



Heather 'n' Von[®]

October, 2021

Vol. 35, No. 8

The Official Newsmagazine for HG
www.heathergardens.org



**B205 decorated early for Halloween.
It will be a spooky 90 days for friends and
neighbors. See story, page 51**

Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis



ASPENWOOD DENTAL ASSOCIATES COLORADO DENTAL IMPLANT CENTER



Providing Comprehensive General
and Implant Dentistry *for a Lifetime*

Dental Services

-  General Dentistry
-  Implant Dentistry
-  Dentures *Full or Partial*
-  Sedation Dentistry
-  Cosmetic Dentistry
-  Veneering and Bonding



Daniel Zeppelin DDS, Aaron Sun DDS, Lisa M. Augustine DDS, Ronald M. Yaros DDS

Technology

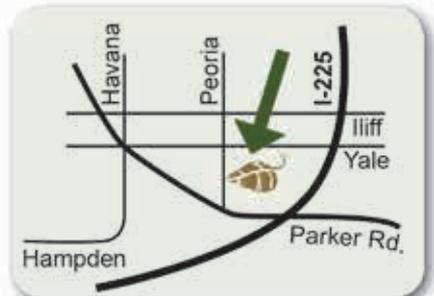
We are proud to offer the latest in proven technologies to make your appointment the best experience possible. By maintaining the most advanced procedures and equipment we ensure that every patient can achieve a beautiful and healthy smile.

Payment Options Available



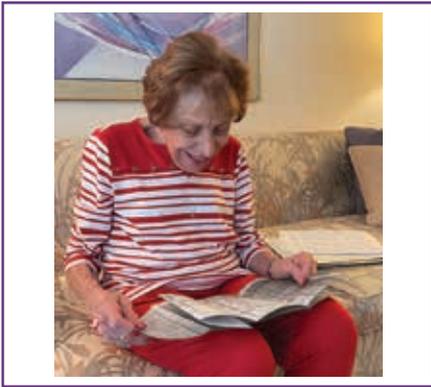
303-751-3321

Call Now For
Free Consultation
Financial Options Available



2900 S. Peoria, Bldg. C
Located in the
ASPENS DENTAL PARK

www.AspenwoodDental.com



Family History...see page 17



Volunteer...see page 19



Super Seniors...see page 25

contents

5 Ballots prepared for November vote
HGA Contemplates Budget
Parking Structures motions passed

6 Sparse attendance; questions posed
Meet the Candidates Forum
Five candidates for three positions on HGA Board

7 Forty-foot Blue Spruce tree lands on rose garden
Heavy Winds Fell Tree
R&G clears tree, preserves rose garden

10 PSAC wants budget to include funding
PSAC Update + 2 Subgroups
Need to be ready for repairing or replacing PS

31 *LETTERS*

37 *HGMD FOUNDATION*

38 *CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS*

42 *SPORTS/RECREATION*

54 *CLUBHOUSE EVENTS*

58 *CLASSIFIEDS*



Heather 'n Yon™ is published monthly for the residents of HG

Trademark Owner: HG Association
2888 S. Heather Gardens Way
Aurora, CO 80014 [303/755-0652]

Publisher: Donaldsons, Inc.

Editor: Lynn Donaldson, 303/766-8649, (LynnNeu@comcast.net)

Advertising: Tammy Sillstrop, 303/862-4125,
(Tammy.Belew@Sillstrop.com)

Writers: Mary Hafka (mhafka@comcast.net)
Dala Giffin, 303/690-0492 (DalaGiffin@gmail.com)

Photographers: Anne Hummel-Gillis (anne@hummelgillis898.com)
Janis Farrell (jcfarrell225@gmail.com)

Classified Advertising: Mary Hafka, 303/368-7559,
(mhafka@comcast.net)

Distribution: Dave and Debbie Madril, 303/755-9990,
(maddava@msn.com)

TO HG RESIDENTS:

It is the intent of the Editors to provide information of interest to its readers, to afford persons with varying and differing views opportunity to air responsible opinions on matters of community interest and to promote community and enjoyable life pursuits.

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

©2021, Donaldsons, Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part without written permission is prohibited.

The Publishers do not necessarily endorse the companies, products or services advertised in Heather 'n Yon. Printed by Publication Printers corp., 2001 S. Platte River Dr.

Heather Gardens
Fifth Annual

Halloween Party

THE GORY DETAILS

Saturday, October 30, 2021

5-7:30 pm Heather Gardens Auditorium

Dinner • Dancing • Costume Party **only \$12** per person

Buffet dinner starts at 5 pm – Music by Final Approach starts at 5:30 pm

RSVP to the HG

Activities Desk:

303.751.1811

by Tues, Oct. 26



Scary fun!
Prizes!

Halloween Party Event Sponsored by: Garden Plaza of Aurora
Cherry Creek Retirement Village • Gary Fielder, Elite Cabinetry
Heather Gardens Brokers • Aleta Antoinette, HomeSmart Realty
Shana Judd, Mutual of Omaha • OsteoStrong Lowry • St. Andrews Village

Canine Costume Parade 3:00 pm

Pre-register with
Cynthia Weber 303-745-8786

Listing of Advertisers

Accounting/Taxes-

James Moore & Assoc.....53

Attorneys-

Aschenberg Law23

Karnopp, Radosevich, Preston .57

Kirch, Rounds, Bowman,

Deffenbaugh32

Meurer Law50

Auto Service-

Johnson Automotive47

Ken's Auto Service.....49

Dentist-

Aspenwood2

Aurora Dental Office40

D'Amico, Mauck, Ricci33

Glenn Smile Center45

Dr. Nelson Joo57

TS Dental.....28

Election: City Council

Becky Hogan9

Daneille Jurinsky.....12

Dustin Zvonek.....13

HG Republican Club.....8

Financial Services-

Edward Jones -P.Pogue23

Nice Grp, Raymond James16

Funerals & Cemeteries

Abbott Funeral Services44

Health Services-

Bayer Ear Clinic Inc.63

InnovAge.....49

iPlace Seniors.....57

Kaiser Permanente36

United Healthcare22

Home Improvements-

Applewood Plumbing52

Bell Plumbing & Heating.....45

Colorado Sunroom, Lanais46

Colorado Sunroom, Windows.28

Denver Doors and Closets41

Dun-Rite Home Improve.....13

Elite Cabinetry16

Expressions in Flooring49

Kitchen Tune Up20

Lisa Clark Contractor37

Renaissance Dome Lighting...45

Renewal by Andersen.....48

Home Moving Services-

Gate City Moving45

Home Care-

All the Comfort of Home53

Hope Home Care.....57

Insurance-

American Family Insurance53

Scott Bagwin Ins.....52

Miscellaneous-

Breakfast Club8

Comfort Keeper8

Halloween Party.....4

Mark Anthony Flowers18

The Buy Out Company40

Vintage Theater9

Realtors-

Colorado Real Est -R.Lindahl .50

Coldwell Banker -C.Newberry 46

Encore Brokers -Elle Pope54

Home Smart -A.Antoinette.....18

Keller Williams -Cathy Ford29

Heather Gardens Brokers.....8,64

Re/Max Masters -Fred Smith .21

Your Castle -Carol Guzman....56

Your Castle -C.Ingebritson.37,53

Retirement-

Cherry Creek44

St. Andrews Village.....40

V-Esprit44

Travel-

4 Hemispheres Travel.....18

Service Directory59,60,61

Classified Ads.....58

Food / Restaurants-

Chambers Wine and Liquors.50

Hero's Pizzeria & Tavern.....16

Developing annual veto ballots; Parking Structures study continues

All directors attended the Sept. 21 regular meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. President Jill Bacon acknowledged the excellent attendance by residents at the meeting – nearly 40 – via Zoom. She urged residents to similarly attend the annual budget sessions the following week.

Nominating Committee Chair Mark Nading reported that Public Relations Committee Chair David Baxter was readying the annual budget-veto ballots for mailing. The election for 2022 directors will be in the same mailing.

Parking Structure Advisory Committee (PSAC) Chair Ray Nash — who is also a member of the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee and chair of the Capital Program Subcommittee — reported that the PSAC continues to research best practices for repairing or replacing Parking Structures (PS) that serve the four-story buildings. The consensus, he said, seems to be replace; however, with “careful and vigorous maintenance,” the PSAC believes the life of the PS can be extended by 10 years.

The question, he said, is if the cost of doing so makes financial sense, versus simply replacing the structures outright.

“I think we need to set aside enough money in the 2022 budget to cover vigorous maintenance, and possible replacement (of the structures).” He added that, if HG doesn’t increase its commitment monetarily in the budget, after talking about it for a year, “it will look like we’re taking our foot off the gas.”

The board approved an engineering evaluation of PS 1–4 with Building & Civil Engineering (BC&E; \$11,500), with eight exploratory concrete cuts performed by Restruction Corp. (\$7,400 plus 25 percent change order reserve), at a total cost not to exceed \$23,635. The project would be an unanticipated capital expenditure.

Chief Executive Officer John Rea reported, after interviewing four architects, that the PSAC and management has decided to move forward with developing site plans for the PS project. The cost of the development project is within Rea’s signing authority, he said.

Chief Financial Officer Jerry Counts reported that, in response to a request from the B&F, he would prepare

an annual report “on the stability of Key Bank.” HG has funds with Key Bank that exceed the FDIC-insured limit of \$250,000 per account owner.

The board approved asking HG staff to work with Amazon, to install Amazon Key hardware and software into all multistory buildings, allowing delivery workers brief access to buildings. Maintenance Chair Mike Pula noted a written agreement had been provided by Amazon.

Baxter voted “no” on the motion, noting that the provided agreement was boilerplate.

“I’m not sure this contract is written in the best interest of HG,” he remarked.

Maintenance Committee Member Pete Clarendon reported he had walked the property with some Starry Internet installers, and found Starry was not adhering to all its agreements with HG. He said they are connecting to HG outlets, in some cases, which was not what had been agreed upon.

Chief Operating Officer Jason Altshuler reported that he had “a candid conversation” with Starry representatives, in view of Clarendon’s findings. Starry was happy to return and correct the wiring to HG’s satisfaction, Altshuler said, but was worried about the impact on some of HG’s aging electrical panels. Specifically, HG has been replacing the Federal Pacific panels, due to an inability to obtain breaker parts for them any longer, and other concerns.

The board approved a motion that Starry should hard wire to panels with a separate breaker, and that the work should be completed before Starry moves on to phase 3. Altshuler reported Starry has purchased tie-wrap connectors, and felt “tidying up” the wiring could be completed by mid-October.

Rea reported on discussions with Comcast regarding its contract with HG. Respective agreements should prevent Comcast and Starry “from stepping on each others’ toes” regarding Wi-Fi hot spots.

He added that a contractor of Comcast wishes to hire its own subcontractor, to complete some work on finishing HG’s fiber project. This would require a revision to HG’s agreement with Comcast.

Board directors discussed whether an amendment would be acceptable, if the same restrictions previously stipulated applied to the new contractor.

See HGA...page 15



Left: Photographer Rudy Morris, B217, called this “Stonehenge Heather Gardens.” The traffic circle at South Abilene Street and the entrance to parking for the Iliff Light Rail Station had these stone pillars installed in September. Could be a public art installation by the City of Aurora.

Candidates meet public in evening sessions with sparse turnout

The five candidates vying for three open HGA Board positions appeared onstage in the Sandberg Auditorium, to address residents and answer questions, on Sept. 9 and 10. On Thursday, there were 40–45 people in the audience; Friday had fewer than 30, suggesting that no critical issue for the board was pending that had motivated residents on this election. Nominating Committee Chair/Director Mark Nading moderated the meeting, while former HGA President Kay Sawyer, B221, conducted the questioning of candidates. In order of initial appearance:

David Kennedy, B202, has lived in HG 2½ years. He is a former homeowner's association (HOA) president of a community in Tucson, Arizona. He has a 40-year background in healthcare, including experience as a senior analyst, planner and administrator in various small towns, Indianapolis and ending at the Mayo Clinic.

Kennedy has been AR of B202, working extensively on that building's bylaws update, making them consistent with HGA bylaws. He said he has attended many board and committee meetings via Zoom.

"I don't believe there's any way around raising HOA fees. The question is, how much? I think we can make better use in some ways of making our HOA fees more effective."

Asked how he would change the operations of HG, Kennedy remarked, "We moved here based on the community's appearance and its amenities. But since living here, we've felt some concern over financial reserves, security and — especially — the parking structures (PS)."

Asked how he would gauge the success of his term on the board, Kennedy quipped, "If not lynched or shot, a gauge would be if I worked with other members of the board successfully. Were goals met? Is HG in a stronger financial position?"

Linda Hileman, CP1, is an assistant AR for CP1. She serves as a member on several work groups of the Parking Structure Advisory Committee (PSAC).

Hileman noted that she has lived, with her husband, in a patio home for the past two years. Her parents have lived in a six-story building for much longer.

"I know I can represent the interest of all residents,

with a common-sense approach." She had previously served as an officer on an HOA in Wilmington, North Carolina.

On the subject of the PS, Hileman remarked, "It's my personal opinion that they need to be replaced. One question is, should we do costly repairs until we can rebuild?"

Hileman stated, "I don't think we can do a special assessment if (the PS repairs) are an anticipated expense." She added, "Maybe if they fall down." She would prefer to have future owners cover some of the cost for PS.

Hileman said the theme of her board run is good stewardship. She noted the following concerns: 1) aging infrastructure; 2) retain employees; 3) fiscal responsibility; and 4) best "bang for the buck."

"Inflation is real — it's a fact of life. We need to prioritize what we spend our money on. Some belt tightening already is going on."

She remarked, "I would like to see the board meet more often than it does (which is, minimally, once a month). We need to be able to act more quickly than we now can. I would like to see more directors attend other meetings via Zoom."

She added, "I think we can promote our needs to the city and the police by being very vocal. We are a big voting bloc: we can make ourselves heard."

Mike Pula, B243, remarked that — after having spent nine months on the HGA Board, he has learned that solving the problems of the PS "is a much more complex process than I would have thought a year ago." He and his wife have lived in HG for five years.

"All of the board is concerned about long-term reserves." He noted HG is in a better position than it was five-and-a-half years ago, before a capital-reserves program was instituted. HG now has a good approach, he said, and long-term procedures and policies for building reserves. Those issues "should rise to the top," he stated.

Pula is the current chair of the Maintenance Committee. Before serving on the board, his main concern was over aging buildings and the fiscal planning to manage issues on roofs and parking structures. Since being a director, he stated, he is more attuned to other concerns, including security issues, PS, roofs, and plumbing infrastructure in most buildings.

"The board is trying to maintain financial capabilities to serve those issues," he said. "Solve as much as possible, do our best."

See facing page



Above: HGA Director Mark Nading addresses the residents attending the "Meet the Candidates Forum." Behind him are candidates (from left): David Kennedy, Linda Hileman, Mike Pula, Neel Levy and Peter Cukale.



Pula added that he would gauge the success of his term as director by evaluating — what was accomplished? Did we make it feasible for future boards to continue our success?

Neel Levy, B211, offered two primary categories of interest, in his quest for a board position. He stressed the importance of community and pooling the vast experiences of board members to problem solving. He has been an advocate for old buildings.

“I think my first ability would be to try and bring some calm and experience to our community. I’ve applied [to run for the board] because of my vast experience in property values and appraisals. It’s all about learning, and sharing the experiences we have. I have no doubt that what we don’t know — together, we will find out.”

Levy said he would like to help foster “better working relationships with our neighbors, but also with the city of Aurora. Working well together would be exciting to me.”

He noted HG has the opportunity to have an HG resident on the Aurora City Council, as Becky Hogan, B205, is a candidate for an at-large seat.

“That could be very important,” he noted.

Levy was appointed to serve on the HGA Board through the end of 2020. He suggested, “We need to be flexible, and more committed to working together.”

A retired real-estate appraiser, Levy stated he also would like to see HG apply the “highest and best-use” principle to future planning, such as for seeking solutions to the PS issue.

“Is that real estate enjoying its highest and best use? This will only come from (conducting) a feasibility study,” he said. “I believe a study would be very helpful.”

Peter Cukale, B206 (who explained his last name is pronounced su-cay’-lee), stated he and his wife have lived in HG for four years, purchasing their residence last year.

“We had friends at HG — the sense of community was phenomenal. To know people, who you see every day — that is huge — knowing your neighbors and recognizing community members.”

Remarking he has lived in Aurora for 25 years, Cukale explained he has served on Aurora Public School Board, on the board of Aurora Mental Health, and others.

“I have a lot of experience on boards.”

He added that, on every board he’s worked with, “I looked at the potential of that board.” He added he appreciated being appointed to the HGA Board for the remainder of 2020.

“It will give me an opportunity to learn. Costs are high. We need to look at what we have, what we can use, how can we build a financial program? [Entities such as] the restaurant and the golf course, if utilized correctly, can contribute. Everyone needs to come together, on what they need and want.”

Asked what he’d like to accomplish during his three-year term, Cukale said, “In three years, we need to prioritize what we can do. The PS (issue) could be a 25-year process. The restaurant is a drain, but it could be more prosperous for us.”

At the end of his three-year term, he said, he would ask himself, “Did we accomplish everything we thought we should, and does the public think so, too?”

Ballots will be mailed to HG residents after Oct. 20. Each voter may vote for three of the five candidates. Also included in the mailing will be a 2022 HG budget summary and a request that members decide whether to veto the proposed budget. One ballot per unit is voted; executive units get two ballots. Members may return their ballot to the Clubhouse where locked ballot boxes will be available, or it can be mailed back to the HG Management Office. Ballots are due by the close of business on Friday, Nov. 19.

Disaster on a rose garden averted

On Sept. 11, a severe wind storm came through HG. Among the damage it created, a 40-foot blue spruce tree fell (below) directly onto a Rose Garden containing 31 hybrid roses in front of B243. Four gardeners, who take care of the roses, thought most of them were crushed under the weight of the tree. HG Roads and Grounds (R&G) sent three amazing workers who strategically and surgically removed each branch of the tree to save

the roses (below middle). The crew, including Daniel, Elijah, and Richard, were remarkable. It took them about an hour to do their magic. They put the branches through a wood chipper, cleaned out the rose bed, straightened all the metal placard signs that identified each rose bush and left it beautiful. All roses were saved.

We are grateful for their efforts and the final photo of the roses (below) tells the story.

Thanks again to R&G. The Rose Garden Committee, B243 (Sally, Linda, Carol, and Sherry) salute you.

— Linda Savage
B243



TBC50Plus.org

The Breakfast Club

SINGLES 50+

9AM Breakfast 2nd Saturday of Every Month
Info Line 303-794-3332

Call the info line and leave your name and number
 —we will call you back.

Fun | Friendship | Support

Birthday Bash • Sporting Events • Theater • Socials
 Bowling • Book Club • Walking Groups • Concerts
 Dining Out • Weekly Movies • Annual Picnics • And More

Providing a safe, comfortable setting for active people over the age of 50, to meet others, make friends and have fun!

HELP WANTED

Are you looking to make a difference in the lives of seniors?

Work one-on-one in our senior clients' homes.

Are you retired looking for meaningful, flexible work?

If you answered yes, come be a Comfort Keeper!

We are looking for compassionate, patient individuals to help our clients.

CALL 303-722-3242

Sister Act Joins Heather Gardens Brokers

Real estate brokers, Beth Inhelder and Heather Maiuro, have always been their own "team".

Growing up as sisters in South Dakota, they moved to Colorado in 1987. Last year, they set a goal to change fields and work together in local real estate. We could tell right away that they understood our company mission "to take great care of our clients" and we invited them to join our family team.

Beth brings a compassionate and detail-oriented approach from her years in the medical field, and Heather



Beth Inhelder and Heather Maiuro

owned her own bakeries plus brings experience in sales and retail management.

We are excited to introduce them to you, our friends and neighbors.

Please make them welcome when you see them around our campus!



3300 Building, Suite 330, Aurora
 HeatherGardens.com 720.641.9800
Since 1987



Your 2 Votes for Aurora City Council At-Large is More Important Than Ever!

Heather Gardens Republican Club is supporting **Dustin & Danielle** because of their stand on crime and support of our policeforce, economic growth and conservative values.



Your **2** Votes for them is a vote for **OUR PUBLIC SAFETY**

Dustin Zvonek - Public Safety

Providing a safe and secure community is a critical foundation for residents who choose to live, work, and raise a family in Aurora. Public safety will always be my top priority.

- ✓Small Business Owner
- ✓Community Leader ✓Family Man

Visit DustinforAurora.com to learn more.

Danielle Jurinsky - Public Safety

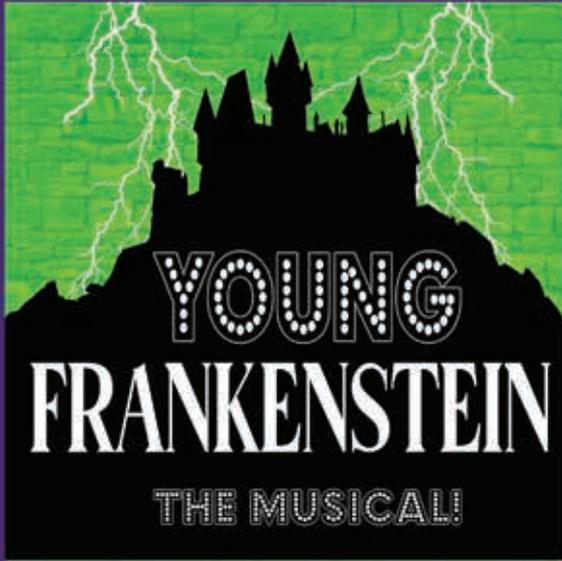
A top priority for Danielle is fighting for a stronger, safer Aurora while bridging the gap between Aurora citizens and our local Aurora law enforcement.

- ✓Aurora Native ✓Proud Veteran
- ✓Successful Aurora Business Owner
- ✓Invested in Aurora's Future

Visit DanielleforAurora.com to learn more.

Your Vote is More Important Than Ever
 Ad Paid for by the Heather Gardens Republican Club

COMING TO YOU LIVE AND IN PERSON...



The outrageous musical comedy based on Mel Brooks' classic movie!

Sept. 17 – Oct. 31

Mention the code HEATHER to get \$20 tickets



VintageTheatre.org

1460 Dayton St., Aurora, CO 80010 | 303.856.7830

Vote for your very own Heather Gardens resident Becky Hogan for Aurora City Council At-Large!

Return your ballot by Nov. 2nd

The City of Aurora is my family. Heather Gardens is my home.

As City Council member, I will:

- ★ Represent our residents and neighbors
- ★ Champion Community Safety
- ★ Support our business community
- ★ Work toward ONE AURORA

Learn more at: HoganForOneAurora.com

HOGAN CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE



Paid for by the Committee to Elect Becky Hogan

Extra! Extra! Information for you –

Parking Structure update from PSAC

Replace Option, Phase I: The fourth bid proposal to provide Phase I architectural drawings for replacing the Parking Structures (PS) has been received. HG contracts and management reviewed all proposals and has selected a firm to recommend to the board. Once the firm is approved by the board, a contract will be signed. The selected firm will then be given information, guidelines and measurements to use as they develop a first draft of architectural drawings for new PS. This first draft is expected three–six weeks from when the contract is signed. The Parking Structure Advisory Committee (PSAC) and its Design working group, along with management, will review this draft, providing guidance to fine tune the drawings. These final Phase I drawings will be a plot plan, or a layout, of the ground level of the proposed design.

The next step will be to take these Phase I architectural drawings through a pre-application process with the Planning Department for the City of Aurora. It is unknown how quickly after HG applies for the pre-application process that the meeting(s) will take place. From this pre-application process HG should learn several things:

- The number of additional spaces, if any, that will be required to provide for handicapped drivers, visitor and delivery parking.
- Design constraints engendered by drainage infrastructure, landscaping requirements and any other codes, requirements or constraints that must be incorporated in the designs.
- Can Dartmouth be removed so HG can combine PS3 and PS4?
- Can Wheeling Way be converted to a one-way street with handicapped parking on the east side and unassigned parking on the west side?

This information from the city will aid making further estimates for replacing the PS. These numbers will be used in the 2022 budget as feasible.

Save (Repair and Maintain) Option: HG will sign a contract with Building & Civil Engineering (BC&E) to provide an updated evaluation (from one they provided in 2018) on the repairs and maintenance required to extend the use of the four Parking Structures. This evaluation may include a cost estimate of all the work that is needed, prioritizing what is needed and when. Again, the time frame for this review and recommendation is unknown.

The PSAC has recommended that the 2022 budget, proposed by management, be increased to include adequate funding to engage in this two-pronged information gathering process. After getting BC&E's new report and completing the pre-application process with the city, the HGA Board will use this additional information to aid in making a difficult decision — should Parking Structures be repaired, replaced, or some combination of the two?

The online Bulletin Board can be found at: <https://plaidflannel.com/psog/index.php>. You can submit your

ideas, concerns and questions in the “Community Involvement” section under “Residents’ Ideas.” To schedule a Parking Structures presentation in your building or area, or to get a more personalized response, you can email: HGCommunityInvolvement@gmail.com.

– Ray Nash, CP2
Linda Hileman, CP1

•••

Annual Capital Expense Budget for PS 1–4

The PSAC is concerned that the 2022 budget will not include an amount sufficient to cover the needed repairs of the existing Parking Structures or a down payment on replacing them, if that is the choice. The PSAC does not yet know what is the best option relative to the structures — whether to extend use of the existing structures through repairs and maintenance, or to plan for replacing these aging infrastructures at the most convenient time in the near future.

In the past several years, HG has received reports from specialists who evaluated the Parking Structures. These included BC&E, Farnsworth Group and Walker Engineering.

A report from Farnsworth in 2017 stated that PS4 was in “poor” condition. HG should expect to replace it in 2023.

BC&E in 2018 recommended that \$1.8 million be spent on PS 1–3 to preserve the structures. In three years, HGA has approved approximately \$400,000 to make repairs from the BC&E list. That left about \$1.4 million (in 2018 dollars) of recommended repairs that were not completed. This excluded PS4. Inflation has likely driven up the cost of those repairs.

In May 2021, Walker Engineering recommended that HG spend \$4.9 million in the next five years to preserve all Parking Structures. This repair and maintenance spending is done to preserve the existing structures for several more years.

Replacing PS 1–4 has been considered. Most reports expect that PS 1–4 will need to be replaced in the next two to 10 years.

If HG builds new parking structures, the cost may be approximately \$21.5 million. If financed and spread over 20 years at 5 percent interest, that would be about \$1.65 million per year. If started now, HG would not likely complete building the last structure until 2024, given the time required to get City of Aurora and HGA approvals.

While HGA must decide what to include in the 2022 Budget now, the updated evaluation from BC&E will not be available until almost the end of 2021. Merely approving the currently budgeted \$300,000 in “unanticipated expenses” that are in fact anticipated, will assure HG kicks the “can” down the road by another year.

– John Recob, B236
See facing page



HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

One morning in September, I had the opportunity to attend the manager’s meeting that is held monthly by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jon Rea. I wish that all residents had been present to hear how wonderfully the managers speak of their goals, how positive their employment at HG is, how kindly they refer to residents, and generally how the “new” culture is being developed at HG.

You would appreciate how the managers work to meet the needs and general care of HG. They each have goals for their departments that seek to improve the beauty of HG. Coming in late September, all residents had an opportunity to take part in the 2022 budget process. You got

to show HG’s managers how interested you were in how your money is spent. It was an opportunity to show them that you appreciated the hard work that each manager has put into making their budget reasonable and workable for next year. These department managers have participated in the process by explaining their financial choices to Chief Financial Officer Jerry Counts and CEO Rea.

The budget workshop meetings, conducted by the Budget & Finance Committee (B&F), began 9 am Monday, Sept. 27. The workshop continued for four days. You had the opportunity to ask questions during these meetings.

If you missed these workshops, both boards will hold special public meetings on Oct. 14 to present the budget to residents and approve it formally. HGMD Board will meet at 10 am; HGA Board at 1 pm. The approved budget will be summarized in a mailing to all residents that includes the ballot for vetoing the budget and selecting HGA Board candidates for 2022.

It appears that the nights are getting cooler. Perhaps, one day, you and I will experience cooler days as well. I hope that everyone is enjoying these fall days. We will both continue to do as much outside as possible while the weather is good.

Status of legal issues on parking structures

The Legal Compliance Group (LC Group) of the Parking Structure Advisory Committee (PSAC) is comprised of three attorneys, a paralegal, a Realtor, and other residents who have volunteered their time to assist the board in identifying and researching the complex issues involved with repairing or replacing the Alpha unit Parking Structures.

After meeting formally once a week since May, we identified several issues. Most immediate was the letter from the board to HGA counsel authorizing a quiet title suit to “gain ownership” of the parking rights for unknown owners. First, there are no unknown owners. Real estate interests are transferred by deed and recorded. A title search to determine ownership is needed.

Second, and more importantly, the LC Group could find no legal basis for HGA to claim ownership of the deeded parking rights. HGA only owns the rights for extra spaces that were never transferred. Once a right was transferred, there is no legal method by which it would revert to HGA. If a deeded owner died, the right is inherited by the heirs. If no heirs can be found, the right escheats to the state. For these reasons, the LC Group voted unanimously to recommend that HGA direct its counsel to pause until the underlying legal claim was defined.

At the board’s meeting in June, Daniel Taylor, a practicing attorney and LC Group co-chair, B217, attempted to report to the board. A disagreement ensued. Daniel stated that the Alpha unit owners owned undivided fractional shares of the parking structures like any other common element. The board ended the LC Group’s report, stating that the issue would be resolved at a working session.

An HGA working session was convened to hear from the PSAC Design Group. The LC Group has repeatedly stated, it’s impossible to discuss replacing options without first resolving the legal issues. When a legal question

was raised, the directors confirmed that HGA counsel’s opinion was that HGA owned the four Parking Structures. The board decided against a working session with the LC Group, asking that written questions be submitted to the board for their attorney to answer. The LC Group complied. It took about a month and a half to receive the answers to seven questions. Of the seven questions, one was skipped completely — regarding the number of spaces required. When asked to state the underlying claim for spaces of unknown owners, HGA counsel only described the procedure, not the claim. The HGA attorney agreed that the Alpha unit owners own the parking structures. In fact, the HGA attorney agreed with all LC Group’s assertions. Despite this, the board has refused to meet with the LC Group. They have rejected or ignored all LC Group’s motions and suggestions.

A member of the LC Group had previously done significant title work, collecting deeds to determine the actual number of deeded rights to parking spaces. When the effort was disregarded as immaterial by the director leading the Parking Structure inquiries, she ceased her work and gave the deeds to management. Since the Design Group has estimated the cost to replace the parking structures at \$25,000 to \$30,000 per parking space, the number of valid deeded spaces is crucial. If HGA can replace 300 fewer parking spaces, there could be significant savings.

See PSAC...page 26

IN MEMORIAM

Donna Anderson (former 204)
Gladice Berken (204)
Helene Shoemaker Keys (former 235)



Danielle Jurinsky

for Aurora City Council
AT-LARGE

Visit DanielleForAurora.com
for more information

Danielle will bring real-world experience to the council and will fight for **ALL OF AURORA** –no matter where in the city you live, or what political party you follow.

- ✓Aurora Native
- ✓Successful Aurora Business Owner
- ✓Proud Veteran
- ✓Invested in Aurora's Future

TOGETHER We can focus on what is important for Aurora!

Public Safety

A top priority for Danielle is fighting for a stronger, safer Aurora while bridging the gap between Aurora citizens and our local Aurora law enforcement.

Jobs & the Economy

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

Development

Danielle would like to see more development in Aurora, more things to do and more infrastructure. We are a metropolitan city that doesn't function like one.

Taxes & Fees

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

Revitalizing Neighborhoods

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

I believe Aurora is where you have a chance to live out the American dream.

My pride for our city is second to none! I will fight to ensure equal opportunity for all!"

ENDORSED BY:

- ✓Fraternal Order of Police
- ✓Aurora Police Association
- ✓Aurora Police Spouse Assoc.
- ✓Local Firefighters IAFF #1290

Contact Danielle 303.775.9790

DanielleForAurora@gmail.com

[/DanielleForAurora](https://www.facebook.com/DanielleForAurora)

3124 S. Parker Rd. Ste. A2-149

Aurora, Colorado 80014

Paid for by Danielle For Aurora



GETTING IT DONE FOR AURORA
DUSTIN ZVONEK
 FOR CITY COUNCIL



DUSTIN ★ ★ ★
ZVONEK
 FOR AURORA
 CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

ENDORSED BY:

- Mayor Mike Coffman • Mayor Pro Tem Francoise Bergan • Former Mayor Paul Tauer • District Attorney John Kellner
- Former District Attorney George Brauchler • Former Governor Bill Owens • Former Council Member Bob Roth
- Former Council Member Polly Paige • Aurora Police Association • Aurora Fire Fighters Local 1290



Small Business Owner. Community Leader. Family Man.
 Visit DustinforAurora.com to learn more.
Paid for by Dustin For Aurora



"You Have Our Word... We'll Treat You Right at Dun-Rite"™ - Dan, Susan & Family



As Heard on Radio



**Nearly 3 Decades
 of Excellence!**
 Free In-Home Estimates
303-722-2295
drhi.com

Kitchens:
 Cabinet Resurfacing,
 Custom Cabinets & More!

Bathrooms:
 Tub to Shower Conversions,
 Heated Tile Floors,
 Walk-In Tubs & More!

Countertops:
 Granite, Solid Surface,
 Laminate, Tile & More!

**Professional Window
 & Door Replacements**

**SCHEDULING
 INCENTIVES!**
SAVE 8%
 On All Services for
 Select Install Dates
With coupon only. Not valid with any
 other offer or discount.

We Guarantee Our Work and Your Satisfaction!





Publisher's Corner

Retail sales was not my game — but this year's garage sale will be remembered

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

My earliest memory of observing a saleswoman in action was attending a rummage sale with my grandmother in Wichita, Kansas. She periodically put together the used clothes from family members then headed to downtown Wichita with a sack lunch. She took me along once (and maybe more) because it left an impression.

The location was in an abandoned 1st floor of a building that had the shelving and tables already set up for rummage sales. I can't tell you whether this was a charity sale or just a location that enterprising women could use for their sales. Grandmother Lulu Donaldson and other women arrived with their used clothing at a pre-determined time.

What I do remember is that the clothing was priced low — quite low (pennies) but she had carefully picked what she brought. It was in good condition (not stained or torn).

I remember the buyers, also mostly women. Some arrived dressed well. Others might be wearing slippers and mismatched blouses and skirts. (In the 1950s, women did not commonly wear slacks.) Grandmother greeted each one warmly and assisted them, if they asked for something specific. Her voice was civil. The tone was not judgmental. When no one needed help, she folded stacks of clothes according to gender, size and item. The customers would find a neat collection to peruse.

This grandmother worked in retail during the week — at a rather posh store for women called Thurstons. I think she loved the work.

Fast forward to a recent weekend when my community had a group garage sale. I asked some HG friends to join me. It was a busy two days — we were inundated with buyers before the starting time of 9 am. (As soon as we opened the garage doors to set items in the driveway, buyers started wandering the tables.) I even had some folks start rummaging through the boxes that I had not

unpacked yet and set on tables.

One friend and her daughter had items that appealed to families. They had boys' clothes and toys that her grandchildren had outgrown. Another friend had Halloween-themed decorations.

Because it had been three years since my last garage sale, I had a hodge-podge of items. In past years, it seemed to me that I had lots of time to observe customers. This year, I was much too busy until mid-afternoon when there were fewer buyers.

What was the most unusual item in the sale? That goes, hands down, to a neighbor who delivered a chicken egg incubator. It did not sell, but I am going to try Craigslist. Maybe?

My husband, strangely enough, enjoys these sales because he loves to talk to strangers, sharing his jokes. Besides, he is the one to sell the golf equipment: clubs, bags, balls, shoes, gloves and more. He works hard at convincing even non-golfers that they should take a look.

The big items that we sold included two bicycles, a lawn mower (that he has never used) and a snow blower that he bought at a garage sale last year, but could not start when we needed it last winter.

Another item that was popular — old towels. I was surprised how many orphaned towels I had. We did not need that many in the house. I must have had 60–100 towels that I sold for less than \$1 each. Two buyers bought 30 towels (or more) for use in their shop. One buyer — well, I don't know how she wanted to use them — bought most of the beach towels. I had way too many beach towels for two people! Now she has a dozen beach towels.

One memorable exchange happened as my husband talked to a father carrying his toddler. The little girl waved at us, but did not say anything. After getting her attention, my husband grabbed a nearby teddy bear that had not sold, giving it to the dark-haired girl. She held it tightly as

her father thanked us.

Selling items we no longer needed meant we took fewer boxes home than we brought. Priceless! (I took my fewer boxes downstairs.)

I found out at the community picnic at the end of the sale that our home had the most traffic from buyers, creating a challenge for residents trying to leave the community. (We live close to the exit from Churchill.) Apparently, the revenue I took in exceeded what the previous top seller (a friend down the street) made this year. I thought I would never eclipse her sales, which she routinely won.

Besides my grandmother, I have had two other memorable teachers/mentors in this retail game (to which I do not come naturally).

One came from my dad's cousin, Charlie Bergerhouse, who lived in Heather Gardens at the time (B222). I had a garage sale more than 20 years ago in my relatively new home in Colorado. Charlie brought over some items to sell. He wound up sticking around and making some pointers — like be sure to put things in the driveway to draw people into the garage. He moved some items out there. It was also fun to listen to him chat with buyers — he had been a retail salesman traveling many of the western states. (I think he represented Folgers coffee for some of his work years.)

The other teacher was Cindy Crockett (a current HG resident), who made a business of doing estate sales with a partner. She helped me on a couple of garage sales — bringing a cash box and pads of paper to track sales that belonged to different participants. While we settled on a more free-wheeling approach, each seller handling their own sales and making change, she did offer many good pointers. She used tablecloths or sheets on tables before the sale items were placed. She priced everything well before the doors opened.

(Sorry, Cindy, I could not find my sheets early enough this year, so my tables were bare.) She also had portable racks to hang clothes on. Those were definitely put to good use.

I don't think I will ever claim to be a good saleswoman like my grandmother or my mentors — but I did win the revenue challenge this year. Is it time to retire?



Management

S.W.O.T. analysis exercise was favorably received

By Jon Rea
Chief Executive Officer

At the beginning of September, the entire management team sat down to conduct a collaborative brainstorming session and perform a S.W.O.T. Analysis about the Heather Gardens Association (HGA) and its property. This is an integral part toward continuing to build a strategic plan and approach for the departments and HGA as a whole.

What is a S.W.O.T. Analysis?

S.W.O.T. is an acronym for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. It's a tool to assist when developing a business strategy. Strengths and Weaknesses are typically reviewed with respect to what's happening within the business. In this case, Strengths were approached by asking questions such as:

- What do we do well?
 - What makes us unique?
 - What are our strongest assets?
- The approach to weaknesses was similar:
- Where do we need to improve?
 - What do we lack?
 - Do we have resource needs?

After the managers and I brainstormed "Strengths" and "Weaknesses," we turned our focus to "Opportunities and Threats." These two categories typically focus on things that impact the business from the outside. Some of the opportunities that were identified are internal as well. Opportunity questions included:

- Cost saving ideas and practices?

- Are there amenities/programs/services we need and/or should offer?
- Are there strategic partnerships we can leverage or develop?
- Technology exploration and upgrades, are we adequate?

Threats include questions:

- Who are our direct competitors?
- What are other developments and properties doing that we might consider doing?
- How does the age of our property impact the lifestyle and/or attract that "next resident" and conversely — HG property values?

The exercise, with all the managers, was valuable. It brought to light varying perspectives based on departments and individuals within the management team. It identified additional areas that we can capitalize on while still getting the most from strengths. It also became a team-building exercise, as all the managers were engaged. Each one shared ideas throughout the entire process.

I wanted to share some additional overarching goals and categories that continue to be developed that were identified. Next step will be to create specific goals for each department to adopt.

- Exemplary Customer Service
- Brand Promotion/Awareness
- Safety
- Budget & Cost Saving
- Succession Planning & Staff Development

I am planning to have a comprehensive strategic plan developed by the end of October.

In addition, I am continuing to emphasize the goals and vision that was developed earlier in the year. These included promoting a Positive Culture, Consistent Team Meetings, and striving for a High Level of Communication within the daily business and externally to the entire community.

Meet & Greet with Chief Executive Officer Jon Rea:

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 8–9:30 am, Zoom — Join Jon Rea for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to ask your questions.

HGA...from page 5

Adding a performance date for completion also was suggested. Rea will continue discussions with Comcast.

Bacon announced that Bev Havens, Larry Dávila and Baxter have agreed to work on the 2021 review of HGA bylaws. They will present changes to the board for consideration at the October meeting.

The board approved purchasing a 2021 high-pressure washer for carpeting, rather than buying a carpet extractor. The price tag of \$3,766 is \$5,256 under budget, due to substituting the washing attachment, which is deemed more effective for carpet tiles.

Following the regular meeting, the board adjourned into executive session, to discuss a resident complaint.

Other actions by the board:

...approved replacing a Toro Workman vehicle, 2021

model, from LL Johnson (\$37,592; \$3,015 over budget).

...approved replacing vehicle #502 (Chevrolet truck) with a 2021 Dodge Ram 1500, from Brandon Dodge (\$43,439; \$4,439 over budget).

...approved a four-year elevator-maintenance contract for 40 elevators in 35 buildings, with Custom Contract Elevator (\$87,480 per year, total of \$349,920).

...approved repairing asphalt and concrete of a storm drain between the B215 parking lot and a golf-cart path, with Sunny Day Concrete (\$26,789). At the B&F meeting the day before, it was noted \$9,000 would be charged back to HGMD, pending their approval.

...ratified an email vote to replace the roof on B233, with Modern Roof Co. (\$300,000).

...ratified an email vote to approve the annual commercial-property insurance program, Oct. 1 2021–Sept. 30, 2022, through McGriff brokers (\$1,715,501, an annual increase of 8 percent or \$130, 932).

Join Us For Our Monthly
 Veteran's Appreciation
 Meal & Transfer Your
 Membership to
 American Legion Post 1992



October 30th - 4:00-7:00pm

Hero's Pizzeria & Tavern
 16070 E. Dartmouth Ave
 Aurora, CO 80013
 (303) 680-6424

Please Bring Your DD-214

SAVE \$1,000s ON Kitchen & Bathroom Remodels

FEATURING OVER 60
 STYLE OPTIONS

SOFT CLOSING
 NO ADDITIONAL COST!



Pull-out Trash

Pull-out Tray

FREE Stainless
 Steel Sink

*Some restriction apply**



REPLACE YOUR BATHROOM VANITY



AN ELEVATED ADVISORY EXPERIENCE

—Comprehensive financial advice and intergenerational planning—

—Wealth management and investment services—

Visit our website: www.TheNiceGroupRJ.com



THE NICE GROUP

RAYMOND JAMES®

4643 S Ulster Street, Suite 1350
 Denver, CO 80237-2992
 T 303.200.1411 F 303.220.0790
 TF 800.828.0119

A life well planned allows you to
**LIVE YOUR
 LIFE.**

© 2021 Raymond James & Associates, Inc., member New York Stock Exchange / SIPC



FREE ESTIMATE!

CALL Gary Fielder 720.323.5766

Heather Gardens Resident and founder of the company.



Elite Cabinetry & Granite

Showroom 1340 S. Sante Fe, Denver, CO 80223 (Across from Urban Lights)

303.722.3700 www.EliteDenver.net

Serving Metro Denver for 16 Years



Descendant of Cotopaxi Colony immigrants from Russian pogroms shares story

Decades after her grandmother's passing, Marcia Snyder, B242, is absorbed in her forebears' story. If she could talk to grandmother Netti, she'd want to hear it in Netti's own words. The personal story tells of Jewish diaspora fleeing pogroms that rolled through Southwestern Imperial Russia in the wake of the 1881 assassination of Tsar Alexander II. Netti never talked about it. Marcia never asked.

Today, Marcia wants her grandchildren and great grandchildren to know the setbacks a small band of immigrant Orthodox Jews endured at the hands of swindlers. She wants her progeny to know the story of Colorado's Cotopaxi Colony.

Her grandson from California will take a break from his mountain camping trip and visit her for supper. On her coffee table ready to show him, Marcia has placed a small pile of documents including photos and a dissertation written by a descendant of the Cotopaxi Colony.

"That, to me, is my legacy," said Marcia. "That's what makes me want to tell the story."

Orthodox Jewish farmers from what is now Ukraine and Poland suffered considerable discrimination during Tsar Alexander II's rule. Following the Tsar's assassination, political upheaval made life under Tsar Alexander III intolerable for many Russian Jews. Ensuing pogroms hastened their resolve to emigrate to the United States.

Encouraged by reports of America's Homestead Act, a clan of

22 families paid businessmen nearly \$10,000 for passage and supplies to settle along the headwaters of the Arkansas River near Cotopaxi. For this amount, the colonists were promised ready homes, rich agricultural land, and equipment and supplies enough to begin a prosperous living in Fremont County's mining district.

What greeted the immigrants when they disembarked at Cotopaxi's rail station in the spring of 1882 was a situation quite different

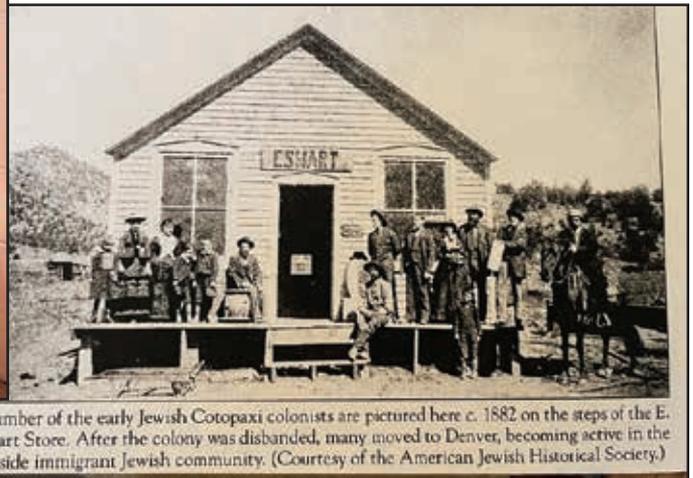
needed. They had to hope for the best.

While in New York, each family had paid \$50 into a fund to purchase 160 acre parcels of farmland in Fremont County. Long into their Cotopaxi experience, they learned the property deeds had never been filed. Legally, they were tenants squatting on land they thought they owned.

Early on, their crops failed. What corn and potatoes they could coax from the soil were often eaten by neighboring livestock or wildlife. By early autumn, bears foraging for food before hibernating were worrisome for the immigrant farmers. During the early and unusually harsh winter



Above Marcia Snyder, B242, on her HG condo's lanai.



A number of the early Jewish Cotopaxi colonists are pictured here c. 1882 on the steps of the E. S. Hart Store. After the colony was disbanded, many moved to Denver, becoming active in the west-side immigrant Jewish community. (Courtesy of the American Jewish Historical Society.)

Right: A group photo of Jewish colonists at the E.S.

Hart Store. Original outline reads, "A number of the early Jewish Cotopaxi colonists are pictured here c. 1882 on the steps of the E.S. Hart Store. After the colony was disbanded, many moved to Denver, becoming active in the west-side immigrant Jewish community. (Courtesy of the American Jewish Historical Society.)"

— a crushing betrayal. Instead of 20 homes and five communal barns, the 63 colonists faced 12 barren, eight-foot square shacks that were windowless, with no doors. There were only four stoves among the 12 buildings for cooking and heating. Fuel was hard to come by. Wells had not been dug, nor had roads been cleared. The acreage to be farmed in this harsh climate was unfit for cultivation. It was dry and strewn with rocks.

The nascent colony had no alternative but to stay, building what was

of 1883, indigenous persons, also struggling for survival, frightened the colonists into giving away some of their meager supplies.

For two years, the colonists made the best of a deteriorating situation. They accepted help from Hebrew Immigration Aid Society, Denver's Jewish community. Charitable neighbors and merchants who extended a line of credit for supplies assisted the Jewish farmers. As trains passed near the settlement, railroad engineers let fall chunks of coal for wom-

See Snyder...page 27

Celebrate with us! Owner Mark Nading
HG Resident, HGA Board Member



Voted in the **TOP 100**
FTD Flowers Shops in the
United States for 2019!



MARK ANTHONY
FLOWERS

Heather Gardens Discount
15% OFF any order over \$40



4134 S. Parker Road Aurora CO 80014
(720) 645-1990 We Deliver!



Homes that Give

...giving back to the community,
one home sold at a time!



Aleta Antoinette, Realtor

Broker Associate

Aleta@HomesThatGive.com



Certified Senior Housing
Professional Designation

RSVP AT 303.229.9210 for
Home Tours at HEATHER GARDENS
and WINDSOR GARDENS.

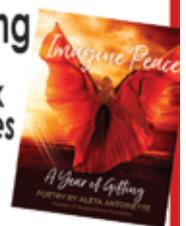
Let me show you our amenities and lifestyle.

NEW LISTINGS

◆ Atrium, Spacious Main Level End Unit, Updated 2
bd/2ba 1410 sq ft., Enc W&D, UG Parking, Huge
enclosed lanai with park like setting \$329,900

Imagine Peace: A Year of Gifting

Be one of the first in the world to get an
autographed copy—a poetry and artbook
with a mission to honor 80 charities. Makes
the perfect gift for the holidays. Includes
a holiday card and ribbon.



Heather Gardens Resident and Realtor since 2002.



TOP 1%
DIAMOND CLUB MEMBER 2020

In the midst of this pandemic, Aleta received
the 2020 Diamond Club Top 1% Award.

Call 303.229.9210 for a Private Tour



NOW IS the
Time to Plan
Your 2022/23
Travel

I MAY SAVE YOU MORE \$\$
on your travel than
if you book direct!



4 HEMISPHERES
TRAVEL

NEED Affordable
Travel Insurance?



Contact **Jane Henninger**
to learn about special offers.

720.370.7409
jane@4hemistravel.com
Like us on Facebook!

Providing personal service to Heather Garden
clients for Domestic and International TRAVEL

Presenting Jayne L. Bail
Senior Loan Originator



Specializing in all aspects
of mortgage products:

◆ **RESIDENTIAL LOANS** ◆

- FHA • VA • Conventional
- Home Equity Conversion Mortgages
(aka) Reverse Mortgage
- Conforming High Balance

36 yrs of experience

Call Jayne at 303-549-6205
for all your home loan needs.



PLATTE RIVER
MORTGAGE & INVESTMENTS, INC.



Jayne L. Bail, Senior Loan Originator,
Cell: 303-549-6205 • Fax: 866-723-5122

jayne@platterivermortgage.com

NMLS #265749 • COMLO 100009591

www.platterivermortgage.com



Blanche McKinney: Staying young through volunteer service

It's been said that contributing to your community will keep you vibrant and dynamic, with an energy that belies your age. Blanche McKinney, B215, certainly is an example of that statement.

For the past 40 years, McKinney has volunteered in a wide range of activities at HG, from starting the popular Wine & Cheese Club, working at the Frolics in various functions, and serving as a receptionist at the Reception Desk.

But what does McKinney look to as her most rewarding volunteer efforts at HG? That is her more than 15 years of service with the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) at HG.

The VNA conducts the HG Flu Clinic, plus visits HG on a monthly basis to provide a toenail and fingernail clipping service, of which "residents are so appreciative," McKinney noted.

As HG coordinator for the VNA, McKinney's duties for the grooming service included reminding each of the 15–20 people monthly that their appointment was approaching. She welcomed the clients onsite, then booked each person's next appointment that was scheduled three months later. She served as cashier and recorded transactions for the VNA.

"Since they came in once a quarter, we became friends. I was happy each month to catch up with each of them," she added.

Today, she is in her eighth year as treasurer of the B215 Council. As a fellow building council member with bookkeeping experience has noted, even at almost 96 years of age, McKinney's budget numbers, atten-

tion to detail and overall accuracy can be trusted right up there with that of any seasoned professional.

With her upbeat attitude and always well-dressed style, McKinney is



Sitting under the trees and planning the next improvements for B215 are (l-r) Barbara Ruppe, Blanche McKinney, and Interim Area Representative Roger Ruppe. Photo by Patricia McLaughlin

an example of the benefits of volunteering at HG. Growing up a rather shy child in Sterling, CO, Blanche learned early on that taking on an assignment is a way to make friends. At the same time, contributing her time and talents to a worthy cause felt good.

McKinney has taken that volunteer spirit forward throughout her life.

"It's just very rewarding to know that you're doing something that needs to be done. People at HG are so very appreciative of each of us who volunteer," McKinney said. "There are so many volunteer needs. You will certainly find a place where you want to pitch in and help."

When she first moved to HG, she was still working, but managed to find ways to donate time and effort as a receptionist at the Clubhouse.

"That was what we call 'the old Clubhouse,'" McKinney explained. Through the years she has worked for various Clubhouse managers and two different Clubhouse buildings.

Before retiring in 1987, she

worked as a secretary at Gates Rubber Company and later, was secretary to the vice president at Home Insurance Company for 36 years. She married Henry Glenn Dunn, Jr. in 1944. She wed Leonard McKinney in 1987.

McKinney served on the Community Center Committee for four years where she was secretary for the last year. She has been on the Foundation Committee for four years.

On the Clubhouse Special Events Committee, McKinney suggested a Wine and Cheese event when the group brainstormed ideas. She enlisted residents Shel and Karen McCloury, CP3, and Steve Wolther, B232, to help organize the event.

Through the ensuing 15 years, it has grown under the leadership of other vol-

unteers. Today, it is one of the most popular regular gatherings at HG. Initially, it was designed as a venue for new residents to meet each other and longer-term residents who enjoyed the social event.

"It shows that you can have an impact in launching fun get-togethers for HG residents."

She also serves on the Social Committee for B215, Decorating Committee at the Clubhouse to provide holiday decorations, and from 1988 to 2017 worked in many different positions on the annual Spring Frolics production.

McKinney was president of Frolics for three years, business manager for six years and a cast member for two years. She created all the posters, brochures and programs going way back to 1988. Additionally, she put together the picture frame in the Clubhouse that shows all the printed programs from 1988 to 2017.

"I've enjoyed volunteering. I just enjoy being around people and

See McKinney...page 26

YOUR KITCHEN SPACE

Elevated



After Redooring



Before

FREE KNOBS / PULLS

with any project. Restrictions apply.
Expires 11/15/21

5 WAYS TO UPDATE:

Refacing • Cabinet Painting • Redooring • Custom Cabinets • 1 Day Tune-Up



Joel & Jessica Winters
Local Owners

303.495.2450
kitchentuneup.com

kitchentune-up®

f Kitchen Tune-Up
Castle Rock, CO

Each franchise is locally owned and operated.



Fred Smith

Certified Residential Specialist

303-930-5132

www.Fred-Smith.net

FredSmith@Remax.net

Heather Gardens Specialist Since 1997

RE/MAX Masters
MILLENNIUM



Contact me if you are thinking of selling and would like
a market analysis of your home.

Homes for Sale in Heather Gardens

Coming Soon - Patio Home, Somerset F and Alpha A
Contact me for details!

SOLD – 13901 E. Marina Dr. #406

SOLD – 13890 E. Marina Dr. #303

SOLD – 14315 E. Marina Dr. #A

SOLD – 13609 E. Cornell Ave. #204

SOLD – 13961 E. Marina Dr. #305

Looking to **FALL** in love with a new home?
Contact me for an appointment.

Visit www.Fred-Smith.net for a complete inventory of Heather Gardens
or call me for honesty, integrity and service excellence.



RE/MAX Hall of Fame Award, RE/MAX Lifetime Achievement Award,
Top 100 sales producer in the 5-State RE/MAX Mountain Region and
ranked among America's Best Real Estate Agents by REAL Trends!



The Month (September)

HGMD did not hold its regular meeting in September. Directors attended special meetings regarding the 2022 budget during the last week of September. It had no other pressing business to conduct.

...

The search for an HG Clubhouse Manager has resumed, as the candidate hired for the position failed to take up the job. The assistant manager position in the Clubhouse also is vacant.

...

CFO Jerry Counts admitted, at the B&F Committee meeting, that he was "disappointed with progress," in getting delinquency notices to residents who are behind in their obligations to HGA. HG had to rehire for an outside temporary staffing position, then the replacement staffer was absent, due to family illness.

"I expected to have all delinquency notices out by the end of August; I didn't even come close," Counts remarked.

Although HG has collect \$40,000 in delinquent accounts, he added, new delinquencies have reduced the progress of that figure by half.

At the Sept. 21 HGA Board meeting, Counts also reported a new wrinkle in collecting HG's delinquent accounts from homeowners. Some new HG residents, he

said, were under the impression that their contribution to the impound fund covered the first six months of their HOA fees. Several were angered to learn this is not the case.

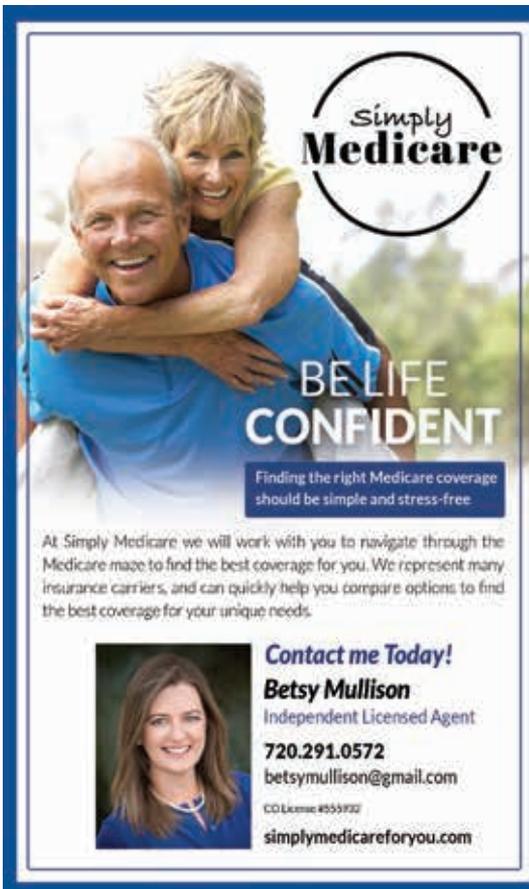
...

Architectural Control Committee Chair Mark Nading reported at the HGA Board meeting that 45 applications had been received in August for renovations to various condo units in HG. These joined a queue of 45 that were awaiting approval. The community is having a record number of these applications.

...

It was discussed in the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) that HG Security could report the number of fines, and courtesy notices addressed to residents in the weekly Security communication that is distributed via Piler. Residents should know that the ACC will and does fine those residents not adhering to the Procedure Memorandum A-1. It was decided that Resident Services Coordinator Michelle Audet will track those violations and report to the ACC.

In his weekly Security Report at HG, dated Sept. 22, Chief Mike Martinez said, "Last week, we issued two Courtesy Notices for construction work on units without ACC approval. I would like to reinforce the importance of following the process for ACC approval. Before you start or schedule any construction projects, please contact



Simply Medicare

BE LIFE CONFIDENT

Finding the right Medicare coverage should be simple and stress-free.

At Simply Medicare we will work with you to navigate through the Medicare maze to find the best coverage for you. We represent many insurance carriers, and can quickly help you compare options to find the best coverage for your unique needs.

Contact me Today!
Betsy Mullison
Independent Licensed Agent
720.291.0572
betsymullison@gmail.com
CO License #0559922
simplymedicareforyou.com

Please join me at one of my Medicare meetings during Annual Enrollment for 2022
Heather Gardens Clubhouse

Understand your options!

- Did you know that you may qualify for additional benefits. Such as:
- Dental • Vision • Hearing Aids
 - Over the counter supplies and supplement allowance
 - AND Transportation!!

Mark your calendar and bring a neighbor!

Tuesday, October 19: 2:00-3:00 pm
Tuesday, October 26: 10:00-11:00 am
Tuesday, November 16: 10:00-11:00 am
Monday, November 29: 2:00-3:00 pm

That Was...

Michelle Audet, and inquire if ACC approval is needed before a project begins.”

...

In the discussion at the HGA Board meeting on Sept. 21 about whether to permit Amazon to install its own electronic key for business, allowing a delivery employee to enter a multi-story building when making a delivery to a resident, CEO Jon Rea noted that HG gives the Post Office, Fed Ex, UPS and *The Denver Post* a code to enter multi-story buildings. This code, issued by HG, is changed quarterly, which is longer than what Amazon proposed.

In reviewing the Amazon proposal, made several months before, it was noted that the Amazon delivery people receive a “one-time” use entry code as they approach the building. This is a system Amazon widely uses in commercial settings. It provides a highly secure system that cannot be used again and would never be used by a temporary employee. The Amazon Key for business was approved by the board when security concerns were addressed.

...

After a delay in starting the project, the asphalt repair to the RV Parking Lot began Sept. 24. RVs were parked throughout the community until the project is completed, estimated at three days. Once completed, residents who rent space for the RVs returned to a new layout in the parking lot.

...

Listed below are United States deaths in past conflicts or pandemics, compared to COVID-19 (as of Sept. 23, 2021). Sadly, the number of deaths in this country has now exceeded those estimated for the Civil War and the 1918 pandemic. There was no vaccine developed for the 1918 pandemic, which reportedly lasted for three years.

No. Died	Year	Event	Source
682,468	2020-21	COVID-19	Johns Hopkins U.
675,000	1918	H1N1 virus	<i>cdc.gov</i>
~655,000	1865	Civil War	<i>wikipedia.org</i>
117,466	1918	WW1	<i>wikipedia.org</i>
419,400	1945	WW2	<i>wikipedia.org</i>
58,209	1975	Vietnam	<i>wikipedia.org</i>

{Editor’s note: These numbers represent the total deaths during the conflict: combat deaths and other causes.}

Subscriptions: To accommodate owners, who wish to receive *Heather 'n Yon* while away, the publisher has a subscription policy. Provide a forwarding address, plus a check for \$3 (payable to *Heather 'n Yon*) for each issue desired. Annual subscription is \$36. You may drop off your check with address information and what month the subscription should start at the HG Management Office. Alternatively, mail to *Heather 'n Yon*, c/o Lynn Donaldson, 13731 East Hamilton Dr, Aurora, CO 80014. Past issues (2008–20) are available on www.heathergardens.org/Resource.Center.



**Living in the Now,
Preparing for the Future**

Learn how you can redefine your savings approach toward education and retirement. To learn more, call my office today.



Patrick E Pogue, AAMS®
Financial Advisor

www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

3131 S Vaughn Way
Suite 131
Aurora, CO 80014
303-745-1600





ASCHENBERG

LAW GROUP

WILLS / TRUSTS / PROBATE ESTATES

EMPOWERING YOU FOR
LIFE’S BIG TRANSITIONS

- 18 Years Of Experience
- Free Consultations
- Power of Attorney • Living Wills
- Elder Law • Home Visits Available

Conveniently Located Near Parker and Quincy



JESSE ASCHENBERG

ATTORNEY AT LAW

720-493-9733

In July, two Atrium buildings had the same idea — we can gather again, let's celebrate! Here are the photos to show how popular the events were.

Below, B242 introduced their new residents on July 22. Few newcomers to HG feel like strangers for long — not after receptions like these.



Below: B243 had coffee and donuts to entice friends and neighbors to enjoy their spacious central atrium/lobby! The new residents are in the first photo below.



Photos by Janis Farrell

B241 Honored its "Super Seniors"

Planned before the pandemic, the party was finally held on Aug. 6.

Nearly a full house gathered in the atrium to celebrate residents who are 90 years of age or older — all 12! (Right: Eleven are photographed.) The Social Committee, aided by AR Carla Carter and AAR Jean Bruner, did the planning. It was, perhaps, the best social event that B241 had ever experienced.

Dorothy Wintringham, the senior of all present and the only one who has lived in this building since it was constructed, concurred.

The "super seniors" honored were: Judy Austin, Emmett Benson, Roy Brown, Rev. Russell Brown, Fran Caldwell, Joann Cunningham, Betty Donovan, Chet Flickinger, Marcelle Gallois, Katherine Gilmore, Peg Strunk, and Dorothy Wintringham.



Photos by Arlene Farr, B241



B233 had a luau on Sept. 3 — End of Summer Luau and Island Potluck

It was the first party held in the building since the COVID-19 shutdown. Live music was provided by Steve Clement. About 40 residents donned their leis and enjoyed the food and drink. Connie Stewart, photographer and social director said, "There was lots of singing and dancing." It was probably just what was needed!



Photos by Connie Stewart, B233

PSAC...from page 11

The LC Group requested the return of the deeds on July 12 to continue the work. Management has not complied yet.

During the June and July board meetings, directors complained that the PSAC was taking too long. At its August meeting, the LC Group recommended four motions to the board. One was a proposed Procedure Memorandum (PM). Two motions recommended to accomplish the quiet title action, but within existing rules and without a lawsuit.

The first motion would assess dues for repairs and maintenance from owners with additional parking spaces or nonresidents who pay no dues at all. HG Declaration states that owners who pay dues should not have to subsidize those who do not. The purpose is to spread the costs and risks throughout the community. If owners in the townhomes, multi-story buildings, and country places must share the cost of replacing or repairing the parking structures used only by the Alpha units, why not the nonresidents or those owning the

rights to additional spaces?

This motion was rejected because it applied only to the Alpha unit Parking Structures, not the entire community. The director, who disagreed with this recommendation, presented the motions to the board. PSAC was not asked to explain the rationale or answer questions. There are few additional parking spaces in the multi-story buildings or Seville (maybe as few as five).

Another motion asked the board to enforce existing covenants prohibiting the use of parking spaces for storage. If the parking spaces, primarily in the metal enclosed buildings, were no longer used for storage, fewer owners would want the additional spaces. This motion was rejected by the board because it was not fair to target only the Alpha Parking Structures. The board ignored the fact that HG parking rules are enforced in the other areas, but had not been enforced in the enclosed metal garages on top of the parking structures. Inspections uncovered many spaces used for storage.

The final motion was to pause the quiet title action, an action pend-

ing since June. The board, following the advice of the HGA attorney, rejected this motion.

What is the harm of getting a second opinion? What is the harm in pausing a lawsuit until the attorney handling the case can tell you what the cause of action is? When a group of three attorneys, a paralegal, and a Realtor raise questions, it's the board's obligation to listen to the concerns and investigate the issues. The LC Group is also comprised of three past HGA directors and two past HGMD directors.

At this point, one must ask, what is it that the board wants? They worked on the parking structures issue for two years. The result of that work was a motion to replace the parking structures as they exist, providing 900 parking spaces, at a cost of \$28 million. That motion was rejected by the board.

Because the board has refused to meet with the LC Group, the group voted to cease all work on August 23, 2021. It will suspend all meetings until the board sets a joint meeting.

—Daniel Taylor, B217

McKinney...from page 19

meeting new people. I would tell anyone — do take the time, because it doesn't take a lot of hours. You can even start by just donating an hour here and there."

As an example of a quick assignment, McKinney delivers *Heather 'n Yon* to each door in her building every month.

Or you can serve on your building's council.

"We have an Area Representative (AR) and Assistant AR. [The council] meets each month. We sometimes go outside and meet under the trees when it's warm. We have a lot of camaraderie. Besides, doing important things for the people in our building [is good]. Recently, the building has been improving the area with new flower beds and security cameras. [It holds] socials and promotes keeping up with each other.

"It's really heartwarming to do things for other people."

Growing up in Sterling with her

sister Alberta, Blanche said her first job was working at Woolworth in the candy department.

"No," she adamantly asserts, "I didn't eat any candy." From there she worked in a real estate office answering telephones. After graduating high school, she worked at Montgomery Ward where she stocked shelves — while on roller skates no less. Work at Gates Rubber Company came after that.

At Gates, she played on the softball team. But her "claim to fame," as she calls it, came when her bowling team won the league championship in 1976. She bowled an impressive 297 (out of 300).

She also worked at Jean's Dress Shop in Englewood where, "I taught the gals working there how to line dance." It was at that shop that she increased her lifelong love for clothes and always looking her best.

"Of course, we just 'had' to buy whatever was new. That's why I have so many pieces of clothing." Her favorite Pendleton jackets and slacks

were even more attractive with the employee discount.

"I always bought clothes at the Pendleton Shop when they were in Tamarac Square, about 15 years ago." Additionally, she worked for Ruth Everid at the Ruth Everid Shop on Mississippi Avenue.

"When Ruth did a showing at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, she would always take me with her. I learned how to read all the labels and keep track of the transactions."

An experienced traveler, McKinney has visited Hawaii (all islands), Ireland, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Canada (all provinces), Nova Scotia and Aruba. She took her mother to Disneyland, the Crystal Cathedral in California, Branson and the Ozarks.

But her favorite activity is reaching out, making friends and helping people by volunteering at HG.

"I encourage you to get involved," she added. "You really get so much more back than you ever give."

— Patricia McLaughlin

HGMD Treasurer's Report

Highlights of HGMD Operations:

For the month ended August 2021

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$57,120)	(\$45,642)
Golf Profit (loss)	\$10,323	(\$1,253)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$6,275)	(\$5,398)

Year to date through August 2021

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$465,618)	(\$359,600)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$97,145)	(\$146,215)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$45,256)	(\$67,817)

Enterprise Fund

Revenue through August was \$1,672,900, which is about \$234,700 less than expected. Income for the Clubhouse, Golf Course and Restaurant have been severely impacted by COVID. While some improvement is expected for the remaining months of the year, annual income projections will not be met. Enterprise Expenses through August were \$1,414,400, which is about \$514,500 less

than anticipated. Clubhouse, Restaurant, and Capital outlay expenses have been less than anticipated through August.

Restricted Funds

- **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** HGMD has received \$10,839 from the Colorado lottery and has spent \$2,386 on HGMD projects so far this year. The bank account has a balance of \$163,255.

- **Foundation Fund.** The Foundation has received \$1,441 in donations through August. The Fund has been used to pay \$594 for HGMD projects. As of Aug. 31, the bank account has a balance of \$38,175. There is an investment of \$150,000 in CDs.

- **Debt Service Fund.** HGMD has received \$487,581 in property tax revenue and \$22,615 in specific ownership tax through August. As of Aug. 31, the Zion Bank held \$594,805 for payment of principal and interest on the bond issue. The next principal payment of \$270,000 and interest payment of \$159,100 will be due Dec. 1.

Note: The HGMD Board will not meet in September.

Snyder ...from page 17

en and children to gather for fuel.

Eventually, the men found work in the mines. They were promised \$1.25 for day shifts and \$2.25 for night shifts, but did not receive payment. Instead, they were given vouchers to use at the company store. Their meager pay could not offset the cost of living. In 1884 the colony formally dissolved.

The families dispersed; many moved to Denver's west Colfax neighborhood, which had a flourishing business area along the Platte River before Colfax Avenue viaduct. "Passover Bridge," as the residents called it, was constructed in 1917.

Netti and Moses Altman bought a homestead farm just east of Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Family members kept it operational until 1962. Since then, the construction along Pena Boulevard and Denver International Airport has erased the homestead's landmarks, house, barn, and silo.

Marcia grew up in West Colfax. She attended Cheltenham Elementary School, as had her father.

There's a closeness still among fellow classmates. They hold regular get-togethers — last year's was on Zoom — with about 25–35 attending.

While in high school, Marcia volunteered in offices at Jewish Consumptive Relief Society, formed by immigrant Eastern European Jewish men to treat tuberculosis. It changed its mission to cancer treatment in 1954.

Marcia married Raymond Snyder in 1955. They have three children, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Knowing they'd enjoy the activities that HG offered, they

moved to B242 in 1985, becoming original owners in the building. Raymond died in 1996.

In recent years, Marcia's cousin Sheldon Altman began researching their genealogy and Cotopaxi history. A few years ago, he and Marcia found the colony's site on a plateau overlooking the river valley. They located the plat where grandmother Netti's cabin had been. As they walked among the remnants of boards and rocks tangled amid shrubs, forbs and grasses, they pondered what their grandparents had undergone.

"It's amazing how people can go through hardships and have the inner stamina to become successful businessmen. What some of the people turned into — their lives and their children — is fascinating."

Laminated documents from 1894 granting Netti and Morris Altman naturalized citizenship are among memorabilia Marcia has placed on her coffee table. She's looking forward to seeing her grandson later on the day this interview was conducted. She hopes he will embrace his heritage.

"I'm proud of my family, that they made it all the way here under such conditions."

— Dala Giffin



Above: Marcia Snyder and her cousin Sheldon Altman visited the site of the original Cotopaxi colony that their grandparents established but abandoned after two years in 1884.

Time for your Dental Care!



Investing in dentures or partial dentures, is a huge deal. *You deserve the best.*



When you need to revitalize your dental health and your smile, you need a dental office that you can count on to not only get your treatment right but offer a compassionate and friendly staff.



"Thank you for giving me back my smile."

+ New Patient Special

\$55 Exam & Xrays

No Insurance! No Problem!

Ask about our Discount Dental Plan!

TS Dental



Dr. Materon and his caring staff are passionate about helping our patients, and we go to great length to make sure you are satisfied.

Need more information? Call today at 720.440.2233

11275 E. Mississippi Avenue, Suite 1E3, Aurora, CO, 80012 • TuSonrisaDental.com

QUIT THROWING MONEY AWAY WITH DRAFTY WINDOWS AND DOORS!

WHY CHOOSE US

- ▶ Heather Gardens Approved and many HG REFERENCES
- ▶ 40 Years Experience
- ▶ Extensively Trained Installers All employees-*no contractors*

Upgrade to Energy Efficient

E-mail us with questions regarding your project: designsteam@coloradosunroom.com



LET US REPLACE YOUR WINDOWS AND PATIO DOORS

- ▶ Weather tight to dramatically reduce your energy usage.
- ▶ We service what we sell.
- ▶ Special Financing Available

FREE ESTIMATES

ColoradoSunroomAndWindow.com

303-715-0777



Your *Project* Is Our *Pride*

A HEATHER GARDENS ASSOCIATION PREFERRED REALTOR®

Heather Gardens Resident And Real Estate Specialist for 16 years! CatherineFordProperties.com

LET ME HELP YOU GET TOP DOLLAR FOR YOUR HOME TOO!

Active-Somerset A Great 1st Floor Location \$299,500
Beautifully Updtd 1200 sq ft 2 bd 2 ba w/ glass encl lanai. New plank flrs/crpt/pt; updt kit/bath cabinets, granite kit cntrs, w/d, 1st flr storage, garage parking sp.

UC-TOWNHOME Over Looking 2nd Fairway \$475,000
Beautifully Remodeled 3 Bd 3 Ba. Gorgeous kitchen w/ center island, granite, SS appl, new pt/wndws/GDO/AC/ & Furnace. Remod baths, hrdwd flrs, plantation shutters.

SOLD- TOP \$\$ Golf Course Patio Home \$499,900
Highest Price Ever!
Beautifully updt. Remod kit w/ Island, appl, gas frpl Mser suite, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar

SOLD- TOP \$\$ GC View Seville A \$292,500
Highest Price Ever!
2310 Sq Ft 2bd 2 ba, updt kit & baths, granite, SS appl, encl lanai, w/d, strg lkr, gar prkg space

SOLD- Seville A Wild Life Views *250,000
Updt 2 bd 2 ba, new ss appl/pt, in unit Indry, gar prkg.

KNOWN FOR EXPERIENCE, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

EXPERTISE:

- Working with Trusts and Estates
- #1 Office in the State- Keller Williams Realty DTC
- Top Producing Team
- Diamond Award REALTOR® - South Metro Denver REALTOR® Association
- Ranked among America's Best Agents by Real Trends
- Certified Real Estate Specialist; Staging Specialist
- Senior Residential Specialist (SRES)

Known for having sold 100's of Heather Gardens Properties



SOLD- TOP \$\$ Somerset A SW Mt Views \$277,000
Beautifully updated 2 bd 2 ba, 1200 sq ft, remod kit, updt baths, new crpt/pt, gl encl lanai, grt gar prkg sp

SOLD- TOP \$\$ Somerset A GC View \$277,900
Beautifully remod 2 bd 2 ba w/updt cabs, granite, plank flrs, remod baths, gl encl lanai, w/d, gar prkg sp.

SOLD- Top \$\$ Atrium Exec 3 Bed /3 Bath \$395,000
Newly Updt 2310 Sq Ft Penthouse , 3 bd 3 ba, new plank flrs/SS appl/pt, gl encl lanai, w/d, 2 strg lkrs, 2 prkg spaces.

SOLD- TOP \$\$ Ranch Villa-In-Law Suite \$615,000
Looks & feels like a model. Stuning 3 Bd 2 ba in Parker. Elegant grey tones. Gourmet kit, fin bsmt, 2 car gar.

SOLD- TOP \$\$ TH Lone Tree Beauty \$528,000*
Gorgeous remodeled 4 bed Tuscan style TH in the heart of Lonetree. finished bsmt guest bed/ba, 2 car gar

SOLD -TOP \$\$ Highlands Ranch Prime Loc \$521,000
Lovely updated 3 bed 4 bath w/ gas fireplace, finished basement w/ bath, huge yard, AC, 2 car att garage.

KNOWN FOR GETTING HIGHER PRICES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Free Detailed Market Analysis of your Home
- State of the Art-Real Estate and Website Marketing
- Staging Consultation and Design
- Downsizing and Planning Consultation
- Estate Liquidation: Sale, Donation and Disposal
- Organization Experts, Cleaning Pre/Post
- Maintenance/Repairs, Painting, Flooring and More.

16 Year Heather Gardens Resident Specialist. Call me today for your Personal Tour
303-525-8885



CATHERINE A. FORD

Keller Williams Realty DTC | 6300 S Syracuse Way, #150
(303) 771-7500 Office | (303) 525-8885 Cell
Catherineford@kw.com | Catherinefordproperties.com

Manny's handy pro tips: save money



The HG Maintenance team is here to help you save money and time, as well as give you peace of mind as a trusted resource for repairs. Despite price increases over the decades, including both labor and materials, we have kept rates reasonable here at Heather Gardens with our in-house billable services program.

For example, a typical call to a plumber would run approximately \$125 just for a trip charge. With the average kitchen faucet costing \$200, add in labor at \$125 an hour, you could easily spend \$450 dollars with an outside vendor. This is also true for the multitude of home maintenance, repairs, and services the maintenance team can perform, then bill you for the work.

The average tradesmen, which includes master plumbers and master electricians, make anywhere from \$50 - \$125 an hour, or more. To give you some perspective – at Heather Gardens we will charge \$50 an hour plus parts. Saving you, the resident, quite a bit of money. As inflation goes up and the cost of products and services increase... we have remained at the \$50 an hour rate for some time now.

We make it convenient for you to have access to a trained team of maintenance staff – just a phone call away.

Here are just a few billable jobs that we do here at Heather Gardens:

1. Install water line for an ice maker
2. Install garbage disposal

3. Replace angle stops, water supply lines

4. Install toilets, toilet seats and do general toilet repairs

5. Install faucets (ordered from our shop) or supplied by owner

Please keep in mind that some repairs (electrical/plumbing) may require a licensed electrician or master plumber. Our team will advise if it is necessary for you to contract with a 3rd party, to complete the repair.

We are always committed to the support and wellbeing of our residents. We care!

– Manny Duraes
Maintenance Manager

Meet HG Facilities Engineer and Contracts Manager

HG is more 40 years old. It remains beautiful and under good repair thanks to these two employees. There are 35 multi-story buildings and 400 country places and townhomes to manage. This is no small task! Facilities Engineer Jon Howell manages large maintenance projects, works with contractors, and ensures that HG is in regulatory and safety compliance. Contracts Manager Don O’Gorman manages capital improvement projects from conception to completion — starting with a request for proposal, reviewing the proposals submitted with the appropriate staff and awarding a contract to the successful vendor. Capital improvement projects improve the value of your property. Once contracts are executed, Don continues to work with vendors to ensure the work is completed. He keeps residents engaged on the progress. Some of the recent projects they are working on include the roof repairs, carpet replacement in lobbies, chair rail installation and concrete repairs. These two employees work closely, hand-in-hand, to manage many of HG largest improvement and maintenance projects. – Judy Kim, Communications Coordinator



Above: Facilities Engineer
Jon Howell

Right: Contracts Manager
Don O’Gorman

Middle and far right: FPE
panel and a new roof for a
multi-story building.



Letters

Heather 'n Yon

CATleen Nygaard (the cat) and Murphy (the dog) Weber have teamed up to organize the annual Heather Gardens (HG) Pet Parade. All HG canines and felines are invited to dress in their favorite costumes, then join their pet parents to parade with other pals in "Proud Pups United." This year there will be a special section for "Fancy Felines Forever."

Date: Saturday, Oct. 30, 3 pm. The public is encouraged to view the parade route (yet to be determined). Pet registration is necessary.

For further information, please call 303-745-8786.

**Cynthia Weber
Mary Nygaard
B203**

Heather 'n Yon

Like last year, the HG Optimist Club annual food drive is a one-day drive-through event on Monday, Oct. 25, 9-11 am, in the lower parking lot between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. If needed, a rain date has been set for Thursday, Oct. 28.

The HG Optimists want to thank the HG community for their great support of this event in past years. The club has been able to deliver thousands of pounds of food to local food banks and needy residents of Aurora. This year, we will deliver the donations to the food pantry at Aurora Interfaith Community Services. This agency serves hundreds of needy Aurora residents each week. Please help by donating non-perishable food on Monday, Oct. 25.

Thank you, in advance, from the HG Optimists.

**Mike Pula
B243**

Heather 'n Yon

We are interested in starting or joining a Euchre group in HG. Please call 303-220-2800, or email [JohnRe-](mailto:JohnRe-cob@comcast.net)

cob@comcast.net, if you are interested in joining us to play Euchre.

**John and Debbie Recob
B236**

Heather 'n Yon

I am including a letter from a buyer client who is having trouble finding a property to purchase in HG due to environmental allergies. When we detect plug-in air fresheners in properties, we wonder what they are covering up.

I usually unplug them because they are extremely offensive to most people, including the brokers. The information provided below shows just how toxic such items can be.

**Nancy Henson
STH, Heather Gardens Brokers**

"Plug-in air fresheners and scented candles contain oils that are a source of indoor pollution. These oils are released into the air with heat. Not only do these products put a fine layer of oils all over everything but they are extremely hard on the lungs of asthmatics or anyone with breathing problems. They emit or cause the formation of numerous substances associated with negative health effects like cancer, neurotoxicity and effects from endocrine disruption.

"A large portion of the population experiences headaches, dizziness and respiratory difficulty from exposure to fragrances. In studies measuring the different substances that air fresheners emit, researchers have found numerous chemicals associated with toxic effects. These include volatile organic compounds (VOCs), benzene, formaldehyde, toluene, m-xylene, p-xylene, phthalates and more.

"Air freshener chemicals can also stick to and be absorbed by furniture, carpets, walls and surfaces. They can then be released and re-enter indoor air, even after the air freshener is no longer in use. A partial list of fragrance ingredients include:

- 1, 4-Dichlorobenzene (1.4 DB): a VOC that may impair lung function that is of serious concern to those

who have asthma or other respiratory illnesses.

- Acetaldehyde: a carcinogen
- Benzene: a carcinogen
- D-Limonene: skin and eye irritation

- Formaldehyde: a carcinogen
- Styrene: can cause cancer and neurotoxicity

- Toluene: a carcinogen
- Xylene: linked to negative depressive effects to the central nervous system such as headaches, dizziness, depression and short term memory.

- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs): substances that readily become vapors or gases. Numerous VOCs are known to be toxic."

Heather 'n Yon

I am writing to support Danielle Jurinsky and Dustin Zvonek for the two at large seats on the Aurora City Council. Both of these young, energetic candidates are committed to making Aurora a proud place to live!

Danielle is a veteran of the United States Air Force, a small business owner and a proud single mom. She will be a strong voice for our safety, economic development and families in Aurora. She "believes that Aurora is where you have a chance to live out the American Dream."

Dustin is also a small business owner, a member of the Aurora Citizens Advisory Budget Committee, and a family man. A strong community leader, he has the interests of Aurora at heart and speaks for all residents. Dustin Zvonek has the experience to lead the successful future of Aurora.

Vote for the two "Ds," Dustin and Danielle, to bring common sense leadership and safety back to the city of Aurora!

**Robin O'Meara
CP3**

Heather 'n Yon

I sent a letter to management in 2020 asking why owners in the Country Places had not been consulted on a major change with the patio fences. I was told the current vinyl fencing was no longer available and the pillars had been installed incorrectly; therefore, there was no other choice.

My husband and I have owned our patio home for 30 years. During those years we were consulted when
See Letters...page 35

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

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Fri 1	Tennis Club (every Friday)	Tennis Courts	9–11 am	
	Men with Purpose	Skyview Room	10–11 am	
Sat 2	Men's Poker	Mountainview Room	11:30 am–7:30 pm	
	HG Indivisible	Rendezvous Restaurant	1–2 pm	
	500 Club (every Friday)	Skyview Room	1–4 pm	
	Pickleball (every Friday)	Tennis Courts	4–6 pm	
	Tennis Club (every Saturday)	Tennis Courts	9–11 am	
	Pickleball (every Saturday)	Tennis Courts	8:30 am–noon	
Sun 3	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4 pm	
	CP1 Oktoberfest Party	Picnic Pavilion	1 pm	
	Ping Pong (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–3 pm	
	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm	
	Pickleball (every Sunday)	Tennis Courts	8:30 am–noon	
Mon 4	Tennis Club (every Monday)	Tennis Courts	9–11 am	
	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics	Blue Spruce Room	9 am–noon	
	Women's Book Club (Arce)	Mountainview Room	10:30 am–12:30 pm	
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	11:30 am–2:30 pm	
	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm	
	Women's Book Club (Urias)	Mountainview Room	1–3 pm	
	Pickleball (every Monday)	Tennis Courts	4–6 pm	
	Pinochle (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6–8 pm	
	Tue 5	Pickleball (every Tuesday)	Tennis Courts	8:30 am–noon
		Fun Gals Golf (every Tuesday)	Golf Course	9 am
Starry Internet		Aspen Room	10 am	
Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)		Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm	
NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Thursday)		Skyview Room	1–3 pm	
Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)		Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm	
Ping Pong (every Tuesday)		Game Room	2–3 pm	
Grief Support (every Tuesday)		Mountainview Room	4:15–6:15 pm	
Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)		Billiard Room	5 pm	
Wed 6	<i>Meet with Chief Executive Officer Jon Rea</i>	Zoom	8–9 am	
	Tennis Club (every Wednesday)	Tennis Courts	9–11 am	

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Oct 1-31	Young Frankenstein The Musical, Vintage Theatre, HG Discount (see ad, p. 9)
Mon, Oct. 4	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Rm, 8:30 am–12:30 pm (see ad, p. 63)
Sat, Oct. 9	The Breakfast Club Singles 50+, 9 am, RSVP (see ad, p. 8)
Fri, Oct. 15	Kaiser Permanente Medicare Health Plans Webinar, 2 pm, RSVP (see ad, p. 36)
Tue, Oct. 19	Understand Your Medicare Options, Betsy Mullison, 2–3 pm (see ad, p. 22)
Wed, Oct. 20	Medicare 101 and new options for 2022, Ben Torrez, Humana, 1 pm (see insert)
Thu, Oct. 21	Going Green, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, 10:30 am–noon, RSVP (see ad, p. 44)
Sat, Oct 30	Veteran's Appreciation Meal, Hero's Pizzeria, 4–7 pm RSVP (see ad, p. 16)

KIRCH ROUNDS BOWMAN & DEFFENBAUGH PC

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Specializing in the following practices of law:

- Wills
- Trusts
- Elder Law
- Financial & Medical Powers of Attorney
- Medicaid Planning
- Estate Planning
- Estate Administration
- Real Estate

Home Visits Available

Marketplace Tower II ■ 303.671.7726 ■ www.DWKPC.net
 New address: 3025 S. Parker Road, Suite 820, Aurora, CO 80014
 Just north of E. Dartmouth Ave on S. Parker Rd



Wed 6 (cont'd)	Texas Hold 'em Poker, Co-Ed (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	11:30–5 pm
	Cribbage (every Wednesday)	Clubhouse Lobby	12:30–3 pm
Thu 7	HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4:45 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	Pickleball (every Wednesday)	Tennis Courts	4–6 pm
	Ward V Town Hall Meeting: Alison Coombs	Sandberg Auditorium	6 pm
	Tai Chi (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8–10 am
	Pickleball (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8:30 am–noon
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	Fun Gals Golf (every Thursday)	Golf Course	9 am
	Fruit Shak (every Thursday)	Clubhouse Parking Lot	9 am–5 pm
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
Fri 8	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–4 pm
	Bridge (every Thursday)	Skyview Room	1–4 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Cherry Creek Schools	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
	Ping Pong (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora	Skyview Room	5:30–7:15 pm
	CP4 Social	CP4 cul-de-sac	5 pm
	9-Ball Billiards (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	6–7:30 pm
	Birding and Nature Club	Mountainview Room	10 am
	Clubhouse Movie: 12 Mighty Orphans	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Clubhouse Movie: 12 Mighty Orphans	Sandberg Auditorium	6 pm
Sat 9	B224 Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	3:30 pm
Mon 11	Sawyer Bridge	Aspen Room	noon–4 pm
	Bridge Club	Mountainview Room	noon–4 pm
Tue 12	B201 and B202 Monthly Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	4:30 pm
	Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	5:30–7:30 pm
	2nd Tuesday Bridge	Blue Spruce Room	6:30–7:30 pm
Wed 13	Clubhouse Event: Pirates — Tales and Legends	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
	Aviation Club	Aspen Room	6 pm
	CP1 Biannual Business meeting	Blue Spruce Room	6:30 pm
Thu 14	Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry	B250 Parking Lot	10 am
	Green Team	Blue Spruce Room	noon–2 pm
	<i>ARO Meeting</i>	Zoom	4 pm
	RV Lot Club	Aspen Room	5 pm
Fri 15	Clubhouse Event: Craft Fair	Sandberg Auditorium	9 am–4 pm
	Men with a Purpose	Skyview Room	10 am
	HG Indivisible	Rendezvous Restaurant	1–2 pm
Sat 16	Clubhouse Event: Craft Fair	Sandberg Auditorium	9 am–4 pm
Mon 18	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics	Blue Spruce Room	8 am–12:30 pm
Tue 19	Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room	2–4 pm
Wed 20	Resident Open Forum (CEO Rea and Cormac Ronan)	Zoom	3 pm
	CP3 Business Meeting and Social	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	5–7 pm

WELCOME TO D'Amico ♦ Mauck ♦ Ricci, DDS
Your Neighborhood Dentists Our promise — Integrity and Quality Care

Emergency care available ♦ Over 30 years at HG

Now is the time to consider the comfort and reasonable cost of dental treatment.

303.745.1400 **3131 South Vaughn Way**
 Just a short walk from HG Clubhouse




♦ **Senior Discount Offered!** ♦

Dr. Andrew Ricci Dr. Matt Mauck Dr. Nick D'Amico

Thu 21	Clubhouse Event: Nelson Mandela Bunko Kiwanis Club of Aurora Garden Club	Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce	1 pm 1–3:30 pm 5 pm 5–7 pm
Fri 22	HG Indivisible Clubhouse Movie: Queen Bees Clubhouse Movie: Queen Bees	Zoom Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm 1 pm 6 pm
Sat 23	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	3–5 pm
Mon 25	Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30–2:30 pm
Tue 26	HG Republican Club Mah Jongg HG Democratic Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room Aspen Room	11:30 am–1 pm 1–4 pm 4–5:30 pm
Wed 27	Resident Orientation	Board Room; Zoom	10 am
Sat 30	Halloween Pet Parade Halloween Party (see ad, page 4)	Rendezvous Patio Sandberg Auditorium	3 pm 5–7:30 pm

Bible Study (Interdenominational) on every Wednesday, 9–10 am, Aspen Room (women); Blue Spruce Room (men). For information, call Joyce Smith, 918-586-2954. Men will continue to share on *Meet. Google* both on Wednesday morning and Saturday morning, <https://meet.google.com/vpk-rgxi-fja>.

Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study. For information, call Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email clinecellars57@yahoo.com.

Bible Study (women) meet every Thursday in the Mountainview Room, 9:30–11 am. We are studying Ray Vander Laan's *Clash of the Kingdoms (Caesar's Kingdom and God's Kingdom)*, about Paul in Philippi and Thessalonica. Call Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, to join.

Catholic Mass St Michael's Catholic Mass, held weekly, will resume 1 pm Saturday, Sept. 11 at HG.

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, motor-ingmorris@gmail.com.

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

- **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

FYI

VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$40 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15. 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. Call VNA, 845-418-4006

- Monday, Sept. 6, 8:30 am–12:30 pm, Blue Spruce Rm
- Monday, Sept. 20, 8:30 am–12:30 pm, Blue Spruce Rm

Aurora Grants and Loans

Homeowners needing home repairs, improvements and hazard mitigation can take advantage of several loan and grant programs. The programs are available to income-el-

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 10/18

• Monthly Meetings •

Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room unless Zoom is noted. In some cases, both in-person meetings and Zoom are available.

- Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Oct. 1
- SEC (Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Oct. 4
- Public Relations (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Oct. 5
- ad hoc PSAC (Zoom) – 3 pm Fri, Oct. 8
- ~~Campus Tech (Zoom) – 9:30 am Tue, Oct. 12~~ Canceled
- Golf (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 12
- Clubhouse/Restaurant (Zoom) – 3 pm Tue, Oct. 12
- Foundation (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Oct. 13
- HGMD Board (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Oct. 14**
- HGA Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Oct. 14**
- ARO Quarterly (Aspen Room) – 4 pm Oct. 14
- Budget & Finance (Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Oct. 18
- HGA Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 19**
- Resident Open Forum (Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, Oct. 20
- ACC (Zoom) – 3 pm Thu, Oct. 21
- Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Oct. 26
- Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Oct. 27

igible, owner-occupied households. To learn more about any of the programs below, or to see if your household qualifies, call 303-739-7900, or go to AuroraGov.org/CommunityDevelopment.

Aurora Potters' Guild Sale

Members of the Aurora Potters' Guild are excited to announce their Fall Sale at 11 am–6 pm Friday Nov 5, and 9 am–4 pm Saturday Nov 6. Once again, the sale will be in the student rotunda at the Community College of Aurora. (16000 East CentreTech Parkway 80011)

The Potters' Guild is comprised of clay artists from Aurora Parks & Recreation facilities as well as
See FYI...page 59

Letters...from page 31

the roofs were replaced and siding changed. We were here when the wooden fences were changed to the vinyl fencing, as the wooden fences required painting every 3–4 years.

Fences in our CPs that were recently installed and others in the installation process appear to be completely different — some vinyl, some wood, and no pillars. These changes downgrade the cohesive look of our community. I'm concerned that it will have an adverse affect on our property values.

The patio pillars may have been installed incorrectly. However, the majority of them outlasted the roof and siding replacements. Most will last another 20 to 30 years. I believe with some research the pillars could be duplicated in a manner that would meet today's codes as well as be cost effective.

The pillars are unique to the Country Places. Wood fencing will not last, impacting the cohesive look in the community. Fencing in the Townhomes will be impacted with this change as well. Many of us will not be here to see the major impact of these changes. However, I believe what we do as homeowners and leaders should not only be for our benefit, but for future owners. Please give the homeowners a voice and opportunity to work with management when putting a plan in place to keep the CPs and Townhomes consistent and cohesive for future generations.

Mavis Richardson
CP3

Heather 'n Yon

Free Golf Library
Some of you may not be aware



that there is a free golf library in the Pro Shop. Please return any book you take within three weeks. There are a variety of books. Some go to instruction. Most are biographical or historical in nature.

I'd highly recommend *Titanic Thompson: The Man Who Bet on Anything*. This is a biography of Titanic Thompson. He was a golf hustler who could not take the cut in pay to play the tour. Once, in court, when testifying under oath, he was asked if poker is a game of chance.

"Not the way I play it," he said.

Also entertaining is the book *Joyce Wethered: The Great Lady of Golf*. She was quite arguably the greatest female to ever play the game. Better than Mickey Wright. Better than Anika. In her "career," if you can even call it that, she entered 12 national championships, winning 9 of them!

There are also two books on Moe Norman. Tiger Woods said only Hogan and Norman ever "owned" their swings. His story is amazing. You can also search "Moe Norman" on YouTube.

There are also books: *The Story of American Golf*, *American Golfer*, *The American Triumvirate*, numerous "Arnie" books, and *A Golf Story*. Flip through a few of these and you'll probably find several you'd never have thought to pick up. Enjoy!

Bill Macdonald
B241

Heather 'n Yon

David Loomis asks "where are YOU?" in his letter of support for Rendezvous (September issue of Heather 'n Yon). He tells residents to "Support them!" Then he discusses HGA fees and home values — a vari-

ation on a theme that I've heard for 18 years.

Selling strategies must start from the prospective customers' point of view. All restaurants have food, ambiance, price/value, and service to offer. It seems reasonable to hope that all efforts to increase use of Rendezvous could start with these factors as they relate to residents and guests who don't patronize it. Prodding or suggesting obligatory support are not going to get me to eat anywhere when I am not interested in the food ambiance and price/value offered. I have many options.

It has been good to hear comments from present and prospective board directors and HG's CEO that reflect a campus-wide concern for saving money. I have reviewed the Budget Draft. Compare 2020 Audit with 2022 proposed budget. HGMD bond costs are paid with property taxes. Residents subsidize Rendezvous for neighbors and guests through HGA dues (about \$3 per month) even though the vast majority of HG doesn't use or seldom uses the restaurant. (Compare subsidies for Golf and Clubhouse — about \$9 and \$22).

If the HGMD/HGA/Management studies the eating habits of active and healthy/health-conscious seniors, they'll learn much. After taking the recent restaurant survey and spending several hours with my notes and the final report, I found that the instrument had major flaws. The response from residents was skewed. The interpretation of the data was specious, at best. Rather, put money toward a consulting senior health dietitian/chef. A restaurant with more healthy, tasty items with calorie counts and options for smaller portions and lower costs may make the subsidy disappear in 2023.

Dawn Wooderson
B206



New wood fencing for CPs during construction (left) and after painting (above). Photographer Robin O'Meara commented, "Wooden fences — so disappointing. Looks like a back alley not a luxury home worth \$400,000 plus. Brick pillars are gone. Cheap materials are used. Wood is ready to rot. Will need to be painted and sanded in 3–4 years. My sister's vinyl fence. She lives off of Buckley and Nucla Way (right)."



5★Star
Medicare Quality Rating

**"I'm a 5-Star
trombone
player."**

Ben C.
Longmont, CO
Kaiser Permanente Medicare Health Plan Member



**You're invited
to a Live
Neighborhood
Webinar**

Join us from the comfort of home to learn more about a Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plan

**Hi! I'm Dean Wegner,
your local Kaiser Permanente Medicare
specialist.**

I'm available to answer all your questions about our Medicare Advantage plans, and I'm here to assist you in learning how Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plans can support you in achieving your health goals.

Let me be your easy resource to help you enroll in a Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plan, including aiding you on your journey as a new member.



 **CONTACT DEAN
303-829-7416**

Kaiser Permanente Medicare specialist

Questions?
Need help enrolling?
Visit [Mykpagent.org/Deanw](https://mykpagent.org/Deanw)



Find a meeting below with a convenient date and time, to join me for a live, online webinar to learn more about Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plans.

Friday,	October 15	2:00PM
Monday,	October 18	1:00PM
Friday,	October 22	10:00AM
Tuesday,	October 26	10:00AM
Thursday,	October 28	10:00AM



**I look forward to meeting you online at one of my Neighborhood Webinars!
Visit [Mykpagent.org/Deanw](https://mykpagent.org/Deanw) to register.**

Get care and coverage designed to help make your life easier!

HGMD Foundation

In August, an email was sent to some HG residents claiming that the Foundation was requesting gift cards for an organization outside of HG. The Foundation does not fund projects for other organizations and never solicits for gift cards. This is a common scam. Do not reply or click on any link provided in the email.

The committee is working with management to target future projects for enhancing HG.

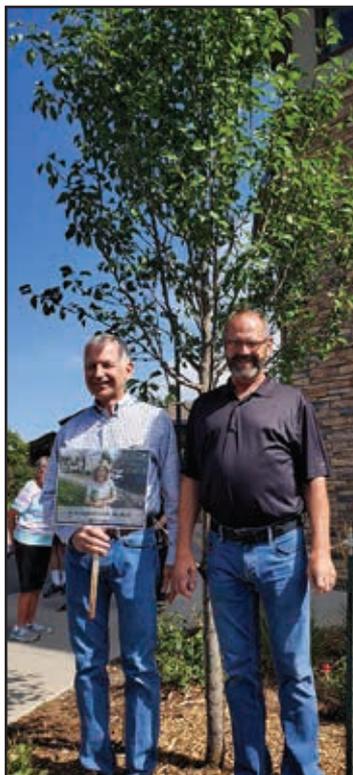
Donations to the General Fund: August 2021

- Rez Berries and Jane Lorimer in memory of Marion Mason
- HG Frolics Club in memory of Ned Dow
- B220 in memory of Charles Hillen and Cliff Overly

Thanks to these generous donors for remembering friends and neighbors in this manner at HG.

– Eloise Laubach
HGMD Board Director
Chair, Foundation Committee

Irma Stafford, CP3, loved life and would have loved to see “her” tree.



*In honor of long time CP3 resident Irma Stafford, neighbors and family gathered on Sept. 14 to share in the dedication of a flowering pear tree, planted by her sons Larry and Ken (left) near the Clubhouse. Irma was active in the Wine and Cheese Club. She loved to sing a few country western tunes at Karaoke as she relished her Oklahoma cow-girl roots. Cheers to you, Irma!
– Robin O'Meara, photographer*



55PLACES.COM
Carolyn Ingebritson
Heather Gardens and
55Places Real Estate Specialist

**Carolyn is one of the top Realtors® out of over
700 agents Nationwide with 55Places.com**

- ✓ Unparalleled commitment & service to her clients. She is your advocate.
- ✓ Has the experience to help you purchase or sell your perfect home.
- ✓ Expertise & value to helping you find or sell a home.
- ✓ Ready to work with you every step of the way and deliver great results.

Undecided on Buying or Selling? Wait no longer!
Contact Carolyn Ingebritson, who looks forward
to hearing from you:

303.594.7696
Carolyn@theprecpairhome.com
55places.com/agent/carolyn-ingebritson

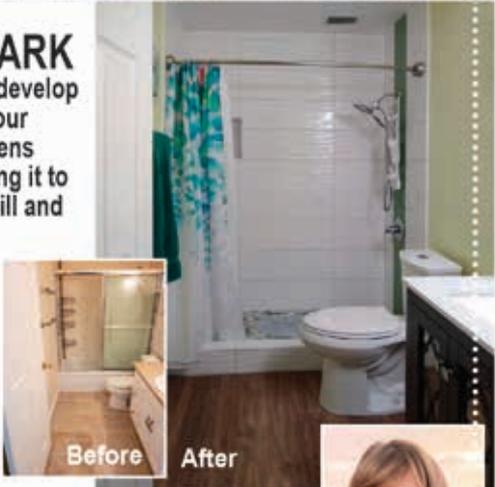
YOUR CASTLE REAL ESTATE 303.594.7696

Please disregard this notice if you are currently working with another agent.
It is not our intention to solicit other agents listings.

Remodel
Renovate
refresh
RENEW

LCC
[LISA C. CLARK]
Moving In? Moving Out?
Need a "fresh" space?

LISA CLARK
will help you develop a vision for your Heather Gardens home and bring it to reality. Her skill and experience assure you of top-notch work from beginning to completion of your project.



Before **After**

FREE in-person walk-through and consultation.
Contact Lisa at 303.506.6885 or
lisa@lisacclark.com



Lisa C Clark, LLC - Licensed Residential Contractor, Denver, CO. Member BBB

Clubs and Organizations

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.

Heather Gardens Indivisible

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

We meet on the first and third Friday of the month, 1 pm at Rendezvous, to discuss issues, books, ideas. You don't have to be a resident of HG. And you don't have to order lunch, but it's a good way to support our local restaurant.

The Zoom meeting will be on the fourth Friday of the month at 1 pm. The link is sent out with the agenda. Information: Linda Champ, 720-252-7324, lindachamp91@gmail.com. — Linda Champ

CP1

Mark your calendar! Cul-de-Sac 2 will be hosting an Oktoberfest Party at the HG Picnic Pavilion, 1 pm, Saturday, Oct. 2. Check your mailbox for your notice and details.

The CP1 bi-annual Business Meeting date has changed, due to room availability in the Clubhouse. It is now scheduled 6:30 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 13. It will be held in the Blue Spruce Room, which is next to the Aspen Room, where we usually have the meeting. Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend this very important meeting. We must have a quorum, to hold the meeting.

Karaoke Club

The club now 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.

HG Book Club

HG book club is a group of like-minded women who love to read all types of books, and get together to discuss them. We have lively conversations, which are stimulating and enjoyable.

We meet every first Monday of the month at 1 pm in the Mountain View Room. Another group meets every first Monday of the month at 10:30 am in the Mountain View Room. If interested, call Joanne Urias, 251-518-5781, for the afternoon meeting; or Janet Arce, 720-774-3368, for the morning meeting.

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

September is here, and it is a good time to start something new. Join us in the Sandberg Auditorium every week to sing with a mixed chorus. All you need is a desire to sing, and a willingness to learn songs. We are a friendly group that loves to sing. We have a new time and location for our weekly practices. Come to the Skyview Room on Tuesdays, 1–3 pm. If you have questions, call Chair Thomas Kappel, 720-377-5756. Make sure to leave a voice message, so he can call you back. Basically, we run on donations and dues. All newcomers are welcome. — Valery Van Matre, Secretary

TOPS

Coronavirus 19, have you heard of it? It is the weight gain during the shutdown. Maybe you decided to put away those comfortable clothes, and get ready to fit into those dress-up clothes again. Thinking of saving pajamas for bedtime only? Or just want a new beginning of healthy eating and losing weight?

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday morning, 8:30–9:30 am, 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. Both men and women are welcome. For information, contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388.

Tai Chi

The club has meets 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, which are grouped into forms. It has been described as “meditation in motion.”

The start time for tai chi is flexible, and weather dependent. For more information about the club or to sign up, contact Dean Uyeno, dean.uyeno@live.com.

CP4

We have our monthly get-together at Rendezvous at 5 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Call Beverly Nelson if you plan to attend.

Birding and Nature Club

The club will meet at 10 am on the second Friday of each month in the Mountain View Room. Outings will be planned that incorporate not only bird watching, but also those interested in Geocaching, jogging, hiking, and biking.

If you are interested in any of these hobbies/activities, please contact Karen Gold, ksb5x5@hotmail.com or 712-301-2284. We will add you to the email group, so you can join us on outings.

B201 and B202

B201 and B202 have resumed meeting on the second Tuesday, in Rendezvous. We'll gather at 4:30 pm Oct. 12.

We also will have our monthly gathering on Nov. 9, same time and place, but will not meet in December. For more information, please call Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

HG Aviation Club

The club will meet on the second Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6 pm, Aspen Room. Note the earlier start time —, due to program length on the SR-71 Blackbird. The world's highest and fastest flying jet aircraft with a pilot,



the Blackbird was built to fly at 85,000 feet, Mach 3-3.1. It flew NYC to London in 1 hour, 54 minutes; London to LA in 3 hours, 47 minutes. Used for strategic reconnaissance, the Blackbird has several world records for speed and altitude. – Rudy Morris

The Green Team

We have been called a “small but mighty” group; however, more folks are always welcome to come to meetings, especially if you care about the environment and the legacy we can leave for future generations. We meet monthly on the second Thursday (Oct. 14), noon, Blue Spruce Room.

If you have been saving important papers and stashing away boxes of old files since the last Shred Event — thinking there would be another one this Fall — please continue. The next event will be in May 2022. You may be disappointed. We are sorry; however, members decided the work involved in staging one of these events is incredibly difficult and time consuming — so only one will be done annually from now on.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at our next Shred Event in the spring. For more information about our projects, call Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-306-0066.

RV Lot Club

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

The club meets the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, in the Aspen Room. For additional information, please contact Forrest McClure, 720-979-4707, or Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877. Happy trails and safe travels!

Caregivers Support Group

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

CP3

CP3 will hold a business meeting and social, 5–7 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 20, Aspen/Blue Spruce

Rooms. Please join us for a Parking Structures Presentation, Election of Officers, and Pizza Party. – Robin O’Meara, AR

Wine & Cheese Social Club

In October, we will meet on the fourth Saturday, 3–5 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room due to the Craft Fair scheduled for the third Saturday. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For more information, Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

SRA

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building. For information: Byron Macdonald, B232, 303-745-2521.

HG Republicans

Remember to vote this November for Aurora City Council and School Board Elections. (See our ad sponsorship, page 8.)

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, working together is success.” – Henry Ford

In the midst of the current upheaval in our state/country, the October meeting will be on the lighter side: a socializing luncheon. Andy Pate will join us.

Seating is limited to the first 60 paid reservations, so please call for more details. Note: Payment must be received before reservation is confirmed. (No payments at the door.)

Date: Oct. 26, 2021

Time: 11:30 am–1 pm

Location: Rendezvous

Price: \$15 pre-paid

(includes tax and tip)

Menu: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, cole slaw, homemade chips, iced tea, lemonade, cookies and dessert bar.

Join our growing group of excited, hopeful yet very concerned Americans who are working in Colorado to bring about change! You can join for only \$15/year. We have a membership packet waiting for you.

If you want to attend and are not a member, we welcome you to join us! A \$5 donation is appreciated, which helps cover advertising costs. For more info on membership or to send payment: email: hgrclub@gmail.com, or call 720-500-4047. – Janet Yoder

HG Democratic Club

The club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 4–5:30 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. We discuss issues, and have elected officials and candidates for speakers.

On Oct. 26, we will be discussing the local elections. Bring your ballot if you still have some questions before casting it.

Our meetings are not limited to HG residents. After the meeting, you are welcome to join us for dinner in the Rendezvous Restaurant. – Marty Karnopp, Chair, 303-353-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com.

OPOCS Singles Club

Pinochle and bridge groups are meeting again. We are working on getting social gatherings going. Get your shots! For reservations, call JoAnn Cunningham, 303-751-5195 or Kay Robertson, 303-400-8358.

Frolics

The Frolics Club is for those who enjoy performing and/or creating scenery and props. We started rehearsing a play; it now will be presented in May 2022. Some roles have been cast, but there are more to be added.

HG Grief Support

Our Grief Support helps those who have lost a loved one. We have a structured eight-week program, combining an educational and supportive approach in how to cope and live with your loss. You must register in advance. For information and registration, please call Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722. Please leave a message if no answer — or call again.

Photo Club

The Photo Club will be on hiatus for Oct., Nov., and Dec. We will reconvene on our regular date — the third Monday — Jan 17, 2022. Keep your cameras busy. Learn and master a new technique. – Anne Gillis, Anne@hummelgillis898.com, 303-751-3030.

Low Vision Support Group

We meet the fourth Monday of each month, 1:30–2:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224, for information or questions.

**We Buy Houses for Cash,
As-Is, Any Condition, Flexible Closing**

THE BUY-OUT COMPANY

We Buy Houses - Incredibly Fast & Incredibly Easy
"DENVER'S #1 Home Buyer"
 over **\$493 MILLION** purchased in
 Denver area real estate

- We pay Cash
- You pick the closing date
- No commissions or costs
- Sell As-Is, No need to clean
- Leave unwanted items behind

303-801-9883
www.TheBuyOutCompany.com
 Call us today for a cash offer **within 24 hours!**



GOT TWO HOURS?

Get a Crown!

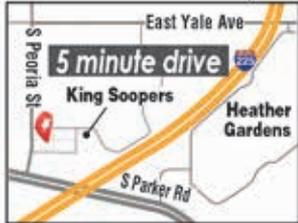
Advanced Proven Technology
 Featuring Digital X-Rays & CEREC® CAD/CAM
Single-Visit Crowns

Call To Schedule Appointment
 720.400.7325
 or Book Online Today!
AuroraDentalOffice.com

Ask about **New Patient Special***
\$59 Cleaning, Exam & Digital X-Rays
 * SOME RESTRICTION APPLY

EMERGENCIES WELCOME

Dental Cleanings • Teeth Whitening
 Fillings • Crowns • Root Canal
 HG References
 Most Insurances accepted



Dr. Shelby Tesar DDS Dr. Taha Aziz DDS

AURORA
 DENTIST OFFICE AND ORTHODONTICS
 12101 E Dartmouth Ave, Ste 200, Aurora
 NE corner of Peoria/Darthmouth,
 Near Key Bank at King Soopers shopping center

What's in YOUR bubble?

Connect, engage and thrive when you join our community.

Call **303-214-7211** or visit wrcbubble.com/standrewsvillage to learn more.

WE ARE OPEN AND WELCOMING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFELY

We are proud to uphold the highest level of safety and wellness. Our communities enjoy a high vaccination rate for residents and associates. Watermark's commitment to your safety and well-being includes mandatory vaccinations for associates, a comprehensive plan and certification process implemented in our community.



ST. ANDREW'S VILLAGE
 A WATERMARK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

13801 East Yale Avenue
 Aurora, CO 80014
standrewsvillage.watermarkcommunities.com

**INDEPENDENT LIVING
 ASSISTED LIVING
 REHABILITATION &
 SKILLED NURSING ON SITE***

* Skilled Nursing at the Springs,
 Operated by Eduro Healthcare LLC

21-ASA-1807A

New!

INTERIOR DOORS

Make a Big Difference!

QUICK

Installed in 4-hours or less

EASY

No messy construction

AFFORDABLE

For 1/2 the price with our Buy One Get One sale



Many styles to select from



SALES EVENT
**BUY ONE
GET ONE
FREE**
WITH PURCHASE OF 12+
OR MORE INTERIOR OR
CLOSET DOORS*

One Day - One Simple Solution

Revolutionary 3D Measuring Technology • Precision-Cut Robotic Automation • Durable, Thermally-Fused Paint • Professional Installation

As Featured On
**Extreme
MAKEOVER
HOME EDITION**

3D TECHNOLOGY
with accuracy down to 1/1000 of an inch, your doors are custom made to fit and professionally painted and installed.

SALE
**6 FREE
INTERIOR DOORS**
WITH PURCHASE OF
6, 12 OR 18 CLOSET
DOORS*

CLOSET DOORS
BY-PASS | BIFOLD | BARN DOOR SYSTEMS
AVAILABLE IN MANY STYLES

AN AUTHORIZED DEALER OF
ONE DAY
DOORS & CLOSETS.

Schedule a Free Remote
Consultation/In-Showroom
(303) 422-5064
www.onedaycolorado.com/promo22
DENVER DOORS & CLOSETS

*BOGO promotion is good for selected styles when purchasing 6 or more doors and exchange of hardware, installation, and paint. Estimate by showroom appointment only. Must present ad at time of estimate. May not be combined with other offers or discounts. Other restrictions apply, call store for details. This is an authorized and independent retailer of One Day Doors & Closets. Offer expires 10/31/2021.



Sports and Recreation

Men's Golf Club

The club plays Friday mornings. Call the Pro Shop for tee times and membership information.

Tournament Results August 20

Flight E

- 1st Blair Kittleson
- 2nd Jon Erion
- 3rd John Guise
- 4th Mike Connolly
- 5th Phil Haas

Flight D

- 1st George Brown, Mark Ethridge
- 2nd Phil Corliss
- 3rd Mike Brown, John McMullen
- 4th Bill Dearing

Flight C

- 1st Frank Leydens, Tom Merges
- 2nd Bob McElfresh, Harold Robertson
- 3rd Gary Kessler, Henry Ulibarri, Matt Dunne

Flight B

- 1st Randy White
- 2nd Richard Tomasic
- 3rd Tom Fitzgerald
- 4th Don Batson, Bob Riley
- 5th Jerry Joy, Mike Steffens

Flight A

- 1st Dave Oakland
- 2nd Dick Baker, Phil Marquis, Tom Parko
- 3rd Chris Hughes
- 4th Jon Freyer, Bill Schmit

August 27

Flight E

- 1st Sam Lozano
- 2nd John Guise
- 3rd Dave Walstrom
- 4th Steve Galambos
- 5th Richard Apt
- 6th Phil Haas

Flight D

- 1st Jack Matthews
- 2nd Mark Ethridge, George Brown
- 3rd John McMullen, Phil Corliss
- 4th Rich Richardson

Flight C

- 1st Robbie Robertson
- 2nd Frank Leydens, Jim Jensen
- 3rd Gary Kessler
- 4th Matt Dunne, Tom Kappel

Flight B

- 1st Gene Daniels, Randy White, Eric Neel.
- 2nd Brian Bucenec, Mike Steffens
- 3rd David Krell

Flight A

- 1st Jake Flint
- 2nd Steve Gilbert, Bill Schmit
- 3rd Ed Bradley, Bob Bengen, Vern Thompson, Phil Marquis

September 3

Flight E

- 1st Sam Lozano
- 2nd Bob Bamford
- 3rd Mike Corcoran
- 4th Dave Walstrom, John Guise, Paul Spoutz

Flight D

- 1st Tim Bessey
- 2nd Joe Rook, Phil Corliss
- 3rd Mike Brown, Jack Matthews
- 4th Bill Dearing, Joe Cristofaro

Flight C

- 1st Bob McElfresh
- 2nd Glenn Riggs
- 3rd Tom Kappel, Mark Ethridge
- 4th Jim Jensen, Mark Ruhl, Ray Binder

Flight B

- 1st Mike Steffens
- 2nd Mike Meagher
- 3rd Jerry Joy
- 4th Jim Stebbins
- 5th Jess Deal

Flight A

- 1st Bill Schmit
- 2nd Dick Baker
- 3rd Chris Hughes, Pete Profera, John Bender
- 4th Jake Flint, Merle Parks

Tournament Final Results

From a cold and windy day, here are the final results of the **2021 Club Championship**:

Flight A

- 1st Phil Marquis, 150
- 2nd Bill Schmit, 155
- 3rd Gene Barth, 159
- 4th Pete Profera, Chris Hughes, 163

Flight B

- 1st Mike Steffens, 86
- 2nd Wally Armistead, 88
- 3rd Charles Marlow, 89
- 4th David Krell, Jess Deal, 92

Flight C

- 1st Mike Benowitz
- 2nd Bob McElfresh
- 3rd Rob Ledford
- 4th Robbie Robertson
- 5th Tom Merges
- 6th Glenn Riggs

Flight D

- 1st Cliff Creswell
- 2nd Bill Dearing
- 3rd George Brown
- 4th Mike Brown
- 5th Joe Rooks

Flight E

- 1st Steve Galambos
- 2nd Richard Apt
- 3rd Jon Erion
- 4th Mike Corcoran

Congratulations to **Club Champion Phil Marquis**, and everyone who competed. The tournament was competitive, and full of memorable moments.

A very large thanks to Brian Benko, Gilmar, and the rest of the Golf Course crew, for providing smooth greens and mowed roughs. The course was felt to be in its best shape all year.

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

Club members play Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8-10 am. We offer free lessons.

We meet the third Thursday of the month, 5 pm, in Rendezvous Restaurant, for social time. With questions: Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-587-9797. Hope to see you on the courts.

Men's Bridge

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

Monday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the front 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, 720-708-6738.

Evening Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6–8 pm Monday nights, Mountainview Room. For information: Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

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 registration desk in the Clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205 – B. Schlageter

Fun (Gals) Golf

If you want to golf, but without the hassle of finding a group, or keeping score, come play with our Fun Gals Golf group. Virtually anything goes.

We play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Our reserved starting tee times are 9, 9:12, and 9:24 am. You must call or visit Heather Gardens Golf Pro Shop to sign up for each day and time you wish to play. Call 303-751-2390: when the message starts — press 1; when they answer, specify you would like to play “Fun Golf,” and sign-up for the day(s) and time(s) you wish to play.

Our Fun Golf season will finish up at the end of October. We will start up again in May 2022. Look forward to the addition of some “Play of the Day” fun and games and bonus opportunities to socialize, once we start playing again next spring. I promise that you still won’t have to keep score, unless you really want to.

Masks are optional, but strongly advised, while indoors for those who have been fully vaccinated. Masks are required in and around the Pro Shop by those who are not yet fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

If you have further questions, please contact Linda Hileman, via email, Lshileman1958@gmail.com, or 303-514-5379. Please leave a voice mail or send a text. (I won’t answer calls from numbers I don’t recognize.)

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 Room. Questions? Call Kevin Keator, 303-699-4641.

Pickleball

It’s a little like tennis, ping-pong, racquetball, and badminton — all mixed together. It’s a lot of fun, and great exercise, too. We welcome pickleball players at all skill levels.

Beginner? We are happy to help you learn to play this game we enjoy so much. We play Pickleball on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 am–noon, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4–6 pm. We have added play on Saturday morning, while the Tennis Club may be playing on the west court.

Phil Hughes, phdenver@comcast.net, occasionally sends out emails to the Pickleball list of players. He announces any time changes, based on weather, and to make sure there are enough people planning to play! With Pickleball players at all skill levels, players have been able to choose “gentle” Pickleball on one court, or a more “competitive” (advanced) Pickleball on other courts.

For more info on Pickleball, visit: <https://plaidflannel.com/pickleball>. If you want to learn more about Pickleball at HG, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226. To get on the Pickleball roster and be notified of any changes email Phil Hughes: phdenver@comcast.net, or call him at 303-503-7633.

Tuesday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the fourth Tuesday of the month, when we play in the Skyview 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.

Billiard Club

The Billiard Club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 5 pm Tuesdays, and 9-Ball at 6 pm Thursdays. Annual dues of \$10 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Rita Cusack, 720-535-8637, or Connie Burns, 303-693-0766.

8-Ball Results August 12

- 1st Brian Bucenec,
Don Gunnarson
- 2nd Rita Cusack, Chuck Toner
- 3rd Dee Moore, Roger Goldstein

August 24

- 1st RJ Gregg, Chuck Toner
- 2nd Judy Brehmer, Don Gunnarson
- 3rd Gil Lochhead team

August 31

- 1st Don Gunnarson, John Recob
- 2nd Brian Bucenec, Connie Burns
- 3rd Chuck Toner, Bob Schlageter

September 7

- 1st Dee Moore, Lindy Davenport
- 2nd Bob Schlageter, Chuck Toner
- 3rd Roger Goldstein,
Judy Brehmer

September 14

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Rick Barnhart
- 2nd RJ Gregg, Debbie Recob
- 3rd Doug Miller, Gil Lochhead

9-Ball Results August 12

- 1st Greg Kachadoorian
- 2nd Brian Bucenec

August 19

- 1st Tammy Beeman
- 2nd Roger Goldstein

Ladies Golf Club

The days are shorter, the nights are cooler, and the leaves are turning — all sure signs that fall has arrived, and so has the end of the 2021 HG Ladies Golf Club season. We are grateful to all members for giving their time and talents throughout the season to ensure that each week a great time is had by everyone.

We are especially grateful to Club Pro Greg Kohr and his staff for all they do to make our Wednesdays go smoothly. We also want to thank Brian Benko and all the members of the grounds crew for ensuring the course is in pristine condition.

Club Championship

The club championship was played on Aug. 18 and Aug. 25. Charlane Pluchek was the winner of this year’s green jacket. Over the course of the two-day tournament, Charlane shot an impressive 85. Members’ golf prowess was on display, as there were three birdies and a chip-in during the event.

Championship Results

Flight A Gross Score Winners

Champion Charlane Pluchek

- 2nd Beulah Gould
- 3rd Nancy Bonniwell
- 4th Margie Francone

Flight A Net Score Winners

- 1st Dee Moore
- 2nd Debbie Madril,
Sharon Sweeney
- 4th Jo Ann Fitch

See Sports...page 47



Join us for a down to earth discussion breaking down the taboos surrounding end of life planning. Explore earth-friendly alternatives to conventional burial practices including green burial, human composting, natural organic reduction, alkaline hydrolysis and more! Presented by Jamie Sarche, director of pre-planning for Feldman Mortuary and TEDx burial expert.

Going Green

**Thursday, October 21
10:30 a.m. - noon**

at **Cherry Creek Retirement Village**

RSVP BY CALLING 303.693.0200.



14555 East Hampden Avenue
Aurora, CO 80014
CherryCreekRetirement.com

1-4-5779

ABBOTT FUNERAL SERVICES

YOUR LOCAL VETERAN OWNED & OPERATED FUNERAL SERVICE

\$895.00 Direct Cremation
(includes pick-up, temporary urn, 5 days of storage, preparation, cremation, & (1) Death Certificate)

303-204-5685

- Military Discount for Veterans, First Responders and Their Spouses- Here to Serve You as You Have Served Us (call for discount price)
- Your local funeral directors located right here in Aurora, Colorado
- Proud to be family owned and operated
- We are fully certified through the Colorado Funeral Directors Association and licensed through the Department of Regulatory Agencies

Abbottfuneralservices.com
Abbottfuneralservices@yahoo.com

PRE-NEEDS AVAILABLE
We Answer Our Own Phones 24 hours a day

Live a Vibrant Lifestyle! V-Esprit Active Adult Community

Ask about our **Move-In Incentive!**
Spacious & Affordable!
1 & 2 bedroom Apartments & Patio Homes

All inclusive - Maintenance free living - Flexible lease options
Starting at \$1,950/mo *Pet friendly*
Wellness Center * Bistro * Activities * Events
Call today for more information
303.400.2399



www.V-Esprit.com
5240 S. Shalom Park Circle, Aurora, CO 80015



New bright white lens, LED lamps THAT LAST 13 YEARS

-on 10 hours a day. No more replacing ballasts-no more flickering fluorescents.

Ask your neighbors about my Dome Lighting upgrade. They'll agree you won't find a better value for a product that will transform your kitchen.

Renaissance Dome Lighting
303.229.3506 Since 1986



Only \$150
 Replace old cracked yellow lens with new white ones

Only \$200
 Modify & upgrade your fixtures to LED ballast bypass lamps rated to last 50000 hours

Save \$50 \$299
 package for both

5% Discount
 to all my fellow VETERANS!

Steve Campbell owner and proud Air Force vet 1973-77

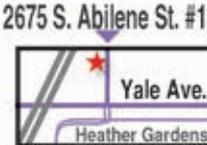


GLENN SMILE CENTER
 Dental Care for the Entire Family

Dr. Gerald Glenn • Dr. Falona Glenn

Dental Implants • Cosmetic Dentistry
 Dentures • Tooth Whitening

2675 S. Abilene St. #135



Just across from St. Andrew's Village



Call Today! 303.751.6916

GATE CITY MOVING
 Reliable, Responsible Movers
 A BBB Goldstar Company



Heather Gardens Discount
 Heather Gardens References

303-744-8692

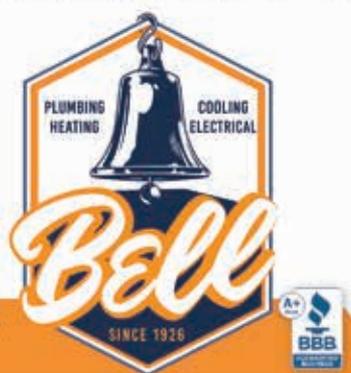
Plumbing, Heating, Cooling, Electrical and Remodeling Services

<p>\$50 OFF</p> <p>ANY SERVICE Plumbing, Heating, Cooling, Electrical</p>	<p>FREE Air Purifier</p> <p>WITH PURCHASE of Furnace or Air Conditioner</p>	<p>\$500 OFF Bathroom Remodel</p>	<p>\$1,000 OFF Kitchen Remodel</p>
---	--	--	---

*Please present coupon at time of appointment.
 FREE ESTIMATES ON REPLACEMENTS AND REMODEL CONSULTATIONS.
 MANY Heather Gardens REFERENCES.



100% Satisfaction Guarantee
 Serving Denver Families Since 1926
 Ready to serve you from our
NEW LOCATION
 BellPlumbing.com




We do it all! 303.872.5357



You have a choice in who helps you navigate your home buying or selling journey!

55PLACES.COM
Discover what's next.

CHOOSE THE BEST!

Give us a call!

Not all agents are the same
You need a Real Estate Agent that is a highly educated and skilled expert in all areas of Active Adult living, with extensive knowledge of Heather Gardens.



55Places Real Estate Experts are hand-selected based on their experience and understanding of the neighborhoods and communities they represent.

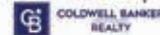
Three key factors why 55places Real Estate Experts make a difference



1. Advocates for your interests.
2. Have vast knowledge of the housing market.
3. Will ease the homebuying process.

Choose from 4 local COLORADO 55Places Real Estate Experts whether in Heather Gardens or other 55Places in Colorado!

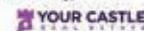
Carole Newberry, Broker Associate
970-443-4047 • cnewberry@coloradohomes.com
55places.com/agent/carole-newberry



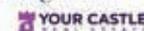
RaNae Sevier, Broker Associate
303-478-0509 • RaNae.rubio@me.com
55places.com/agent/ranae-sevier



Earl Dodgion, Broker Associate
719-580-1191 • earldodgion@yourecastle.com
55places.com/agent/earl-dodgion



Carol Guzman, Broker Associate
303-929-3157 • Cj.guzman@comcast.net
55places.com/agent/carol-guzman



NOW IS THE TIME TO EXPAND YOUR LIVING SPACE!

with an **Affordable Enclosed LANAI**

WHY CHOOSE US



- ▶ Heather Gardens Approved and many HG REFERENCES
- ▶ 40 Years Experience
- ▶ Extensively Trained Installers
All employees-*no contractors*
- ▶ **FOUR SEASONS**
SUNROOMS & WINDOWS.
INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED
- ▶ Lifetime Warranty

E-mail us with questions regarding your project: designteam@coloradosunroom.com

Upgrade to Energy Efficient

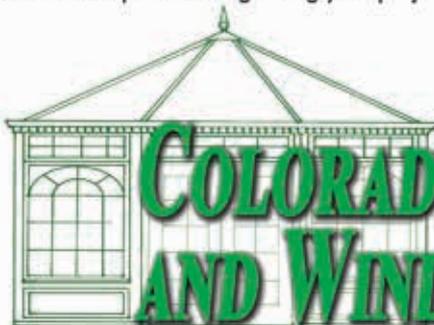
WE DO WINDOWS AND DOORS

- ▶ Weather tight to dramatically reduce your energy usage.
- ▶ We service what we sell.
- ▶ Special Financing Available

FREE ESTIMATES

ColoradoSunroomAndWindow.com

303-715-0777



COLORADO SUNROOM AND WINDOW.COM

Your Project Is Our Pride

Sports ...from page 43

Flight B Gross Score Winners

- 1st Kathy Stebbins
- 2nd Barbara Tucker
- 3rd Saundra Sweeney
- 4th Marsha Swink

Flight B Net Score Winners

- 1st Mary Jo Prichard
- 2nd Karin Bentley
- 3rd Florence Madonna,
Mary Ann Morris

Flight C Gross Score Winners

- 1st Pat Profera
- 2nd Cindy Koch, Linda Savage
- 4th Carol Strickland

Flight C Net Score Winners

- 1st Beverly Nelson
- 2nd Eileen Umhoefer
- 3rd Sue Robertson
- 4th Connie Burns, Gini Klein,
JoAnn Sterling

Flight D Gross Score Winners

- 1st Anne Gillis
- 2nd Susan Craig, Lil Pickrel
- 4th Marilyn Cornell

Flight D Net Score Winners

- 1st Lisa Matthews
- 2nd Joyce Angel
- 3rd Gwen Alexander
- 4th Norma Gunnarson

When play wrapped up on Aug. 25, members gathered for a lunch buffet at Rendezvous, with 77 people attending — the club's first large gathering this year. Social Chair Lisa Matthews and her committee (Susan Brennan, Kathy Stebbins and Bev Nelson) delivered a beautiful event that included lovely centerpieces donated by Lisa. We are exceptionally grateful to our tournament chair, committee members, and all volunteers whose hard work made this year's event a success.

As part of the luncheon program, the nomination and election of officers for 2022 was held. Congratulations to the following women who will lead our club next year:

- President Beulah Gould
- Vice President Carol Ann Mayne
- Secretary Linda Savage
- Treasurer Bonnie McMullen

Tournament Results Sept. 1

Flight A

- 1st Dee Moore
- 2nd Joyce Laffea, Debbie Madril,
Liz Sanchez

Flight B

- 1st Linda Hileman
- 2nd Mary Ann Morris, Cindy Sturm

4th Judy Nelson

Flight C

- 1st Carol Strickland
- 2nd Shar Garrett
- 3rd Gina Studer
- 4th Sharla Sheeks,
JoAnn Sterling

Flight D

- 1st Suzi Stolte
- 2nd Lil Pickrel
- 3rd Sandy Costello,
Lisa Matthews

Tournament Results September 8

Flight A

- 1st Liz Sanchez
- 2nd Beulah Gould
- 3rd Glenda Pitts
- 4th Debbie Madril, Charlane Plu-
check, Barb Tucker

Flight B

- 1st Kathy Stebbins
- 2nd Florence Madonna
- 3rd Bonnie McMullen
- 4th Karen Bentley

Flight C

- 1st Gini Klein
- 2nd Mary Frevert
- 3rd Beverly Nelson
- 4th Cicily Kittleson, Linda Savage

Flight D

- 1st Anne Gillis, Sue Robertson
- 3rd Suzi Stolte
- 4th Susan Craig, Lil Pickrel

Tournament play ended on Sept. 29. The club will hold its year-end banquet on Wednesday, Oct. 6. At that time, Charlane will officially receive her green jacket, and everyone will celebrate another successful year for the Ladies Golf Club.

The year's final board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1 pm in the Board Room. All members are invited to attend.

While it may be autumn, the course is open as long as weather permits. Call a few friends and make a tee time. Also, don't forget that prospective members can obtain an application for the 2022 season in the HG Pro Shop, on our website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com, or by contacting Membership Chair Mary Jo

Prichard, mjpininsurance@hotmail.com – Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

Afternoon Cribbage

Afternoon Cribbage meets 12:30–3 pm Wednesdays, in the Clubhouse lobby, near the fireplace. Information: Dean Lux, 303-353-4267.

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

We play at 1 pm in the Blue Spruce Room each Wednesday. Pre-registration is required, by email, to merrilyv@sonic.net, or call me, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032. – Merrily Van Zevern, Director

Pinochle

We play for fun and friendship. We start at 1:30 pm, and end at 4 pm, every Wednesday in the Mountainview Room. Please 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.

HG Bowling

Our season has begun! We bowl Thursday mornings, 10 am, at Arapahoe Lanes, 6850 S Dayton. As of this writing, we still have a few openings on our league. Please contact Glenn Riggs, gvriggs@yahoo.com, if you would like to join us.

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: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

Thursday Open Bridge Club

We play every Thursday, 1–4 pm, Skyview Room. No need for reservations: all bridge players welcome for casual, social play. Information: Joanne Turner, 719-641-3644.



**Johnson's
Automotive
Repair, Inc.**

All Your Automotive Needs
Scott Johnson - Family Owned Since 1986

In Aurora, west of Airport RD at 6th & Olathe
303.360.6111

10% Senior Discount
Excluding other specials.



RENEWAL by ANDERSEN

FULL-SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT

Brad C.

a week ago-

Renewal by Andersen is truly a top-shelf company. From the first consultation at our house, through the installation, everything was done in a very professional way. After looking at several options, their windows are by far superior to the competitions.



Pam R.

a month ago-

Exceptional windows. You close them and you hear nothing from outside. Andersen's customer service is also superior, from their sales team to the office staff to the installer. My house was as clean after installation as it was before. This is the second time I have replaced windows with Andersen windows. They are well worth the investment and the experience is seamless from beginning to end. I highly recommend them!



Allison L.

a month ago-

We needed new windows, ours were over 30 years old, you could feel the cold and hear the traffic. So thankful we called Renewal by Andersen and that they assigned the BEST installers to our home!! From the salesman, to the guy that measured our windows, the scheduler, to the installers, we have beautiful new windows and the entire process was seamless!



Darren O.

3 weeks ago

The installers were very professional, very polite and integrity. They arrived almost to the minute they promised to start work. When they left they cleaned up like there was never anyone there. I would highly recommend.

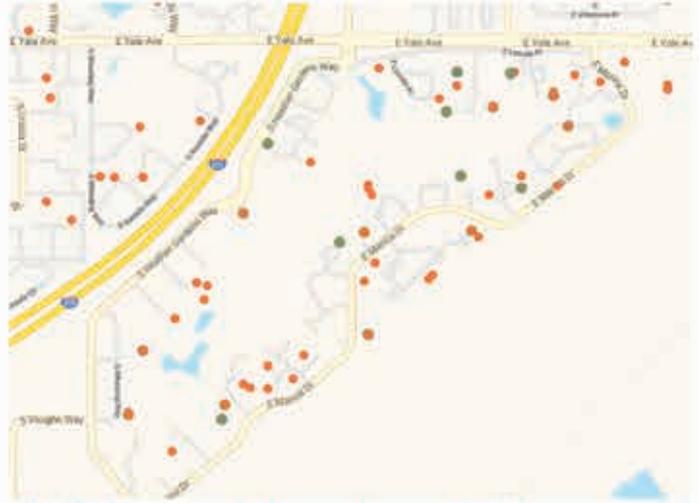


We are open.

We work one-on-one in homes, by invitation of the homeowner only. We are strictly following CDC Guidelines to help provide both our homeowners and our employees a safe working environment.



2,089 Reviews 4.8
Reviews from our customers



Limited appointments available.
Please call today to book your visit.

Call Krista Trujillo about replacing your
Windows and Patio Doors
970-690-6750



Expressions
In Flooring

We make your remodeling dreams a reality.
Call 303.366.7997 and schedule an appointment.

Remodel Living - Kitchen - Bathroom



BEFORE

**Now!
Open
Living
Spaces**



Now!



BEFORE

We know Heather Gardens

Proud to serve your community for over 25 years.
Our hands-on approach ensures a quality experience as we guide you to your perfect concept, layout, and material selections.

We are a full service flooring contractor that also specializes in comprehensive design and remodeling services.

1050 South Joliet Street, Aurora, CO 80012

Visit our fully furnished showroom to view our updated photo gallery. www.ExpressionsInFlooring.com

We have worked with many HG homeowners and we understand the process.

Carpet - Hardwood - Porcelain - Stone - Luxury Vinyl - Laminate - Cabinetry - Counter Tops



**Guardians of all-inclusive care each day.
Ava's own home each night.**

Like Ava, we are strong, resilient - and we are an alternative to nursing homes. Delivering comprehensive care to meet each individual's needs. From health and nutrition to medication management and more. Giving seniors independence. And caregivers - peace of mind.

innovAge
Life on Your Terms

Call 844-223-6690 to learn more
Visit InnovAge.com

PACE All-inclusive Care for Seniors



**Heather Gardens
DISCOUNT
10%
OFF
LABOR**
(Up To \$50)



NATIONWIDE WARRANTY
3 Year or
36,000 Miles
Parts & Labor



FREE SHUTTLE
To and From
Heather
Gardens



FAMILY OWNED
in Aurora
Since 1996



FULL SERVICE
Hours:
Mon - Fri
8am - 5:30pm

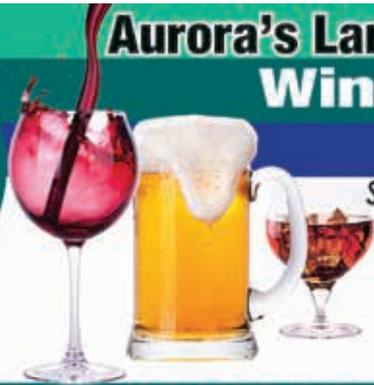
303.743.9800

15293 E. Mississippi Avenue

NW Corner of Chambers and Mississippi
(across the street from McDonalds)



15260 East Iliff Ave
Aurora • 303.751.6935



Aurora's Largest Liquor Store - Low Prices

Wine :: Beer :: Liquor **8,000**

Different Products

BIG SALES EVERY WEEK

Save even more with our **BUYER'S CLUB**

Delivery Available!

Call 303.751.6935 for details.

Store Hours: Monday:: Thursday 9am-10pm
Friday - Saturday:: 9am-11pm Sunday:: 10am-6pm

SPECIALS AND COUPONS ONLINE: www.ChambersWineAndLiquor.com

HEATHER GARDENS REALTOR® SINCE 1997

RICHARD LINDAHL

"I've personally sold hundreds of Heather Gardens properties"



FOR SALE • **2 BED 2 BATH SOMERSET A**
1200 SQ. FT. Beautifully Remolded

SOLD! • **3 BED 3 BATH SEVILLE EXEC.**
Completely Remodeled,
Mountain Views!

SOLD! • **2 BED 2 BATH ATRIUM K2**
Completely remodeled

FOR RENT • **2 BED 2 BATH OMEGA A**
\$1,595/mo.

**CALL FOR A
COMPLETE
INVENTORY
OF HOMES
FOR SALE.**



Richard@ColoradoHomeRealty.com
303.907.9281

Go to HeatherGardensRealEstate.com or call me
for a complete list of properties for sale and rent.

**Give your family a priceless gift . . .
your estate plan **at 10% off.****

Call us at (303) 991-3544 to schedule a free, 1-hour consultation
at our office. Mention this ad and you will receive 10% off all our
services. www.meurerlawoffices.com

MEURER
LAW OFFICES, P.C.



Michael Meurer

WILLS • LIVING TRUSTS • DURABLE MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY • DURABLE FINANCIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY • DISPOSITION OF LAST REMAINS

The Annual Resource Fair provided a variety of vendors

Residents could talk to Realtors, businesses to help you remodel your condo, or provide healthcare services. Several non-profits also shared their activities including Volunteers of America, Aurora Commission for Seniors and Colorado National Guard Foundation.



Photos by Janis Farrell



B205 made it easy to select a cover photo this month!

Two neighbors decorated their condo doors in mid-September, then called Heather 'n Yon, suggesting we get photos. The door on this month's cover was done by Sandy Knox. Right: This creative door was to Carla Brown's condo, #210. Left: Three women decorated B205's entryway (from left): Mary Hoskins, Sandy Knox and Carla Brown

Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis





APPLEWOOD

PLUMBING HEATING & ELECTRIC
SINCE 1973

Repair Services for the Homeowner

Why Applewood?

- EVERY Applewood technician is licensed, background checked & drug tested.
- An email with a picture of the technician will be sent before your appointment.
- We'll fix your problem **RIGHT**, the first time, at an approved, up-front price.
- We'll follow up with a phone call to make sure your appointment went just as you expected.



OPEN 6AM to 10PM, 7 DAYS A WEEK
to serve you at your convenience with **NO OVERTIME CHARGES**

303-232-6611
ApplewoodFixIt.com

"The Only Electrician I Personally Endorse." - Dave Logan

**Need guidance
with understanding
your Medicare
options?**



**Let me help you navigate through
YOUR MEDICARE QUESTIONS.**



Scotty Bagwin

Bagwin Insurance Inc., a member of TAG
303.907.9959 TTY711
AvalancheInsurance.com

Call Scotty Today!
**Schedule your consultation
with no obligation.**

*This is an advertisement. Not connected with or endorsed by the U.S. Government or CML. Call 303-907-9959 to speak with a licensed insurance agent today.



ALL THE COMFORT OF HOME INCORPORATED

COLORADO'S HOMECARE PROFESSIONALS

303 - 346 - 1292

allthecomfortofhome.net

CELEBRATING OVER 14 YEARS

Serving Seniors In The Denver Metro Area



CUSTOMIZED SERVICES:

Personal Care:

- Bathing, toileting, & hygiene
- Dressing & grooming
- Medication reminders & more

Companionship Care:

- Meal Preparation
- Dementia Care
- Transportation & more

CALL TODAY

For a Free Care Needs Assessment
Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

303 - 346 - 1292

allthecomfortofhome.net



Carolyn Ingebritson

Heather Gardens
Real Estate Specialist

THEN LIFE CHANGES Is it time to downsize?

Or, are you overwhelmed with selling mom or dad's home?
Are you trying to sell a home in a different location
without any local connections?

If you're facing this situation, you need the help of an experienced probate real estate agent who understands how selling property during probate proceedings differs from a traditional home sale.

✓ Carolyn has helped many clients through probate and death of a family member.

✓ She is a preferred Realtor with Elder Life.

[55places.com/agent/carolyn-ingebritson](https://www.55places.com/agent/carolyn-ingebritson)

YOUR CASTLE REAL ESTATE 303.594.7696

Please disregard this notice if you are currently working with another agent.
It is not our intention to solicit other agents listings.

INSURANCE BUILT FOR THE FUTURE.

Whether it's a new minivan that fits your growing family or a downtown condo that matches your cosmopolitan dreams, I'm here with advice and resources to help you in your journey.



Let's talk about your insurance needs today.

Litta Plant-Schaper, Agent

Bus: (720) 361-0155

Cell: (303) 810-0457

lplant@amfam.com



American Family Mutual Insurance Company, S.I. & Its Operating Companies, American Family Insurance Company, 6000 American Parkway, Madison, WI 53783 ©2016 011780 - Rev. 4/20 - 13074211

AMES JMOORE & ASSOCIATES P.C. ACCOUNTING CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Tax Preparation

Bookkeeping and Accounting Services

3131 S. Vaughn Way, Suite 120, Aurora, CO 80014

Cherry Creek Place I - across from Heather Gardens

303.752.4500 • www.jmaccounting.com

For frequent updates • facebook.com/jmaccounting120

HG Clubhouse Events

Phone 303-751-1811, x5

Fall Classes begin Oct. 4. Pick up the listings for October, November and December at the Reception Desk. Register there too.

Swimming Pool Hours:

Indoor Pool: Mon–Sat 7 am–7:30 pm
Sun 8 am–5:30 pm

Lap lanes available when swim classes are in session.

Saturday Lap Lanes limited to 2 lanes, 8–10 am.

•••

Ward V Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Ward V Town Hall Meeting will be hosted by Council Member Alison Coombs. Topic will be Roads and Capital Improvements. Speakers will be T. McMinimee, and V. Rachael.

Cherry Creek School District Superintendent Rescheduled

Thursday, Oct. 7, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Reservations required, 303-751-1811 x 5

Cherry Creek School District Superintendent Christopher Smith has rescheduled his visit to HG. Meet Smith as he discusses updates on the school district. Snacks will be provided. Register at Clubhouse, or call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

Movie Matinee and Night: 12 Mighty Orphans

Friday, Oct. 8, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$5 pre-register; \$6 on the day of the event

Everyone loves a good underdog. That's exactly the premise of *12 Mighty Orphans*, a sports movie following an orphanage's football team. Their meteoric rise to fame in the Texas football community seems too good and touching to be true. You will want to stand up and cheer.

Active Minds: Pirates, Tales and Legends

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Pirates occupy a unique place in the popular imagination and have been an integral part of global history for centuries. From the swashbuckling privateers of the Golden Age of Piracy to the modern day pirates plying the waters off the coast of Africa, pirates are a captivating class of criminal and antihero. Sail in your imagination on the seven seas as Active Minds discusses the history, personalities, and tales of the pirates.

Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, Oct. 14, 10 am–noon (or until food runs out),
Parking Lot B250
FREE

In response to COVID-19, the city of Aurora, in partnership with SECORCares, is bringing a mobile food pantry for seniors. No cost for the food. Sample food may include but is not limited to: rice, beans or pasta, cereal/oatmeal, various canned items, fresh produce, dairy, eggs, and protein. *Food will be modified to accommodate senior needs as best as possible, i.e., low sodium, low fat, softer foods. Questions? Call 303-739-7281. Please do not line up before 9:45 am.

HG Annual Fall Craft Fair

Friday, Oct. 15 and Saturday, Oct. 16, 9 am–4 pm,
Clubhouse, Sandberg Auditorium and more
FREE

Need to revitalize your fall or Christmas decorations? How about some very clever hand-crafted items? See all at this annual event.

Cripple Creek Trip

Wednesday, October 20
Fee: \$20 per person
Deadline: October 15 (to register or cancel)

View the leaves and visit three great casinos: The Brass Ass, McGills Hotel and Midnight Rose. Enjoy Colorado's great fall season as you ride up to Cripple Creek and the casinos. Each player will get a \$25 rewards back coupon. Earn 180 points = \$25 cash back. Earn 90 points = \$10 cash back. Earn 150 points = \$15 meal voucher at any of the Triple Crown restaurants.



Encore
Brokers

Elle Pope
303-794-2441 Office
303-912-5650 Cell

25 years of experience
HG Resident
Different than the competition
Elle owns and manages this Company
Call for a free consultation
Coming Soon: Lovely Patio Home.
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry.
New paint, new carpet, and backs to the
gorgeous fountain.

Notice to all Clubs meeting in the Clubhouse

2022 Club Rental Renewals will begin Monday, Nov. 1, 2021. You may get a club renewal/application form at the Reception Desk, or one can be emailed to you. No in-person renewals will be offered at this time. There must be a minimum of 8 Heather Gardens' residents attending each meeting to rent one of the rooms (without charge) in the Clubhouse. Smaller groups will be assigned to the library, Lodgepole Lounge, Sunburst Café or the Clubhouse lobby. The Clubhouse staff have been counting how many club members have been attending past meetings to know what the average attendance is for your group. You may email clubrentals@heathergardensmail.com for additional information or to get the application and room setup form.

Register at Clubhouse, or call 303-751-1811 ext 5. Meet at 7:45 am between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. This is not an ADA/life accessible bus. Bus leaves the casino at 3 pm, arriving back at HG about 5 pm.

Nelson Mandela, with Kathleen Arnold
Thursday, Oct. 21, 1–2:45 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Reservation requested, 303-751-1811, x5.

Walk to Freedom — Nelson Mandela. Dec. 5 marks the passing of South Africa's greatest hero, former President Nelson Mandela. To walk a mile in the shoes of Mandela meant you walked down a long hard road to freedom. He walked out of prison and into history.

Movie Matinee and Night: *Queen Bees*

Friday, Oct. 22, 1 pm and 6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$5 pre-register; \$6 on the day of the event

Ellen Burstyn stars as Helen, a widow who is very attached to her devoted grandson Peter (Matthew Barnes). He visits her for tea every Thursday in the home she built with her late husband. Helen is attached to the house as well. She is barely speaking to her daughter Laura (Elizabeth Mitchell), Peter's mother, and a Realtor who has suggested she sell the house and move into a nearby retirement community called Pine Grove. Helen keeps the house in meticulous condition but can be a bit forgetful. That leads to a kitchen fire. Helen has to move out while the house is being repaired. The only option is Pine Grove, and she grudgingly agrees to move there for just one month. Then she meets James Caan. This top notch cast just can't be missed.



Comedian Karyn Ruth White entertained HG residents on Aug. 27, "How Not to Get Old on the Inside."

Judging by the audience reactions, White succeeded with her humorous stories.

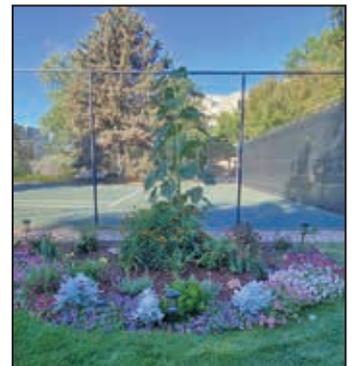
Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



The three phases of a new garden in Seville



Patt Clark, B235, shared these photos showing how the newly-designed garden at the Seville Tennis Court changed this summer. From construction to early growth, it now shows some mature plants at right.



Proudly Serving Heather Gardens Since 2003

Top Producing Realtor
CAROL GUZMAN
 Excels in Customer Satisfaction by offering:

- High Impact Marketing Plan & Process!
- Great Communication!
I keep you informed
- Accessibility—You talk to me not an answering machine!
- Agent Support & Backup Team
My team handles many details so I can focus on selling your home!
- Flexible commission structure to fit your needs!



Hire Carol Guzman and *Get It Sold!*

"Exceptional Service-Superior Results!"

VISIT MY WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.CarolGuzmanHomes.com

- View our Recent Listings in Heather Gardens
- See the properties I have **SOLD!** from 2019 and the first part of 2021
- Info on all the 55+ Communities in the area
- Find out if you need a Probate Specialists
- See how we can stage your home to best present to buyers



Can I interview for the job to be your agent?

The agent you hire will make a HUGE difference.

Contact me: 303.929.3157
 C.J.Guzman@comcast.net



Heather Gardens Property Tours

RSVP

Your Tour by Calling
303.929.3157

Join me for 1 to 2 hour Informative Tour and get your questions answered!

Receive information on HOA, AMENITIES & MORE!

New Listing



3022 S Wheeling Way #304
 2b/2b 1200sf \$239,000
 Home features granite counters, designer backsplash, stainless appliances. Updates throughout. Relax in the generous living room or step out to the enclosed in lanai which is shaded by trees and has views of the courtyard.

SOLDS!

13992 E Marina DR #510
 2b/2b 1232sf \$310,000
 13661 E Marina DR #403
 2b/2b 1380sf \$300,000
 14001 E Marina DR #206
 2b/2b 1200sf \$292,000
 13931 E Marina DR #406
 2b/1b 1080sf \$275,000
 13931 E Marina DR #604
 1b/1b 810sf \$202,000

Senior Living Expert • all levels of care

- Independent Living with services (meals, transportation, activities, some oversight)
- Assisted Living
- Memory Care
- Skilled

Save time and money.

Connecting the ... for Senior Living

iPlace Seniors

"I am here to help you and your family find the best fit in community living based on budget, location, and care needs."



Melissa Clifford Owner | Senior Living Advisor
melissa@iPlaceSeniors.com • www.iPlaceSeniors.com

Trusted transitional specialist helping you find the right answers.

Questions? Give me a call! **303.906.2359** Thank you for your referrals!

Karnopp, Radosevich & Preston, LLC

Attorneys at Law

Martha J. Karnopp
Kristi M. Radosevich
Theodore C. Preston

Wills
Trusts
Living Wills
Probate Estates
Guardianships & Conservatorships

Consultations in the privacy of your home.

303.646.2763

HOPE HOME CARE

Hope at Every Turn
Call Today 720.432.9339

References Available ■ Competitive Pricing

- Homemaker \$25/hour
- Companion/Sitter \$25/hour
- Personal Care \$29/hour
- Respite Care \$25/hour
- Live-in \$25/hour
- 12 Hour Day \$25/hour
- 12 Hour Overnight \$25/hour
- Insured - Caregivers Vetted

Dedicated to Providing the Best In-Home Care.

Orchid Dental

- Compliant to COVID-19 Protocol
- 5% Discount for HG Residents All Year Round!
- Gentle and affordable dental care for seniors and their families
- Emergency calls taken after hours
- Comprehensive care: crowns, surgery, implants, cosmetic care
- Practicing in Aurora since 1987



Nelson S. Joo, DMD

2222 South Fraser Street #3, Aurora, Colorado 80014
www.yourorchiddental.com

303.671.0305

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR RENT

2 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Seville B236, 4th floor. HOA included. No pets. \$1,650/mo. Rod 720-352-2156, Sue, 303-514-2155.

2 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Atrium B242, 6th floor. New carpet, new tile. HOA included. Laundry room, washer/dryer. White kitchen appliances. Large living room. Enclosed lanai with new carpet. \$1,800/month. 720-635-8877.

SERVICES

Massage Therapy In Your Home. For seniors. Massage can help improve circulation, promote relaxation, aid in joint mobility, and reduce stress and tension. HG references available. Call Cheryl Raney, CMT, 303-589-8902.

Licensed Massage Therapist In-home Visits. Pain? Stress? Massage therapy can help with an integrative session tailored to your needs! 23+ years experience LMT and CNA. Comfort touch, Swedish, deep tissue, neuromuscular, reflexology are some modalities offered. Theresa Conde, LMT, 720-690-5016, <https://relaxandheal.amtamembers.com/>. \$20 off first visit!

In Home Manicures and Pedicures. Specializing in seniors. State license. 29 years experience. No credit cards. Call or text Jeanine, 303-886-4028.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING:

Deadline is the 17th of each month. Rate is 50¢ per word with a \$10 minimum. Write your ad and deliver or mail with a check payable to *Heather 'n Yon*, c/o Mary Hafka, 14311 E Marina Dr, Aurora, CO 80014. Keep ads short (50 word maximum). Publication does not imply endorsement. Call Mary Hafka, 303-368-7559; e-mail: mhafka@comcast.net

Foot Care Nurse. Offers in-home medical pedicure. Please visit www.kirstenantony.com for more information. Discount available for HG residents. 20 years experience as foot care nurse specialist, and 27-years as holistic RN. 303-668-8992.

Professional Hair Care. In your home, men and women. Shampoo, sets, colors, perms, cuts men/women. State licensed 30 years. Joy Scott, 303-755-1097.

Just Call Jill. I'm here to help. Any task, just ask. Airport drop off and pick up. Dependable rides. HG resident senior concierge. Last-minute appointments OK. 303-929-6351.

My Natural Calling Senior Services. 37 years experience. Skilled and non-skilled long-term care, palliative and hospice care. References available. University educated in Aging Studies, Culture, Humanities. Available most nights and occasionally days. Cynthia Hardiman, 720-403-6697, mynaturalcallingseiorservices@gmail.com.

CNA and Caregiver Dependent, Reliable. 25 years experience. Work short or long hours, days or overnights. I am CNA, CPR, licensed, bonded, insured. Run errands, take it to doctor appointments, help you around the house. And the most important thing: honest, and I have very good references. Jenny, 720-620-0055, im2091@gmail.com.

Experienced, Loving Caregiver Available. Housecleaning, light cooking, grocery shopping with you or can deliver. Transportation for doctor appointments or errands. Any day of the week. References available. Call Cindy, 303-910-7405.

Companion/Helper. For transportation, daytime airport rides, light help in the home. 13 years assisting HG residents. Gr8 sense of humor. Call Sue, 303/324-1010.

Need Some Interior Décor Ideas? Do you want more exciting rooms? I can help you. Interior design consulting. Choosing furniture, accessories, paint colors, framed art. I do all window coverings: drapery, blinds. Kathy Liss, Heather Gardens Interiors, 303-618-2599.

De-clutter, Organization, Light Cleaning Services. Available from one room to entire home. Professional, clean and efficient guidance to help you get from stressed to calm. Small item(s) removed to donate offered as well. Call Lisa today: 720-688-5336.

Celine Spotless Cleaning. Affordable and reliable cleaning service for your needs. We guarantee your satisfaction. Please call Laura with your cleaning needs, 720-975-5602.

Elena's Cleaning. Dependable and thorough. 20-plus years of work with HG residents. References available. For a free estimate, call Elena, 303-341-1937.

Cut Rate Hauling. Junk and trash removal. All phases of rubbish removal. 720-434-8042, 720-519-5559. Call today.

Hauling - Estate Cleanout Service. General furniture removal, estate dispersal. Remove unwanted junk or appliances, or complete unit cleanout. David, 720-879-7173.

Lanai Windows Washed and other odd Jobs. Flexible pricing. Call Brian Bergner, 720-429-6329, son of HG residents.

Need Your Antique Lamps or any other electrical lamps repaired? Call John, 720-319-3664. HG resident, free pickup and delivery.

Free Legal Coaching. Retired attorney. Estate planning. Business law, family law. Call 303-367-1980.

WANTED

Electric Scooters. Wanted to buy. Alan, 303-232-1212. HG resident, serving HG 16 years.

Wanted: Knives and Military Items. Alan, 303-232-1212. HG resident, serving HG 16 years.

Wanted to Buy. I am searching for old coins and coin collections, silver and gold jewelry, tea sets, flatware, antiques from China and Japan. Old watches, more. A collector and dealer of fine antiques. Can't have estate sale? I also purchase entire estate contents. Please call Ted, HG resident, 720-327-7867.



Bonnie Williams, B232, shared her photos of recent sunsets over I-225 (left) and HG (right). These close this issue of Heather 'n Yon well.



FYI...from page 34

at various private local studios. Students from the HG "Creative Clay" class are encouraged to participate. Please join us for unique, hand-made pottery, garden art, sculptures, jewelry and gifts with prices starting at \$5. Free admission; Free parking.

Colonial Williamsburg

Join the Colonial Williamsburg (CW) Foundation for US: Past, Present, Future, an online national conversation that explores the vital intersections of current events, our shared history, and the enduring promises of America.

The program features CW Conversations — discussions that allow for more in-depth examinations of critical topics facing our country. Additional information and background reading can be found at: www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/us-series/

- Oct. 16 at 4 pm – Cornerstone Event: Are Our Founding Ideals Achievable?

- Nov. 20 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: American Indian Heritage Month
- Dec. 18 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: Preservation

Farmers Markets

Cherry Creek: Saturdays
May 1–Oct. 30,
9 am–2 pm
Cherry Creek Shopping Center, 1st Ave. and University Blvd. (Free parking/ rain or shine)

• • •
South Pearl Street,
1300–1800 S. Pearl St.
Sundays: May 9–Nov.
9 am–1 pm

AARP: Fraud Prevention

If someone asks you to pay with a gift card, it's a scam

In 2020 alone, American consumers lost at least \$124 million to scammers asking to be paid in gift cards (*FTC Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book 2020*). And no wonder — gift cards are commonplace, untraceable and can easily be converted to cash. You can avoid many scams if you keep

this in mind: requests to pay with gift cards are a sign of fraud.

Denver Art Museum (from home)

Not ready to visit the museum in person just yet? Attend an online class or lecture, take a virtual tour of an exhibition, make an art project, or dive deeper into the stories behind our collection. www.denverartmuseum.org/en/museum-home

Topics that can be explored:

- Online Collection
- Fun Downloads
- Creativity Resource
- Virtual Tours
- Museum Web Quest: Virtual Visit and More
- Podcasts and Playlists
- Stories Behind the Art

Prairie Harvest Fest

Saturday, Oct. 2

11 am–4 pm

Painted Prairie, 6000 Piccadilly Rd, Aurora 80016. FREE, RSVP in advance to help maintain a safe, socially distanced event at [prairieharvestfest 2021.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

- Pumpkin Patch & Pumpkin Decorating

- Hayrides
- Live music by @michellesarahmusic, 2–4 pm
- Market 11 am–4 pm
- Festive Fall Photo Booth
- Games like jumbo-sized Connect Four, Jenga® Giant, Operation and portable Putt-Putt
- Nature's Educators
- Home Improvement experts
- Delicious Food, Music & More

Oktoberfest

Sept. 17–Oct. 10
Dairy Block, 1800 Wazee St, Denver, 80202
1–7 pm Friday, Saturday
12–5 pm Sundays

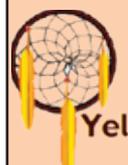
Enjoy the fresh Fall air while shopping, drinking and dining at the Oktoberfest Fall Market curated by American Field. Each market will feature live music, food and drink specials and pop up bars in the Dairy Block Alley. <https://dairyblock.com/events/oktoberfest-fall-market-2/2021-09-19/>
Dairy Block is a unique micro-district in the heart of Denver's historic LoDo neighborhood.

SERVICE DIRECTORY

DIRTY DAWGS DONE DIRT CHEAP

Premier Mobile Dog Groomer

SMALL DOGS under 25 lbs start at \$25
10% off Your First Wash & Dry
 Wash & Dry • Haircut-Nails extra Mike Sachs owner
 Call today for your onsite appointment. 720.215.7279

Yellowtail Window Cleaning

 Full Window Cleaning and Screen Mesh Replacement
 YellowTail HG Discount
Bernie 720-232-4779

When you need help... and the grandkids are not around...
 THE SAME GREAT SERVICE - JUST A NEW AD
Graywin Tech Services LLC
 Computers - Printers - Cameras - Phones - Internet
 TVs - CD, DVD & Blu-ray players - Stereo equipment
 Purchasing - Training - Trouble-shooting - and more...
Scott or Mike In-Home Assistance 720-244-4166

BLINDS BY TOMORROW
 Cellular, 2" Wood-Poly and Vertical
 We Repair and Clean Blinds! www.alfablinds.com
 Visit our store: 60 S. Havana St, Ste 612
Alfa Blinds 303-366-9266

COLORS GROUP

 Interior and Exterior Painting
 Apartment Repainting
 Drywall Patching and Texture
 Cleaning Services and Solutions
 HG References Available
SERGIO C. 720.434.3657 ColorsGroupLLC@gmail.com
 Your Home Project to a Beautiful Image
FREE ESTIMATES

SERVICE DIRECTORY

Computer Tutor

PC • Mac • iPad • Lessons in your Home
All things electronic – set-up and training
Over 25 years experience

Gerri Woody 303.845.2465

Lanais & Screens • Repairs • Parts

Patio Door & Glass Repair, Roll Down Shades
63 years in business - Reasonable prices

S&H Home Improvement
Ralph Sokol 303-232-7447

A PANE IN THE GLASS

Full Service glass, screen and window replacement
Lanai, Patio Door, Window and Closet Door Repairs
Prompt • Courteous • Professional • Reliable Service
7% Discount for HG Residents

Michael Garcia 303-478-6768

Heather Gardens residents
receive **\$20 off** any service!

Not valid with any other offer or diagnostic fee.
Limited time offer. Participating locations only.



303.218.2255
MrAppliance.com

MR. APPLIANCE.
SPEEDY EXPERT SERVICE
a Neighborly company

Locally Owned & Operated Franchise

AMY & SCOTT GROSSMAN

Broker Associate, SRES

REAL ESTATE TRANSITION SPECIALISTS®

CALL NOW for a FREE, Private Consultation
to Talk About Your Options: 303-941-9436

Madison & Company Properties

Visit our Website: TourHeatherGardens.com



Amazing Health, Fitness and Home Products!!

Like to improve your fitness and energy?

Call Theresa or Gerry, 720-837-3784
for free online catalog!



We would love to serve you with some free samples.

Visit our website: Amway.com/myshop/GerryandTheresa

HG References: We are at Heather Gardens
3 times a week for the last 34 years!

▲ Carpet Cleaning
Repairs ▲ Stretching



Kevin Stewart 303.898.1329

Full Restorative Cleaning

• Pet Stains and Odor Removed
• Fast Drying • Upholstery
• Tile Grout Cleaning

SKY RISE
CARPET CLEANING, LLC

ADAM 720-251-5194

Owner Operated

"Top Floor... Any Floor" Residue-FREE Cleaning • HG References



Ready and Willing to Help

Administrative/Typing needs, Bill Pay/Personal
Bookkeeping, Home/Office Organization,
Transportation, Meal Prep, Med tracking,
Pet Sitting, and so much more! Call for a brochure.

Holly Emick 303-349-6631

B AND B On-site Repairs
EYEWEAR 303-745-5354
Open: Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm

2221 South Peoria Street, Aurora, Colorado 80014
Peoria & Iliff, behind Walgreens, in the northwest corner.

Creative Touch Painting

formerly

Painting by Gerry/Gerry's Custom Painting
Painting • Wallpaper Removal • Wall Repair
Serving HG for over 20 years.

Shane - FREE ESTIMATES **720.842.4511**

Retirement Home Movers

720-975-3966 • Specializing in Senior Local Moves

• Internal Moves: \$80 per hour •
• 2 Men: \$100 per hour • 3 Men: \$140 per hour •

Open 7 days a week 8 am-8 pm

Support Your
Heather 'n Yon Advertisers

They make this
magazine possible!



**Norma's
Cleaning
Service**
720.628.6506

• Heather Gardens
References
• Monthly - Weekly
Affordable Rate

SERVICE DIRECTORY

RENEWable Carpet Cleaning
720.503.5282
 Fast Dry • Stretch & Repair



Free Estimates
 20 Years Experience
 Cleaning your Carpets in HG
 Rene Owner

Affordable Home Repairs
 Former HG Maintenance Man – 6 years
 Window Cleaning • Screen Replacement
Painting • Ceiling Fans
 Plumbing • Electrical
Call Jason 719.271.1941




Light Handyman Services



• Plumbing, Electrical, Cabinet, and Furniture Repair •
 • Moving Assistance, Packing, Unpacking, Lifting...etc! •

HG Resident References
 GMRLTDLLC@gmail.com **Greg 303.249.4881**

Aging Services Consultants
No-Cost
ASC Referral/Placement in Adult Communities

20 years of experience you can trust to help make your life transitions easier.
Audrey Krebs, MA, CSA, OMAP
 Certified Senior Advisor®
 AgingServicesConsultants@gmail.com

720.328.1375 • AgingServicesConsultants.com



SCOOTERS POWER WHEELCHAIRS

Mobility Plus™

SERVICE SALES RENTAL

Full-Service Repairs and Battery Replacements
 • WE WILL COME TO YOUR HOME OR OFFICE! •
 • 303-993-3010 FOR ALL YOUR MOBILITY NEEDS •

Home Repair and Improvements
 From pressure washing Lanais or Patios to remodeling of kitchens and basements
CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATE
BERUMEN ENTERPRISES LLC
 MICHAEL BERUMEN • JON BERUMEN
303.349.5105 mikeado5@gmail.com



HG References

Shades • Blinds • Shutters • Soft Treatments

Design Craft
 Blinds and Floors

30% OFF with this ad
 excludes shutters

20 Years of Happy Heather Gardens Clients
FREE In-Home Consultation
 Lisa Huth • DCBlindsandFloors.com • 303.683.7200

Seven Hills Veterinary Hospital

Call 303.699.1600
 Complete Veterinary Services
Emergency Services 24/7
Senior Discounts
 www.7hillsvet.com

18325 E Girard Ave • Aurora • Hampden & Tower behind Kohl's



Air Conditioners
 Replacement sales, service & cleaning
High Efficiency-12,000 BTU \$883 installed
 • 34 years working in HG •
Tom Grace 303.755.2111




A+ Plumbing
 Licensed • Insured • Senior Citizen Discount
 New Installations • Repair • Remodel
 All Plumbing Problems • Drain Cleaning
Oleg 303-332-8462

Painting and Wallpapering by Nathan
 Quality Work at Reasonable Rates.
 Crown Molding • Baseboard • Chair Rail Installation
 Drywall • Texturing • Faux Paint • Cabinets • Handyman
 Honest and Reliable
Nathan Cordova 303-341-5542

Master Blinds Services, LLC
FREE in-home Estimates
 All Blinds All Shades
WE BEAT ANY PRICE! Repairs and Sales
Jose 303.518.4307 Servicing Aurora for 26 YEARS
 Ask about our Discounts & Heather Gardens References



Harmonious HANDYMAN

- Interior Painting
- Home Repairs
- Home Improvements

Mature Aurora Veteran
 Over 20 Years Experience
 Quality Handyman Services
 References provided

303.514.7500
Steve Harmening



Looking Glass Window Cleaning
 We clean windows, doors, screens and tracks with every service.
 Screen repair available!
Call Waylon Today 303.263.9408





Overheard @ HG

Does climate change breed six-legged monsters?

by Mary Hafka

As a follow-up to last month's column on my personal pet peeves: did I mention mosquitoes? Mosquitoes have always enjoyed snacking on me – more, it seemed, than on the average person. How could I have forgotten to mention this?

Years ago, a former general manager of HG told me, the number one complaint HG residents made to him concerned dead leaves not being raked up fast enough, every October. I always thought this was an odd thing to get upset over. Personally, it makes a lot more sense to me to complain about mosquitoes, since autumn leaves do not try to suck blood from a person's body.

Call it climate change, call it the ability of HG residents to multi-task — but I suspect mosquito complaints might have lapped the proverbial dead leaf in the most-kvetched-about department. Last month, HG sent out an email, saying mosquitoes spraying would take place. Mosquito spraying is "quite expensive;" however, "please use insect repellent and wear protective clothing." And look forward to cooler weather.

I do believe HG staff seek out ever more effective methods for introducing mosquito-mitigation procedures, according to spawning and larvae cycles. Did anyone inform the mosquitoes? Seems to me, they're spawning just fine, creating ever-increasing numbers of eager, young mosquitoes anxious to show their elders how body-slammng humans really should be done.

High heat combined with rain usually foretells a worse mosquito year. July 2021 was the hottest month on record. And Denver tied for third this summer among cities having the most 100-degree days.

According to *Pest.org*, "With the rise of global temperatures, along with the rise of human activity, comes a better environment for mosquitoes to proliferate and spread across the world."

After getting over my amazement that there is a *Pests.org* website, I'm happy to report that a neighbor gave me some anti-biting-insect sticks, to jam in flowerpots around my lanai. These sticks proved quite useful. They successfully warded off mosquitoes when first taken out of the package.

Once the sticks lost their potency, I could pull them out of the soil, and swing them like tiny baseball bats at the air-borne attackers. I rarely hit any, but somehow it was therapeutic to physically fight back, however ineffectually.

At some point, I realized these sticks actually were incense: I was supposed to light them. My way was more energizing. Also more aerobic. (There's another website called, *Mosquito Jokes for the Monsoon Season*. "I got bitten by a mosquito, and now I can't stop singing 'Nessun Dorma.' I think I might have male-aria.")

Anyway, a person could calculate how much time she spent outdoors, in the last days of summer, by counting the mosquito welts on her human body. Then multiply by the mosquito integer, a highly scientific equation I just made up. We mosquito aficionados call that Fake Science, but believe it anyway.

(As I write this column, an indoor mosquito is swarming around me, like a drone. Indoor mosquitoes truly are the worst. They come for a person in her sleep.)

...

The city of Aurora and I are in an ongoing standoff about my building a pergola structure on my lanai. I've had to measure parts of my house I never knew existed, in an attempt to procure the required city permit. Then a request comes back to measure some more.

If able to begin construction before the snow flies, I probably will turn my thoughts to how to equip my pergola, for maximum usage.

I'm already considering installing a hanging swing, suspended from fat, nautical ropes. Perhaps some roll-down bamboo shades, to block the afternoon sun.

Now, though, I'm giving serious thought to adding (shudder) mosquito netting. For only \$59.99, I can order a 10 x 10 expanse of gazebo netting (choice of two fashionable colors), from Amazon, delivery guaranteed by Thursday.

The netting might be effective against other insects, as well. I have an active hive of wasps, which, for years, have lived inside a lanai pillar. I try to take a tolerant approach to pollinating insects; however, sometimes these furry fiends dive bomb me when I'm outside, peacefully trying to eat breakfast. I think this is just rude — especially when I've adopted such a live-and-let-live attitude toward them.

I always hope the neighbors don't see me swatting at the wasps with *The Denver Post*, and shouting curses. "Begone, ye flitting tormentors. Begone."

On the other hand, my neighbors know me pretty well, by now. I can just feature one saying to another, "Warren. She's reprimanding the insects again."

So I guess I'll put away my shorts and sandals, and break out the long-sleeved shirts. I'll prepare amulets for the cold-weather gods. And to provide my neighbors with a more upscale caliber of entertainment, I've fashioned the following anthem, to be crooned to the tune of, "Back In The Saddle Again."

*I'm back in my sandals again,
Exposing my skin to the wind,
Where mosquitoes can feed
On exposed toes and knees.
Back in my sandals again.*

*Strollin' the lanes, I insist
On totin' my can of Deet-free mist.
I would sleep out every night
If I didn't fear the bite
Of a swarm of mosquitoes, and
their noshing delight.*

*Whoppi-ty-oh-ty-aye
Ouch, ouch, ouch, spray, spray*

Well, what did you expect? A male aria?

Serving Residents at Heather Gardens for 30+ Years



Bayer Ear Clinic

Bringing Clarity To Your Home

HG Resident!

**FREE House Visits
and Evaluations**
Call to Learn More



**Sylvia
Bayer**

B.S., B.C.
HIS

**Brittney
Bayer**

M.A. Ed.
HIS

Speech & Hearing
Therapy

Weekly Clinic | Every Monday | 9 am - 12 pm
By Appointment Only - Heather Gardens Clubhouse
Thank you for supporting your neighborhood business.

Clinical Services:

- ◆ Hearing Testing and Demos
- ◆ Consulting & Education
- ◆ Earwax Management

- ◆ Hearing Aid & Ear Mold Sales
- ◆ 8-pack Batteries for \$4
- ◆ Hear Aid Cleaning
- ◆ Hearing Aid Repairs



Personal and Professional
Service Always the Best in
Price, Technology and Service

Appointments Welcome!

Call Us Today:

**Sylvia Bayer at
720-937-9919**

**Brittney Bayer at
720-296-4155**



**"Walk In"
for a FREE
Battery Pack**

Your Heather Gardens Brokers Real Estate Team

Heather Maiurro, Beth Inhelder, Nancy Henson, Bruce Henson, Leigh Kullas, Melinda Cary



Heather Gardens Brokers announces the addition of two new brokers to our firm. See page 8, Sister Act, for details.

HEATHER GARDENS BROKERS

Trusted. Family. Brokers.

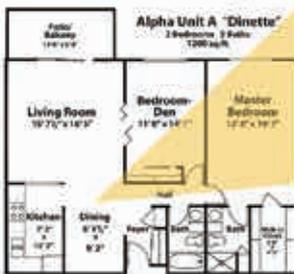
Concierge Services



- Home valuations
- Updating advice
- Contractors

Call us for a current inventory of all Heather Gardens properties and values.

NEW Listings



■ 13626 E. Bates Ave #403

Alpha A-dinette
2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft.....\$235,000

Luxury plank flooring and newer carpet with new windows/patio door in this penthouse unit with vaulted ceilings. Gorgeous Travertine back-

splash in spacious kitchen with updated appliances. Full glass and screen lanai, unit within walking distance to the clubhouse.

SOLD!
in the last 30 days!

Check out these great prices!!

■ 13626 E Bates Ave #202 Alpha E
2BR/1BA 940 sq.ft.....\$205,000
Great price on this end unit on same floor as laundry. Just steps to clubhouse.

■ 13500 E. Cornell Ave #301 Alpha E
2BR/1BA 940 sq.ft.....\$219,900*
Super unit overlooking the 8th green, bridge and pond. Beautifully maintained.

■ 13661 E Marina Dr #206 Somerset A
2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft.....\$300,000
Lovely open view with mature trees and green. Updated kitchen and flooring.

■ 13661 E Marina Dr #109
Somerset AK Exec
3BR/3BA 2250 sq.ft.....\$400,000
Rare 1st floor executive with updated sliding doors and windows.

■ 3262 S. Heather Gardens Way
South Townhome
4BR/4BA 1663 sq.ft.....\$425,000
Beautiful 2-story property, updated kitchen, new carpet, wood floors.

* Not listed by HGB, sold by HGB



■ 3144 S. Wheeling Way #410

Alpha AE Executive
3BR/3BA 2145 sq.ft.....\$334,900

Panoramic golf course views of 8th tee box, bridge and pond from top floor penthouse unit w/double lanai. Remodeled kitchen features Corian countertops and stainless steel microwave and oven/range. This is an end unit with loads of light and cross breezes. **Perfect for entertaining!**

■ 3124 S. Wheeling Way #108 Alpha B

1BR/1BA 865 sq.ft.....\$212,000

Charming One Bedroom unit with full glass enclosed lanai that steps out to the 8th Tee New Carpet and paint, granite counters, refaced cabinets. \$10,000 upgraded walk-in shower. Loads of closet storage and great location within walking distance to clubhouse.



For Lease This one will be gorgeous!

■ **Coming Soon!** 13606 E Bates Avenue #203 Alpha A/dinette 2BR/2BA, 1200 sq.ft.
Complete remodel with new flooring, cabinets, countertops, backsplash, vanities, paint.



LOCATED: In the 3300 Building, Suite 330- next to the HG Community Garden.

HeatherGardens.com 720.641.9800

Since 1987