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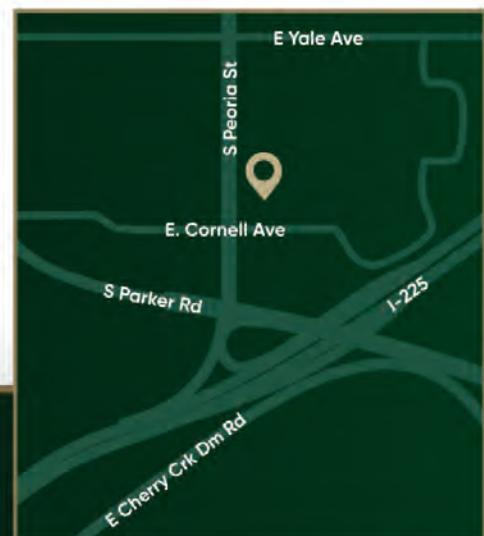
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## HGA Board Meeting Focus: Advanced Security, Enhanced Communications & Proactive Maintenance

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    - Electronic Access Control System
    - Communications Updates
    - Maintenance Projects
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Innovative plans and continuing progress on security, communication and maintenance were presented at the Tuesday, June 17, Heather Gardens Association Board meeting.

Director David Baxter, Chair of the Security, Emergency Preparedness Committee (SEC), introduced the motion to approve work to begin on Phase Two by the security consultant hired by HG on a possible Electronic Access Control system for resident passkey entry into residential buildings and the clubhouse.

The board approved the motion, which includes design requirements, the development and issuance of an RFP to qualified vendors, evaluation of received proposals, and participation in construction oversight. Project cost is \$35,425.

HGA policy on ARs holding resident keys: In a related issue, discussion from the May meeting continued as to Area Representatives (ARs) having keys of residents in their buildings. It was noted that some residents feel a sense of comfort in leaving an extra set of keys with their AR.

The HGA policy states that ARs shall not possess the keys to individual units in their buildings, since the ARs are representatives of Heather Gardens and could be held liable for any issues that may occur in a unit for which they have keys. For safety, security and convenience of residents, only the Security Department should have resident keys. An option discussed is that a draft document be developed that will be a clarification for residents. David Woods, President of the ARO, will notify the ARs of the policy.

**Communications:** Director Linda Hileman, Chair of the Community Engagement & Communications Committee (CECC), noted several communications updates. Progress continues on updating the HGA website. The HG Resident Directory for 2026 will be posted digitally primarily, with printed copies available only by request. Town Hall meetings continue to receive positive response, with different days and times for the meetings under discussion.

**Video recording of HGA Board meetings:** The Board of Directors has decided that the recording of the regular meeting of the Board will be posted to the HGA website a targeted three days after the meeting and retained on the website for 10 days after the meeting. This will allow residents to view the meeting if they were unable to do so during the scheduled meeting.

**Attendee identification at Zoom meetings:** A standard operating procedure for meeting participant identification was approved, stating that individuals attending by Zoom must be recognized by first and last name, rather than just a first name or nickname. The policy is intended to establish a consistent and transparent process for identifying attendees in HG Board and committee meetings.

**New date for HGA Board meetings:** In a motion introduced by Director Mike Pula, Chair of the Finance Committee, HGA Board meetings will move from the third Tuesday of each month to the fourth Tuesday. This change will provide more time for the preparation of the regular meeting packet, including committee reports, motions, and other documentation. Motion passed.

**New Heather 'n Yon delivery dates:** Because *Heather 'n Yon* typically is sent to the printer several days before the fourth Tuesday of the month, the board meeting change will understandably change the delivery to residents. New *Heather 'n Yon* delivery date will be the eighth working day of each month.

**Bed bug policy:** The policy covers the areas of reporting, detecting and treating bed bugs, with a major emphasis on the resident responsibility to report any suspected bed bugs to HG.

**Water Conservation Project is voluntary:** In his report to the board, General Manager Lary Herkal explained that resident participation in the Water Conservation Project is voluntary, and that no resident is required to let anyone into their unit to check their toilets. He added that the Water Conservation Project theoretically offers tremendous potential cost savings on water costs, and that we don't see an opportunity like this very often.

**Maintenance:** Director John Recob, Chair of the Maintenance Committee, presented motions for projects to keep the HG residential buildings up to date. Those include a Main Duct Insulation Replacement in Buildings 221, 222, 223 and 224 at an approved total cost of \$52,704, and the 2025 Sealcoat Capital Expenditure for parking lot patching, crack sealing and surface sealings at Buildings 213-214, 215-216, 217-218, 219-220, 221-222, 223-224, CP1, CP 2-3, CP 5-6 for a total cost of \$258,902.

Beginning in August, HGA Board meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month, making the next meeting, Tuesday, July 22, 1 pm in the clubhouse boardroom. Residents are encouraged to attend by Zoom or in person. Meeting agenda and committee reports are posted prior to the meeting on the HGA website, [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org)

# Shake-Up on the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Board of Directors

The Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Board of Directors convened its monthly meeting on June 19, 2025. Directors Eloise Laubach, Steve Stratton, David Kennedy, and Linda Savage were present in the board room. Legal Counsel Jennifer Ivey attended virtually. Unstable internet in the board room caused virtual viewing of the meeting to freeze and made reporting difficult.

Laubach began the meeting by announcing her resignation from the board effective the last day of June 2025, citing medical reasons. At an earlier meeting, held June 2, 2025, it was announced that board president Bill Gold had resigned. No reason was given for his resignation.

Gold succeeded Daniel Taylor, who was recalled in December 2024. He was elected for the remainder of a four-year term, to end in May 2027. Laubach began a new term on the board in May of 2025, also ending in May 2027.

Following Gold's resignation, the district put out a Plera notice inviting applications for his replacement and received two responses: HGA board member Bill Archambault, who was present in the board room, and James Saunders, who could not attend the meeting due to a medical procedure.

Archambault, who previously served on the district board as treasurer for close to fourteen years and has a background in finance, was appointed by a unanimous vote to fill the vacancy. He will resign from his position on the association board effective immediately.

The board then elected officers: David Kennedy as president, Steve Stratton as vice president, and Bill Archambault as treasurer. Linda Savage expressed some uncertainty about continuing to serve as secretary. Kennedy suggested the possibility of hiring a scribe to take minutes.

The vacancy for Laubach's seat will be filled at a future meeting following the same process. James Saunders will be invited to apply again. Further updates to the board's committee chairs will happen when a full board is seated.

David Kennedy provided an update on the district's 2024 audit, which is due in July. He said the district's auditor, Rubin Brown, had requested an extension from the state, which was denied.

He explained that the state could withhold property tax revenue as a penalty if the audit isn't filed on time. Ivey explained that the funds might be delayed but would be released once the audit is filed.

In new business, Linda Savage put forth a motion to contract with the Larry Rogers Design Group for a water audit and an irrigation design plan for the golf course. She characterized this work as a need rather than a want, as the current irrigation system is ten years past its life expectancy and regularly needs to be repaired. David Kennedy read a letter submitted by the Joint Long Range Planning Committee, which he co-chairs, asking for more information and making suggestions about how to proceed. After a lengthy discussion about a water audit that's already been completed and the benefits of hiring a professional with expertise in golf course irrigation design, the board approved an amended motion to contract with the Larry Rogers Design Group for only the water audit, to be used as a comparison, and to hold off on the irrigation design plan.

Steve Stratton introduced a series of motions for the clubhouse and activities. The board approved a new projector with wireless capability for the auditorium, and a kiln replacement, including fire and electrical system upgrades. In addition, the board approved a change to the afternoon family swim times and location, setting new hours of 3:30 to 5:30 and changing the location to the indoor pool. This change will eliminate conflict with scheduled classes and locker room use and allow residents to enjoy the outdoor pool after classes. Stratton suggested this change is temporary until further data is collected.

Finally, the board approved the construction of a bocce ball court to be located adjacent to the golf course practice cage. David Kennedy indicated there was enough money in lottery funds to cover the court construction costs.

At the end of the meeting, association board member Larry Davila thanked Eloise Laubach for her service with the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District.

"I want us all to acknowledge the work that she has done and that she deserves a lot of praise for that," he said.

Correction: In reference to the article published on p. 5 of the June 2025 issue titled "Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Makes Progress Towards Financial Stability, Approves 2023 Audit": President Bill Gold (not "Kennedy") called the meeting to order and then led the board in the annual election of officers.

## HGA Nominations

We are taking nominations for 2026. **Applications are due on Friday, August 8, 2025.**

The HGA Board qualifications are as follows:

- You must be a resident and owner of a home in Heather Gardens. By resident, we mean you must physically live here.
- You must have been a resident and owner for at least 12 months by the August meeting of the HGA Board of Directors.
- You must be current on dues and assessment.

As expressed by current Board members, being a Board Member provides some of these rewards:

- Serving the needs of your community
- Getting to know new people and making new friends
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-Janet C. Arce, HGA Nominating Committee



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## HGA Board President Reports

Sue McBeth

Happy Fourth of July to All!

Summer is here and the temperatures are heating up quickly. I'm more of a cool weather fan – give me mid-seventies for summer and I'm happy. For those of you who enjoy the heat, your time of year has come.

This month the words “Only informed individuals can make free choices” have captured my thoughts. *Heather 'n Yon*, board and committee meetings, and the townhall meetings are

excellent ways to be informed about what is happening in Heather Gardens. I think in particular about all of the hard work that both boards are doing to fashion the new Asset Management Agreement. Each member has been thinking about, reading about, and discussing the best way to move forward for the good of the Heather Gardens Community. They continuously work to be informed and make free choices.

### Board Highlights

1. Two projects (solar power and storm water) plus a water conservation business plan development, submitted by the Joint Long Range Planning Committee, were approved to move forward.
2. An updated Smoking Policy was approved.
3. Carpet replacement for the Atrium Buildings and exterior painting projects were approved.

### Joint HGA/HGMD Leadership Workshop Sessions

On Monday, June 9, we met with our respective attorneys to digest the agreement that they had written based on our previous input. We still have questions regarding ownership of capital equipment. How will contracting processes move forward given differing regulations for each group? How will employment decisions be made, and who is involved in interviews for key positions? The questions, however, are becoming fewer in number at this point. We are all trying to inform ourselves in the best way that we can, so that our choices will be free of bias and truly represent the best outcomes for our residents. One item that I think has been on many people's minds is what will happen to the committees? Please rest assured that both boards see the committees as vital to the health and well-being of our community. They will continue to function no matter what the new agreement looks like.

### Time for Another “Gratitude” Message

I would like take this time to thank all our employees who help make Heather Gardens a fantastic place to live. The administrative team takes care of the finances and the communications that inform all of us as well as supporting both boards. The contracts department makes sure that we get the best “bang for our buck” when purchasing high-cost items and doing major construction. The custodial staff keeps our common spaces clean and beautiful. The clubhouse is making sure that we have numerous classes, trips, events, and other amenities available to us in abundance. Golf and Landscape keeps the grounds in beautiful condition (and a special shout out to our “building” landscapers who make the front of our buildings beautiful) and the golf course in fantastic shape. Maintenance works tirelessly to keep everything in great shape from buildings to our individual units. The restaurant is a fantastic venue for good food and exciting entertainment. Security is patrolling all areas of the complex multiple times a day to keep us safe. Heather Gardens couldn't function without our dedicated employees. Thank you one and all!

Until next time – enjoy the beginning of summer. Stay safe, healthy, and enjoy life!

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Due to illness and vacations, the Committee did not meet in June.

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-Eloise Laubach, Foundation Chair and HGMD Vice President

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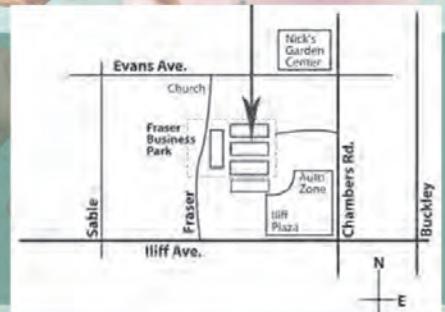
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## A Note from the Editor

Hello  
Heather Gardens!

Life is full of beautiful surprises...like spotting a young bear wandering near a coffee shop in Steamboat Springs, Colo. (see cover photo). This was my first ever “close-up” bear sighting. I found fortune, not only the joy in my family’s delight, but also that we were safe in our car when the bear rolled up just feet from us.

Unexpected moments like this make life magical.

Our continued mission is to create a magazine that is informative and entertaining, objective and fair, and one that reflects the unique and wonderful community that we serve.

The July issue is packed with content including a feature on the Tennis Club, info on the new Aging Strong Initiative, Water-Wise Landscaping at HG, and so much more.

Our staff photographer, Janis Farrell, has managed to capture a bounty of summer joys around Heather Gardens and Colorado. Please enjoy her photography throughout this issue.

Happy July!

-Susan Harman, Editor  
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## A Fond Farewell to Cormac Ronan & A Warm Welcome to Tony Walker

As we bid farewell to a beloved member of our Heather Gardens family, we also open our arms to welcome a new face with fresh ideas and energy.

### Thank You, Cormac Ronan

We are saddened by the news that Rendezvous Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan and his wife Lisa will be relocating to St. Paul, Minnesota. While we'll miss them dearly, we're happy knowing they'll be closer to their daughter Elaine and 8-year-old granddaughter Vernica, who live in Virginia, Minnesota—just a snowball's throw from Canada. Their daughter Grace resides in Detroit, and their sons Martin and Noel will remain in Colorado.

Cormac joined Heather Gardens in August 2018, transitioning from an Irish pub in Denver in search of a lifestyle change. He found the perfect fit here, quickly falling in love with the community and being warmly embraced by residents and staff alike. Known for affectionately calling his team “the island of misfit toys,” Cormac brought heart, humor, and dedication to everything he did.

One of his proudest achievements was keeping the Rendezvous Restaurant open during the challenges of COVID, ensuring residents had a sense of normalcy and connection.

Cormac always prioritized relationships—both with residents and his team—and took great pride in the restaurant's evolution. From the addition of Chef Josh, to Kara's expert event coordination, to Crystal Guise's vibrant entertainment programming, Cormac helped shape a truly memorable dining experience.

Though originally planning to move in January, Cormac stayed on to ensure a smooth transition for his successor. We thank him for his unwavering commitment and wish him and Lisa all the best in this new chapter.



Cormac & Kara



Rick, Cormac & Josh

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## Welcome, Tony Walker!

We are excited to introduce Tony Walker, who officially joined us as the new Rendezvous Restaurant Manager on Monday, May 16.

Tony brings a wealth of experience and a passion for hospitality. Born in La Paz, Bolivia, Tony moved to Colorado in sixth grade. He and his wife Ashley, a Colorado native, live in Denver with their three children—Fyn, Emma, and Kaden. Their eldest will be attending CU this fall.

Tony's culinary journey includes working in restaurants in Tuscany, Italy, co-founding the Spicy Pickle Sub Shop, serving as a chef at Barolo Grill, and most recently managing the Blue Moon Brewery. He's enthusiastic about introducing cooking classes, wine-paired dinners, and is eager to hear your ideas and suggestions to enhance the Rendezvous experience.

*Please join us in giving Tony a warm Heather Gardens welcome!*



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## HG TENNIS CLUB SERVES UP FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP, AND FUN

As of this writing, the French Open tennis tournament is underway, on the red clay courts of Roland Garros stadium in Paris. When the July 2025 issue of *Heather 'n Yon* is distributed, the Wimbledon tournament in England, played on grass, will have begun. The French Open and Wimbledon, along with the Australian Open and the U.S. Open, make up the “Grand Slam” of professional tennis. All four tournaments have a long and storied history; each was founded more than 100 years ago.

Forty years ago, most of us who followed professional sports – not just tennis – knew these tournaments. The players who won them became household names. But that familiarity isn't there anymore. In America, at least, tennis has lost its luster. One reason might be that few American tennis players make the headlines these days. Another reason might be the surging popularity of pickleball, a fast-growing sport even among the younger demographic.

Pickleball is popular at Heather Gardens, too. We residents often hear the staccato thwok-thwok of games at the clubhouse or at Seville. But tennis remains very much alive here, thanks in no small part to the Tennis Club and its committed members.



Members of the Heather Gardens Tennis Club take a break from play.

**A social network.** Around the end of May, I chatted with Wendy Pfaffhausen, President of the Tennis Club, at the Rendezvous. Currently, Pfaffhausen said, the club has about 40 members, “but we're always looking for more.” She said that she joined the club in 2009, even before moving to HG in 2014.

Club members are at different skill levels, Pfaffhausen said, adding that “we have no Serena or Nadal on the courts here. Our level of play is far from that. We just have fun.”

She also mentioned that one of the members, Dean Adams, gives free lessons to players new to tennis. Dean also gives “pointer” lessons to established players who want to improve certain aspects of their game.

Pfaffhausen noted that some members rarely play anymore, but love to attend the club's social functions, which include a spring picnic, a fall picnic, and a

Christmas dinner. I asked her what goes on at a typical picnic.

“We do hamburgers, hot dogs in the Picnic Pavilion [adjacent to the courts],” she said. “Everybody brings a dish.”

“We also have a Holiday party, and it's a dance,” Pfaffhausen continued. “It's a dinner that's catered. People do bring either appetizers or desserts, but we do have it catered, and it's usually a kind of barbecue meat, that type of thing. [Last year] we held it upstairs in the clubhouse, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. That's in December. So, we're pretty social. And that's all included in the whopping membership fee of twenty dollars! Twenty-five if they live outside [of Heather Gardens].”

We were joined at the table by Jimmie Whorton, Tennis Club VP, and Judy Brehmer. Both have been club members for decades. Judy passed a photo album around the table with images of past Tennis Club members and social events.

The women mentioned another social event that the club holds in the spring, a “breakfast with a continental twist.” Last year's breakfast event resulted in three new members for the club, they reported; one of them, Kathy Kuss, now acts as club secretary.



Tennis Club members in action.

**On the courts.** It was a sunny Monday morning in early June. For that morning, at least, the cloudy, cool weather at the end of May was gone – and Heather Gardens Tennis Club players were out on the clubhouse courts, playing doubles. Two players sat on the bench between the two courts, waiting for their turn to join the action. After the stretch of unseasonably dreary weather, everybody was happy to see sunshine and blue skies.

Some of the players served with a traditional overhead. Others hit underhand serves. Some players hit their groundstrokes with authority, while others favored placement. Some volleys at the net were crisp, some soft. A few of the players moved

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to the ball well; others, not so much. As the games progressed, players got into a groove. They hit more confident strokes. The rallies grew longer. It was fun to watch.

The players knew each other well. They joshed with one another during play.

“Good shot!” a player said to an opponent across the net. “Right down the middle! That’s game.” Tennis Club players use an abbreviated scoring system – no “add ins or add outs” – to speed play and minimize wait times. Single games end quickly. Doubles (foursomes) then exchange partners or switch out with players on the bench.

**Newbies and veterans.** As teams won games, players came off the court to sit on the bench until the next rotation. Without exception, each was friendly and happy to chat. “When did you start playing tennis?” I asked them, thinking that most had started the game in their youth.

To my surprise, about half of the players I spoke with were relatively new to tennis.

“I only started playing when I moved here eight years ago,” Rich Parker said. “One day, I saw the ad in Heather ‘n Yon. And Wendy’s [Pfaffhausen] name was there. I said, ‘Hey, Wendy. Can I come out and play with you guys? I haven’t ever played before.’ I asked ‘will they laugh at me?’ and she said, ‘maybe only a little.’” He smiles at the memory.



Player and instructor Dean Adams (middle) is flanked by Brad and Kathy Kuss.

Other relative newbies to the club, and to tennis, are Brad and Kathy Kuss. When they decided to give tennis a try a couple of years ago, they took free lessons from Dean Adams. Both raved about the quality of Dean’s instruction. “He taught us how to hold the racket, how to hit the ball ... everything you need to know to play tennis,” Kathy said.

“I’ve never had a coach that can pick up on the little things like he does,” said Brad. “He does everything that a good coach can do. And he’s a true gentleman.”

Other players have decades of on-court experience. Pfaffhausen proudly says “I was born with a tennis racket in one hand and a golf club in another.” When Wendy was a kid in Philadelphia, she remembers meeting legendary tennis player Althea Gibson.

Bob DeCicco, 83, reports that he started playing tennis in 1953. He played competitively in high school, and was captain of his college team at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He mentions that he “has a strong forehand, and when I want to do it, a pretty good serve.” Back in the day, his favorite player was feisty Jimmy Connors.

**Fitness and camaraderie.** On a player rotation I chatted with Steve Freeman. He played a number of sports in his younger days. Of tennis, he said “I like that I can play this game until I get 90 or 100 years old ... I like that I’m outside, getting fresh air. I like that I’m still able to move, use my hand and eye coordination.

“You can’t keep playing basketball,” Steve added. “It’s rough on your body.”

At 93, Chuck L. still ventures onto the court, even with macular degeneration affecting his vision. He sits on the bench to chat.

“Well, it’s good exercise, and it’s fun when I can hit the ball, which is not all that often, unfortunately,” he laughs. “But I told them that I’m going to play as long as they’ll put up with me missing the ball.”

Tennis Club members get along well with one another. When a member comes through one of the gates, other players shout greetings. The most heartwarming example of this “court camaraderie” is the pairing of Loy Oakes and Doris Ferry Oakes, who met on the courts and became friends. That tennis friendship



Tennis Club members Loy and Doris married on the clubhouse courts.

became a true “love match,” and in August 2023 the couple married – in a ceremony held at the clubhouse courts.

Interested in revisiting tennis, or learning to play? The HG Tennis Club is always looking for new members. For information, contact Wendy Pfaffhausen at 303.587.9797.

Bill Kaluza, B232

#### IN MEMORIAM



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# Memorial Day Ceremony

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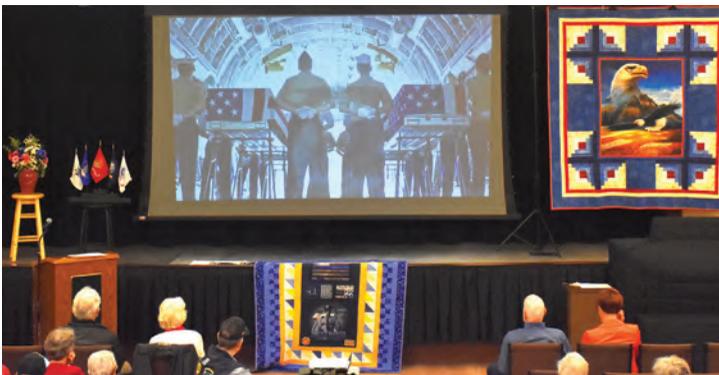


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## Introducing a New Initiative: Aging Strong in Heather Gardens

For years, ARs and residents in multistory buildings have voiced concerns when a neighbor was clearly struggling to live independently or was negatively impacting others—yet there were few tools to offer meaningful help. In some cases, aging parents were brought to Heather Gardens to be near family, but their care needs far exceeded what the community could support. Sometimes, family members were unaware. In other instances, they knew but chose not to act, prioritizing the financial benefits of keeping a parent in their condo rather than transitioning them to appropriate care.

Unfortunately, there is very little that Heather Gardens can do legally in these situations.

In response, a new group—Aging Strong in Heather Gardens—held its first meeting on Saturday, May 10. The goal: to support residents who wish to age in place while promoting community responsibility and proactive engagement.

Initial goals discussed include:

- **Outreach** – Proactively connecting with older residents and their families to share resources and guidance.
- **Community Engagement** – Attending meetings like the Aurora Commission for Older Adults to stay informed and advocate on behalf of Heather Gardens residents.
- **Neighbor-to-Neighbor Support** – Building partnerships among residents to offer meaningful, everyday support, such as:
  - o Daily check-in phone calls
  - o Sharing vital information with HOA or service partners when family is absent or uninvolved
- **Information Sharing** – Hosting gatherings for residents to learn from each other’s experiences and challenges.
- **Resource Building** – Creating and maintaining a trusted list of service providers, support organizations, and local programs designed to help residents remain safely and independently in their homes.

There will be a second meeting on **July 11 at 10:00 AM in the Rendezvous Banquet Room**. A focus at that meeting will be asking residents to complete, review, and if necessary, revise their emergency contact form, along with leaving a key to their homes with Security. The meeting is open to any interested residents. This is a grassroots effort driven by compassion, connection, and a shared belief that growing older should come with dignity and support



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# HG Clubhouse Events

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Clubhouse Manager: Juanita Dominguez

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

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#### Monday July 7

Computer Basics	9-10am	\$10
Computer Basics	12:30-1:30pm	\$10
Internet Basics	10:30-11:30am	\$10
Internet Basics	2-3pm	\$10

If you attend one of the Monday classes, you are welcome to join the instructor for Open Lab from 3 pm to 5 pm at no charge with questions or for practice.

#### Tuesday, July 8

Internet Safety	9-10am	\$10
Internet Safety	12:30-1:30pm	\$10
Mobile Device Basics	10:30-11:30am	\$10
Mobile Device Basics	2-3pm	\$10

If you attend one of the Tuesday classes, you are welcome to join the instructor for Open Lab from 3 pm to 5 pm at no charge with questions or for practice.

### Active Minds – Ansel Adams

Wednesday, July 9, 2:00pm

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Ansel Adams is one of the most iconic American photographers. Throughout his lengthy career he broke ground not only in his breathtaking black-and-white landscapes of the American West, but also in his development of photographic technique, and his environmental conservation work. Join Active Minds as we explore how Adams' artistry continues to shape our perception and relation to the natural environment. No charge for this event; however, registration is encouraged. Please register online or at the Clubhouse Activities desk.

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Thursday, July 17, 3:00pm

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# COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

## Capital Reserves: Progress, Challenges & How You Can Engage

### Progress You Can See

Heather Gardens is bustling with improvements, ensuring that our community remains a vibrant, well-maintained place to live. From major projects to financial planning, here's what's happening with our capital reserves and why it matters.

Did you notice the bright orange chute on Building 236? That's part of a significant roof

Roof Replacement Building 236



replacement project, where old roofing materials are removed to make way for a new, durable roof—an investment of approximately \$400,000. In Parking Structures 2 and 4, crews are busy repairing decks, columns, and railings to improve safety and longevity. With a budget of \$2.5 million, this multi-year project will ensure the stability of these key structures. Another noticeable upgrade is the hallway and common area carpeting in all Atrium buildings, totaling \$280,000.

But that's just the beginning! In total, \$10 million will be invested in capital expenditures this year. These improvements are funded through our Capital Reserves, with around 22.7% of our monthly dues contributing to long-term maintenance and future projects.

### Understanding Capital Reserves

Think of our Capital Reserves Fund as our community's savings account. It ensures that when large-scale, repairs or replacements arise – whether it's a new elevator, repaved driveways, or roof replacement— we are financially prepared without scrambling for emergency funding that would increase our costs because we would have to pay interest fees to procure funds in this manner.

### Challenges & The Need for Planning

In the table you can see our reserves are declining. Note that in 2024, postponed projects resulted in lower-than-expected expenditures, which led to an increase of the reserves. But the budgets for these postponed projects were carried forward into 2025.

While this might look like savings, it's a delay that could impact assets and cause actually additional costs

in the long run. For example, delaying a roof replacement could result in leaks, structural damage, and higher repair costs—not to mention the inconvenience for residents. To better understand our future financial needs and to objectively determine if we have enough money in our reserves, the board commissioned a professional external Capital Reserves Study. This study, expected completed by the end of 2025, will provide a thorough re-evaluation of our community's infrastructure and help guide strategic financial planning. With steady funding, the Heather Gardens Association can maintain our community proactively rather than reactively, keeping Heather Gardens strong for years to come.

### How You Can Get Involved

Budgeting for our reserves isn't just an administrative task—it's a community-wide effort that impacts every resident. Transparency, communication, and resident involvement are essential as we shape the decisions that affect the financial health of Heather Gardens.

Want to participate? Join the conversation!

- **The Capital Program Subcommittee** — Ask questions, share ideas and contribute to discussions on major community investments.
- **Maintenance Committee** — Get insights into ongoing and upcoming projects that require funding (both operational and capital expenditures).
- **Budget & Finance Committee (B&F)** — See firsthand how funds are allocated and influence how your money is spent.
- **Budget Workshops** — September 22-26: Your best opportunity to participate. Each year, the B&F reviews the draft budget prepared by management, evaluating it line-by-line to ensure financial responsibility. This draft budget is built using input from departments and committees combined with historical data, information from subject matter experts, financial trends and forecasts. B&F refines this draft before presenting it to the boards for approval, and you can be there to comment and make recommendations.

Heather Gardens thrives when we residents are informed and involved. Let's work together to keep our community strong and financially secure! Please, mark your calendars and plan to attend the budget workshops which will occur September 22–26 this year and are the best possible venue for your input, comments and recommendations regarding the 2026 HGA budget. Oh, and the Owner's Vote in November gives you the power

to approve or veto the final HGA Board-approved budget. Make your voice heard by attending the meetings and casting your vote!

-Community Engagement and Communications Committee/ Project Insight

HGA Capital Reserves Balance	Balance
1/1/2024*	\$11,228,749
2024 Capital Revenues**	\$4,731,282
2024 Capital Expenditures**	\$4,475,897
	Increase \$255,385
1/1/2025	\$11,484,134
2025 Capital Revenues***	\$4,831,307
2025 Capital Expenditures***	\$10,199,788
	Decrease \$5,368,481
1/1/2026 (projected)	\$6,115,653

Sources:  
 \* Audit report 2023 P18  
 \*\* Budget Exceptions report through 12/31/2024 P1  
 \*\*\* Budget 2025 10/15/24 P17

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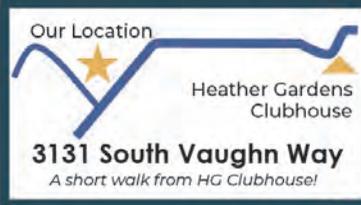
# JULY CALENDAR: CLUBS, RECREATION & EVENTS

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



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<b>Tue 8</b>	<b>Digital Skills Classes</b>	<b>Banquet Room</b>	<b>9am-3pm</b>
<b>Wed 9</b>	Red Hattitudes <b>Active Minds – Ansel Adams</b> Aviation Club	Rendezvous Bar & Grill <b>Sandberg Auditorim</b> Aspen Room	12:30pm <b>2pm</b> 7pm
<b>Fri 11</b>	Optimist Club: Root Beer Float Fundraiser Aging Strong HG Indivisible	Golf Patio Banquet Room Library	9am-1pm 10am 11:30am-12:50pm
<b>Sat 12</b>	The Breakfast Club Voice for Residents Forum	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Mountain View Room	8:30am 3-4:30pm
<b>Mon 14</b>	Texas Hold'em (all other Mondays) HG Water Conservation Taskforce	Mountain View Room Zoom	12:30-5pm 1pm
<b>Tue 15</b>	Caregivers Support Group Frolics: <i>Celebrating the Heartland</i>	Aspen Room Rendezvous Bar & Grill	2-4pm 4pm
<b>Thu 17</b>	Social Justice Discussion <b>Music Video Bingo</b> Kiwanis Club of Aurora	Blue Spruce Room <b>Sandberg Auditorim</b> Skyview Room	10am-12pm <b>3pm</b> 6pm
<b>Sat 19</b>	Saturday Afternoon Live Social	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3-5pm
<b>Sun 20</b>	HG Republicans Free Event: "Average Joe"	Arts and Crafts Room	2:30-4:30pm
<b>Mon 21</b>	Photo Club	Aspen Room	3-5pm
<b>Tue 22</b>	Frolics Tour HG Democrats	Elitch Theatre Sandberg Auditorium	11am 4-5:30pm
<b>Sat 26</b>	National Federation of the Blind	Mountain View Room	10:30am-12:30pm
<b>Mon 28</b>	Garden Club HG Water Conservation Taskforce Low Vision Support Group	Blue Spruce Room Zoom Aspen Room	6-7:30pm 1pm 1:30pm

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

### Advertised Activities and Seminars

Sunday, June 29 and July 6, HG Chapel Services, HG Chapel, 11am (see ad p. 4)  
 Mon, July 7: Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday by appt.), Arts & Crafts Room, 9am-12pm (see ad p. 63)  
 Thurs, July 10, We Want Your Timeshare Seminar, Rendezvous Bar & Grill, 10am (see ad p. 10)  
 Sun, Aug 10, Farewell Open House, Sandberg Auditorium, 4-6pm (see ad p. 8)

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## Boards and Committees Monthly Meetings

~~cancelled~~ GECC (BR/Zoom) – 11am, Tues, Jul 1

Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, Jul 2

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, Jul 7

Maintenance (Zoom) – 11am, Tues, Jul 8

Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, Jul 8

Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) - 11am, Wed, Jul 9

Foundation Committee (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Wed, Jul 9

Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3pm, Thurs, Jul 10

Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Fri, Jul 11

RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, Jul 14

Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, Jul 16

ACC (Zoom) – 10am Thu, Jul 17

### **HGMD Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Thu, Jun 17**

Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Mon, Jul 21

HGMD Audit/Finance (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, Jul 21

Golf (BR/Zoom) – TBD

### **HGA Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, Jul 22**

Resident Orientation (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, Jul 23

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

# Heather 'n Yon Deadline: 7/17

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## **Aurora Townhall Meeting with Angela Lawson**

Saturday, July 19, 10-11:30am  
HG Clubhouse

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Letters

### **Heather 'n Yon,**

One question: why are we not telling people we are a SMOKE FREE community? It's a great community. Start telling everyone we are smoke free.

-Barbara McShane, CP6

### **Heather 'n Yon,**

I am a Heather Gardens resident & recently discovered an Aurora program to help prevent car theft- and it's free.

MetroTrack - City of Aurora

I registered (online) our 2 cars Friday night & was able to pick up our packets Mon noon at the Aurora Police Dept District #1 on Montview Blvd about 1 block west of Potomac Easy directions included in packet with 2 window stickers & Airtag. If you have questions, I believe the program manager is Josh at 970-817-0435.

-Vicki Ziarek, B223

### **Heather 'n Yon,**

Out walking our dog, we are often asked "So, how IS the real estate market?" Well, there is much good news: 53 homes have sold so far this year 1/1 to 6/14 and there are 8 more under contract for a total of 61 new neighbors. More good news is that the legal actions that suppressed demand in 2024 are now behind us and all loan types are approved for funding including FHA, VA, HELOC, Reverse Mortgage and Conventional loans.

Our amenities, activities and classes are still second-to-none, so this HG lifestyle remains relevant to anyone 55 and over.

However, during 2024 and into this year, inventory has accumulated faster than it has been absorbed leading to a selection today of 80 HG homes for sale. It has been since about 2005 (and before that in 1995-1998) that we have seen such a quantity, but the market will sort itself out over time.

But, despite the uncertain economic news we see daily, HG is still a wonderful place to live, and those ready for an Active Adult home will quickly see this benefit. We see our board and committee leadership working hard with management/departments to maintain the high quality upkeep of buildings and systems we have come to expect, while holding costs under control. This includes choices we have for internet and TV services, as well as studying water consumption/possible savings in our homes and for our green spaces and golf course.

As always, our residents are our strongest asset and each of us can be an advocate for this lifestyle and this community whenever we see visitors checking us out.

-Bruce Henson, STH

*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.

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on p. 57 of this issue**

**Thank you!**

A Happy Birthday to Inez Francis Brantley, B203 who turned 109 on April 24. Ms. Brantley, a writer and poet, was featured in the July 2016 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.

## **New Heather 'n Yon delivery dates**

Beginning August 2025

Due to a change in HGA Board meeting date, *Heather 'n Yon* will now be delivered on the 7th or 8th working day of each month.



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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## **Aviation Club**

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

## **Book Club**

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

## **The Breakfast Club**

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

## **CP1**

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

## **CP2**

We meet the first Tuesday of the month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms from 5-8 pm in February & October. These are BYOB drinks and a dish to share events. In April, **34 Heather 'n Yon, July 2025**

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

## **CP4**

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

## **Caregivers Support Group**

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

## **Democrats/HG**

The Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) in the clubhouse auditorium at 4-5:30 pm. The purpose of our club is to support the Constitution, the rule of law, and GOOD GOVERNMENT. In the recent weeks since the Inauguration, the institutions of our government, and indeed the world order that has prevailed for most of our lives, have been systematically dismantled through Donald Trump and his supporters. If we are to preserve our democracy, we must support each other and our allied organizations. This year our speakers will feature various groups providing opportunities for citizen engagement, with our shared goal of preserving our democracy. Often, speakers for current "hot topics" cannot be confirmed in time for this announcement. I send an email newsletter a few days before our meeting, so please email me if you want to get on my list: hgdemocrats@gmail.com. You don't have to live in Heather Gardens nor be registered as a Democrat to attend our meetings. Some of us like to socialize over

dinner in the Rendezvous after the meeting, and you are welcome to join us. There is no charge for our meetings. -Marty Karnopp, Chair

## **Frolics**

Two events you'll want to attend in July! Historical Elitch Theatre Tour, Tuesday, July 22, 11 am, \$15. RSVP by Friday, July 18 – contact Arlene Krell (720.284.9774). HG Traveling Troupe is performing in the Rendezvous on Tuesday, July 15, 4 pm – no charge, bring a friend – "Celebrating Our Heartland." And we are ALWAYS welcoming new members – only \$12 annual dues. The only requirement to be a member of the Frolics Club? You don't have to have "talent," but you MUST want to have fun. Any questions, please contact Susie Hayes (303.745.1816).

## **Garden Club**

Instead of having a meeting in June, gardeners welcomed the Heather Gardens community to the garden plot to visit with gardeners and see the rows of vegetables and flowers that are in bloom. The next meeting of the Garden Club will be July 28, 6-7:30 pm, in the Blue Spruce Room and everyone who is interested is invited to participate. The Club usually meets in the Clubhouse Blue Spruce Room the last Monday of each month March through October. For information about leasing a garden plot, joining the Club, or being added to the email notification list, call or text President Nancy Linsenbigler at 720-932-6990.

This is a reminder to gardeners that It will be very hot in July and August, both for plants and their keepers, but there are a few ways to meet heat challenges for both. Treating our plants with loving care includes consistent watering early in the morning, keeping the soil cool with mulch and/or a shade cloth, and providing extra water in the afternoon if necessary. This is not a good time to fertilize, spray on insect

or plant disease treatments, or prune them. Plant keepers should stay hydrated and avoid the heat of the day, which could give you a headache, dizziness, muscle cramps, confusion, slurred speech, nausea, extreme perspiring and/or very high body temperature. If you experience any of these symptoms, you are probably in the grip of a heat stroke. Call out for help from anyone who is close.

### **The Green Team**

Pink, yellow, blue and green are beautiful colors, but they don't belong in the Puppy Poop Bins. Only BLACK compostable poop bags should be placed in the 26 large PPP bins located on Heather Gardens. You may say that those colorful bags are compostable, so they should be okay. But why are you paying for them when we distribute FREE BAGS on the last Friday of each month in the clubhouse? Green Team members check those bins every week and remove all bags of color, because we are unable to read if a dirty used bag meets the criteria. Remember, the puppy poop is collected and converted into lawn compost. So please help us! Our meetings are now the first Thursday of the month from 10-12:00 in the Skyview Room. For information, call (303)587-9797. -W. Pfaffhausen

### **Heather Gardens Singers**

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

### **Heather Gardens Water**

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

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

High Twelve Club #11, a Masonic Club at Heather Gardens, meets

every 4th Wednesday (3rd Wednesday in November and December) at Rendezvous Bar & Grill at 11 am. The club invites all Masons and friends to these open luncheons where there is usually a guest speaker. The club is "dark" June, July, and August. High Twelve International supports students at George Washington University in a Master's program so as to serve in public service. Members include a retired attorney, retired teachers, retired police officer, retired Air Force and Army gentlemen, and many more! The contact is Walter Martin at 303-810-6189 for more information.

### **Indivisible/HG**

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

### **Karaoke Club**

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

### **Kiwanis Club of Aurora**

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

### **Lifelong Learners**

On Vacation! Lifelong Learners has taken the summer off. We'll be back for the Fall Term. See you then. Contact us at: [heathergardenslearners@gmail.com](mailto:heathergardenslearners@gmail.com).

## **Low Vision Support Group**

Low Vision Support Group meets on July 28 (fourth Monday of the month) in the Aspen Room, 1:30 pm. Questions? Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224

### **Meditation Club**

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

### **Meet & Schmooze**

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

**Men with Purpose**

A group of men, with diversified backgrounds, gather to discuss timely topics regarding healthy aging and purposeful retirement. Books and articles relating to these topics are discussed by group members. Leadership is shared. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, Skyview Room. For information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

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

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

**Optimist Club**

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

HG Optimist Club is sponsoring their annual Root Beer Float Fundraiser to support Junior Golf on Friday, July 11 from 9 am - 1 pm at the golf patio. In addition, the HG Ladies Golf Club will hold a bake sale at the same time. Come enjoy a tasty treat with your root beer float ... all for a good cause.

**Photo Club**

The HG Photo Club is looking for new members. Our attendance has been on a steady decline even though we have over 24 members on our roster. We need some new blood with new ideas. Come join us on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Aspen Room from

3-5 pm. We've tried a variety of topics, especially with all our new Cell Phone cameras ... many with some neat features that are getting better and better. Tried Apple's iPhone with the “Live Mode”? Great for pictures while driving down the highway and you are the photographer, NOT the driver! Also good for “freezing” moving flowers that are blowing in the wind as you are shooting close ups on windy days. How it works is amazing! The telephoto distances are getting X10 and X15 ... also amazing. The portrait modes give you a wide variety of editing capabilities as well. And a new one for me is the Slow Motion feature ... I need to try that out. Bring your cell phone cameras and ideas to our July meeting on the 3rd Monday, July 21, Aspen Room, 3-5 pm.- Rudy Morris, rudymorris4@gmail.com

**Red Hattitudes**

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

**Republican/We the People Club**

We The People Republican Club Stand for The U.S. Constitution, Common Sense Governance, Defending Life and Freedom. Our mission and purpose is to provide reliable resources and information to all who seek the truth about our beloved nation; who many sacrificed to defend and protect. “Duty, Honor, Country. As long as we believe in those words, our nation and our democracy will flourish.” -Capt. Daniel K. Inouye, United States Army, WWII Medal of Honor Winner.

There is no regularly scheduled General Session Meeting for July. Sunday Afternoon Movie Matinee – Free Event. July 20, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room. “Average Joe”: The true story of high school football coach, Joe Kennedy, who finds himself in a fight for religious freedom after he's fired for publicly

taking a knee in prayer after each game. Snacks & Beverages are served. Donations welcome, but not required.

**SAVE THE DATES**

July 24 – July 27: Arapahoe County Fair

August 8 – 17: Western Welcome Week.

August 26: We The People Annual Picnic.

September 15 – 21: Constitution Week in Grand Lake.

September 20: Candidate Meet & Greet.

We The People Republican Club welcomes members, family, friends and neighbors to all events and scheduled meetings. Annual Dues are \$20. We fund club events and make donations to select organizations and candidates who support America 1st values. For more information contact Robin O'Meara, President, rlomeara1@gmail.com

**Residents for Responsible Leadership (RRL)**

This organization grew out of the Residents for Renewed Leadership, which was in action during the recall event in our community. Our mission is to instill unity in the community. We will continue to meet to encourage residents to become involved and knowledgeable by attending Board meetings, both of the Heather Gardens Association Board and the Heather Gardens Metro District Board. These meetings can be attended by Zoom or in person. Times for meetings can be found on the Heather Gardens website. We also encourage you to attend The Heather Gardens Town Halls, held once a month. Meetings for RRL are held quarterly in the Blue Spruce room. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Nonean Price at nonean1127@hotmail.com or Nora Tracy at lenorat@comcast.net.

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

Meets every 3rd Saturday in Aspen/Blue Spruce Room from 3 to 5 pm. Listen and or dance to the sounds of our wonderful Final

Approach Band while enjoying your own beverage of choice and everyone can bring a snack to share. Free fun event. Bring your friends and make new ones! Any questions call Mary, 303-909-3988.

### **Singles Club/OPOCS**

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

### **Social Justice Discussion**

Meetings are held from 10 am – 12 noon, the third Thursday of every month in the Blue Spruce Room. -Diane Pritchard dianekpritchard@gmail.com and Bernie Hupperts marlynber@gmail.com

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

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

### **SRA (Sevillians)**

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

### **TOPS**

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

### **Voice For Residents Forum**

Fostering community engagement, education, and communications on current issues involving Heather Gardens residents, leadership and management. Committees and management departments are working on the 2026 budgets. Our July forum will offer opportunities for resident questions and concerns going forward. This is your opportunity to learn more about the budgeting system. Please join us Saturday, July 12, 3 - 4:30 pm, in the Mountainview Room - Note change of location for July only. Questions, comments, please contact Marilyn Macdonald at Thevoiceforresidentsforum@gmail.com.

### **Woodshop Club**

The Woodshop Club promotes use of the woodshop and better care of the equipment, focuses on safety within the woodshop, and helps develop new woodworking classes, fellowship, and training. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 1 pm, Skyview Room. Member experience varies from beginner level to experienced woodworking individuals. You are invited to join this great energetic club, and have an opportunity to share your ideas and initiatives relating to woodworking. Come learn why the members all love working with wood — from designing writing pens to wall hangings and furniture. Direct questions to President John Sinning at heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com.

### **Writers Club**

Do you want to write your memoirs? Have you put poems or prose to paper? Have you thought of writing a book, but didn't think you could? Come meet with other writers at the HG Writers Club. Join us on Thursdays, 1-4 pm, Skyview Room. Club contact: Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608. NOTE: Writers Club is on summer break and will not meet during June 12 – July 31. Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 7.

## **Clubs/Organizations & Sports/Recreation**

### **SUBMISSIONS**

#### **Email:**

Gloria Leshner:  
gjlesher@gmail.com

#### **\*Monthly Deadline is listed on p. 30**

300 word limit

\*Please note: any submissions after deadline may not be included in the upcoming issue of  
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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Billiard Club

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

### 8 BALL WINNERS 5/15 – 6/12

May 20:

1st Jack Doherty/Mary Lou Scott  
2nd Brian Bucenec/Melissa Sugar  
3rd Roger Goldstein/Louise Lucero  
May 27:

1st Thea Hutcheson Team  
2nd Brian Bucenec/Mary Lou Scott  
3rd Otis Lawson/Rita Cusack

June 3:

1st Otis Lawson/Mary Lou Scott  
2nd Scott Crowl/Melodie Blume  
3rd Don Gunnarson Team

June 10:

1st Brian Bucenec/Margie Sloan  
2nd Judy Brehmer Team  
3rd Otis Lawson/Judy Hein

### 9 BALL WINNERS 5/15 – 6/12

May 15:

1st Scott Crowl  
2nd Ditto Schultz  
3rd Otis Lawson

May 22:

1st Otis Lawson  
2nd John Manzanares  
3rd Steve Hesser

May 29:

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

June 5:

1st John Manzanares  
2nd Brian Bucenec  
3rd Steve Hesser

June 12:

1st Otis Lawson  
2nd Scott Crowl  
3rd Ditto Schultz

## Bowling League

Our Bowling season has ended for the 2024-2025 season. We will be starting up again in September. We bowl at Arapahoe Bowling Center on Thursday mornings from 10 – noon. Please contact Mary Jo Prichard, [mjinsurance@hotmail.com](mailto:mjinsurance@hotmail.com), if you would like to join us.

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## Bridge/Men's Monday

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

## Bridge/Social

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

## Bunko

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

## Cribbage/Afternoon

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

## Duplicate Bridge/ACBL

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

## Fun Gals Golf

Fun Gals Golf is held on Thursdays with WEEKLY tee times at 9 and 9:12 am. Enjoy time with other positive and supportive women, get outdoors, and hit a few golf balls. No handicap required and keeping score is up to you. Lunch together at the Rendezvous afterwards is a likely option. To get involved and ask questions contact Sharon Westmoreland, [sharonwestmoreland@me.com](mailto:sharonwestmoreland@me.com) / 303-882-2929 (Text). Each time you plan to play, call the pro shop and sign up for a tee time (9 am or 9:12 am). See you on the Links!

## Golf Club/Ladies

With six weeks of play under their belts, members of the Heather Gardens Ladies Golf Club continue to demonstrate their skills. Through

June 11, there were nine chip-ins and two birdies. In addition to tournament play, the club continues to host shotgun starts on the third Wednesday of each month.

These events are team based and designed to be both challenging and fun.

**LEADERSHIP CHANGE:** On June 4, the club said a fond farewell to President Sara Stoner, who resigned her position because she will be spending the summer away from Colorado. Vice President Lisa Mattews has stepped into the role of president and Bonnie McMullen will serve as vice-president until club elections are held in August. The club is sincerely grateful to Sara for her 2 ½ years of leadership and appreciative of both Lisa and Bonnie for assuming new roles mid-year.

**CLUB WEBSITE:** Don't forget to check out the club's website [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com) for valuable information including weekly tee times, weekly tournament results, handicaps, and the club's membership roster. The site also includes Golf Tip Videos from club pro Greg Kohr and minutes from the board of directors' meetings. Visit the site regularly to keep up to date on club news.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** Please add these important dates to your calendar:

July 15 - Battle of the Gardens @ Heather Gardens

July 22 - Battle of the Gardens @ Windsor Gardens

September 3 & 10 - Club Championship

September 24 – 3rd Annual Hens and Chicks event

October 15 – Fall Banquet

All women interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Learn more about the club and get a membership application

at the Heather Gardens Pro Shop and our website, [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com).

The next HGLGC board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, at 1 p.m. in the boardroom.

All members are encouraged to attend.

## Tournament Results May 14

*Flight A*

1st Margie Francone  
 2nd Charlane Plucheck  
 3rd Mary Kay Rohrer  
 4th Glenda Pitts

*Flight B*

1st Gina Studer  
 2nd Judy Nelson  
 3rd Jan Belt  
 4th Flo Madonna

*Flight C*

1st Sharla Sheeks  
 2nd JoAnn Sterling  
 3rd Linda Savage  
 4th Ann Agee

*Flight D*

1st Suzi Stolte  
 2nd Sharon Weiss  
 3rd Eileen Umhoefer  
 4th Lisa Matthews

*Low Gross Awards*

Flight A – Barb Tucker  
 Flight B – Karen Bentley  
 Flight C – Dee Moore  
 Flight D – Connie Burns  
 Chip-ins – Gina Studer

Tournament Results May 21 -  
(Team Best Ball Format)

1st Charlane Plucheck, Susan Craig, Cindy Koch  
 2nd Glenda Pitts, Lisa Matthews, Susan Brennan, Linda Savage  
 3rd Colleen Kreft, Betsy Adams, Rosalie Einspahr, Carol Stickland  
 4th Phyllis Joslin, Ann Agee, Sandy Costello, Carol Gilbert  
 5th Nancy Wilson, Maureen McBride, Flo Madonna, Linda Gonzalez

## Tournament Results May 28

*Flight A*

1st Linda Jeannelle  
 2nd Joyce Laffea  
 3rd JoAnn Fitch  
 4th Beulah Gould

*Flight B*

1st Pat Taylor  
 2nd Marilyn Kaub  
 3rd Jan Belt  
 4th Susan Brennan

*Flight C*

1st Debbie Schmeisser  
 2nd Sharla Sheeks  
 3rd Jo Ann Sterling  
 4th Mary Jo Prichard

*Flight D*

1st Maureen McBride  
 2nd Joan McGary  
 3rd Judy Brehmer  
 4th Sharon Weiss

*Low Gross Awards*

Flight A – Debbie Conlon  
 Flight B – Margaret Shoup  
 Flight C – Linda Hileman  
 Flight D – Sandy Costello  
 Chip-ins – Linda Hileman, Mary Jo Prichard

## Tournament Results June 4

*Flight A*

1st Linda Jeannelle  
 2nd Charlane Plucheck  
 3rd Phyllis Joslin  
 4th Glenda Pitts

*Flight B*

1st Judy Nelson  
 2nd Nancy Reid  
 3rd Judy Phillips  
 4th Rosalie Einspahr

*Flight C*

1st Debbie Smith  
 2nd Mary Jo Prichard  
 3rd Linda Savage  
 4th Dee Moore

*Flight D*

1st Judy Brehmer  
 2nd Gwen Alexander  
 3rd Susan Craig  
 4th Nina Churchman

*Low Gross Awards*

Flight A – Debbie Conlon  
 Flight B – Susan Brennan  
 Flight C – Carol Strickland  
 Flight D – Sharon Weiss  
 Chip-ins – Debbie Madril, Ann Agee, Judy Phillips

## Tournament Results June 11

*Flight A*

1st Nancy Wilson  
 2nd Charlane Plucheck  
 3rd Glenda Pitts  
 4th Debbie Conlon

*Flight B*

1st Bonnie McMullen  
 2nd Karen Bentley  
 3rd Nancy Reid  
 4th Pat Taylor

*Flight C*

1st Debbie Schmeisser  
 2nd Linda Gonzalez  
 3rd Linda Savage  
 4th Dee Moore

*Flight D*

1st Sharon Weiss  
 2nd Susan Craig  
 3rd Judy Brehmer  
 4th Candia Lang

*Low Gross Awards*

Flight A – Beulah Gould  
 Flight B – Judy Nelson

Flight C – Carol Strickland  
 Flight D – Lisa Matthews  
 Chip-ins – Sharon Rademacher, Marla Cole, Linda Hileman  
 Birdies – Susan Craig, Nancy Wilson  
 -Publicity Chair, Suzi Stolte

**Golf/Men's**

The Heather Gardens Men's Golf Club (HGMGC) season is underway, but we still have room for anyone who wants to join. Pick up your application at the Golf Pro Shop. You may also download the application from Golf League Tracker (GLT) at [www.golfleaguetracker.com/glthome/league](http://www.golfleaguetracker.com/glthome/league). Send an email to [jon.freyer54@gmail.com](mailto:jon.freyer54@gmail.com) for login instructions. The application fee is \$50 and all applications must be turned into the Golf Pro Shop. If you have any questions, please contact the Golf Pro Shop, (303) 751-2390.

## May 23 Results

*E Flight*

Mark Giarratano  
 Mike Corcoran  
 Neil Miller

*D Flight*

Tom Smith, Henry Ulibarri  
 Ben Chavez, Rob McElfresh  
 Todd Reid

*C Flight*

James Busby  
 Tom Kappel  
 Vern Thompson

*B Flight*

Matt Dunne  
 Rob Ledford  
 Jim Mathews

*A Flight*

Phil Marquis  
 Chris Hughes, Casey Williams  
 Fred Lowe Jr, Bill Connors

*Closest to the Hole*

#6 - Larry Hill  
 #8 - Chris Hughes

## May 30 Results

*E Flight*

Mike Corcoran  
 Bob Bamford, Kenny Duncan  
 Jon Erion, Tony Schierbeck

*D Flight*

Tom Merges, Mike Guise  
 David Croak  
 Lou Sillstrop, Phil Corliss, Bob McElfresh, Tom Smith, Henry

Ulibarri, Steve Miedema

*C Flight*

Mike Benowitz

Cal Green

Vern Thompson, Greg Harter

*B Flight*

Dave Rose

Doug Miller

Chuck Marlow

*A Flight*

John Bender

Fred Lowe Jr

Gene Barth, Jim Mathews

Closest to the Hole

#6 - Jim Mathews

#8 - Raj Agrawal

June 6 Results

*E Flight*

Mark Giarratano

Wayne Wharton, Kenny Duncan

Glenn Riggs

*D Flight*

Bob Streno, Dave Walstrom

Bob McElfresh

Lou Sillstrop

*C Flight*

Mike Benowitz, Bill DeSonier

Greg Harter

Cal Green

*B Flight*

Dave Rose

James Busby

Reg Craigo

*A Flight*

John Bender

Steve Hesser, Bill Connors

Chris Hughes

Closest to the Hole

#6 - Fred Lowe Jr

#8 - Reg Craigo

June 13 Results

*E Flight*

Neil Miller

Jon Erion, John Guise

Wayne Wharton

*D Flight*

Henry Ulibarri

Todd Reid

Tom Merges

*C Flight*

Raj Agrawal

Tim Bessey

David Krell, John McMullen, Eric

Neel

*B Flight*

Dave Rose

Sam Thiessen, Jake Flint

Paul Zipps, Rob Ledford

*A Flight*

Fred Lowe Jr

Dave Schmit

Steve Gilbert, Butch Harper

*Closest to the Hole*

#6 - Jeff Nelson

#8 - Butch Harper

**Hand (Knee) and Foot**

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

**Mah Jongg/Monday**

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

**Mah Jongg/Tuesday**

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

**Mexican Train Dominoes**

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

**Pickleball**

Come and enjoy America's fastest growing sport with us. We offer fun experiences for players of all skill levels including open play and instruction as well as mixers and socials throughout the month. We provide paddles and pickleballs for new players and offer beginner instruction from 10:30 - 11:15 on Fridays. Feel free to drop in. Generally, we begin play between 8 and 9 throughout the summer

as long as it is 40 degrees and the winds are less than 15 miles per hour. Visit <https://www.hgpickle.org> for the latest club and schedule information and to find many informative pickleball links. Contact Jan Belt at 303-514-8526 or Ron Hileman at 720-256-7477 if you have any questions. If you would like to be added to our weekly email updates, let Ron know at [ronhileman@gmail.com](mailto:ronhileman@gmail.com).

**Ping Pong**

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

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

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

**Rummikub**

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

**Square Dance**

Heather Twirlers invites all square dancers to join us every first and third Wednesday 7-9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. The cost is \$7. If you are an experienced dancer, a newer dancer or feeling a little rusty in your dancing, it is an excellent chance to both experience the joy of dancing and improve your skills, while meeting new and old friends.

You meet other dancers, have a lot of fun and get your exercise. Any questions call Beverly Nelson at 303-750-6632.

### Tai Chi

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

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

### Tennis Club

Looking to burn a few calories and having fun doing it? Come to the courts near our clubhouse and meet others who are like-minded. During the summer, we play from 8 -12 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We will be playing on the second and fourth Saturdays there, too. But on the first and third Saturdays, you will find us at the Utah Park courts. With advanced notice, we can supply a racquet if you need one. Want to join us? Please call (303) 587-9797.

### Time4Tap Dance Group

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



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## Aurora City Council AT-LARGE

Danielle truly loves her hometown of Aurora, Colorado. It's where she was born and raised, graduated from Overland High School, graduated from the Community College of Aurora, served our country honorably, started her businesses, and is raising her son.

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

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

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

#### **Public Safety**

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

#### **Taxes & Fees**

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

#### **Development**

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

#### **Revitalizing Neighborhoods**

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



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



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### FOR SALE – 13952 E. Marina Dr. #304 - \$250,000

2 bed / 2 bath 1092 sq. ft. Seville A – Move right in w/newer paint & carpet. Granite counters & freshly painted cabinets in kitchen. Built-in shelves in 2<sup>nd</sup> bed. Walk-in closet & bath in primary bed. Enclosed lanai w/greenbelt views. Across from pool.



### FOR SALE – 14390 E. Marina Dr. #104 - \$319,800

2 bed / 2 bath 1380 sq. ft. Somerset C – Ground floor remodel w/custom doors & baseboards throughout. Built-in hutch in living room. Remodeled kitchen w/Oak cabinets, tile backsplash & tile floors. Remodeled hall bath w/walk-in shower.



### FOR SALE – 14390 E. Marina Dr. #204 - \$325,000

2 bed / 2 bath 1380 sq. ft. Somerset C – Newer luxury vinyl plank floors throughout. Light & bright kitchen w/updated cabinets & glass stove. Spacious living room. Baseboards throughout. Replaced windows. Screen enclosed lanai.



### FOR SALE – 13940 E. Linvale Pl. - \$435,000

3 bed / 3 bath 1176 sq. ft. Patio Home – New carpet & new paint throughout. Updated cabinets & glass top stove in kitchen, plus extra cabinet & counter space. Finished basement w/family room, bed, bath & craft room. Covered patio.

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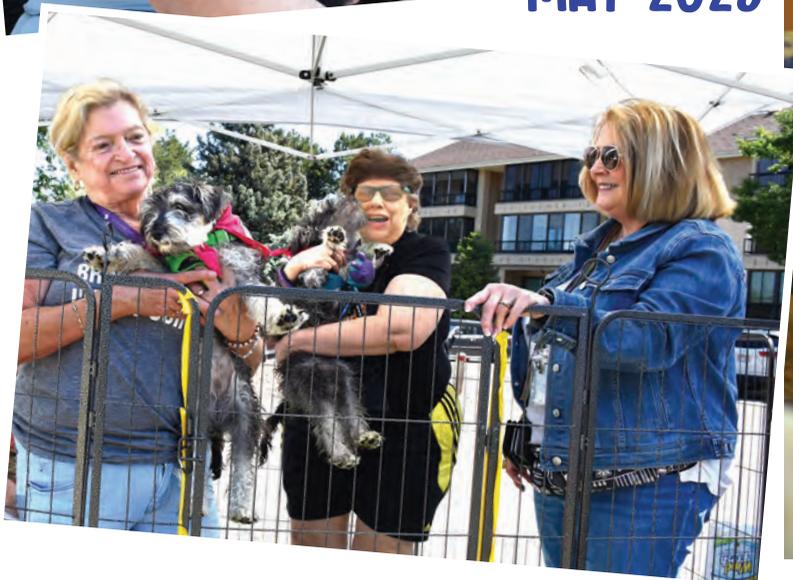




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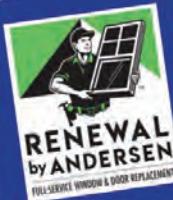
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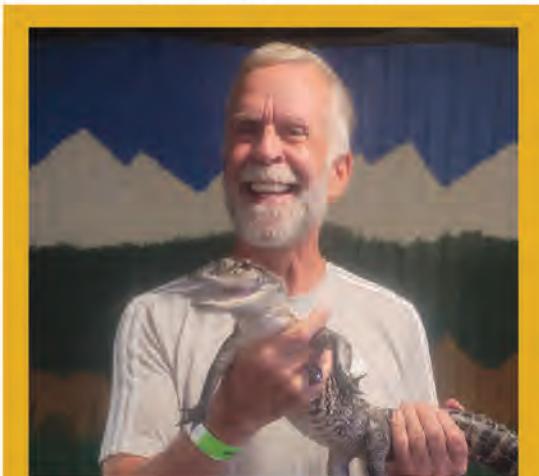
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Thanks to the board's leadership and HG resident Mitch Albert's extensive analysis of HGA's water consumption and costs, we are all more aware of the precious nature of our water resources. Later this month, Mitch will present a two-part water-conservation pilot program to the HGA Board for their approval. The first part of the program is upgrading our irrigation system (excluding the golf course), which will result in significant water and cost savings for Heather Gardens.

### New landscape design

The second part of the pilot program is transitioning our existing high-water-dependent landscape into a more drought-resistant, water-conscious landscape design. During an interview with the Garden Committee of B218 and the Landscape Committee of B217, it was explained that the Aurora Water Department has a Grass Replacement Incentive Program (GRIP) that provides a financial incentive for homeowner's associations, like ours, to replace our existing high-water-use Kentucky Bluegrass with water-wise plants, shrubs, and grass.

*Our design of low-water plants and turf can reduce our water usage and costs even more, without sacrificing any of the beauty we currently enjoy.*

*(-Nancy Starts, B218)*

Buildings 217 and 218 were tasked with researching and designing a landscape plan that meets the city's GRIP requirements. Their plan features drought-tolerant plants that require little maintenance and have visual interest for all four seasons. The plan also includes installing Tahoma grass, which uses as much as 60% less water than our existing Kentucky Bluegrass. Sometimes people confuse the terms "xeriscape" and "zeroscape," but the terms aren't interchangeable.

*Drought-tolerant plants used in xeriscape landscape design, are vibrant perennials, grasses and shrubs that are bred to thrive with less water in a semi-arid climate like ours.*

*(-Sharon Westmoreland, B217)*

One of the B217 Landscape Committee members, Sharon Westmoreland, explains that drought-tolerant plants used in their Xeriscape design come in a variety of sizes, shapes, and colors. Throughout the spring, summer and fall, they flower and attract pollinators, like bees and butterflies. In winter they have berries, interesting textures, or colorful leaves that stand up to snow and cold temperatures. In contrast, zeroscape utilizes virtually only rock/dirt and little, to no, plants.

### You are invited!

You can see a wide sampling of drought-tolerant plants right here at Heather Gardens in front of building 218. The building residents who tend the garden have perfected their plant choices over the last few years to show the amazing variety of water-wise plants that grow extremely well with little water in our dry climate. In the next couple of weeks we hope you can also see an installed sample of Tahoma grass, which is one of the few grasses the city of Aurora

allows under the GRIP program because of its many advantages:

- Uses up to 60% less water than existing Kentucky Bluegrass
- Thrives in Colorado's cold winters and hot dry summers
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Garden Committee B218 Working in the garden!



Residents B217 enjoying their garden.

*This is a splendid opportunity using rebates from Aurora Water to improve the appeal of our HG landscape.*  
(-Lew Hinkley B218)

Combined in one pilot program, the proposed irrigation upgrade and landscape design plan can secure immediate and long-term economic benefits for Heather Gardens. They can also set Heather Gardens apart from similar communities by demonstrating our commitment to environmental stewardship.

More importantly, we can position Heather Gardens as forward-thinking, and prepared for whatever future environmental challenges may come our way; and Heather Gardens can look forward to another 50 years with a positive vision for our future—beautiful, sustainable, and thriving.

**We need your support!**

Again, visit building 218's drought-tolerant garden and walk on the Tahoma grass installation. Familiarize yourself with our plans. For more information, check out the website [HG-WCTF.ORG](http://HG-WCTF.ORG). Then, attend the HGA Board meeting on July 15 at 1 p.m. to hear Mitch Albert's presentation. Be sure to give feedback and let the board know your opinion on the water conservation proposal. Is this the direction you want Heather Gardens to take?

-Sid Vollema, B218

(With special thanks to the Garden Committee of B218 and the Landscape Committee of B217)

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“July, with its days of blue skies and time that seemingly stands still, holds a special place in my heart.”

—Daisaku Ikeda



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# New Heather 'n Yon Logo

When you glanced at the cover of this month's issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, did you notice anything different?

The cover photograph is new, of course, but look closer and you'll see the logo is also new.



The new logo for *Heather 'n Yon* was designed by Douglas Luna, a student

at Community College of Aurora. Luna and his classmates in CCA's Marcomm Practices class, led by instructor Adolfo Castillo Rodriguez, were given the logo redesign assignment.

Among the "Research and Strategy" guidelines they took into account when designing a new logo for the magazine:

- Define the brand's current values and how they should be reflected in the new logo.
- Understand the target audience's preferences, values, and how they perceive the brand.
- Research industry trends and competitor logos to ensure the new design is unique and effective.

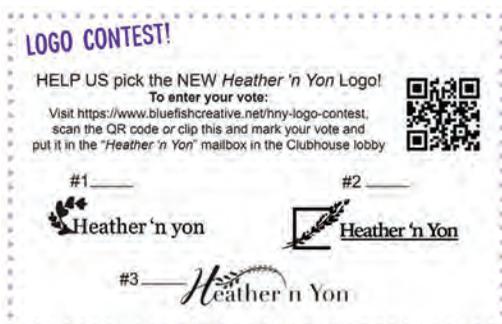
The students were introduced to the redesign project in January. In the following weeks, they transformed early sketches into more developed ideas for class critique and design refinement.



Susan Harman and Adolfo Castillo Rodriguez (standing) review students' logo designs.

Each student's "deliverable" – their final design, with specified file formats and colors – was submitted or review by the HGA Community Engagement & Communications Committee (CECC). Of those design submissions, the CECC chose three finalists.

In a "Logo Contest" that appeared in the April 2025 issue, Heather Gardens residents selected Douglas Luna's design as their favorite of the three.



HG residents voted for design #3

## Why the logo change?

Susan Harman, editor of *Heather 'n Yon*, explains how the idea came about:

"I participated in the Leadership Aurora Program (Aurora Chamber) last year, and was classmates with Mordecai Brownlee, President of CCA," says Harman. "I approached him with the idea and he connected me with the Visual and Performing Arts Department. I met with them last spring to discuss the idea... and I was then connected with the instructor and class.

"I embarked on this project with the intent to give students in our community a real-life experience in the graphic design industry. Back when I was in design school, I remember gaining a lot from those experiences.



At a May 8 awards presentation, logo redesign winner Douglas Luna (holding certificate) is flanked by *Heather 'n Yon* editor Susan Harman and Marcomm Practices instructor Adolfo Castillo Rodriguez.

"I am so impressed with the class and the designs they have produced," Harman says.

-Bill Kaluza, B232



# SUMMER CHECKLIST

- EAT S'MORES
- TAKE A WALK IN THE MORNING SUN
- WATCH THE SUNSET
- GO ON A PICNIC
- DRINK SOME FRESH LEMONADE
- GO TO THE MOVIES ON A HOT DAY
- EAT ALL THE FRESH FRUIT!
- TRY A NEW HOBBY OR SPORT
- HOST AN OUTDOOR POTLUCK WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY
- STARGAZE
- VISIT A FARMERS MARKET
- MAKE SUN TEA
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webmd.com

*These contain health libraries that will tell you about diseases, conditions, symptoms, drugs, supplements, tests, procedures, and more.*

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National Kidney Association: [kidney.org](http://kidney.org)

Also consider:

[aarp.org](http://aarp.org)

There are volumes of helpful information relating to healthy living on this website, but IT WILL REQUIRE YOU TO HAVE AN AARP MEMBERSHIP TO ACCESS THEM.

Examples:

[AARP.org/AskDrAdam](http://AARP.org/AskDrAdam)

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How do I ask a doctor for a second opinion?

Doctor, how can I boost my immune system?

Convincing a loved one to give up car keys.

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## Letters to the Editor Policy

*Heather 'n Yon* encourages reader participation on its editorial page. We welcome diverse and varied opinions regarding the Heather Gardens community.

Due to space limitations, only one letter per person will be published within any three-month period. Letters must be 300 words or fewer and may be edited for grammar. Letters containing inappropriate language or content, as determined by the editor, will not be published.

Letters will be rejected if they include:

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- Incendiary remarks or inflammatory language
- Endorsements of or complaints about individually named commercial products or services
- Poetry
- Personal attacks

*Heather 'n Yon* will not knowingly publish factually incorrect information.

Please note:

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- Responses to previously published letters should refer to topic and month/year of the original letter, not the writer's name.
- Civil discourse is expected; all individuals should be referred to respectfully.

***All submissions must include the writer's first and last name and building number.***

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July 4 is just around the corner and friends, you know what that means? The 2025 garage-sale season is here. Garage sales are great places to replace any breakable bric-a-brac you have lost over the past year with more useless knick-knacks, which probably will get broken, too.

Moving-sale season is here, as well. People are more prone to move in fair weather. Many will invite you into their homes to cart away stuff they don't need in their new locations.

These, technically, are referred to as Estate Sales. I've always suspected that they should be called I-Don't-Want-To-Have-To-Pay-Junk-King-To-Get-Rid-Of-This-Stuff sales. But whatever you call it, bargains abound.

I have long been an advocate of the bargain-thrift-store mode of home decor. There are several reasons for this.

One is a phenomenon I call "cheap thrills." A thrifter can often find something the shopper just saw at TJ Maxx, for \$25. But at the neighborhood thrift store, if you can settle for last year's model, it costs \$4.99.

I found the Cheap Thrills shopping better in Dallas, where I used to own a second home. Dallas residents probably changed their home decor more frequently, banishing the old stuff to the second-hand store, or holding upscale-neighborhood garage sales.

A scavenger could find nearly new stuff in large quantities. Why would you ever pay retail?

Another reason is the markup that I know exists on products we buy. One year, around the holidays, I took a Christmas job at Mervyn's, a once-upon-a-time department, now defunct. I was a free-lance writer, at the time, doing gig work producing

publications rather than working full time for a company.

As a freelancer, I knew that few business wanted to start working on a brochure or launching an issue of a newsletter until after the holidays. So I took a sales-clerk job, to keep some income coming in during November and December.

While working in the retail industry, I quickly learned that the actual value of products the store sells – such as clothing – is practically nil. Having digested this lesson, I concluded that the \$2.99 a thrift store charges for a tee shirt probably is still more than the item is worth. And so a thrift-storing, garage sale-ing, bargain-hunting consumer was born.

Reason three is that I live in The House Of The Terrible Twos. My dog is just about to turn two, which means she's still basically a puppy, with all of the lunging, high-spirits and energy.

The other Terrible Twos with whom I abide are a couple of male cats. Having gotten over their initial fear of the exuberant dog, they now are fighting back. The biggest change I noticed in our household, when this occurred, was an escalation in breakage.

No longer cowering in the basement, both boys engaged in the lively activity of taunting the dog, then jumping on countertops and tabletops, to evade her attempts at retaliation. As a consequence, a lot of pottery crashed to the floor, and became shards in an instant.

A couple of years ago, I replaced my flooring with tile. When china meets tile, there's not even enough left to glue back together. Treasures that once bounced on the carpeting now do not survive the experience.

So, I reason, a person should just buy cute, little decor items at the thrift store, the garage sale or estate sale. They probably won't last very long, anyway.

I recently bought three second-hand peacock-blue china birds, in graduated sizes, to complement the birdbath and other figurines that grace my lanai. One of the

new birds didn't survive a day. Following the trio's first night on the lanai, I found peacock-blue shards on the ground, with the trio reduced to a pair.

Curse you, HG squirrels! (Or whichever wildlife denizen knocked the bird off the brick pillar.)

I have a friend who married, recently. The first thing her new husband did was banish all her thrift-store treasures from their home together.

I understand this. We junkies consider thrifting a kind of sport. Not everyone shares our enthusiasm.

Years ago, my mother remarked that she had enough old clothes of her own. She didn't want to buy more of someone else's.

I thought she totally missed the point. The thrill of the hunt for the wonderful, but inexpensive, is the object of the exercise.

A couple of friends and I recently embarked on a motoring quest to hit every thrift store in Castle Rock, for an afternoon of surprises and bargains. But the day we chose for our outing was a Friday.

Every self-respecting veteran bargain hunter knows that Fridays and Saturdays are garage-sale days. We barely made it to a single thrift store, as a consequence, because we kept veering off to follow garage-sale directional signs.

The spirit of Lewis and Clark seized us as we tracked down garage sales, large and obscure. I'm not sure Lewis and Clark would have been as excited as we were over discovering a 36-inch ceramic patio planter for \$5, but a person must get her adventure where she can find it.

No doubt about it – summer is the perfect time to embrace our inner cheapskate. So bargain hunt, my compatriots, and take pride in it! 'Tis the season.

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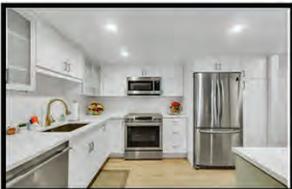


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