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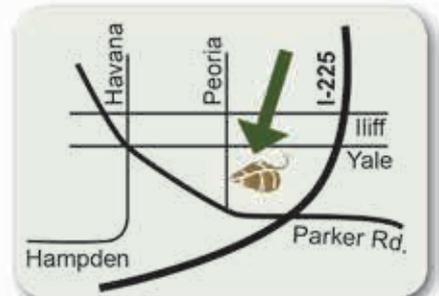
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Director candidates presented to the board, CP4 residents petition

The August meeting of the HGA Board convened with eight directors. Kim Deal was absent.

Three of the four candidates vying for election to the 2020 Board were introduced. Rex Engel, B233, Susan Lambert, B223, and Mark Nading, B244, gave brief presentations about why they wished to serve. A fourth candidate, Leslie Rousseau, B202, did not attend the meeting. (See story, page 6).

The board approved amending election bylaws and procedures, to formalize combining the election of directors with the election to veto the annual budget. Civic Affairs Chair Carol Anne Mayne stated that combining the elections saved residents' money.

Bruce Cairns, CP4, presented a petition, signed by 25 residents of CP4, urging action on repairs/rebuilding the area after last November's gas explosion.

Mayne, as board liaison for CP4 activities, reported that much is happening behind the scenes towards moving the project forward. Mayne recently met with insurance carrier Lexington, a subsidiary of American International Group (AIG), and would be meeting with them again in two days. While she sensed there was progress, Mayne admitted she had been frustrated, and had considered filing a complaint about Lexington/AIG with the Colorado insurance commission.

HG has been unable to get agreement with Lexington/AIG on the scope of work for CP4 repairs. When asked whether repair to slightly damaged condos in CP4 could start, General Manager Calvin White commented that if HG proceeded without the scope of work approved, the insurance company might refuse to pay.

The board approved a project to repair the exterior staircases on 13 multi-story buildings: B213-B218, B221-B224, B232, B234 and B243. Funding for the contracts with Ideal Restoration and Custom Welding (not to exceed \$135,916) was not in the 2019 budget. The cement staircases of B232 and B233, listed in the budget, were to be totally replaced by a metal one for \$139,064. However, Structure Maintenance Supervisor Jon Howell explained that neither staircase needed to be replaced at this time.

However, the 13 stairs to be repaired were developing safety issues, making repair a current priority. Coil offered a revised motion that did not link the two capitol projects. The board concurred.

The board approved White negotiating a contract, not to exceed \$3,000, with Cona Criterium, a nationwide associations of engineers. Cona is expected to help HG identify an expert who has experience with the kind of electrical panels HG is considering replacing, and can recommend a course of action.

The board approved White negotiating a contract with Walker Consultants, not to exceed \$34,980, to obtain an estimate of the useful life of HG's parking structures. Long Range Planning Chair Al Lindeman commented that the staggering costs associated with fixing the parking structures — \$14 million total to cover them with roofs, to extend their life versus \$10 million, per structure, to fully replace each of the four — make obtaining solid estimates of expected lifespan critical. Walker is the 18th largest construction firm in the country, Lindeman said, and does nothing but parking-structure work.

The board approved a contract with Restruction Corp. (\$271,000), to repair post-tension cables and concrete in parking structures 1, 2 and 3. The work will extend the life of the structures, until larger decisions can be made on how to address parking-structure problems.

The board tabled a number of agenda items for a month, for further study. To be considered next month are revisions to the procedures to the SEC Committee, changing the schedule for delivery of the board packets, and approving the purchase of four modules of the Pitera notification system (\$18,000-22,000). Some directors felt it was inappropriate to approve this last purchase, until the presentation of the Pitera system to the public, scheduled for Aug. 29, had occurred.

The board adjourned into executive session to discuss a covenant violation.

Other items approved:

...a contract with Asphalt Works to seal coat, crack seal, stripe, add drain pans, and replace 30 parking blocks at B243 and B244 (\$17,025).

...reinvesting the U.S. Treasury Bills, maturing on Sept. 5 and 19, into new 90-day Treasury bills, until an investment advisor can be retained.

...ratified approval initially made by an email vote that a CP5 homeowner could replace windows with gridless windows, at the owner's expense.

...to allow homeowner in CP1 to install a radon-mitigation system and a dryer vent, at the owner's expense.

Algae bloom on North Pond covers surface



Forrest McClure, B231, who took the photo (left) in late July, commented, "I thought the pond in CP6 was so surreal as to deserve a photo of it. In the 11 years I have lived here, I've never seen the algae bloom so completely cover the pond."

Four candidates vie for three openings on HGA Board

Four candidates have agreed to run for one of three open positions on the 2020 HGA Board of Directors, at its November election. The candidates are: Rex Engel, B233, incumbent; Susan Lambert, B223 (past member of the board); Mark Nading, B244; and Leslie Rousseau, B202. A fifth candidate, Robin O'Meara, CP3, withdrew her name after self-nominating (see Letters, page 31).

A brief summary of the work experience and credentials of each candidate follows:

Rex Engel, B233, is a current member of the HGA Board, who is running for a second term. He is chair of the Security/Emergency Preparedness Committee (SEC). He is on the Seville Board of Directors, and formerly served on the Security Subcommittee, before being elected to his first term on the board three years ago.



Engel's background is in aerospace engineering and – for the last 15 years of his work career – he was in management with Lockheed Martin.

"I worked on rockets, satellites, and other spacecraft projects," he said. He supervised engineers and technicians, and was active in planning and writing manufacturing and production plans and procedures, and safety manuals.

He and his wife spent the first 22 years of retirement RV'ing about the U.S. and Canada. He was assistant manager of Mountain Cactus Shadows RV park in Yuma, Arizona, and worked with the Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, winters, in Yuma.

Engel is a six-year resident of HG. As SEC chair, he was active as the board liaison to emergency responders during several HG catastrophic events, including the CP4 explosion and the B222 kitchen fire.

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Susan Lambert, B223, is a past member of the HGA Board who served as its Treasurer 2016-17, before complications from major foot surgery forced her to resign from the board. She is on the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee, chair of the Insurance Subcommittee of the B&F, and a member of the ad hoc committee that developed the new HG Investment Policy. She volunteered as an assistant to both the HGA and HGMD Boards, to assess what skills and amount of time would be required to create this new position, now filled by a paid employee.

Her education and background are in corporate finance and operations, market research and strategic/

business planning. She was chief financial officer/ chief operations officer of an \$80 million national non-profit organization.

Lambert has lived in HG since 2014. She has an MBA in finance and accounting. She has completed graduate education in urban planning and computer science.

With her health improved, Lambert indicated she is ready to rejoin the board. She said she wants, "to provide leadership that will result in accountability to the needs of the community, fiscal responsibility, and caring and kindness to the needs of our residents."



...
Mark Nading, B244, is his building's Area Representative (AR) for a second term, and a former Assistant AR. He has lived at HG for six years. He has owned his unit since 1999, and has lived at HG at other times, as he divided his career between Colorado and Iowa.

Nading has worked for 45 years in the floral business, and is the current owner of Mark Anthony Flowers in Aurora on South Parker Road and East Quincy Avenue. He has a master's degree in floriculture design, and holds certifications from floral academies, including Iowa Master Florist. He has served on boards for state floral associations, and is a past president and treasurer of the Iowa Society of Florists, as well being past president of the Hudson, Iowa, Chamber of Commerce.

Nading's statement: "My experience serving on boards, managing, directing, and all aspects of starting and running a business is extensive. My 'people' skills have proven that I can handle most challenges in day-to-day living. As AR, I take a lot of phone calls, to help people. I believe in being a positive presence...I'm a total team member in all that I do...and I would like your vote."

...
Leslie Rousseau, B202, has a business background in real estate, property management and lending.



See facing page

He is the former owner of a mortgage company, First Choice Appraisal Co. Inc. He was a Colorado realtor/broker, 1970-85, and managed property in Lakewood, Colorado.



Rousseau worked with Federal Surplus Property, Region 8, covering North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming — the agency that manages federal property and disposes of it when it is no longer needed. He holds a degree in business from the University of Nebraska, with a minor in psychology.

Rousseau is a deacon of his Baptist church, and taught bible study at the Denver County Jail for 17 years.

He was in service with the U.S. Air Force, with Strategic Air Command.

He stated, "I am a black man born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. I would consider it an honor to serve" on the HGA Board of Directors.

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Residents will have two opportunities to view and question the candidates, at "Meet the Candidates" forums: one at 3 pm Saturday, Sept. 14, and the second at 6:30 Monday, Sept. 16. These forums are hosted by the Civic Affairs Committee.

The election of directors will be by paper mail-in ballot, during late November. It is anticipated that ballots will be mailed to owners in the middle of October. The directors' election will be held in concert with the election asking owners whether they want to veto the 2020 operating and capital reserve budget for HG. The ballots will be due back in the Management Office, or ballot boxes that will be located in the Clubhouse Lobby, by close of business on Friday, Nov. 22.

Extra! Extra! Information for you –

HGMD Treasurer's report

Highlights of District Operations: Month of July 2019

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$56,706)	(\$51,665)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$ 1,721)	(\$13,793)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$ 7,569)	(\$15,660)

Year to Date through July 2019

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$388,980)	(\$341,542)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$112,413)	(\$119,584)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$80,734)	(\$94,131)

Clubhouse: Through July, the Clubhouse loss has been about \$47,400 less than budgeted. Income is about \$2,900 less than budgeted and expenses are about \$50,300 less than budgeted. Through July, slightly more than 57 percent of the expected annual revenue from use of Clubhouse facilities has been earned. At the same time, only 54 percent of the budgeted annual expenditures have been incurred.

Golf: Through July, the Golf Course loss is about \$7,100 more than budgeted. Golf Course revenue for July, \$55,700, is the most revenue ever earned in any month in the last 12 years. This is the second month in a row that revenue is the most earned in any previous month for the last 12 years. Due to adverse weather earlier in the year, total revenue through July is less than anticipated by approximately \$21,600. Expenditures through July are about \$14,400 less than anticipated.

Restaurant: Through July, Rendezvous loss is about \$13,300 more than budgeted. Sales are about \$44,100 more than budgeted. The cost of sales, that is food and liquor, are about \$19,100 more than budgeted. Wages and

benefits are about \$41,700 more than budgeted. This is somewhat offset, as general operating costs of the restaurant are about \$3,300 less than budgeted.

Enterprise Fund:

The Clubhouse, Golf Course and Rendezvous Restaurant are all part of the Enterprise Fund. This fund also has several general expenses that are not allocated to the Clubhouse, Golf Course nor the Restaurant. The general costs include insurance, audit costs, legal fees, and capital expenditures.

Through July, overall income for the Enterprise Fund was about \$1,516,000, while expenses were about \$1,486,100. Overall revenue has exceeded expenses by about \$29,900.

Restricted Funds

- **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** Through July, HGMD has received about \$6,200 from the Colorado Lottery. No expenses have been incurred so far this year. At the end of July, the lottery bank account had a balance of \$117,298.

- **Foundation Fund** has received donations of \$4,358 through July. The Foundation account has funded \$4,160 for HGMD projects so far this year. At the end of July, the Foundation Checking Bank account had a balance of \$38,526. In addition, \$150,000 of Foundation cash has been invested in a CD.

- The **Debt Service Fund** has received \$542,082 in property taxes, \$24,152 Specific Ownership tax and Interest income of \$4,520 through July. At the end of July, the Debt Service bank account had a balance of \$598,195. The next interest and principal payment on outstanding bonds will be due on Dec. 1.



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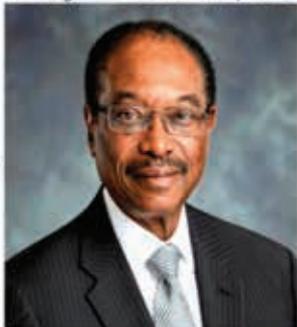
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Developing the HG 2020 Budgets

Wake up: This is Your Money!

In last month's article, major issues were discussed that could affect the 2020 budgets and your homeowners' dues. In this article, changes made for 2020 to increase membership participation in the budget process were discussed. The Heather Gardens Association (HGA) and the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) budgets define how much it will cost to maintain the community and its programs, and identify homeowners' dues needed to finance these activities.

A number of changes have been made since last year to develop the 2020 HGA and HGMD budgets:

1. The vote to allow the membership (owners) to vote on whether to veto the budget will be conducted by a mail ballot, not by a meeting.

2. The process starts three weeks earlier than last year to provide more time for several meetings in Sandberg Auditorium to discuss the contents of the budgets, allowing members to comment. These meetings will be held prior to the vote — one evening and two daytime meetings between Nov. 5 and Nov. 7. Plan to attend the meeting that best fits your schedule. Budget summaries will be mailed for review prior to these meetings.

3. The Communications Committee's experimental website, called *Sketches* (<https://test.plaidflannel.com/sketches>) is being used to give members more frequent and more detailed information about the budget. This includes:

- Manager's HGA and HGMD budget drafts (Sept. 13),
- Budget & Finance Committee recommended HGA and HGMD budgets (early October after Budget Workshop), and
- HGA and HGMD approved budgets (about Oct. 17).

The *Sketches* website will be updated frequently with budget-related news from July through November — visit often. To participate in the budget discussion forum on the website, please request login credentials via e-mail to sketches@plaidflannel.com.

4. The Budget Workshop opening session is set for 9 am–noon, Monday, Sept. 30, in Sandberg Auditorium to discuss what assumptions and expenses are “driving” the budget. General Manager Calvin White will present an overview of the budget drafts. This will be a good time for you, as a member, to get involved and let the Budget & Finance Committee hear your concerns before the budgets are recommended to the HGA and HGMD Boards.

You are encouraged to attend the rest of the Budget Workshop. The Budget & Finance Committee works through the detailed budget drafts line-by-line, reviewing what has been proposed, along with technical documentation, making some changes as appropriate, and finally making budget recommendations to the HGA and HGMD Boards. You will be given an opportunity to comment during this review process.

Other opportunities to participate in the budget development process are the Association and HGMD special board meetings on Thursday, Oct. 17. These meetings

are scheduled to approve the respective 2020 budgets.

The HGA's Recreation Fee covers the HGMD's Enterprise Fund budget shortfall. The Enterprise Fund program includes the Clubhouse, Restaurant, golf program, recreational vehicle (RV) lot, garden area and other programs and facilities of the HGMD.

State law requires the HGA to distribute a budget summary to the membership, and to allow the members to have an opportunity to veto the budget. It takes a majority of the membership (owners) to veto the budget, not just a majority of those who vote. If the budget is vetoed, the HGA will restart its budget process and continue the process until an approved budget is not vetoed. In the interim, last year's budget will continue in place regardless of the consequences.

The HG Declaration of Condominium requires an approved budget by Nov. 30 of each year.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend:

• **Friday, Sept. 13, 2019:** Distribution of the Manager's HGA and HGMD Budgets to the Budget & Finance Committee and the HGA and HGMD Boards. These budget drafts will be posted on the Heather Gardens and Sketches websites.

• **Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 30–Oct. 2:** Budget & Finance Committee will conduct budget workshop beginning at 9 am each day. The initial session, 9 am till Noon, Monday, Sept. 30, is in the auditorium, and the remainder of the workshop is in the Board Room. The Committee will recommend the 2020 budgets to HGA and HGMD Boards.

• **Thursday, Oct. 17:** The HGMD Board, at a special 10 am meeting, will conduct a Public Hearing on its proposed 2020 budget. After hearing comments, the Board may modify the budget before adopting its 2020 budget. The HGA Board, at a special 1 pm meeting, will hear comments, may make changes, and approve its 2020 Budget.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 23:** HGA and HGMD budget summaries and ballots will be mailed to membership. Copies of HGA and HGMD budgets are available in Administrative Offices and posted on the Heather Gardens and Sketches websites.

• **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 5–7:** One evening and two daytime membership meetings in Sandberg Auditorium to present and discuss the budgets. Times will be announced.

• **Friday, Nov. 22:** Veto vote ballots will be due by close of business (Friday before Thanksgiving). A special committee of volunteers will have been assembled to count the ballots. A majority of the membership (owners) is required to veto the HGA Board approved budget, not just a majority of those who vote.

– John Coil
HGA Board Treasurer



HGMD Board President Reports

By Sandra Rosenberg

As the end of summer nears, I have started thinking about next year. Let me review and talk about 2019.

Golf Course/Shop: The Golf Shop has added a software system called ForeUp. This program includes an online tee reservation booking portal that allows customers to book tee times without calling the Golf Shop. Golf Pro Greg Kohr has signed up seven season-long leagues, filled the Golf Shop with new, quality merchandise, hosted multiple rules clinics, and provided two free clinics for HG residents. HG also hosted Colorado's Best of the Best Junior Golf Tournament.

Greg and his staff report an increase in non-resident traffic, including past players who haven't visited our course for some time. So far, merchandise sales in the Golf Shop is just under \$12,000, adding revenue to HGMD's bottom line.

Golf Course revenue for June was \$53,610, which is more than any other month in the last 12 years. And, July's revenue of \$55,768 topped June's record. Both of these record months have put us back on track to meet HGMD's 2019 Budget projections.

Adverse weather in early 2019 kept the course closed for 80 days. Last year we were only closed 36 days.

Greg will be playing in the Colorado PGA Championship on Sept. 9-11. Let's cheer him.

Clubhouse: Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise is always searching for new and interesting events and classes to add to a busy schedule. The monthly band concerts have been well attended, offering a wide variety of entertainment from opera to jazz to marching band. Over the last year, she has added several new classes, including Woodworking, Belly Dance, FallProof Balance and Mobility, Dance Fusion 'n Fun and Conditioning For Golfers. Her newest addition is the Sunrise Yoga class that is held outside on the grassy knoll between the Tennis Courts and Golf Course.

Twice a month, the Clubhouse offers an afternoon and evening movie. We average 175 to 200 residents and guests per month. A license is required to present movies, which is why a charge is necessary to attend. Included with that cover charge are free refreshments. This year, the license fee increased from \$3,800 to \$4,200.

In addition to the regular annual/semi-annual events such as the Resource Fair and Craft Fair, Aluise adds an array of special Clubhouse events each month. Upcoming events include Second Hand Rose Fashion Show, using residents as models, and a presentation by Susie Hayes, an HG resident author/speaker, who has written a book entitled *Freed from Stuck*. The Green Team is planning a Recycle Fair in November to help educate residents on the "dos and don'ts" of recycling. Some of these

events are free, while others may have a modest fee to recoup the cost to bring the event to HG.

Thanks to Linda, a quick solution was found to replace afternoon cards and games that were once held in the Rendezvous. The Lodgepole Lounge near the restaurant is now available to reserve. Linda rearranged furniture, and moved the puzzle table, to make room for two to three card tables.

Rendezvous: Cormac Ronan, Restaurant Manager, and Courtney Haynes, Assistant Manager, are two of the most energetic and creative people I know. Over the last 12 months, they worked steadily to promote business by increasing hours, creating new events, offering daily specials, and changing menu items. One of the first things Cormac did last fall was to extend Sunday hours for the Bronco games, including bringing in some former Bronco players. Let's hope the Broncos do better this season.

Our managers reinstated the Special Wine Dinners that allow fabulous chef, Kevin Marquet, to show off his skills. They are bringing in more evening entertainment, offering a Beer Tasting event, held a Wine and Chalk Art Class, and keep dreaming up new ideas to draw residents in. Recently, the restaurant at Windsor Gardens closed. Rendezvous managers reached out, offering to service their groups and residents at HG.

HG residents asked for extended hours. Ronan and Haynes listened. At the start of summer, Rendezvous extended hours to test diner interest. After a three-month trial run, Rendezvous hours of operation have been modified to meet usage.

Monday through Friday 11 am-4:30 pm, with lunch only on Mondays. Ask about Monday Madness Special.

Tuesday-Thursday Rendezvous is open until 8 pm.

On Fridays, Rendezvous is open until 9 pm, with the kitchen closing at 7 pm.

On Saturdays, Rendezvous is open from 8 am-8 pm, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The Sunday Buffet is still a favorite with hours from 9:30 am-2 pm.

Installing a new Chef's table was delayed because new wiring is required to accommodate the equipment. The purchase should be completed soon. The next time you are in Rendezvous, take a moment to notice the changes made, and how the atmosphere and energy has been influenced by these two amazing managers.

Heather 'n Yon newsmagazine is a wonderful place to find out what is happening each month at the Clubhouse. If you have missed out on an event, you might want to sign up for the Constant Contact Email notifications by calling Lewis Boeve, 303-751-1811. Ask to be added to both the Clubhouse and Restaurant notification list. Golfers: make sure your contact information is in the ForeUp system — you'll get notifications.

Take a moment to be grateful for HG's current management staff, and all the effort they put in to make your days and evenings more fulfilling.

IN MEMORIAM

Germain Bonneau (243)
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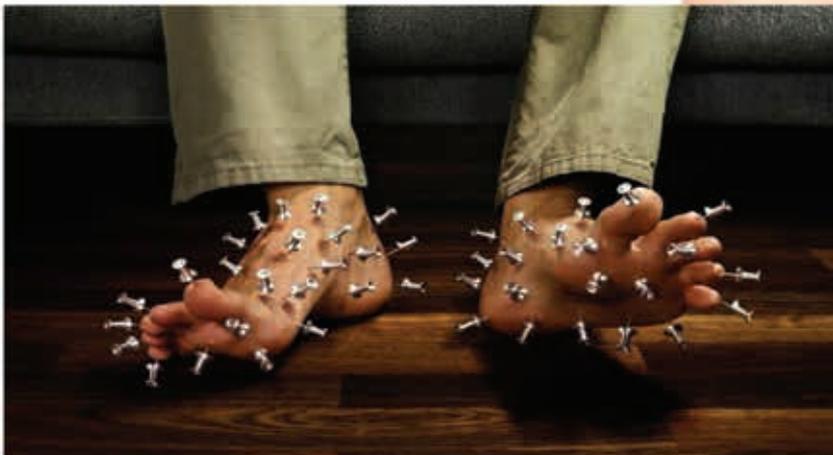
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Publisher's Corner

HG's test website, test.plaidflannel.com/sketches, is worth a perusal

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

While there has been a lot said about a trial website design for HG being developed by HGA's Communications Committee, under resident Gary Ford's expert guidance, there have been few residents who have ventured to these pages, <https://test.plaidflannel.com/sketches>. I know because I am one.

Ford, B242, recently reported that less than 1 percent of HG residents had requested a login username/password. The goal is to reach 10 percent in the next year.

My excuse has been that I had enough to design, edit and write what appears in this newsmagazine every month. I regularly use www.heathergardens.org to look up items that are being written about. Sometimes I find those items quickly — sometimes, not so much. Those latter sessions end in frustration.

I ventured to Ford's test site this week and was quite pleased. Even without a login, I was impressed by the layout on the homepage that gave logical, graphic "buttons" to click if I wanted more information about Rendezvous, Golf Course or HG news.

Right now, the best updated page is the news section where you can learn the latest about developing the 2020 budget and other notices that have been sent out via email.

Once you get a login by email from sketches@plaidflannel.com, you can see notices private to HG residents re-

garding the rebuild of CP4. Or, you can post questions or suggestions for the 2020 HG budget being developed.

I got my login in about two hours after requesting it. There were already two queries/suggestions to HG about next year's budget. Responses were also there from HGA Board's Treasurer John Coil. Ford and Coil are working in concert this year to make budget information more accessible to HG residents in a timely fashion. For this reason alone, I urge all residents with a computer to try out the "sketches" site.

Another useful item in the HG News section of the website was a link to elections@heathergardens.org. If you click on this link, you can send a question you want to ask any of the four candidates running for the HGA Board this week (see page 6). Your question may become one of those asked at a "Meet the Candidates" forum, but hopefully the question and the candidate's response will appear on *sketches* before the election.

This interactive feature is unique to *sketches*. It is not found on heathergardens.org. On heathergardens.org, you can contact HG management (unspecified who gets the query). The response will come back via email or telephone — your choice. Otherwise, contact information for board directors and committees is provided, but you have to call or email from the list displayed.

Another section that I think will

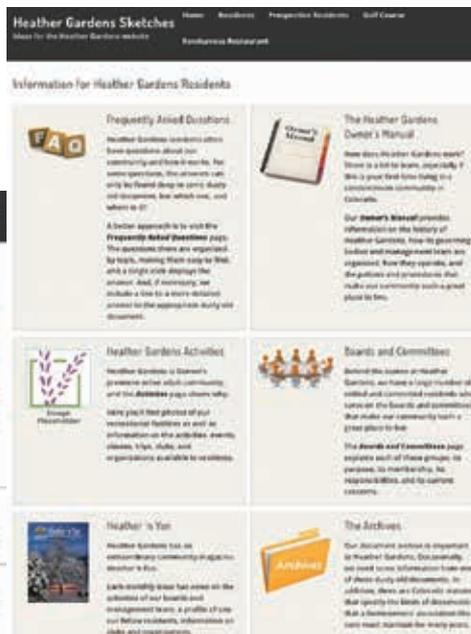
help residents most is the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ). I am looking forward to this section getting fully developed. It currently answers questions like: "What are the percentages of women and men at Heather Gardens?" and "How many residential units are there at Heather Gardens?"

Al Lindeman, HGA director, would like to see *sketches*, while still in development, provide links to policy manuals or information already loaded on heathergardens.org. For instance, I was curious about the HG's Investment Policy, but had difficulty finding it on heathergardens.org. Even a search, using the site's search engine, did not highlight it. Then I overheard someone mention that these documents were under Governing Documents in the Resource Center. Voila! I found it.

It seems like it should be possible to create these links between the test website and the existing website, but I am not the designer. Ford would like a link on heathergardens.org that redirects users to *sketches*. I would expect that revision soon.

If you peruse test.plaidflannel.com/sketches, don't be surprised that it is an outline. Many of its categories do not have the data of heathergardens.org. You can let Ford know what you think might be missing, or what will help navigate the site, before it is launched as the official Heather Gardens website, replacing the current design. Ford expects it to take a year to complete data transfer and launch the new website.

Right: The Home Page of test.plaidflannel.com/sketches
Far right: After clicking on the Residents button, you get a page with further options for useful information, including the archive of this newsmagazine, Heather 'n Yon





Management

Mosquitos and lockboxes: now and future

By Calvin White
General Manager

It's hard to believe it's almost September, and the temperatures are up to 100 degrees. Summer was slow to get here, but it finally arrived. This year, with the wet spring and early summer, HG saw the mosquito population rise and stay longer than ever before. For the first time anyone is aware of, HG sprayed for mosquitos. The operation began in mid-August and will continue on into September. The good news has been that, due to the hot, dry temperatures and the spraying, the mosquitos have slowly been reduced. Tri-County Health had previously set up some mosquito traps and they were able to quantify this reduction. They were also able to determine that no captured mosquitos had any trace of the West Nile Virus present.

With the newly realized potential for mosquito infestations beyond the normal spring season, HG is planning to put some money in the proposed 2020 budget for spraying next year.

HG's budget is currently being created. It will be discussed and revised in the upcoming weeks, with public

meetings being held at the end of September. Please keep an eye on the calendar for your opportunity to be involved in the budget process. There are some items that everyone may have heard the board speaking with concern about: insurance, electricity, payroll, and capital expenditures will all continue to play a major role in developing your budget for next year.

This year, the budget veto vote will be done by mail-in ballot. There will also be a ballot for the HGA Board of Directors election in the same mailing. This new process is an effort to save money, as well as to make the voting more efficient.

In addition to the budget meetings, there will be two "Meet the Candidates" forums in September. The plan is to mail out the budget summary and the election ballots around Oct. 23.

In addition to working on the budget, HG has also been in the midst of a trial run of eliminating lock boxes throughout the community. Using an outside answering service, Alphaspage, realtors call from the telephone entry system, and once identity is verified, they and their client are buzzed into a building to show a unit for sale. As with any new process, there has been a learning curve, but the system seems to be working. HG will continue to revise the process, so that eventually no lock boxes will be found in the common areas of multi-story buildings.

It has been a busy summer. I expect it will be an even busier fall as the budget meetings take place, followed by a dual-purpose election in November.

Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White: Wednesday, Sept. 4, 8–9:30 am, Clubhouse Lobby — Join Calvin White for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to hear answers to your burning questions.

GM's Report

General Manager:

- Attended board and committee meetings.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval forms and biweekly payables.
- Attended meetings for B220, B223, and the North Townhomes.
- Began working on budget items for each department.
- Continued working with contractors and insurance adjustors on CP4 claim.

Controllor:

- Managed training needs for Accounting Department.
- Continued catch-up on billable work orders.
- Correcting purchase order process within each department.
- Continued audit with Rubin Brown.
- Updated condo questionnaire process.
- Managed payroll and benefits transition.

Paint:

- Completed 46 work orders.
- Completed drywall demo in B212.
- Completed Chair Rail Project in B231.
- Worked on 2020 budget with General Manager.

Maintenance:

- Completed 1,242 work orders; of those, 253 were billable.
- Completed plumbing inspections in CP3, CP4, and North and South Townhomes.
- Completed Leak Control installations in B209, B210, B211, and B212.
- Completed replacing Fire Department Connectors in B231, B233, B234, and B236.
- Made boiler repairs in B217, B218, and B219.
- Reprogrammed garage door remotes in B236 and B250.
- Completed gutter cleaning in CP1, CP2, CP3, and North and South Townhomes.
- Replaced evaporative-cooler blower motor in Maintenance Building.
- Replaced pipes in B204 and B209.

- Repaired air handler in B222 and B244.
- Cleaned boiler tubes in B207.
- Cored out metal railings in multiple parking structures.
- Replaced elevator carpet floors in B217, B218, B221, B223, and B236.

Clubhouse:

- Held nine events, three trips, and multiple classes.
- Participated in Employee Golf Tournament.
- Hosted Summer Social with Clubhouse staff and instructors.
- Assisted with multiple other events and classes.

Contracts:

- Continued working with Custodial Department to determine carpet wear.
- Worked on pricing for ventilation work at B223.
- Assisted with service-order-software integration.
- Updating component pricing for HGMD Capital Reserve Database.

See GM Report...page 26

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RTD's shoppers special needs riders or it gets cancelled

Confessing "I'm hardly ever at home. I ride the bus all the time," Kathy Tirone, B215, says as she boards RTD's Shoppers Special, Heather Gardens (HG) Route. She offers a smile and ready "hellos" to driver Gary and fellow HG passengers. Charles, Mac and Druce are already on-board. More than a means to go to the grocery store on Friday mornings, the ride is a weekly social connection. Kathy introduces me to the riders, and conversation ensues.

"This driver is number one in sensitivity on RTD," said Mac, who notes that RTD used to have three daily shuttles assigned to keep HG residents mobile.

"A lot of people in HG shouldn't be driving," says Mac, who doesn't see well enough to drive.

"You can put that in [the article]," agrees Charles, underscoring Mac's observation. "When winter comes, I'll always be on."

"The shopper shuttle had 8-15 riders when I began riding six years ago," said Kathy.

Druce is listening in; he nods his agreement.

Gary neatly negotiates the full-sized bus into the intersection of South Vaughn Way and South Parker Road, carefully

Right: Kathy Tirone, B215, in King Soopers

Below: Kathy, with cart full of groceries, boards Shoppers' Special bus, as the driver stands ready for assistance.

bypassing the triple lane merges that extend from Hampden Avenue between Parker Road and I-225. It's a tough exchange. It's a relief to relax and leave the driving to a professional.

"I like to get out and about," said Kathy, who is blind in one eye. She used to drive around town and thought she was doing fine until she started "getting honked at a lot." These polite horn blows let her know she'd made a few faux pas along the road. When the honks became more frequent, she began to look for alternatives to driving. RTD was the perfect option. Kathy studied the ride schedule and routes. By the time she voluntarily gave up driving, she had become a seasoned transit rider.

"I sold my car and turned in my driver's license on the same day in October 2014," she said.

The discussion turns to why a full-sized RTD bus is preferable to a smaller vehicle.

"A lot of equipment comes on with each rider," said Kathy, pointing to the personal carts each rider was tot-

ing. In addition, one rider was journeying with a walker. Sometimes a rider who uses a motorized chair will board. All this gear requires ramps for boarding and exiting.

Motorized chairs must be securely fastened to the frame of the bus. Mac and Charles demonstrate how the seats can be folded to create room for a motorized chair.

"Riders need to be considerate and leave this section free for people in motor-

ized chairs," said Charles.

Threading his way through the King Soopers parking lot while avoiding construction traffic, Gary pulls to a smooth stop in front of the supermarket. He opens the ramps and assists his passengers as they disembark. The passengers disperse to do their personal shopping. Gary continues on to shuttle residents from

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RTD offers a Shoppers' Special ride to King Soopers for Heather Gardens residents at 9 am Friday mornings.

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No one is addressing or will address a solution to balancing the budget, much less a plan to reduce U.S. debt over the long term. This is a huge challenge. Most officials, both Democrat and Republican, want to “kick this can down the road.” Both parties hold a huge share of the blame.

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• Barack Obama	
\$10 to \$20 trillion	+100%(12.5%/yr)
• Donald Trump (so far)	
\$20 to \$22 trillion	+10% (5%/yr)

And now, what are some elected officials and candidates proposing to throw on top of this crisis? In addition to continuing annual debt increases, they would prefer that we create:

- Universal Child Care
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- \$1,200,000,000,000
- Family Leave Act
- Government Healthcare for all

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- Guaranteed minimum income (whether people work or not)
- The Infamous “Green New Deal”
- Added cost for climate change
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All this to not speak of the \$250,000,000,000,000 in unfunded liabilities of the United States

If Republicans and Democrats cannot grasp the severity of this budget deficit and “stop kicking the can down the road,” then the country is going to be in serious trouble.

Let’s all work to promote the greatest minds — Republican, Democrat, or Independent — to put this in perspective and solve this crisis.

– Evan Morris
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My heart is saddened for the people of El Paso

El Paso touched me on Sunday [Aug. 4] when I recalled my arrival there the previous Sunday. My interactions with people at the airport and hotel were so hospitable. They told me about the wonderful special nature of their city. Their perception of the peacefulness and tolerance in their city was meaningful to them. I have heard these sentiments echoed in the media so many times now. With the city of Juarez just across the bridge, citizens of both countries [U.S. and Mexico] go back and forth across the border on a regular basis for work, shopping, and socializing, as they have done for generations.

I was in El Paso with a friend, a Methodist minister, on July 28–29. Our purpose was to participate in Moral Monday at the Borderlands, led by Reverend William Barber. The events were to support efforts by the Borderland Network for Human Rights* and increase visibility for their concerns. It included a Sunday evening service and a demonstration on Monday. Both were attended by several hundred people from El Paso, the local region and the nation. There were large numbers of Christian and Jewish clergy present to bear witness.

The previous week, I had participated in the Park Hill

UMC Mission Service trip to McAllen, Texas. In the process, I learned more about issues and asylum seekers there. This prompted my going on to El Paso and serving as a marshal. **

Moral Monday at the Borderlands demands:

- We demand an end to child detention.
- We demand that all refugees seeking asylum be granted the due process to do so.
- We demand equal protection under the law.
- We demand the preservation of human rights.
- We demand a termination of the “Remain in Mexico” program, which is putting migrants at high risk for kidnapping, theft, extortion and abuse.
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Meeting others from El Paso that night and marching with the children the next day was inspiring. One sobering observation was the number of cardboard tombstones carried for those who had died in detention. The clergy

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The Month (August)

On Aug. 6, the HGA Board held a special meeting to discuss security cameras in multi-story buildings. After a brief discussion, the board approved a new policy allowing buildings, at their own expense, to install surveillance cameras. The stipulation is that residents wanting to install surveillance cameras in common or limited common areas must apply for approval from the Architectural Control Committee, as is the current procedure for building modifications in those areas. HG will not pay to have the surveillance cameras installed, cover the costs of monitoring or reviewing the photos (or film) collected, or assume any responsibility or liability for the use of the cameras by building residents.

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As of its August 9 deadline, the HGMD received two applications to be appointed to its board vacancy. The two electors who applied for the director position were Holly Hileman, B223, and Michael George, B244. HGMD cancelled its Aug. 15 meeting, because too many directors would have been absent to constitute a quorum. No appointment to the board of a new director had been approved by the time this newsmagazine went to press.

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At the monthly meeting of the Golf Committee on Aug. 13, the golf usage report demonstrated that record revenues were earned at the Golf Course in July, sur-

passing the previous record, set the month before. The course revenues had been lagging behind the budget for 2019, due to greater-than-usual bad-weather closings earlier in the year. The encouraging numbers logged in June and July, plus the promising outlook for August's numbers, should partially offset the bad financial start to the year.

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At a special meeting of the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee on July 24, General Manager Calvin White outlined staffing shortages, department by department, and how the understaffing had affected work at HG. Several times, at earlier B&F Meetings, Treasurer John Coil had raised the issue of why work that often doesn't get done continues to be funded in the annual budget; and does the unfinished work hurt HG property values?

White started with the Accounting staff, saying it was understaffed by one person. (It has four employees; the department was budgeted for five.) The shortage resulted in some overtime, and some use of a contractor, but no work was uncompleted or cancelled.

The Paint Department has been fully staffed at six people all year. No work was delayed or transferred to a contractor; however, an employee left in July.

The Maintenance Department was at 22 employees; White said they were trying to get the numbers back to

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24 people. All major projects were on target, but some work orders had been postponed, although none had been cancelled. The department used Les, The Patch Guy, and, Colorado Garage Door, when needed.

Roads & Grounds (R&G) Department was short one full-time employee and three seasonal. No work had been cancelled, but some weeding had been postponed. An outside tree vendor had been retained to remove dead trees and do pruning. Outside contractors were be used to spray for mosquitos, which was proving expensive. R&G is the most short-handed department.

Security Department is budgeted for eight officers, but only had seven; there had been some turnover. The shortage reduces the number of patrols, plus — sometimes — only one officer is on duty.

The Contracts Department is fully staffed, with two employees. One, however, was going on maternity leave in August.

The Clubhouse is fully staffed, with two full-time and 10 part-time employees, plus volunteers. A couple of projects, including the stage floor, and a career-planning event, have been delayed.

Rendezvous Restaurant has three full-time employees. Part-time staffing is dictated by sales. Turnover continues to be a problem.

The grounds-keeping section of the Golf Department is one to three part-time groundskeepers short. Some bunker and tee work have been postponed until the fall.

In addition, White reported, some \$500,000 budgeted for this year, for repair of Parking Structures, has not been spent. The consultants retained to advise on this work, "are recommending some different approaches."

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Congratulations to Barbara Gierscher, HG Ladies Golf Club, for her Hole-in-One on #6 during tournament play on Aug. 7.

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Chair Bill Reynolds told the Communication Committee that 21 HG condos had been sold in July. As of the meeting on Aug. 6, there were 36 listed for sale; 21 were under contract. Median days on the market was 43. Realtor Nancy Henson reported that there appeared to be a leveling off of prices for HG units, but that was not exceptional — prices for all homes in Denver, and even nationwide, had dropped or stabilized.

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Summer Activities

Among the activities that increase at the end of summer, as participants realize that summer is coming to a close, are Pickleball and bike riding.

Both were photographed in the Seville area.

Pickleball was photographed by Janis Farrell; the couple resting by the Seville pond after a bike ride was photographed by Patt Clark, B235



End of season golf tournaments are in the news. Above left, the HG Ladies Golf Club prevailed in the "Battle of the Gardens" with Windsor Gardens on Aug. 12. Once again, a PGA-sponsored Junior Golf tournament was held at HG. It is fun to watch these youthful golfers develop their skill and enthusiasm for the game!



Photos by Janis Farrell



King Soopers Grocery



Grocery shoppers, who traditionally have found the King Soopers in Regatta Plaza most convenient, were pleased to see the new version open on Aug. 21, in the shopping area now called The Point at Nine Mile Station. The new King Soopers is larger, has a set-aside area for eating in a café, a larger pharmacy and many more modern details.

On opening day, a former employee and HG resident, Andy Schroeder, B203, was first in line. He got there at 4:30 am. His reward — he got to help cut the ribbon. Coffee and donuts were offered to early bird shoppers. There were multiple specials throughout the store; and several opportunities to register for prizes such as Free Fuel for your Car for a Year.



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El Paso...from page 19

were turned away from entering a detention center, where they sought to offer solace to detainees.

The demands remain unmet. In the aftermath of the mass shooting, the leadership became immediately focused on El Paso.

– Billie Day
 B223

* *Editor's Note:* Billie had previously participated in a non-violent movement — the Poor Peoples Campaign in Washington, D.C. in 2018, www.poorpeoplescampaign.org

** *Editor's Note:* Fernando Garcia was part of the leadership from the Border Network for Human Rights. He has since appeared on *Democracy Now* and in other media interviews.

GM Report...from page 15

- Managing roofing project for B242.
- Obtaining pricing for power washing siding for CPs and THs.
- Worked with Maintenance on Telephone Entry System directory.
- Determined condition of all exterior stairs on multi-story buildings.
- Scheduled elevator jack replacements for B233 and B234.
- Communicating weight load limits of Atrium entrances to engineers.
- Obtaining pricing for Country Place fencing project.
- Obtaining pricing for audio/visual set up in Clubhouse.

Custodial:

- Completed 80 set-ups at the Clubhouse and 40 work orders.
- Completing carpet cleaning and spot checks.

- Completed cleaning end stairwells in four-story buildings.
- Cleaned carpet and chairs in restaurant.

Roads and Grounds:

- Continued pruning schedule.
- Received quote for retaining wall replacement.
- Continued irrigation testing.
- Planted new trees and shrubs around property.
- Continued spraying to remove weeds.
- Completing Board Walk Around work orders.

Golf:

- Increased Golf Pro Shop sales to \$58,000, including \$3,500 in merchandise sales.
- Held more than 3,500 rounds of golf.
- Began budget work with General Manager.
- Continued merchandising for Golf Shop.
- Hosted the Employee Golf Tournament.
- Taught more than 30 lessons.
- Applied fertilizers and fungicides to greens.

- Applied mosquito bait in standing water areas.
- Serviced golf car fleet batteries.
- Continued to test irrigation systems.

Restaurant:

- Increased Rendezvous sales year-to-date by \$74,000.
- Hosted multiple parties and events.
- Worked on expanding business and advertising.
- Updated hours of operation.
- Created new happy hour prices and selections.
- Preplanning upcoming Broncos parties.

Security:

- Total of 486 reports written and 3,994 miles patrolled.
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A man named Palmer — known for trains and Colorado Springs

Last month I highlighted Winfield Scott Stratton and his generosity, which left his mark in Colorado Springs. Here's one more who left his legacy in Colorado.

General William Jackson Palmer was born in 1836, into a Quaker family who lived in Delaware. Even as a young boy, he was fascinated by trains.

Eventually, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad, learning the skills of that job and some engineering as well. It became obvious to Palmer that there were areas in the Eastern United States that were running out of wood to fuel the steam engines on the railroad.

He was the first to suggest that coal could fuel a train engine. Where coal was available, it was widely adopted. Palmer's reputation was on the rise.

Reared as a Pacifist Quaker, Palmer strongly believed in ending slavery. As an officer in the Union Army, he worked hard enough to be promoted to Brevet Brigadier General and awarded the Medal of Honor.

After the war ended, Palmer went to work as an engineer with the Kansas Pacific Railroad. This line was an extension of the Union Pacific route that planned on going through Kansas to ease the conflict between the North and South (see bleeding Kansas prior to Civil War).

Through lobbying, politicking and money changing hands, the railroad reached Denver in August 1870. Residents of the Colorado territory were relieved to have some sort of rail service to stimulate population growth. Colorado's statehood was still six years away.

In October, Palmer and a business associate, Dr. William Bell, a prominent physician from England, established the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad.

The same year, Palmer married Mary Lincoln Mellon — known as the Queen. While on honeymoon in England, Palmer noticed the narrow

gauge railroads in the country.

He returned to Colorado and began construction of his "baby railroad," as it was called. This rail line headed into the mountains.

Palmer was intrigued by the possibility of railroads being built deeper into Colorado to carry men and equipment into mining areas. More importantly, the trains would haul the gold and silver out of the mines to cities where the smelters were located.

The narrow gauge track was three feet on center — compared to a standard gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches for tracks that are built on steeper grades to accommodate sharp turns and switchbacks.

With narrow gauge tracks, the rails could be made smaller and lighter. Cars and locomotives were smaller. This meant a smaller cash outlay for the entire package.

The narrow gauge tracks was a huge success, and a money maker for Palmer and his investors. There were few places that such tracks and trains could not go — servicing mines and mountain towns.

With all his involvement and business ventures, Palmer fell in love with the area along Fountain Creek. He pounded a stake in the ground at the corner of what is now Cascade and Pikes Peak Avenue. He called it the center of the town now known as Colorado Springs. He built a huge stone home at the North end of the Garden of the Gods, calling it Glen Aerie.

Sadly, Queen did not share her husband's love for the area. She left and went to England, where she lived the rest of her life. Even with this strange and strained relationship, the Palmers managed to have three daughters.

When Queen left, the three girls went with her. The General stayed on by himself to oversee his town and investments. Every day, he rode his horse, named General, throughout the city and the Garden of the Gods. One afternoon, however, General stumbled. The horse fell, landing on Palmer, breaking his back and paralyzing him.

Not being one to give up, he had a spoon shaped bed fashioned in the back of a car so he could be driven all about the area to watch his beloved city grow.

A statue of Palmer, sitting atop General, is located at the intersection of Platte and Nevada Avenues with General Palmer facing west — looking into Pikes Peak and the West.

Palmer died in 1909, but his city and his legacy live on.

As a final note, there are still two sections of these original tracks built by Palmer's company. They continue to carry passengers into the mountains. One is the Durango and Silverton narrow gauge railroad, owned by Alan Harper. The second is the Cumbres and Toltec, which runs between Antonito, Colorado, and Chama, New Mexico. This one is my favorite! It is owned by the two states, Colorado and New Mexico. It has a flavor all its own. I highly recommend riding this one if you get the chance. You'll understand, once done.

Happy Travels!

—Denise McCammon
B242

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Tirone...from page 17

another neighborhood to their shopping center.

Kathy clicks her personal cart into the standard grocery cart and we peruse the aisles in search of items on her shopping list. She introduces me to King Soopers' manager, Mat, and assistant manager, Carmen. Our conversation turns to a rumor that the new store will expand to sell clothing and furniture. The managers squelch the notion, saying the larger store will not expand beyond selling standard groceries, although it will have a greater selection and variety of everyday products. The deli will be larger; a Starbucks will be added, they said.

When Kathy completes her purchases, she guides me to comfortable chairs in front of the pharmacy. We talk while Mac and Charles wait near the door. They will alert us when the bus returns.

Kathy was born and reared in Denver, as were both her parents.

"We are truly a native family."

She graduated from South High School. In 2011, she rented a unit in HG before becoming an owner in 2016. Her daughter and son-in-law live in Windsor, Colorado. Her two

granddaughters are young adults who are now on their own.

She values the independence that public transit provides. The RTD bus, shuttle, and Light Rail give her access to the town she has watched grow way beyond the boundaries of her youth. Alone, she takes frequent excursions to Golden where she enjoys walking along Washington Avenue to Clear Creek Trail and Parfet Park. This summer, she watched Firefighters train for white water rescue along Clear Creek.

In the fall, she ventures into the mountains where the Summit Stage provides free loop transit to Breckenridge, Frisco, Dillon, Silverthorne, Copper Mountain, and Keystone. In the near future, she will travel to California. She has never had a bad experience on these solo ventures.

Mac and Charles signal the bus is returning. Exactly one hour after arriving at King Soopers, Gary again pulls the bus to the door and slides out the ramp and assists passengers boarding. Driving along South Heather Gardens Way, he points out the



Above: RTD's Shoppers' Special bus approaches Kathy Tirone's stop at HG.

bus stops he's named according to a present or former rider.

"Sandy's stop," he says as we pass the first bus stop.

All riders aboard express concern that the shuttle is not more widely used.

"RTD has bent over backwards to serve us," said Kathy, but if it isn't being used, will it continue to be available?

— Dala Giffin

Aurora Reports

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For information on the U.S. Census, visit 2020Census.gov. AuroraCensus2020.org; 303-739-7400.

Letters

Heather 'n Yon

I would like to submit a letter of thanks to Roads and Grounds. Dawn Fradkin dug up Carol Ross's rhubarb, then delivered it to my garden plot. I just picked some today.

Francisco Anaya has had to turn on CP4 sprinklers manually because there is no electricity on the island. The workers have had to mow CP4 lawns with the weed cutter because of hazardous fences. They have to crawl under and over. They have done a wonderful job of keeping CP4 looking beautiful even with hazardous conditions.

The rose bushes behind the unit I am leasing was a wonderful surprise. It helps me feel lucky that I have a home to live in, even though it is not mine.

I hope you can put this in the next issue to show how much I appreciate Roads and Grounds.

**Beverly Nelson
CP4**

Heather 'n Yon

Kudos to our HG Maintenance crews. In spite of frequent and heavy rains this spring, the lawn mowing crews have kept up. The grounds look terrific.

Thanks to Jon Howell and the lawn crews for keeping HG looking good!

**Rudy Morris
B217**

Heather 'n Yon

To the HG Maintenance Department—

A very special thank you for the prompt action in fixing the iron tables that flipped over and injured people at the HG Picnic Pavilion

Thank you to whoever came up

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.

with the prompt solution to fixing the problem. This should stop any further injury to residents or our guests.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, HG Chapel gathered for their picnic in the Picnic Pavilion. Three ladies and one man were sitting on one side of a picnic table while four people sat on the other side. When four people on one side stood up to go through the food line, the table flipped, sending four people over backwards to hit the concrete. One lady hit the back of her head to the concrete and had quite a lump. Another lady had an injury to her leg. A call went out to 9-1-1. When the Emergency Medical Technicians came, the injured women thought they were not hurt bad enough to go to the Emergency Room.

They were lucky as it could have turned out differently. Thanks again to HG Maintenance Department. The problem has been fixed. Many residents love using the HG Picnic Pavilion.

**Jane Mitchell
B250**

Heather 'n Yon

The Optimist Club is pleased to take on a new project in the community. We are making pillowcases and donating them to the Children's Hospital, Aurora Victim Services and Family Tree, a new initiative in Aurora for families experiencing homelessness.

I am reaching out to anyone that sews, or would like to donate material, to join us. Please consider being part of this amazing opportunity to let children and adults in our community know that we care with this simple gesture.

My contact information is: jmntg.1229@gmail.com, 309-310-5315

**Jeannine Montgomerie
B214**

Heather 'n Yon

I just withdrew my application as a candidate for the position of Director on the HGA Board 2020.

My health concerns were the main reason I withdrew, but the other reason is this:

The enormity of the challenges facing this board in the next 3–5 years, and beyond, was overwhelming to me.

Here are the challenges I see:

- Remodeling, repairing, refurbishing building structures
- Rebuilding CP4
- Keeping everyone safe
- Rising costs of insurance and taxes
- Keeping up with the cost of the changes and use of technology, which will ultimately save us time and money

I really respect and admire those residents who are voluntarily working hard to provide the HG community with all of its wants and needs.

I will continue to participate in the governance of HG by serving as an Area Representative (AR), attending 2020 budget planning meetings, and going to board and committee meetings to keep informed. I will help in any way I can, health permitting.

Everyone needs to get involved because the 2020 budget vote, which I believe will be by mail, is a very important way to have your voice heard.

**Robin O'Meara
CP3**

Heather 'n Yon

Kudos to neighbor Linda Hileman for composing a thought provoking letter (August issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, p. 31). Her "Looking Outside the Box" suggestions were eye-opening to many.

My husband and I have called Omega building (B250) "My Cruise Ship On Land" home for four years. I, along with my neighbors felt safe, until recently!

In four weeks time, our garage was compromised four different times. The thieves stole everything from a vehicle, including a case of soda. After each incident, the Aurora Police Department (APD) strongly suggested we install surveillance cameras. Our cameras, paid for by residents, will be installed by mid-September. Thank you to Jill Bacon (Architectural Control Committee) for helping expedite the policy process.

Hileman suggested that HG explore different ways to feel safe while saving money. Recently, I read a suggestion "Provide the APD a substation on our property." Could this be a win-win?

Transparent communication to residents from our Security Department on activity around our neighborhood would be appreciated. A

See Letters...page 35

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Mon 2	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	11:30 am–2:30 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Ladies Billiards Club (every Monday)	Billiards Room	1:30–3:30 pm
	Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Men's Texas Hold 'em (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	5–9 pm
	Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6:30–9:30 pm
Tue 3	Bridge (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	6:30 pm
	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
Wed 4	HG Ladies' Golf Scoring (every Wednesday)	Game Room	9 am–1 pm
	Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White	Clubhouse Lobby	8–9:30 am
	Mobile Post Office	Circle Driveway	12:50–1:05 pm
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1–4:30 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	CP1 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Co-ed Poker (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	5–9:15 pm
	Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7–9 pm
Thu 5	HG Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8:30 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights	Skyview Room	10 am
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–4 pm
	Cribbage (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–3:30 pm
	Ladies Billiards Club (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	1:30–3:30 pm
	Open Bridge Club (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1:30–4 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Route 66	Sandberg Auditorium	3 pm
	CP4 Social	Rendezvous	5 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	5:45 pm
	American Legion Post 2012	Mountainview Room	7 pm

Advertised Activities	Mon, Sept 2	Bayer Ear Clinic (Every Monday)	Arts & Craft Room, 9 am–noon (See ad, p. 63)
	Tue, Sept 10	Women Wealth and Purpose, Kevne Sharp,	Skyview Room, 10:30–11:30 am (See ad, p. 36)
	Wed, Sept 11	Neuropathy Seminar, Dean Anderson,	Mountainview Room, 5 pm, RSVP (See ad, p. 13)
	Sat, Sept 14	Lunch and CBD, Be Well Dexter,	Aspen Room, 11:30 am, RSVP (See ad, p. 16)
	Thu, Sept 19	Breakfast/Windows, Renewal by Andersen,	Blue Spruce Room, 10:30 am (See ad, p. 18)
	Sat, Sept 21	Classic Car Show, St Andrews Village,	10 am–1 pm (See ad, p. 44)
	Wed, Sept 25	30th Anniversary Celebration, Cherry Creek Retirement Village	2:30–5 pm (See ad, p. 45)
	Thu, Sept 26	Healthy Aging Seminar, Felicia Milam,	Aspen Room, 2–4 pm (See ad, p. 12)
	Sat, Sept 28	Hawaiian Luau, New Dawn CSL,	Sandberg Auditorium, 5–8 pm (See ad, p. 12)
Sat, Sept 28	SaZón Supper Club Night, Norma Tell and Band,	Rendezvous, 7–10 pm (See ad, p. 16)	

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Thu 5	Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7-9:30 pm
Fri 6	Men with Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
	500 Club (every Friday)	Skyview Room	12:30-4 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Platt Park Chorus	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	HG Indivisible Group (every Friday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	1 pm
Sat 7	Men's Poker (every Friday)	Skyview Room	5-9 pm
	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon-4:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday)	Game Room	2-5 pm
	B221 Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	4 pm
	Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30-9:30 pm
Tue 10	VNA Clinic	Blue Spruce Room	1-5 pm
	Parkinson's Support Group	Aspen Room	1-3 pm
	HG Indivisible Group	Aspen Room	4-5 pm
	Grief Support Group (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	4-6 pm
	B203, B204, B205 and B206 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
Wed 11	Clubhouse Event - Brexit	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
	Tennis Club Social Meeting	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
	Clubhouse Event: 9-11	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
Thu 12	Clubhouse Event: Protecting Your Identity	Mountainview Room	10 am
	Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights	Arts & Crafts Room	10 am
	Green Team	Skyview Room	noon
Fri 13	Clubhouse Matinee: On the Basis of Sex	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	6 pm
	Clubhouse Movie: On the Basis of Sex	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm
Sat 14	Women with Dreams	Mountainview Room	2-4 pm
	Candidate Forum: HGA Board	Sandberg Auditorium	3 pm
	50 and Who's Counting	Picnic Pavilion	6 pm
Mon 16	VNA Clinic	Blue Spruce Room	1-3:30 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Health Information Overload	Mountainview Room	1 pm
	Photography Club	Aspen Room	3 pm
	Candidate Forum: HGA Board	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Give It a Whirl	Arts & Crafts Room	6:30 pm
Tue 17	B201 and B202 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	4 pm
	Ward V Town Hall Meeting with Bob Roth	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	6:30 pm
Wed 18	Clubhouse Event: Changing Medicare Plans	Skyview Room	10 am
	CP3 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	6 pm
	Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7-9 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Explore Tuscany	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Thu 19	HG Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	noon
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1-3:30 pm
Fri 20	Clubhouse Event: Fall Resource Fair	Multiple Clubhouse Rooms	9 am-noon
	Men with Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am

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Fri 20	Clubhouse Event: Texas Hold 'em	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	6 pm
Sat 21	Wine and Cheese Social Club Clubhouse Event: Lima Street Band	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	3-5 pm 7 pm
Mon 23	Seville Recreational Association Low Vision Support Group	B235 Mountainview Room	10 am 1:30 pm
Tue 24	HG Republican Club HG Democratic Club Sevillians Social Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	1:30 pm 4 pm 5 pm 7 pm
Wed 25	Resident Orientation	Board Room	10 am
Fri 27	Clubhouse Matinee: Yesterday Clubhouse Movie: Yesterday Pride at Heather Gardens	Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1 pm 6:30 pm 7 pm
Sat 28	Tennis Club Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	noon
Mon 30	Budget & Finance Committee — Budget Workshop	Sandberg Auditorium	9 am

Bible Study (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8-9 am
We probe the Scriptures with an eye to practical applications for everyday living. It is a great mid-week boost. Women meet in the Aspen Room. Men in the Blue Spruce Room. For more information, call Daisy Hoeme, 303-752-2312.

Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study, Please join us for a journey through the Scriptures. Only requirement is your Bible. We meet @ 9:30 am Tuesdays, Sept.-May, in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Geraldine Pochowicz, 303-740-6105, or email gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net.

Bible Study (women), second and fourth Thursdays, 10 am, Skyview Room. Join Carolyn Morris in using Bible selections to face everyday problems.

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

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

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

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

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

FYI

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 9/17

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

- Communications – 10 am Tue, Sept 3
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Sept 5
- Property Policy – 9:30 am Mon, Sept 9
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, Sept 10
- Foundation – 1:30 pm Wed, Sept 11
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Sept 16
- Clubhouse/Restaurant – 1 pm Mon, Sept 16
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Sept 17**
- Long Range Plan – 10 am Wed, Sept 18
- SEC – 1 pm Wed, Sept 18
- ACC – 10 am Thu, Sept 19
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, Sept 19**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, Sept 19
(Rendezvous)
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, Sept 24
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, Sept 24

6:30-8:30 pm Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Heather Gardens, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Topics: Area Agency on Aging, Aurora Center for Active Adults. Check www.auroragov.org. Get Roth's

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Ward V Town Hall Meetings

Councilman Bob Roth, who represents HG/Ward V on city council, has monthly town hall meetings. The next one will be

VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$35 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15; Blood Pressures \$3; B-12 Shots (serum supplied by client) \$15, Glucose \$5. *If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5.* Have exact cash amount or checks, made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change.

Schedule:

Tuesday, Sept 10, 1-3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, VNA 303-698-6496.

Monday, Sept 16, 1-3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, VNA 303-698-6496.

Note: Kaiser covers 100% medical foot care for some patients. Call 303-698-6496 to verify coverage.

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Reverse 9-1-1 System could be the answer to some of these issues, but until then?

General Manager Calvin White is working on the 2020 draft budget based on direction from the boards and committees. I am wondering if the budget requests for the Restaurant/Clubhouse have already been submitted as the Aug. 19 meeting was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is Sept. 16, three days after the budget is due.

Mark Your Calendars! The Budget and Finance workshop is Sept. 30–Oct. 2. The boards are invited. Residents are too (though the published schedule does not say so). This is another opportunity to let board directors hear your budgetary priorities.

Oct. 17, the HGMD Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget. At 1 pm on the same day, the HGA Board will hold its public hearing. This is your last chance to have any influence.

**Linda Worthey
B250**

Heather 'n Yon

Security?

I agree whole-heartedly with Linda Hileman's letter in the August issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. During the last three years under Rex Engel's Chairmanship of the SEC committee, security has been whittled down. No more professional looking uniforms. No more lights on the security vehicles. If security is not there to catch wrongdoers, why are they patrolling incognito? There's no deterrent effect if you can't see them.

In January, my RV was broken into for the second time, causing \$8,000 worth of damage. The thieves tried to pry open all the storage bays, and the front door. They put a ladder over the barbed wire fence to enter the lot. They eventually broke a window out. Where was security? No garage door opener was left out. No lock was unlocked.

I learned security had the break-in report two weeks earlier. Security Chief Terrence Jones said that I wasn't notified of the break-in because security didn't know my RV space number. Snow covered it up. Really? My RV is in the corner. The

space numbers are on the map.

In March, I reported a hit and run. The security officer didn't even write down my name. Security had time to write me a Courtesy Notice for a metal snow shovel next to my cowboy unit, though.

Crime has increased in the parking areas. Maybe security should spend more time patrolling those areas instead of looking for illegal snow shovels. By the way, maintenance only shovels right in front of the door to the parking pad. I tromp through the snow in dress shoes to get to work, and frequently slide over the ice to get home. Very dangerous.

I agree that we spend too much money so that security can police us. Maybe we should hire a professional company to patrol the grounds?

**Daniel Taylor
B217**

Heather 'n Yon

On June 24, my husband Ron and I employed The Other Side Movers company to load our rented moving truck. Justin, Bruce and Greg did an excellent job of emptying our condo and packing the truck. We recommend them to anyone needing "muscle" and expertise for their move. I was introduced to them through a segment on the local news on CBS. The company also has total moving services. theothersidemovers.com

**Linda Heist
former B221**

Heather 'n Yon

In his column in the August issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, the General Manager Calvin White states "Based on the Heather Gardens Association Declaration, Bylaws, PM SEC 1, and the Security Standing Operating Procedure, Security's primary responsibility is to secure HG's property and to enforce HGA/HGMD Covenants/Rules." That includes issuing Covenant/Rule violation notices to residents but no responsibility for protecting HG resident's personal safety or their property.

Given that, HG residents must rely solely on Aurora Police for protection of person/property, the same as any other non-gated community in Aurora that doesn't have a dedicated security staff. I've been told that APD won't schedule regular patrols of HG because our crime rate is low. Obviously APD knows HG has a sizeable

security staff — that's the reason they don't assign regular patrols.

So, if I'm awakened in the middle of the night with someone attempting to break into my unit, I should call 9-1-1 instead of HG Security, then wait for APD to respond while an HG officer sits in his vehicle/office minutes away, monitoring my 9-1-1 call.

I feel very strongly that, with a budget of upwards of a half million dollars annually for security staff payroll/benefits (currently eight officers) and related vehicles/equipment, protection of residents and their property should be HG Security's primary responsibility. Hopefully, owners who agree will ask the board to amend the Declaration and related documents accordingly. I don't think owners would demand a vote.

I was dismayed when I read the "2020 Budget" article in the August issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, which suggested the possibility of a substantial increase in the 2020 Homeowner Association (HOA) fee. I hope all owners will take an active part in the 2020 budget process by attending the budget workshops during the development of the HGA/HGMD budgets. You can share your input.

**John Wallace
CP1**

Heather 'n Yon

It's budget time again. We all remember what happened last year. It appears the HGA Board is preparing us for another increase in HOA fees. Per August issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, page 27, Summary, "These four budget concerns could result in a dues increase of as much as \$17–\$18 per month. . ."

As residents, we need to ask ourselves if we're ready, or even willing, to pay for another increase this year. Maybe we feel that last year's increase was enough. We can't tolerate another penny in higher fees.

I recently found out that HGA just adds non-emergency, unbudgeted items throughout the year, without making any adjustments to pay for them. If they overspend for the year, the additional expense is covered with reserves, and then added to next year's budget. The new budget starts with a negative amount. This practice contributes to escalating dues and needs to be stopped.

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What are your concerns? When you review the budget, think about “wants” versus real needs. Is HGA guilty of getting “wants” at our expense, or are they really thinking through the needs of the entire community? Could they do more with less? Do we trust HGA to manage our money well?

Whatever your views are, please appreciate the fact that we now have a voice in the budget process. We will get a budget summary and have budget meetings. Take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions about your budget. It is our money and we can now participate in a way we never could before. We don't have to accept information that isn't proven as fact. We can now say “show me.” This is all within the realm of possibilities.

One final thought. Anyone not comfortable with the budget can say NO with a vote to veto. Residents have the legal right to veto the budget adopted by the Association (not the District). Remember, we now

have the final say on the Association budget.

**Candice Compton
B220**

Heather 'n Yon

The annual “Veto Vote” is coming up in November. But don't be misled. It's not a typical election like one would expect. It was designed by Colorado to heavily favor the HOA Board's approved budget for the next year.

The only votes counted are the “Yes to Veto” votes. All other homeowners are automatically assigned a “No to Veto” vote. Out of a possible 2,525 HG homeowner votes, the winner needs half plus one (1,263) votes.

The automatically assigned “No to Veto” votes include votes of homeowners who otherwise would not have participated in the voting for whatever reason. If voter participation is a healthy two thirds of homeowners, 840 votes representing the one third non-participants are given up front to the board's budget.

To reach half plus one to win, the board's budget needs only 423 inten-

tional “No to Veto” votes out of the entire field of 2,525 homeowners. On the other hand, the opposition needs a full 1,263 intentional “Yes to Veto” votes — a near impossible feat. Note that last year's opposition, even with the unpopular increase in HOA dues, only garnered 792 “Yes to Veto” votes.

The moral of the story is, if you have an opinion on the 2020 budget, don't depend on the vote. Participate in the budget workshop Sept. 30 – Oct. 2. See you there!

**Kathy Freeman
B209**

Heather 'n Yon

Considering last year's rather hefty increase in HOA fees, I was rather taken back by yet another increase for the coming year of \$18.

Just a couple of things that rather irritated me. Right after your last increase one of the items you found necessary to spend money on was a *new logo* that will now create continued spending to change everything that needs the logo. I realize this is probably a small item to you,

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but people on fixed incomes try not to spend money on rather frivolous items. Also it seems to me HG Security has constantly been allowed to do less and less.

I looked into Windsor Gardens' budget, HOA fees. (I know it is like comparing apples to oranges due to the lack of separate garages and no washer/dryer hookups in condos at Windsor Gardens.) They do, of course, have smaller HOA fees.

They also manage to have a Capitol Improvement and Capitol Equipment Fund of over \$9,000,000.00.

If Heather Gardens had that amount in reserve I probably would find absolutely no reason to question our HOA fees.

Just a word to remind everyone you will all get a Budget Summary. There will be budget meetings. Please take advantage of them and the fact that we can vote to veto.

**Joyce McGlawn
B243**

Heather 'n Yon

In response to last month's letter to the Editor, I offer the following information regarding the CBD presentations and sales by Be Well Dexter. I am a resident who became involved with the product after my 81-year-old mother opted to review some pain relief and relaxation alternatives that didn't involve dispensaries or increased pharmaceutical products.

I was initially skeptical. After attending a presentation, reviewing many research articles and talking with individuals, we determined CBD was something Mom was willing to try. I have attended many medical appointments with my mother over the last 12 weeks. Every physician has encouraged her to continue using CBD to help manage insomnia

and arthritic discomfort

CBD is fairly new in the mainstream with the passing of the 2018 Farm Bill. Now various national retail companies offer hemp or CBD products. One of the things discussed in the presentations are the ongoing partnerships with various universities. CBD research is yielding positive early results, which should be published in 2020.

The implication that Be Well Dexter would ever use their client base as a research group is unconscionable. It is in direct conflict with their protocols and business ethics. All products created are tested by a third party lab, which tests for microbes, pesticides, heavy metals and THC content. Be Well Dexter provides Certificates of Authentication (COA) from seed to sale, which are readily available to consumers.

I would agree it's always best to consult your pharmacist and physician for anything you add to your health program. That said, I hope you will attend one of the presentations at HG to learn more about CBD and how its use will continue to evolve. My family and friends will continue to use CBD and the alternatives we believe help us get the most out of each day.

**Rebecca Hannaway
B214**

Heather 'n Yon

I was reminded by a recent piece in *Heather 'n Yon* letters section how much I appreciate the Security Department. They should be thanked.

In my mind's eye, they contribute as much to the cohesiveness and well-being of HG as any department we have.

They are friendly, attentive, patient and always immediately available.

There is a report each month showing the activities of the depart-

ment. In July, for instance, burglaries were 6; vehicle theft, 2; car break-ins, 14; wellness checks, 11; courtesy notices, 11; rescue assists, 62; suspicious activity, 26; criminal mischief/vandalism, 1; smoke/fire investigations, 4; lockouts, 52; noise complaints, 3; harassment, 1; accidents, 1; and varmint control.

In addition, I know from personal experience, they supervise and control emergency vehicle activity. To wit: when an ambulance is active anytime here at HG, they control the situation including watching out for the residence and its occupants to make sure they are safe and secure. They watch the residence if the occupants have to go to the hospital — as was my experience a few years ago when my wife passed away.

Sometimes they can help with an objective view that a family appreciates.

The approximately \$204 per year cost is well worth it to me, and I expect to others too.

Any time you can tell them thanks, do it.

**Ted Cowan
CP5**

Heather 'n Yon

The HG Optimist Club invites all HG residents, family and friends to the fall Pancake Breakfast. It will be held on Saturday October 12th, 8–11 am in the Rendezvous Restaurant in HG Clubhouse. Save that date.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to various programs that provide camping experiences for children including Diabetes Camp and arts program at Salvation Army summer camp. Please join us for an enjoyable Saturday morning breakfast to support this cause.

**Darlene Park
B218**

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weekly newsletter, broth@auroragov.org, or, 720-202-2695. Roth's annual Candidate Forum has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 9. Mark your calendar.

Are You Challenged with Transportation Options?

Consider calling Seniors' Re-

source Center (SRC, a non-profit organization) that has partnered with the City of Aurora to provide rides at no cost to adults 60+ for trips to the hairdresser, the bank, library, a visit with friends and other personal needs.

Rides are provided Monday through Friday between 7 am and 6 pm. Trips should be within 10 miles of one's residence. To schedule, call

Seniors' Resource Center (SRC) a day in advance, or up to seven days, to schedule, 303-235-6972. Rides are provided by a variety of drivers including Lyft, Metro Taxi, SRC's volunteer drivers and SRC's fleet.

Aurora Mental Health Center

Celebrating change is the theme for the Center's annual luncheon, 11:30 am–1 pm Monday, Sept. 9,

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Clubs and Organizations

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

Do you hear it? It just rounded the corner, and it's advancing toward us. Ahhh! It's the NoteAbles Band Wagon. It has arrived.

We enjoy the music that will be performed at our holiday celebration concert, Dec. 10. Join us in rehearsing and performing unique arrangements of familiar and new holiday music. The music is refreshing.

Isn't it time to have a community chorus that can promote musical public relations on behalf of the HG community? We encourage all singers to get "on board" the NoteAbles Band Wagon.

We continue to have rehearsals on Tuesdays 7–9 pm in Sandberg Auditorium.

After a trial period, each member is charged \$10 fee each month. This helps the club purchase music, and to offset expenses for public performances, provides a director's fee and outside performers. The remainder goes to charities of our choosing. Get on board!

CP1

CP1 Happy Hour meets the first Wednesday of each month, 5 pm in Rendezvous Restaurant. See you Sept. 4!

TOPS

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

TOPS has been a winning formula for members over the last 60+ years. TOPS is also the least expensive weight-loss group around. When

you join TOPS, you will have fun with other members while you learn how to Take Off Pounds Sensibly.

The HG TOPS Club meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. 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, the Salvation Army, 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 new project of providing handmade pillowcases to the Children's Hospital and other groups in Aurora.

We'll treat you to a complementary meal at your first visit. For reservations, contact Jeannine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315, or jmntg.1229@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook. – Jeannine Montgomerie

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. Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

CP4

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

– Carol Drollinger

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 the children of Aurora better. Come to one of our meetings or

events, and see what can do for you.

We have meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month in the HG Clubhouse. Optional dinner begins at 5:45 pm in the restaurant, and the club meeting starts at 6:30 pm in the Mountainview Room. The fourth Thursday is a service project.

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

American Legion Post 2012

This post meets in HG, 7 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Mountainview Room. We would love to have you join us, and help your community grow stronger.

The American Legion is about you, and how we can be of service to you. What ideas do you have for helping your community? If you are interested in learning more about The American Legion, contact Post Commander Steve Stratton, B204, 720-519-3955.

Men with Purpose

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

Leadership is shared. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, 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.

A Circle of Friends

Do you need to meet new friends and find new activities? Call JoAnn Cunningham, 303-751-5195, to get the monthly newsletter (original Ports

of Call Singles (OPOCS) club, 60+).

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

Social card groups meet twice a month: pinochle, bridge and poker. (If you want to learn, instructors provided.) Our social director does a great job of finding fun things for us to do, and is glad to get suggestions.

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

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.

HG Grief Support

If you have lost a loved one, our Grief Support Group can help you. We offer eight-week sessions twice a year. A new session starts Tuesday, Sept. 10, 4–6 pm. Registration is required.

Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for information. Brand has been offering support groups for more than 12 years. Individual contact is available if you need help at other times.

Heather Gardens Indivisible

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

Our monthly educational meeting is the second Tuesday of each month, 4–5 pm, in the Aspen Room. We also have weekly lunch meetings at 1 pm Fridays in the Rendezvous Restaurant, to discuss issues and share articles, books, thoughts.

Our next meeting will be at 4 pm Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Aspen Room. Our speaker will be Juston Cooper from the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition, to talk about Colorado criminal justice issues. Questions? Marty Karnopp, 303-353-9640, or email mjkarnopp@gmail.com.

B203, B204, B205 & B206

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

HG Aviation Club

The September HG Aviation Club meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month, on Sept. 11. For this month only, we will meet in Sandberg Auditorium, 7 pm, in conjunction with the new HG 9-11 Memorial Program.

This HG program is about the 911/Flight 93 video concerning Capt. Heather "Lucky" Penny's speech to the Cadet Corps Leadership Forum at the Air Force Academy in 2017. She was a full-time F-16 pilot in the Air National Guard, assigned to Andrews AFB in Washington, D.C.

Her speech discusses in great detail what her National Guard F-16 Squadron did in response to the Flight 93 threat to Washington, D.C. All of this was "behind the scenes," and not well known by the general public. Join us for a memorable time of reflection and learning. – Rudy Morris

The Green Team

Our group meets every second Thursday at noon in the Skyview Room. Join us Sept. 12.

Great news for everyone! On Saturday, Sept. 7, the City of Aurora is having a Household Chemical Waste Roundup. It will take place 9 am–4 pm at 13646 E. Ellsworth Avenue, which is the city's main drop-off recycling center. It is one block north of Alameda on Potomac. Here's your chance to clean out those cupboards, cowboy storage units and dark corners of the basement for free! It's an opportunity to get rid of paint cans and solvents, cleaning agents, pesticides, automotive products. They even take tires for a small fee of \$3 each. Donations are appreciated.

Mark your calendar, our next Shred Event will be Saturday, Oct. 26, 9–10:45 am. Start packing up all those old papers from 1930 up to 2011. You will feel so much better when they are out of your home, guaranteed. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

Karaoke Club

The club meets 6–8 pm on the second Friday, Sept. 13, 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

Photo Club

The club meets on the third Monday, 3 pm in the Aspen Room. All are welcome to attend, and enjoy and 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.

CP3

The CP3 monthly dinner will be held at 5:30 pm on the third Wednesday, Sept. 18, in Rendezvous. We will order from the menu. Plan to eat around 6 pm. – Robin O'Meara

PRIDE at Heather Gardens

We will meet 7 pm Friday, Sept. 20, in the Arts & Crafts Room, second floor. Any questions, please call or text 303-570-7529, or email at Pride.heathergardens@gmail.com.

In August, PRIDE at HG was invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Stonewall Democrats of Colorado, at Peak to Peak Brewery in the Aurora Cultural Arts District. This meeting was a Candidate Forum for those running for Aurora Mayor and City Council. – David Hetze

Wine & Cheese Social Club

Join us on the third Saturday, 3–5 pm. We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome. Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with your 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.

SRA

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different
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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.

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

Ping Pong

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

Pinochle

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

Afternoon Pinochle meets Wednesdays, 1:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. We only play for fun and entertainment. With questions, call Diane, 707-799-6449.

Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pick-

leball email list for September. The times to play Pickleball outdoors on the HG Tennis Courts are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, 9–11 am. We also will play indoors when there is available time. We offer Pickleball lessons for HG residents who wish to learn this fun sport, or to brush up on the game, if you haven't played in awhile.

Since we have Pickleball players at all skill levels of play, we will be trying something new this summer. Players will be able to choose playing "gentle" Pickleball, with players of a similar skill level on one court. Those more advanced can play with the "competitive" Pickleball players. Of course, everyone is welcomed to play on any of the courts where they feel comfortable.

To see this lively sport in action, visit the "Pickleball at Heather Gardens" website: plaidflannel.com/Pickleball. The website offers detailed information on our current playing schedule, instructional videos and information on the game's history, rules and equipment.

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, including beginners. You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game; we do not play for money, only glory. Never played Mah Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to learn. Call Carol, 720-628-4051, or Pat, 720-535-4603, for information.

Billiard Club

The Billiard Club meets for co-ed 8-Ball at 7 pm Tuesdays, and Men's 9 Ball at 7 pm Thursdays. Annual dues of \$9 are payable on Jan. 1 of

each year.

All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

Co-ed 8 July 16

1st Lindy Davenport, Rita Cusack
2nd Chuck Finder, Virginia Faubel
3rd Brian Bucenec, Linda Hileman

July 23

1st Joselyn Bucholz,
Brian Bucenec
2nd Roger Goldstein,
Shannon Boyd
3rd Judy Brehmer, Hi Reynolds

July 30

1st Hi Reynolds, Dee Moore
2nd Brian Bucenec,
Joselyn Bucholz
3rd Sean Kelliher, Shannon Boyd

August 6

1st Doug Miller, Linda Hileman
2nd Joselyn Bucholz,
Don Gunnarson
3rd David Wong, Shannon Boyd

August 13

1st Brian Bucenec, Judy Brehmer
2nd David Wong, Elaine Blinder
3rd Chuck Toner, Rita Cusack

Men's 9-Ball July 18

1st George Hoffman
2nd Paul Mall

July 25

1st Gail Gibson
2nd George Hoffman

August 1

1st Maynard Kurtz

August 8

1st George Hoffman

August 15

1st Lindy Davenport
2nd Brian Bucenec
— Judy Brehmer

Ladies Billiards

The club strives to learn the game, and practices 1:30–3:30 pm on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the Billiards Room. Come and join in the fun of a challenging game. Call Elaine Blinder, 303-745-4567, for additional information.

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 Merri 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.

Ladies Golf Club

Summer is passing quickly, and the weather has improved for our weekly tournaments. We've had a variety of winners in each flight. We hope everyone is happy!

Kathy Liss and the Social Committee (Marilyn Cornell, Susan Brennon, Darla Sundae and Judy Nelson) have created a successful monthly Birthday celebration. In August, we celebrated 11 birthdays, with 25 attending. Rendezvous has been offering a "\$10 Special" each Wednesday, which includes a beverage of your choice. Thanks to Cormac, Courtney and Kevin for being so creative.

The next birthday celebration will be Sept. 11. RSVP to Kathy Liss at 303-618-2599 or kathyliss@comcast.net, to make a reservation.

Wednesday tournaments are running smoothly, as usual, because Mavis Richardson and Debbie Madril, Tournament Co-Coordination, do such a great job. Each month, they have two volunteers who plan the weekly tournaments and help in the scoring room. A big thanks to all these ladies, as well as the scorers.

At the Club Championship Luncheon, the club officers were elected for 2020. That new board will be looking for volunteers to help plan our 2020 season. If you'd like to help with the 2020 season in any way, contact our president.

Connie Burns is in charge of outside tournaments. She has put together a fabulous couple of days with Windsor Gardens. The "Battle of the Gardens" took place on Aug. 9 at Windsor Gardens. They were ahead by 2 points at the end of the day. The second half event was on Monday, Aug. 12. Our ladies came through with a final score of 85.5 to 76.5!

Congratulations to our team! HG gets to keep the trophy for another year. It's on display in the Golf Shop. Both clubs hosted a potluck luncheon. What a fun way to get to know ladies from other clubs.

Awards July 17

Flight A

- 1st Sharon Sweeney
- 2nd JoAnn Fitch
- 3rd Glenda Pitts

Flight B

- 1st Barb McShane
- 2nd Judy Brehmer
- 3rd Barb Tucker

Flight C

- 1st Linda Gonzales
- 2nd Karen Bentley
- 3rd Carol Anne Mayne

Flight D

- 1st Bonnie Soman
- 2nd Cindy Belz
- 3rd Lil Pickrel

Awards July 24

Flight A

- 1st Tina McLaughlin
- 2nd Pat Reichert
- 3rd Sharon Sweeney

Flight B

- 1st Mary Ann Morris
- 2nd Barb McShane
- 3rd Bonnie McMullen

Flight C

- 1st Jeanine Kilde
- 2nd Sharla Sheeks
- 3rd Hope Goetz

Flight D

- 1st Suzi Stolte
- 2nd Bonnie Soman
- 3rd Kathy Liss

Awards July 31

Flight A

- 1st Debbie Madril
- 2nd Beulah Gould
- 3rd Charlane Plucheck

Flight B

- 1st Bonnie McMullen
- 2nd Judy Brehmer
- 3rd Barbara Toslosky

Flight C

- 1st Mavis Richardson
- 2nd Mary Jo Prichard
- 3rd Beverly Nelson

Flight D

- 1st Sandra Sweeney
- 2nd Suzi Stolte
- 3rd Sandy Costello

Awards August 7

Flight A

- 1st Nancy Bonniwell
- 2nd Tina McLaughlin
- 3rd Ann Holland

Flight B

- 1st Sally Murphy
- 2nd Barb Tucker
- 3rd Pat Profera

Flight C

- 1st Bonnie Soman



Above: Winners in the Texas Hold 'em Tournament on July 19 were (from left): 1st Millie Lexow, B202; 2nd Vern Thompson, CP3; and 3rd Alan Prais, B243.

- 2nd Linda Hileman
- 3rd Trudy Marquardt

Flight D

- 1st Lil Pickrel
- 2nd Nancy Henson
- 3rd Sandy Costello

Awards August 14

Flight A

- 1st Dee Moore
- 2nd Glenda Pitts
- 3rd Sharon Sweeney

Flight B

- 1st Barb McShane
- 2nd Judy Brehmer
- 3rd Kathy Shields

Flight C

- 1st Beverly Nelson
- 2nd Linda Savage
- 3rd Jeanine Kilde

Flight D

- 1st Sheryl Menger
- 2nd Lil Pickrel
- 3rd Sandra Sweeney

Congratulations to Barb Gierscher, who got a hole in one on Hole #6 on Aug. 7.

We have a couple of members who are experiencing health challenges. Please keep Margie Francione and Carolyn Manly in your thoughts and prayers.

Be sure to put these dates on your calendar.

- Sept. 5, "Springhill" @ Heather Gardens
- Sept. 12, Heather Gardens @ "Springhill"
- Sept. 25, HGLGC Board Meeting
- October 2, Awards Luncheon

Prospective members can obtain an application in the HG Pro Shop, online, or by contacting Gini Klein, 303-638-7441, or Mary Jo Prichard, 303-929-1241.

Our website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com, has information about events, handicaps, tee

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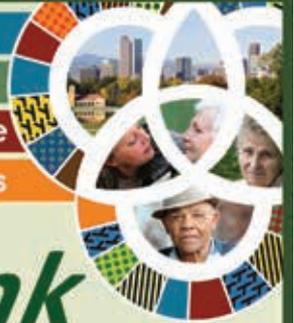


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Thursday Open Bridge Club

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.

Men's Golf Club

A big shout out for Golf Professional Greg Kohr. All of the comments I've heard have been positive and enthusiastic about Greg, as well as the crew working with him in the Pro Shop. He consistently is friendly, enthusiastic, knowledgeable about the game, and very supportive of our tournaments' scoring crew.

August was a busy time for us, with five Fridays and the club championship blended in.

August 2

A Flight

- 1st Dave Oakland, Dave Bushman
- 2nd Chris Hughes, Randy White
- 3rd Eli Henrie, Pete Profera

B Flight

- 1st Bob Bengen
- 2nd Frank Leydens
- 3rd Tom Fitzgerald, Mike Meagher
- 4th Ron Hileman
- 5th Rob Ledford, Mark Ruhl

C Flight

- 1st Jim Stebbins
- 2nd Neil Buck
- 3rd John Good
- 4th Dave Walstrom,
Larry Francone

D Flight

- 1st Rich Richardson
- 2nd Bob Bamford, William Dearing,
James Sellers, Paul Zipps
- 3rd Tom Kappel, Tim Bessey,
George Madonna
- 4th Jim Regan, Henry Hein,
George Brown

E Flight

- 1st Phil Corliss
- 2nd Rich Wall
- 3rd Ralph Romero
- 4th Clyde Robinson

- 5th Joe Robinson, Milton Bonham,
Mike Corcoran,
David McCollom

August 9

A Flight (based on gross scores)

- 1st Dave Oakland
- 2nd Jerry Joy
- 3rd Jake Flint
- 4th Larry Hill

B Flight (based on net scores)

- 1st Robbie Robertson
- 2nd Dave Hartenback, Mark Ruhl
- 3rd Vern Thompson
- 4th Rob Ledford, Tony Maestas

C Flight (net scores)

- 1st Wally Armistead
- 2nd Neil Buck, Dave Walstrom
- 3rd Jim Jensen, Al Reasoner
- 4th George Dipaolo, George Smith

D Flight

- 1st Mike Connolly, Steve Smith
- 2nd Glenn Riggs
- 3rd Paul Zipps
- 4th William Dearing

E Flight

- 1st Clyde Robinson,
Ralph Romero
- 2nd Phil Corliss
- 3rd Larry Maitland
- 4th Rich Wall

The final round of the Men's Club Championship was Friday, Aug. 16. Misfortune removed the leader after three rounds, Jerry Joy. About two days earlier, he had fallen and broken his hip, which sidelined him. Our best wishes to Jerry: we hope you make a speedy recovery.

On the morning of Aug. 16, after two holes were played, a thick and mysterious fog covered the Golf Course. Players struggled to find the flags on holes five and six. No one knew where their tee shots went until trundling down the fairways and into the rough to find them.

Final results were:

E Flight (net scores)

- 1st Clyde Robinson
- 2nd Ralph Romero
- 3rd Larry Maitland
- 4th David McCollom, Rich Wall

D Flight (net)

- 1st Mike Connolly
- 2nd Steve Smith
- 3rd Paul Zipps
- 4th James Sellers
- 5th Ted Cowan, William Dearing,
Tom Kappel
- 6th George Brown

C Flight (net)

- 1st Wally Armistead

- 2nd Neil Buck
 - 3rd Dave Walstrom
 - 4th Al Reasoner
 - 5th John Good
 - 6th George Dipaolo, Tom Smith
- #### B Flight (net)
- 1st Mark Ruhl, in playoff with
Rob Ledford
 - 3rd Tony Maestas, Vern Thompson
 - 4th Dave Hartenbach
 - 5th Robbie Robertson
- #### A Flight (net)
- 1st Larry Hill, 130
 - 2nd Tom Parko, 131
 - 3rd Jake Flint 132
 - 4th Chris Hughes, Bill Schmit, 137
- #### A Flight (gross)
- 1st Bill Schmit, 157, in playoff with
Chris Hughes, 157
 - 3rd Larry Hill, 158.
 - 4th Jake Flint, 160
 - 5th Tom Parko, 163
 - 6th Dave Oakland, 164.

It's likely accurate to say that everyone experienced enough golf drama to last awhile. Surely the "A" players have found their bearings back on the white tees, and hopefully for the better.

In rounds three and four, our views were pretty stretched out from the blue tees set all the way back. It's a tougher game when you're hitting second shots from two clubs further away, but for two weeks in August, it was fun to see what we could do.

That's all for now, folks. Onward through the Fog. – Chris Hughes.

500 Club

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

Mexican Train Dominoes

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

Tennis Club

Our annual picnic is noon–4 pm, Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Picnic Pavilion. We hope to see you there.

We still have lots of good tennis, Monday–Friday, 9–1 am. Many people can train you on the ball machine. You get three free lessons, if you are new to the club, and your game is rusty.



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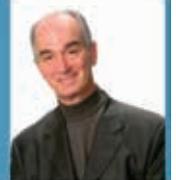
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Thursday, Sept. 12

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Hammond's Candy
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 11:30 am
Deadline: Sept. 3.

Cost: Bus fare and lunch at Golden Corral

The Mile High City has seen a number of fine chocolate and candy manufacturers come and go. The candy company, founded by Carl Hammond, Sr. in 1920, is still in business. Hammond's Candy Factory makes candy the way Carl Hammond made it, with the same tempting recipes and the same careful craftsmanship. Tours are free. Takes about 30 minutes. After the tour, we will visit the Golden Corral for an all-you-can-eat lunch, 9751 Grant Street. Senior lunch price is \$8.99 + \$2.99 *price subject to change and does not include tax or tip. Please note the restaurant does not accept checks.

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Dazzle

Thursday, Sept. 26, 11:30 am
Deadline: 3 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.

Cripple Creek Fall Colors/Casinos

Thursday, Oct. 3, 8 am
Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 26

Cost: \$15
Pickup between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive

View Colorado's beautiful fall colors as you travel to Cripple Creek. Visit Cripple Creek's historic casinos: Brass Ass Casino — the oldest casino in Cripple Creek, offering live action Blackjack, High Five Poker, Craps, 3-Card Poker and Roulette; Midnight Rose — three-floor Victoria-era casino; and, Cripple Creek's only Irish-themed casino — McGills. Please remember, Cripple Creek is a higher elevation. Bring extra oxygen for your tank. When registering, tell the Reception Desk if you need

wheel chair accommodations or lift for bus.

Little Women

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2 pm
Deadline: Thursday, Oct. 31
Cost: \$27

Location: Parker Arts Schoolhouse Theater

Pickup at HG Clubhouse

Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott, you will live, laugh, love and cry with the four March sisters, Meg, Jo, Amy and Beth, as they go through the many trials and tribulations that have made this story a classic.

Casino Trips

Mardi Gras or Golden Gate – Blackhawk

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Cost: \$6

Get a \$5 food voucher upon arrival redeemable at either Mardi Gras Casino or Golden Gate Casino. You get \$5 free play on a Players card (existing or register for one at the casino). Earn 600 additional points and receive another \$5 food voucher. Bus will pick up travelers in the Atrium parking lots between B243 and B244.

No transfers or refunds. 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.

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The local fare for SeniorRide and Senior shopper 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 an escort 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.

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

FYI...from page 37

Hiatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center. Individual tickets are \$100. Proceeds will benefit a new culinary institute where clients can learn marketable skills in the culinary arts. Entertainment by Face Vocal Band. Call Rick Jewell, 303-617-2373, or RickJewell@aumhc.org.

Ballot Issue Forum

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters, a Forum will be held 1:30–3 pm Friday, Oct. 4, Sandberg Auditorium. Non-partisan presenters

will discuss the two ballot issues that will be on the November 2019 ballot.

Food Truck Rodeo

11 am–2 pm Friday, Sept. 6
Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn
15151 E Alameda Pkwy
AuroraGov.org/Events

Stanley Arts Festival

10 am–7 pm Saturday, Sept. 7
10 am–5 pm Sunday, Sept. 8
Stanley Marketplace
2501 Dallas St.

What was once known as a satellite location for the renowned Cherry Creek Arts Festival is now flying under the name "The Stanley Arts Festival."

The gathering of local art and festivities is once again returning to north Aurora. Browsing is free! Many restaurants and food trucks available. Award-winning Annette restaurant is a treat, but there are many others. Specialty shops are geared toward browsers. stanleyartsfestival.org

Nickel-A-Play

Engage your nostalgia with new and vintage games in this arcade. \$3.95 for anyone above age 4. Many games cost 5¢; more than 50 games are free. 15201 E Mississippi Ave, Aurora. 303-306-6035.

Clubs...from page 39

Seville building. Information: Vicki Wolfe, 360-589-9502.

Low Vision Support Group

Our no-cost meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We hope you will join us. Free transportation to meeting is available. Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224.

HG Republicans

The club invites all residents and non-residents to our monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday, 1:30 pm, in the Aspen Room at the Clubhouse. The next meeting will be Sept. 24.

The purpose of the club is to promote open discussion of the truth concerning matters that directly affect our lives. Our September speaker is Randy Corporon, a noted local attorney, radio commentator (710/KNUS) and political analyst. He will speak

about the Electoral College. – Rudy Morris

HG Democratic Club

The club meets 4–5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Aspen Room. Our speakers will be candidates for Aurora Mayor and City Council who will be on the ballot in November.

Come and bring a friend. No one should be able to say they didn't vote, because they didn't know anything about the candidates. You don't have to live in HG, and you don't have to be a Democrat.

Some of us like to continue the conversation over dinner in Rendezvous. You may join us.

–Marty Karnopp, 303-353-9640, or mjkarnopp@gmail.com.

Caregivers Support Group

The HG Caregivers Support Group meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the Aspen Room, 7–8:30 pm. All caregivers are welcome to attend.

This is an opportunity to share our joys, challenges, successes, solve problems, and share helpful information with each other. For

more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

The Sevillians

The Sevillians monthly social will be at 5 pm Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the Banquet Room. It has been a great opportunity to meet other Seville residents, hear the latest Seville happenings from a member of the SRA Board, and be entertained with an occasional music program. A sign-up sheet is posted in the mailroom of each building. – Patt Clark

Frolics Club

The club recently elected new officers who are waiting to begin their terms. We are looking forward to an exciting year of activities. We hope you enjoy the annual Spring Show. Residents of HG have been generous and supportive in the past, and for that we are grateful. If you would like to join the HG Frolics Club, and be a part of the cast or crew for performances, call Barbara Schneller, 303-923-3992.

We will hold an Open House at 5:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 24, in Rendezvous. Join us. See if this is the club for you! – M. Mines

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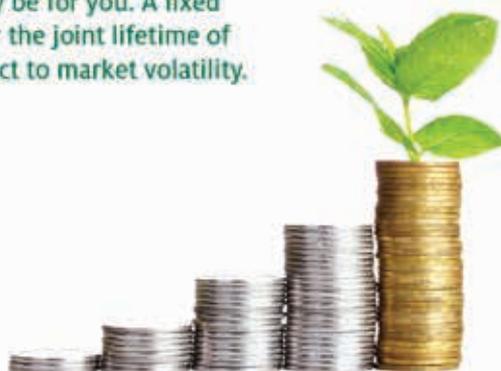


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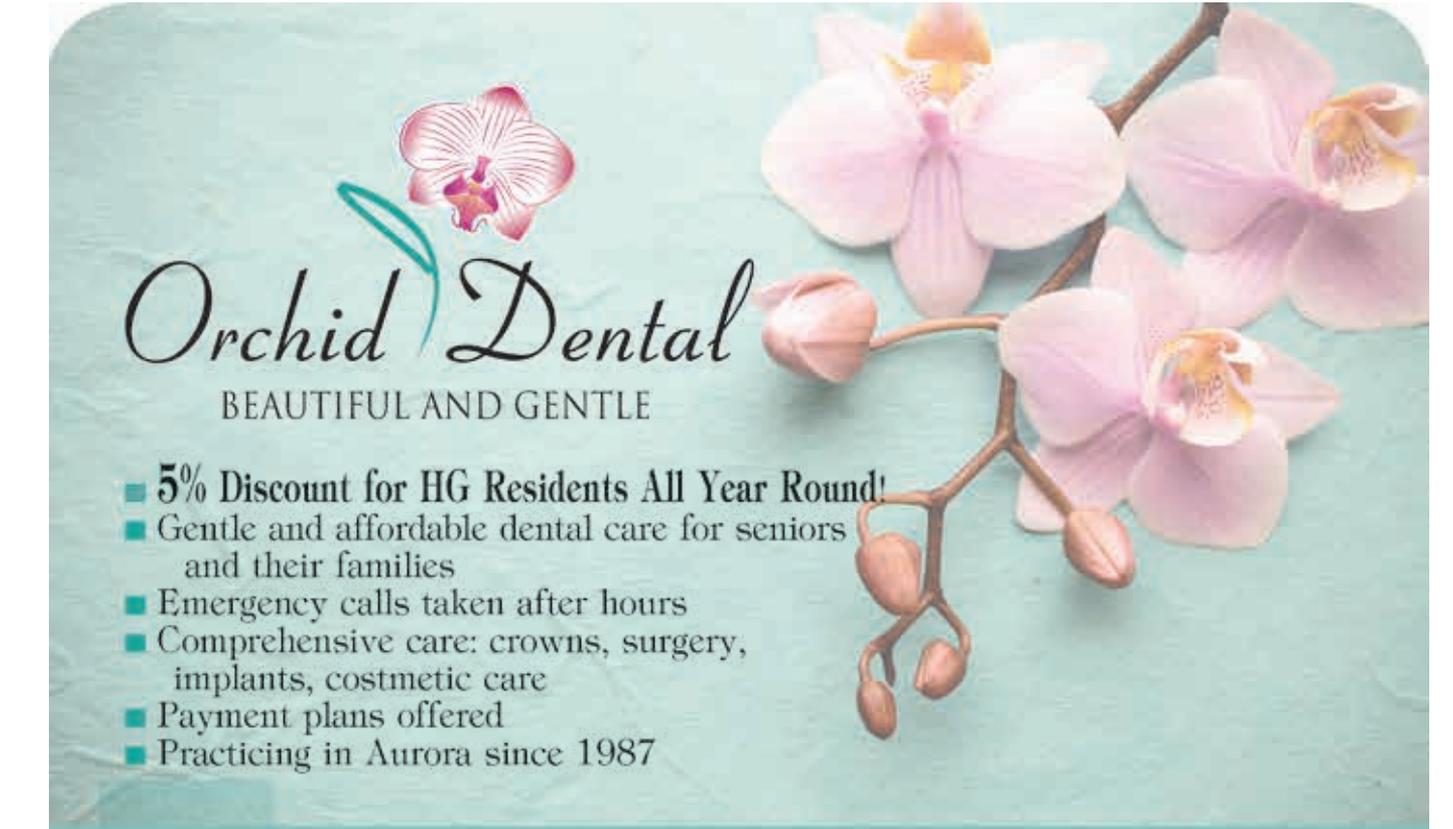
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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise
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Fall Class registration begins

Monday, Sept. 16, 9 am.

Phone registration begins at 10 am.

Great Rabbis, Great Insights

Thursday, Sept 5, 10 am, Skyview Room

Thursday, Sept 12, 10 am, Arts & Crafts Room

FREE

Rabbi Fleisher will discuss the weekly Parsha in the context of telling the story of a great Rabbi and his insights on the Parsha.

Get Your Kicks on Route 66

Thursday Sept 5, 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Route 66 has been known by many names: America's Road, The Main Street of America, The Will Rogers Highway, and The Mother Road. It represents a multitude of ideas: freedom, migration, and for many, a road to hope and a better life in America's west. Presented by Kathleen Arnold

Platt Park Chorus

Friday, Sept. 6, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

We will celebrate our beautiful state of Colorado and do some fun sing-alongs and folk songs! Singing and dancing is welcome! Brought to you by Pat and Cliff Spratt.

1st Saturday Night Dance

Saturday, Sept. 7, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Music by Memories

Fee: HG resident, \$6

Non-resident and on the day of event, \$8

Enjoy an evening of dance, good music and good friends. There will be dance hosts, mixer dances and light refreshments. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the restaurant bar prior to 7 pm. Bar opens at the dance at 7 pm. Note: Dance hosts receive complimentary admission, and the event can always use more volunteers for that pleasant task.

Active Minds: Brexit — What does the future hold?

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

In 2016, British voters approved exiting the European Union (EU). With important deadlines now looming, the future is full of uncertainty. Learn the historic context for this important transition in its historic context. Explore where the path may lead, not only for the UK, but also the EU and the rest of the world.

9-11

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Protecting Your Identity

Thursday, Sept. 12, 10 am, Mountainview Room

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Understand identity theft, and how to detect and

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Movie Matinee and Night: *On the Basis of Sex*

Friday, Sept. 13, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

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tion of her career and the way the courts view gender

discrimination. Rated PG-13

Health Information Overload –

making sense of technology and health information.

Monday, Sept. 16, 1 pm, Mountainview Room

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

In a world of technology and medical records on

the computer, where is it going? Learn what information

needs to be in your records and what information to keep

to yourself. Presented by Pharmacist Charlie Pratt.

Give It a Whirl

Monday, Sept. 16, 6:30–8 pm, Arts & Crafts Room

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

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sary. Carl will guide you through the steps for an enjoy-

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Medicare Open Enrollment is Coming

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 10 am, Skyview Room

This is the time of year to review your current

Medicare coverage, and make changes. Learn all about

what Open Enrollment entails, and how you can utilize

this time to make sure you are on a Medicare plan that

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Explore Tuscany — Travel presentation

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Resource Fair

Friday, Sept. 20, 9 am–noon, multiple Clubhouse Rooms
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Texas Hold 'em Poker

Friday, Sept. 20, 6 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room

Fee: \$5, Residents only

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 18

Everyone starts with \$2,000 in chips. Sign up by 5 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 18, and get \$500 in extra chips. Only HG residents may participate. Practice session at 5:30. Space is limited.

Saturday Night Concerts: Lima Street Band

Saturday, Sept. 21, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

Enjoy an evening of music and dance

Movie Matinee and Night: Yesterday

Friday, Sept. 27, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town. His dreams of fame are rapidly fading, despite the fierce devotion and support of his

childhood best friend, Ellie. After a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed. Performing songs by the greatest band in history to a world that has never heard them, Jack becomes an overnight sensation with a little help from his agent. Rated PG-13.

FREED from Stuck! Workshop

Thursday, Oct. 3, 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

No matter how much wisdom or life experience we gain, life still brings us challenges and opportunities to growth, change, and improve our lives. Presented by Susie Hayes, MA, Psychotherapist, speaker, and author (and resident of Heather Gardens since 1999), you will learn the five essential steps to become and stay “FREED from Stuck!,” whether it be relational, physical, romantic, spiritual, financial, or emotional.

Second Hand Rose Fashion Show

Thursday, Oct. 10, 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$3, \$5 day of event

Mark your calendar for this unique fashion show. All items came from thrift or consignment shops. You will not believe the bargains you can get at these shops. You may recognize the models — they are your neighbors. More info to come in September.

Fall Craft Fair

Friday, Oct. 18, 9 am–3 pm, multiple Clubhouse rooms

Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 am–3 pm

Applications available by email or at the Clubhouse Reception Desk.

Gift Certificates/Cards available for Rendezvous Restaurant, Clubhouse, and Golf Pro Shop

Looking for that perfect gift? Why not purchase your friend or loved one a Gift Certificate for a class, activity or a meal at the Clubhouse and Rendezvous? You can purchase any denomination of \$5 or over. Lots of special events coming. Give the gift that keeps on giving.

Indoor Pool Closure for Cleaning

Monday, Sept. 16–27

The outdoor pool will stay open as long as weather permits. Once the leaves start falling, then it's time to close the outdoor pool.

Family Swim Time:

Labor Day weekend 10 am–2 pm

After Labor Day, weekends only: 3–5 pm

Saturday, Sunday, 10 am–2 pm; Holidays 10 am–2 pm

Children 16 years and younger may join grandparents to swim. A Pool Attendant is on deck during these scheduled hours to greet, register swimmers and enforce pool rules. No Lifeguard on Duty, swim at own risk. All guests must be accompanied by a resident. Each unit is allowed up to four guests.

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Laughing all the way to the hospital

by Mary Hafka

My friends are a barrel of laughs. I require them to be, actually. I subscribe to the philosophy, If you don't laugh, you'll cry. I yuk it up at my friends foibles at every opportunity; obligingly, they return the favor.

Human beings are just funny, I've decided, and never more so when they aren't trying to be. I offered my own comic relief one night, when attending a play at the Buell Theatre. Descending the stairs, I stumbled, lost my balance, and pitched over sideways into a row of seats, thankfully empty.

Helpful theatergoers raced to pick me up, but I was sort of wedged between two aisles, so the entire production turned into, – well – a big production. Miraculously, the covered cup of wine I was carrying landed between two seats, in the upright position. Nary a drop spilled, which was good, because – after limping to my seat – I needed it.

The play began, with the cast embarking on a two-hour frantic display of slapstick comedy. Actors tripped and fell all over the stage, banged into furniture, broke furniture, crashed through walls, and fell down stairs. Later, the stairs themselves fell, plummeting to the stage. Props went astray and fixtures fell off the walls.

While massaging my aching knee, I marveled at the volume of chaos this play had. I was thinking, if I'd just timed my fall closer to curtain time, I might have convinced my rescuers I was just part of the act.

One friend of mine shares my enthusiasm for thrift-store bargains. She tells about the time she found a brand-new, labels-still-attached nightgown, and promptly bought it. Although she washed it before wearing it, the first time, she noticed whenever she rolled over in bed, a noxious odor of floral scent hit her in the face. She made it through the night, but examined the nightgown in the light of the next morning. She

found she'd inadvertently purchased a Scratch-n-Sniff Nightgown.

A person's employer should provide his/her quota of requisite laughs. My boss in the Pro Shop is a busy guy this summer, but that wasn't the case for several months last winter, when snow closed the Golf Course for a record length of time. As the new Golf Pro, he tried to set an example for the rest of us, and keep busy. Some days, even he admitted it was an uphill slog.

He finally confessed to his staff, he was beginning to feel the isolation of being alone, surrounded by snow, in a dark, empty Pro Shop. Staring maniacally out the window, he felt himself turning into Jack Nicholson, in the movie, *The Shining*. He threatened to snap, and start chasing residents or HG employees passing by with an axe. (Well, to be fair, if he would have chased them with a golf club, people would have thought he just was trying to drum up some students for golf lessons.)

One of my funniest friends is — of course — my dog. Mortie has the sort of sunny resilience that only a rescue dog can exhibit. She has, consequently, appointed herself chair of the HG Welcome Wagon, although she has lent her own, unique twist to the job.

Mortie approaches every newcomer she sees joyfully. After presenting her head for pats, she rises on her hind legs, and begins to rifle through her new acquaintance's pockets. Rather than giving gifts to new neighbors, Mortie expects them to present delicacies to her.

This maneuver seldom works: most passers-by didn't get the memo, and haven't stocked their pockets with doggie treats. A Welcome Wagon professional must exhibit optimism, however, so Mortie cheerfully moves on to the next neighbor we meet on our walks. Every now and then, someone actually does have a pocket full of doggie delights. Her ef-

forts are rewarded.

While visiting a pal in Texas, we decided to spend a girls' day out at the Choctaw Casino in Oklahoma (no gambling allowed in the Lone Star state). We arrived at the gambling resort, which boasted a spacious parking garage.

The two of us scurried towards the casino, with me leading the way. I heard a strange "whoosh!" behind me, and turned to see my friend spread eagled on the ground. It had rained the night before: while trotting joyfully to the slots, she slipped on wet cement.

Casino security came running, and I remember thinking to myself that — rather than spend the day at the casino — I was going to be spending it in the emergency room. I was wrong.

After about 10 minutes on the ground, not moving, my pal regained her wind, and pronounced herself fine. We resumed our canter into the gambling mecca. She swore me to secrecy, though, cautioning me to not tell her daughter — back in Texas — about her fall.

Her reasons had nothing to do with worrying her daughter over injuries. Rather, she said, the daughter didn't approve of her mother spending her retirement money at casinos. She didn't want her to find out we'd been in Choctaw.

Years ago, my friend Alison was an assistant to a high-powered attorney in Washington, D.C. When he and his wife vacationed at the seashore, Alison was required to accompany him — but it was no vacation.

Mrs. High-powered Attorney seemed to resent providing her husband's employee with room and board. She simply didn't feed Alison very well. She was always hungry. Stuck at the seashore, Allison couldn't procure any food for herself.

One day, Mrs. HPA stunned Alison after dinner by asking her if she wanted a banana split. Faint from hunger, my friend said she gushed, "Oh, yes!"

Mrs. HPA proceeded to peel a banana, slit it down the middle, and hand my friend a bare banana on a plate. About 65 years have elapsed since the event. I'm not sure Alison is ready to laugh about this story yet. To this day, she looks a bit underfed.

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