots

Flu Shots will be available at the Clubhouse on Friday, October 2, 9 am–1 pm. Call to make an appointment, 303-751-1811.

Technology Support by Resident

Having over 25 years experience and a computer repair and technology education business called Tech Hope, Karen Gold, B201, will be available 9 am–1 pm Mondays, Oct. 19, 26, helping one person per hour with their technology needs or issues. FREE! Please bring the mobile devices that you need help with to the Rendezvous patio by the pool. We will be able to use the restaurant WiFi. Restrooms nearby. Please wear your mask. I will have disinfecting wipes available and possibly gloves. Bring your own refreshments. Call or text Kar-

en to reserve your spot, one hour per person per month. 712-301-2284.

St. Michael's Catholic Church

Missalettes are available every Thursday, 10 am–noon on the bench at the Clubhouse entrance, which is still closed.

Lakewood Arts Gallery

Featuring local artists' work. Exhibits are both live and virtual. In September, the Colorado Watercolor Society had an exhibit; along with the Mountainside Miniature show and the work of Shane Ragland. If you missed that one, the October exhibit will feature Masks and Hats. 6731 West Colfax Ave, 11 am–5 pm Friday–Sunday. lakewoodarts.org.

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donations gladly received. If you would like more information, please call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877, or Ron Dunn, 303-745-4590.

The next Karaoke Club meeting is planned for Friday, Oct. 9, 4:30–6:30 pm in the Clubhouse parking lot.

– **Roxanne Smith**
B242

Heather 'n Yon

In a letter printed in the September issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, the writer seized upon crude, social commentary mention in Mary Hafka's column in the August issue to express unqualified adoration for a president whose vile tweets, non-stop lying, incompetent, corrupt activities defile his presidency every single day.

A long list of prominent Republicans — former office holders or members of the Trump administration — vigorously oppose Trump's reelection. A quote from the Lincoln Project, Republicans and Independents for Biden, "Trump's corruption, destruction of democracy, blatant disregard for moral decency signals that Trump is unfit to lead this country." Dozens of security experts from both parties denounce Trump's foreign policies as "terrifying," doing "great damage to our nation." (Putin grins; allies Trump has alienated look across the pond in utter contempt.)

A life-long Republican CEO states, "Donald Trump has no clue how to run a business, let alone an economy."

From the Obama/Biden adminis-

tration, Trump inherited a hard-won, stable, growing economy. His reckless stewardship, senseless denial of suffering and thousands of tragic deaths from COVID-19, as well as repudiation of expert scientific advice plunged our economy to the brink of insolvency. Bankruptcy is Trump's brand.

As I write this on Labor Day weekend, a possible reckoning looms.

"Loser! I like guys who weren't captured, Trump said about John McCain. Were you shocked by the ego-maniacal attacks launched by Donald Trump against Senator McCain?"

Not much of a leap to envision Trump labeling military dead and wounded as "losers and suckers."

Unfortunately, indoctrinated Trumpsters have completely closed their brains to the truths so many others see clearly.

Jacqueline Wheeler
B235

Heather 'n Yon

By quoting Bill Maher's and Stephen Colbert's sick attempts to insult and debase President Trump, Mary Hafka has defined herself now — not as a humorist, but as a Democrat.

It is a law under the Freedom of Speech, Amendment 1 in the The Bill of Rights that we can say whatever we want to say, or write whatever we want to write. Everyone has that privilege.

However, just because, but more especially because we have that freedom, we should not use it to insult or abase anyone. If we do that we have lowered our standards of decency.

Evelyn
McGuill
B235

Heather 'n Yon

I just read a letter by Kathy Liss in the September issue of *Heather 'n Yon* regarding an article that had been written in that magazine the

month before. I just wanted to say, I completely disagree with her. The column to which she objected was comic relief. I appreciated it.

There are many opinions regarding the comments that were made, and one must be open to opposing views.

I just wanted to let you know that I think the columnist is a wonderful writer. I enjoy reading these articles, every month. I hope you don't change them. It's comic relief that we all need. I think people need to be able to take comedy, as well as serious writing.

I don't live in HG, but my mother used to. I have her place rented. That keeps me very involved in the community.

– **Joan Wood**
Non-resident owner

Heather 'n Yon

I presented concerns to the HGA Board on Sept. 15 because I believe it is not right for our association to buy/sell or own real estate, specifically the CP4 units destroyed by fire. It probably violates HG governing documents. So, I researched these governing documents.

I found:

1) there is no requirement stated in the HGA Declaration of Condominium for HGA to buy the destroyed property before the units can be rebuilt.

2) the Declaration contains specific actions that must be followed when a building is destroyed. Several actions were not performed.

3) HG Finance-3 Investment Policy was likely violated with the purchase of real estate because it does not fit many of the requirements for investments such as safety of principal, liquidity, yield, etc.

4) a state statute governing homeowners associations (HOAs), CCIOA, reveals conflicts of interest between the powers of the association and owners. By the association owning an HGA unit, the association may also act and vote as an owner.

How can the association have the power to present any item to the

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owners for a vote, like the annual budget, and also have the power to vote on it as an owner?

And how does it work for HGA to pay the monthly fees or other owner expenses? Will our dues be used to pay for another unit's dues?

Many people have worked hard, including getting legal guidance, to get the destroyed condominiums cleaned up and have it all behind the community. But we must do it the right way, in accordance with all governing documents.

My findings and all related HOA actions must be researched and verified, then we can fix the errors found,

make sure we do not repeat them, then disclose these proceedings in public business meetings that are open to all owners.

**Arthur Mendoza
B222**

Heather 'n Yon

The HG Optimist Club will once again be conducting our annual Food Drive. In past years it has been successful due to the wonderful generosity of HG residents. This year the needs are greater than ever. Due to COVID-19, we will not be collecting donations in the individual buildings.

Rather, there will be a one-day, drive-through drop-off event. The HG Optimists will be accepting your unexpired, non-perishable food do-

nations on Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 am–1 pm in the parking lot in front of B243 on East Marina Drive. You will simply drive through. Your donations will be unloaded by Optimist Club volunteers. There will be no need for you to leave your car.

The donations collected at this year's food drive will be distributed through the Friends of St. Andrews Food Pantry. This wonderful organization is located on Colfax Avenue and serves the homeless and low-income residents of Aurora.

Thank you in advance for donations to this worthy cause and for supporting your HG Optimist Club.

**Sally Pula
B243**

Hugh Clifford (Tony) Cumming

After reading that nice article last month about Rusty Tabor, I thought I should have done that for my Tony when he died four months ago. I hope he forgives me.

Tony Cumming passed away on April 16 in Holly Heights Care Center of COVID-19. Due to the visiting restrictions, I was able to see him only one time in a month — the day before he died.

Cumming was born in Butte, Montana, on Dec. 21, 1926. He attended grade school and high school in Drummond, MT. When he was a sophomore, he enlisted in the Marines in WW2 at the age of 17. He had his Boot Camp training in San Diego, California.

Cumming fought on Guam, then landed on Iwo Jima in February 1945 with the 3rd Marine Division. He received the Purple Heart for a hand injury and the Bronze Star for Valor for helping save the live of a fellow Marine. His unit was preparing to invade Japan when the atomic bomb ended the war.

After the war, he returned to Drummond High School, graduating in 1946 along with classmate Arlene Olsen. He married and had four children : Mark, Mary, Peg and

Toni. He was the Drummond mayor for several terms. He worked in the phosphate mines for 20 years. He and his wife divorced. He worked for the Montana Highway Department and, later became the Adjutant for the Montana American Legion for 20 years. He served in the Montana state Senate for eight years and the House for four years. A statute of him representing Montana is in the Veterans Museum in Branson, Missouri.

His second marriage introduced him to four stepchildren: Jim, Eva, Susie and Debra. His wife became ill and passed away.

In 1997 he attended a high school 50th year reunion in Drummond where he was re-acquainted with classmate Arlen Olsen Walters. They married in 2000. Tony moved to Aurora where he added three more stepchildren to his family: Bill, Karen and Kristi.

Tony and Arlene moved to HG in 2002. He was active in the daily "roundtable," a coffee group of good friends. He attend the Men's Bible Study, HG Chapel and exercised the Chair Zumba class.

In 2010, he and 11 other WW2 veterans were flown to Iwo Jima by the Greatest Generation Foundation for a visit. Tony reported later that "it was so quiet — no guns going off!"



In 2014, he and several other HG WW2 veterans flew to Washington, D.C., on an Honor Flight to tour several military memorials in the city.

Cumming is survived by his wife Arlene, a sister-in-law, four children, seven stepchildren, many grand children and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Murray, son-in-law Dave and grandson Brian.

A graveside service was held in Aurora on April 23. A military service was held posthumously on June 27 in Helena, Montana.

**– Arlene Cummings
former CP4 and B219**

Clubs and Organizations

A few activities have resumed in the Clubhouse, but are by reservation only with limits on size.

Please contact your club directly, to learn if it has resumed meeting via Zoom or in-person.

TOPS

Are you ready to stop dieting and start making real changes? TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) can help you reach your weight-loss goals by providing the tools, information, and support that you need.

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The HG TOPS Club meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday. Both men and women are welcome. For information, contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388, or www.TOPs.org.

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

This club is a service organization that has been part of HG since 1978. The focus of the group is to make a difference in the lives of youth in the local community.

Our current projects include 6th Avenue Elementary School, Pillowcases for Kids, the Salvation Army, Optimist International Oratorical Contest, and Type 1 Diabetes camp. If interested in more information, contact Nikki Tennant, tennantnikki@yahoo.com.

HG Writers Club

Whether you're just beginning to put pen to paper or you are a published author, we invite you to join us for a time of education, fellowship and inspiration. New members are always welcome. Contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

CP4

Our monthly socials are 5 pm, the first Thursday of the month. Come meet your neighbors. – Beverly Nelson

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

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Aurora is part of a community-based international service organization whose main focus is making the lives of children in Aurora better.

We have meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month, 6 pm. The fourth Thursday is a service project.

For more information, email us at Kiwanis.auroraco@gmail.com, or call President James Martin, 720-297-3282. We also are on the web: Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org. Membership is open to all HG and Aurora residents.

American Legion Post 2012

This post meets in HG, 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month. We would love to have you join us, and talk with the leadership, helping us help your community grow stronger. The American Legion is about you, and how we can be of service. What ideas do you have that we may bring to your community? If you are interested in learning more about The American Legion, please contact Post Commander Steve Stratton, B204, 720-519-3955.

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. 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 in taking actions that will impact public policy. We are nonpartisan and inclusive, more issue-oriented rather than candidate-oriented.

We are no longer having meetings on the second Tuesday of each month due to COVID-19 precautions. Instead, we are having weekly meetings on Friday, 1 to 2 pm, via Zoom. Linda Champ leads the meetings, so that we can learn about current issues and what effective actions we

can take. Matters of interest are discussed. If you are not on the email list and receiving notices of the Zoom meetings, please send me your email address. – Marty Karnopp, mjkarnopp@gmail.com, 303-353-9640.

Uke Crew

Are you interested in playing a fun instrument — the ukulele — and having a great time singing? The HG Uke Crew is an up-and-coming club. Members get together on the first and third Friday afternoon, 4–5 pm, B218, #407. New members are always welcomed.

All you need is a ukulele, and to be willing to learn and practice the music. Call Darlene Park, 303-798-5088.

Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

All Master Masons living in HG are invited to attend Joppa Daylight Lodge. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Radiant Temple, 225 Acoma St., Denver. Lunch is at 11:30 am; Lodge is at 12:15 pm.

We are the only lodge that meets during the day in the Denver metro area. For information, call Bill Rapp, 303-953-1021.

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

Did you see the harvest moon rise slowly above the horizon and soar over HG? Makes me realize that time marches on. Remember the lyrics of a familiar song?

Shine On Harvest Moon

“Shine on, shine on, harvest moon

Up in the sky;

I ain't had no lovin' since January,

February, June or July.

Snow time, ain't no time to sit outside and spoon;

So shine on, shine on, harvest moon, for me and my gal.”

If you sang the lyrics, you may be a natural singer with a song in your heart. When the classes at HG start up again, consider joining the NoteAbles. Come sing your heart out. It's liberating!

CP1

CP1 has been holding cul-de-sac happy hours outdoors on the first and third Wednesdays. We hope to continue doing so, if the weather cooperates. Attendees bring their own chairs and cocktails, and circulate outdoors between our five cul-de-sacs, conversing with one another

from a safe distance.

The group will resume gathering on the first Wednesday of each month, 5 pm, in Rendezvous Restaurant, when allowed. Watch for the restaurant to reopen.

OPOCS Singles Club

Do you need to meet new friends and find new activities? Call JoAnn Cunningham, HG resident, 303-751-5195, and ask to receive the monthly newsletter of A Circle of Friends, the original Ports of Call Singles (OPOCS) club, 60+.

Our meet-and-greet social time is at Senior Ric's, 4–6 pm, second Monday, and at Darcy's, fourth Thursday of the month, 4–6 pm. We also have coffee time at Panera's (Aurora), 9–11 am, on the third Monday.

We also have social card groups twice a month: pinochle, bridge and poker. (If you want to learn, we can provide instructors.) Our social director does a great job of finding fun things to do. She is glad to hear suggestions.

Dues are \$30 yearly, and you can attend three events, if you wish, before joining. Believe me: seniors can have fun, too! – JoAnn Cunningham

The Green Team

The Green Team meets monthly on the second Thursday, at noon, via Zoom. Call Wendy, 303-306-0066, for information.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to every resident who supported our Shred Event. Whether you brought one box or six, it was a win-win. You now have more space in your home, and we have a larger budget to put toward a variety of environmental projects. So, a giant *thank you!*

Our next one is scheduled for May. The planned field trip to Waste Management facilities for ARs on Oct. 13 has been canceled, due to social-distancing requirements, which could not be met. We hope to offer an opportunity again in 2021.

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.

We meet the second Thursday of

each month, 5–6 pm. For additional information, please contact Forrest McClure, 720-979-4707, or Paul Spoutz, 303-564 1877. Happy trails and safe travels!

Birding Nature Club

The club meets on the second Friday at 1 pm, via Zoom. To join this meeting, send email to Tom Reeber, treeber48@gmail.com.

Karaoke Club

The club will meet Friday, Oct. 9, at the Clubhouse parking lot, 4–6 pm, weather permitting. For more information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877, or email.

Women with Dreams

We meet on the second Saturday of each month, 2–4 pm, in the Mountainview Room. – Charlotte Haymore

Parkinson Support Group

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 1–3 pm in the Aspen Room. Please contact Meredith, 303-731-4620, with questions.

B203, B204, B205 and B206

The four buildings have combined to do a joint happy hour for drinks and dinner, at 5 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, Rendezvous. We meet in the Banquet Room. Contact: Laurel McClaren, 303-337-2685.

HG Aviation Club

The HG Aviation Club is not having in-person meetings due to COVID-19, but we are emailing stories, pics, and links to videos on interesting aviation topics. If you would like to join in the fun, give me a call. Note: my phone number in the 2020 HG directory is wrong. – Rudy Morris, HG Aviation Club, 303-506-7080

Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday, 3–5 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome.

Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with other HG neighbors. Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. – Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

Photo Club

The HG Photo Club meets on the third Monday, 3 pm. All are welcome to attend, and enjoy and learn about good photography.

SRA

The Seville Recreational Assoc. meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Vicki Wolfe, 360-589-9502.

B201 and B202

B201 and B202 hold a combined social at Rendezvous on the third Tuesday of each month, 4–6 pm, for drinks and/or dinner – Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

CP3

The CP3 Social is held the third Wednesday each month, 5:30 pm, in the Rendezvous. We order off the menu. – Robin O'Meara

HG Republicans

The HG Republican Club will hold a meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Oct. 27), 1:30 pm, hopefully in person in the Aspen Room.

If the clubhouse is still not available at the end of October, we will have another Zoom meeting. Final location will be announced via email to all members before the meeting.

Our program will be presentation by GOP candidates running for office in November, with Q&A time. Questions may be directed to Craig Baldwin, 720-535-1917, or by email cebaldwin103@gmail.com – Rudy Morris, HGRC Communications Director

HG Democratic Club

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, except December. Our next meeting will be Oct. 27, via Zoom. A link will be sent in the newsletter prior to the meeting.

This is a critical election year, and it is important to get to know the candidates. You will already have received your ballot by the October meeting, so be sure to attend this one. Ballots in HG will have the following Democratic candidates:

State Rep. HD 41 Iman Jodeh; State Sen. SD 26 Jeff Bridges; State Sen. SD 28 Janet Buckner; 18th Judicial District Attorney Amy Padden; CU Regent for CD6 Ilana Spiegel; CD 6 US Rep. Jason Crow; US Senate John Hickenlooper, President Joe Biden.

Our meeting will feature as many of these candidates as we can manage. – Marty Karnopp, Chair, 303-353-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com.

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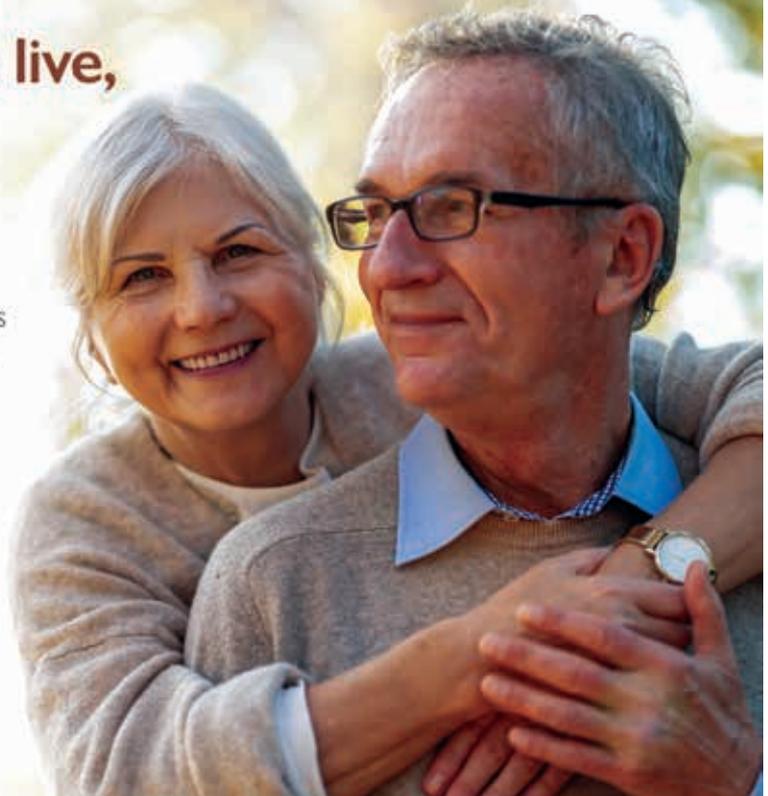
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Sports and Recreation

Several Sports and Recreational groups have resumed with strict limits on number of participants, and by reservation only. Please address your calls to the representative for each sport or activity directly.

Bunko

Bunko is played 1–3:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Blue Spruce Room. For information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

Thursday Open Bridge Club

The group meets every Thursday, 1:30–4 pm, in the Arts & Crafts Room. Come join us. Please call or text Freddie Schroeder, 303-437-4255, to RSVP, so we can tell how many tables set up.

Tennis Club

We are back on the courts, and loving it! Please don't hesitate to join us. If you are new to HG, please stop by the courts, and check us out. Call Wendy, 303-306-0066, for more information.

Men's Golf Club

Tournament Results August 28

E Flight

- 1st Bill Riley
- 2nd Joe Robinson, Mike Corcoran
- 3rd Bob Bamford
- 4th Larry Maitland
- 5th John Guise, Steve Galambos

D Flight

- 1st Mark Ethridge
- 2nd Dave Walstrom, George Dipaolo, Henry Ulibarri, John McMullen,
- 3rd Ned Westmoreland, Mike Connolly.

C Flight

- 1st David Croak, Tom Fitzgerald, Doug Miller
- 2nd Tom Kappel, Robbie Robertson
- 3rd David Krell, Matt Dunne
- 4th Ron Hileman

B Flight

- 1st Bob Riley
- 2nd Eric Neel, Bob Bengen
- 3rd John Good

A Flight

- 1st Phillip Marquis
- 2nd Chris Hughes, Randy White
- 3rd Jerry Joy, Eli Henrie, Ed Bradley

Tournament Results September 4

E Flight

- 1st Stan Washburn
- 2nd Phil Haas
- 3rd Neil Miller, Steve Galambos
- 4th Bob Bamford, Bob Bell, Mike Connolly
- 5th Joe Robinson, Paul Spoutz, Tom Jackson

D Flight

- 1st Glen Riggs
- 2nd John McMullen
- 3rd Mark Ethridge
- 4th Ned Westmoreland, Henry Ulibarri
- 5th Bob McElfresh, George Dipaolo

C Flight

- 1st Don Batson
- 2nd Tom Merges, Robbie Robertson
- 3rd Joe Cristofaro, Jim Pardikes, David Krell, Jess Deal

B Flight

- 1st Tom Fitzgerald
- 2nd Dick Baker, Tom Parko, Doug Miller, Brian Bucenec

A Flight

- 1st Pete Profera, Bob Bengen, Eli Henri, Larry Hill
- 2nd Gene Barth
- 3rd Dave Bushman, Chris Hughes, Gary Hill, Ed Bradley

Results September 11

E Flight

- 1st Mike Steffens
- 2nd Phil Haas
- 3rd Bob Bamford, Larry Maitland
- 4th David McCollom
- 5th Tom Jackson
- 6th Bob Bell, Steve Galambos, Mike Corcoran

D Flight

- 1st Glen Riggs
- 2nd Joe Rook, George Madonna
- 3rd Ron Hileman
- 4th Ned Westmoreland, Bill Dearing, Tom Smith, Henry Ulibarri

C Flight

- 1st Jim Stebbins
- 2nd Tom Kappel, Steve Smith, Robbie Robertson, Jim Pardikes, Matt Dunne,

B Flight

- 1st Tom Fitzgerald
- 2nd Brian Bucenec
- 3rd Randy White, Tom Parko, Mark Ruhl

A Flight

- 1st Gene Barth, Jerry Joy, Bob Bengen
- 2nd Larry Hill
- 3rd Chris Hughes

500 Club

We want you! Do you like to play cards with a fun, easy-going group of people? Then you must join us for 500.

We play at 1 pm every Friday in the Skyview Room. Don't know the game? It's easy to learn, and we are happy to teach. See you Friday! Linda Serio, 303-368-8123.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. – Donna Hudziak, 303-833-3115.

Men's Bridge

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

Men's Poker

We welcome all interested men poker players to join us at our regular poker sessions. On Monday and Wednesday of each week, we play Texas Hold 'em in the Blue Spruce Room. Ladies are invited to join us at the Wednesday sessions.

On Fridays, we play friendly, small-stakes poker, in the Skyview Room, usually including a variety of "dealers choice" games. All play is 5-9 pm. Please call Larry Hill, 720-272-7765, or Milt Merrick, 303-829-7188.

Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room, except the third Monday of each month. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room, where three card tables are set up.

You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickels, dimes and quarters. All HG players are welcome. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 520-743-6849.

Ping Pong

Fun and free, great exercise. Come join us in playing ping-pong doubles, 2 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the Game Room. Beginners may meet on Fridays at 2 pm, but you must call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205,

to make arrangements, and you will need to bring someone to play with. See you there. – B. Schlageter

Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6:30-9:30 pm Monday nights in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

Afternoon Pinochle meets Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We only play for fun and entertainment. With questions, call Diane, 707-799-6449.

Pickleball

Even though we are still going through the COVID-19 pandemic, Pickleball is taking place with new, strict rules to follow. You need to call the Clubhouse Reception Desk, 303-751-1811, Ext. 5, to make a reservation to play.

The October times to play Pickleball outdoors on the HG Tennis Courts will be Tuesday and Thursday, starting at 9 am, when the weather is favorable. All courts are available. Reservations must be made. We will also play indoors when there is available time and the Clubhouse re-opens.

Since we have Pickleball players at all skill levels of play, our players have been able to choose playing “gentle” Pickleball, with players of a similar skill level on one court, and those more advanced play with the “competitive” Pickleball players. Of course, everyone is welcome to play on any of the courts where they feel comfortable.

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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. With questions, call Phyllis Lann, 720-535-8531.

Mah Jongg

We meet 1-4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the second Tuesday, when we play in the lobby (behind fireplace).

All players welcome, including beginners. You must 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. Call Carol, 720-628-4051, or Pat, 720-535-4603, for information.

Billiard Club

The members of the HG Billiard Club will continue with tournaments as soon as the Clubhouse opens again. We will play Co-ed 8-Ball on Tuesdays at 7 pm. A men’s group plays 9-Ball on Thursdays at 7 pm. Please contact Rita Cusack, 720-535-8637, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

Ladies Golf Club

The 2020 HG Ladies Golf Club season has ended, and an interesting season it was. The COVID-19 pandemic brought multiple changes to all our lives, from how we interact with one another to a new “accessory” we all needed when leaving the house — a mask.

The club championship was played Aug. 19 and 26. We are proud to announce JoAnn Fitch as the winner of this year’s green jacket. JoAnn had a spectacular 36 on the second day of play, to clinch the title. Players were on top of their game during the two-day event, with five birdies, nine chip-ins, and an eagle scored by Debbie Madril on Hole #9 on the first day of play.

Club Championship Results

Flight A Gross Score Winners

CHAMPION JoAnn Fitch
2nd Sharon Sweeney
3rd Nancy Bonniwell,
Charlane Pluchek

Flight A Net Score Winners

1st Susan Brennan
2nd Debbie Madril
3rd Margie Francone
4th Dee Moore

Flight B Gross Score Winners

1st Judy Nelson
2nd Bonnie McMullen
3rd Judy Brehmer
4th Rosalie Einspahr

Flight B Net Score Winners

1st Linda Gonzales
2nd Linda Hileman,
Mary Ann Morris
3rd Sally Murphy, Bonnie Soman

Flight C Gross Score Winners

1st Karen Bentley
2nd Gini Klein, Sally Koepke,
Saundra Sweeney

Flight C Net Score Winners

1st Shar Garrett
2nd Mary Lou Corliss
3rd Beverly Nelson,
Mary Jo Prichard

Flight D Gross Score Winners

1st Vickie Wolfe
2nd Eileen Umhoefer
3rd Darlyn Boss
4th Susan Craig, Kathy Liss,
Lisa Matthews

Flight D Net Score Winners

1st Norma Gunnarson
2nd Adele Grasse,
Bonnie Domer
3rd Gwen Alexander

Following play on Aug. 26, members were treated to hot dogs and chips, with a specialty-drink tasting arranged by our social committee. We are exceptionally grateful to tournament chairman, committee members and all the volunteers whose

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Once again, Junior Golf used the HG Golf Course for its tournaments. Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis



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They feel truly blessed to be in this community and love the grounds, the ponds and the restaurant. Welcome to your new home!



In 2021, we look forward to hosting our 5th Annual Adopt A Pet Day.



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I am happy to announce that the Roads and Grounds Department was able to get the Foundation's previously gifted trees planted. On your next stroll around the grounds, look for young trees, staked for support and surrounded by fresh mulch.

Additionally, and of particular note, is the Pink Flair Cherry planted near the garden entrance, gifted by her family in memory of Mildred Heigert. (I can hardly wait until spring to see it bloom!)

Donations to the General Fund: August–September

- B213 in memory of Dave Wilpolt
- B204 in memory of Larry Arterburn

Donations to Tree Fund: August–September

- B215 in memory of Carolyn Wilkerson
- Family of Mildred Hiegert in her memory

In October, please join the Foundation for a celebration of the life of Jeanne Hizer when her memorial tree is dedicated. Date and location for this event will be determined and announced to the community later. Meanwhile, enjoy the Japanese Lilac tree planted near the Golf Pro Shop.

**– Fran Clemens
Chair, Foundation Committee, HGMD Board**



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The HG Golf Course got new trees planted in September, replacing the ones that were removed after a violent wind storm (derecho) in 2019.



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HG Grief Support

This group is here to help those who have lost a loved one. We offer eight-week structured sessions twice a year — in the spring and in the fall. We combine an educational and supportive approach with the focus on healthy grieving and coping with your loss. We meet 4–6 pm Tuesdays at the Clubhouse, when in session. Registration is required.

Contact either Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, or Marcie Jordon, 303-805-1881, for information. Please leave a message if we are unable to answer. We are here to help you. – Joanne Brand

Caregivers Support Group

This group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room; however, as long as the Clubhouse is closed, we will not be meeting. Online resources are available at Alz.org

All caregivers are welcome. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

Sevillians

The Sevillians monthly social is held the fourth Wednesday of the month, at 5 pm Wednesday. This is a great opportunity to meet other Seville residents, and hear the latest Seville happenings from a member of the SRA Board. A sign-up sheet is posted in the mailroom of each building. – Patt Clark

HG Frolics

The Frolics Club hopes you remain healthy during the COVID-19 restrictions. We hope we will be back to a new normal by the first of the year. We miss seeing you! – Barb Schneller, President

Low Vision Support Group

Until we can gather in person, we are meeting on the fourth Friday of each month 1:30–2:30 pm, via Free Conference call. Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224, for the meeting access number.

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hard work made this year's event a success.

The club usually holds elections for officers in August, but because there hasn't been a board meeting, an email was sent to all members asking for volunteers to fill 2021 board positions. The proposed slate of 2021 officers includes:

- President Beulah Gould
- Vice President Carol Ann Mayne
- Secretary Gwen Alexander
- Treasurer Pat Reichert

A board meeting was planned for late September, at which time the official election would be held. Results will be reported in the November issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.

August 12 Tournament Results

Flight A

- 1st Sharon Sweeney, Earlyne Winters

- 2nd Nancy Bonniwell

Flight B

- 1st Pat Profera, Barbara Tucker
- 2nd Mavis Richardson

Flight C

- 1st Sue Robertson
- 2nd Gina Studer
- 3rd Marilyn Cornell, Beverly Nelson

Flight D

- 1st Adele Grasse
- 2nd Gwen Alexander
- 3rd Darlyn Boss

September 2

Flight A

- 1st Glenda Pitts, Charlane Pluchek
- 2nd Dee Moore

Flight B

- 1st Bonnie McMullen
- 2nd Rosalie Einspahr
- 3rd Judy Nelson, Bonnie Soman, Kathy Stebbins

Flight C

- 1st Trudy Marquardt
- 2nd Mary Jo Prichard
- 3rd Sally Koepke

Flight D

- 1st Eileen Umhoefer
- 2nd Sheryl Menger
- 3rd Vickie Wolfe

Through all the lockdowns, rule changes and evolving guidance regarding the best safety measures, the HGLGC leadership, and membership remained flexible, creative and dedicated to crafting a successful season that kept everyone safe, while allowing for some fun and sunshine for members.

Tournament play ended on Sept. 30, but the course

will remain open as long as weather permits. So, call a few friends and make a tee time. Don't forget that prospective members can always obtain an application in the HG Pro Shop or on our website, www.healthergardensladiesgolfclub.com. – Suzi Stolte and Gwen Alexander

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early. For more information, call Merrily VanZevern, 720-282-3199, or John Osterberg, 720-535-1038. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032.

Square Dancing

Fun, exercise, and friendship. Come square dance on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Bob Riggs is the caller. All square dancers are welcome. Call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632. Cost: \$5 per person.



Right: One group missed in last month's photos of HG employees was the HG Golf Course maintenance group. Besides Golf Course Supervisor Brian Benko, employees of the group include Gilmar B, Robert B, Amsalu E, Gerard B, Evan H, Nicholas M and Gary R. These guys keep the HG Golf Course in tip-top shape through all sorts of weather challenges year round.

HG Census Forms included in this issue of Heather 'n Yon



2020 CENSUS INSTRUCTIONS

It's time for the Heather Gardens 2020 Census. In order for Heather Gardens to maintain an age restricted community, we must have these forms filled out and returned. The information you provide is completely **CONFIDENTIAL**. Please follow the steps outlined here to complete the form.

Complete and return to HG Management Office by Oct. 31!

A. Heather Gardens Association Address: If you live in a multi-story building, provide the building and unit number and street address in the designated boxes (see example below). If you live in a single-unit townhome, provide the Country Place number I, II, III, IV, V, or VI. If you live in a duplex, indicate "N" for North or "S" for South.

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HEATHER GARDENS ASSOCIATION 2020 CENSUS FORM

B. Names of all residents (see requirements in community law.)

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C. Non-Owner Resident

D. Telephone Number (provide home address (example below))

B

E. Parking Spaces (provide under the 3 or 6 spaces). If you own or are renting, provide the appropriate boxes. Where applicable, provide the appropriate boxes.

RES	NAMES OF RESIDENTS		Gender: Male Female	Age	# of Years Lived at HG
	First Name	Last Name			
1)					
2)					
3)					
4)					

F. Employment: Please indicate Full-Time, "PT" for Part-Time.

C

If you are a Non-Owner Resident, please complete owner information below.

Owner's Name:			E-mail Address
Home Telephone Number	Work Telephone Number		
1)			
2)			

G. Finally, please sign and return the completed Census form to the mailbox located in front of the Election Box in the parking lot.

D

I OWN Parking Space (Insert # in proper space)	PARKING STRUCTURES (PS)				SPACE IS RENTED FROM WHOM		
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Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions about the census, please contact the Management Office at (303-755-0652).

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	1)	2)	3)	4)
Working "FT" Full-Time or "PT Part-Time"	1)	2)	3)	4)
Retired "R" or Other "O"	1)	2)	3)	4)

The undersigned certifies that at least one occupant of the unit is age 55 or older, as indicated above. To the best of my knowledge, the information on this Census is true and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____
Please return the completed Census form to your AR or place it in the mailbox located in the front of the Clubhouse parking lot no later than **October 31, 2020**. **NOT the Election Box in the parking lot.**

If, for some reason, your form did not fall out of Heather 'n Yon when you started reading it, contact the Management Office to get a replacement form (303-755-0652). Alternatively, you can access the form at the HG website, www.heathergardens.org. If you want to keep the information private between you and HG, stick the form in an envelope before giving it to your AR.

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Casa Bonita — an iconic Denver restaurant did not survive the COVID-19 pandemic

In January, Photographer Anne Hummel-Gillis and her husband Jim visited Casa Bonita. She shared these photos then, but space did not permit running them until now. With the restaurant not reopening after the lock-down, these photos become a trip down memory lane. What made this restaurant famous was the short melodramas that were performed periodically through a dining period. Invariably, after causing some chaos to the others in the skit, the villain/pirate/gorilla had to take a dive from a rocky ledge into the pool below.

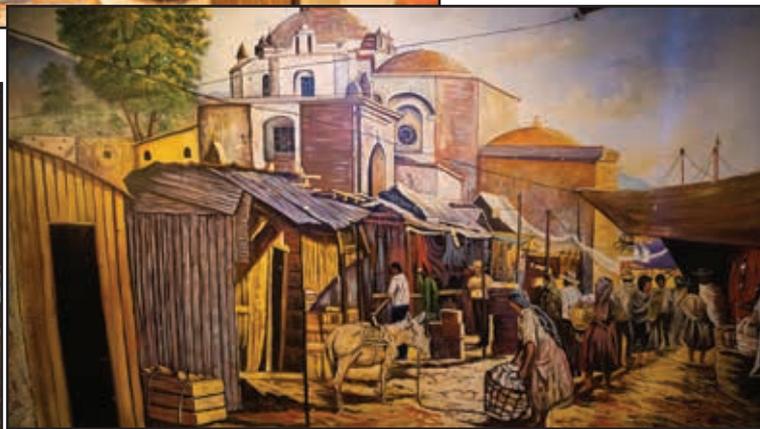
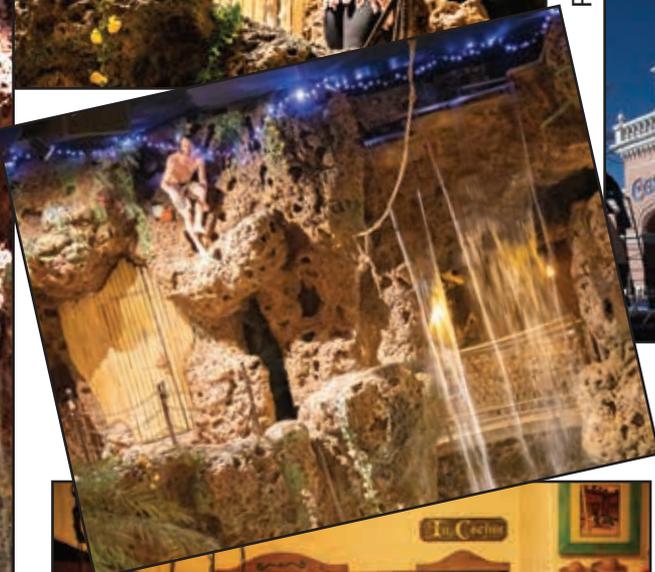


Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



The pink tower (above) made finding the restaurant on Colfax Avenue easy. The kitchen (left) sent your order out on a tray before you selected a table. Below: A colorful mural inside.

The food was not memorable, but you might remember the sopaipillas, margaritas and the melodrama.



My Booze Problem

I have been greedy at times. My greed also produced a good laugh recently.

Last week someone must have been cleaning out mom's or dad's unit and found some things that either were a surprise, or just plain did unwanted — booze and more booze! Apparently, that child does not drink.

I learned of this situation when I came back from the grocery store. I loaded my sacks in my little carrier and wheeled it toward the elevator door. There sitting on the "Give Away" shelf sat several bottles of booze. Being a "drinker," I looked them over. I don't drink most of the liquor, BUT there was a gallon jug of Ancient Age Bourbon, about three-fourths full! Well, now, I do drink bourbon sometimes. My eyes locked on that jug. I thought, What the heck. It'll take me forever to drink all that, but it's just sitting there for the taking!

Without much hesitation, I picked up that jug by the handle and put it in my cart. I thought if anyone saw me, they'd think I was an alcoholic! Well, right then an old couple came up to the elevator door and I am sure the woman saw me. I held the door and they stepped in the elevator. I said I'd wait and not go in with them. (It's against HG rules.) No argument from them, especially the woman.

Eventually the elevator came back, and I went to my floor. I didn't

run into anyone else. When I unpacked my cart, I couldn't fit the bourbon in any of my kitchen shelves or the linen closet — the jug was too tall. I have a stackable washer/dryer in my little closet with folding metal doors. I decided to set the jug on top of my washer. I left it there several days. Only had one drink — honest! I told you it would take a long time to drink that much bourbon.

A few days later, I needed to do laundry. I moved the jug to the floor to put in my clothes. Then I closed the washer lid and set the jug back on the washer and closed the folding door. I didn't stop to think that the washer vibrates. And did it vibrate! Enough that there was a loud banging and a thump. Sure enough, the jug fell to the floor between the folding doors and the washer, snuggled tightly. I could not reach the jug with my short arms from the top. There wasn't enough room between the washer and the edge of the door to get to the jug. I couldn't lift the door off the runners. I did not have a long handle with a hook. I can only say that I was glad the jug did not break and spill booze all over my floor!

After searching to come up with a remedy, I found nothing. So, I called my daughter and said, "Susy, will you come over and get my booze for me?"

She did — after I explained! Her

tries were no more successful than mine. She was just about ready to give up when she spied a long wire I had hanging on the opposite wall in that little space. It was an old metal clothes hanger. It had a hook at the end.

She grabbed the hanger and asked me to get on the floor to see if I could lift the door a little while she tried to get the jug with that wire. She leaned around the door, over the washer, and succeeded in hooking the curved wire around the jug handle. Slowly, carefully, she got the jug up to where she could grab it with her other hand. She got it!

We gave a hooray as she set the jug on the floor. I tried to get off my knees and couldn't! I had no leverage. The only remedy was to crawl to my desk in the next room and use it as my crutch to rise. Finally, I got off my knees and gave a sigh of relief while Susy and I laughed.

While all this was going on, my washer kept working and agitating. Susy put my bourbon jug on the floor of my clothes closet. I will never put it on the washer again!

Oh yes, I waited until that evening before I grabbed that jug and fixed me a drink. I figured I deserved it! Right?

— Joanne Brand

Innovative tea kettle

Like to make tea or heat water for coffee? Have you ever forgotten about the tea pot, and it overheated? Maybe it ruined your pot, smoked up the kitchen or came close to starting a kitchen fire.

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These Electric Kettles cost \$25–40 on Amazon or other retailers.

Enjoy your hot drinks and *stay safe!* (<https://tinyurl.com/Electric-Kettles>)

— Rudy Morris
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From HG Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise:

Welcome back! The Clubhouse is open for reserved activities only.

Yes, we are making progress. Every week is new, changing and challenging. As we open more and more areas with success — no new coronavirus cases — we face new challenges to keep everyone safe. Please remember, everything we do requires a reservation, unless noted. Please see all requirements for participation, always wear a mask and maintain six feet distancing.

Some new areas/programs that have opened:

- Clubhouse open until 8 pm for indoor pool reservations, fitness center, and the woodshop.
- Clubhouse will be open to enjoy a cup of coffee.
- HG Chapel Services on Sunday, 9 am and 11 am. See notice for reservations.
- Locker room is available.
- Outdoor concerts
- Select classes starting

Watch for updates as new areas of the Clubhouse are opened. Thank you for your patience as we take on the challenges of keeping everyone safe.

Call the Clubhouse, 303-751-1811, x5, for updated information. If you have a Clubhouse concern, you may email: Linda.Aluise@heathergardensmail.com

Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday Oct. 8, 10 am–noon, Parking lot B250

In response to COVID-19, the city of Aurora, in partnership with SECORCares, is working to launch a mobile food pantry for seniors that will run through the end of 2020. We're looking to serve 100 families per month. There is no cost for the food

Sample food may include, but is not limited to: rice, beans or pasta, cereal /oatmeal, various canned non perishables, 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.

The History of Rock 'n Roll

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2 pm, by Zoom

Emerging as a powerful force on the American music scene in the 1950s, Rock music has evolved with the decades and now includes many variations that sound different from the music of Chuck Berry and Elvis Presley. Return to the roots of Rock 'n Roll then trace its history and cultural impact through the years. This program is being brought to you by Garden Plaza of Aurora, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, Springbrooke Senior Living, Five Star Residences of Dayton Place, and Active Minds®.

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Rare Coins presented by Kathleen Arnold

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration required, call 303-751-1811, x5

Numismatics is the study or collection of currency, including coins. Coins, like stamps, are valuable for their rarity, their mistakes, and their histories. Join Kathleen for the history of America's rarest and most valuable coins. Hang onto your Lincoln Pennie, it might be worth millions! Sponsored by Cherry Creek Retirement Village.



Once a month, the Mobile Food Pantry will be in the parking lot of B250 to provide free food for seniors. Volunteers with the City of Aurora help hand out the food.
Photos by Janis Farrell

Asking for help

Seniors can be a lively group when they want. They can be quiet when they must. The reason for this difference is due mainly because of the stresses of growing old. In senior adult communities, especially, where there are many looking for help or assistance, and others looking to help. It is not always a forthright invitation, but it comes around to “can you help me?” Many times, it is a request that is prompted by just being available. Another way to put it, you understand the person’s vulnerability and wish to be of service.

Seniors requesting help with shopping, driving, cooking is not a big issue if the request is not too repetitive. The problem sometimes is that the requester takes advantage of their association with the provider. The person who is being generous with their time and fulfilling these requests may feel used. In some situations, there can be an attachment between the subject and the caregiver, then there is a reason for this being a mutually agreeable working arrangement.

The title of this article corresponds with this discussion — asking for help. There are many categories of helpers. A chaperon is usually an adult who accompanies and watches young children.

However, there is a category of chaperone who is in the company of another, continually entertaining the other person. Chaperoning, in this personal way, is not the same as being a caregiver. It is comforting for the client to be with a companion. This activity can be demanding and require a resourceful person to make it work.

A caregiver is anyone who will assist. There are many categories of assistance.

As seniors begin to grow older, the more attention they need and require services. It is not a proven requirement, but it is an observation that older seniors need supervision in many of their pursuits. Just fixing dinner can be difficult for some. Indeed, they may not be driving anymore, but this chore is necessary for shopping, doctors’ appointments, etc.

Now, we come back to this camaraderie question. Is this not something like being a companion if you are required to be present for a serious amount of the time? “Living in” is not part of this discussion, but being around and helping with many of the chores like doing the laundry, meal preparation, and grocery shopping are a few of the many tasks mentioned.

What do we call this person who is so accommodating? Is this person called “my buddy,” “my friend,” “my servant,” “my companion,” or “caregiver”? This is an excellent question for us to consider without offending either party?

Whichever of these categories you select, be sure you have a good reason for your answer. If they are your servant, then they need more than a thank you for their service.

If they are a friend, then they need to know just how much they are appreciated.

And, if they are your buddy, this could have some emotional indications involved.

If the players are more than friends, their relationship may be closer than just friends. They may be “kissing buddies.” If this is the case, then all bets are off. They can do what they want when they want without any help from anyone.

My idea is that a semipermanent fixed relationship between two people can be mutually beneficial. As we know from research by many sociologists that has been reported, a camaraderie between people is essential for the survival of these individuals. Having these friendships and close associations brings out the best in humans.

So don’t take any of this as just speculation on the writer’s part. Find this book, *The Blue Zones*, by journalist Dan Buettner. He found most of the answers on how to stay healthy and doing it without help.

(*The Blue Zones* is not only a recipe for longer life; it is an eye-opener to healthy living. Friendship is a significant part of his formula.)

– B.W. Wilson
B210



Left: North Townhome residents gathered to celebrate Bob Rae’s birthday on Aug. 14. He enjoyed the party as his wife, Ellie, looks on.

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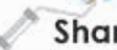
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Overheard @ HG

Mortie maligned

by Mortie Hafka

I come to my loyal readers, this month, justifiably upset. In fact, I must take a few cleansing breaths — pant, pant, pant — before continuing with this column.

Last month, in this space, I wasn't just maligned. I was slandered — libeled, even. If I knew a good lawyer who would work for bacon-flavored dog treats, I certainly would be calling my attorney this minute.

My human roommate, Mary, had the nerve to suggest I am a high-maintenance companion, who occasionally is difficult to live with. She's the one who — upon overhearing the words of a young woman at the theater, seated next to her — had to be restrained from knocking the woman to the floor.

The woman had quipped to her companion, seated on her other side, "So I just said, 'okay Boomer.'" For some reason, Mary took offense at this, and nearly caused a dreadful scene, amid a performance of "The Improvisational Shakespeare."

I suppose uncalled-for attacks on my personal habits and bearing ought to be attributed to the COVID-19 syndrome. Many people quarantining together are getting on one another's nerves.

Still, to attack a defenseless puppy dog, in print, is crossing a line. I live with both a human and a cat. Recent slings and arrows I've had to endure are, consequently, causing me to alter my views on which is the better companion.

The conditions under which I must dwell have caused me to consider a formerly outlandish idea that living with a cat actually isn't as bad as I've previously thought. My brother, Tytus, is a Siamese cat of advanced years. I'm beginning to think he's not such a bad, old guy.

Tytus sleeps a lot, for one thing.

Most of the time, he stays out of my doggie beds. (Oh, yes, I have several. We do have more than one bedroom, plus another bed is needed in the basement level, for my convenience).

Tytus doesn't try to eat my food. He does drink out of my water bowl, but — as I am reevaluating the caliber of my roommates — that's a minor annoyance.

And honesty compels me to admit that I might not be the perfect roommate to Tytus. I do try to eat out of his food dish.

My human suggests I'm a neurotic dog. But, really, all I ever hear from her is, "no."

No! when I try to help with the dishes by licking off her dinner plates.

No! when I try to help her with recycling, by eating the newspaper.

No! when I try to save her the work of making the bed, by staying in it all day. Who wouldn't have a complex, when surrounded by such negativity?

August 26 was National Dog Day. Know what my human did to celebrate? Nothing: no mani-pedi for me. No day at the Spa for Dishy Dogs. No special dinner. (I happen to know, she had some sirloin steaks in the freezer, from Schwan's, but she thawed out nary a one for me.)

On Labor Day, the Cameron Peak fire rained ash and soot down on anyone who was outdoors. But did my human accompany me on my walks, carrying a dainty parasol over my head? She did not.

She could devote more effort to my creature comforts, rather than spending so much time in front of the TV, watching "Love Fraud." Thanks to COVID-19, at least, she's stopped demanding that I shake hands (paws).

I never get credit for all the good

I try to do. While on a walk, the other day, we encountered a garter snake, meandering across the asphalt near our garage. I tried to be helpful by herding the snake away from my human. Unfortunately, I got a little excited, and drove the snake towards her, instead. In his confusion, the snake tried to slither up her leg. After she climbed down from the tree, where she inexplicably ended up, she didn't speak to me for the rest of the day. No gratitude at all.

But these nitpicks should not distract from the thrust of this month's column, which is the many ways dogs, and their housemate cats, can offer soothing companionship to humans, who might need it more than ever during these days. Humans probably are behaving even more boorishly than usual, due to loneliness and stress.

Despite their unworthiness, I believe that pets owe it to humans, to provide emotional support and blood-pressure-lowering influences. This is because dogs, and to a lesser degree (much lesser) cats, are noble creatures. So: *noblesse oblige*.

Apparently, a lot of humans — who can be notoriously slow on the uptake about many things — figured out that adding a household pet during the COVID-19 lockdown was a good thing. Good for people, good for pets.

According to the Sept. 10 issue of the *Sentinel Colorado*, "The number of paws per home has increased in recent months as families and singles have grappled with life largely confined to walls and roofs, experts have said."

As these Pandemic Pets join the ranks of we more seasoned, well-established HG denizens, please heed these words: be kind to your humans, pets of the world, and forgive them their trespasses. On the rare occasion, I'm pretty sure humans have to forgive one or two of ours.

And before you ask, no, I do not know anything about that yellow stain on the carpet, behind — and nicely camouflaged by — the living room chair. I'm pretty sure the cat did it.

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