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No Date Set for Recall Election

The HGMD Board of Directors tabled a motion to set a date for the recall election pending a ruling by the court. A decision is expected soon.

Director Laubach brought forth a motion, citing an order issued by the Designated Election Official on March 22, 2024. The order stipulates that the Board must convene within 30 days to set a date for the election, which must be held between 75 and 90 days after the meeting.

Director Taylor explained that the order only applies to the recall of Directors Baldwin and Effler, as he and Director O'Meara have a stay, pending a court ruling on their appeals. A second appeal on behalf of a group of community members who submitted letters of protest to all four recall petitions is also pending.

Taylor raised concerns about the potential implications of setting a date for an election to recall just Baldwin and Effler. This could lead to two separate elections, doubling the cost. He also questioned the validity of the argument that a date must be set before the court has ruled on the protestors' right to a hearing, as they are protesting the recall of all four Directors.

O'Meara agreed. "I want to honor the protestors..." she said. "Seventeen people bothered to protest the recall election. And I do thank them." The Board unanimously agreed to wait for the court ruling before setting a date, though both Effler and Laubach expressed the desire to settle the matter expeditiously.

"The sooner we get this over with, the better for everyone," Laubach said.

The Month That Was May

Complaints have resurfaced about residents violating HG's smoking policy on the lanais of multistory buildings. In May, a Pitera notice went out to residents, reminding them of potential stiff fines for violating HG's smoking policy.

At the May 21 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors, conversation centered around equipment that can identify second-hand smoke. Director Bill Gold noted the equipment is not expensive, and is widely used in Air BnBs, and other spaces to detect if someone has been smoking. He suggested HG might wish to acquire a few such devices.

At the May 20 meeting of the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee, Controller Carrie Toennis reported that she had been removed from access to HGMD investments. She can't, consequently, do financials.

HGA Treasurer Ray Nash remarked, "I think it's important that Carrie have access to that." HGMD Treasurer Rita Effler responded the change was done on the advice of HGMD's litigation attorney, who said this was the only way HGMD could regain control of their accounts. Effler added, "I hope, by tomorrow, we will have an agreement for non-binding arbitration."

Binding Arbitration on the Table

At the May 16th HGMD Board meeting, Director Daniel Taylor reported that the HGA Board and the HGMD Board have agreed to participate in binding arbitration without attorneys in an attempt to settle their dispute. The two boards attended a meeting sponsored by the Voices of Residents Club on May 4th and, according to an email from Taylor to HGA Director Bill Gold, the agreement was made by a show of hands.

Taylor said he sent the HGA Board an agreement to arbitrate on May 8th. A copy of the agreement and the email to Gold were included in the HGMD Board packet. The matter of arbitration was not on the agenda for the HGA Board meeting on May 21st.

HGMD Board Divided Over Lot Use

The Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) Board of Directors convened its regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2024. All directors were present in the Board Room for the meeting, which was punctuated by division and disagreement.

The tension between HGMD and Heather Gardens Association (HGA) was evident as the Board deliberated on the use of the lot at 13692 E. Marina Drive. Bob Bankirer, chair of the Special Projects Advisory Committee, presented a motion that would allow the Heather Gardens' operational teams to use the lot for storage, staging, and operational projects throughout the year. He said the lot was the only space available to accommodate this particular use, and it would benefit the Heather Gardens residents.

Director O'Meara displayed photographs of the lot and said she felt HGA employees had not been good stewards of the property. Director Taylor noted that residents have requested to use the lot for other purposes, such as a dog park or a place to gather with grandchildren. Director Effler questioned why HGA needed exclusive use of the lot and pointed out other areas that HGA had used in the past.

The disagreement escalated when Mr. Bankirer and Director Baldwin advocated for cooperation with HGA. Director O'Meara, citing a perceived lack of cooperation from HGA, repeatedly asked, "What are we getting in exchange?" "If it's Kumbuya, I'm not for it," she said.

Director Baldwin indicated that Mr. Bankirer was negotiating with HGA on the use of the lot. "There is something in the works," he said, but when questioned about the details, he declined to elaborate.

"We're not ready to say," he said. O'Meara angrily replied, "I believe the committee is overstepping its authority by negotiating with HGA when there's a Board of Directors lawsuit happening right now."

After a testy exchange between O'Meara and General Manager Lary Herkal, who addressed the Board as a member of the public, the Board voted on the motion. The motion failed, with only Baldwin and Laubach voting in favor.

The discord continued as Taylor introduced two motions that would relieve Baldwin of his committee appointments. Taylor said he initiated a motion to appoint O'Meara to Clubhouse Chair because Baldwin resigned via email. Although Baldwin denied his resignation, several Directors and a member of the public said they had received the email, and his intent was clear. The motion to appoint O'Meara to Clubhouse Chair passed with a majority. Baldwin and Laubach voted no.

In similar fashion, Taylor initiated a motion to eliminate the position of Contracts Coordinator, held by Baldwin, and absorb the duties into the newly formed Capital Program Committee, to be chaired by Taylor. This motion passed. Baldwin and Laubach voted no.

Other actions taken by the board:

... approved an expenditure of \$1,200 for small tools for the Woodshop Club and directed that the code to the Woodshop entry keypad be changed quarterly beginning June 1, 2024.

... approved an expenditure not to exceed \$5,000 from the Foundation fund to replace trees on the golf course damaged by recent storms.

... approved Attachment 5 (authorization and request for reimbursement of expenses) to the Audit PM-1. This form was inadvertently left off the revised Audit/Finance Procedure Memorandum.

Water-conservation Committee Approved, Building Colors Remain Unchanged

All directors attended the May 21 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. Director Bill Gold noted he was driving a car, while Zooming into the meeting. Director Linda Hileman reported she had trouble locating wifi, as she was cruising the Danube River when Zooming the meeting.

The board approved establishing an ad hoc committee on water use and conservation. Mitch Albert, CP3, will chair.

Director John Recob noted that Albert, a member of The Green Team, had worked on the issue, with the city of Aurora, for nine months on his own initiative. The board approved \$2,000, to cover administrative costs. Albert will recruit committee members – some from The Green Team – and work on a procedure memorandum (PM).

Long Range Planning Committee Chair David Kennedy said the committee might someday work on issues in addition to water conservation. Pursuing grants from the city's Water Wise Program is a possibility.

General Manager Lary Herkal reported he wished to move ahead with painting multi-story buildings. A re-vote on whether to change the color palette – giving residents more time to respond – yielded no significant differential; therefore, colors will remain unchanged.

Herkal reminded the board that repainting is not simply for cosmetic reasons, but also to protect the buildings' skin.

Kevin Keator, B217, asked the board if it had explored Rhino Shield paint, which is advertised to last 25 years. Maintenance Committee Chair Mike Pula responded, "I did – it's a mixed bag. Some have said it's not appropriate for cement buildings." Pula added that HG is open to examining new products, but industry-standard recommendations don't seem to have changed.

Herkal also reported that work on one parking structure should be completed within several weeks. After that, he said, HG will pursue bids for repairs on the other three parking structures.

Director John Recob reported the committee he chairs – the Capital Program Subcommittee – has begun identifying projects for the 2025 budget. The subcommittee will meet monthly, through August. The board heard a report that four emergency repairs had been completed prior to the meeting.

- Replace fascia on B221 and 222 (\$81,400)
- Replace the dumpster utility vehicle (\$28,957)
- Replace the 7" woodchopper – which was too small to be effective – with a 12" one, which had become available for purchase in Utah (\$54,600)
- Replace the B221 water heater, which failed (\$32,875)

Pula remarked that another water heater had failed, after the day's agenda had been prepared. This emergency replacement report would come before the board in June.

Pula added that two water heaters had died from old age this year. In addition, many boilers throughout the community are 40 or more years old. When replacing them, the plan is to integrate boilers with the hot water systems. By doing so, HG could save a substantial amount of money.

HGMD Treasurer Rita Effler complained, at meeting's end, that the board had not addressed the binding arbitration proposed by HGMD. Davila replied the issue would be reviewed during executive session.

Following the regular meeting, the board adjourned into executive session, to discuss collections and litigation-claims with its attorney.

Other actions by the board:

. . . approved changes to the Architectural Control Committee PM, including specifications on laminate and vinyl flooring underlayment options.

. . . approved updates to the HG Employee Handbook, following a public-comment period.



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HGMD Board President Reports

Daniel Taylor

Summer Concert Series Beginning

Our summer concert series will begin June 8th. The big news? No more cover charges! Come and listen for as long as you like. We'll have music on Wednesday nights on the patio with our appetizer menu from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and dinner service until 7:00 pm. Friday nights will continue with our indoor bands from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm with our appetizer menu from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and dinner service until 6:00 pm. Saturday nights will feature piano music during the dinner service from 5pm to 8 pm. Go to www.HGmetroDist.org for updates.

First Year Celebration was a Success

Our first year celebration on May 16th was a hit! The Rendezvous restaurant was packed and residents tasted samples from our new appetizer and desert menus. We honored the many committee members who devoted their time and energy to achieve our accomplishments as well as our plans for the future, and acknowledged the hard work by Cormac Ronan, our restaurant manager, and our new chef, Josh Ryan. Our servers have also been training hard, learning new systems, and have been happy to provide the best service ever for Rendezvous.

Arbitration on the Horizon

On May 4th, both Boards attended a meeting sponsored by the Voices of Residents Club concerning the dispute between the Boards. At that meeting, both Boards agreed to participate in binding arbitration without attorneys. On May 8th, I sent the HGA Board the agreement to arbitrate which is enclosed in the May 16th board package. This provides an efficient path to resolve the current dispute at the lowest cost.

HGMD FOUNDATION

The Foundation Committee met Wednesday May 8. We were given an update on the Foundation accounts. There is about \$48,000 in the checking account and \$150,000 in investments. Discussion was held about placing money into a money market to earn more interest.

Matt Martella attended the meeting and presented two possible projects for the Foundation to fund. He requested money to replace trees on the golf course that are dead or storm damaged. Terry Schumacher made a motion with a second by Becky Cole to fund \$5,000 for tree replacement. There is \$17,000 in Foundation money designated for trees. This was approved by the HDMD board at the May 16 meeting.

A request to replace holiday lights was tabled until September to give Matt more time to research possibilities.

Next meeting scheduled for June 12 at 1:00.

Recent donations to the Foundation:
Building 213 in Memory of Budd Hoff



HGA Board President Reports

Larry Dávila

“The sky is falling; the sky is falling!” “The world will end (take your pick): next month, next year, next decade, next...” What are you ready to believe?

While we have had a beautiful spring, June reminds us it’s time to face mid-year issues and our minds are soon to be bombarded with contentious perspectives. From now till November, this is the season when politicians will tell us how much better we are doing (if you are a Democrat) or how terrible things have deteriorated (if you are a Republican). Demagogues will try to use scare tactics with topics such as abortion, undocumented immigrants, the economy, etc.

How do you see it? Is your glass half full or half empty? Is our country going in the right direction? or have we seen better days and are now facing a steady decline? Let’s bring this subject home.

How is Heather Gardens doing? Are our better days over? Is Heather Gardens in decline? The answer does not depend on the decisions of our two boards; it depends on each of us individually. It has to do with what we give credence to and what we share. It has to do with treating each other with respect even if we hold different perspectives.

I had a professor in college who used to say that if two people agree on everything, one of them is not needed. This is a way of saying it is normal to hold different opinions. What is objectionable is to belittle the one with whom we disagree. In the last couple of months Sue McBeth, Betty Bergeron, Mike Pula, and I have been meeting as a committee to update our bylaws. What a pleasure it has been to work with each other. There has been good camaraderie, with each one of us willing to yield one’s idea the moment someone else offered a better one. We left our egos at the door and worked as a team. This is what I’d like to see in all our meetings and in all our transactions. As corny as it may sound, I approve of the old song: “You got to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative. Don’t mess with Mr. in between.” If we do that, I can assure you, better years are ahead for Heather Gardens.



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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello
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Life provides so many delightful surprises and moments, from finding money in a coat pocket, making a new friend to celebrating milestones with loved ones.

Last summer, while hiking in Maroon Bells, we got the privilege of seeing a bull moose drinking water in the river with the beautiful “bells” in the backdrop. What a wonder! (See cover photo)

In the 28 years I have lived in Colorado, it is only the second time I have seen a moose in the mountains (the other was a mama and her baby in Grand Lake, CO).

Those moments, big and small, make life so beautiful. When we get caught up in the hectic rhythm of daily life, it helps to be reminded to unwind and enjoy.

As I continue to learn this new position, I am so grateful for this opportunity to work with the Heather Gardens community. I am doing my best to slow down and savor it.

Happy Summer!

Susan Harman
Editor and Publisher



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MANAGEMENT

Lary Herkal

Capital Projects: The HGA Capital projects currently in process include roof replacements for buildings 224, 219, & 214. The roof for building 223 is near completion. We are working with the roofing contractor to obtain bids to perform repairs to the six units in building 223 which incurred water damage from the rainstorm on April 26th. We anticipate completion of the parking structure repairs to garages #1 & #3 in May. We are investigating the conversion of building entry locks to electronic key card locks.

Several issues from the HGMD Board meeting held on Thursday May 16th that deserve a closer look:

The Special Property Advisory Committee and the Clubhouse Committee submitted a motion to allow the HGA to continue using the parking lot located at 13692 E. Marina Drive. This is a small parking lot located across the street from buildings 215 & 216. Both Committees felt this was the best location in Heather Gardens due to its distance from the residential buildings. A better use for this lot has not been found since HGMD took over the lot in 1983. Its use as a contractors' staging area reduces costs to Heather Gardens as opposed to requiring contractors to stage off property. Instead, the HGMD Board suggested HGA use resident parking lots for buildings 242, 243, & 244 as staging areas and passed a motion to exclude HGA from using this small parking lot.

During the meeting, HGMD Director O'Meara asked, "what are we getting in exchange from HGA?"

A few thoughts: **In addition to HR and Administrative services & staff, HGA provides the following services & staff to HGMD without charge:**

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- Preparation of HGMD's books & records
- Monthly reconciliation of HGMD's bank statements, investments, and general ledger accounts
- Monthly Preparation of HGMD's financial statements & other financial reports (i.e., Foundation Report)
- Preparation of HGMD's annual budget
- Preparation of documentation for and management of HGMD's annual audit
- Controller and 3 Full-Time Accounting Staff – salaries not charged to HGMD

MANAGEMENT:

- General Manager, Project Manager, Facility Manager, Maintenance Manager, Inventory Manager – salaries not charged to the HGMD.
- Cost of vehicles & equipment used to maintain HGMD properties, other than the golf course. This includes mowing, pruning, and snow removal among a myriad of other services.
- Security Team – Manager + 8 staff members – salaries not charged to the HGMD.
- Cost of security vehicles, additional security insurance; & security training not charged to the HGMD.

The HGMD board has the misperception and belief that the value of the office space used by HGA offsets the aforementioned expenses and services. Although past boards had their disagreements, HGMD worked together with HGA and found resolutions that were in the best interest of the residents.

I think the most despicable action I have ever witnessed was the treatment of HGMD Director Craig Baldwin at this meeting. The HGMD Board removed Craig as the Clubhouse Committee Chair, despite his insistence that he did not wish to resign the position. HGMD also dissolved the Contracts Coordinator position held by Craig. Craig's service to our community started in 2009. He was elected to the HGA Board of Directors in 2011, serving as Secretary, Vice President, and Structure Maintenance Chair. As Chair, he founded the Campus Technology Committee. He also served on numerous other committees: Civic Affairs, Audit, Insurance, Long Range Planning, Joint Budget and Finance, and Red Cross Advisor to the Security and Emergency Committee. In 2016, Craig became a member of the HGMD Board and was elected Secretary and then served as President.

On May 11, 2020, the HGMD Board presented Craig with a plaque that read "THANK YOU FOR SIXTEEN YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE HEATHER GARDENS COMMUNITY. YOUR DEDICATION AND CARING SERVICE HAVE INSPIRED THE HEATHER GARDENS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO HONOR YOU AS HEATHER GARDENS DIRECTOR EMERITUS."

Craig has experience in civil engineering, owned and operated a plumbing, HVAC, and propane company, served as a Safety Director for IA and the National Propane Association, was a project manager for Castle Rock Construction and a project manager for Evens Construction in Arizona.

Craig and his wife Jean deserve recognition and respect for their contributions and service to the Heather Gardens community. We will continue to seek Craig's expertise with projects at Heather Gardens.

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Bill Buckley: Music Sets the Rhythm of Life for Former Denver Chief District Attorney

Bill Buckley's singing voice has taken him to onstage appearances at Carnegie Hall and the Tonight Show. Moreover, music and his love of performing were key to continually restoring a soothing rhythm to Bill's life during his turbulent years in the Denver District Attorney's Office where he prosecuted 55 murder cases before retiring as a Chief Deputy District Attorney.

After a long day's work, which frequently included reviewing grizzly crime scenes, Bill would stop by a local pub, such as Walt Conley's

Nostalgia Inn in Denver, to pick up a microphone and take to the stage with fan favorites from the Kingston Trio and Glenn Yarborough of the Limelighters.

A Heather Gardens resident for the past 10 years, Bill grew up singing and playing the guitar. The oldest of eight children, his family moved from Chicago to Midland, Texas to escape the cold, snowy winters. Bill's father built houses. His mom, who had a degree in drama and fine art, taught the kids to sing.

Mom was a leader in the Midland Community Theatre, starring in a dozen productions. The excellence of the theater was recognized when it was selected for an international competition in Monte Carlo in which Bill's mom and brother, Martin, played two of the five roles. "We got to meet Princess Grace, which was a huge honor for us," Bill recalls.

Bill was in his third year as a student at Regis University in Denver. "But, it was 1961 and Vietnam," he recalls. "I lost my draft deferment."

The Army recruiter gave him a three year contract to an assignment with the Army Air Defense Command (AADC). Upon hearing the AADC's Chorus on Armed Services Day, Bill phoned the contact person. "He just happened to be someone I used to jam with."



Army Air Defense Command Chorus

As it has many times, music inserted itself with a flawless timing and tempo. Bill was selected as a member of the 25 person AADC Chorus. "We sang at Carnegie Hall and on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson," he notes. "We went from one end of the country to the other, traveling 64,000 miles on a Trailway Bus in 12 months."

Bill was based in Colorado Springs, CO, and tired of the travel, he left the Chorus to become an Army Battery Clerk in the Springs.

Still in the Army, he was hired to sing four nights a week at Club Beefeaters in the Springs. When he got out of the military, James Wiggins, manager of the Lodge at Vail, hired Bill to sing at his Bear Trap Lounge and work as desk clerk.

Back in Denver as a student at Regis, Bill ran into Walt Conley, owner of the legendary Conley's Nostalgia. He attended classes by day and by night performed at the restaurant's outer room, from September, 1964 through New Year's Eve. "That's what I did to earn money for my last year at Regis."

Upon graduation, Bill got hired as a Denver Probation Officer right out of college. "I was accepted into law school. By then, I was married with one child. The University of Denver Law School had a night program which was taught almost exclusively by currently practicing lawyers and judges.

"I knew I wanted to be in the court room, because I liked talking and persuading," he explains.

During that time, he became friends with the young District Attorneys, and one said, "When you pass the bar, come over here." Bill worked as a Deputy DA for District Attorney Jarvis Seccombe in 1972 before Dale Tooley won election.

As a young Deputy DA, Bill went from Denver County Court to working in District Court in just a few months, which usually takes around five
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...Bill Buckley

years. "Since I had been a Probation Officer, I couldn't serve in Juvenile Court, because I could have supervised young people who might be facing me in court.

"Always an entertainer, I enjoy getting in front of people. It was enticing to me to convince 12 strangers." He liked to make a good case. He also had a keen sense of justice.

His brother, Ted, had that same zeal for law enforcement. A couple years into Bill's tenure as a Chief Deputy District Attorney, Ted had just gotten out of the Army where he served as Military Police. Ted took a job as a prison guard in the Arizona Penal System.

On a trip to visit Ted, Bill got a bad feeling. "I told him I could get him into a small police department, which initially had been a goal of his anyway," he notes.

But, Ted opted to stay where he was. About three months later, "I was standing in his blood. He had been stabbed over 40 times in a prison uprising."

Bill attributes that tragedy as being his reason for staying 25 years in the Denver District Attorney's Office. He tried 55 murder cases, more than anyone else to date. "Most people stay five years or so and then go into the private sector for big bucks, but my brother's death changed all that for me."

In 1999, he retired from the District Attorney's office and went into private practice for 15 years. Known as one of the best criminal defense attorneys in Colorado, Bill is particularly pleased with the outcome of two murder cases. "I was convinced that both were strong cases for self-defense. Both juries found them not guilty."

While in private practice in early 2006, Bill was experiencing extreme fatigue. The news wasn't good. His white blood count was double what it should be. He was eventually diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, which typically has a 35% survival rate. A port was installed, and he was on



Bill playing guitar at his daughter's wedding

chemo 24/7.

With all the chemo, his immune system was lowered to the point where he would need a bone marrow transplant. Of his five living siblings, his sister in Tyler, Texas was a match. At that time, he and his second wife, Shirley, married. Bill credits her with his recovery. Within two years, his bone marrow tested 100%.



Former First Lady Laura Bush and Bill Buckley

During his battle against cancer, First Lady Laura Bush sent an encouraging personal letter. Years before in Midland, Bill's brother, Martin, had dated Laura Welch before she met George W. Bush. Bill served on the board of the Leukemia &

Lymphoma Society, Colorado Chapter, and was their Man of the Year in 2009, "which meant I raised the most money for research that year."

Additionally, he was on the board of the Denver Victim's Center for 12 years. He also was a board member of St. Anthony Hospital's Flight For Life, the first air medical transport by helicopter in the country.

Bill and Shirley had been married nine years when she was diagnosed with cancer. She passed away one day shy of their tenth anniversary. He sold their home and bought at Heather Gardens.

What is one of Bill's favorite activities as a Heather Gardens resident? Not surprisingly, he's a regular at the HG Karaoke Club. His Frank Sinatra's "I Did It My Way," has been described as the "best ever." Time and time again, the gift of music sets the rhythm and joy of Bill Buckley's life.

-Patricia McLaughlin, B215

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Josh Bryant Fills Tall Order for New Rendezvous Chef

Josh Bryant doesn't need a carving knife in hand to cut an imposing figure. The new chef at Heather Gardens' Rendezvous Restaurant is 6 feet 8 inches tall, bearded, with keen blue eyes that don't miss much. He's also friendly and approachable. During a mid-morning break before prepping for lunch, he sat at a table near sunlit windows and spoke easily about how he got to where he is today.

"Right out of high school, I wanted to be a welder or a blacksmith, and forge knives," Bryant recalls. Like many young people, he bounced around in different jobs. He realizes now that his parents influenced his eventual move to the culinary arts in different ways. His dad was an engineer with McDonnell Douglas, but when he was at home he liked being in the kitchen.

"My dad cooked a lot at home. He was a big fan of Cajun food, you know, gumbo, jambalaya—spicy food. He used to carry a little bottle of tabasco in his pocket when we'd go out to eat, because most places didn't have hot sauces that he liked," Bryant remembers.

For years Bryant's mom managed different fast food outlets like Arby's. Even in that casual setting, she stressed to her employees the value of good customer service, a principle Bryant has since taken to heart.

A culinary career begins

In his early 20s Bryant moved from Utah to Las Vegas, where he first landed jobs in landscaping and hotel security. But a culinary career was calling. He enrolled in the culinary program at the College of Southern Nevada. Not long afterward he began work as a line cook at the renowned House of Blues Restaurant & Bar, located in the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino on the south end of the Las Vegas Strip, which specialized in "southern-inspired" cuisine.

"Within a month they made me the lead," Bryant says. "In about a year and a half they promoted me to a kitchen supervisor . . . that's when I started getting my feet under me for management." Bryant's hard work meant a steady

rise in the kitchen hierarchy, but he makes a point to emphasize that he valued most the "teamwork" atmosphere at the House of Blues, where every person on the kitchen staff was willing to do whatever work needed to be done.

"You have the chef, the sous-chef, the kitchen manager, the lead line cook, so you have that system. But at the end of the day, we're all doing the same thing, we're all cooking . . . so [you might say] 'I'm going to help the dishwasher,' or 'I'm going to take out the trash.' It's all about respect, and in our kitchen that's what I want to show, that respect for everybody."

It was also at House of Blues that Bryant learned how to work under pressure and handle stress. He remembers the "supposedly slow" night when a couple of the chefs were no-shows and hundreds of unexpected guests packed the restaurant.

"We were flooded," Bryant recalls. "They filled up both dining rooms . . . [nights like that] taught me to be fast, but detailed and fast—you can't just throw things out."

Learning different cuisines

After his stint at House of Blues, Bryant worked in other restaurants, where the chefs he worked under taught him to cook different kinds of dishes. He learned to cook Thai dishes at a bar that specialized in that cuisine. Similarly, chefs at other restaurants taught him to cook a range of Italian, Japanese, and Mexican dishes. His sister even played a part: she's a vegetarian, and she gave him tips about creating meatless, Asian-



Chef Josh Bryant already looks at home in the Rendezvous Restaurant kitchen

influenced meals. Bryant's most recent position was at True Foods Kitchen, where he learned many creative takes on fresh, natural ingredients. "That's kind of where all my cooking background comes from," says Bryant, "just what I've picked up from those I've worked under along the way."

On occasion Bryant has taken his talents to the great outdoors. "I did a lot of cooking outside. I did a lot of camping events with groups of people, where I would cook for them, do meals, breakfast, lunch, dinner . . . I enjoy being outdoors. But," he confesses, "I hate the bugs." He finds particularly distasteful the eight-legged variety of critter, and was troubled to learn of the annual tarantula migration in southeastern Colorado, an event he vows to avoid.

A Rendezvous menu revamp

Bryant describes how the Rendezvous restaurant expanded its menu. "The menu before had roughly 20 items, and they would run a special every day of the week. On top of that, they'd have a 'chef lunch special' and a 'chef dinner special' – a lot of specials. We took a lot of the specials, like the chicken salad croissant and the quesadilla, and just put them on the menu. On top of that, we added pastas and actually put the desserts on the menu, [and] we added two more salads." Bryant also says that they keep a vegetarian soup on the menu for people who might have certain dietary restrictions.

"In the summer," Bryant continues, "we're planning to bring out a little 'summer slammer slugger' with fresh salads and stuff on it. Expanding the menu is nice, but we still like the idea of being able to say 'we're going to run a special this week.'"

Bryant goes on to explain that by expanding the 20 menu items offered before, "Rendezvous regulars" now have a bigger selection of choices to cycle through, in addition to considering the new specials being offered.

Menus evolve, and that's a good thing

So far diners' feedback about the new menu has been largely positive, says Bryant, and he welcomes opinions about what could be

improved. Recently he spoke with a table of diners "who are in here often" who pointed out, among other things, too-dark breading on fish filets. Bryant agreed—and he made a note to slightly amend how the fish would be cooked going forward.

Bryant stresses that menu modifications based on diners' feedback are a good thing. "We're trying to make sure that things are going to work," he says. At some point he and Cormac Ronan, Rendezvous Restaurant manager, will assess how to revamp the menu again. "We'll take off things that aren't working, and add things or try things," says Bryant. "I like the idea of the menu constantly evolving over time."

-Bill Kaluza, B232



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Sun 2	Social Bridge (every Thurs and Sun)	Mountain View Room	1-3:30pm
Mon 3	Spanish Club (every Monday) Men's Bridge (every Monday) Book Club Men's Texas Hold'em (every Monday) Mah Jongg (every Monday) Games Galore! (every Monday)	Aspen Room Skyview Room Mountainview Room Aspen Room* Blue Spruce Room Arts and Crafts Room	11am-12pm 10am-2pm 10:30am & 1pm 12:30-5pm 1-4pm 4-6pm
Tue 4	Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tuesday) Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) Ping Pong (every Tuesday) Tennis Club Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Mountain View Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Rendezvous Restaurant Billiard Room	12:30-4pm 1-4pm 2pm 5pm 6:30pm
Wed 5	HG Ladies Golf Club (1 st and 3 rd Wed) Afternoon Cribbage (every Wednesday) Men's Poker (every Wednesday) Woodshop Club Rummikub (every Wednesday) Duplicate Bridge/ACBL (every Wednesday) Pinochle (every Wednesday) CP1 Square Dance (1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays)	Golf Course Sunburst Café Skyview Room Mountain View Room Lodgepole Lounge Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	8:30am 12:30-3pm 12:30-5pm 1pm 1-3pm 1pm 1:30-4pm 5:30pm 7-9pm
Thu 6	Tai Chi (every Thursday) TOPS (every Thursday) Fun Gals Golf Optimist Club (1 st and 3 rd Thursday) Time4Tap (every Thursday) Writers Club (every Thursday) Bunko (1 st and 3 rd Thursday) Social Bridge (every Thurs and Sun) Ping Pong (every Thursday) Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co. Kiwanis Club (1 st and 3 rd Thursday) Men's Billiards	Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Golf Course Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Game Room Clubhouse Lobby Skyview Room Billiards Room	8-11am 8:30-9:30am 9am 9am 11am-12pm 1-4pm 1-3:30pm 1-3:30pm 2pm 2:15-3:15pm 6pm 7pm
Fri 7	Fruit Shak (every Friday) Men with Purpose (1 st and 3 rd Friday) Texas Hold'em Co-ed (every Friday)	Clubhouse Parking Lot Skyview Room Mountain View Room	9am-3pm 10-11am 12:30-5pm
Sat 8	The Breakfast Club Ping Pong (every Saturday)	Rendezvous Restaurant Game Room	8:30am 2pm

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Thu	13	The Green Team Sip and Paint with Kaitlyn	Blue Spruce Room Arts and Crafts Room	12pm 2pm
Fri	14	Birding and Nature Club	Lodgepole Lounge	11:30am
Sat	15	Wine & Cheese Social Club Comedy Night	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	3-5pm 7pm
Mon	17	Photo Club	Aspen Room	3-5pm
Tue	18	Caregivers Support Group	Aspen Room	2-4pm
Wed	19	Xfinity/Comcast Bill Review Frolics "Summer Vibes" Square Dance	Library Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	9am-12pm 4pm 7-9pm
Thu	20	Rivertrail Foods Watch Batteries Replaced Social Justice Discussion Kathleen Arnold: The Fabulous 50's AARP	Clubhouse Lobby Sunburst Café Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Arts & Crafts Room	9-11am 9am-1pm 10am-12pm 1-2pm 12:45-5pm
Fri	21	Bingo	Library	1-3pm
Sat	22	Garden Club National Federation of the Blind	Garden Plots Mountainview Room	9am 10:30am-12:30pm
Mon	24	Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30pm
Tue	25	HG Republican Club Sevillians Social	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant	1:30-3pm 4:30-6pm
Thu	27	HG Democrats Club	Sandberg Auditorium	4-5:30pm
Fri	28	Movie: Mother of the Bride	Sandberg Auditorium	3pm

See pages 34 and 38 for more information on Clubs and Recreation

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Sat, June 1 Fitness to Drive Event, Clubhouse Lobby, 8am-noon

Monday, June 3 Bayer Ear Clinic, (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room
9am-12pm, (see ad. p. 55)

Tuesday, June 18 Mature Living Seminar: Nightmare on Downsizing Street, 10-11:30am, Cherry Creek Retirement Village (see ad p. 4)

Saturday, June 22 Financial Security Now and Then, Rendezvous Restaurant, 4-6pm (see ad p. 4)



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Boards and Committees Monthly Meetings

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 4 pm Mon, June 3
CECC (BR/Zoom) – 11 am Tue, June 4
Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, June 5
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, June 5
Maintenance (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, June 5
HGMD Board Special Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, June 6
Clubs & Activities (BR/Zoom) - 1pm Fri, June 7
RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, June 10
Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, June 11
Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) – 11:00 am Wed, June 12
Foundation (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, June 12
Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Fri, June 14
Capital Program (BR/Zoom) - 1pm Fri, June 14
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Mon, June 17
Audit & Finance (BR/Zoom) - 1pm Mon, June 17
Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, June 19
Open Forum (BR/Zoom) - 3pm Wed, June 19
HGA Board (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, June 18
ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, June 20
HGMD Board (BR/Zoom) - 1pm Thu, June 20
Audit (BR/Zoom) - 9am, Mon June 24
Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, June 25
Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, June 26
Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Thu, June 27

Heather 'n Yon Deadline: 6/17

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TOWN HALL MEETING With Angela Lawson

Ward V, Aurora City Council

Saturday, June 15 • 10-11:30am
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Visit AuroraGov.org/TownMeetings to find links for joining virtual meetings and to confirm meeting dates and location

FREE Days in June

Denver Botanic Gardens

Wednesday, June 5

720-865-3500, 9am-7pm
<https://www.botanicgardens.org>
1007 York Street

Denver Art Museum

Tuesday, June 11

720-865-5000, 10am-9pm
www.denverartmuseum.org
100 W 14th Ave Pkwy

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Wednesday, June 4th (Free Night)

Wednesday, June 19th (Juneteenth)

303-370-6000, 9am-5pm
www.dmns.org
2001 Colorado Blvd

Longmont Museum

Saturday, May 11

303-651-8374, 9am-5pm
www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-e-m/museum
400 Quail Rd 80501

Four Mile Historic Park

Friday, June 28

720-865-0800, 10 am–4 pm
www.fourmilepark.org
715 S. Forest St. Denver

Plains Conservation Center

Thursday, June 13

303-326-8380, 9am – 2pm
<https://www.botanicgardens.org/other-locations/plains-conservation-center>
21901 E. Hampden Avenue, Aurora

U.S. National Parks

June 19

Letters

Heather 'n Yon,

I've been reticent to write a letter to Heather 'n Yon about the current events at HG but I can no longer stay quiet. I had hoped to have this letter in the May issue but, unfortunately, I missed the deadline.

I don't intend to call anyone out by name but the behavior at the 4/18/2024 HGMD Board Meeting was nothing but disgraceful. I am embarrassed by this HGMD Board. The behavior they exhibit is not a true representation of what this community is. The dismissal and belittlement from several of the Board members to individuals in the audience was disturbing to watch. The HGMD Board president instigating a one-upmanship contest and goading the new General Manager while he was trying to speak was something I have never witnessed in a meeting in my career. The disrespect was ugly, disgusting and unwarranted. This Board is not what I want as a resident of Heather Gardens. It is authoritarian, uncompromising and purely ego driven. I'm tired of hearing them tell us how badly they are mistreated.
Judi Nicholes, #216

Heather 'n Yon,

I love America and our US Constitution, and I'm proud of the vast majority of its people (the criminals and terrorists, not so much). I am troubled by the recent turmoil and conflicts in our country and even in Heather Gardens. In my reading of the history of similar conditions of uncertainty in our country, I read what Alexander Hamilton (the first Secretary of Treasury) had to say about the threat to this first democracy that they just created. The following two quotes tell us why we should be vigilant for anyone who might try to create this destabilizing upheaval. I hope you will be on the lookout with me.

"The truth unquestionably is, that the only path to a subversion of the republican system of the Country

is, by flattering the prejudices of the people, and exciting their jealousies and apprehensions, to throw affairs into confusion, and bring on civil commotion." (See footnote 1)

"When a man unprincipled in private life desperate in his fortune, bold in his temper, possessed of considerable talents, having the advantage of military habits—despotic in his ordinary demeanor—known to have scoffed in private at the principles of liberty—when such a man is seen to mount the hobby horse of popularity—to join in the cry of danger to liberty—to take every opportunity of embarrassing the General Government & bringing it under suspicion—to flatter and fall in with all the non sense of the zealots of the day—It may justly be suspected that his object is to throw things into confusion that he may "ride the storm and direct the whirlwind" ". (See footnote 2)
-Roger Ruppe, B215

Footnotes:

In National Archives
(URL: <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Hamilton/01-12-02-0184-0002>)

In Founders Online
Enclosure: [Objections and Answers Respecting the Administration], [18 August 1792]

Under the heading of:
Objection XIV44
The ultimate object of all

Heather 'n Yon,

As the saga continues between HGMD & HGA, a few people have suggested just merging the two boards into one... NOT a GOOD idea. To obtain a Reverse Mortgage and enjoy a huge savings by not having to pay a mortgage, the FHA requires Residential property ONLY. Commercial property does not qualify! The FHA audits the program every two(?) years for compliance.

We need the Metro District to separate our commercial property from our residential property to keep our reverse mortgages thus saving residents big bucks!

-Rudy Morris, B217

Heather 'n Yon,

As a newer resident of Heather Gardens, I welcomed the email allowing residents to "voice their opinion on the color scheme they prefer the most." The email stated, "The schemes were based on what is trending in and around Aurora, Denver, and surrounding areas in Colorado." The choices recommended by Denver Commercial Coatings were all a vast improvement over the current noxious "cream" shade.

I was dismayed to read in Heather 'n Yon (May 2024) that the motion to change the colors failed, despite the fact that "more than 10 percent of HG's population voted," which Director David Kennedy felt was statistically valid. However, Director John Recob objected. Apparently being an engineer qualifies him to choose for the residents here. He said, "...I'm an engineer, so if I don't like the colors that's probably a good thing." Were he an architect or designer, I might be more inclined to consider his opinion.

Other objections including discussion about whether gray was becoming dated, and the color of the street signs don't make sense. The board contradicts their original email by saying "...gray has been popular for 10 years, but now is becoming dated..." Also, the fact that the street signs are "cream" appears to be another excuse

Heather 'n Yon welcomes letters concerned with community issues. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number. Letters may be edited for clarity.

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Letters are due at 12pm (noon)
by deadline (see p. 30)

Word Limit: 300

Thank you!

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to override the vote. Surely Mr. Recob, an engineer, realizes that the four screws on each numbered sign can be removed for painting. Furthermore, gray tones would blend more aesthetically with the nearby country place homes which are gray with white trim. The street signs don't match these either, but no one seems bothered by this.
-Maureen Wayne, B223

Heather 'n Yon,

This is from the Heather Gardens Green Team to the larger Heather Gardens community. We thank you all for the support you showed at our May 4th Paper Shred Event held in the Omega Building parking lot. We thank and appreciate the residents of the Omega Building for putting up with the inconvenience for a couple hours. We hope that the ease with which you could get your important documents securely processed helped mitigate the commotion.

To the many, many residents and HG employees who participated by waiting in line for your turn to pay the fee and drop off your papers, thank you for your patronage. And last, but certainly not least, we thank the many non-Green Team volunteers who helped cultivate the friendly and helpful atmosphere that made the time fly and the cars flow. All of you helped to make this a successful fund-raising event for us.

-Pat Nugent, B221
HG Green Team Secretary

Heather 'n Yon,

Having spent more than thirty years in public service (City, Town, County and State Legislative Staff, boards & commissions), I have fairly extensive experience in proper procedures required of governmental entities for public meetings. The HGMD Board is a governmental entity to which every property owner in Heather Gardens contributes monetarily on an annual basis in our property taxes. I have NEVER EXPERIENCED SUCH AN APPALLING DISPLAY OF RUDENESS AND INCOMPETENCE as I viewed, via Zoom, on the April 18th HGMD

Board meeting. Anyone from the audience who raised questions or stated facts that were opposed to the opinions of Daniel Taylor or Robin O'Meara were shut down, cut off or rudely interrupted by either or both HGMD Board members. While the mission of the HGA Board (homeowner's association) has always been to promote and further the Heather Gardens community in a positive way, it been increasingly difficult due to the negativity being forced on the community by the actions of the HGMD Board. Negotiation with bullies is impossible. Based on the fact that we've lost so many staff members since these people took office, the comments made verifying that anyone can speak with staff members but not direct them to do your bidding appear valid reasons for staff resignations. That behavior from members of a governing body is horrific and totally unacceptable. It's time for the HGMD Board to put on their big boy pants and

stop acting like elementary school bullies. SHAME ON YOU, HGMD! Shame on us residents for allowing this behavior to go unchecked. Time for a change.
-Donna Hudziak, 216

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

Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study. Meets every Tuesday 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Mountain View Room. We welcome everyone — Catholic and non-Catholic. Just show up. Call Dr. Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email clinecellars57@gmail.com

HG Women's Bible Study meets the first Thursday at 10–11:30 am, in the Mountain View Room and on Zoom. All other Thursdays are via Zoom only. Contact Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, or motoringmorris@gmail.com for information. I can arrange help with Zoom if you need it.

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

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

- **Sunday Bible Study:** 10 am, Mountain View Room. Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.
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Aviation Club

We meet the second Wednesday of each month, 7 pm, Aspen Room. This club is for anyone interested in aircraft and aviation. See you June 11. – Rudy Morris

Birding and Nature Club

The club meets at 11:30 am, on the second Friday of each month, Lodgepole Lounge.

Book Club

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

B201 and B202

B201 and B202 meet at 4:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, please call Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus meets at 8:30 am on the second Saturday in Rendezvous Restaurant for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is \$20. TBC has grown in the past 20 years — it has three other chapters along the Front Range. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour.

Each month, there are also different activities planned, such as museums, sports events, plays, concerts, and day trips, to name a few. Come see! – Suzanne Harmes

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CP1

Our happy hours are on the first Wednesday, 5:30 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. – Susan Osman, susanosman21@gmail.com.

CP2

We meet on the first Tuesday in June, August, October, December, and April. In June and December, we meet in the Rendezvous Restaurant. In April and October, we will meet in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. The months that we are not meeting in Rendezvous Restaurant will be potluck and BYOB. Please mark your calendars! – Jake Flint

CP4

We have our monthly get together on the first Thursday of the month. Please look for an email from your AR to let you know when and where the get-together will be held. – David Crum

Caregivers Support Group

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

Democrats/HG

The HG Democratic Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month, 4-5:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Our purpose is to support and defend the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law; and to promote democratic values such as truth, justice, and equal rights. We educate ourselves, our candidates and our elected officials, and take an active part in our democracy. Our meetings are free and open to all, whether or not you are a resident of Heather Gardens or registered as a Democrat.

On June 25, our speaker will be from STOP FRAUD Colorado, a partnership between the Colorado Attorney General and AARP Elder Watch, and will address common scams targeting older Coloradans. (This talk was re-scheduled from May.) June 25 is also Primary Election Day in Colorado, so if you haven't returned your mail ballot by that date, you will still be able to bring it to the meeting, discuss any questions you may have, and put it in the drop box by the tennis courts. Some of us have dinner at Rendezvous after the meeting. Please join us for a lively discussion. – Marty Karnopp, Chair.

Frolics Club

Our 2024 Annual Spring Production, "Broadway in Our Hearts," was well received. We're already planning our 2025 Annual Spring Production. Deadline for receiving scripts is July 31.

If you're interested in taking a "Backstage Tour of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts" on Saturday, June 8, please contact Arlene Krell, 720-284-9774. Reservations are required. Our Traveling Troupe will be performing "Summer Vibes" on Wednesday, June 19, 4 pm, at the Rendezvous. If you want to be a part of our "Talent Show" on Saturday, June 22, please contact Arlene Krell.

Garden Club

The May weather took some time turning into spring, this year, but the celebration of Mothers Day on May 12 began the traditional summer planting season. The June Garden Club meeting will be held

at the Garden Plots (at the end of Marina Dr.), at 9 am, Saturday, June 22, with a kick-off garden breakfast and walk-about tour for members and guests. Breakfast munchies and beverages will spur us on to then do a walk-about in the garden, visiting with one another, describing what's growing, and generally enjoying the springtime plots and plantings. Visitors are welcome but must pre-register. Call Nancy, 720-932-6990.

Regular Garden Club meetings are generally held on the last Monday of every month, 6 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Our next regular meeting will be Monday July 29. Call or text Nancy to be added to the Garden email notification list, 720-932-6990. – Nancy Linsenbigler

The Green Team

The Green Team meets the second Thursday, noon, Blue Spruce room. All are welcome. Call Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303- 587-9797, with questions.

The Assistance League of Denver H.E.L.P. Medical Equipment is the place to go if you need any medical equipment. Don't pay big bucks following surgery or after a fall. This place has everything you may need, and won't charge for it.

The Hospital Equipment Lending Program (H.E.L.P.) is open by appointment only. Simply call 720-598-6126, email help@aldenver.org, or schedule online by going to Community Service/ Human Services on their website. All you do is sign a lease for up to six months. Once back to your "old self," return everything, so that another person in distress may have the same opportunity. Additionally, they take used equipment, and sanitize it, before adding it to their inventory. This all-volunteer organization is supported

by the Assistance League Thrift Shop, which is just next door. The Green Team supports all methods of recycling, and this is a prime example. You can chat with them at our America Recycles Day event on Friday, November 15.

Indivisible/HG

The Heather Gardens community is invited to join Indivisible members on Saturday, June 1, 9 am-noon, for a free training session, from National Indivisible, on how to effectively advocate for democratic values, overcoming wealth inequality, injustice, work for women's reproductive-rights protection, gun safety, environmental protections, etc., and to support candidates who share our values.

We will meet in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms, so we can have two breakout sessions. There is no cost for this program. Feel free to invite friends. We appreciate a headcount, to plan food and drink.

Whether you can regularly attend the meetings or not, you are welcome to also sign up for our newsletter of information and action items. Questions? Contact Gina Abegg, facilitator, ginaabegg2020@gmail.com. To receive regular mailings, contact C. C. Carson, membership, cccason287@gmail.com.

Karaoke Club

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

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

Kiwanis meets on the first Thursday, 6 pm, for a business meeting in the Skyview Room, and

on the third Thursday, 6 pm, with a guest speaker. If interested in participating, contact the club at jwmkiwanis@gmail.com. – James Martin, President

Lifelong Learners

Participation for our spring classes was tremendous! We had 95 residents register for our three courses. A special thanks to Mike Boyd, Gloria Leshner, Karen Gold, Peter Cronas and Paul Mauro – our facilitators.

Looking forward to the summer session, we will offer five classes. The subjects are: Compassionate Communication (which will be offered during the day and evening), Nutrition Education for Healthy Living; Immunity, Vaccines, Viruses and COVID19; and The Supreme Court, History and Process. Registration for summer session starts approximately Monday, June 17. Look for Learners classes in the summer classes and activities publication.

Men with Purpose

"The natural desire of good men is knowledge." – Leonardo Da Vinci. A group of men, with diversified backgrounds, gather to discuss timely topics regarding healthy aging and purposeful retirement. Books and articles relating to these topics are discussed by group members.

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

National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter

Meet other blind and low-vision people at the monthly meeting, held on the fourth Saturday of each month, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We discuss new medical options, accessible

games, transportation, and idea-sharing. Contact Dale Holden, bldg. 213, 303-905-9738

Optimist Club

The club meets on first and third Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous Restaurant, 9 am. A continental breakfast buffet is served, \$10 per person. Optimist Clubs are dedicated to “bringing out the best in kids” through various service projects. We welcome anyone interested in finding out more. Contact Darlene Park, 303-798-5088, or Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205, with questions.

Photo Club

If you want to learn more about photography, get inspired, meet others who share your passion, make new friends, and learn how to share those great trips, try the HG Photo Club. We discuss the different ways of taking photos, and how things have changed in the photo world.

We meet on the third Monday, 3-5 pm, Aspen Room. The next meeting will be June 17. Contact Rudy Morris, 303-506-8070, rudymorris4@gmail.com.

Republican Club

Club News

Heather Gardens Republican Club meets Tuesday, June 25, 1:30-3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Guest Speaker Sue Moore, of Liberty Scorecard, will provide an update on the Colorado state 2024 legislative session. An update on ballot measures for November 2024 also will be included. Guests are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Robin O’Meara, President, by emailing rlomeara1@gmail.com. Attention: Golfers July 8 Golf Tournament for John Fabbriatore, Congressional District 6, 8-11:30 am, Heather Gardens Executive Golf Course

\$100 per golfer, includes 9 holes of golf, cart, lunch and prize money. RSVP to Robin O’Meara, President by June 11.

“Our freedom, envied the world over, was attained at great personal sacrifice... we cannot allow it to wither away through apathy.” – Thomas J. Hunter, Jr., U.S. Navy Medal of Honor

Sevillians

Mark your calendar for 4:30–6 pm, the fourth Tuesday of the month, for the Sevillian dinner at Rendezvous. This is a wonderful way to connect with fellow residents of Seville, make new acquaintances, and find out about important happenings within the Seville. Sign-up sheets will be provided in the mailroom of your building. – Patt Clark

Singers/Mixed Chorus

The HG mixed-chorus group is looking for an accompanist/director. The group cannot schedule June practices at this time. Please check the bulletin board in the Clubhouse for the latest information. Interested in joining or for more details, call Tom Kappel, 720-377-5756.

Singles Club/OPOCS

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

Social Justice Discussion

You are invited to join the roundtable discussion focused on the unhoused dilemma in our community, on Thursday, June 20, 10 am-noon, Blue Spruce Room. Nancy Jackson, our former County Commissioner, will speak about the unhoused situation in Aurora. Jackson is on the board for “Ready to Work.” The Bridge

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House and other projects she is working on will be discussed. Facilitators: Bernie Hupperts, marlynber@gmail.com, and Diane Pritchard, dianekpritchard@gmail.com.

Spanish Club (Club en Español)

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

SRA

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month in a different Seville building. For time and location, please contact your AR or Seville building representative. – Vickie Wolfe, president

TOPS

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

Men and women are welcome. For information, contact Lisa Jackson, 469-323-5434 or mljackson81@gmail.com.

Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday of every month. Join us at 3–5 pm Saturday, June 15, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment

is provided. For more information, call the Clubhouse Activity Desk, 303-751-1811, ext. 5.

Woodshop Club

The Woodshop Club promotes use of the Woodshop and better care of the equipment, focuses on safety within the Woodshop, and helps develop new woodworking classes, fellowship, and training. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 1 pm, Mountain View Room.

Member experience varies from beginner level to experienced woodworking individuals. You are invited to join this great energetic club, and have an opportunity to share your ideas and initiatives relating to woodworking. Come learn why the members all love working with wood — from designing writing pens to wall hangings and furniture. Direct questions to President Dave Woods, heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com.

Writers Club

Do you want to write your memoirs? Have you put poems or prose to paper? Have you thought of writing a book, but didn't think you could? Come meet with other writers at the HG Writers Club. Join us on Thursdays, 1-4 pm, Skyview Room. Club contact: Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608.

On June 24
(fourth Monday),
the **Low Vision
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Aspen Room, 1:30 pm.
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Billiard Club

The club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in before 6:10 pm to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12 are payable on January 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns, 303-693-0766, or Judy Brehmer, 303-369-6258.

8-Ball April 16

1st Dee Moore, Ted Herrera
2nd Roger Goldstein, Steve Olsen
3rd Bob Schlageter, Jack Doherty

April 23

1st Dee Moore, Jack Doherty
2nd Brian Bucenec, Judy Brehmer
3rd Gil Lochhead Team

April 30

1st Mike Franzen, Jack Doherty
2nd Brian Bucenec, Kit Carstens
3rd Sean Kelliher, Judy Hein

May 7

1st Scott Crowl, Sharon Weiss
2nd Brian Bucenec, Judy Brehmer
3rd Don Gunnarson, Tony Ormsby

May 14

1st Brian Bucenec, Rita Cusack
2nd Ted Herrera, Sharon Weiss
3rd Jack Doherty, Judy Brehmer

9-Ball Results April 18

1st John Manzanares
2nd Brian Bucenec

April 25

1st Scott Crowl
2nd John Manzanares
3rd Roger Goldstein

May 2

1st Steve Hesser
2nd Brian Bucenec

May 9

1st John Manzanares
2nd Steve Hesser

Bowling League

We followed up the end of our regular season with a "9-pin No Tap" fun event, where participants

earn a strike with a 9-pin count on the first ball. The result is a lot less work picking up spares and much higher scores. The big winners were:

Game 1

1st Scott Cole, 336; 2nd Keith Tipton, 288; 1st Marla Cole, 284; 2nd Connie Burns, 271

Game 2

1st John Patterson, 306; 2nd Bill Peters, 276 1st Colleen Krefl, 286 2nd Peggy Lux, 283

Game 3

1st George Madonna, 317; 2nd Larry Hill, 259; 1st Ann Agee, 328; 2nd Flo Madonna, 298

Please contact Mary Jo Prichard, mjinsurance@hotmail.com, if you would like your name added for communications about next season, which will begin early September.

Bridge/Men's Monday

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

Bridge/Social

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

Bunko

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

Cribbage/Afternoon

Afternoon Cribbage meets 12:30-3 pm Wednesdays, in the

Clubhouse Sunburst Café. For information: Dean Lux, 303-353-4267.

Duplicate Bridge/ACBL

We play at 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. For partnership information, or with questions, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032, or meek045@outlook.com. – Linda Harder, Director

Games Galore!

Game night is every Monday 4-6 pm, Arts & Crafts Room. Bring your own game, your own drinks, and your own snacks. Join us, Heather Gardens residents and friends, for a fun night. Play your favorite game or learn a new one. It's all for fun. For information, Karen Gold, 712-301-2284.

Golf/Fun Gals

Fun Gals Golf has begun, on Thursday mornings, with the first of three tee times starting at 9. To participate, call the HG Pro Shop, 303-751-2390. When the message starts, press 1; when they answer, specify you want to play "Fun Gals Golf."

Fun Gals Golf is for ladies who are interested in some casual, non-competitive golf. It is not part of the HG Ladies Golf Club, is not a league, has no dues, no handicaps, no pressure, and no judgment.

For even more fun and socializing, we can take advantage of Rendezvous' earlier opening time of 10:30 am, and enjoy a drink or a bite together after play.

For more information, please text or leave a voicemail for Linda Hileman, 303-514-5379.

Golf Club/Ladies

The Heather Gardens Ladies Golf Club has completed its first month of tournament play, hosting shotgun starts on the first and third Wednesdays and regular timed tee-offs the other three weeks. As expected in May, the weather conditions included brief rain showers, wind, and the occasional glimpse of sunshine. None of those conditions deterred club members from enjoying the game they love and the company of many friends.

This year, the Rendezvous is hosting a special "Ladies Golfer Lunch Special," every Wednesday following play, allowing league members to unwind after their rounds while enjoying a meal and the company of fellow players. The menus for these luncheon specials can be found on the club's website.

Club Website

Don't forget to check out the club's website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com, for valuable information, including weekly tee times, handicaps, and the club's membership roster. The site also includes Golf Tip Videos from Club Pro Greg Kohr, and minutes from the board of directors' meetings. Visit the site regularly to keep up to date on club news.

Events

Please add this June event to your calendar: June 10 Men and Women's Mixer

Starting Times

This season, there will be shotgun starts every first and third Wednesday of the month. Those will begin at 8:30 am. Beginning in June, the first tee time for non-shotgun starts will be 6:30 am, and that will be true through the end of August. If you miss signup on Wednesday, you can call the Pro Shop, beginning Thursday

morning, to get a tee time.

Scorecards

A reminder to all club members: when turning in your scorecard, be sure it contains the required information, the writing is legible, and the math is correct. Scorecards not meeting these requirements risk being disqualified for that week's play. All women interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Learn more about the club and get a membership application at the Heather Gardens Pro Shop and our website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com. The next HGLGC board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26 at 1:00 pm, Board Room. All members are encouraged to attend. Minutes from all board meetings are posted on the club's website.

Meet A Member

Ensuring that a golf league runs smoothly takes the efforts of many dedicated club members. One position critical to the league's overall success is Tournament Chair. Since 2019, that position has been held by Barb Gierscher. Barb, who is not a resident of Heather Gardens, has been a member of the league since 2018, joining at the invitation of Carol Anne Mayne, who sponsored her. Barb's job includes coming up with the weekly tournament ideas, as well as overseeing the review of scorecards. She also plays a critical role in determining how prize money is distributed. Barb has golfed for many years and says, "I like this league because it's a nice group of ladies. Even though we play for money, it's casual and fun."

Tournament Results May 1**Flight A**

1st Margie Francone
2nd Glenda Pitts
3rd JoAnn Fitch, Coleen Kreft

Flight B

1st Anne Gillis, Flo Madonna,
Barb McShane
4th Susan Brennan, Carol
Strickland

Flight C

1st Dee Moore
2nd Ann Agee
3rd Mavis Richardson
4th Barb Gierscher

Flight D

1st Lisa Matthews
2nd Marilyn Cornell
3rd Gwen Alexander, Sandy
Costello

Low Gross Awards

Flight A – Deb Madril
Flight B – Carol Gilbert
Flight C – Myra Lansky
Flight D – Kathy Liss

May 8**Flight A**

1st Judy Phillips
2nd JoAnn Fitch, Mary Kay Rohrer,
Kathy Stebbins, Nancy Wilson

Flight B

1st Mary Jo Prichard
2nd Flo Madonna
3rd Judy Nelson, Linda Savage,
Gina Studer

Flight C

1st Carol Ann Mayne
2nd Myra Lansky
3rd Suzi Stolte
4th Sharon Weiss

Flight D

1st Susan Craig
2nd Robbie Snyder
Low Gross Awards
Flight A – Sara Stoner
Flight B – Anne Gillis, Pat Taylor
Flight C – Barb Gierscher, Dee
Moore

Flight D – Sandy Costello, Lisa
Matthews

– Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

Golf/Men's

Note: For any senior golfer with questions on joining the Men's Golf Club, contact Tom Kappel, 720-377-5756. For questions/concerns about any of our

concerns about any of our tournaments, mixers, match play, and/or shotgun start events, call Paul Zipps, 720-350-2404, or Gene Barth, 303-214-8519.

Tournament Play, April 19

Flight E

1st Neil Miller
2nd Tom Jackson

Flight D

1st Bill DeSonnier
2nd Mike Corcoran
3rd Bob McElfresh

Flight C

1st Paul Zipps, Nick Streno
2nd Bob Streno

Flight B

1st Butch Shoup
2nd Mark Blagen
3rd Matt Dunne, Mike Benowitz

Flight A

1st Bill Schmidt
2nd Gene Barth, John Bender

April 26

Flight E

1st Larry Hill
2nd Neil Miller
3rd Kenny Duncan
4th John Guise
5th James Busby

Flight D

1st Joe DeCristofaro
2nd Cliff Creswell, Ted Cowan,
Dave Walstrom
3rd David Krell, Glenn Riggs, Bill
DeSonier

Flight C

1st Calvin Green
2nd Henry Ulibarri
3rd Tom Fitzgerald, Bob Streno

Flight B

1st Mike Benowitz
2nd Mike Meagher, Butch Shoup
3rd Jess Deal, Mark Blagen, Doug
Miller

Flight A

1st Chris Hughes
2nd Bill Schmidt, Gene Barth,
Steve Gilbert
3rd Bill Casey, Tom Parko

May 3

Flight E

1st John Guise

2nd Steve Galambos
Larry Maitland, Bob Bamford
Flight D

1st John McMullen, Tom Merges
2nd Glenn Riggs

3rd Joe Rook, James Busby
Flight C

1st Calvin Green
2nd Scott Cole, Mark Ethridge
3rd Henry Ulibarri, Vinny
Rozanskas, Jim Jensen

Flight B

1st Jess Deal
2nd Matt Dunne
3rd Mike Steffens

Flight A

1st Gene Barth, Tom Parko
2nd Casey Williams, Dave Schmit,
John Good
3rd Steve Hesser

Golf/Pro Shop

Heather Gardens Golf Shop has the ability to put your credit card on file, to make golf-shop payments fast and easy. Now, we are excited to announce, we just got new credit-card processing that will make normal transactions easier, with the ability to tap, insert, swipe, or mobile pay. The downside: this means we need to re-add anyone's card that is currently on file. To do this, please come in to the golf shop, or call us at 303-751-2390, and we will get your card into the new system. Please let us know if you have any questions. Happy golfing! – Greg Kohr, PGA-Certified Director of Golf

Hand (Knee) and Foot

Also known as Tripleplay, this is a variation of Canasta. Fun and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountain View Room. Call Linda Serio 303-396-2218, or just show up.

Mah Jongg/Monday

We meet 1–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the Activities Desk for our location. We play for

a maximum of \$3, so bring your coins.

All players are welcome, but you must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. If you are just curious about the game, feel free to drop by to observe. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 720-708-6738.

Mah Jongg/Tuesday

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room. All players are welcome. Please have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game: we do not play for money, only glory.

Never played Mah Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to learn. Free lessons can be arranged. Call Laurie, 720-210-8033, or Bobbie, 520-743-6849, for information.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–3 or 4 pm, every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. It's a game for everyone. – Bernadette (Bee) Hass, 303-923-3877.

Pickleball

The HG Pickleball Club plays daily according to our schedule found by scrolling down under the Home tab at <https://www.hgpickle.org/>. We offer a "Pickleball Lite" program for beginning and intermediate players. Times are published weekly by email, so let Ron Hileman (ronhileman@gmail.com) know if you would like to receive our updated information each week. The club provides loaner paddles and pickleballs.

We do not play when the courts are wet, or the wind gusts are over 20 MPH. We often add Ladder or Round Robin play on Saturday or Sunday. We are now separating play into four groups, based on ability and desired pace plus intensity of play. Visit our club's website (above) for wind speed plus updated schedule

information. Contact Phil Hughes, 303-503-7633, or Ron Hileman, 720-256-7477, with your questions or to schedule a free orientation or lesson.

Ping Pong

Fun and great exercise. Come join us in playing doubles, 2 pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in the Game Room. You can also play by contacting the Activities Desk in the Clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205 – B. Schlageter

Pinochle

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

Poker/Men's & Texas Hold 'em

On Mondays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room, except on the first Monday of the month, when we play in the Aspen Room. On Wednesdays, we play Men's Poker (12:30–5 pm) in the Skyview Room. On Fridays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room.

Our Texas Hold 'em games are open to the ladies. Our men-only poker games consist of a variety of dealers' choice games. For information please call Paul Reddy, 303-750-0442, or Larry Hill, 720-272-7765.

Rummikub

A rummy-like tile game that is played in tables of four. Easy to learn, fun to play. Lodgepole Lounge on Wednesdays, 1-3 pm. Joanne Turner, 719 641-3644.

Square Dance

Heather Twirlers invites all square dancers to join us every first and third Wednesday, 7–9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. The cost is \$7. If you are an experienced dancer, a newer dancer or feel a little rusty in your dancing, it is an excellent chance to both experience the joy of dancing and improve your skills, while meeting new and old friends. You meet other dancers, have a lot of fun, and get your exercise. Any questions, call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632.

Tai Chi

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

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

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

Tennis Club

Our play times for May are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Check the bulletin board at the courts for play times, or call Wendy at 303-587-9797. Please come out and give us a try. We welcome all levels of players. We offer free lessons, and training on the ball machine. Our next get-together is our monthly meeting at the Rendezvous Restaurant. This will be Tuesday, June 4, 5 pm. We are friendly and welcoming. – Wayne Wharton, secretary

Time4Tap Dance Group

If you are a seasoned tap dancer, you might want to join Time4Tap Dance Group (Intermediate/Advanced), at 11 am-noon, Thursdays, Sandberg Auditorium. With questions, call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985; email jwhalen97@comcast.net. Make Time4Tap!



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HG Clubhouse Events

Clubhouse Hours

Monday–Saturday 6 am–9 pm; Sunday 7 am–7 pm

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Make reservations for any event by calling the number above or stop by the Clubhouse Activities Desk

“Fitness to Drive” Event

Saturday, June 1, 2024, 8:00am to 12:00pm

8:00 am: Grab and Go Breakfast & Stretch and Warm up, Fitness Walk around Heather Gardens

8am-12pm: Fitness Demos & Stay Fit Resources

9:30-11:30am: HOT TOPICS

- When do I give up the keys? Decisions about Driving - Terri Cassidy, Occupational Therapist and owner of Fitness to Drive, will discuss the ways in which aging can impact driving, how to have conversations about this sensitive topic, objective driving evaluations, and the importance of staying active - either as driver or passenger.
- Dementia and Driving / Colorado DMV Laws / Conversations and engagement with Physicians
- 4 Steps to Improve Driving Health
- How to navigate the transition from driver to passenger.
- Technology and Transportation – What if I am not Tech Savvy?
- Additional Topics will be offered, exact agenda will be available closer to the event.

If you have any further questions regarding the event or wish to be a vendor or guest speaker, please contact:

Melissa Clifford melissa@iplaceseniors.com

or Amy Benedict amy@iplaceseniors.com

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Tuesday, June 6, 2:15 – 3:15 pm, Clubhouse Lobby
They will be selling Nuts, Seeds, Snacks, Candies, Dried Fruits, and Trail Mix

Active Minds: New Zealand

Wednesday, June 12, 2-3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk

From its roots as a British colony, New Zealand emerged as a mixture of British influence and its native Māori culture. With a population of just over 5 million people, New Zealand has an outsized cultural impact in the region and the world. Join Active Minds as we tell the story of the world's sixth largest island nation as well as why its inhabitants are often called kiwis.

Sip and Paint with Kaitlyn

Thursday, June 13, 2-pm, Arts & Crafts Room
COST: \$20, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

Come to the clubhouse to paint, sip wine or non – alcoholic beverages and socialize with your neighbors. The price includes painting equipment and wine. We are limiting the number of participants to 25. We will be attempting to hold one a month.

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Comedy Night

Saturday, June 15, 7 pm, Auditorium

Cost \$10, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk

Back by popular demand! Harvest the funny with Karyn Ruth White. An evening of uplifting comedy! So, pack your Depends, grab some tissues, and get ready to laugh! Karyn always draws a great crowd so get your tickets soon! You will not be disappointed with this show.

Xfinity/Comcast Bill Review

Wednesday, June 19, 9 am- Noon, Library

Sign-up sheets are now available. There are 10, 20 minutes slots. FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

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Thursday, June 20, 9-11 am, Clubhouse Lobby

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Kathleen Arnold: The Fabulous 50s

Thursday, June 20, 1-2pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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AARP

Thursday, June 20, 12:45 pm – 5 pm, Arts & Crafts
Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

Are you a driver aged 50 and over? Would you like to receive a discount on your auto insurance? Would you like to learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment? If so, then consider attending the AARP Driver Safety Class here at the Heather Gardens Clubhouse. The class is 4 hours long and the cost is \$20 for AARP members (please bring your membership card) and \$25 for non-members (cash or check only, credit cards cannot be accepted). Please be sure to bring your driver's license with you to class. Class size is limited to 25 people.

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Bingo

Friday, June 21, 1-3 pm, Library

FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

Snacks will be provided. Register early, this event fills up fast!

Movie: Mother of the Bride

Friday, June 28, 3 pm Sandberg Auditorium

COST: \$5 pre-register / \$6 at the door, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

After a year abroad in London, Emma returns home and stuns her mother Lana with the news that she's getting married in a month at a resort in Phuket, Thailand. Things get worse when Lana discovers that the husband-to-be RJ is the son of Will, the man who broke her heart years earlier.

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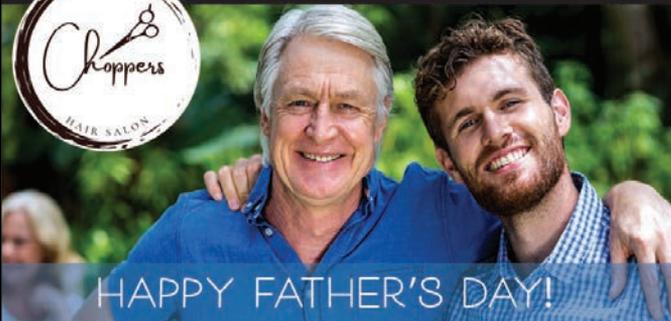
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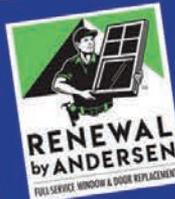
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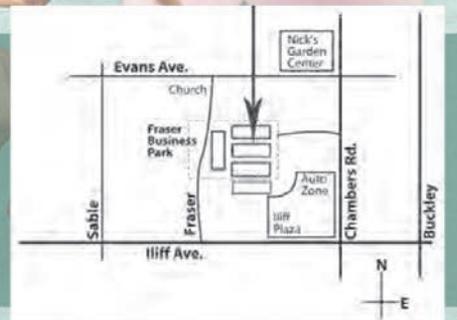
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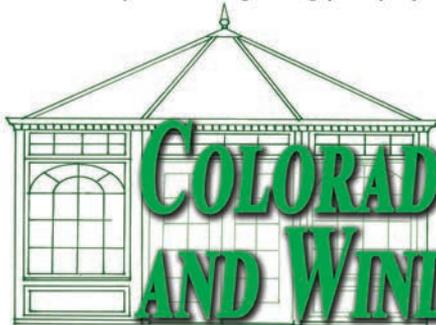


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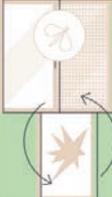
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Ode to June in HG

Mary Hafka

I just renewed my season-ticket membership for next year's Best of Broadway series at the DCPA. This, coupled with my tendency to sing Broadway standards when the weather turns warm – such as Oh! What a Beautiful Morning! – might explain the following column.

June is busting out all over! The lilac trees are blooming all around And the tulip plants are flaming, and the jonquils are maintaining Till the bunny rabbits come to mow them down.

(Yes, friends and neighbors, it's June in HG. And you know what that means? Me, either, not exactly. Still, there's something in the air that just feels different. Maybe it's the allergens.)

*June is growing very pollen-y
I clear my throat a million times
a day With the cottonwoods
extruding And the grass and
weed pods feuding. So I use a
lot of Cepacol throat spray.*

*Dandelions are blooming out
profusely. Their cheerful yellow
blossoms make me sneeze.
When the blossoms turn all
seedy And these blow balls get
all weedy (Am I the only one with
a real fondness for these?)*

*But, still, it's June! June! June!
June! Just because it's June!
June! June!*

*June is busting out all over!**
*And the noise level is making
me prostrate. With lawn
mowers all a-grinding And the
weed-whackers combining To
guarantee I'll be unable to sleep
late.*

*June is feeling very insect-ish.
The new bat houses loom
above our heads. It's really kind
of spooky. And the shape of*

*them is kooky. So I really hope
mosquitoes keep them fed.*

*Because it's June! June! June!
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June! June!**

Okay, I'll stop singing, now. My house pets barely tolerate my singing, anyway, so I'm used to negative reactions. Mortie, the dog, had to go to the vet twice, last month. I reject her contention that it was my singing that made her sick.

I bought some new accessories to adorn my lanai, for the summer months. I found a clever ceramic birdbath at TJ Maxx, but had to choose between its accompanying figurine, which was a turquoise ceramic cat – to discourage birds from actually using the birdbath – or a different-hued turquoise ceramic cat.

In the end, I couldn't decide, and got both cat figurines. This double teaming probably is a good idea, as I really don't want the birds soiling my birdbath. Because – you know – it's new.

I bought a few other lanai ornaments. Decorative metal fence panels, adorned with enameled red poppies. Festive, painted planters. Wooden flower boxes.

It's getting sort of crowded on my lanai, actually. I might have overdone it, a little.

This isn't the first time my "More is more" philosophy has caused me trouble. But the thrift stores are full of porch ornaments that other folks have wisely gotten rid of, and they're pretty inexpensive.

The next thing I need to buy might be an additional lanai.

I have some industrious neighbors who celebrate June by bringing summer clothes upstairs from the basement closet, and hauling winter clothes back downstairs.

I've never understood the need for this. It's a lot less work to just walk to the basement, for a few

months, and get dressed.

Planting summer flowers is another activity that I always think sounds like a swell idea until I'm faced with the actual work that accompanies gardening. Planting flowers is fun. Weeding them, not so much.

Watching them die, in September, after spending a small fortune on their purchase, is an activity most definitely to be avoided. Many summers, I do skirt the entire process. I just enjoy staring at my neighbors' flowers.

I'm less unhappy about the nursery expenses if I spend my money on perennial plants. But I expect those suckers to come back and bloom for at least 10 years.

Years ago, I had a garden plot in the HG community garden. I enjoyed it for the first growing season.

But I soon learned what any more experienced gardeners probably could have told me – you really have to work in those garden plots every day, to keep down the weeds and ensure a good yield. Working in the garden daily was a commitment I discovered I wasn't willing to honor. I've had boyfriends who expected less. In the end, I surrendered the garden plot. I achieved this, before my fellow garden-plot holders could vote me the award for Most Obviously Inept Gardener.

These days, I simply enjoy my Junes the way nature intended, lounging on my overcrowded lanai, sipping a margarita and swatting at mosquitos. Will someone phone down to the bat houses, and tell them their services are required?

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