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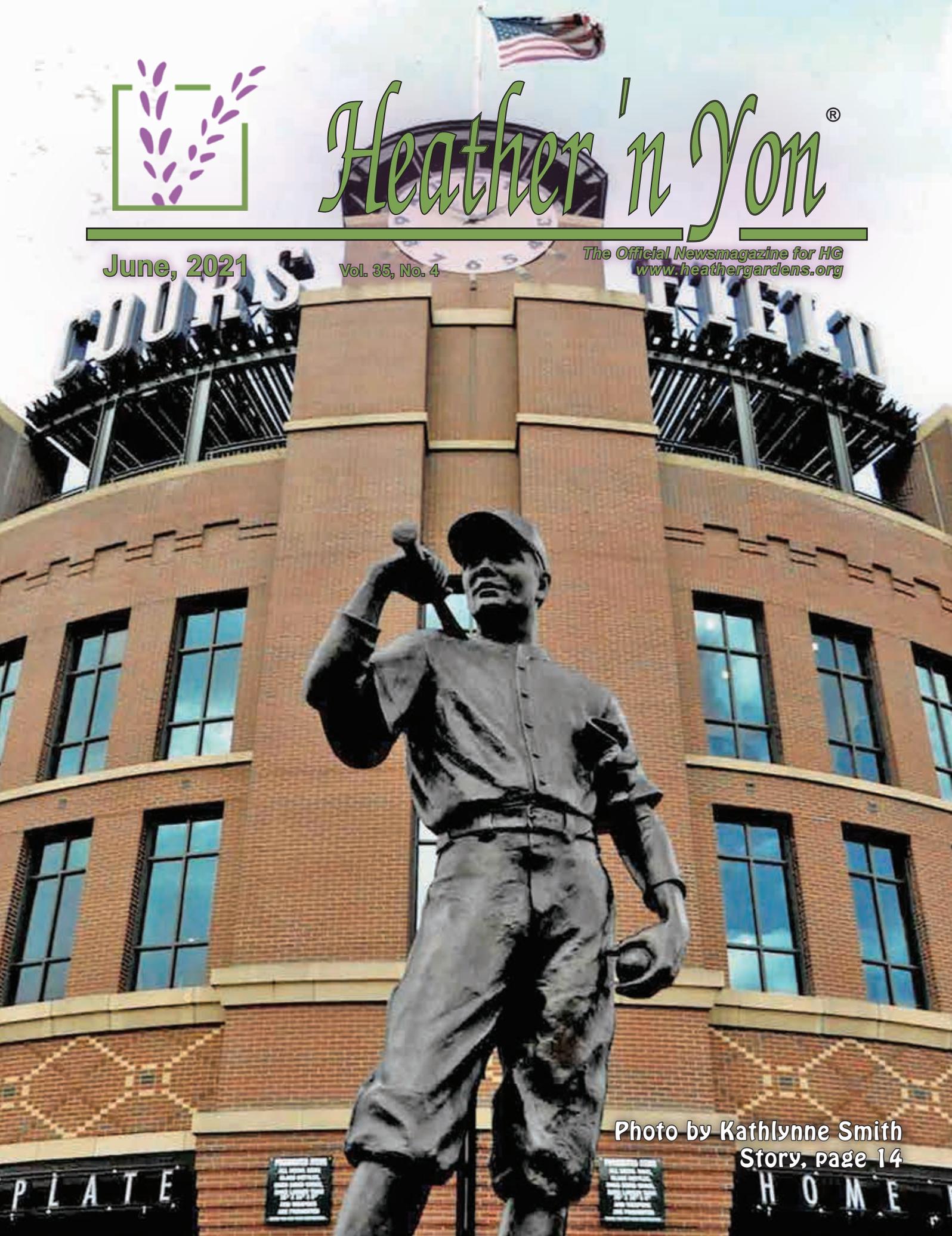


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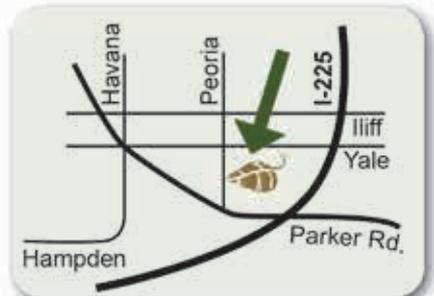
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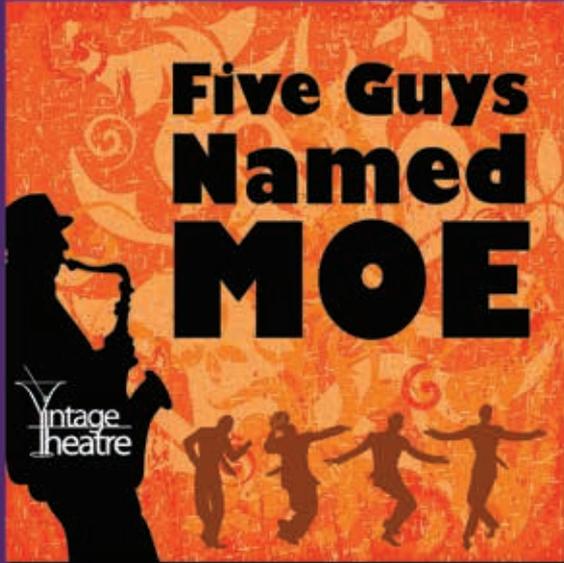
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# Rea named general manager, ad hoc parking structure committee formed

At the May 18 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors, President Jill Bacon announced that former Operations Manager Jon Rea had been named the new General Manager (GM) of HG. The board voted to ratify an earlier email vote approving Rea's appointment as GM, which was announced in a Pitera email on May 7 to all residents subscribed for these notices.

The board approved granting ad hoc committee status to the group of residents who formed, as a grassroots organization, to explore better and cheaper alternatives to solving the structural problems with HG's four parking structures (PS). Spokesperson John Recob noted his group contains 30 members, many with impressive expertise in a variety of disciplines. The committee's name is ad hoc Parking Structure Advisory Committee.

Recob promised to produce extensive, complete recommendations to the board.

"We will come through, and move as fast as we can," he promised. "We're anxious to move very quickly," and end the ad hoc committee's assignment. "If we're not effective, we'll disband."

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Al Lindeman asked that the committee "deliver something concrete" within 60 days. He noted, the longer HG delays addressing the problems of the PS, the more costs for the work escalate. In the past year, construction costs increased 6–9 percent. The price tag for repairing or replacing the PS has been a perennial problem; estimates given the board this year were \$10–14 million — a daunting figure for HGA to fund.

Nominating Committee Chair Mark Nading announced that new director Bob Schlageter had joined him and Janet Arce as co-chairs of the committee. At least three candidates are needed for the 2022 board election, but more are sought. Nading announced the deadline for self-nomination/submitting an application for a board position is 4 pm Tuesday, Aug. 10. Candidates must have lived in HG 12 months prior, and be members in good standing of the association.

The board election, Nading said, will be paired with the annual election to vote on vetoing next year's budget. The date for the election has yet to be determined.

The board approved sending a letter to HGA Legal Counsel Mark Payne, directing him to proceed with filing a quiet claim petition to the district court, asking that HGA be named the rightful owners of garages and parking spaces for which it has been unable to establish ownership. HGA advertised five times in local newspapers for people claiming ownership of this property to come forward, and managed to reduce the number of unknowns to 19 spaces, from 45 unidentified ones when the process started. After the court rules on removing their interests in the property, owners will have an additional 30 days to make themselves known. The motion also directed Payne to determine what court-filing fees will be.

Controller Jerry Counts told the board about an unexpected invoice for a \$71,000 surcharge for gas, tendered by Constellation, which provides gas to multi-story buildings. The mid-February cold snap in Texas was costly for Texas-based Constellation. It was "spreading the pain" among its customers in 30 states. See page 22.

The board approved instructing Starry Internet to cease further installation work until all installation issues to date have been resolved. Directors expressed hope that putting new work on hold would encourage Starry to act on incomplete items from Phase 1. Starry has already embarked on Phase 2.

**Starry  
Internet**

Rea produced a list of capital projects that he felt could be deferred from 2021 to 2022, to free up funds for other, unanticipated work. The deferred projects totaled \$287,000. The board approved his list, which included such items as purchasing a dryer vent cleaner; sealcoating the asphalt (around CP4, CP5, CP6, B213–216); chair-rail projects in B214, B219; replacing main-duct-insulation (B221–B224); and renovating elevator-cabs (B207, B208, B209).

Rea told the board that its annual walk-around could be scheduled for August. In this activity, directors and senior staff members visit all HG buildings and areas, observing the current state and meeting with Area Representatives to discuss issues. The pandemic canceled last year's walk-around. Rea noted that work orders can be submitted anytime.

Following the regular meeting, the board adjourned into executive session, to discuss personnel issues.

Other actions by the board:

...approved the draft of the procedures and standards manual to form a joint (with HGMD) Long Range Planning Committee.

...additional funds (\$10,675), to add five panels to the FPE panel-replacement project for Country Places. The original project replaced 85 panels; however, the project proceeded swiftly that doing five more panels (bringing the total number to 90) was advisable. The expanded project would complete the project in CP3, and begin CP4.

*Right: If you have been to the HG Clubhouse recently, you may have noticed that the parking lines and handicapped symbols on parking spaces have been refreshed. Painting was done in mid-May. Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis*



# Extra! Extra! Information for you –

## Public safety meeting with DA, APD

John Kellner, district attorney (DA) for the 18th Judicial District, addressed a crowd of 40 HG residents in the Sandberg Auditorium, and others viewing on Zoom, at a Public Safety Meeting on May 14. Kellner is a new DA, holding the office since Jan. 12, 2021. Several Aurora Police Officers and HG Security Officers also attended.

HG is in the 18th Judicial District, which encompasses Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties. Because the 18th district is so large and continues to grow, Kellner said, it will split into two, in 2024, after which District 18 will cover only Arapahoe County.

A former marine, Kellner stated he had viewed many places in the world where there was no rule of law. The experience impressed upon him its importance.

"I can't stand seeing communities where the rule of law is denigrated," he said. "A DA is charged with making ethical choices, prosecuting cases we believe we can prove," Kellner explained. Ninety-five percent of cases end in plea agreements.

The courts are backed up these days, he explained, due to more than a year of COVID-19, which caused trial delays and cancellations. He said his priority is "getting the courts back to normal."

Kellner admitted that, to help clear the courts' 2020 backlog, plea agreements are likely to be more lenient.

"We are trying to prioritize the most serious cases, and make those move forward," he said.

COVID lockdowns widely affected crime and punishment. The year 2020 saw a 20 percent dip in filed cases, he said, often due to people staying home and not interacting, i.e., not getting into conflicts.

In response to a question, Kellner stated that the skyrocketing in property crime — specifically motor-vehicle crime — during the pandemic had two primary causes. During the pandemic, people were arrested, but not jailed, for auto thefts — perpetrators were put back on the streets. Kellner also cited the climate toward law enforcement in the community, from public officials, as causing a ripple effect harmful to recruiting and retaining police officers, as well as employees in the prosecutor's office.

In response to a question about crime in HG, a police officer stated, in Ward V, burglaries were down 12

percent — "because people were home" — but motor-vehicle crime was up 26 percent. Vehicle theft increased 56 percent, but close to 100 percent of the vehicles were recovered.

Homicides and violent crime increased in Aurora 2019–2020, by 50 percent. For the same period, it increased 51 percent in Denver, and 29.5 percent statewide.

A former prosecutor in Boulder, Kellner said he headed up the cold case division, a specialty unit, under former District 18 DA George Brauchler. District 18 has eight specialty units, including elder abuse, bias-motivated crime, human trafficking and vehicular homicide.

District 18 also has two successful diversion programs, one for juveniles and one for adults. Its juvenile diversion program boasts a recidivism rate of only 6–7 percent. The number of adults sent to a diversion program has increased 500 percent, due to judicious referrals from prosecutors. The DA's staff of 250 people includes 15 masters-level therapists, in addition to 92 attorneys, 22 investigators, and 39 victims/witness specialists.

"Our focus is on violent crime," Kellner continued. "I started an organized crime unit, to go after people who deal in illegal guns. We are using all the resources of law enforcement to focus on gun violence."

District 18 also has a Problem Solving Court, which addresses such issues as drug addiction among veterans.

"The recidivism rate of our veterans court is under 5 percent," Kellner said.

"I'm advocating to change our focus from the perpetrator and their consequences to the victims and the consequences to them," Kellner commented. "We're putting out as much information to the public as possible, and will prosecute crimes aggressively."

Kellner urged citizens to go to the website, for "lots of information about ongoing investigations." [www.da18.org](http://www.da18.org) offers docket search, records request and pro se request selections, among others.

In response to a question about how citizens could better support police and the DA's office, Kellner responded, "I think you just did." He added the public could recognize when police officers "do great things, which they do every day."

"Our law enforcement partners step up every day to help victims and members of the community. When they do, celebrate it." He suggested citizens post on Facebook or email the city council: [city\\_council@auroragov.org](mailto:city_council@auroragov.org), and pay police officers a compliment.

– Mary Hafka



Above and right: 18th District Attorney John Kellner speaks to HG residents in Sandberg Auditorium on May 14. Photos by Mary Hafka

# New director appointed, officers elected

The HGMD Board of Directors met via Zoom, with four directors present, at its May 20 meeting. Attorney Jennifer Ivey also attended.

The board approved appointing Maria Mines, NTH, to fill the vacant director position. Mines said she is a 16-year resident of HG, who has served on the board of directors for the Frolics Club. She traveled throughout the U.S., working for a company that provided fence contracting, before retiring. Mines will serve on the board until its next election, which is scheduled for May 2022.

The board elected officers for the coming year, with no opposition to the nominees. David Funk, B244, will continue as president; Michael George, 244, will continue as vice president; and Bill Archambault, B209, will continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

The board approved carrying forward, from the 2020 budget, the amount of \$43,563, to replace golf-cart batteries. The amount was approved, and a purchase order issued for the batteries in December 2020; however, the item was back ordered, and the vendor didn't deliver and bill for batteries until 2021.

The board approved the proposed Procedure Memorandum (PM) for a Long Range Planning Committee that will be a joint committee of the HGA and HGMD. HGA approved this version of the PM at its May 18 meeting, and HGMD approved it after allowing 30 days for comment and revision.

Funk reported on recent meetings of the Property Policy Committee (PPC). He said the RV lot has been studied, and a new layout for the lot is being prepared. New striping will cause RVs to be parked away from the fence, so that Security can drive through the lot more effectively, for surveillance.

"In June, we'll be talking about security cameras and better lighting," he remarked. Funk added that moving the RVs out of the lot, to repaint it, would require coordination and patience from RV owners. Some parking slots also might be reassigned.

RV-lot user Al Lindeman, CP5, asked the board to consider the bad cracking in the lot's surface, before they reseal it. Funk promised they would, adding that a contractor had examined the cracks, and felt they could be filled prior to resealing, to good effect.

In response to an audience question, Funk said the PPC hadn't yet reached the point of examining the garden-plots issue. A rumor had circulated that allowing residents to claim a plot "forever" needed to be re-examined. Other issues included some gardeners were not maintaining their plots.

## RV Lot Security

## Resident gardens

Bev Nelson, CP4, asked the board to consider that some long-time gardeners had put a lot of time and money into their plots, and would be upset if the plots were reassigned. She noted, when the Garden Club assigned plots and supervised the area, it monitored whether gardeners maintained a plot. If it fell into disuse, the garden plot was surrendered to others (often from a wait list of residents who wanted a garden plot). The new assignee were expected to manage the land better.

Funk urged patience, saying the PPC intended to examine the issues in due course. He denied any intent for someone to be "kicked out," reminding listeners that rumors were not always fact.

"We try to do the best for as many people as possible. Our goal is do the right thing for as many as we can."

Foundation Committee Chair Eloise Laubach, B209, asked for and was granted a meeting with Controller Jerry Counts and Treasurer Archambault, over checks intended for the Foundation that had landed in other accounts, while checks not for them turned up in the Foundation account. Some donors had complained.

Counts responded, "I don't think people realize how bad the cash procedures have been this year and for much of 2020. Nearly 400 line items had to be adjusted since December, during the 2½ months I've been here."

He added he has only worked at HG since March 1, while "this happened in January."

Counts said he anticipated finding more errors, before the process was complete.

"I want to hear about any mistakes you find," he told the board. "Please keep track of it." Counts promised to turn his full attention to the matter once he was through with the auditors, in mid-June.

Funk thanked Counts for his long hours and hard work in straightening out HG's finances. He said Counts had been working diligently to unravel the quagmire he inherited.

Pam Lowyns, B207, said she had spoken to a representative at the Tri-County Health Department, who told her that they had issued no restrictions related to pools, hot tubs and saunas.

"The restrictions [proposed for the outdoor swimming pool when it opens] are all HG," she said.

Stating she felt that pool restrictions have been administered unfairly — such as lap swimmers getting a longer time slot than recreational swimmers — Lowyns asked that the outdoor pool be opened at the end of May without restrictions. Other audience members echoed her sentiments.

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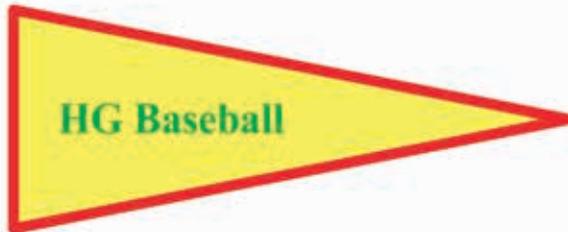
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# Nine Mile Station: Next phases to development

Located along the R Line in the median of I-225, the station is accessed via a passageway that connects the 1,225-space RTD parking garage and bus transfer facility with the station.

The Nine Mile area is situated on high ground at the intersection of Parker Road and I-225, one of the most significant transportation nodes in the metro area. With stellar mountain views to the west, the station area also is adjacent to the 4,200-acre Cherry Creek State Park. Potential development sites can take advantage of proximity to the light rail station as well as visibility from Parker Road.

*Vision:* The Nine Mile station area includes more than 160 acres of existing commercial property along Parker Road. The Nine Mile Station Area Plan and the Nine Mile Station Urban Renewal Plan present a vision for developing a compact, higher-density mixed-use area centered on the 21.5-acre site commonly known as Regatta Plaza.

## Regatta Plaza Redevelopment Update

In 2015, the Aurora Urban Renewal Authority selected Mile High/Koelbel (MHK), a partnership between Mile High Development LLC and Koelbel and Co., as the Preferred Master Developer for the Regatta Plaza site. MHK demolished Regatta Plaza in 2016.

Upon completion, the multi-phased redevelopment of Regatta Plaza, now renamed The Point at Nine Mile, will feature more than 500 units of residential, 100,000 square feet of retail space and up to 250,000 square feet of commercial space. King Soopers and Key Bank have been relocated on the new site. The new King Soopers store is now open.

Some elements of this concept will likely be modified as the concept is refined. The 22-acre redevelopment site is divided into four urban renewal areas that will provide the phasing and financing mechanisms to assist in the redevelopment.

*Next Steps:* The city of Aurora won a \$4.36 million DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) federal grant in 2019 to build a

pedestrian and bicycle bridge across Parker Road, just west of I-225. The bridge will provide a safe and convenient connection between the RTD Nine Mile Rail and Bus Station Park and Ride, adjacent residential and business developments, and a large urban renewal area and redevelopment site (The Point at Nine Mile Station) on the north side of Parker Road. Currently, pedestrians and bicyclists have to cross nine lanes of traffic on Parker Road, a road that's driven on daily by 60,000 vehicles. Design work will begin in 2020, with construction starting in 2022.

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## Nine Mile Bridge Design Enhancements / Art in Public Places

*The Challenge:* To promote community identity, restoration and access to destinations within an urban context.

*The Opportunity:* To reconnect with nature and historic roots in an urban setting.

The City of Aurora has kicked off the design for a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge across Parker Road, just west of I-225. The bridge will provide a safe and convenient connection between the RTD Nine Mile Rail and Bus Station Park and Ride.

Each end of the bridge will feature stairs with bicycle-friendly wheel troughs, and two glass-enclosed elevators providing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access. Currently, pedestrians and bicyclists have no direct, safe path for crossing Parker Road, a road that's driven on daily by 60,000 vehicles. The bridge will provide a safe crossing of the roadway while

also providing broader connectivity to regional destinations like Cherry Creek State Park.

Design work was recently started, and construction is anticipated for the fall of 2022. The Art in Public Places program has committed funds to enhance the bridge, making it a welcoming and compelling statement for the citizens of Aurora and visitors alike.

Seattle based designer/infrastructure specialist Vicki Scuri has been selected to create integrated design elements for the new Nine Mile Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge. Vicki is seeking to learn more about the values and interests of Aurora's residents, and in particular those who live and work in the areas surrounding this bridge project. Through this process, community members will have input into the concepts and visual elements integrated into this gateway project and will inform how Aurora defines itself and is seen by others.

To share your thoughts about what is needed, go to website, [https://engageaurora.org/ninemile-bridge?tool=news\\_feed#tool\\_tab](https://engageaurora.org/ninemile-bridge?tool=news_feed#tool_tab)

According to the website, Designer Vicki Scuri and Tony Nguyen (Public Art Assistant for Aurora's program, Art in Public Places) are listening to your comments and suggestions.

To get the entire master plan for the former Regatta Plaza (including graphic below), go to [www.auroragov.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_1881137/Image/Departments/170921-ThePoint-MasterPlan.pdf](http://www.auroragov.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1881137/Image/Departments/170921-ThePoint-MasterPlan.pdf)





## HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

This month I want to express my appreciation to the committee who worked diligently to find a new General Manager for Heather Gardens (HG). These folks worked hard to find the best person for the job. In the end we found that Jon Rea was outstanding in his interview and in his understanding of the culture that is being developed here. He also displayed an understanding of the needs of a community like HG.

I want to welcome Jon Rea. I hope that everyone will take the opportunity to meet him and to watch him work

in meetings. I think that you will be well pleased with the choice that was made.

Also, this month is a “new beginning” for everyone. Governor Jared Polis has stated that mask wearing by those who have been vaccinated is no longer required. The “vaccination” part of that requires the “honor system.” If you have been vaccinated and choose not to wear a mask, that is great.

If you have not chosen to be vaccinated and make the personal decision not to wear a mask, then you are at risk. You could be exposed to someone who is positive for COVID-19, but are asymptomatic. You can be at risk.

Remember the baseball team (New York Yankees) on the news, who were vaccinated, yet had nine players test positive for COVID-19? Be sure to use your best judgment!

Enjoy the new activities that the “freedom” from mask wearing gives you. Above all enjoy your summer!

## Pilera announcement: HG revises indoor/outdoor restrictions in line with Tri-County Health Department

*Editor’s Note: On May 18, HG Management issued the following guidelines for HG residents using the various facilities in the community in a Pilera email sent to subscribers.}*

On May 16, the Tri-County Health Department (TCHD), moved Arapahoe county to Level Clear on the simplified [COVID threat] dial. TCHD designated Arapahoe county to enter the Phase 2 Observation Period of the Public Health Order Simplified for a 90-day observation period.

### What is Phase 2?

Observation Period, May 16–Aug. 16 (90 days): Counties will move to Level Clear, which has no restrictions, subject to TCHD observation of hospital admission rates in the county. In Level Clear, businesses will be able to operate at 100 percent capacity with no mitigation requirements, although face-covering requirements may still apply.

### What this means Overall?

- Residents who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear face masks.
- People who are not vaccinated are advised to wear face masks indoors and around others.
- People are asked to comply with businesses that ask individuals to wear masks.
- Most importantly, it is recommended to get vaccinated if you have not yet done so.

### What this means for Heather Gardens:

- HGA and HGMD will be following the

above recommendations, letting residents employ self-monitoring and responsibility.

- Resources such as cleaning spray, anti-bacterial wipes etc. will be available for residents to clean areas, equipment, and items that they have used or will use.

- Those residents who are NOT fully vaccinated are recommended to wear masks for the protection of themselves and others.

- HG encourages residents to use their best judgment under the new recommendations for gatherings and activities within the buildings, common areas, etc.

- Everyone is recommended to proceed with their own individual comfort levels. Note: some residents, staff and community may continue to wear masks despite being vaccinated, that is their choice.

### Clubhouse, Golf and Restaurant:

- HG will require a Liability Waiver to be completed prior to using any amenities, including indoor and outdoor pools, golf, exercise rooms etc. (The outdoor pool opened on Memorial Day weekend.)

- The Clubhouse will still be requiring reservations for specific amenities to monitor usage, contact tracing etc. This would include but is not limited to pools, hot tubs, and saunas.

- Specific activities may still be set up with social distancing to accommodate all residents and attendees.

- Patrons of the Golf Pro Shop should continue to wear masks within the tight quarters of the retail and locker room spaces.

- The restaurant will continue with limited occupancy until after the new HVAC unit is installed. You will be notified when more information is available.

While this is certainly positive news, the COVID-19 pandemic is not over. HG has residents who are at-risk to serious disease. While HG cannot individually monitor vaccinations, you are asked, as a member of the community, to abide by the honor system regarding vaccinations and mask-wearing. HG will continue to monitor cases and will adjust these new recommendations and changes as appropriate.

If you have further questions, please send them to Judy Kim, HG Communication ([jkim@HeatherGardensMail.com](mailto:jkim@HeatherGardensMail.com)).

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## Publisher's Corner

# The story behind the statue at Coors Field

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Sometimes, when perusing photographs at a Craft Fair, like the one in HG on April 23, I saw one that I thought was perfect for this newsmagazine. In this case, I suspected that as the coronavirus was defeated by vaccines and more people got protected, there would be many baseball-loving fans attending baseball games at Coors Field. Why not highlight that in a cover for *Heather 'n Yon* as a more open and hopeful summer begins?

Coors Field has been described as "charming." The main home plate entrance at the intersection of 20th and Blake Streets was built with hand-laid brick. An old-fashioned clock rests between the words "Coors" and "Field."

Photographer Kathlyne Smith captured the bronze statue in a dramatic way at the entry to Coors Field where the Colorado Rockies play baseball. Called "The Player," it was designed by sculptor George Lundeen and stands 13 feet tall.

The statue is a tribute to Branch Rickey. It was commissioned by the Denver Rotary Club, who awarded an annual Branch Rickey Award to one Major League player for exceptional community service. The statue contains the names of all winners since the award was established in 1992.

That sent me on a research project to learn more about Branch Rickey and the award named for him.

Branch Rickey was a former player and executive. He played for the St. Louis Browns and New York Highlanders from 1905 to 1907. When his baseball career faltered, he returned to college, eventually earning a law degree at the University of Michigan. He coached the university's base-

ball team after convincing the athletic director to hire him while he went to school. His record as a coach (1910–1913): 68-32-4.

Rickey returned to major league baseball (MLB) in 1913 as a manager, successively associated with the St. Louis Browns, St. Louis Cardinals, Brooklyn Dodgers and Pittsburgh Pirates.

He is probably best remembered when, as the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, he broke the color barrier in MLB by signing Jackie Robinson. Also instrumental in naming him for this award for community service, Rickey created the Knothole Gang, a charity that allowed children to attend MLB games.

To select a player annually for the Branch Rickey Award, each MLB team nominated one individual who followed the Rotary Club motto: "service above self." Then a national selection committee, comprised of sports media members, previous winners of the award and Rotary district governors in major-league cities voted. (A list of winners is in the table below.)

The Denver Rotary Club hosted an annual banquet to make the award. Proceeds from the banquet benefited Denver Kids, Inc., a charity for at-risk students in Denver Public Schools.

Each winner of the Branch Rickey Award received a 24 inch bronze sculpture of "The Player." Many winners, including Todd Stottlemyre, Jamie Moyer, John Smoltz, Torii Hunter, Vernon Wells and Shane Victorino worked with children in need. Other winners worked with a specific illness, such as Curt Schilling, who worked with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Trevor Hoffman, who lost

a kidney as an infant, devoted himself to working with individuals with nephropathy. Bobby Valentine donated money to charities benefiting victims of the September 11 attacks, while Luis Gonzalez worked with survivors of Hurricane Katrina

For some reason, the awards were discontinued in 2014. The only current information on Facebook was that a Branch Rickey Award is given for innovation, not specific to baseball.

([www.baseball-almanac.com/awards/aw\\_br.shtml](http://www.baseball-almanac.com/awards/aw_br.shtml))

Interested in the artist's photographs, contact her, [Kathlyne46@icloud.com](mailto:Kathlyne46@icloud.com).

Year	Player	Team	Position
1992	Dave Winfield	Toronto Blue Jays	Outfielder
1993	Kirby Puckett	Minnesota Twins	Outfielder
1994	Ozzie Smith	St. Louis Cardinals	Shortstop
1995	Tony Gwynn	San Diego Padres	Outfielder
1996	Brett Butler	Los Angeles Dodgers	Outfielder
1997	Craig Biggio	Houston Astros	Second baseman
1998	Paul Molitor	Minnesota Twins	Designated hitter
1999	Al Leiter	New York Mets	Pitcher
2000	Tod Stottlemyre	Arizona Diamondbacks	Pitcher
2001	Curt Schilling	Arizona Diamondbacks	Pitcher
2002	Bobby Valentine	New York Mets	Manager
2003	Roland Hemond	Chicago White Sox	General manager
2004	Jamie Moyer	Seattle Mariners	Pitcher
2005	Lusi Gonzalez	Arizona Diamondbacks	Outfielder
2006	Tommy Lasorda	Los Angeles Dodgers	Senior VP
2007	John Smoltz	Atlanta Braves	Pitcher
2008	Trevor Hoffman	San Diego Padres	Pitcher
2009	Torii Hunter	Los Angeles Angels	Outfielder
2010	Vernon Wells	Toronto Blue Jays	Outfielder
2011	Shane Victorino	Philadelphia Phillies	Outfielder
2012	R.A. Dickey	New York Mets	Pitcher
2013	Clayton Kershaw	Los Angeles Dodgers	Pitcher
2014	Anthony Rizzo	Chicago Cubs	First baseman



## Management

### One of my goals for HG, staff and me —communicate with residents

By Jon Rea  
General Manager

Residents and Colleagues: I am truly humbled, excited, and honored to be selected as the new General Manager of Heather Gardens (HG). I am thankful for the opportunity that the board has provided. My goal is simple, to be the best General Manager I can be for HG and continue to identify opportunities where we can continually improve for the betterment of the community.

I have seen many positive changes throughout the community over the course of the last year and a half. I believe that HG still has much to do. However, I know that the correct team is here to accomplish that. With a progressive culture in place, I believe HG can move the needle towards continual improvement.

Some departments have newer staff that are turning the corner on issues and challenges. It will not be long before every department collectively “hits on all cylinders.”

Goals for HG have not changed. I and HG employees are committed to providing exemplary service to the community. We are looking ahead to planning the future — something that we have not had a chance to review in recent times. This includes reviewing how staff are utilized and optimized, identifying cost saving opportunities, continuing to identify how to improve processes and improve efficiencies. In addition, I want to communicate at a high level throughout the community so that everyone who wants to be, is informed.

In the spirit of communication, I encourage everyone to join the GM Meet and Greet and the Open Forum calls that are done monthly. The Open Forum Zoom meeting will be changing a bit, beginning in June. I will start having a manager from a specific department join the meeting to introduce themselves and answer questions about their services. They may highlight upcoming events and discuss projects that are pending.

#### Meet & Greet with Interim General Manager Jon Rea:

Wednesday, June 2, 8–9:30 am, Zoom Meeting — Join Jon Rea for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to ask your burning questions.



Left: Vicki Wu, Accounts Payable and Payroll Specialist



Right: Michelle Audet, Resident Coordinator  
Below: Laura Talamantes, Accounts Receivable

Left: Controller Jerry Counts  
Above: Senior Accountant Ainissa Shiffer

### Meet the HG Finance and Accounting Team

These employees manage the financial resources of HG. Doing this encompasses many areas: Accounts Payable, Payroll, Billing (HOA collection), property management, and database management. New Controller Jerry Counts has enthusiastically taken the reins and is ensuring everything is in order. The team also provides financial reporting for HGA, HGMD and Seville Boards. In addition, Veronica is the face at the Front Desk in the Management Office. She assists in managing your submitted work orders. Michelle Audet works closely with the Architectural Control Committee. She can answer your questions about getting approval for any remodeling of your condo.

—Story and Photos by Judy Kim  
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Below: Veronica Gonzales, Receptionist



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# Reared in rural Colorado, these residents have traveled widely

Quarantine 2020 coincided with Kellie and Gary Anderson's move into their refreshed condo in B242. Unable to participate in HG social activities or to welcome friends to see their renovations, they settled down to research family histories. After collaborating with Gary's mother (Betsy Flaten, former resident of B224) and her sister for nine months, a document of family stories about grow-

valleys and canyons. Jaunty and carefree, Gary and siblings loved riding in the back of their pick-up truck, appropriately named "Pull-It," on their way to fishing spots accompanied by their German Shepard dog.

Gary attended a two-room school in Lake View that was also known as the "Pinto Bean Capitol of the World." Fourteen kids in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades shared one of the rooms.

The other room contained an equal number of kids in grades one through three.

"We were like our own little family. We all had chores."

The students kept the school clean and operational. One student rang the bell to begin or end classes and to announce recess. Students distributed lunch brought in from

shearing. Once bagged, the shorn wool needed to be tamped down.

"They'd close us in the bags and bounce us around. Boy, was it fun." Mom was less thrilled when her lanolin-coated, bug-bitten, dirt-clad son arrived home.

Gary was in high school when his father required medical attention in Denver. In 1975, his family moved to Ault, near the farm of Gary's older sister. Enrolling in Highland High School, he met Kellie from Nunn.

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Kellie's grandparents arrived in Nunn's dry-land farms in 1913. Her grandmother taught at the old prairie school in Carr, now vanished. The depression hit the family hard. They lost their farm. Taciturn about their past, her grandparent's memories went with them to Mountain View Cemetery, which sat on land they'd donated to the town.

Kellie's parents were also buried at Mountain View Cemetery. Kellie loved its tranquility, wildness and open vistas. But these features, too, haven't lasted. Now, it is hemmed in by oil and gas industry structures.

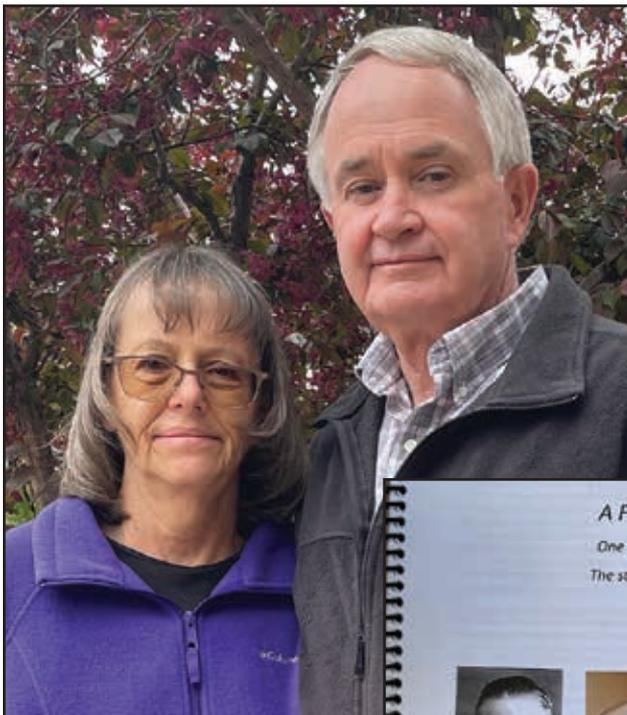
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Kellie and Gary married in 1976, before they would have graduated in 1977. They lived first in Arvada before returning to Nunn in 1979. Kelli worked as relief mail carrier — daily driving 250 miles with 138 stops for Nunn's rural mail system.

She hated prairie winter driving, "It's nasty when it's snowing."

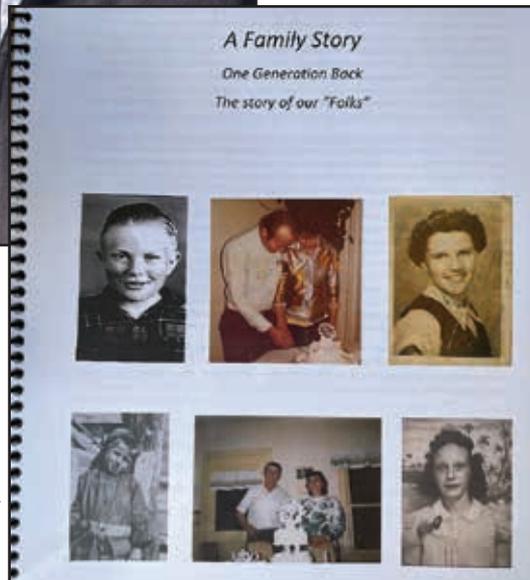
They moved to Marysville, Washington, in 1989 when Kellie took a job grading eggs for the United States Department of Agriculture. As her positions and responsibilities increased, several relocations were required. After moving her family to Modesto, California, in 1992, Kellie traveled extensively through Northern California in a supervisory role.

In 1994, Kellie became the first female federal supervisor for managing egg and poultry programs in western United States. Then the family moved back to Thornton. Their son,  
See *Andersons...* page 26



Above: Kellie and Gary Anderson, B242.

Right: The Andersons researched and wrote their families' history in Colorado while staying home during last year's coronavirus pandemic.



ing up in rural Colorado was produced. Kellie's family had farmed. Gary's family "moved a lot."

"My dad had a mobile home. He wasn't afraid to use it," Gary continues, talking about his childhood in the Uravan Mining Belt. His father hauled uranium ore from numerous mining operations to the processing plant in Uravan. They lived in several locales in Colorado's westernmost

Cortez, served as librarians for the book mobile and helped younger kids with their lessons.

"I'm glad to have gone to that school. It was a great experience."

A number of Gary's childhood friends still live in the farming and ranching district. Gary liked hanging out with friend Rod during sheep

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# Fit Krew Dance Mix and Chair Yoga: improves balance and flexibility

What is a fun way to improve your balance, flexibility, posture and muscle tone — all while socializing with friends?

Try out the fitness classes at HG, such as Tifani Sorensen's HG Fit Krew classes. Two of her classes are "Dance Mix" for a fat-burning cardio and strength training workout, and "Chair Yoga Fusion" that combines Yoga moves with added ease and safety.

Need a push out the door to the exercise class? As a reminder, a recent report released by the Centers for Disease Control, states, "Active people generally live longer and are at less risk for serious health problems like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and some cancers. For people with chronic diseases, physical activity can help manage these conditions and complications."

Add the element of fun to that, and what are you waiting for?

"The first thing I always say to my classes is that this is to be fun and non-competitive," Sorensen explained. Her guiding philosophy is fun, fitness and friendship.

In Dance Mix, individuals get the heart rate up without the hop. High impact movements are replaced with muscle-focused alternatives to

protect joints. Easy-to-follow dance moves and a super fun playlist motivate students to dance, kick, plank, pushup and crunch their way to a happier, healthier life.

Sorensen has professionally choreographed 16 different dance routines for the workout. The class includes about 40 minutes of dance based cardio, plus 20 minutes of strength training. Students use three to five pound dumbbells, and deep, muscle lengthening stretches for improved range of motion.

"People have limited time, so they don't necessarily want just a dance class, but rather a well-rounded workout," noted Sorensen, who is certified by the American Sports and Fitness Association as a Group Fitness and Boot Camp instructor and as a Ballet Fitness Instructor. She keeps up with new practices through a re-certification process that is required each year. She brings approximately 22 years as a dance and fitness instructor to these classes. Tifani has been teaching at HG the

past 10 years.

In addition to getting your heart rate up, the Fit Krew Dance Mix class has students move to the rhythm of the beat. You burn some calories while the workout builds and maintains muscle mass.

"Strong muscles cushion bones and joints. The bones benefit from using dumbbells," Sorensen notes.

Controlling body fat is another benefit.

"A pound of muscle and a pound of fat weigh the same. But a pound of fat takes up more space in your body than that pound of muscle. When you replace pound for pound, muscle for fat, you become leaner, take up less space and feel better about yourself," she added. "Additionally, those big muscles, such as the glutes and quads, take pressure off your hip and knee joints."

As an example, one of Sorensen's students had been at the Denver Zoo with her grandson when the grandma tripped over a step.

"We had done a whole session on planks and pushups. Using that training, my student didn't fall all the way down to the ground. She stopped herself with her hands and fell right into a perfect plank/pushup position.

"People ask me what is the best exercise for seniors. I always say that it is the exercise you enjoy and will actually do on a consistent basis. It's the consistency that makes it the best for you," she emphasized.

Another popular class is the Chair Yoga Fusion, providing a new twist to traditional Yoga discipline in a relaxed, yet effective, workout to music. This class focuses on deep breathing, stretching — and like all of Sorensen's classes — having fun.

Elements such as small balls for stretching exercises for feet and large balls for improving dexterity with the arms are used. The chair provides more stability than with some common Yoga moves.

Sorensen urges students to buddy up as a way to encourage consis-



Right: HG residents in the Fit Krew Dance Mix class (front to back) Mary Fran Kappel, Linda Moreno, B217; Joe Foss, CP3; Cherryl Greenman, B214; Terry Casale, B222; and Mary Ozanic, B207.

Top: Instructor Tifani Sorensen guides a Chair Yoga class from the Sandberg Auditorium stage.

Far right: Three Chair Yoga students (from left) Becky Cole, B215;

Ginger Coe and Terry Schumacher, B215.

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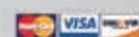
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# The Month (May)

HG's bill for natural gas had a \$71,000 surcharge, reported Controller Jerry Counts, for two days of record-low temperatures in Texas (Feb. 13 and 14). HG's gas supplier for multi-story buildings, Constellation, is based in Texas.

The charge appeared on HG's April bill. Counts suggested the company had deliberately delayed adding the surcharge for a month, to prepare its Public Relations (PR) department for angry customer reaction. Another Colorado company that uses Constellation, The Denver Broncos organization, was reportedly billed \$500,000 surcharge for the two days of the Texas cold snap.

The unanticipated charge was announced at the May 17 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting, and discussed at the HGA Board meeting the following day. The matter has been referred to HGA's attorney. Counts said HG would delay paying the surcharge on the bill, because once it is paid, it would be difficult to get the money back. The usual monthly charge for natural gas will be paid.

The Texas Utility Commission is holding Constellation responsible for the costs, Counts said. Constellation supplies gas to 30 states, and users in all of those states are complaining.

"This is a PR nightmare for them," he noted.

General Manager Jon Rea reported, at the HGA Board meeting, that most – if not all – members of the

management-office staff have been vaccinated, and most from the Maintenance Department. He added that restaurant and Security staff members went to the Stampede event to get their vaccinations.

The Architectural Control Committee discussed the use of condo door stops to keep a door open when a resident leaves their home. The Aurora Fire Department strongly advises against such because it makes the door useless to stop smoke from within a condo being spread to the hallway and other units. For safety reasons, it was noted that magnetic door holders, available from hardware stores, are preferable.

In the Maintenance Committee, it was reported by General Manager Jon Rea that custodial operations in multi-story buildings has returned to 5 days a week for cleaning. The reduction in COVID-19 restrictions in Colorado indicated that cleaning the buildings on a 7-day schedule was no longer needed.

City of Aurora is to install speed bumps on South Heather Gardens Way this summer.

Security Chief Dan Renauer reported to the SEC Committee that the Department is fully staffed.

He has been attending building meetings like this



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# That Was...



one to B242 (above), during which he spoke to residents about building safety, then answered their questions.

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Five–six months after the first vaccinations for the COVID-19 virus, eight states have administered at least one shot to 70 percent of their adult population: Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Vermont, according to Christina Maxouris, CNN, on May 23. She goes on to write that 61 percent of U.S. adults have gotten one shot; 49 percent are fully vaccinated, according to CDC data.

In the CDC Profile Report on Colorado, May 14, the state had 40.1 percent of adults fully vaccinated; 49.7 percent with one shot. For adults 65 years of age and older: 74.9 percent were fully vaccinated; 84.5 percent had one shot.

According to Johns Hopkins University, COVID-9 Status Report, Colorado has had 536,969 confirmed cases of coronavirus that resulted in 6,503 deaths. Of these, Arapahoe County had 60,848 confirmed cases; 740 deaths. For comparison, Denver County had 72,655 confirmed cases; 820 deaths.

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United States deaths in past conflicts or pandemics, compared to COVID-19 (as of May 23, 2021).

No. Died	Year	Event	Source
589,855	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.}

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## Spring Craft Fair

Always a popular event, the Spring Craft Fair on April 23–24 continued the effort to spread out the vendors so shoppers could socially distance. Tables with the crafts were both inside Sandberg Auditorium and outside the Clubhouse in the parking lot and walkways that surround it.



Above: Rendezvous Restaurant joined in the festivities by having a brunch menu that shoppers and browsers could pause, enjoying a drink or cup of coffee and some food.



Right: Unrelated to the Craft Fair, two volunteers with "Meals on Wheels" thanked the HG volunteers who help deliver to residents who get the meals.



Photos by  
Janis Farrell



# Wine and Cheese Social moved outdoors on May 15.



*The weather cooperated, so residents brought their own food and drink to enjoy while listening to Shel McClaury's band (CP3). With a parking lot to spread into, many participants started dancing! Originally designed to help new residents meet other residents, not necessarily in their building or area. It continues to be a popular social event at HG.*



Photos by Janis Farrell



# Andersons *...from page 17*

Tom, had graduated, and daughter, Jamie, was 11.

At times it was tough breaking the glass ceiling. Kellie maintained a professional and respectful demeanor when she pointed out patterns and trends for improving to the operators. She liked seeing the industry evolve. Eggs laid in the chicken houses rolled out on conveyor belts, on which they were carried through processing, packaging and distribution. The first time an egg is touched by human hands is in the kitchen.

She became a prime vendor auditor for the United States military when purchases were made for serving food on posts in Alaska, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, and Guam. One year, she traveled 47 weeks, checking eggs for quality, domestic origins, proper storage, and correct labeling; inspecting facilities for cleanliness; and examining the treatment of millions of chickens.

After 30 years of job required travel, she was ready for retirement.

"I was fortunate," she said. "Gary

always supported, always encouraged me. [He] always said, 'You've got to go as far with it as you can. Let's see where we go.'"

"High tide raises all ships," Gary answered. He smiles at Kellie and continues, "That's what you did, kiddo."

While Kellie traveled, Gary worked positions in managing fleet maintenance — always close to their home and children. Every time they relocated, he, too, advanced in position and responsibilities. He retired in 2016.

In 2019, they moved to HG to be closer to his mother. Keeping their options open, the Andersons first rented in HG. Friendly neighbors, agreeable lifestyle and numerous activities persuaded them to buy an apartment in HG when Kellie retired in November 2019. They look forward to meeting neighbors when COVID-19 restrictions lift.

Their agenda includes continued travel on their Major League Baseball Pass-Port Book. The goal is to visit



*Above: A collection of baseballs that the Andersons have collected at baseball fields they have visited.*

every major league park. Still on their list: Citi Field, NY Mets; Nationals Park, Washington Nationals; Loan Depot Park, Florida Marlins; Tropicana Field, Florida Rays; American Family Field, Milwaukee Brewers; PNC Park, Pittsburgh Pirates; and Rogers Centre, Toronto Blue Jays.

"We have a book full of stories of ballpark incidents," said Gary. "Every place we go there's a baseball story."

Kellie likes excursions to attractions in the cities they visit: stage plays on Broadway, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cooperstown.

First on the travel list, they'll go to Oklahoma for their granddaughter's graduation and a family celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

**— Dala Giffin**



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# Lions and tigers and bears — wait! What?

Some years ago, as the tour bus I was guiding entered the El Tovar area of Grand Canyon, I told the group to be on the lookout for elk and deer, and possibly a bear and “lions and tigers oh my!”

From the back of the motorcoach came a voice “Denise, are there really lions and tigers here?” (Obviously not. I was simply quoting a phrase “Lions, tigers and bears oh my” from a passage spoken by the Tin Man, Dorothy, and the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz* movie. Shortly thereafter, the Cowardly Lion joins the trio.)

Because my most recent stories have been about Yellowstone National Park (YNP), I will return to that park to describe its wildlife. To my knowledge, at least not for several hundred million years, there are no lions and tigers there either!

With the presence of both the U.S. Army and the newly-formed National Park Service, things began to change dramatically in Yellowstone. Gone were the timber cutters, the game poachers, the miners. Even the building contractors that had been slapped together had exited.

One of the largest areas of concern, was, and continues to be — wildlife management. During the mid- 1800s, sport hunters had come close to totally eradicating countless numbers of bison (buffalo). By 1901, only 25 bison were counted in YNP.

To protect, as well as sustain, these few animals, they were moved into a secure new facility in the Lamar Valley. In the beginning, there was only a corral and a cabin for the buffalo keeper. Total buildings today

number seven. One is a Park Service Ranger station. The others are used for a huge number of classes that run throughout the year. If you are interested, check the website for “Yellowstone Forever Institute.” ([www.yellowstone.org/experience/yellowstone-forever-institute/](http://www.yellowstone.org/experience/yellowstone-forever-institute/))

Of the millions of visitors who crowd YNP each year, bison are a huge draw. Young calves run with their mothers and play in the yellow fields of Arrowleaf Balsamroot. The calves are more than a tourist draw, however. They are a food source for two famous predators — the Grizzly Bear and the Gray Wolf!

Wolves in YNP had been absent since 1926, when the last one was killed. Predator control in the park, including poisoning, was practiced there until the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Other predators such as bears, cougars, and coyotes were also killed to protect livestock and “more desirable” wildlife species, such as deer and elk. The gray wolf was present in Yellowstone when the park was established in 1872.

Today, it is difficult for many people to understand why early park managers would have participated in exterminating wolves. After all, the Yellowstone National Park Act of 1872 stated that the Secretary of the Interior “shall provide against the wanton destruction of the fish and game found within said Park.”

But this was an era before people, including many biologists, un-

derstood the concepts of ecosystem and the interconnectedness of species. At the time, the wolves’ habit of killing prey species was considered “wanton destruction” of the animals. Between 1914 and 1926, at least 136 wolves were killed in the park; by the 1940s, wolf packs were rarely reported. By the mid-1900s, wolves had been almost entirely eliminated from the entire 48 states.

In the 70 years without wolves, the entire ecosystem of YNP changed dramatically. And the change was not for the better! With one of the major predators gone, this created a serious shift not only in wildlife but in the overall health of Yellowstone. (These same problems are now developing in Rocky Mountain National Park.)

With the absence of the wolf, the elk population numbers soared, reaching nearly 20,000. This number was far above the optimum number for YNP to properly support, which became a huge problem into the 1990s. Voters in Wyoming went to the polls to vote on bringing the wolf back into YNP. The results were nearly the same as they were in Colorado when this state voted about the same issue in the last election. In Colorado in the last election, the ballot passed 50.4 percent for bringing wolves back into the state versus 49.6 percent against.

In Wyoming, the vote passed by just over 20,000. Remember — Wyoming is the least populous state in the country! In both states the urban areas were the ones voting for the measure. The debate goes on. [This

See YNP wildlife...page 42



Left: Black Bear on hind legs at Hellroaring Trailhead sign (NPS/Will Harmon). The black bear (*Ursus americanus*) is the most common and widely distributed bear species in North America.

Above: Grizzly sow and cubs near Fishing Bridge May 2015; NPS/Jim Peaco; May 2015

Right: Bison crossing Yellowstone River; Jim Peaco; July 2012

# JUNE CALENDAR

Tues 1	Fun Gals Golf (every Tuesday)	Golf Course	8 am
	Outdoor Pool (everyday, reservations required)	HG Clubhouse	8:30–10:30 am
	Pickleball (every Tuesday)	Tennis Courts	9 am–noon
	Outdoor Pool (everyday, reservations required)	HG Clubhouse	11:30 am–1 pm
	<b>Family Swim</b> (by reservation, every Tuesday)	Outdoor Pool	11:30 am–1 pm
	Outdoor Pool (everyday, reservations required)	HG Clubhouse	1–3 pm
	Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Outdoor Pool (everyday, reservations required)	HG Clubhouse	3:30–5 pm
	Tennis Club (every Tuesday)	Tennis Courts	4–6 pm
	Outdoor Pool (everyday, reservations required)	HG Clubhouse	6–7:30 pm
Wed 2	HG Ladies Golf Club Scoring (every Wednesday)	Game Room	7 am–1 pm
	<b>Meet with General Manager Jon Rea</b>	Zoom meeting	8–9:30 am
	Tennis Club (every Wednesday)	Tennis Courts	9–11 am
	Bible Study	Skyview Room	10–11:30 am
	HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1 pm
	CP1 Happy Hour	CP1 cul-de-sac	4 pm
	Pickleball (every Wednesday)	Tennis Courts	4–6 pm
Thu 3	Conditioning for Golfers (every Thursday)	Sandberg Auditorium	8:30–9:30 am
	Fun Gals Golf (every Thursday)	Golf Course	8 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8–9:30 am
	Pickleball (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	9 am–noon
	<b>Family Swim</b> (by reservation, every Sunday)	Outdoor Pool	11:30 am–1 pm
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	HG Writers Club	Mountain View Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Tennis Club (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	4–6 pm
	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Thursday)	Sandberg Auditorium	4:45–6 pm
Fri 4	HG Men's Golf Scoring (every Friday)	Game Room	8 am–1 pm
	Tennis Club (every Friday)	Tennis Courts	9–11 am
	Men with a Purpose	Mountain View Room	10 am
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Welcome Back Ice Cream Social</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	1–3 pm
	HG Indivisible	Zoom meeting	1–2 pm
	500 Club	Skyview Room	1–4 pm
	Pickleball (every Friday)	Tennis Courts	4–6 pm
Sat 5	Tennis Club (every Saturday)	Tennis Courts	9–11 am
	Mexican Train Dominoes	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4 pm

## Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, June 7 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)  
 Fri, June 18 Father's Day Tribute Concert, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, 3–5 pm (see ad, p. 48)

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<b>Sat 5</b> (cont'd)	Ping Pong (every Saturday) Pickleball (every Saturday)	Game Room Tennis Courts	2–3 pm 4–6 pm
<b>Sun 6</b>	HG Chapel (by reservation, every Sunday) Pickleball (every Sunday) HG Chapel (by reservation, every Sunday) <b>Family Swim</b> (by reservation, every Sunday)	Sandberg Auditorium Tennis Courts Sandberg Auditorium Outdoor Pool	9 am 9 am–noon 11 am 11:30 am–1 pm
<b>Mon 7</b>	Tennis Club (every Monday) VNA Senior Wellness Clinics Men's Bridge Mah Jongg (every Monday) Watercolor Workshop (every Monday) Pickleball (every Monday)	Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Arts & Crafts Room Tennis Courts	9–11 am 9 am–12:30 pm 11 am–2:30 pm 12:30–4 pm 1–3 pm 4–6 pm
<b>Wed 9</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Ferdinand Magellan</b> Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	2 pm 6–7:30 pm
<b>Thu 10</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry</b> Green Team RV Lot Club	B250 Parking Lot Skyview Room Picnic Pavilion	10 am–noon noon–2 pm 5 pm
<b>Fri 11</b>	Birding Nature Club Karaoke Club	Mountain View Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	10 am 5–7 pm
<b>Wed 16</b>	<b>Clubhouse Trip: Colorado Rockies Baseball</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Fraud and Scams</b> <b>Resident Open Forum</b> CP1 Happy Hour Tennis Club Social/Meeting CP3 Social	Coors Field; bus B244 Sandberg Auditorium Zoom meeting CP1 cul-de-sac Rendezvous Restaurant CP3 cul-de-sac	11:30 am 1 pm 3 pm 4 pm 4 pm 5:30 pm
<b>Thu 17</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: World of World's Fairs</b> Bunko	Clubhouse Lobby Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room	9 am–1 pm 1 pm 1–3:30 pm
<b>Fri 18</b>	Men with a Purpose HG Indivisible Karaoke Club	Mountain View Room Zoom Clubhouse Parking Lot	10 am 1–2 pm 5 pm
<b>Sat 19</b>	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Clubhouse Parking Lot	3–5 pm
<b>Mon 21</b>	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics HG Photo Club	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	9 am–12:30 pm 3 pm
<b>Tue 22</b>	HG Republican Club HG Democratic Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Blue Spruce Room; Zoom	1–2:30 pm 4–5 pm
<b>Wed 23</b>	Resident Orientation	Zoom meeting	10 am
<b>Mon 28</b>	Low Vision Support Group	Conference Call	1:30–2:30 pm
<b>Wed 30</b>	Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room	2–4 pm

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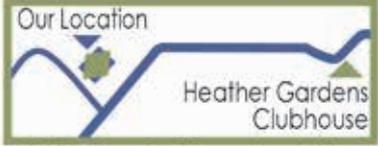
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# FYI

## St Michael’s Catholic Mass

St Michael’s Catholic Mass will not be resuming Saturday mass at HG until September 2021. Residents will be notified.

## HG Chapel

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- Public Relations – 10 am Tue, June 1
- Personnel Policy – 10 am Fri, June 4
- Property Policy – 9:30 am Mon, June 7
- SEC – 1 pm Mon, June 7
- Campus Tech – 9:30 am Tue, June 8
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, June 8
- ~~Clubhouse/Restaurant – 3 pm Tue, June 8~~
- Foundation – 1 pm Wed, June 9
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, June 14
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, June 15**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Wed, June 16
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, June 17**
- ACC – 3 pm Thu, June 17
- Maintenance – 10 am Tue, June 22
- Resident Orientation – 10 am Wed, June 23

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allow for more in-depth examinations of critical topics facing our country. These conversations highlight the relevance of our 18th-century story to today’s world and emphasize the importance of history and civic engagement in our shared community.

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- June 19 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: Juneteenth
- July 17 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: Nation Builders
- Aug. 21 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: Business and Politics

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# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

The Green Team Shred Event was a great success! We appreciate your support, and if you contributed, you may have wondered why volunteers examine your donations.

Unfortunately, it is an absolute necessity. This was our seventh event, yet we continuously find items that could damage the shredding mechanism of the truck. While checking this time, the following items were found: computer cables, plastic hangers, clothing, used cat litter, metal binder clips, towels, trash bags and most dangerous of all — firecrackers!

If that box of firecrackers had not been discovered, the entire truck would have caught fire. A possible disaster was averted.

The Green Team is aware you expect your papers to be kept secure and private. We will make that a priority. We need your help to achieve optimum safety. The next Shred Event will take place in Spring 2022.

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As a member of the Green Team, I had the opportunity to listen to an interesting presentation about Community Solar Gardens last month. These are not gardens of flowers or vegetables, rather “gardens” of thousands of solar panels, which offer a simple and inexpensive way for anyone to “go green” with electricity without putting solar panels on roofs.

After the presentation, I spent a few minutes with a Solar Consultant and signed up for a subscription to a Community Solar Garden. I will be paying just a couple of dollars more each month to completely offset my fossil fuel usage with green energy!

Now I can participate in renewable energy for less than the cost of a cup of coffee per month! If you're interested in learning more, contact me, or Green Team's Co-President, Ginny Anthony, 970-497-0696.

**Wendy Pfaffhausen**  
The Green Team VP, NTH

## Heather 'n Yon

In the interest of accurate and unbiased reporting, I feel that it is important that the HG voters/constituents be advised that a letter by Robin O'Meara, published in the May issue

of *Heather 'n Yon*, does not tell the truth about Senate Bill (SB21-062). This is my rebuttal.

The letter states that the Colorado Legislature Senate Bill 21-062 “prohibits police officers from arresting and jailing a suspect and bars the courts from imposing monetary bail on those who commit felonies such as auto theft.” This blanket statement is not true. Ms. O'Meara neglected to state that the word UNLESS applies to six stipulations including:

- 1) a custodial arrest is statutorily required,
- 2) the officer is unable to verify the individual's identity,
- 3) the offense is a felony or a victim's rights crime, etc.

I urge you to simply google Colorado SB-21-062 and read all of the conditions and exceptions in order to better understand this bill.

**Shelley Tuteur**  
CP2

## Heather 'n Yon

I was astounded when the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi made a martyr of George Floyd. I can hear Democrat grandparents saying, “Wow, I hope our grandchildren grow up to be just like him — a criminal, drug addict and forger!” I wonder why no one said, “If George hadn't used a phony \$20 bill, he would not have been arrested.” I guess it would not have served a political purpose?

Too bad that often some people fail to accept responsibility for their actions. It is too easy to blame another. A sign of maturity is being able to say, “I was wrong,” or “I shouldn't have done that. Forgive me.”

Had the man killed by the female officer not try to escape, he might still be alive also. When there is a warrant for your arrest, how long do you

*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.*

think you can get away with it? Face the charge, because if “you do the crime, you do the time.”

**Dick Laslo**  
B213

## Heather 'n Yon

Several weeks ago, an article in the local paper highlighted two ICU nurses in local hospitals. The two, along with many other ICU nurses, have been treating COVID-19 patients. They all deal with sickness and death daily. They do what little they can to comfort and care for their patients, knowing how it will end.

A female nurse, dealing with this since the beginning of the pandemic said she sees these patients from start to finish, day after day, month after month. At the end of her shift, she goes home to her three kids — mentally, physically and spiritually spent. She recalled when, at the beginning of a year ago, every night at 8 pm, everyone came out on their lawns and porches, howling like a wolf or making noise in support of these front line healthcare responders.

Heather Gardens residents did it! Remember? Not anymore. This nurse noticed it. All the ICU nurses notice. They feel forgotten and alone. A young man interviewed felt the same way. He has no family with whom to share his feelings.

So with that, at three o'clock the next morning, I woke with the idea of enlisting my building involved with a project to let these great people know they are NOT forgotten. The plan was to have residents make thank you notes and cards to be delivered to area hospitals. These did not have to be a high-priced Hallmark cards — just a simple note to say “thank you and we care!”

We had a box in the mail room for residents to drop their cards and wishes. I delivered two envelopes full to CU Health and one to Aurora South. I left them at the hospital information desks. You could see the gratitude from the volunteers at these desks. Made my day!

Hopefully, more buildings or organizations will do the same thing. No money involved — just good thoughts and caring. Please get involved! Thanks for caring.

**Denise McCammon**  
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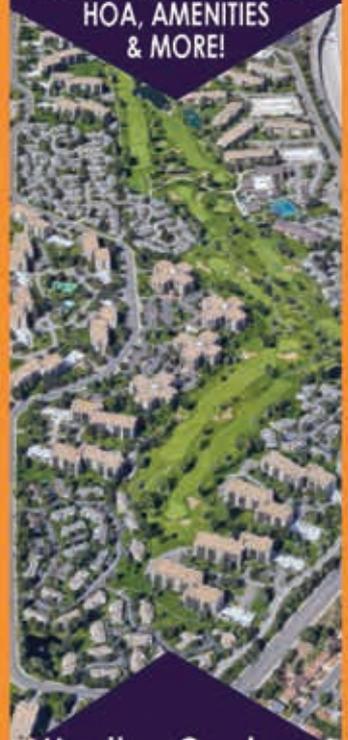
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# Clubs and Organizations

*With the Clubhouse reopening and the pandemic restrictions being lifted (particularly for vaccinated residents), the following announcements have been updated.*

## **The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus**

Is change coming? Can you feel it? Maybe these questions have been answered in HG as you read this newsmagazine.

Summer revives the desire to take walks, go on picnics, gather with families and friends, start new activities, and attend concerts.

Personal change can begin with a look at the person in the mirror. Who do you see? What do you want to do? What provides you the most pleasure?

NoteAbles now meet on Thursdays at 4:45 pm in the HG Sandberg Auditorium. I wondered how this change would affect rehearsals. Participants were enthusiastic about singing good music. It is contagious. Singers enjoy being the “carriers.”

You have a place in the choir. Bring your enthusiasm and help “carry” the songs to the community.

## **CP1**

CP1 is moving to outdoor Happy Hours. We gather in small groups on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 4 pm.

We ask that people bring their own favorite drink, a folding chair and a mask. We will occasionally provide a treat, such as tacos in a bag or ice cream. We also might retreat back to Zoom gatherings, when the weather is not agreeable.

## **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 your 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) is back to meeting in the Clubhouse. Every Thursday morning, we meet in the Blue Spruce Room, 8-9:30 am.

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. Contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388.

## **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 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 in taking actions that will impact public policy. We are nonpartisan and inclusive — more issue-oriented rather than candidate-oriented.

Currently, we meet via Zoom on the first and third Fridays of each month at 1 pm, to discuss issues, actions to take and share articles, books, thoughts. In June, our meetings will be on the 4th and 18th.

Be sure you are on the email list to get notifications of meetings. You don't have to live in HG to join. Call or email Linda Champ, 720-252-7324, [lindachamp91@gmail.com](mailto:lindachamp91@gmail.com).

## **HG Aviation Club**

The HG Aviation Club is not having in-person meetings due to COVID-19, but we are emailing stories, photos, and links to videos on interesting aviation topics. If you would like to join in the fun, give me a call. Plans are being made to resume in-person meetings in July, 6–7:45 pm. — Rudy Morris, HG Aviation Club, 303-506-8070

## **The Green Team**

The Green Team meets the second Thursday each month at noon, in the Clubhouse. All are welcome to join us on June 10 for our monthly meeting. For information, contact Wendy, 303-587-9797.

What a successful Shred Event we held in May! Thanks to everyone

who took hours poring over documents, packing them into boxes, loading their cars, and patiently waiting in line to benefit our environment. Pat yourselves on the back: you did a good thing and should feel great!

Extra-special kudos to all the volunteers from HG who contributed their time and energy. Our next Shred Event will take place in the Spring of 2022. Contact Wendy, 303-306-0066, for more information.

## **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.

Weather permitting, we meet the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, in the Picnic Pavilion north of the Clubhouse tennis courts. For additional information, please contact Forrest McClure, 720-979-4707, or Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877. Happy trails and safe travels!

## **Bird and Nature Club**

The HG Bird and Nature Club will meet in person at 10 am on the second Friday of each month in the Mountain View Room. Outings will be planned. Geocaching will be integrated on those outings. If you are interested in both or either hobby, please contact Karen Gold [ksb5x5@hotmail.com](mailto:ksb5x5@hotmail.com), or 712-301-2284, to be added to the email group.

## **Karaoke Club**

We meet on the second Friday of every month in the Blue Spruce and Aspen rooms from 5–7 pm. Now that most COVID restrictions have been lifted, our pot-luck buffet table will be returning as well. For more information, Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877.

## **Photo Club**

The club gathers on the third Monday, 3 pm, Aspen Room. The first nine (I'm #10) to email me will be allowed in, unless there are occupancy changes between now and then. If so, I will send another email out to the members. See you then, wear your mask, and keep using your camera. — Anne Gillis, [Anne@hummelgillis898.com](mailto:Anne@hummelgillis898.com), 303-751-3030.

### CP3

Once again, food trucks are being scheduled on the third Wednesday. Flyers or email notices will let you know. – Robin O’Meara

### Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday every month, 3–5 pm. During the summer, we will meet outside, in a blocked-off area at the Clubhouse parking lot. Park in the back row near SHGW. Bring a lawn chair, beverage and food for yourself. Don’t forget your tip for the band. Everyone is welcome. Entertainment is provided. – Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

### HG Republicans

Choices versus control — we believe that any choice that takes away another person’s choice is an un-American choice. Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, “We shall have to repent in this generation, not so much for the evil deeds of the wicked people, but for the appalling silence of the good people.”

Our club is choosing to not be silent, but to learn how to stand up to bad choices being made around us, because it’s the right thing to do. If we don’t, who will?

Join our growing group of concerned Americans who are working in Colorado to bring about change. We are excited and hopeful — looking for motivated HG seniors who are determined to be silent no more.

Our program for June is a panel discussion with some state/county Republican-party leaders, moderated by Andy Peth. Come for a lively, fun, informational meeting with some delightful people. This is our time to discover the direction the Colorado Republican Party will be heading.

If you have questions you would like to ask, please email them to [hgrclub@gmail.com](mailto:hgrclub@gmail.com), and they will be passed on to Andy.

General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 22

Topic: Where are we going?

Time: 1–2:30 pm

Location: HG Sandberg Auditorium or Zoom link (see below)

Want to join a movement for *choice* instead of *control*? 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! A donation of \$5 is appreciated.

For information or Zoom link: Send email to: [hgrclub@gmail.com](mailto:hgrclub@gmail.com), or call 720-500-4047. – Janet Yoder

### HG Democratic Club

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be June 22, 4–5 pm. If possible, we will meet in the Blue Spruce room, or if not then by Zoom (or possibly by both means).

I will notify you in the newsletter, which will be sent via email. If you don’t receive it by June 19, check

your spam folder or call me.

This month, we hope to hear from our state legislators: Senator

Janet Buckner, Senator Jeff Bridges and Representative Iman Jodeh. You don’t have to live in HG to join us. – Marty Karnopp, Chair, 303-353-9640, [mjkarnopp@gmail.com](mailto:mjkarnopp@gmail.com).

### OPOCS Singles Club

The club has been at a stand still because of the virus. However, we will have our annual picnic Sunday, June 27, 11:30 am. It will be at Windsor Gardens, 695 S. Clinton St. Denver. (Take Alameda to Clinton). It will be on the covered patio in the back. Lunch, visiting, and games will take place.

If you are interested, pinochle and bridge groups are meeting again. We are working on getting social gatherings restarted. GET YOUR SHOTS! For reservations you can call JoAnn Cunningham, 303-751-5195, or Kay Robertson, 303-400-8358.

### SRA

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

### Caregivers Support Group

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

### HG Grief Support

Our support group is here to help those who have lost a loved one. We offer an eight-week structured program, which will resume this fall, every Tuesday, 4–6 pm. We combine an educational and supportive approach with the focus on healthy grieving and coping with your loss.

You must register in advance. For information and registration please call Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722. Leave a message if no answer.

### Low Vision Support Group

Until we can gather in person, we are meeting on the fourth Monday of each month 1:30–2:30 pm, via Free Conference call. Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224, for the meeting access number.

Right: With warmer weather, CP3 resumed its monthly social in its cul-de-sac. On April 28, AR Robin O’Meara arranged for a food truck from Casa Vallarta to be on-site. Residents could purchase their dinner, then socialize.



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**Allison L.**

a month ago-

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3 weeks ago

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# Sports and Recreation

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Fun Golf tee times in June start at 8, 8:12, 8:24 and 8:36 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (weather permitting — it is supposed to be Fun Golf after all). Call the HG Pro Shop, 303-751-2390; when the message starts, press 1, when they answer, specify you would like to play “Fun Golf,” and make your reservations.

Remember to MASK up in and around the Pro Shop! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hileman, via email, [Lshileman1958@gmail.com](mailto:Lshileman1958@gmail.com), or call (303) 514-5379 — please send a text or leave a voice mail.

## 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 that we enjoy so much, so sign up and give it a try! It is the fastest growing sport in North America!

We are not currently using the online reservation system, Court Reserve. If you want to join this fun group of people, email Phil Hughes at [phdenver@comcast.net](mailto:phdenver@comcast.net), to get on his Pickleball list. He keeps track of the players on the court when they come out to play at the assigned time.

Pickleball shares the HG Tennis Courts with the Tennis Club. Currently, we play Pickleball on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, 9 am–noon, and Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 4–6 pm.

A survey recently went out to everyone on the Pickleball list. The times may change, based on the results of the survey and negotiations with the Tennis Club. Phil Hughes, at [phdenver@comcast.net](mailto:phdenver@comcast.net), is constantly sending out emails to the Pickleball list of players for any time changes,

based on weather, and to make sure there are enough people planning to play!

Since we have Pickleball players at all skill levels of play, our players have been able to choose playing “gentle” Pickleball with players of a similar skill level on one court, and more “competitive” (advanced) Pickleball on another court. Of course, everyone is welcomed to play on any of the courts where they feel comfortable.

For more information on Pickleball, visit: <https://plaidflannel.com/pickleball>. If you want to learn more, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226. To get on the Pickleball roster, and be notified of any time or location changes, due to weather, email Phil Hughes at: [phdenver@comcast.net](mailto:phdenver@comcast.net).

## Tuesday Mah Jongg

Beginning June 15, we will resume meeting 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the last Tuesday of the month, when we play in the lobby (behind the fireplace). 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 members of the HG Billiard Club will continue with tournaments as soon as the Clubhouse opens again. We will play Co-ed 8-Ball on Tuesdays at 7 pm. A Men's group plays 9-Ball on Thursdays at 7 pm. Please contact Rita Cusack, 720-535-8637, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

## Ladies Golf Club

Compared to last year, things are looking up for this summer season. The club has 101 members, including 12 new members. There are 30 non-resident members, with 9 on a wait list. Your 2021 HGLGC members book is in the Pro Shop.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic continues to hamper social events, members may now share

golf carts, water is available for credit-card purchase at the Pro Shop, and the grounds are green, courtesy of Superintendent Brian Benko and his team.

This Spring's cold and wet weather kept us off the course in April, and again on May 12. The opening tournament on May 5 occurred as planned.

The club has returned to using paper sign-up sheets for tee times. Members may sign up for themselves and one other person at the Pro Shop on Wednesdays. Members may call on Thursday or later for the remaining tee times, but only for the following Wednesday play (not two weeks out) and only for yourself.

One scorecard for each foursome will continue. Every player is requested to remain near the scoring room until their group's master scorecard is approved. Every third Wednesday of the month, we will have a Mystery Hole that is removed by scorers from the card.

Two scorers are needed each Wednesday. Sign up on the calendar in the Pro Shop. Both scorers for the day are automatically placed with the first group to tee off.

There are some course rules, based on pandemic concerns that continue: don't remove flags on the green when putting, and don't try to rake the sand when your ball has unfortunately dived into that hazard.

It's more important than ever this year for members to check the HGLGC website ([www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com)) for current club information and tournament scores. The traditional outside tournaments and social events have not yet been scheduled.

Membership applications and detailed information on joining the club are on the website and at the Pro Shop. All women who are interested, regardless of skill level, are invited to join. The renovated bulletin board by the Pro Shop also has current information, HGLGC board meeting minutes, and weekly tournament scores. Contact President Beulah Gould, [beulahgould@yahoo.com](mailto:beulahgould@yahoo.com), to share concerns.

Connie Burns, Courtesy Committee Chair, requests that she be notified of any illnesses, surgeries, or deaths of members or their fami-

lies at [coburns501@aol.com](mailto:coburns501@aol.com), or 303-695-0766/720-210-3483.

### Tournament Results May 5

#### Flight A

- 1st Dee Moore, Glenda Pitts
- 2nd Earlyne Winters

#### Flight B

- 1st Karen Bentley,  
Bonnie McMullen
- 2nd Judy Brehmer

#### Flight C

- 1st Sally Koepke
- 2nd Connie Burns,  
Mary Jo Prichard

#### Flight D

- 1st Eileen Umhoefer
- 2nd Gwen Alexander,  
Lisa Matthews

Golf Trivia: *Golf for Life: How to Get It and How to Keep It*, by Kim Anders, PGA LatinoAmerica. Anders is a tour player and golf instructor at Bella del Mar, in Mexico. Anders uses quote from Sam Snead: "If people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they'd starve to death." The book has many humorous and entertaining true life stories. It promises that you will play better golf, enjoy it more, and make your life better, from following his advice. – Gwen Alexander

### HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

Beginning Wednesday, June 2, we play at 1 pm in the Blue Spruce room each Wednesday. Pre-registration is required by email to [merrilyv@sonic.net](mailto:merrilyv@sonic.net), or calling me, 720-282-3199. Please note if you require a North/South seating.

Masks are required. No food or drink is available. You must have a waiver form at the Clubhouse desk on file. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032. – Merrily VanZevern, Director

### Bunko

Bunko will start play again inside the Clubhouse on Thursday, June 3 and June 17. We will meet in the Blue Spruce Room at 12:45 pm and start play at 1 pm. We are required to wear a mask. Questions? Call Debbie Brooks at 303-923-3809.

### Men's Golf Club

The Men's Golf Club plays Friday mornings. Call the Pro Shop for tee times and membership information.

### Tournament Results May 7

#### A Flight

- 1st Bill Schmit

2nd Gary Hill, John Bender,  
Phil Marquis

3rd Chris Hughes, Eli Henrie

#### B Flight

- 1st Dick Baker, Jon Freyer
- 2nd Jess Deal
- 3rd Vern Thompson,  
Mike Meagher

#### C Flight

- 1st Mike Steffens
- 2nd Tom Smith
- 3rd Jim Pardikes

#### D Flight

- 1st Ted Cowan
- 2nd Frank Leydens
- 3rd George Brown

#### E Flight

- 1st George Madonna
- 2nd David McCollom
- 3rd Dave Walstrom

### May 14

#### A Flight

- 1st John Bender
- 2nd Tom Parko
- 3rd Gene Barth

#### B Flight

- 1st Jon Freyer
- 2nd Steve Gilbert
- 3rd Jim Stebbins

#### C Flight

- 1st Matt Dunne
- 2nd Mike Benowitz
- 3rd Neil Buck

#### D Flight

- 1st Bob McElfresh, Tony Maestas
- 2nd Ted Cowan
- 3rd Mike Brown, George Brown

#### E Flight

- 1st Bill Riley, Larry Maitland
- 2nd Paul Spoutz
- 3rd Dave Walstrom, Mike Pula  
– Chris Hughes

### 500 Club

We want you! Do you like to play cards with a fun, easy-going group of people? Then you must join us for 500.

We play at 1 pm every Friday in the Skyview Room. Don't know the game? It's easy to learn, and we are happy to teach. See you Friday! Linda Serio, 303-368-8123.

### Mexican Train Dominoes

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

### Tennis Club

We're back! As of May 1, the Tennis Club court hours will be 9–11 am every Monday, Wednesday, Fri-

day and Saturday. In addition, the club will play Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 4–6 pm.

Our meeting/social at Rendezvous Restaurant is on Wednesday, June 16, 4 pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person. Call Wendy, 303-587-9797, with questions.

### Men's Bridge

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

### Monday Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the Reception 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.

### Ping Pong

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

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The following groups have not told *Heather 'n Yon* whether they have resumed meeting in HG (in the Clubhouse or elsewhere). Please send your updated notice to [mhafka@comcast.net](mailto:mhafka@comcast.net) or [LynnNeu@comcast.net](mailto:LynnNeu@comcast.net).

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## Fit Krew...from page 19

tency in class. For Becky Cole, B215, make that two buddies — her friend Ginger Coe, and Terry Schumacher, a friend down the hall.

Cole, who started Chair Yoga four years ago, explained, “Going with friends helps keep me accountable. I have rarely been in an exercise class where I have so much fun. We get a really good workout. It’s great for balance and for keeping my muscles and arthritic joints working well. As the saying goes, ‘motion is lotion.’”

Schumacher concurred with Cole, “I don’t want to let my friends down. That helps get me to class. We laugh and have a lot of fun. The muscle toning and added flexibility help me to stand up straight and improve my posture, which was an issue for me even when I was younger. Nothing ages us like being stooped.”

A 10-year veteran of Sorensen’s Dance Mix class, Rosalie Richter, CP1, noted that Sorensen always makes her classes fun, even offering attendance contests, with prizes like water bottles, towels or fitness bags.

“Tifani even did Zoom classes for us, at no charge, during the pandemic. She is such a caring person and gets to know us personally. She even brings us eggs from her chickens at home. We watched the hens grow up over Zoom.”

Sorensen’s love of dance and fitness began at an early age. Her mother owned New Image Studio of Dance in Aurora, Colorado, for approximately 16 years. Sorensen’s world was filled with ballet, tap, jazz, and modern dance from outstanding instructors. By age 13, she was a junior level dance instructor.

As she approached her 30th birthday as a mother of two daughters, her focus was shifting to health

and fitness rather than dance when she discovered dance fitness classes.

“About 30 percent of my students have been with me since my first days at HG in 2010. I always enjoy seeing the new people coming through the door; additionally, I have such love for my long-term students.”

Sorensen laughingly tells the story of being kicked out of her own mother’s ballet class, “because I was too loud and too clumsy. My mom and I laugh about that now, but I do want all my students here to feel comfortable and confident; I assure them that no one will get expelled for having two left feet.”

For more information on the wide range of classes and activities available at HG, call 303-751-1811 or visit [www.HeatherGardens.org/classes-schedule](http://www.HeatherGardens.org/classes-schedule).

– Patricia McLaughlin  
B215

## YNP wildlife...from page 27

article has no room for the political sides of the issue. Let’s get down to the good stuff!]

Yellowstone National Park radically changed after the gray wolf was eradicated in the mid-1920s.. Elk herds ballooned over the next 70 years, overgrazing vast tracts of land and trees such as willow and aspen. With fewer trees, the songbird population declined. Beavers lost their food source and the lumber to build their dams. The lack of beaver dams caused streams to erode, making them deeper and not as wide. This change further degraded the conditions that willow trees need to grow.

When wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone National Park, it was considered a success by some but not all. After the ballot issue passed,

timber wolves were trapped in both Jasper National Park in Alberta and in northern Montana. They entered YNP through the North entrance at Gardiner, Montana. Pro and con groups were there to show both support and anger as the trucks rolled in.

A mile or two north of the Buffalo Ranch in the Lamar Valley was one of three large fenced-in holding areas where the wolves were gradually released. Here, they could become a bit acclimated to their new surroundings. After three months, a wider release into YNP began.

Having been fed by rangers, the wolves were wary. Even after cutting holes, creating large openings made in the fencing, they were content to stay in the back of the pens for several days. On leaving, three packs headed in different directions. The game was on.

Seventeen more wolves were brought in and released in 1996–97 with a similar forma-

*Left: Wolf in the road near Artists’ Paint Pots; NPS/ Jacob W. Frank. There are about 500 wolves in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.*

*Right: Bull elk and calf at Mammoth Hot Springs; NPS/ Jim Peaco; September, 2003*

tion of packs that left in different directions after their release.

The YNP wolves are referred to by a number assigned to them by National Park Service scientists. This attempts to keep the emotions of YNP visitors to a minimum if an animal dies for any reason. YNP visitors have persisted in naming the wolves, such as “Blue eyes” or “Fluffy.” When a wolf dies, National Park Service employees use the initial research number when publishing studies or press releases on the wolves.

There will be another article where I discuss pack sizes, movement, breeding, and the recovery problems within Yellowstone and how this may apply to the beautiful Rocky Mountain National Park.

– Denise McCammon, B242



# HGMD Foundation

The donation in memory of Glenda Swazo (reported below) was sent in January but was not sent to the committee until May. If you are aware of a donation made to the Foundation, and it has not appeared in *Heather 'n Yon* then contact me or the Management Office. If you have not received an acknowledgment of your donation, contact the Management Office, 303-755-0652.

To be listed in *Heather 'n Yon*, donations must be received before the middle of the month. I must turn in this report to the newsmagazine at that time.

The Golf Course bench that was a project of the Masked Warriors and supplemented with Foundation

Funds has been ordered. It is scheduled to ship mid May arriving near the end of the month. When it arrives, arrangements for installing and dedicating it will be made.

This committee needs some new members. If interested in serving, you may obtain an application on the HG website, [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org).

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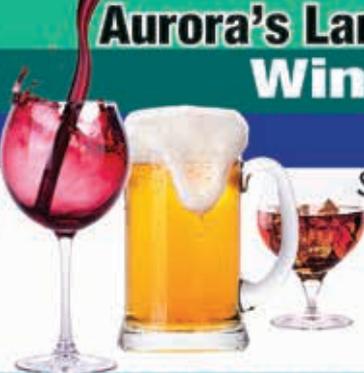
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# HG Clubhouse Events

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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise  
Assistant Clubhouse Manager Tamara Rutz

## ***New Classes starting in June!***

**Please note:** Classes are scheduled month to month. No refunds will be given. Fees cannot be prorated. Please no equipment sharing. You must bring your own weights and mats, aqua equipment.

### **Watercolor Workshop**

Monday, 1-3 pm, Arts & Crafts Room

Fee: \$20 per month

Instructor: Lisa Marvin

Learn to explore this medium by using the paints to do a variety of creative and imaginative images. Grab a paint brush and dive into watercolors. Materials list available at the Front Desk, please, no sharing of equipment or supplies.

### **Conditioning for Golfers**

Thursday, 8:30-9:30 am, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$10 per month

Get fit in time for golf this spring. This workout will focus on flexibility, strength, stability, coordination, to improve your game. Bring your own mat and hand weights. All golfers welcome.

### **Sit to Be Fit**

Tuesdays, 8:30-9:30 am, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$10 per month

A mostly-seated workout to stretch and tone your entire body. This class emphasizes proper form and safe technique with a variety of music and movements that is super motivating. Come try the best mostly-seated workout you've ever experienced! Hand weights and mini bands used, please bring your own.

### **Aqua Zumba**

Saturday, 8-8:55 am or 9-9:55 am, Indoor Pool

Fee: \$10 per month. Sign up for a time slot.

Heat up the pool party! Jump into the Latin inspired easy to follow, calorie burning, dance fitness that makes working out a splash. Add a low-impact, high-energy

## ***Outdoor Pool Opening!***

The outdoor pool will open Saturday, May 29, 8:30 am. Reservations are necessary through the online reservations system, CourtReserve. Outdoor pool hours are: 8:30-10:30 am, 11:30-1:00 pm, 1-3 pm, 3:30-5 pm, 6-7:30 pm. Family swim will be Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, 11:30-1 pm.

## ***Welcome Back Ice Cream Social***

Welcome back to the Clubhouse! Join us as we celebrate the opening of the Clubhouse with an ice cream social and entertainment. We'll have some of the class Instructors walking around with flyers for their classes.

*Friday, June 4, 1-3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium*

aquatic exercise to your fitness routine. Just add water and shake. Water shoes and water bottle recommended.

### **WET (water exercise together)**

Tuesday and Thursday, 10-11 am, Indoor Pool

Fee: \$20 per month

Welcome back! If your social well-being is almost as important to you as your health, this is the class for you! Class will focus on strength, balance, range of motion, while laughing and having a good time. Bring your own equipment (noodles, hand buoys, water bottle, water shoes). Everyone is encouraged to work out at their own fitness level and the water provides resistance with or without equipment.

### **Water Warriors**

Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30-9:30 am

Fee: \$20 per month

Welcome back! Workouts include head to toe movement. HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) and sprint for a good challenge. Bring your own equipment (noodles, hand buoys, water bottle, water shoes and anything else you might need). Everyone is encouraged to workout at their own fitness level and the water provides resistance with or without equipment.

### **Post-pandemic Aqua: Back in the Saddle**

Mon, Wed, Fri, 8:30-9:30 am, or 10-11 am, or

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Fee: \$30 per month. Sign up for a time slot.

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### **Active Minds: Ferdinand Magellan**

Wednesday, June 9, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Seating is limited

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## **Trips**

The Clubhouse is working on offering trips soon! The first trip will be to a Colorado Rockies Game in June. Cherryl Greenman is also working on some other summer trips: one to Manitou Springs for the new Cog Railway. The charter bus companies are just as excited as you and the Clubhouse to resume taking trips. Cherryl is contacting Blackhawk casinos and bus companies. Expect to wear a mask on the bus at all times.

*Wednesday, June 16, 11:30 am*

*(Catch the bus at B244 parking lot; 1 pm game)*

Minds as we discuss the historical context, life, and legacy of one of the most influential navigators ever. This program is brought to you by Garden Plaza of Aurora, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, Springbrooke Retirement, Five Star Residences of Dayton Place.

### Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, June 10, 10am–12 pm, Parking Lot B250

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### Colorado Rockies Baseball

Wednesday, June 16, 11:30 am, chartered bus  
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### Introducing Tamara Rutz

Please welcome Tamara to the HG team! She will be working in the Clubhouse as the Assistant Clubhouse Manager. Tamara comes with a variety of skills and experience to support the work in the Clubhouse. A Colorado native, Tamara is a professional clown and loves to make people laugh. Her hobbies include crafting, painting and hiking. She is eager to meet HG residents. Her duties will include scheduling rooms, special events, working with clubs, and helping out wherever needed. Stop by and say “Hi!” to Tamara.



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### Watch Batteries Replaced

Thursday, June 17, 9 am–1pm, Clubhouse Lobby

### The World of World’s Fairs with Kathleen Arnold

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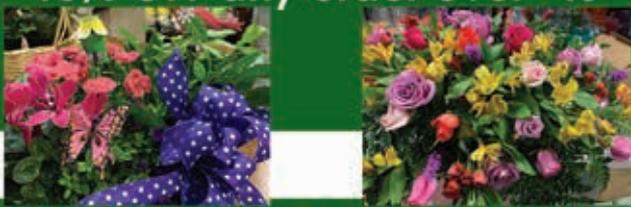


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## Signs of summer and the pandemic passing

by Mary Hafka

It's time to pack the sweat pants away, and get out those ratty, old shorts a person wouldn't be caught dead in (unless you still are observing the COVID lockdown, in which case, it won't matter any more than the sweatpants did). Summer's coming, and although the feeling of anticipation is familiar, the COVID coming-out party is putting a different spin on it this year.

Like most of you, I'm sure, the transformation to warmer weather has already begun at my house. Spring cleaning included emptying the garage. I had to skirt around the leftover bags of grout and extra tiles to clear the junk out. The grout and tiles were to be returned to Lowe's (except they never got returned). This clear-out was to make more room with more tiles and lumber for my next home-renovation (RENO) project. Stayed tuned: it's coming soon!

Some events seem the same this year as in those past. My dog doesn't have a lot of interest in chasing rabbits — it makes her sweaty. When five or six gather on the front lawn, her canine pride forces her to do something about it. This season, the cottontails seem to be holding bunny conventions on nearby grassy areas, complete with setting up tiny folding chairs and wheeling in little podiums. My mutt Morticia is fit to be tied. The rabbits simply scatter a few feet when Mortie chases them, then regroup when she loses interest. This happens almost immediately.

Most years, I have a colony of rabbits living under my patio. Who gave them permission to colonize? I will never know. I doubt it's allowed in the Declaration of Condominium.

A rare sighting this year at the East pond has been a night heron. I know it is a night heron — not due to any bird expertise on my

part. A nice lady appointed herself volunteer docent of the East pond, telling anyone walking by with their dogs that they were seeing a night heron. I actually spied the strange bird the day before, nestling among the reeds.

One of the benches by the east pond is sadly in need of repair. Its wooden back rotted and fell off. This is a bench that doesn't belong to HG, but was installed by a resident in CP6, so it's our problem. Ours has never been a neighborhood big on organizing and having formal gatherings. We had an excuse not to meet during the pandemic, when the Clubhouse closed. The truth is, we never did meet, even before.

But to address the repairing-the-bench issue, we might need to form a neighborhood association. That will probably require scheduling semi-annual business meetings, appoint a secretary to take notes, and (shudder!) produce meeting minutes. Out of little derelict benches, mighty organizations grow.

When I eat breakfast on my patio that is a definite sign of summer, much like the birds returning to Capistrano. I lack a patio umbrella, this year. The umbrella gave great shade, when it worked. It tried to assassinate me a few times. It blew over, in high winds, with me under it. Some helpful people from Craigslist came and hauled it away (Free Stuff!). Saying "goodbye" to that umbrella increased the chances that I will survive this summer. A retractable awning might be next in my future, which will trigger another trip to the Architectural Control Committee, for permission. Sigh!

I just saw a wasp on my lanai. There's a gap in a post supporting my vinyl fence. I suspect the wasps built a nest inside the post. Once, I had an unfortunate experience

when I jostled a wasps' nest I didn't know was there, resulting in about 20 stings on my face and head. That happened years ago. I've forgiven them.

People emerging from behind their masks is a welcome sign of the pandemic waning. Now, when I wave at dog-walking neighbors, it's someone I recognize. Before, I just took it on faith it was someone I was supposed to know. Once while shopping in King Soopers, I waved determinedly to a mask-wearing neighbor, then looked again. I realized he probably wasn't who I thought he was. He cheerfully waved back, probably not sure, either, if — behind my mask — I was someone he ought to recognize.

I've been living in my basement, during my bathroom RENO. I've concluded that I probably will continue to sleep in the basement bedroom this summer. It is much cooler.

I once had friends who moved into their finished basement to redo the main-floor space. Family issues intervened. They didn't get around to finishing the main floor, and moving back upstairs, for eight years. Let's hope the next stage of my RENO doesn't last that long.

I really need to buy a new computer this summer. The idea of transferring all my files from the old computer terrifies me as much as the idea of ripping up and RENO-ing my house once did. How much shock and awe should a woman willingly assume in a single year?

The Spring Crafts Fair was held largely outside this year. It was sort of wonderful. It probably was less wonderful for the vendors than for us shoppers. When I used to sell crafts in these shows, I remember that the second worst part of the endeavor was hauling the stuff up to the Clubhouse. The worst part was hauling home the unsold wares. I'm not sure having to set up in the parking lot was fun and games for the sellers, but I enjoyed the outdoor experience.

This month, I am more than ready to settle into the dog days of summer. And I ponder: can I interest some kindly treasure hunter from Craigslist to haul away my well-worn collection of COVID sweatpants?

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