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During the first month of social distancing, and after the Golf Course had closed under Governor Polis' executive order, this HG couple enjoyed a warm spring day on Fairway #3, escaping confinement from their condo and making the best of a trying situation with the COVID-19 pandemic canceling all gatherings.

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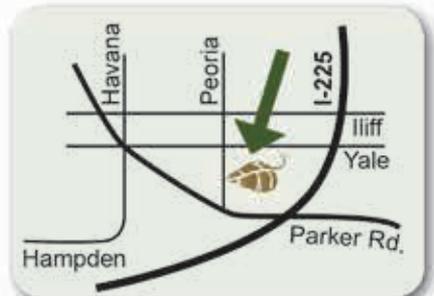
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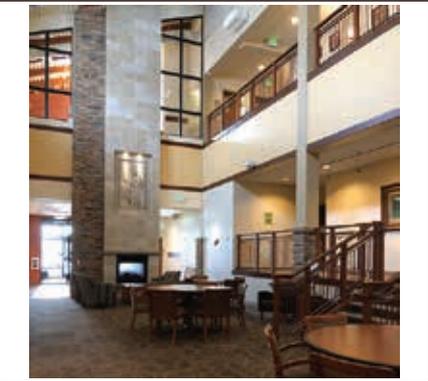
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HG approved for PPP funds, employees get hazard pay; Havens appointed director

On Monday, April 6, the HGA Board of Directors held a special meeting via Zoom, which residents (43) could access on their computers or smart phones. All directors attended the meeting remotely, from their homes.

Directors approved invoking emergency powers (allowed by the bylaws), through July 31, 2020, to allow for calling meetings with only 24-hours notice. The board will continue to try and give the usual three-days notice, if events allow. "The board must move quickly, due to the pandemic," said President Jill Bacon.

Board members discussed, but ultimately voted down, taping off common areas in six-story buildings, to discourage residents from congregating there. Also discussed was insisting that movers, realtors, delivery people, and others not living within each building wear a mask when entering the building.

Due to uncertainty about how such new policies could be enforced, the board decided using signs and emails to discourage such congregations was preferable. White said that enforcement of the Colorado governor's directives on the pandemic ultimately would fall to local authorities, not to HG Security.

The board approved 90 days (12 weeks) of hazard pay – which the board preferred to call Hero's Pay, for hourly and salaried HG employees whose essential work requires them to come into HG, rather than work from home. The pay, which would not be for upper management, adds up to \$3 per hour to salaries. White estimated that 90-days worth of such pay might come to \$86,400.

The board approved applying for Cares Act Funding in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), to help defray the cost of Hero Pay, plus other additional expenses HG might incur, due to the pandemic. Controller Brett Miller commented that HG should qualify for repayment, retroactive to Feb. 15, two-and-a-half months of payroll and two-and-a-half months of utilities. HG might be eligible for \$1 million, he said.



Worse case, he added, any funded amounts deemed ineligible would revert to a loan at an interest rate of only 1 percent. The risk is minimal.

The directors ratified a number of earli-

er motions that had been approved by email vote. These included:

- an agreement with The Nice Group (Raymond James) to advise on managing HG's investment capital, with one director recusing herself due to conflict of interest..
- revised the Procedure Memorandum (PM) for the Roads & Grounds Department.
- approved PM for the Personnel Policy Committee, with one director voting no.
- approved Enforcement of Covenants and Rules, and its associated PM, under Legal Policy 3.
- approved, at a cost not to exceed (nte) \$62,184, the chair-rail project for B213, B233, and B244. General Manager Calvin White remarked the project's work wouldn't begin for at least 90 days, due to delays associated with COVID-19.
- approved Farnsworth's engineering-design proposal to resolve ventilation issues in B223 (nte \$9,225).
- rescinded a plan to invest HG maturing 30-day Treasury bills into new 30-day Treasurer bills, and approved investing those funds into CDs.
- approved decontaminating B220 (\$5,000).

Bacon closed the meeting by urging HG residents to show support for people who leave quarantine to perform essential work for HG.

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On Tuesday, April 14, the HGA Board met via Zoom to appoint a director to replace Rex Engel, who resigned, effective April 7. The board interviewed two candidates: Beverly Havens, B218, and Dave Archer, B234.

The board selected Havens, who has been an owner/resident of HG for 30 years. She has chaired the Audit Subcommittee and is a member of the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee. She served as an AR for nine years, and commented that she was seeking to serve HG in a different capacity. Her background is financial; she is the former staff accountant for The Denver Broncos.

Havens will chair the SEC Committee, as Engel had. Bacon noted that, for this November's election, there will be five openings on the HGA Board of Directors.

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At the regular meeting of the HGA Board, on April 21, all directors attended via Zoom.

General Manager Calvin White reported he had spo-

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New Security Chief: Timothy Moses

HG has hired a new Security Chief, Timothy Moses, who goes by "Moses." He is a true Denver native, having spent most of his life in Colorado. He came from an Army background. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration, then had 10 years of armed security experience. Moses has been an elementary school teacher as well. His main goal in HG is community safety and making Security an approachable department for all residents. Moses' hobbies include playing the bass guitar, working out, and spending outdoor time with his children.



HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

Spring is here! This is unlike any spring that many of us have seen in our lifetimes. We are finding that our lives are very much different than they were even a couple of months ago.

First, I would like to thank everyone at HG who is being so very thoughtful of their neighbors and friends, by following the guidelines given to us by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and the Tri-County Health Department. These guidelines were issued to assist us in combating the COVID-19 virus.

I am so grateful for your compliance with the requests that we get. The HGA Board are the messengers who transmit that information to you. It is this board's goal to be as transparent as possible, so that you stay fully informed of the situation.

I, too, want to thank our employee "Heroes" who have continued to work here and at home to keep the community going through this difficult time. HG housekeepers are doing their best to keep the buildings as clean as possible every day. Security, Roads and Grounds, Maintenance and other departments keep on "keepin' on" in spite of the nature of the pandemic. To them, we say a special "thank you."

There are volunteers, your neighbors and friends, who are donning their gloves and masks to take extra steps to clean elevator buttons, door handles, etc., to assist the cleaning crew to keep their floors as clean as possible. Other volunteers are making masks out of materials that might have been used for quilts, etc., but which now are being used so that those who don't have a mask will have one to be safe when they go outside. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Please, please, remember your masks when you leave your units.

As for the "new normal," the HGA Board is now having meetings via Zoom, which allows all who have access to a telephone, or a computer, to observe the meetings. Who knows, this may be a new wave of the future.

Many residents are using Skype to visit with their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends, who they miss very much, but know that this will not last forever.

We are finding new ways to do many things that were simply "not done" a few months ago. We Americans can still be discoverers and innovators, who can "think outside the box." We find that necessity becomes our current stimulus to "try something new!" Such things as eating out, how and when we grocery shop, making purchases from home instead of visiting stores to "see" what is new — are becoming part of our way of life.

As you find these new ways of doing things, take a look to see if some of them work for you. Embrace this time as a "new look" at what the future may have in store.

Choose being kind to others, using words of explanation and caring if we see them doing something that is not the new norm. Remind them, kindly, to wear their masks!

Most of all, let's be thankful that we have the things we have. We have been spared so far from an exploding pandemic in this community.

HGMD Treasurer's report

Highlights of District Operations:

For the Month Ended March 2020

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$44,154)	(\$55,272)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$25,068)	(\$35,500)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$8,107)	(\$28,029)

Year to Date through March 2020

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$169,226)	(\$168,808)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$99,001)	(\$93,756)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$36,799)	(\$52,523)

Enterprise Fund

Enterprise Fund revenue through March was \$577,900, which is about \$47,400 less than expected. Enterprise expenses through March were \$594,100, which is about \$36,000 less than anticipated.

Revenue for HGMD has clearly been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Revenue will continue to be negatively

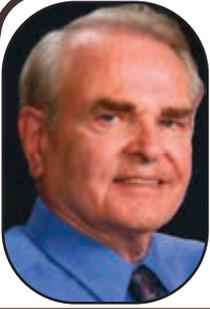
impacted until the danger passes, and HGMD facilities are again back in full operation.

Restricted Funds

• **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** HGMD received a quarterly payment from the Colorado Lottery in March. This quarter, the payment was \$4,135. The lottery funds have been used to fund \$1,700 of expenses so far this year. On March 31, the lottery bank account had a balance of \$131,200.

• **Foundation Fund.** The Foundation has received \$375 in donations through March. No expenditures have occurred. On March 31, the Foundation Bank account had a balance of \$41,576. It has a CD of \$150,000.

• **Debt Service Fund.** Through March, HGMD has received \$196,400 in property taxes and \$10,300 in specific ownership taxes. Interest payable of \$82,000 has been accrued for payments to bond holders. On March 31, the Zion Bank held \$457,180 to make future principal and interest payments.



HGMD Board President Reports

By Craig Baldwin

One Final Message

After four years as HGMD director and your president for nearly three years, plus 12 years of additional community service (including HGA director), I have decided to take a break for awhile.

It has been an honor to serve for this length of time. It was a privilege to serve with such a fine board of directors.

I am proud of what the HGMD Board has been able to accomplish in the past three years. Here is a short list.

Communications. While I served on the HGMD board, resident concern has been a two-way communication. Because of this, the boards have set new standards on how we conduct meetings. First, we recognize anyone in the audience who wishes to speak on any agenda item. Second, we added *Other Business*, so directors or residents can bring up any topic to discuss. And finally, most motions are accepted at one meeting with final approval at the next meeting. This gives everyone a 30 day period during which residents can comment on a pending decision. One exception is capital expenses, which are approved in the budgeting process the fall before.

Policy Manual. For the first time in HGMD's existence, the board has a Policy Manual that includes newly rewritten Bylaws, Procedure Memorandum and new policies for operating the three cost centers: Golf, Restaurant and Clubhouse. It contains other information pertaining to the fiduciary duties directors have as leaders of a Colorado special district.

New Logo. With the urging of the Golf and Rendezvous management, HGMD introduced a new community logo, which generated a tremendous increase in merchandise purchases. I interpreted that response indicated wide acceptance of the new logo.

"Traffic Calming." After years of planning with the City of Aurora, street striping crosswalks on East Marina Drive and a new traffic light at Yale were accomplished. Plans are in the works for a crosswalk at the Clubhouse.

Red Cross. As a Red Cross volunteer, I was able to negotiate a Facility Agreement between that organization and HGMD to use the Clubhouse during disasters. That accommodation worked well during and after the CP4 explosion.

I leave the HGMD board knowing that the new board to be sworn in May 5 has many projects that have been in the works. I hope, these can be accomplished in the coming months.

I encourage each and every one of you to take an interest in the HGMD Board by attending and participating in discussions on matters in which you are interested. Director Sandra Rosenberg has resigned, and recently moved from HG. Please consider applying to fill her position on the Board of Directors.

Please keep in touch. My new email address is cebaldwin103@gmail.com.

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ken with a representative at Tri-County Health Department, which is HG's local public health authority. HG has been classed into a category with assisted-living facilities, White said. The Tri-County representative said they were impressed with everything HG has done to comply with recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

They do recommend wearing masks, White said, but there is no requirement.

"After we reopen (recreational facilities), I think the HGMD could require masks."

Architectural Control Committee Chair Mark Nading reported that he had been discussing, with Operations Manager Jon Rea, opening buildings for minor work and small renovation projects, starting May 11. Outside contractors must wear masks in common areas, although, once inside a unit, what they do "is their business," Nading said.

The board approved opening a separate account with Key Bank, for funds from the PPP loan program. HGA's president (Bacon) and Treasurer (John Coil) will be signers on the account. The separate bank account is to facilitate tracking how the funds were spent, then report to SBA when requested.

Miller announced that HG had been approved for

funding from the PPP, in the amount of \$1,058,700. HG was approved for funding in the first phase of the program (before the money ran out), and the actual money is expected to arrive soon.

Following the regular meeting, the board launched an executive session, to discuss personnel matters and consult with legal counsel.

The board also approved:

...continuing the three-year contract with Denver Commercial Coatings to paint the exteriors of five buildings: B213, B214, B215, B216, and B217 (\$326,400).

...contract with Colorado Asphalt Coatings to seal-coat, crack-fill, infrared patching, paint stripes and replace damaged blocks for parking slabs, B223 and B224 (\$12,815).

...contract with Colorado Asphalt Works to sealcoat, crack-fill, infrared patching, paint stripes and replace damaged blocks for parking slabs, B241 and B242 (\$18,491).

...contract with Custom Contract Elevator Solutions to replace elevator jacks in B236 and B241 (\$175,700, \$55,187 over budget).

...contract for repairing parking slabs at B217, B220, B222, B223, B231, B236 (\$110,830).

...set a meeting for work session on HG's parking and towing policy: Friday, May 1, 1 pm, using Zoom meetings.

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Publisher's Corner

Looking for a slow return to normal; avoid these scams

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

On Monday, April 20, Colorado Governor Jared Polis announced in a press conference that he will not extend his executive order that Coloradans should "Stay-at-Home" beyond April 26, but it would become "Saf-er-at-Home." With this declaration, a slow return to normal was anticipated while mitigating the pandemic COVID-19 continues.

Among those activities that HG could anticipate: playing golf again, some retail stores reopening (with restrictions) and state parks reopening. Elective surgeries could be scheduled. Bars and restaurants may be allowed to open mid-May.

Large workplaces could restart at 50 percent capacity. (Guess we can say "goodbye" to the days of easy driving due to low traffic numbers when going on an essential errand.)

One caveat: HG residents remain in the high-risk category for serious illness if exposed to COVID-19. Therefore, public health authorities continue to advise that you should wear masks in public and practice social distancing, recognizing that any deviance is a personal risk.

"It enters the time of individual choices," Polis said.

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You may notice that this news-magazine is smaller than normal. There were fewer meetings held as HG learned to conduct business using Zoom meetings, with participants on computers, smart phones, iPads or tablets at their home. Advertisers withdrew ads when HG decided to limit outside vendors/contractors who could enter a building. Thus, for many, their services would be postponed until normal activities in the community returned.

For practical purposes, I adjust the size of this newsmagazine such that advertising never exceeds 50 percent of the page count. When advertising declines, this magazine gets smaller.

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Colorado's Attorney General Phil Weiser's office has issued warnings to older Coloradans about common scams in the "Age of Coronavirus." If you notice any scams, fraud, price gouging or other attempts to take advantage of you or a friend during this public health emergency, you may contact "Stop Fraud Colorado" at 800-222-444, or www.StopFraudColorado.gov.

• **Mandatory Coronavirus Testing:** There is no such thing as a COVID-19 preparedness test, or any other on-line application to receive a test for COVID-19, so DO NOT respond to any solicitation for such products.

• **In-Home Test Kits:** Because of the news reports indicating a shortage of COVID-19 tests, some crooks are hawking in-home tests — for a steep price. There are NO FDA-approved in-home test kits for COVID-19. HANG UP on these solicitations.

• **Stimulus Checks:** The federal government recently passed a law that will provide many Americans with a "stimulus check" as a result of the coronavirus crisis. NEVER respond to any solicitation offering to assist with getting your stimulus money and NEVER pay anyone for that help. This program will cost you nothing.

• **Government Imposter:** NO ONE at the IRS, the Social

Security Administration, or any other federal or state government agency will EVER call or email you to tell you there is a problem with your taxes, social security, or other government benefits. These are ALWAYS fake.

• **Coronavirus Prevention/Treatment/Cures:** There are NO known medicines, supplements, essential oils, or current FDA-approved vaccines that can prevent or treat coronavirus. DO NOT waste your money on these fake products.

• **Charity Scams:** During any crisis, unscrupulous "charities" pop up, sometimes using a name deceptively similar to one you already know, which try to convey a sense of urgency to wrest your charitable dollars away from you. NEVER let a sense of urgency take away your common sense. Verify the legitimacy of the charity and NEVER send cash or a prepaid gift card.

• **"Favor" or Grandparent Scams:** NEVER send money or gift cards to someone claiming to be a friend or family member asking for help, unless you independently verify that the person contacting you is really your friend or family member. This is a very common scam.

• **Home Help/Services:** You are approached at a store or online with an offer to help with shopping, other errands, cleaning or sanitizing of your home, or even air duct repair and cleaning. They want access to your home and payment up front. Legitimate local businesses do not engage in unsolicited sales practices. Most will typically provide a written contract outlining the services they will perform. IGNORE all of these solicitations.

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Management
HGA approves supplemental pay for essential employees
 By Calvin White
 General Manager

The HGA Board and I would like to express its gratitude for ALL the employees of Heather Gardens who are working so hard right now. Each one of you are making a difference. We want to thank the remote workers, the behind the scenes workers, and the front-line workers. You all are very much appreciated!

While most of us are being told to stay home and to use social distancing, there are still the few of you who have been on the front lines, coming in to work these past few weeks. These select ones are our "essential" workers at HGA: Maintenance, Roads & Grounds, Security, Custodial, Inventory, and Golf Crews.

I would like to take a moment to say a few extra things about their tireless



work during this most difficult of times. The stakes are high and the challenges innumerable — too little information, dwindling personal-protective equipment, changing protocols. The list is endless. Yet, here they are every day! These are our HEROES.

What is a HERO? A hero is really each one of you! But it also goes a little farther, because it stands for something too. It stands for what you are all doing right now — showing up each day, and fighting the fight.

The HGA Board and I wanted to make sure you know how much we appreciate you working so hard. Those of you on the front lines will get a "little something extra" for taking these risks. Those employees who worked the past two weeks in those front and center positions and did not get asked to stay home, will find your pay was increased by \$3 an hour.

This pay is HERO: **Honoring Employees Removing Obstacles** pay and, until this COVID-19 pandemic is over, those on the front lines will continue to receive this additional pay.

Again, I want to THANK YOU from everyone at the Heather Gardens Association for the sacrifices you make, every day and especially during this pandemic. Your dedication, commitment and courage deserve our deepest gratitude and admiration. Your service to our residents and community is making a difference.

Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White: Canceled for May

Clubhouse Manager's Report

Greetings to all residents,
 I'm not sure who misses the Clubhouse more: you or the staff and volunteers who work at the Clubhouse, Reception Desk and Class Instructors. We sure have missed everyone who comes to the Clubhouse on a regular basis or those who stop in during their walk, just to say "hello!"

I hope everyone is taking good care of themselves and doing what they can to diminish the threat of this virus.

The million dollar question that everyone is asking, when are the Clubhouse and other amenities going to open? We all want to get back to normal and do the things we enjoy.

Before HG can even consider opening the Clubhouse, many things need to be considered and planned.

Because we have so many groups and clubs that use the Clubhouse, we need to be cautious to do it safely for all involved. HG residents are considered a high risk population. HG employees do need to take an extra step.

Some of the biggest issues we need to plan for, are:

- How do we deal with continued social distancing within a particular event, a class, a club activity, and worship services?
- When is it safest to consider re-opening the Clubhouse? Just because the stay-at-home order is lifted, is the virus still around and still a threat to residents and employees? We will look at local trends and experiences.
- How do we enforce that all users/visitors to the Clubhouse must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

such as masks and gloves?
 • How do we create an environment where there is less contact between people? How often do we clean those contact areas?

• What about the workout facilities, pools and classrooms? Can we do all of the above for all, or just for some?

• How often do we clean and sanitize on a daily basis — especially those areas with the most traffic?

• Staggered hours for classes might need to be considered such that staff and volunteers will have limited contact with residents. This may include changing the Clubhouse hours to accommodate recommended cleaning of the fitness center and locker rooms.

• Where do tennis, pickleball and golf fall into these considerations.?

Choosing the date to re-open your amenities at HG will be determined by the extent to which the infections and

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Slouched deep into her couch one Saturday afternoon 10 years ago, Karen Gold's eyes rested on a PBS program. Karen worked long week-day hours in a warehouse outside Sioux City, Iowa, and by weekends, exhaustion set in. On the screen she observed, "A bunch of lowan's out in the woods looking kind of nerdy." The program was about geocaching, an outdoor treasure hunting game, now in its 20th year, using Global Positional System coordinates to guide searchers to a find.

Karen's inner pirate woke. A cache was nearby in her neighborhood. She hankered to find it. She had no idea what she was looking for or if she would recognize it. Further, her GPS device left room for error, but search she did.

"That cache eluded me for two years."

She persisted until she peaked into the one place she'd overlooked and found a film canister held by a magnet to the bottom of a mail box.

"I'm like, instantly hooked."

Since that find, Karen has been exposing the "best kept secret, ever," to anyone who will listen.

This grownup take on "hide and seek" energized her. Karen became a weekend pirate. She'd go on-line to *geocaching.com* to get clues and coordinates to treasures that cachers had hidden. Snow, hail, blistering heat and frigid cold didn't dissuade her from searching. She learned to look for the anomaly: a pine cone in an elm tree, rocks out of place in their surroundings, a pile of twigs where no trees or shrubs existed, or a sprinkler head in the middle of a dirt parking lot. She observed that pine trees shroud film canisters. Shrubbery

camouflages ammo boxes. Culverts hide plastic containers. Rock ledges cover pill containers.

Searching opened Karen to a new world perspective; wherever she went, she saw potential hiding places. One set of coordinates walked her through a store and out the back door. She looked about and saw "a bunch of nothing." Turning back to the store, she noticed the dumpster that wasn't. Its spotless sides should have alerted her to all the toys, books, games and trinkets under the

"There's a reason why people hide a cache there."

At two stories high, the Troll of Seattle tucked into an underpass at an interstate junction is probably the largest hidden cache. The smallest, a Nano Cache, may be the size of a watch battery. One such cache was hidden on the cross brace of a high-tension tower near Horseshoe Park. Nano finds are too small to contain the usual paper log form — finders have to log their nano finds online.



Left: Bill and Karen Gold, with daughter Jasmine, collect a cache in Key West. From left below: Geo-Woodstock in Colorado drew a crowd. A photographer had to be raised by lift truck to take a photo of the group. • A large cache is this Troll found under a bridge in Seattle.



lid. The business created the dumpster treasure cache to draw customers to the store.

Caching stimulates mundane activities. Karen reroutes road trips according to cache sites located along the way to her destination. Trips may take longer, but these stops unfold sights and experiences that Karen wouldn't have had by driving straight through.

Searching for cache sites pauses her travels — she'll leave the car and walk at a slow pace, observing the immediate surroundings. She's followed trails to spectacular geography and panoramic overviews.

Treasure caching protocol requests cachers to "take one, leave one." Karen usually carries with her a trinket or calling card to place in the cache if she removes one of the cache's trinkets. Without ever meeting, cachers connect with one another by checking the log found in the cache, or check on-line to learn when their cache has been found.

Trackables are a variation of caching. They are items that carry the originator's code and instructions for the finder. After the death of her father in 2017, Karen created a sentimental trackable for her mother Lila. The figurine, Lila the Hummingbird, was a stand-in for Lila who longed to travel but required assisted living. Finders were asked to send a photograph of Lila the Hummingbird where they found her, then carry it on to their next caching stop. Lila Hummingbird journeyed from Iowa to Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Illinois, Texas and Nevada. It is now in Utah. Mother Lila, who had lived in Correctionville, Iowa, all her life, looked

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HG residents responded to Governor Jared Polis' executive order to "Stay at Home" from March 11 through April 26 with outdoor Happy Hours and various "mask activities." It was great to see a sense of humor about this unique situation.

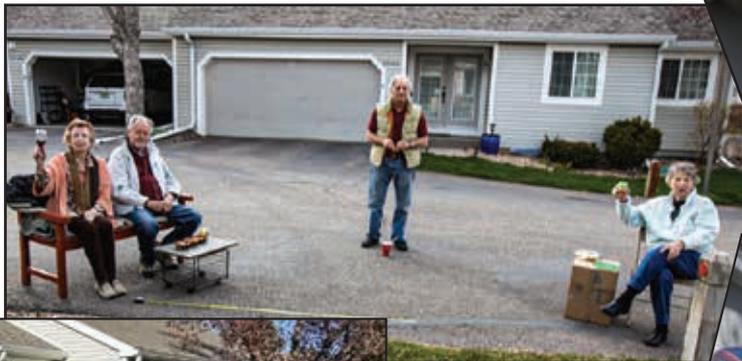


Above: Seville residents held their monthly Happy Hour in mid-April on the open space in the central circle around which the buildings are distributed (near the tennis court).

Photo by Janis Farrell

Left: Shel and Karen McClaury, CP3, recreated Grant Wood's "American Gothic," then titled it "Aurora Gothic."

Karen McClaury commented, "The painting, 'American Gothic' was a symbol of a simple life in middle America. Our version is a time of life that is anything but simple."



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



CP1 residents not only held their monthly Happy Hour in the street, practicing social distancing (top center), they later had a "Mask Parade" to share their experience. Fellow resident and photographer Anne Hummel-Gillis found a ladder from which to take a group photo.



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HG “Face Mask Warriors” lovingly provide protection to public organizations

HG residents responded to a need for non-surgical, non-sterile masks from various organizations in March and April by sewing and delivering 1,584 masks by April 22. It started with an e-mail blast by coordinator Aleta Antoinette, B204, seeking seamstresses. Initially there were 8–10 women who volunteered, but the “Mask Warriors” has 35 volunteers who help with various functions: cutters, sewers, donators and couriers, Antoinette said.

The Chief Face Mask Maker (sewer) is Carolyn Morris, B217, photographed below. Reportedly, she has made more than 400 face masks. It was her son-in-law, Administrative Chief for the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s office, who requested the first masks for nursing homes. Then it was masks for the sheriff deputies and staff, Kaiser Permanente staff, Children’s Hospital (for family members of patients and discharged patients) and multiple residents/buildings in HG. Morris’ daughter is an ER nurse at Children’s Hospital.



Aleta noted that recent recipients of the face masks were nursing homes and Denver Fire Department. On April 27, an interview with Aleta Antoinette and Carolyn Morris aired on Channel 7 news.

On a single day, April 20, Aleta reported that 192 masks were delivered (largest day yet): 120 to Kaiser Permanente, 72 to Children’s Hospitals.

Aleta provided the following list of women who are **Face Mask Warriors**: Karen Beddia, B204; Hannah Bushnell, B202; Candice Compton, B211; Sue Dikeman, Anna Lee Frank, B241; Geetha Gangadharan, B217; Marilyn Harris, B202; Linda Hultman, B204; Beverly Johnson, NTH; Regina Kennedy, Jackie McGuire, B214; Bonnie McMullen, B234; Robbie O’Donnell, B221; Betty Parko, NTH; Kathy Reynolds, B216; Chris Ross, CP2; Kay Sawyer, B221; Jo Stephen, B217; Mary Stephens, B233; Diane Stewart, B236; Joan Stoneman, B201; Cheryl Thill, B204; Billie Wildman, Lynneal Woodard, B202.

In addition to these seamstresses, are several who helped by cutting the material for the face masks: Elaine Blinder, B216; Diane Dean, B232; Vicky Hoffman, Mary Ellen Lawrence, B232; Mary Jane Meech, B205.

Additional volunteers were:

- Donators: Jeanne Collins, B243; Judy Herd, B219; Linda Pfannenstiel, B243; and residents of Meadow Hills Townhomes.
- Courier: Debra Seawood, B201

– Lynn Donaldson

Photo by Rudy Morris, B217

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forward to hearing reports of its wanderings until she died in 2019.

Karen was so caught up in caching when she met her husband Bill, now a nurse at Children’s Hospital, she stipulated that he’d need to be a happy cacher in order to further a relationship with her. Together, they’ve attended GeoWoodstock, an annual mega convention for cachers held in different locations around the world.

Bill was especially moved when, at a road stop cache in Western Nebraska, they followed coordinates to find a memorial for veteran medics. Karen and Bill married in 2016, but Karen remained in Iowa until her mother died.

Always a dedicated community

volunteer, Karen jumped into HG activities when she moved here in December 2019. She gives of her time to Alternatives Pregnancy Center and Project Helping Hands. She donates blood when needed. Technologically savvy on computer devices, DVD, and in-auto Bluetooth, she has repaired and donated many aging computers to persons who could use them.

In January, she taught HG classes in “Technology for the Squeamish” and “Introduction to Geocaching.” She explained how to find and maintain caches, logging the dis-

covery (manual or digital), and caching etiquette.

The HG Geocaching Club is her newest project. Formed in February, the group had one excursion to Utah Park before COVID-19 slowed the momentum. While they were searching, they did double duty and picked up a truck load of trash.

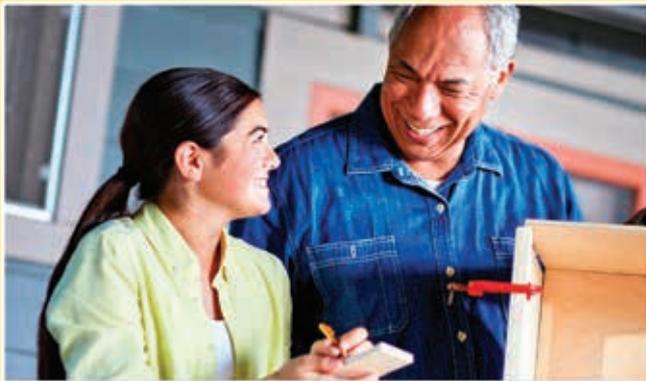
April’s excursions to Jewell Wetlands and Olympic Park were canceled. Karen is looking forward to resuming club activities when

COVID-19 sanctions lift. Until then, cachers may look for the caches she has hidden in HG, “Hanging Around” and “Pooh Station.” She’d be happy to be contacted, 712-301-2284, or ksb5x5@hotmail.com to get you hooked.

Gold gleefully shared, “The most fun is the journey, not in getting there. Caching takes you places where you are glad you went.”



Right: Karen’s aunt holds Lila the Hummingbird charm (or trackable) in Florida, its first stop. From there, it traveled the world with other geocachers who reported the sites visited to Karen’s mother in Iowa.



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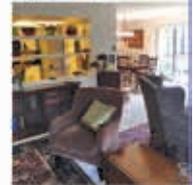
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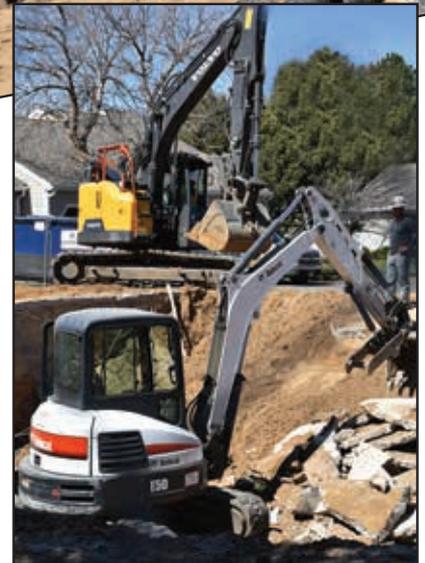


Construction began on replacing the two CP4 condos that were destroyed in the gas explosion in November 2018



The first thing to do was to demolish the cement walls of the basement while shoring up the dirt walls, removing any contaminated dirt. Progress should be steady if the weather cooperates.

Photos by Janis Farrell, B201, and Rudy Morris, B217



The Month (April)

The HGMD Board canceled its regular meeting for April. At the April 21 HGA board meeting, HGMD President Craig Baldwin told the board and residents who attended the Zoom meeting that the HGMD Board would not meet again, until after its May 5 election — although no physical election is required, because the number of candidates equaled the number of openings on the board.

Bill Archambault, B209; David Funk, B244; and Rita Effler, B232; will serve three-year terms, beginning in May 2020. Michael George, B244, will serve a one-year term, as the legislature passed a law requiring special districts to hold elections in odd-numbered years (2021).

The fifth position — left vacant by the resignation of Sandra Rosenberg — will be filled by appointment of the remaining board members. New officers traditionally are elected at the May 21 meeting.

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Work to repair and bolster Parking Structures 1–3 has begun, displacing many cars that normally park in these lots. The worker (right), photographed by Debbie Behrens, B206, was repairing Parking Structure 2.

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A resident question directed to the HGA Board, at its April 14 Zoom (teleconferenced)

meeting, asked if gardeners could enter the HG community garden, to begin planting for the spring. Colorado's short growing season was being threatened with being even shorter, as the pandemic quarantine kept gardeners from entering.

HGA President Jill Bacon replied that the quarantine will remain in place, with no exceptions for gardeners. The garden plots are the property of HGMD, not HGA, and the decision more correctly would be theirs.

On another note, some residents have been lobbying to re-open HG's Golf Course. The prime golf season is just around the corner.

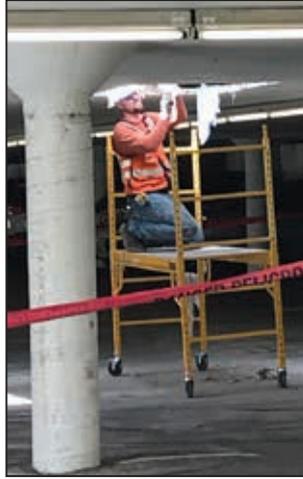
General Manager Calvin White stated he had spoken with HGMD's attorney. Her advice was to keep all HGMD properties closed during the stay-at-home period. Tri-County Health Department has concurred.

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Some HG Committees resumed meeting in April, via Zoom. The ease of the meetings threatens to become a new normal, as board and committee members have commented on the convenience of attending meetings, via computer, from their own homes.

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That Was...

idents parked folding chairs out-of-doors, awaiting the Thunderbirds (the U.S. Air Force's flight-demonstration squadron) to fly overhead, on their way to the Air Force Academy graduation ceremony on the afternoon of Saturday, April 18. No audience was allowed to attend the ceremony, but the Thunderbirds flew overhead, as they traditionally do, in honor of the academy graduates. Flying over several Colorado cities was a tribute to COVID-19 responders and essential workers.

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Pilera went live and available in March. Roll-out to residents was delayed until HG resumes normal operations. Staff updated various resident databases through April. Bad data was imported from Jenark databases into Pilera. It needed scrutiny.

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At the April 6 Zoom meeting of the HGA Board, a resident suggested putting out white lights on resident lanais and turning them on for a couple of hours each night as a thank you to first responders. Vice President Susan Lambert commented as an alternative that residents could also open their windows and howl at the moon. After discussion, the Board agreed to permit white lights be turned on each night from 8–10 pm until July 31.

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As of April 23, there had been 508 deaths in Colorado from COVID-19 out of 10,878 confirmed infections. Colorado now ranks 12th in number of patients hospitalized (2,123). In the United States, 48,201 deaths out of 860,603 confirmed infections; 76,864 people have recovered.

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On assignment for *Heather 'n Yon* to take photographs of HG under "stay-at-home" orders except for essential errands, photographer Janis Farell discovered this carved squirrel near B220. There was no indication about who the artist might be, or why they chose this natural location for his/her artwork. Maybe readers might be able to help solve the mystery?



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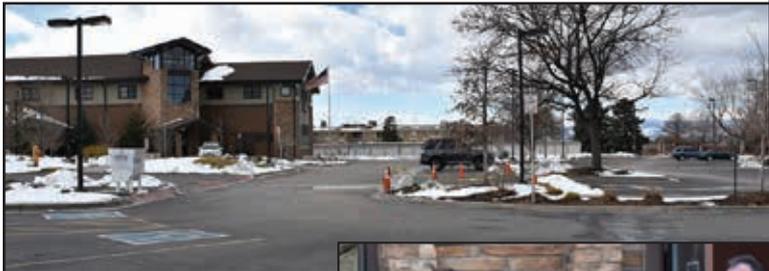
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Note: All meetings in the Clubhouse are canceled through May. Normally, these two pages would show the scheduled meetings and events for May. Instead, photographs of HG under COVID-19 pandemic closure are shared. HG residents sheltered at home.

Right: HG cleaning staff were considered essential and kept working throughout. Non-essential employees worked from home. Below: All amenities were closed. HG's Clubhouse parking lot was empty, except when Rendezvous was providing carryout meals. That was discontinued in mid-April.



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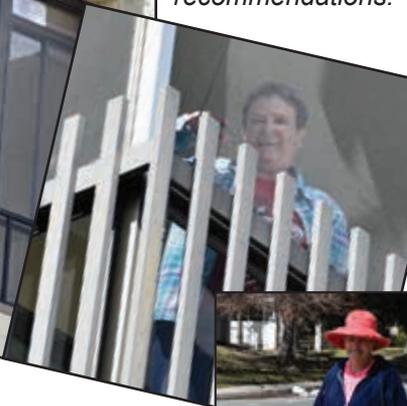
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Heather 'n Yon's roving photographer found many residents observing stay-at-home recommendations.



Dog owners continued their daily walks. The HG Golf Course sat empty once the state ordered golf courses closed.

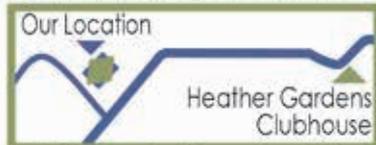


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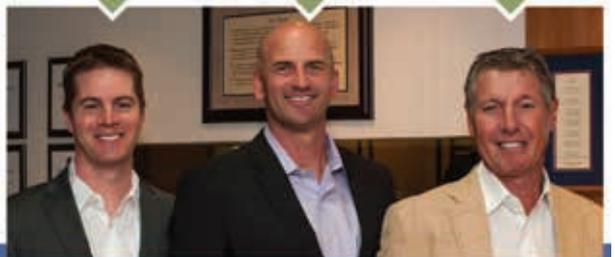
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FYI

Colorado Legislature Town Hall Meetings

Once a month, the legislators who represent HG, Senator Nancy Todd, Senator Jeff Bridges, and Representative Jovan Melton, come to HG for a town hall meeting. It is your chance to share your opinions on various topics. The next meeting is 6:30 pm Wednesday, May 27, in the Arts & Crafts Room. Note: The Colorado legislature has not been meeting during this time of social distancing. Once legislating begins again, check to see when these town halls will resume

Museum Virtual Tours

- The Louvre (Paris, France) www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne#tabs
- Van Gogh Museum (Amsterdam, Netherlands) www.vangoghmuseum.nl/en
- The Vatican Museum (Vatican City, Italy) <http://www.musei-vaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html>
- British Museum (London, England) <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com>
- Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York City, U.S.) <https://www.metmuseum.org>

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• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be via Zoom if COVID-19 restrictions continue

- HGA Work Session – 1 pm Fri, May 1
- Property Policy – 9:30 am Mon, TBD
- SEC – 1 pm Mon, May 4
- Communications – 10 am Tue, May 5
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, May 7
- ad hoc Personnel Policy – 10 am Fri, May 8
- Campus Technology – 9:30 am Tue, May 12
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, TBD
- Clubhouse/Restaurant – 3 pm Tue, TBD
- Foundation – 1 pm Wed, TBD
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, May 18
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, May 19**
- Long Range Plan – 10 am Wed, May 20
- Insurance Subcommit – 1 pm Wed, May 20
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, May 21**
- ACC – 3 pm Thu, May 21
- Memorial Day May 25: Office closed**
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, May 26
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, May 26

- The State Russian Museum (St. Petersburg, Russia) <http://en.rusmuseum.ru>

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

The Green Team works tirelessly to improve the environment at Heather Gardens. You may spot us diligently checking the special dog waste bins and wonder why. Our PPP (Puppy Poop Police) monitor all 25 bins weekly throughout HG to ensure the special compostable waste bags are not contaminated with standard plastic bags or other trash items.

Why do we do this even in rain, sleet, or snow? Why do we care? Well, these designated bins are emptied regularly, the contents are collected by Envirowagg, a local company that makes fertilizer from it. What a great way to recycle! But, fertilizer for flower gardens needs to contain proper nutrients, not cigarette butts or gum wrappers.

Compostable materials break down and return to the earth safely. They decompose into natural elements within a short time after disposal, typically a year or less. Additionally, they provide the earth with nutrients once the material has completely broken down. For this reason, we would appreciate every resident helping us with this endeavor by thinking before throwing.

**Wendy Pfaffhausen, NTH
The Green Team**

Heather 'n Yon

In an email blast from Nov 15, 2019 that gave a CP4 update it was stated that the "Aurora Fire Department has indicated we must make an open records request in order to receive the full report, and we have done so." The notice said further, "When we gain access to the report, we will post it on the Heather Gardens website."

I cannot find the full AFR report

Heather 'n Yon welcomes letters concerned with community issues. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number. Letters may be edited for clarity. The HGA Board requires that letters do not exceed 300 words. Letters will not be run from the same individual in successive months. Writers may publish only 4 letters per year.

and wondered what is the status of the report? When will it be published on the HG website?

**Rudy Morris
B217**

Heather 'n Yon

Here's some fun stuff for a tough time.

How many colors of M&Ms, the top selling candy in the U.S., are there?

A typical bag of M&Ms includes six colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brown. However, there are actually 21 different colors available.

Around certain holidays, for example, you may see bags with different colors and/or combinations. Christmas may bring bags with red and green only. During Easter, bags may have only pastel colors.

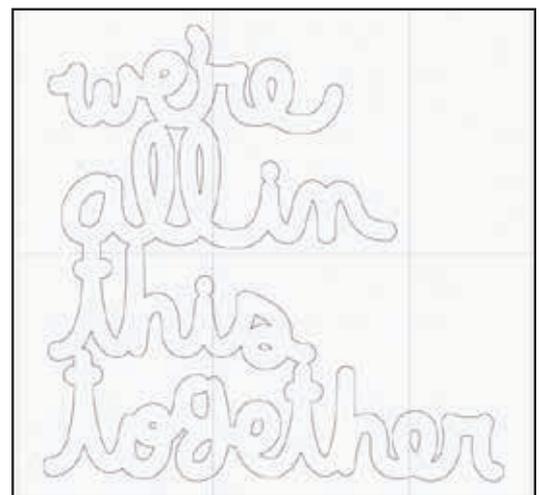
Full list of colors: black, blue, light blue, dark blue, brown, cream, gold, gray, green, aqua green, teal green, dark green, maroon, orange, pink, dark pink, purple, light purple, red, white and yellow.

**Denise McCammon
B242**



Above and right: Roxanne Smith, B242, shared a coloring design with her building neighbors to color, then post wherever they wished. Before long, multiple versions with different colors and designs were taped along the mailboxes in the building, the bulletin board, and condo doors. One resident sent her a note:

"I thought this idea of yours was a wonderful way for all of us to contribute. Also to draw out the artist in us all, in such a very positive way. I thought you deserved a special poster, so I got busy and made you one. It was a lot of fun and gave me time to just relax and create. Kudos to you,"
Suzanne.





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With questions about groups that meet outside of the Clubhouse, please call the representative for each club or organization directly.

Men with Purpose

A group of men, with diversified backgrounds, gather to discuss timely topics regarding healthy aging and purposeful retirement. Books and articles relating to these topics are discussed by group members.

Leadership is shared. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, in the Skyview Room. For further information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

Uke Crew

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

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

OPOCS Singles Club

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

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

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

Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

All Master Masons living in HG are invited to attend Joppa Daylight Lodge. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Radiant Temple, 225 Acoma St., Denver. Lunch is at 11:30 am; Lodge is at 12:15 pm. We are the only lodge that meets during the day in the Denver metro area. For information, call Bill Rapp, 303-953-1021.

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

If we could turn back the clock, the NoteAbles would be rehearsing regularly and preparing for our Memorial Day concert, “Americana In Harmony.” Because that is not possible, time marches on. We regret having to cancel the May concert. We know singing a tribute to Veterans and First Responders would be widely appreciated, but the safety and health of all in the community is a priority.

We await the return to rehearsals on Thursdays, 3 pm, when we can happily sing together. We wish you all the best of health and an active recovery to a better “normal.” Friendship can’t be over-rated, so the NoteAbles look forward to adjusting to the future whenever that time comes.

CP1 Happy Hour

Residents meet on the first Wednesday of each month, 5 pm, in Rendezvous Restaurant. Watch for announcements that the restaurant is to reopen.

In April, CP1 held a socially distanced happy hour outdoors, in the neighborhood. Attendees brought their own cocktails, and waved to one another from a safe distance.

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The HG TOPS Club meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. Both men and women are welcome. Come in around 8:15, so we can say “hi!” For information, contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388, or visit www.TOPs.org.

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

This club is a service organization that focuses on youth in the community. We’re always looking for folks interested in joining us. Our current projects include 6th Avenue Elementary School, Pillowcases for Kids, the Salvation Army, Optimist International Oratorical Contest, and Type 1 Diabetes camp.

We meet in the Banquet Room twice a month: 8:30 am on the first Thursday and noon on the third Thursday. Come find out about our projects. We look forward to welcoming you. For reservations, contact Jeannine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315, or jmntg.1229@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook.

HG Writers Club

Whether you’re just beginning to put pen to paper or you are a published author, we invite you to join us for a time of education, fellowship and inspiration. New members are always welcome.

We meet 1–4 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

CP4 Social

Our monthly socials are 5 pm at Rendezvous, the first Thursday of the month. Come meet your neighbors. Ordering food is optional.

– Beverly Nelson

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

Kids Need Kiwanis, and Kiwanis Needs You. The Kiwanis Club of Aurora is part of a community-based international service organization whose main focus is making the lives of children in Aurora better.

We have meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month, 6 pm, in the Skyview Room. Optional dinner begins at 5:30 pm in Rendezvous. The fourth Thursday is a service project.

For more information, email us at Kiwanis.auroraco@gmail.com, or call James Martin, president, 720-297-3282. We also are on the web:

Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org. Membership is open to all HG and Aurora residents.

American Legion Post 2012

This post meets in HG, 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Mountainview Room. We would love to have you join us, and talk with the leadership, helping us help your community grow stronger. If you are interested in learning more about The American Legion, please contact Post Commander Steve Stratton, B204, 720-519-3955.

HG Aviation Club

The club meetings are suspended, as are all club meetings, until further notice, due to coronavirus.

– Rudy Morris

The Green Team

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the Spring Shred Event has been moved to Saturday, June 27. Our Fall Shred Event remains set for Saturday, Sept. 26. We are hopeful these dates will not need to be adjusted; however, it is a possibility. We will continue to keep you informed.

Meanwhile, now is the perfect time to go through your files, determine all that are no longer necessary, pull the income tax paperwork that is older than seven years, put all these in a box (not a plastic bag), and you will be totally ready whenever the Shred Event occurs! After all, how busy are you now? The Green Team continues meeting virtually on the second Tuesday at noon. Contact Wendy, 303-306-0066.

Karaoke Club

The Karaoke Club meets 6–8 pm on the second Friday in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. BYOB and snacks. Great songs to choose from and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877, or Ron Dunn, 303-745-4590.

Women with Dreams

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

Parkinson Support Group

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

Heather Gardens Indivisible

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

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 4-5 pm in the Aspen Room to learn about issues, and for lunch in the Rendezvous at 1 pm on Fridays to discuss issues and take action. Our topic in May will be affordable housing.

If the HG Clubhouse is not open for meetings by then, we will meet by Zoom. Please email me if you want to join in so I can send you the link. Marty Karnopp, 303-353-9640, *heathergardensindivisible@gmail.com*.

B203, B204, B205 and B206

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

RV Lot Club

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

We meet the second Thursday of each month, 5-6 pm, in the Arts & Craft Room. For additional information, please contact Forrest McClure, 720-979-4707, or Paul Spoutz, 303-564 1877. Happy trails, safe travels!

Wine & Cheese Social Club

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

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

Photo Club

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

B201 and B202

B201 and B202 hold a combined

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

CP2 and CP3

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

SRA

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

HG Republicans

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 1:30 pm in the Aspen Room.

HG Democratic Club

Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 4-5:30 pm, Aspen Room. Everyone is welcome, regardless of your address or party affiliation. In May, we will be hearing from candidates who will be on the June 30 primary ballot. Rep. Jason Crow wants to meet with us. Arrangements are being made.

If the HG Clubhouse is not open for meetings by then, we will meet by Zoom. Please email me if you want to join in, so I can send you the link. Marty Karnopp, Chair. 303-353-9640, *hgdemocrats@gmail.com*.

Caregivers Support Group

This group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. All caregivers are welcome. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

Sevillians

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

HG Grief Support

This group is here to help those who have lost a loved one. We offer eight-week structured sessions twice a year — in the spring and in the fall. We combine an educational and supportive approach with the focus on

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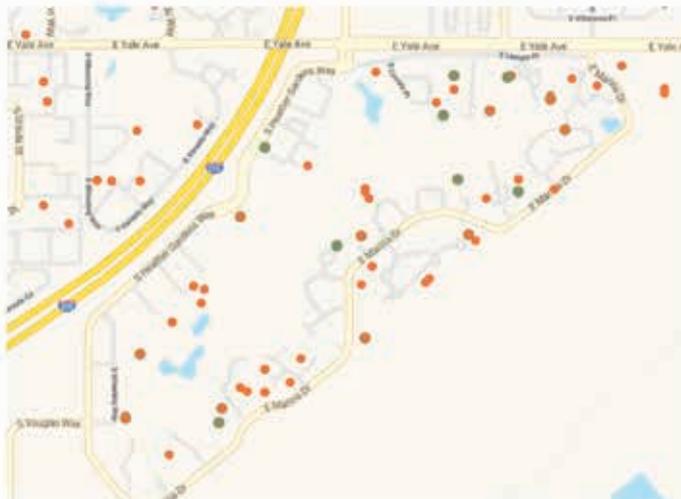


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Some sports groups that continued to meet – often outdoors – no longer are doing so. With questions, please call the representative for each sport or activity directly.

500 Club

We want you! Do you like to play cards with a fun, easy-going group of people? Then you must join us for 500. We play at 1 pm every Friday in the Skyview Room. Don't know the game? It's easy to learn, and we are happy to teach. See you Friday! Linda Serio, 303-368-8123.

Mexican Train Dominoes

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

Men's Golf League

Gentlemen: When you get a chance to read this, we will have passed the first month of restrictions put in place to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus. This includes closing the HG Golf Course. While the start of our tournament season has been postponed, rest assured it will start.

When tournaments do begin, there will be some modifications and restrictions in how we conduct ourselves while playing. These will be required to continue the fight against the spread of the virus.

Golf Pro Greg Kohr and Course Superintendent Brian Benko have been working hard to get the course ready for play without significant disruption, once the decision is made to allow play. So be prepared.

Watch some golf; practice putting, as Greg has sent out to us via e-mail, and maybe play the handful of courses that are operating. Do what you can to be golf ready.

So until I see you next take good care of yourselves and those you love. – Ed Bradley, President

Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday,

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

Men's Poker

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

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

Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room, except the third Monday of each month, when the VNA has Blue Spruce. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room, where three card tables are set up for us. You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickels, dimes and quarters. All HG players are welcome. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 520-743-6849.

Ping Pong

Fun and free, great exercise. Come join us in playing ping-pong doubles, 2 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the Game Room. Beginners may meet on Fridays at 2 pm, but you must call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205, to make arrangements. You will need to bring someone to play with. See you there. – B. Schlageter

Pinochle

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

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

Pickleball

As we are now going through this pandemic of the COVID-19 virus, it is not known when we will be able to play Pickleball again. It is hoped that

everyone stays well!

When we can play, the schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for May. The times to play Pickleball outdoors on the HG Tennis Courts will be Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, 1–3 pm, when the weather is favorable. We also will play indoors, at the Clubhouse, when there is available time and opportunity.

We will offer free Pickleball lessons for HG residents, beginning in May. For details and the schedule of lessons, visit our web page at: <https://plaidflannel.com/pickleball/lessons.html>.

If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258, or contact us by email at pickleball@plaidflannel.com.

Hand and Foot

Hand and Foot is a card game that is fun, and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview. With questions, call Phyllis Lann, 720-535-8531.

Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the second Tuesday, when we play in the lobby (behind fireplace). All players welcome. You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game: we do not play for money.

Never played Mah Jongg? Lessons can be arranged. Call Carol, 720-628-4051, or Pat, 720-535-4603, for information.

Billiard Club

The club meets for co-ed 8-Ball at 7 pm Tuesdays, and Men's 9-Ball at 7 pm Thursdays. Annual dues of \$10 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Rita Cusack, 720-535-8637, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

Fun Gals Golf

No handicaps. No keeping score. You can join Fun Golf on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings. Play will start when the Golf Course reopens. This is fun golf, without any pressure, record keeping, or dues.

There will be different games/challenges each week. If Fun Gals Golf interests you, or you have any questions, email Linda Hileman at: LSHileman1958@gmail.com

HG Ladies Golf Club

It is a challenging time for our country as we face the uncertainties and disruptions brought on by the current COVID-19 crisis. All members of the HGLGC send our prayers and best wishes to everyone in the HG community and their families. At this writing (mid-April), we do not know when league play will resume. Just know that while we are missing time on the Golf Course, the well-being and safety of members and the community are the top priority.

While the course may be shut down, we would be remiss to not acknowledge and thank Greg Kohr and his entire staff for the maintenance work they are doing to ensure that the course will be in top-notch shape when league play resumes. We also want to thank Greg for the practice video tips he has been sending. They are a great way to keep us connected to the game that we love while we are following the mandatory stay-at-home orders.

We hope everyone is safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing everyone on the links, when we can once again enjoy our favorite pastime. – Suzi Stolte and Gwen Alexander

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

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

Square Dancing

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

Thursday Open Bridge Club

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

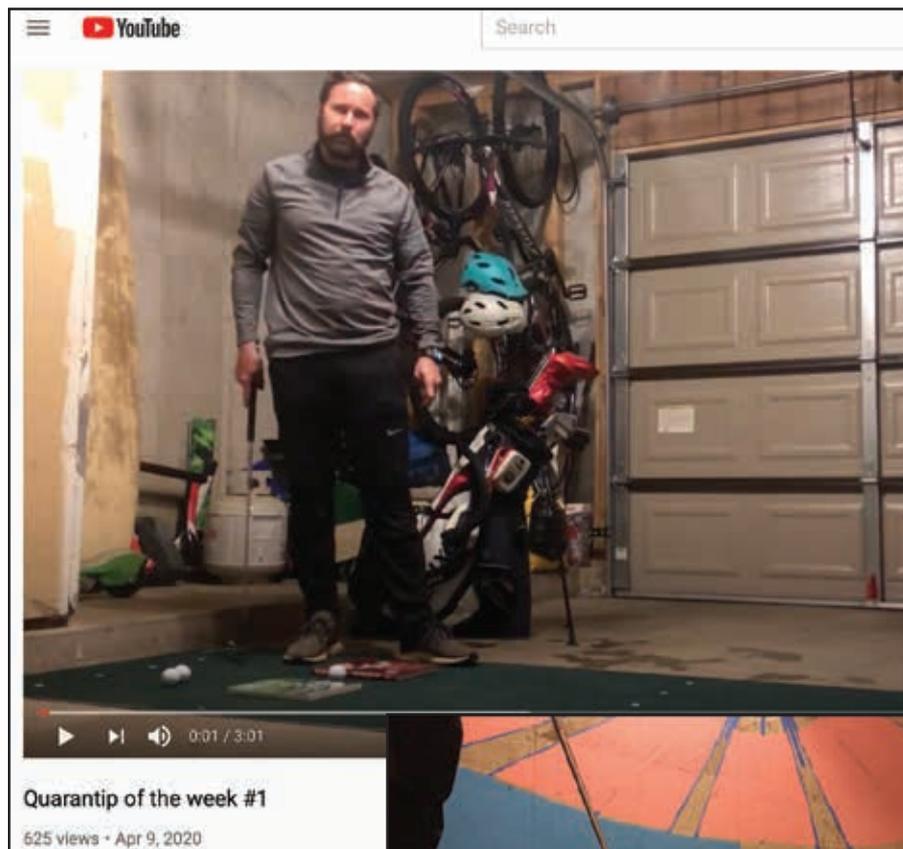
Bunko

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

Tennis Club

We hope to play some tennis as soon as the quarantine is lifted. Tennis play is 1–3 pm Monday–Friday, weather permitting. The Pickleball players are on the east court Tuesday and Thursday, so call to see if we have four players for the other court.

For social time, we meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 5 pm, in Rendezvous Restaurant, once it reopens. With questions, call Wendy, 303-306-0066.



Above: Golf Pro Greg Kohr has produced several Quarantips for golfers. To get these via email, send Greg an email, greg.kohr@heathergardens.org.



Putting

Hi Everybody! Hope you are all hanging in there and doing well during this tough time. I posted my first Quarantip of the week in mid-April. I also thought it would be good to get it in print as well. You don't need me to tell you why it's important to brush up on your putting. Here is a drill that you can use to improve your stroke.

Putting between books

To perform this drill all you need is two thick books, a ball and a putter. Line the books up parallel to one another leaving only enough room between the books to fit the putter head and ball.

After that you are simply going to start hitting putts between the books. How does this drill help? It trains you to maintain a proper path through the ball. The result is going to be a smoother, steadier stroke, and most of all more consistency! I hope you all enjoy these tips I will be sending out, keep your chins up, stay safe and we will see you back on the golf course soon.

– Golf Pro Greg Kohr
greg.kohr@heathergardens.org

Trips and Tours

Note from Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluisse: These are proposed trips for this summer. Be prepared that RTD may not be able to take you on these trips if restrictions on large groups continue, such that theaters and other venues remain closed.

Adams Mystery Playhouse: Bootlegger's Revenge **Canceled**
 Sunday, May 17

Amazon Adventure 3D **Canceled**
 Thursday, May 21

The Lion King **Canceled**
 Thursday, June 11

Into America's Wild 3D
 Tuesday, June 16, 1 pm
 Cost: \$25
 Deadline: Tuesday, May 26
 Location: Denver Museum of Nature and Science

From the Academy Award®-nominated producers of the acclaimed hit film, *National Parks Adventure*, *Into America's Wild* is an unforgettable cross-country adventure into the hidden wonders of the natural world. A non-stop ride via kayak, bike, train, hot air balloon, zip line, kiteboard, hiking boots and more, *Into America's Wild* visits some of the most beautiful, but untamed landscapes of America. Includes admission to IMAX and the museum.

Denver Botanic Gardens
 Thursday, June 18, 10:30 am
 Cost: \$28
 Deadline: Thursday, May 28

See the time-honored traditions of European horticulture merge with a dynamic diversity of plants and design that represent the best in horticultural achievement.

Denver Zoo
 Wednesday, June 24, 10:30 am
 Cost: \$19
 Deadline: Wednesday, June 3
 In one word — extraordinary. Visitors can view 3,500 different animals, representing over 650 species. That means a rare look at exotic animals such as Amur leopards, king cobras, black rhinos, coral reef fish, elephants, zebras, vampire bats, gorillas and more.

Dazzle
 Thursday, June 25, 11:30 am
 Location: downtown Denver
 Deadline: Three weeks prior to event
 Cost: \$28

Senior Jazz lunch features great live jazz! Includes your choice of three chef-inspired entrees, soda, coffee, tea or glass of red or white wine, draft beer or well drink. Tax and gratuity included.

The Sound of Music
 Saturday, June 27, noon
 Cost: \$47
 Deadline: Friday, June 12. Location: Boulder Dinner Theatre

When a postulant proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain. She gradually captures the heart of the stern Captain, and they marry. Upon returning from their honeymoon, they discover that Austria has been invaded by the Nazis, who demand the Captain's immediate service in their navy. The family's narrow escape over the mountains to Switzerland on the eve of World War 2 provides a thrilling and inspirational finale. Winner

of five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Note: Bus fare is \$5.25.

Carousel
 Sunday, July 26, 2:30 pm
 Cost: \$75
 Deadline: Wednesday, July 15
 Location: Central City Opera
 Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*. Love is a wild ride! "One of America's finest theatrical achievements," Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* follows the ups, downs, round and rounds of life and love. Muddling through small town expectations, meager means and conflicting dreams, Julie, Billy and their daughter Louise learn "You'll Never Walk Alone." Due to the age of the Opera House, there may be stairs. It is not wheel-chair accessible. Seating is on the first level. This is an HG-chartered trip. The bus will pick up residents in the Atrium parking lots between B243 and B244; return to HG around 7 pm. **NO REFUNDS.**

Rockies, Coors Field
 Sunday, Sept. 13, 11:30 am
 Cost: \$38
 Deadline: Friday, Aug. 24

Rockies Senior Day! Join us for a special trip to a Rockies Game on a Senior Day! The Rockies will be playing the Cincinnati Reds. Our seats are along the 1st baseline. This is an HG-chartered trip. The bus will pick up residents in the Atrium parking lots between B243 and B244; return to HG.

Check out www.heathergardens.org

TRIPS POLICY

No transfers or refunds after deadline date. Credits may be issued if ticket can be sold from wait list. Non residents may only attend as the guest of a resident. Note that RTD trip times listed are not actual departure times, they are approximate. Courtesy calls are made 2-3 days prior to trip to give check in times and other pertinent trip information. Please call if unable to attend. Bring your receipt to check-in.

Please note the signup/payment dead-

line for each trip. Space is limited.

The local fare for SeniorRide is **\$3 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older.** Regional fare is \$5.25 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older. Fare paid to driver.

All HG trips include a trip leader and small administrative fee. RTD fares are not included in trip fees and are to be paid to RTD bus driver at time of pickup. Exact change required. Drivers and HG staff do not have change available.

Please tell staff at the Registration Desk

if you require wheelchair or walker accessible seating, because wheelchairs take up three seats on the RTD bus. Plus the event may have special seating for wheelchairs.

Residents are discouraged from driving themselves to an RTD trip venue. This takes seats away from someone who cannot drive. It also creates confusion with tickets and the trip leader who is responsible for all residents on a trip.

Questions about trip availability? Call the Clubhouse, 303-751-1811.

Casino Trips

Grand Z Casino Central City

Thursday, June 25, 8:30 am

Cost: \$6

Deadline: Three weeks prior to event

Each guest will receive coupons upon arriving at the casino in Central City

- \$5 Z-Play card valid for slot/video poker
- \$5 off food.

• Guests must activate their \$5 Z-Play and set up a pin number.

Leave HG at 8:30 am from Atrium parking lot between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. Bus will leave the casino at 2 pm to return to HG.

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HG Clubhouse Events

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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise

Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve

From HG Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise: Please note that these are proposed events and activities to be held in the HG Clubhouse if the COVID-19 pandemic shows signs of declining and restrictions about social distancing are relaxed. Call the Clubhouse, 303-751-1811 for updated information. If canceled, HG will try to reschedule these events.

Class registrations for Spring classes are on hold and when available, will roll over to the Summer classes. Credits and refunds will be issued, as requested, when the Clubhouse reopens for business.

Contact Information: The Clubhouse is closed. No one is there to answer phones or pick up messages. Please be sure you are selecting the correct extension when calling. Please do not leave a message. If you have a Clubhouse concern, you can email:
Linda.Aluise@heathergardens.org

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Clubhouse Reports...from page 11

what is happening on the local level. We are also following guidelines put out by various regulatory agencies such as Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Tri-County Health Department and the state of Colorado.

Each day brings about new and different questions. HG Management will keep you up to date about plans to open the Clubhouse and associated amenities. Please be patient: we are all new at this situation and may need time to sort out all the circumstances.

Thanks to everyone's consideration towards keeping Heather Gardens safe and healthy. Take care of yourself and others in need, within social distance, of course. I look forward to the day we can open the Clubhouse and have things back to normal — a new normal.

— Linda Aluise, Clubhouse Manager



HG has two new young residents — two owllets (left). They are being nurtured by one parent (right) in a nest built by two owls in a cottonwood tree along the 7th fairway of HG's Golf Course. Photos by Mary Jo Prichard, B216.



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Potential competition for Comcast, Centurylink

One of every household's biggest discretionary expenses is for Internet. Currently, internet at HG is provided by CenturyLink and Xfinity. The HGA Board is considering giving another provider, Starry Internet, access to provide high speed internet in the community. It will compete with CenturyLink and Xfinity.

The Campus Technology Committee (CTC) has conducted due diligence on Starry Internet. They visited several local Starry Internet installations, have talked with Starry Internet users, searched the Internet for complaints and has checked them out with the Better Business Bureau (BBB).

In addition, Starry Internet has walked around HG with maintenance people, an HGA Board member, and the CTC members to determine whether the installation is feasible.

In order to bring the Internet to your residence, Starry Internet would

beam radio signals from a base station to antennas on the multi-story buildings. Signals will go down a cable to electronics in the buildings' telephone room. Signals will go to the units over phone lines already in place. A free Wi-Fi router will connect to your computer and/or smart phone. Starry Internet is also able to connect with Country Places and Townhomes.

Starry Internet will contract directly with customers. HG will not contract with Starry Internet; it will only allow Starry to put up antennas and install electronics in the telephone rooms.

Starry Internet charges \$50/month including taxes and fees. Starry also provides the router at no upfront or monthly charge. There is no long-term contract. HG does not pay Starry anything.

The information gathered by the CTC has been forwarded to the Struc-

ture Maintenance Committee (SMC). The SMC will review this information and, if satisfied that this would be a benefit to HG, it will forward it to the HGA Board to approve the Starry Internet Access Agreement. A Proof of Concept agreement will permit antennas to be installed on a 4-story building, a 6-story building, and an Atrium building for testing.

If testing is successful and the HGA Board agrees to allow Starry Internet access, you will have three choices for high speed Internet: Comcast/Xfinity (internet only), CenturyLink, and Starry. All three choices provide adequate speeds for most residents.

[Information about Starry Internet is available at Starry.com]

- Ron Hileman
Campus Technology
Committee
B223

*For a few chilly days around Easter, HG had its own **Ice Sculpture Garden** created by water, evergreen trees and chilling temperatures. Located along the 7th fairway and green on the HG Golf Course, several photographers noticed and recorded the icy creations. According to Dawn Fradkin, Roads and Grounds Assistant Supervisor, "The Golf Course had an irrigation valve stuck on Saturday that wasn't turned*

off until Sunday at some point. The water freezing over that many hours when the temperatures were so cold caused this anomaly."

Left and below: Photos taken early after creation.

Right: Photos after some warmer days.



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HG Frolics

The Frolics Club misses everyone. Please stay safe, stay home, enjoy one another from a distance – and do some singing and dancing, if possible. See you soon when we can all be together again. – Barbara Schneller, 303-923-3992.

Low Vision Support Group

There will no meetings until further notice. Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224.

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Furry Scurry

On Saturday, May 2, participants are encouraged to join, virtually through the internet, in The Furry Scurry, the signature fundraising event of The Denver Dumb Friends League.

Rather than gathering in Washington Park to walk with your pooch, supporters can walk anywhere, at any time, to help raise money for animals in need. Many of these animals are facing even greater challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

Participants will be invited to pick up their T-shirts and other Scurry incentives in a post-event

party, once gatherings are again allowed. Registration is \$45 for adults, \$25 for children 12 and younger. In addition to the T-shirt, walkers will receive a printable bib and access to a virtual marketplace with offers from sponsors and vendors. Sign-up online @ support.ddff.org.

Some Good News (SGN)

Actor John Krasinski (*The Office* TV show and *Jack Ryan* on Netflix) has created a “mock” news program delivered from his home and aided by his family and friends. His daughter created the call sign, SGN, that serves as a backdrop, and wife Emily Blunt (*Mary Poppins in Mary Poppins Returns*) manages the camera. She appears occasionally.

Look for episodes on *Youtube.com*. There have been four. In the first one, he chatted remotely with Steve Carrell, a co-star on *The Office*.

In the second episode, a girl who missed *Hamilton* locally got serenaded by the original Broadway cast of *Hamilton* (including Lin Manual Miranda) and promised a trip to New York City to see the show.

In the third episode, a group of doctors and nurses in Boston got four seats for life to Boston Red Sox games, courtesy of David Ortiz and the organization.

The fourth episode was a prom for high school students who did not get to go to their own. Various famous rock stars sang from their home. Brad Pitt was a guest weatherman.

Right: One of several shelters/tents for people experiencing homelessness has been outside the fence of Cherry Creek State Park along the access road from South Vaughn Way to either East Hampden Road or South Parker Road for several months. On April 22, five Aurora Police and one Arapahoe Sheriff's cars were observed in the area — apparently dis-assembling the camp that had begun to accumulate a row of orange trash bags. Photo by Janis Farrell



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Overheard @ HG

Plotting revenge and other diversions in the time of Coronavirus

by Mary Hafka

There will be silver linings found in the COVID-19 pandemic, once we can look back on it philosophically. One advantage certainly will be that all this forced time at home is encouraging many of us to ramp up our house-cleaning efforts.

Time at home has erased excuses about put-off chores. I finally restrung a beaded necklace that broke a year or more ago. It's been sitting on my vanity, waiting for me to get around to it.

Home-based activities have left me with a sense of reliving some thrilling days of yesteryear. I read an article in the newspaper on the resurgence of the drive-in movie theater. Some opportunistic entrepreneurs have reopened old places in Texas and California.

"The drive-in theater, relic of yesterday, finds itself suited to now" (Associated Press). Apparently, families quarantined together are going to the movies, locked in their hermetically sealed automobiles, but segregated from other moviegoers.

Practicing arts and crafts at home is back in favor. So many patterns for make-your-own-masks! I found a particularly interesting version that urged mask-makers to use vacuum bags, which trap germs better than cloth does.

I discovered I owned several small, Dirt Devil vacuum-cleaner bags. I created a mask for myself, made of a cut-to-size bag, elastic ear loops, and staples.

The mask came together smartly. Still, the end result wasn't that satisfying. Because it didn't fit snugly, the mask rode up and covered my eyes.

The first time I wore it, the mask caused my glasses to steam up. I walked the dog *sans glasses* and hoped that I wouldn't walk into any parked cars.

I was saved from my embarrassing creation by an old college

friend, who found a box in her garage. The box contained 14 new N95 masks, a relic of her late husband's work-wooding hobby. She sent me a few via priority mail.

Is it my imagination? Or do people grow more clueless during a pandemic? Or have I just grown more impatient, because I'd been self-quarantining so long, I wasn't used to the usual behavior of people any more?

In any case, during an (essential) trip to Walgreens (for Easter candy), I got stuck in the checkout line (six feet) behind a man, who was making a return. Original packaging? Oh, of course, he no longer had the original packaging for the item.

The sole checker probably noticed I had started to hyperventilate, behind my surgical mask. (The commercial mask made my glasses fog up, too.)

The Walgreen's employee wisely called another checker, and the man without original packaging got to live another day. I might have been mildly — but not seriously — put out with this guy at any other time. But this day, I visualized COVID-19 germs charging up the aisles of Walgreens, and attacking me, like a swarm of angry mosquitoes, the longer I stood there.

As I rolled my very full shopping cart to the parking lot, I discovered a car was blocking the ramp. The driver was practicing social distancing, sitting in a handicapped space, waiting for a shopper in the store (probably the guy who lost his packaging). The driver parked over the line, causing me to have to bump my cart off the curb, while trying to not flip it over.

Inept driver in the poorly parked car gave me a sympathetic smile of compassion, over how hard it was for a little, old lady — such as I — to maneuver a heavy cart off the curb. I, of course, wanted to ram the cart into her car. I could have just claimed the

tipping cart got away from me, and it all was an accident. Like the character in "Fried, Green Tomatoes," I have plenty of insurance.

Kidding, just kidding. These days we all are trying to be kind, gentle and tolerant with one another. (But honestly, is it asking too much for people to get their cars between the lines in a parking lot? I ask myself this question, a lot, in the HG Clubhouse parking lot, too.)

You know you've been self-quarantined too long when you start doing such things as watching the Dreamworks movie, *Trolls*, on cable TV... and a guilty voice in your head says, "I thought that was sort of good." (Well, who wouldn't like colorful, neon creatures that spend all day singing and dancing, stopping only once per hour, for a group hug?) A *New York Times* reviewer referred to the characters in the 2016 movie as, "the singing, dancing, aggressively effervescent trolls."

Inspired by the *Trolls* — and also by tenor Andrea Bocelli, who offered a remote concert on Easter from Milan's (empty) Duomo Cathedral, I decided that spending all day singing wasn't a bad idea. This would be a swell time to tune up my old Yamaha guitar and offer a series of open-air recitals on my back porch. Sitting on a swivel stool so I could project my renderings in all directions, I timed my concerts to coincide with neighbors participating in the 8 pm "howlings" to show appreciation to COVID-19 essential workers. Their vocalizations could provide a background chorus.

My presentations garnered a mixed reaction. Some of my crueler neighbors suggested that the howlings sounded better than my singing. My concerts came to an abrupt end, in any case, when the late April snows moved in, and made outdoor conditions inhospitable.

I think my dog and my cat were relieved. They've never seemed to be fans of my singing.

So I'll be staying indoors, and hemming those too-long pants I bought some time ago. And singing, "Scarborough Fare," to keep myself company. I won't be able to handle the guitar accompaniment, while stitching. The dog and cat, strangely, are smiling.

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