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# Repercussions Still Reverberating at HGMD One Year After Recall

One year after a shake-up at the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District, during which two board members were recalled and one resigned, the Board of Directors continues to face longstanding consequences stemming from actions taken by former board members. At a meeting December 4, 2025, Russell White and his team from RubinBrown Auditors discussed some of these repercussions while reviewing the findings of the 2023 and 2024 audits.

The 2023 audit was not filed on time, and the delay led Arapahoe County to withhold nearly \$400,000 in property tax money from the district. As a result, the district's bond rating was withdrawn by Moody's. The board engaged RubinBrown in January 2025, following the recall, and the 2023 audit was subsequently filed in May of 2025. While the property tax money was released upon filing the audit, and the district is up to date with its bond payments, its bond rating has not improved; the district remains unrated.

When asked what the district can do to improve its bond rating, White and his team suggested the following: filing reports and making bond payments on time; maintaining sound financial practices; and having sufficient budgeted funds to operate the district and pay its debt on time. Heather Gardens Controller Carrie Toennis added that it is important to keep auditable records and maintain strong internal controls.

The 2024 audit was filed on time, and the district is currently in compliance. Both the 2023 audit and the 2024 audit received clean opinions.

White pointed out an increase in the district's unencumbered net assets from 2022 to 2024, which is an indicator of its strength, but he also raised concern about a \$268,000 increase in operating expenses.

He explained that \$226,000 is attributable to the recall election. Another \$25,000 are unsubstantiated payments to former board members and vendors, he said. White reported that they had difficulty obtaining audit evidence for these payments because former board members opened their own bank accounts and did not always submit receipts or invoices that properly documented their spending.

"Processing disbursements outside of the accounting system poses severe risk to the district's internal controls as cash activity could potentially be missing, misstated, or misappropriated," White said.

White suggested adding a clause to any agreement with new board members that imposes a penalty for this kind of behavior. He said mismanagement, in addition to money spent on the recall, probably set the district back a couple of years.

At the board meeting December 18, 2025, Board Treasurer Bill Archambault, at the auditor's recommendation, suggested that the board establish a policy that would prevent members from initiating new or separate disbursement processes. He said he will draft something and bring it back to the board in January 2026 for discussion.

Also at the December 18 meeting, Archambault updated the board on the end of the accounting contract with Community Resource Services of Colorado and the status of transitioning accounting services back to Heather Gardens. The board initially engaged Community Resource Services of Colorado to provide accounting services in August of 2024, prior to the recall, as part of their efforts to end the management agreement with the association.

Beginning January 1, all 2026 invoices will be paid by Heather Gardens. Community Resource Services will pay all 2025 invoices, including those received after the first of the year. They will also have to be involved with the 2025 audit, and money has been budgeted for that. Archambault reported that so far in 2025, the district has paid \$238,400 to Community Resource Services of Colorado.

"Hopefully, this experience will never happen again," Archambault said.

President David Kennedy agreed: "I hope, like Bill just mentioned, that we never have to face another fiasco like this. It's been very, very costly."

Other actions taken by the Board in December:

- Unanimously approved a motion to accept the low bid of \$19,000 from Elevated Commercial Flooring, to replace the gym floor, contingent on funds availability in 2026.
- Discussed the district's property and liability insurance coverage and whether or not to add workers' compensation insurance for board members in 2026. Cecilia Williams will investigate the cost.
- Discussed the need to get additional bids for the replacement of the golf course irrigation pump.
- Discussed a new invoice format to break out the costs of services shared between the association and the district. Bill Archambault will work with Controller Carrie Toennis to incorporate some suggestions.
- Discussed standardizing committee agendas and reports across the association and the district.

# HGA Board Meeting Technology & Maintenance Priorities

Advancing technology and proactive planning for residential building projects in 2026 and years to come were key topics at the Heather Gardens Association Board meeting, Tuesday, December 23, at the Clubhouse.

Under the direction of the Community Engagement and Communications Committee (CECC), chaired by Linda Hileman, the reemergence of the Technology Subcommittee has been launched. The Board approved a charter for the subcommittee and named John Guise, B217, as Chair.

The Technology Subcommittee is necessary to ensure structured oversight of the current and future technological needs of the Heather Gardens community. The subcommittee will strengthen risk management, support long-term planning, improve vendor and contract evaluation, and enhance resident communications tools. Establishing the committee will provide the Board and Management with informed, consistent recommendations on all technology related matters.

**Chromebooks:** Based on the recommendation of CECC, the Board approved the purchase of two Chromebooks, low cost laptops, at \$150-\$300 per device to support digital entry during the 2026 Census Input Parties, where volunteers assist residents who need help completing the required Census form digitally. Funding will come from the Administration budget or contingency funds. The Chromebooks will be retained for future use for resident technology assistance, in committee work and as administrative backup.

**Exterior Stairs, B234:** A recommendation from the Maintenance Committee was introduced to approve a contract with Denver Commercial Property Services to replace the exterior concrete stairs at B234. The concrete will be replaced with galvanized steel, which is expected to last much longer than concrete. It is a high priority project that needs to be completed as soon as possible. Contract amount is \$158,009, with a change order of \$31,602, for a total cost of \$189,611 which will be allocated from contingency funds. Motion passed.

**Inspect and Tighten Lugs:** Additionally, the Board approved a motion from the Maintenance Committee to establish a contract with Positively Charged to inspect and tighten lug nuts at Buildings 201 through 205. Contract amount is \$18,000 with a change order of \$11,264 for a total cost of \$29,264. Rationale for the project is that electrical current running through the meter panels creates expansion and contraction which causes the panel lug nuts to become loose over time which creates a fire hazard.

**Proactive Approach:** In discussion as to why the contract applies only to these five buildings in 2026, Director John Recob, Maintenance Chair finishing his Board term at the end of 2025, noted several buildings are inspected each year, with each building being on the schedule every five to 10 years.

Recob suggested that a proactive approach continue between the Maintenance Committee and Long-Range Planning/Capital Projects working together for forward thinking and solid planning in staging timing for various building needs, such as stairs, lug nut inspections and asphalt repair/replacement.

He recommended the value of obtaining some engineering reports to determine the rate of wear relating to asphalt repair and in the case of stairs evaluating the length of service that galvanized steel offers over concrete.

**All Exterior Stairs:** As part of the proactive approach to building upkeep, Recob introduced a motion to approve a contract with BC&E to evaluate all exterior building stairs and to provide recommendations on which stairs to replace and when to replace them. Contract amount is \$14,000 plus a change order of \$1,400, bringing the total to \$15,400. Motion passed.

**Town Hall:** Topics were discussed for future Town Hall meetings. Highlighting different departments at Heather Gardens was considered, with some of the popular items being a presentation by the Maintenance Department on snow removal at Heather Gardens, or an update on what the Security Department does and what it is legally prohibited from doing.

Additionally, for the convenience of residents, the Board is gathering information on what days of the week and what times of the day may be more attractive than some others to attendees.

Heather Gardens Association Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is slated for Tuesday, January 27, 1 pm in the Clubhouse Board Room. Residents are encouraged to attend in person or by Zoom. For information, visit [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org) and click on Meetings in the menu bar at the top of the home page. A complete packet containing Agenda, Committee Reports and New Business/Motions is available prior to the meeting.

# HGMD Vice President Resigns From Board

Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Vice President, Steve Stratton, tendered his resignation from the Board of Directors at the board meeting, December 18, 2025. His resignation was effective immediately.

Stratton was appointed to the Board of Directors on November 7, 2024, to replace Rita Effler, who had resigned the previous month. He was the only member of the current board who served both before and after the recall of Daniel Taylor and Robin O'Meara.

Before the recall, Stratton served briefly as Treasurer and as Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee and the Capital Program Committee. He has been chair of the Clubhouse Committee since December 2024.

President David Kennedy credited Stratton with smoothing the transition following the recall.

"Steve was the only glue, along with Eloise, that kind of held us together and gave us guidance as to where we needed to go ...," Kennedy said.

"Steve was a guiding light."

Kennedy asked the Board to consider community members who would be good candidates to replace Stratton.



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**John Harvey:** Architectural Control Committee

**Mike Pula:** Budget & Finance Committee

**Lee Nicholson:** Civic Affairs Committee

**Linda Hileman:** Community Engagement and Communications (CECC)

**Corinne Crum:** Joint Long Range Planning Committee

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## HGA Board President Report

Sue McBeth

## Happy New Year!

I wish everyone a very Happy New Year and hope that 2026 is starting off well for you. What the *new* year brings to you will depend a great deal on what *you* bring to the *new* year. Celebrate endings – for they provide new beginnings.

2025 was a year full of changes. Many positions on both Boards changed hands this year. The Aging Strong in Heather Gardens Club was formed and is helping us move forward with our independent living lifestyle. New faces are present in the HGA Management Office. A completely new agreement between HGA and HGMD is being forged with almost continuous weekly meetings. Here is a timeline for reaching a final agreement:

- Mid-January: near final document from the attorneys
- End of January: final document adjustments
- February 2: combined HGA/HGMD Study Session
- Month of February: group meetings with residents to allow for your comments and to make clarifications where needed

All of these changes enable the Board to continue working to keep Heather Gardens a great place for all of us to enjoy living.

### Leadership Meetings

Topics for these meetings included:

1. Reinstating manager quarterly reports reviewing accomplishments for the previous quarter by the different departments; this information will be shared with the residents
2. Finalizing the setup of the new fitness center equipment
3. Progress on hiring a new security manager
4. Revamping the employee review process so that it takes place in one month instead of throughout the year.

### Town Hall Meeting

At the December meeting, Richard Barowsky – Maintenance Manager, gave a presentation on all the work that his employees are involved in throughout the community.

A couple of concerns were raised:

1. Since *Heather 'n Yon* is being delivered later in the month, could the calendar of events include the events for the first week of the next month.
  - Susan Harman, the editor, is already working on this. (Also, an electronic version is available on the HG website on the first day of the month)
2. What is the time limit for a car to remain parked in the guest parking spaces, especially for CP units and Townhomes?
  - Vehicles may be parked in guest spaces for 72 hours and then they must be moved

Please submit any topics you would like to have discussed/presented at these meetings. Send ideas to the Town Hall email: [HGAuroraTownHall@gmail.com](mailto:HGAuroraTownHall@gmail.com); subject line: Town Hall Topic

### Board Meeting Actions

- Appointed Directors for the 2026 Board: Corinne Crum and Sid Vollema
- HG management will continue to assess available vendors to bring fiber to the multi-story buildings
- The clean 2024 HGA Financial Audit was accepted
- Partitions in the upper deck garages are no longer allowed
- Current Management Agreement extended into 2026
- Additional electrical outlets in common areas of multi-story buildings is still being discussed

### At a Special Meeting of the 2026 Board held on December 2, the following officers were elected:

- President: Sue McBeth
- Vice President: Larry Dávila
- Secretary: Lee Nicholson
- Treasurer: Mike Pula

I hope that 2026 is a fantastic year for you. Stay tuned for future developments as the Board works to keep Heather Gardens a wonderful place to live.

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## A Note from the Editor

*Hello, Heather Gardens!*  
**Happy 2026!**

Each new year offers a moment to celebrate progress, reflect on accomplishments, and look ahead with optimism.

As we close out 2025, I am incredibly proud of what our team has achieved. This year, we delivered approximately 24,000 copies of *Heather 'n Yon* to Heather Gardens residents and collaborated with the Community College of Aurora and the Community Engagement and Communications Committee (CECC) to unveil a fresh new *Heather 'n Yon* logo. Together, these efforts strengthened both the quality of the publication and our connection with the community.

Equally important are the countless hours our staff devoted to reporting on board meetings, taking photos and crafting feature stories that highlight the people, events, and shared experiences that make Heather Gardens such a wonderful place to live.

Looking ahead, we have engaging feature stories planned for 2026 and are currently updating the calendar on pages 28–29 to reflect the new delivery window. Residents can also view *Heather 'n Yon* online before it arrives on their doorstep.

I hope the new year brings you peace, happiness, and good health.

-Susan Harman, Editor  
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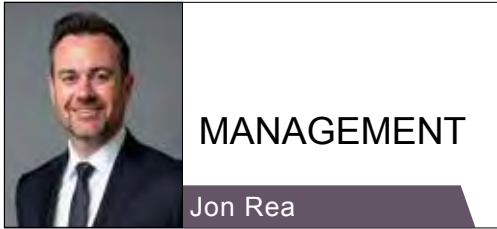
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## Happy New Year, Goodbye 2025, Hello 2026!

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and New Year. As we begin a new year, January offers a time to reflect on what truly makes Heather Gardens a strong and caring community.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an employee who exemplifies going above and beyond to keep our residents safe and supported. Recently, one of our residents experienced a medical emergency. Thanks to the quick thinking and decisive action of Hahn Rively from our Security team, CPR was immediately administered before first responders arrived at our property. Emergency personnel and first responders later shared that Hahn's actions directly saved the resident's life.

This moment is a powerful example of professionalism, training, and genuine care, beyond the call of duty. It also serves as a reminder that Heather Gardens is more than just a place to live, we are a community where people truly look out for one another. I am incredibly proud of Hahn and of our entire team, whose commitment to resident safety and well-being never wavers.

Moving into the year ahead, I want to personally thank our residents, volunteers, and staff for the trust, support, and partnership you share with me every day that makes Heather Gardens such a great place to work.

I am genuinely excited about 2026 and the wonderful things we will continue to accomplish together as a community.



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# No Matter the Season, HG's Golf Simulator Keeps the Ball in Play

When winter descends on the Colorado Front Range, many outdoor sports enthusiasts are adept at adapting. Tennis and pickleball players find indoor facilities. School gyms and rec centers offer basketball courts for pick-up games. Bicyclists dust off their home exercise bikes or head to the fitness club.

Golf courses close when snow comes, which limits practice options for golfers. Driving ranges can accommodate golfers aiming to improve their distance and accuracy off the tee, but they can't provide to the golfer useful feedback about what they do well and not so well. The most useful feedback, of course, comes from golf pros who are trained to spot areas for improvement. But in the last few years especially, electronic golf simulators have improved significantly. They can evaluate a golfer's swing and then produce an astonishing array of data points about it, helping the golfer identify and refine specific aspects of their game.



HG golf pro Greg Kohr prepares to swing.

**Simulator first impressions.** On a December weekday morning, I meet Greg Kohr in the Heather Gardens Golf Shop. Kohr is the PGA-certified director of golf at HG. He's an upbeat, friendly guy. He leads me through the locker room and into the narrow, high-ceiling golf simulator room. On the far wall, above a patch of green astroturf, is the projected image of a long, straight fairway against a backdrop of pine trees and snow-capped mountains. Along the right wall, leaning against a cabinet, are two golf bags holding clubs. Perched on the cabinet is a flatscreen TV monitor, its display mirroring the mountain vista.

I ask Kohr to demonstrate a shot. He grabs a club and positions a ball on the astroturf. He assumes his driving stance. He then smoothly and powerfully hits the ball into the wall. A split second separates the two sounds of impact. *Whack! Thunk!*

"Wow!" I exclaim. A red line appears on the fairway image. It traces the virtual, parabolic flight of the ball that

Kohr struck. The screen also displays information about Kohr's shot, including the ball speed, club speed, launch angle, and spin of the ball.

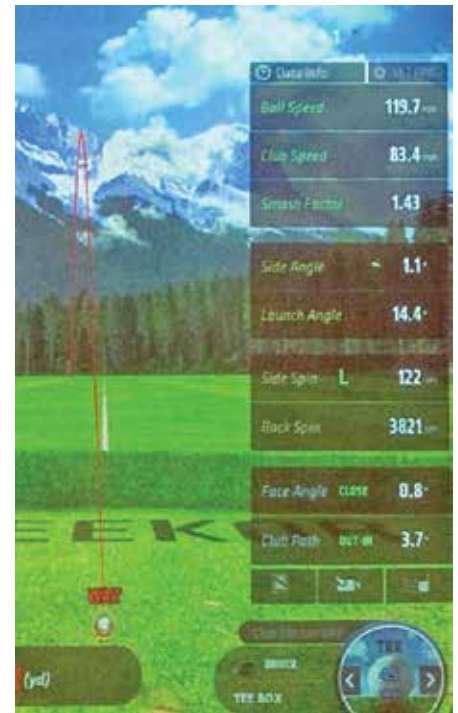
**How the golf simulator works.** We take seats along the back wall. Kohr explains the wall projection and the equipment positioned on a custom mount above us. "This is a virtual driving range," Kohr says. "If you've ever swung a golf club, you have a very good basis of how to go about doing it ... the [simulator] unit sits above you" – here he gestures to overhead components – "and slightly behind, and it shoots infrared radar down onto the surface."

"Two cameras flank both sides. They shoot at 400 frames a second, so [they're] able to capture some unbelievable footage of the club moving through the ball. With that infrared and the cameras is a very elaborate algorithm that is built into the simulator and the computer. It sees how the ball tracks. It follows it and then creates exactly what you see in real life, a true ball flight."

Kohr explains that the simulator "translates" the physics of a swing extremely accurately. "It gets down to within one to two yards" of matching the distance of an actual, outdoor swing, according to Kohr. "It reads the speed of your club coming down, the face angle of your club, it reads the angle of the path of the club. It then reads the strike to tell how fast the ball is coming off the face, and then it reads the golf ball's amount of spin backwards and sideways to determine what the ball flight is."

The simulator will analyze any kind of shot, says Kohr. "You can make any swing that you choose," he explains. "The simulator and the technology will read what you just

did and correlate and calculate and show [swing data] almost instantaneously on the screen." In addition, Kohr says, the simulator can be programmed to mimic outdoor conditions, such as wind, sun, and clouds. "A player who wants to simulate a range of variables can do that," see page 19



The simulator displays ball strike data and virtual path.

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says Kohr, adding that the simulator will account for surface type – fairway v. rough, for example – and use that to calculate the distance of a shot. “We use typical [surface] characteristics at Heather Gardens as the simulator standard,” he notes.



Undulations on a green are hard to simulate.

Kohr goes on to explain that the simulator can't imitate certain shots as accurately as it does others: An actual shot from a bunker, for example, involves the mass and resistance of sand that the simulator can't duplicate. And because the simulator projection is two-dimensional, it can't fully capture the undulations on a green that affect the track of the putt.

The simulator is very accurate, though, in tracking a golfer's score throughout a virtual round. It will even assign penalty shots when called for.

I ask Kohr if the simulator has audio. “It does,” he nods. “If I turn the volume up right now, you'll hear birds chirping, the wind blowing ... when you're on the [virtual] golf course, it'll have the sound of the club striking the ball, it will have the sound of you hitting a tree, it will have the sound of you *kerplunking* into a pond, if you hit into water ... and it will make the sound of the ball going into the cup.”

**A history of enhancements.** Kohr recalls that he installed the first version of the simulator around 2019. Its “launch monitor” sat on the floor, and the computer that analyzed the ball flight was much slower. “The algorithm was a lot less complicated than the one we have now,” Kohr says. “There was a significant delay – about five seconds – between you hitting the ball, and seeing the ball fly.”

He remembers the rationale for that early version: “Let's try this out for the cheapest price that we can, and see if people enjoy it.”

Interest in the simulator was high enough that in about 2021, Kohr and his team revamped the simulator room. They installed new flooring, and widened the practice space. They also installed a new, wider display screen.

In the winter of 2022, they bought and installed the more

advanced simulator now in operation. Kohr mounted the overhead “radar” and projection components, and had curtains installed to “black out the fact that we're in a cart barn.” Kohr quickly learned the new system, and



Greg Kohr explains club face data from simulator.

then opened up the simulator to interested golfers.

**The simulator experience.** Kohr says that many golfers use the simulator as a virtual driving range. Some will program virtual play on a particular hole, often one at Heather Gardens that has been ornery to them. A handful of users come in to play “virtual rounds” on a famous course, like Pebble Beach, that the simulator has in digital storage.

“Anybody who's new that comes in, I'll spend probably 10 to 15 minutes going over everything [the simulator] can do with them,” says Kohr. “Once they seem to have it figured out, I'll let them be. But the nice thing about these programs is they're extremely user-friendly.”


A good chunk of scheduled simulator time goes to golf lessons, says Kohr. In these lessons, Kohr is able to explain not only what the “simulator readout” data means, but how the golfer might refine features of their stance and swing to improve their game. This kind of feedback is something only Kohr can provide.

“We've seen extremely high praise for this system compared to our last system,” Kohr says proudly. “It's gone over very, very well.”

*For simulator pricing and lesson information, call the Heather Gardens Golf Course and Pro Shop at 303.751.2390.*

-Bill Kaluza, B232

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## Clubhouse Hours

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Clubhouse Manager: Juanita Dominguez

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

### Active Minds – Greenland

Wednesday, January 14, 2pm  
Sandberg Auditorium

At over 836,000 square miles (25% larger than Alaska), Greenland is a massive land located in the North Atlantic. Its small population (just about 50,000) rule themselves as an autonomous territory within the Kingdom of Denmark. Greenland, however, has come to the world's attention since President Trump has expressed his desire to acquire the territory, saying "We need Greenland for national security purposes." Join Active Minds as we discuss the history of this remote but strategically placed part of the global story.

### Bingo

Friday, January 16, 1-3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE. Register online or stop by the Activities Desk. Prizes and refreshments will be available. Join us and shout "Bingo!" when you win!

### AARP Driver Safety

Thursday, January 22, 12:45pm -5:00pm  
Location: Art Room

Are you a driver age 50 and over? Would you like to receive a discount on your auto insurance? This course will teach the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle more safely. The class is a full 4 hour course. Participants must attend all 4 hours. Registration is required. Reserve your spot at the Clubhouse Activities desk. The cost is \$25 for AARP members payable (cash or check only) the day of class to the instructor. Please be sure to bring your driver's license and your AARP membership card.

### Active Minds – Mount Everest

Wednesday, February 11, 2:00pm  
Sandberg Auditorium

It's been nearly 10 years since a massive earthquake in Nepal triggered the deadliest avalanche in the history of Everest climbing. As the tallest mountain in the world, Everest holds a special place in the minds and hearts of many. It has religious significance for inhabitants of the region; additionally, it captivates the many mountaineers who have attempted to summit it and thus stand "on top of the world." Join Active Minds as we explore the stories of Everest—both triumphs and tragedies—and examine different perspectives on the mountain's past, present, and future.

### Music Video Bingo

Tuesday, February 17, 3pm  
Sandberg Auditorium  
Cost: \$10

Register at the Activities Desk or online. Space fills up fast. Reserve your spot soon.

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### Watch Battery Replacement

Thursday, February 19  
9am-1pm, Sunburst Café  
\$8.00 per battery

Bring watches, car remotes or hearing aids for new batteries while you wait.

### Heather Gardens Spring Craft Fair

It's not too early to Save the Date for our annual Spring Craft Fair. Save the Dates for April 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>. Vendors who have participated in past Craft Fairs will be sent registration information early February. Any new vendors are encouraged to send their name, email address and phone number to [dstein@heathergardensmail.com](mailto:dstein@heathergardensmail.com) in order to receive registration information.

Watch for details to come regarding  
our bus trip to the Stock Show  
in January.





## LOCAL EVENTS

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Play a round on Sunday and get a discounted coupon to use at the restaurant

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**Mens and Womens Golf League** -Get your application at the Pro Shop and sign-up to begin play in the spring around the end of April. They like to know who's playing early on so all details can be provided to you in advance. Men play on Fridays and women play on Wednesday.



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### Entertainment Resumes in January 2026!!

#### Tuesday

Jan 20- Frolics (3rd Tuesday each month) 4-5 pm  
Jan 27- Game Show Night with Jordan at GATE Entertainment 5:30 - 7 pm (4th Tuesday each month)

#### Wednesday Dances Return (Indoors until Summer) 5- 8 pm

Jan 14 - Maverick Mike  
Jan 21 - Mike Dixon  
Jan 28 - Young Heart Band  
Feb 4-New! Biff Gore (VOICE Contestant) mix of 40, 50, 60 plus

#### Thursday-Trivia is back Jan 15 - 5:30 - 7:30

#### Dances Resume every Friday! 6-9 pm

Jan 9 - Young Heart Band  
Jan 16 - Join in the Fun with Paul and the Karaoke Club!  
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Jan 23 - Yesterday's Bacon  
Jan 30 - Cindy & Bryce  
Feb 6 - Sazon

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# COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

## “2025 Roof Replacements: Successfully Completed”

With the arrival of a big crane at Building 217 the final phase of the 2025 roof replacement project started mid-November. The final phase of the roof replacement was completed around December 1 and included the installation of new metal caps covering the roof edges, new downspouts and offloading of all the equipment from the roof. Building 217 was the last of five buildings (B217, 231, 235, 236 and 244) which were budgeted to receive new roofs in 2025. The project was, from a cost perspective, the largest capital expenditure project of 2025 with a budget of \$2,014,083. Overall, the roof replacements were an expensive but necessary expense to protect the value of our property.

### Preparations for the next roof replacements

More roof replacements are planned. During the regular October HGA Board meeting a contract for \$12,100 (including a contingency) was approved for the company “TechniScan” to provide roof consulting services covering the 12 roofs of the 4-story Alpha buildings. They will determine the estimated service life for each roof, recommend repairs or replacements, suggest a roof-design, and develop a priority list with a scope of work and budget estimates. In the approved 2026 capital reserves project list, \$356,000 is set aside for roof repair on one of the Alpha buildings where a newly proposed roof surface design will be applied. This new application will then be evaluated before it is used on the other eleven Alpha buildings.



Crane offloads equipment from the B217 roof.

### Your Homeowners Association (HOA) Dues at Work

These roof replacement projects are funded through our Heather Gardens Association (HGA) Capital Reserves fund, which serves as a savings account for both planned and unplanned maintenance projects. Each year, a portion of our dues is deposited monthly into this fund. The contribution amount is reviewed and set annually during the budget process (see the insert for the 2025 and 2026 percentages).

HOA Dues by category				
	2025		2026	
Operations	\$8,560,113	42.6%	\$8,876,290	42.9%
Water & Sewer	\$1,000,524	5.0%	\$1,656,087	8.0%
Gas & Electric	\$1,550,513	7.7%	\$897,119	4.3%
Insurance	\$2,608,832	13.0%	\$1,929,731	9.3%
Capital Reserve	\$4,551,307	22.7%	\$4,710,603	22.8%
Recreation Fee	\$1,800,000	9.0%	\$2,596,516	12.6%
	<b>\$20,071,289</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$20,668,372</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*Source: Board Approved Final 2026 Budget (final 10.09.25 p.6.)

The size of the fund, its amount, is not based on next year’s projects. Instead, it is set by a long-range, prioritized schedule of maintenance and capital needs, and a strategic funding plan designed to distribute costs over several decades. In any given year, the actual cost of planned capital expenditure and maintenance projects may be higher or lower than what is contributed to the Capital Reserve fund.

A graph that was included in the 2025 budget offered a clear picture of our reserve position by comparing our “savings account” balance with projected expenses over upcoming decades. In 2025, the assessment showed that the existing HGA capital reserves could cover 21% of the total replacement costs, as measured by the National Reserve Study Standard (NRSS). For years, the HGA Capital Reserves Committee has recommended a target of 60% - 70% coverage.

Because 2025 expenditures exceeded contributions, the NRSS full-funding percentage did not increase. This is the primary reason why the capital reserves portion of our 2026 dues remained almost the same as in 2025.

### Capital Reserve Study

Since 2015, to identify upcoming major repairs or replacements and estimate their timing, the Capital Program Subcommittee uses an internally developed reserve study. This tool helps determine how much the Association should collect each year so that large special assessments aren’t needed. A reserve study creates a long-range roadmap for replacing or repairing major items—like roofs, paving, and mechanical systems—on schedule, while costs are kept as a steady part of monthly dues.

While Colorado does not require homeowners associations (HOAs) to complete a reserve study, the HGA Board decided at the end of 2024 to get independent, third-party guidance on the long-term financial needs of the HGA (and HGMD) property. They hired “Advanced Reserve Solutions” to perform a thorough capital reserve study to evaluate the reliability and validity of our current internal reserve study.

This study includes a physical inspection of the property, along with a financial analysis of major assets, to calculate how much funding will be needed for future repairs or replacements. Results are expected at the beginning of 2026 and will provide a prioritized project schedule with a funding plan to spread future costs over several decades. Ultimately, the report will offer an external professional perspective to ensure the Association sets responsible reserve goals and includes realistic reserve amounts in our monthly dues.

--Community Engagement and Communications Committee / Project Insight



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<b>Thu 1</b>	<b>Clubhouse Closed - Happy New Year!</b>		
<b>Fri 2</b>	Men with Purpose (1st & 3rd Fri) Pickleball (every Fri) Texas Hold'em (every Fri) Tennis Club (every Fri)	Skyview Room Tennis Courts Mountain View Room Tennis Courts	10-11am 10am-1pm 12:30-5pm 1-3pm
<b>Sat 3</b>	Pickleball (every Sat) Mexican Train Dominoes (every Sat) Tennis Club (every Sat) Ping Pong (every Sat) Karaoke Club	Tennis Courts Arts & Crafts Room Tennis Courts Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	10am-1pm 12-3pm 2pm 2pm 3-5pm
<b>Sun 4</b>	Pickleball (every Sun)	Tennis Courts	10am-1pm
<b>Mon 5</b>	Book Club Men's Bridge (every Mon) Spanish Club (every Mon) Texas Hold'em (every Mon) Tennis Club (every Mon) Mah Jongg (every Mon) Aging Strong in HG Game Night (every Mon)	Mountain View Room & Library Skyview Room Library Mountain View Room Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Game Room	10:30am & 1pm 10am-2pm 11am-12pm 12:30-5pm 1-3pm 1-4pm 2-4:30pm 3-5pm
<b>Tue 6</b>	Pickleball (every Tues) Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tues) HG Singers (every Tues) Mah Jongg (every Tues) Ping Pong (every Tues) Sevillians Tennis Club Meeting Billiards Club (every Tues)	Tennis Courts Mountain View Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Banquet Room Rendezvous Bar & Grill Billiards Room	10am-1pm 12-4pm 1-2:30pm 1-4pm 2pm 5pm 5pm 6:30pm
<b>Wed 7</b>	Cribbage (every Wed) Men's Poker (every Wed) Duplicate Bridge/ACBL (every Wed) Rummikub (every Wed) Woodshop Club Tennis Club (every Wed) CP1 Square Dance (1st & 3rd Wed)	Sunburst Cafe Mountain View Room Blue Spruce Room Lodgepole Lounge Skyview Room Tennis Courts Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	12:30-3pm 12:30-5pm 1pm 1-3pm 1pm 1-3pm 5:30pm 7-9pm



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Mon, Jan 5: Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday by appt.), Arts & Crafts Room, 9am-12pm (see ad p. 55)  
 Sat, Jan 17: Vision Board Event, Arts & Crafts Room, 10am-12:30pm (see ad p. 27)  
 Wed, Feb 11: Wine Tasting 101, HG Clubhouse, 5:30pm (see ad p. 9)

<b>Thu 8</b>	Tai Chi (every Thurs) TOPS (every Thurs) Bowling League (every Thurs) Pickleball (every Thurs) Time4Tap (every Thurs) Social Bridge (every Thurs) Writers Club (every Thurs) Ping Pong (every Thurs) Meditation Club (every Thurs) Men's Billiards (every Thurs)	Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Arapahoe Bowl Tennis Courts Sandberg Auditorium Mountain View Room Skyview Room Game Room Skyview Room Billiards Room	8-11am 8:30-9:30am 10am 10am-1pm 11am-1pm 1-3:30pm 1-4pm 2pm 4pm 7pm
<b>Sat 10</b>	The Breakfast Club Voice for Residents Forum	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Mountain View Room	8:30am 3-4:30pm
<b>Tue 13</b>	CP2 Torah Club (2nd & 4th Tues)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms TBD	5-8pm 6:30-8:30pm
<b>Wed 14</b>	Red Hattitudes <b>Active Minds – Greenland</b> Personal Protection for Seniors (2nd & 4th Wed) Aviation Club	Rendezvous Bar & Grill <b>Sandberg Auditorium</b> Game Room Aspen Room	12:30pm <b>2pm</b> 3pm 7pm
<b>Thu 15</b>	Bunco We the People Club Optimist Club Kiwanis Club	Blue Spruce Room Arts and Crafts Room Rendezvous Bar & Grill Skyview Room	1pm 3-4:30pm 8:30am 6pm
<b>Fri 16</b>	<b>Bingo</b>	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	<b>1-3</b>
<b>Sat 17</b>	Frolics Social/Potluck Saturday Afternoon LIVE Social	Clubhouse Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	2pm 3-5pm
<b>Mon 19</b>	MLK Jr. Celebration and Open House	Clubhouse	10am
<b>Tue 20</b>	Caregivers Support Group Frolics "Tapestry of Talent"	Aspen Room Rendezvous Bar & Grill	2-4pm 4pm
<b>Thu 22</b>	<b>AARP Driver Safety</b>	<b>Arts and Crafts Room</b>	<b>12:45-5pm</b>
<b>Sat 24</b>	National Federation of the Blind	Mountain View Room	10:30am-12:30pm
<b>Mon 26</b>	Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30pm
<b>Tue 27</b>	HG Democrats	Sandberg Auditorium	4-5:30pm
<b>Wed 28</b>	High Twelve Club #11 Masonic Club Ladies Golf Club Board Meeting	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Boardroom	11am 1pm

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

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## FEBRUARY CALENDAR: CLUBS, RECREATION & EVENTS

Mon 5	The Green Team	Skyview Room	10am-12pm
Wed 11	<b>Active Minds – Mount Everest</b>	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	<b>2pm</b>
Tue 17	<b>Music Video Bingo</b>	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	<b>3pm</b>
Thu 19	<b>Watch Battery Replacement</b>	<b>Sunburst Cafe</b>	<b>9am-1pm</b>

### Boards and Committees *Monthly Meetings*

**HGA Executive Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, Jan 12**

Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) - 11am, Wed, Jan 14

Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Mon, Jan 19

CECC (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Tues, Jan 6

ACC (Zoom) – 10am Thu, Jan 15

**HGMD Special Board Meeting (BR/Zoom), 1pm, Thu, Jan 22**

**HGA Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, Jan 27**

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

## *Heather 'n Yon* Deadline\*: 1/22

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"Heather 'n Yon" link in  
the top menu

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

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

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

**HG Women's Bible Study.** We meet together every Thursday at 10 am on Zoom. If you would like to join us or have questions, contact Carolyn Morris at 303-885-7807 or [motoringmorris@gmail.com](mailto:motoringmorris@gmail.com). I can arrange help with Zoom if you need it.

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

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

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

## Letters

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

I am a Green Team member as well as a dog owner. I am one of five members who check the 26 poop bins once a week. (pick-up is 2x a week) I remove anything non-compostable from the bins. Recyclable, biodegradable, eco-friendly DOES NOT EQUAL COMPOSTABLE. That means I am fishing out the pink, blue, purple, orange, some green or yellow poop bags and putting them in the round trash receptacle. Recently, there have been black, gray green (mittmutt), and black with clear strap non-compostable bags that have been placed in the bag dispensers. This kind act has just made my job more difficult. It's extremely hard to distinguish between the biobags the Green team distributes for free, and the non-compostable ones as you look into a dark plastic bin liner filled with poop bags.

Feedback from our compost vendor indicates that there have been more collected waste loads that have been rejected because of contaminants ie. non-compostable bags (and even trash, but don't get me started on that issue). Any bags pulled from the dispensers MUST go in the round trash receptacle. Also, Green Team will never put our compostable bags in those dispensers because they deteriorate quickly.

I thank you all for being responsible in picking up your dog's waste. I only ask that you deposit it in the correct place.

-Cathy Mullin, B214

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

Good day to all in the Aging Strong Club! Just getting back from a get-away (again) so am apologizing for the 2-day delay.

How many times do you hear HG resident's frustrations in obtaining low cost rides?

When I brought this up to this Club, the answer I received was... "We can't help with that problem".... Well, now we can!

If you have been attending the Aurora District meetings held every other month here HG, you may be aware of the immense efforts of Angela Lawson (our council woman in Aurora Ward V ). She has heard my voice AND other voices of her constituents! She has obtained a grant to help with senior rides!

The program— will have wrinkles to be worked out—but is in the beginning stages!

This information may be very helpful for the Aging Strong group to be aware of!

-Roxanne Smith, B242

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

I have to say it; I am totally disillusioned with the magazine now. Well, maybe not totally but certainly significantly.

My major contention is the delivery date and the conflict it creates with the calendar. I have meetings that occur early in the month, as in the first week of the month, but do not receive an issue of the magazine until late in that week. I do experience 'senior moments', and the calendar used to aid in that not being such a concern. Now, strings on my fingers and rubber bands on my wrist only serve to annoy me and remind me that I have missed yet another obligation. When you decided it would be a benefit to deliver later, why didn't you consider somewhat of an advance calendar? Your publication would still be pretty useful, now it just reminds me to take my recycling to the bin.

Additionally, I have enjoyed taking part in the new club Personal Protection. At least two writers have visited and said it was not only a promising idea, but that they would send articles to the magazine. I feel, the club is more than a club or just another meeting, but a community service. All the attendees contribute concerns and ideas to keep themselves and families safer; and, as near as I can tell, they all say they gain significant value in the membership. Melissa has deep interest in keeping the entire community vigilant about

individual safety concerns, and Ditto (Don) has shown some interesting escape strategies, all of which can be carried out by even frail senior citizens. It sure would be nice to get the word out about this club as it seems more a community service than a club.

Well I've rambled on now and at least let you know of things I think you could improve, I feel better.

-Ditto Schultz, B236

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

Heather Gardens residents now have FREE TRANSPORTATION called AURORA RIDES!

Thanks to Angela Lawson, Council Member for Ward V and Nicole Ankeney with Aurora Parks and Recreation, a grant was obtained which will provide service into 2027 for people over 60 years of age. This is a pilot project, which means if we don't use it, we lose it. So, if you live in Seville and want to visit a friend in the North Townhomes, just make the call. If you shop at King Soopers on Peoria, your ride will pick you up within 20 minutes.

Maybe you need to go to our Clubhouse for a class or have a doctor's appointment at Anschutz, that is also possible since the vehicles are wheelchair accessible. Just keep in mind the hours of service are Monday to Thursday from 7 am -3:30 pm and Friday from 7 am - 5 pm. I realize some folks would like service on the weekends and for special evening events. Remember, this is a trial run; data is required to determine if changes are needed. The powers that be in Aurora want proof. Let's give it to them! Simply call (720)881-0197. Brochures are available in the Clubhouse for more information. I am truly excited about this and hope you are, too.

Wendy Pfaffhausen, NTH

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

The Heather Gardens TOPS club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) was established March 20, 1975. We currently have 19 active members. (6 of these members have achieved

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# Letters

KOPS-Keep Off Pounds Sensibly - status - members who have met their weight loss goals.) In December, we celebrated our golden anniversary with fun games with much laughter and camaraderie.

While currently all our members are women, men are also welcome. For additional information, contact Lisa Jackson 469-323-5434 or MLJACKSON81@GMAIL.com

-Lisa Jackson, B244



TOPS Club

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

**Please submit letters to:**  
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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## **Aging Strong in Heather Gardens**

This organization's mission is to support residents who wish to age in place while promoting community responsibility and proactive engagement. This is a grassroots effort driven by compassion, connection, and a shared belief that growing older should come with dignity and support. We have scheduled the Aspen room on Monday, January 5, from 2 pm until 4:30 pm. Contact the club leaders by email at [agingstronghg@gmail.com](mailto:agingstronghg@gmail.com). Website: [AgingStrongHG.wixsite.com/agingstrong](http://AgingStrongHG.wixsite.com/agingstrong)

## **Aviation Club**

The HG Aviation Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Aspen Rm in the clubhouse. All you need to join is an interest in aviation ... you do not have to be a veteran, or a pilot or aircrew or any military, just have a keen interest in aviation. We cover civil aviation as well as military. --Rudy Morris, 720-995-0484, [rudymorris4@gmail.com](mailto:rudymorris4@gmail.com)

## **Book Club**

The Heather Gardens Women's Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month to discuss the chosen book of the Month. Book Club No.1 meets in the Library at 1:00 p.m. Book Club No 2 meets in the Mountain View Room at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to see which books each Club will be reading in 2026, a list of Clubs No. 1 and 2 Titles is in the Book Club mail slot in the clubhouse. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, call Janet Arce at (720) 774-3368 for the 10:30 a.m. group, or Joanne Urias at (251) 518-5781 for the 1:00 p.m. group.

## **The Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus meets at 8:30 am on the second Saturday in Rendezvous Bar & Grill for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to

make your reservation. Cost is \$20. TBC has grown in the past 20 years — it has three other chapters along the Front Range. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour. Each month, there are also different activities planned, such as museums, sports events, plays, concerts, and day trips, to name a few. Come see! – Suzanne Harmes

## **CP1**

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

## **CP2**

We meet the second Tuesday of the month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce rooms from 5 - 8 pm in February and October. These are BYO drinks and a dish to share events. In April, August and December, we will be meeting in the Rendezvous Bar and Grill from 4:30 – 7 pm. Drinks and food as well as tax and tip are at your own expense. In June, we meet in the Picnic Pavilion. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Koscove, AR Representative for CP-2, at 720-314-1584.

## **CP4**

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

## **Caregivers Support Group**

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

## **Democrats/HG**

The Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, except December. We normally meet in the Sandberg

Auditorium, from 4-5:30 pm.

The Democratic Club supports the Constitution, the rule of law, and GOOD GOVERNMENT. We work to inform our elected officials, and work on campaigns to get them elected. 2026 is a "midterm" election year. That means it is between presidential elections. There are still many offices to be elected: US Senator, US Representatives, Colorado governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, and many others. The elections begin March 3 with the precinct caucuses (March 3), then to the county assemblies (March 7), and on to the state assemblies and the primaries. This process eventually boils down to the candidates who appear on the ballot in November. Active citizens and voters can influence the outcomes through their participation. I am hoping many of our members will participate and support candidates of their choice. So our meetings in 2026 will focus on the elective process and on the candidates. We may discuss "hot topics" from time to time, in between candidates. Please join us January 27 for our meeting. Some of us go to the Rendezvous for dinner and socializing after the meeting. All are welcome. You don't have to live in Heather Gardens and you don't have to be registered as a Democrat, Our meetings are free and open to all. -Marty Karnopp, Chair. 303-353-9640, [mjkarnopp@gmail.com](mailto:mjkarnopp@gmail.com).

## **Frolics**

It's 2026! Time to step up to something new and invigorating. Time to join the Frolics Club! If you want to be part of the Frolics Community, our annual fee is only \$12. Join us for entertainment, acting, music, dance, parties, and FUN! You do not have to have talent. The only requirement – you must want to have FUN! Call Susie Hayes to become a member – 303.745.1816. Our social event this month is a Lip Sync Potluck on Saturday, January 17, 2 pm,

Clubhouse. You MUST RSVP to Arlene Krell - 720.284.9774. Our Traveling Troupe will be performing "Tapestry of Talent" at the Rendezvous, Tuesday, January 20, 4 pm. Our variety show is performed as a gift to you – our community, friends, family, and guests. No charge! Purchase a drink, some munchies, or dinner, and enjoy the entertainment. Reservations recommended.

**Garden Club**

The 2026 Garden Club meetings will resume March 30, 2026. - President Nancy Linsenbigler, 720-932-6990.

**The Green Team**

Recyclable, biodegradable, and eco-friendly DOES NOT EQUAL COMPOSTABLE. For all dog owners in HG, please refrain from throwing pink, blue, yellow, or green puppy poop bags into the PPP Bins. The small green trash containers are available for them. The Green Team has FREE COMPOSTABLE BAGS for you to use. They can be obtained on the last Friday of the month in the Lodgepole Room between 9:00 and 11:00. If this time is inconvenient for you, please call (720) 774-3368. Thank you all for being responsible in picking up your dog's waste. We ask that you deposit it in the correct receptacle. Our meetings are usually the first Thursday of the month from 10 – 12 noon in the Skyview Room, but there will be no meeting for January. The February meeting will be on Feb. 5 from 10-12 noon in the Skyview Room. -W. Pfaffhausen

**Heather Gardens Singers**

We rehearse in the Skyview room from 1-2:30 pm on Tuesdays. Make a New Year's resolution to come sing in the HG Singers chorus where all skill levels are welcome. There are two basic requirements for joining this group: 1. You love to sing alone or for an audience; 2. You like having fun! We are pretty serious about entertaining our audience with well-done performances and we laugh along the way. In fact, we laugh several times in every

rehearsal. One chorister said "We have professional directing and excellent accompanying with amateur fun." Another said "There is a strong atmosphere of camaraderie amongst the singers." Sounds like something you'd like to try? Here are a few more details: the dues are minimal and attendance is heartily recommended but we don't keep an attendance chart. For more details call Tom Kappel 720-377-5756.

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

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

**Indivisible/HG/Aurora**

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

Colleen Cussick at [redhdcoll@gmail.com](mailto:redhdcoll@gmail.com)

**Karaoke Club**

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

**Kiwanis Club of Aurora**

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

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**Low Vision Support Group**

Low Vision Support Group meets on January 26 (fourth Monday of the month) in the Aspen Room, 1:30 pm. Questions? Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224

**Meditation Club**

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

**Meet & Schmooze**

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

**Men with Purpose**

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

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

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

**Optimist Club**

The club meets on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous Bar & Grill. Continental Breakfast 8:30 am / Meeting at 9 am. A continental breakfast buffet is \$10 per person. Optimist Clubs are dedicated to "bringing out the best in kids" through various service

projects. We welcome anyone interested in finding out more. Contact Sue Brandreth, 248-701-9263 with questions.

**Personal Protection for Seniors**

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 3 pm in the Game (or Ping Pong) Room, unless otherwise specified. We discuss, share, learn and practice ways to avoid attacks at our age. We are lucky to have a highly qualified martial arts instructor who is very aware of our limitations. No big kicks, punches, breaking things, or throws to the ground. Don't be intimidated, be empowered! See what you can learn. Melissa 303-332-3180 and Ditto 720-495-2067.

**Red Hattitudes**

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

**Republican / We the People Club**

Thursday, January 15, 3 - 4:30 pm, Arts and Crafts Room. "*These are the times that try men's souls.*" -Thomas Paine. Written in 1776 to inspire American colonists during the Revolutionary War, the meaning of the message was that during difficult times, the true test of character separated the committed from the "fair-weather" supporters. It challenged the Patriots to rise to the occasion and not, in crisis, "shrink from service to their country." We are definitely in a crisis, a spiritual war. A war of good vs. evil. The battle can be won through prayer and the active participation of informed voters in our election process. We invite you to become a member of the club or renew your membership for 2026 and attend the first meeting for the year. MONTHLY MEETINGS will now be regularly held on the third Thursday of the month from 3:00 to 4:30 via Zoom and in person in the Arts and Crafts Room, with an

optional opportunity to socialize in the Rendezvous Bar & Grill following the meeting. Various speakers of interest to members, with a focus on the 2026 General Election, will be planned and led by the Executive Leadership Team. Annual dues of \$20 per person will be collected at our first meeting on January 15. Please join us to fight the good fight to Restore Real Colorado. *We the People Club Supports... the U.S. Constitution, Common Sense Governance, Defending Life and Freedom!* For more information, Contact Robin O'Meara, rlomeara1@gmail.com.

**RV Lot Club**

Our club is open to all who RV, not just those who rent space in the HG RV Storage Lot. At our meetings, we share information and experience about RV-ing. We lobby to improve conditions in the storage lot. We also anticipate having social, travel and camping activities. Contact: Lee Nicholson at 720-949-2032.

**Saturday Afternoon LIVE Social**

Meets every 3rd Saturday in Aspen/Blue Spruce Room from 3 to 5 pm. Listen and or dance to the sounds of our wonderful Final Approach Band while enjoying your own beverage of choice and everyone can bring a snack to share. Free fun event. Bring your friends and make new ones! Any questions call Mary, 303-909-3988.

**Sevillians**

All Residents of Buildings 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, and 236: We have had a very successful year as we continue to hold the Sevillians Dinner on the first Tuesday of each month in the Banquet Room of the Rendezvous Bar & Grill at 5:00 p.m. A combination Invitation & SignUp Sheet is placed in your building each month, or you can rsvp to Janet Arce at: arcej1946@gmail.com or (720) 774-3368. Bring a friend or a neighbor.

**Singles Club/OPOCS**

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

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### Social Justice Discussion

You are invited to attend our 4th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration of "Becoming The Beloved Community" on Monday, January 19, Clubhouse. The Free Open House Program lasts from 10 am until 2 pm. Please come at any time and stay as long as you like to enjoy refreshments, educational and informational displays, Black authors (their books will be for sale), and conversation. At 10:30 am, Aurora Public Schools Superintendent; Michael Giles Jr., will speak: *"Reclaiming Our Experience, Honoring the Past, Empowering the Present, Inspiring the Future."* At 12:30 pm, Terri Gentry and Bea Griffin will speak about *"The rich history of the African American experience in Denver's Five Points neighborhood including Firehouse #3 and the first Black Firemen in Denver."* Our purpose is to effect change in behaviors through understanding, increasing our awareness, expanding our knowledge, fostering reconciliation and sharing stories of equity or inequity, inclusiveness or exclusion. Please plan to join the celebration which Dr. King and Civil Rights visionaries dreamed of for decades. - Diane Pritchard and Bernie Hupperts, [dianekpritchard@gmail.com](mailto:dianekpritchard@gmail.com) and [marlynber@gmail.com](mailto:marlynber@gmail.com)

### Spanish Club (Club en Español)

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

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS Club international has helped people release, and keep off, unwanted pounds. We're all about healthy living from the inside, out. It's a holistic approach to wellness. No fad diets. No gimmicks. No shortcuts. With us, it all comes down to accountability, unwavering support and top-tier resources. In-person meetings are at the core of what we do, and who we are, as an organization. TOPS was built on peer-to-peer gatherings. Every Thursday morning, our weight recorders are available with the scale for weigh-ins at 7:45 am,

then we meet from 8:30-9:30, Blue Spruce Room. Our club members rotate to present programs, which are usually health related. Included in our club are several members who have achieved the status of KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) members who have met their weight loss goals. While all our current members are women, men are welcome. Guests are always welcome to visit our meetings. For further information, contact Lisa Jackson 469-323-5434 or [MIjackson81@gmail.com](mailto:MIjackson81@gmail.com).

### Torah Club

We meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the clubhouse in a room TBD. The club is for Jewish and Christian women to discuss the five books of Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. We will follow the weekly Parashat (portions) that Jewish people use all over the world. Please contact Trish Patterson at 301-802-7390.

### Voice For Residents Forum

Come see what plans the Forum holds for 2026. We are more firmly involved in our mission to foster fact-based information, education, and communications on current issues involving Heather Gardens residents, leadership, and management. In recent months, residents have brought issues and ideas to the forum that affect many residents. Discussions and actions on items defined in the November Forum have moved us into 2026 topics. Saturday, January 10, 3 - 4:30 pm, in the Mountain View Room, we will be discussing the implementation of a transportation service within the Heather Gardens community, updates on a TV monitor messaging system in building common areas, and plans for education on HG leadership and management documents. Questions, comments, please contact Marilyn Macdonald at [thevoiceforresidentsforum@gmail.com](mailto:thevoiceforresidentsforum@gmail.com).

AURORA RIDES is here! We are delighted to announce that transportation has arrived throughout HG and Aurora. IT'S FREE! Now, if you live in Seville

and need to get to our clubhouse, all you do is make a call. Or if you live in the North Townhomes and want to visit a friend in Country Place 5, just dial (720) 881-0197. Maybe you want to attend a class at the Aurora Center for Active Adults. Simply call that number. Currently, the schedule is Monday-Thursday 7 am-3:30 pm and Friday 7 am-5 pm. and is exclusively for older adults 60 and over. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available. Pick up a brochure in the clubhouse.

### Woodshop Club

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

### Writers Club

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

### Clubs/Organizations & Sports/Recreation

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Billiard Club

The Billiard Club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in BEFORE 6:10 in order to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12.00 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns 303 695 0766 or Shannon Boyd 719 428 9354.

8 BALL WINNERS 11/18 – 12/11  
Nov. 18:

1. Otis Lawson/Sharon Weiss
2. Brian Bucenec/Vickie Studinski
3. Thea Hutcheson Team

Dec. 2:

1. Greg Martens/Shannon Boyd
2. Ditto Schultz/Dee Moore
3. Melodie Blume/Brian Bucenec

Dec. 9:

1. Otis Lawson/Melodie Blume
2. Sean Kelliher/Dee Moore
3. Brian Bucenec/Judy Hein

9 BALL WINNERS 11/19 - 12/12  
Nov. 20:

1. Brian Bucenec
2. Steve Hesser
3. Otis Lawson

Dec. 4:

1. Greg Martens
2. Otis Lawson
3. Brian Bucenec

Dec. 11:

1. John Manzanares
2. Otis Lawson
3. Roger Goldstein

## Bocce Ball Club

We are in the process of establishing a Bocce Ball Club in Heather Gardens. If you have any questions, contact Jake Flint, Secretary/Treasurer, 303-845-0541

## Bowling League

The Heather Gardens Coed Bowling League is Thursday mornings at 10 at Arapahoe Bowling Center. For information call: Mary Jo Prichard 303-929-1241

## Bridge/Men's Monday

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

## Bridge/Social

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

## Bunco

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

## Cribbage/Afternoon

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

## Duplicate Bridge/ACBL

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

## Game Night

Game night is held in the Skyview room from 3-5 pm every Monday. - Lynneal Woodard, kennwood.lw@gmail.com.

## Golf Club/Ladies

2026 is the Chinese Year of the Horse, the year of Cloud Dancer as Color of the Year (a shade of white) and the year of the Winter Olympics in Italy. For the members of the Heather Gardens Ladies Golf Club, 2026 will be the year of a new handicapping system. Club officers Lisa Matthews, Beulah Gould, Mary Kay Rohrer and Nancy Reid are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the 2026 season and to launching the club's first official year of using Golf Genius and GHIN. During the off-season Tournament Chair Connie Burns and Handicap Chair Mary Kay Rohrer have been working diligently to get the software programs ready for

tournament play in May. While it is early, several important dates have been established:

• January 15 – Deadline to submit 2026 club dues. Applications and dues should be dropped off at the Pro Shop.

• January 28 - The first HGLGC Board Meeting of 2026. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm in the clubhouse boardroom. All members are welcome.

• Mid-March - (exact date to be announced) Membership Meeting.

• April - Weather permitting, preseason play begins (exact date TBD).

• May 6 – Official start of tournament play.

As dates for other activities are finalized, they will be shared with club members. All women interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Learn more about the club and get a membership application at the Heather Gardens Pro Shop, on our website, [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com) or by contacting Membership Chair Suzi Stolte at [dakota121994@outlook.com](mailto:dakota121994@outlook.com).

## Golf/Men's

The Heather Gardens Men's Golf Club (HGMGC) will be starting up again in April, but now's the time to submit your application to play in the upcoming season. We play every Friday. In addition to regular tournaments, we also have fun events like Blue, White Red days, 4-Man Best Ball, 4-Man Scramble, and finishing the season with "3 clubs and a putter." We will have the occasional shotgun start and we'll even provide food every now and then. We also have a Spring Banquet to open the season and a Fall Banquet to close it out. Pick up your application at the Golf Pro Shop. You may also download the application from Golf League Tracker (GLT) at [www.golfleaguetracker.com/glthome/league](http://www.golfleaguetracker.com/glthome/league). Send an email to [jdf.hgmgl@gmail.com](mailto:jdf.hgmgl@gmail.com) for login instructions. The application fee is \$50 and all applications must

be turned into the Golf Pro Shop along with the application fee. We accept checks (made out to HGMGC) or cash only; no Venmo, PayPal, or other money app. If you have any questions, please contact the Golf Pro Shop, (303) 751-2390 or send an email to [jdf.hgmgl@gmail.com](mailto:jdf.hgmgl@gmail.com).

### **Hand (Knee) and Foot**

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

### **Mah Jongg/Monday**

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

### **Mah Jongg/Tuesday**

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

### **Mexican Train Dominoes**

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

### **Pickleball**

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Pickleball Club is where this magic happens. Whether you're curious to try your first game or just want to see what all the excitement is about, come join us on the courts. You'll find instant fun, welcoming faces, and maybe even your new favorite hobby. Pickleball isn't just a sport—it's a lifestyle we celebrate. For more information, you can check out our website at [hgpickle.org](http://hgpickle.org) or call Jan Belt at 303-514-8526. Pickleball (Open) is Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10 – 1 pm, at HG Tennis Courts. Pickleball (Adv) is every Thursday and Pickleball (Int) is every Friday.

### **Ping Pong**

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

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

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

### **Rummikub**

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### **Square Dance**

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

### **Tai Chi**

Experience the ancient art of Tai Chi, a graceful form of exercise that integrates mind, body, and spirit. With slow, controlled movements, Tai Chi promotes relaxation, balance, and flexibility, while reducing stress and improving overall well-being. One of the best ways to learn Tai Chi is the step-by-step approach used by the Heather Gardens Tai Chi Club. Although you can join and start learning at any time during the year, starting at the beginning of the spring season, usually mid to late March, facilitates this step-by-step learning method. The club meets on Thursday mornings from 8 - 11 am on the clubhouse tennis courts. The club is a residents only club. Please contact Dean Uyeno via e-mail at [dean.uyeno@live.com](mailto:dean.uyeno@live.com) prior to your first meeting for information that will help make your first experience enjoyable and productive.

### **Tennis Club**

Yes, we are still playing between snowflakes and raindrops. Don't believe me? Come to the courts next to the restaurant between 1:00 and 3:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or Saturdays at 2:00 pm. If they are dry enough to play, you will meet some very crazy and friendly folks. If you are equally brave but don't have a racquet, we will supply one. Or, if you haven't played for a while, free lessons are available. For more information, call (303) 587-9797. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 6 at 5:00 in the Rendezvous. -W. Pfaffhausen

### **Time4Tap Dance Group**

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



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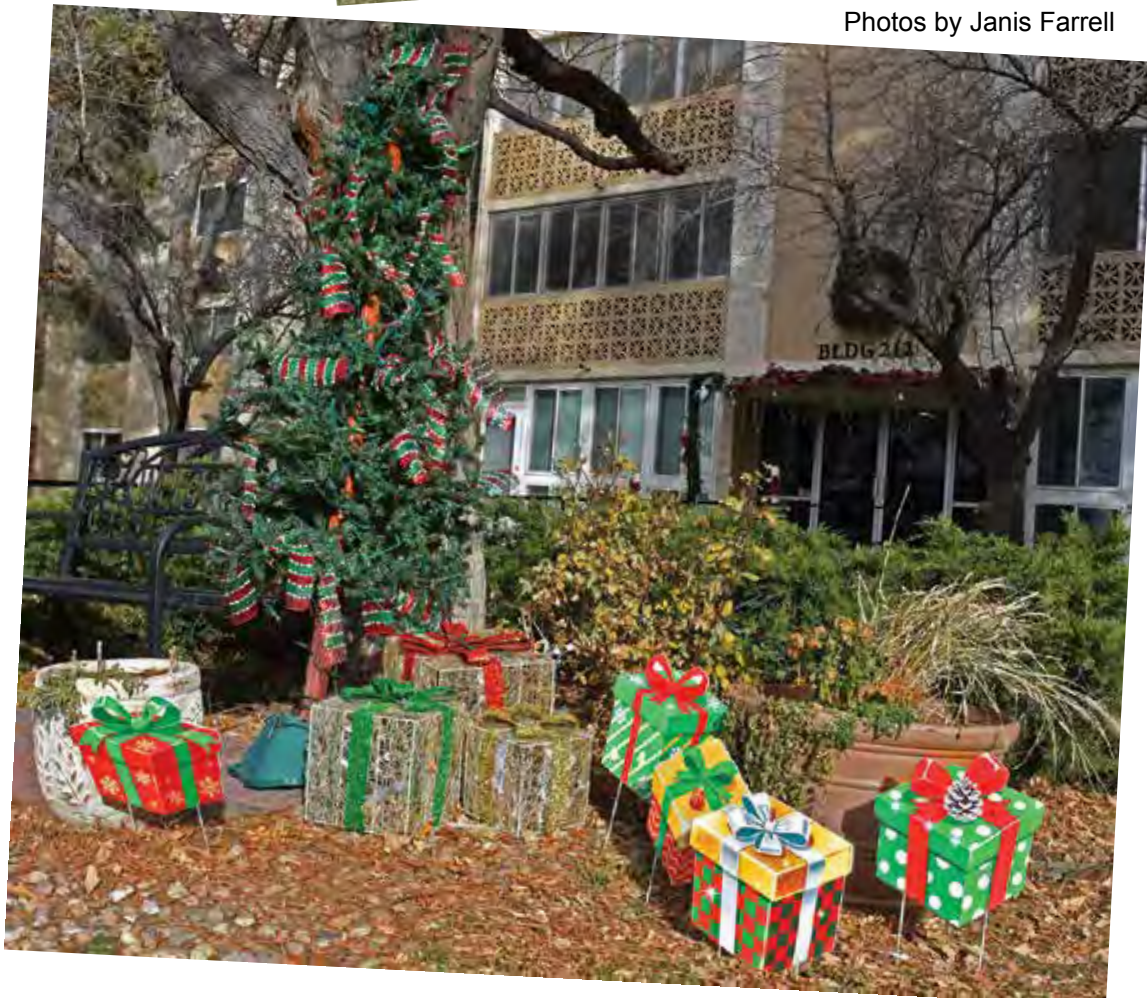


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Overheard @ HG

Big Night  
Out for Seniors

Mary Hafka

Fa-la-la-la-la! It's still the season to be jolly, at least for another week or two.

Last autumn, a neighbor was describing to me what constitutes a big night out in HG. This is a topic that actually has been a sore spot for a number of years.

I've lived in HG since 1998, and was young – by HG standards – when I moved here. It was with great enthusiasm that I threw myself into neighborhood activities, including joining committees, using the Clubhouse facilities daily, and embracing social opportunities, such as monthly Happy Hours at the restaurant.

But it didn't take me long to notice how parties and dinners at HG, though jolly, tended to wrap up a little early. While a couple of us party animals would have enjoyed hanging around the place until closing time, most of the crowd cleared the Banquet Room by 7:30, or earlier.

Today, not much has changed. I recently helped put on our neighborhood's Christmas party at Rendezvous. When asked how late we would need the Banquet Room, I admitted that – although the party flyer gave 8 pm as the quitting time – I doubted most people would stay that late.

And they didn't. The party started to break up at 7 pm, and was mostly shuttered by 7:30.

So, what does constitute a wild night at HG? Some folks I know would rather festivities occurred in the afternoon. Then they wouldn't have to drive home after dark.

But there's something about conducting revels at 2 pm that just doesn't say "party" to me. Perhaps I need mood lighting and a moon in the sky to make an event feel glamorous?

Apparently, during the COVID shutdown, some people conducted socializing via ZOOM. This doesn't say "party" to me, either. Raising a toast to a computer screen doesn't quite catch the vibe. It seems I need someone in close proximity to me, jostling my elbow and dumping a glass of wine into my lap before I can really feel the love.

I've tried having parties with my furry children, with mixed results. Last year, I bought the dog a Rudolph costume, in fake brown fur, with antlers sewn on the hood. But, 1) she doesn't enjoy wearing it, and 2) she won't join me in slurping a glass of cabernet, so what's the point?

The cats are even worse. They're happy enough to jump on the end table, and knock a glass of wine into my lap. But that marks the end of their participation in the revels. They just aren't party animals. They need a cat nap just as I'm getting ready to par-tee.

My children, as a team, tend to take a lot of naps. In this, I frequently join them with enthusiasm.

Many residents of HG say they can't partake of alcoholic beverages, because of the medications they take. To me, this is on a par with saying a person can't have chocolate. What's the purpose of life without a little vice and vino?

With all the cable channels and streaming services offered today, actually going to the movies is a big event to me. Ever since I discovered lounge seating at some movie theaters, I think this is a great way to spend an afternoon or evening.

Immersive experiences are worth trying. A number of museums and conference halls offer such exhibits. The advantage to viewing museum events this way is, you can actually sit, and the images come to you, rather than your having to walk through a museum on your own steam.

One "big night" at HG that I've come to anticipate is the wine-pairings dinner held in Rendezvous on the fourth Tuesday of each month. A

different wine is served with each of the four dinner courses. Our chef has carte blanche to go wild with the menu, and comes up with exotic epicurean delights. I recently learned that oxtail makes an excellent dinner entree. Who knew? (Well, I guess, Chef Josh did.)

In December, I attended a Christmas concert with a friend, and it was a matinee. During intermission, she admitted she'd had a full day. She'd been to a lecture that morning, followed by lunch with her sister, followed by a concert with me, and – that evening – she was attending a party with folks she worked out with at the gym.

Maybe all that gym work gave her more stamina than the rest of us. Had it been me, I'd have needed a lot of nap time the following day. The entire endeavor struck me as a little over the top – just too ambitious.

But now, the holiday season is fading into the ether. I can settle down to my other favorite seasonal activity: hibernating for the winter.

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