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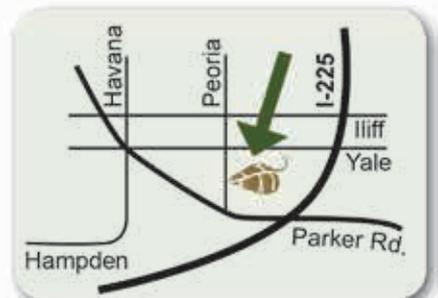


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## Remembering Andy Schroeder



Everyone loved to see Andy coming because he always had a funny story or a joke to tell to bring a smile. A 26 year long Heather Gardens neighbor, he would walk to his job at the King Soopers at Regatta Plaza in all weather to be on time as a Courtesy Clerk, helping customers bag up their groceries and outside wrangling buggies even in blizzards or in the hottest summer sun. He knew

many regular customers by their first names and everyone knew Andy.

After 15 years at store #39 and approaching retirement age, his departure in Sept. 2018 was prompted by some chest pains and then a new heart valve. He was unable to bounce back from another procedure in January and died of a sudden heart attack on Feb 3.

**Saturday, May 16th 11:00 am**, his church will host a service and a **Celebration of Life Barbecue (Andy's request)**. All friends are invited to come and share your favorite "Andy Stories" with each other. Canned or packaged (or financial) donations to their Food Bank are invited in Andy's memory. He was a volunteer and an appreciative recipient of their good work feeding those in need. Sympathy cards may also be sent here to be held for his family. **Southeast Church of Christ is at 14601 East Yale Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014**

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# Director Lambert resigns in second month of her term, appointee sought

At a special meeting on Feb. 4, which adjourned into executive session to consider legal issues about purchasing 13962 E. Linvale Place, the board allowed about five residents from CP4 to ask questions.

Bruce Cairns, CP4, noted that it has been **CP4** about 15 months since the explosion with little change in the outward appearance. Turnover in the community has been high with 10 units (of 42) getting new owners in 15 months. He suggested incorporating a memorial garden for Carol Ross some where in the area.

When asked about what happens now, by another resident, General Manager Calvin White said that architectural drawings have been made, with an associated timeline. Repairs to the four units still standing are scheduled. Director Carol Anne Mayne said that these owners should be back in their units by March. White noted that one delay was that Xcel had installed the new transformer on the old pad instead of on a new pad with new wiring. It was not a huge impact to the timeline, but some.

White said that HG has a separate contract with Jim Black Construction to rebuild the two units obliterated by the explosion in November 2018. HG owns one of those two units; the owners of the other want to sell. Once built, the outside of these units will look similar, but the interior will be different from other country places in HG. The concrete slab for this duplex will remain, but the cement walls will be replaced. White said there was an August date for completion, but the units could be sold earlier based on specifications for completing the condo.

Bev Nelson asked if the roof of her unit would be replaced? White said no. Some shingles may be replaced.

Mayne noted that there have been no problems getting permits from the City of Aurora. That effort had been started early. Thus, no delays had occurred.

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At a work session on Feb. 13, to study a revised Enforcement of Covenants and Rules document, HGA President Jill Bacon announced that Vice President Susan Lambert had resigned from the board. Bacon read a letter of resignation from Lambert, who noted she had ex-

perienced abuse and bullying during her first stint on the board, in 2007. During the one month in 2020 that Lambert served on the HGA Board, she experienced more threats and abuse. Lambert stated she would continue to work behind the scenes, for the benefit of HG, but plans to keep her "head down and out of the line of fire."

Lambert also referred to the threats and abuse that General Manager Calvin White and his staff routinely receive. She said that she fears for them. Lambert and Director Mark Nading did not attend the work session.

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At the regular HGA Board Meeting on Feb. 18, with all directors present, Bacon called for residents attending the meeting to apply for the vacant board position (see sidebar). The appointed director would serve on the board through the end of the year. To continue on the board, the new director would have to run for election.

General Manager Calvin White introduced HG's new Operations Manager Jon Rea. He also announced HG's Security Chief Terence Jones (TJ), had resigned, effective March 6. White said he will be looking at restructuring the position of Security chief.

Civic Affairs Chair Mayne announced a work session, on Feb. 28, to revise election procedures for the 2020 election of directors and vote on the 2021 budget. She added that reports saying Aurora Police Department (APD) won't investigate break-ins on private property are false, per Ward V Councilperson Alison Coombs.

The board deferred signing an agreement with APD, pending a decision by HGMD and conferring with HGA's attorney Mark Payne. The agreement would allow APD to remove someone, such as an incapacitated person, from an area such as the Clubhouse. SEC Chair Rex Engel noted HG's PAR officer had recommended signing the document to readily have trespassers removed.

The Clubhouse is a public facility, owned by HGMD. The agreement pertained to private property under the control of HGA. More study was indicated, all directors concurred.

The board approved procedure memoranda (PMs)

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## Heather Gardens Traffic Jam

Beth Zwinak took this photo of geese crossing South Heather Gardens Way near the stop sign at South Vaughn Way when she was driving to pick up her folks, Joe and Helen Zwinak, B242. It is not an unusual occurrence. Your Heather 'n Yon editor once sat at that same stop sign for 15 minutes while a gaggle of geese crossed the road (in the crosswalk). The parade stopped about eight cars, with some making U-turns to find a faster route to their destination. The geese were oblivious to the much larger vehicles, even ignored car horns. Where was the goosinator when we needed it?



# Extra! Extra! Information for you –

## 2020 Census almost here

You've been hearing about the decennial census for some time now. It means \$675 billion in federal funding, fair representation and civic duty. Beyond that, what does it mean for you, an Aurora resident?

The data gathered during the 2020 Census determines funding for hundreds of federal programs used by residents like you.

Colorado receives at least \$787 million in federal funding for Medicare Part B, another \$641 million for highway planning and construction, and billions more for other programs and grants to support our growing community.

Around 1,600 Medicaid applications are processed per month in

Arapahoe county. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) supports 430. Food assistance helps 2,300. That's an average of 50,000 families a year using federal funds distributed state-wide based on census data. From schools to hospitals, from roads to emergency services, from your library to your house — census data will shape your future.

About 70 percent of students in Aurora Public Schools receive free or reduced-price lunches because of the National School Lunch Program. More than 10 per cent of students benefit from the special education programs funded by the federal government.

This year, make sure you and

your family (even the littlest ones) are counted. By April 1, every home will receive an invitation to participate. You will have three options to respond: online, by phone or by mail. Completing the census form takes just 10 minutes. For more information, visit [AuroraCensus2020.org](http://AuroraCensus2020.org), email [census2020@auroragov.org](mailto:census2020@auroragov.org), call 303-739-7400, or text 303-622-5881 (Text and data rates may apply.)

There will be a 2020 Census Information Meeting at 4:30 pm Friday, March 6, in Sandberg Auditorium. Learn more about the Census and have your questions answered.

– Carol Anne Mayne  
Civic Affairs Committee Chair

## History of voting in U.S.

Last fall, I noted, with interest, a comment by Omar Montgomery, a candidate for Aurora's mayor. He said, "every vote should count," as declaring a winner was delayed to count votes. I agree, except it should be *Every Legal Vote Should Count*.

As a former history teacher, I am

dismayed that too many people don't appreciate how we got the right to vote.

I will digress a bit, to give an historical perspective about voting. As most know, the Emancipation Proclamation was made by Abraham Lincoln. Following that edict, the 13th

amendment to the Constitution was to forbid and outlaw slavery. The vote was 23 Democrats and all Republicans in the House of Representatives voted for it (116–56, 1865). [In the Senate, it was 38-6, in 1864.]

The 14th Amendment [ratified by

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## HGMD Treasurer's report

### Highlights of District Operations:

#### For the Month End, January 2020

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$64,008)	(\$55,251)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$38,774)	(\$34,210)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$19,161)	(\$22,745)

### Enterprise Fund

The Enterprise Fund, at the end of January, had revenue of \$211,300, which is about \$12,000 more than expected. Expenses were \$219,000, which is about \$3,700 more than expected.

Revenue from the Golf Course was about \$4,500 more than expected due to fair weather during the month. Clubhouse Revenue was about \$3,700 more than expected due primarily to trip revenue. Restaurant revenue was about \$2,300 less than expected. The largest driver causing expenses to be more than anticipated was work required on the Clubhouse/restaurant HVAC system.

### Restricted Funds

• **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** The only activity in January was interest income. The lottery distributes proceeds on a quarterly basis. At January 31, the lottery bank account had a balance of \$128,700.

• **Foundation Fund.** There was no activity in the Foundation Fund in January. At January 31, the Foundation bank account balance was \$41,000 and \$150,000 was deposited in a CD.

• **Debt Service Fund.** In January, the Specific Ownership tax and interest amounted to \$3,900. As expected, no property tax revenue was received. Interest expenses of \$27,400 were accrued. At January 31, the Zion Bank held \$256,500 in the debt service account. On June 1, an interest payment of \$164,050 will be due to bond holders.

# Joint Budget & Finance approved, liquor license extended to Golf Course

All directors attended the Feb. 20 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors.

White announced that Director/Property Policy Committee Chair David Funk had offered to help with the hiring process for a new HG Security chief. Funk has a background as a certified peace officer. President Craig Baldwin distributed draft copies of a policy on how Security secures HGMD property.

The board approved procedure memoranda (PMs) for the Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) to operate as a shared committee to provide advice to both HGA and HGMD. The HGA Board of Directors approved the PMs at their meeting on Feb. 18.

HGA Treasurer John Coil commented he and his committee had been working on this project for two years. White added, "Committee chairs (for both boards), put 'budget' on your agendas for July – if not for June." Work on the 2021 budget must begin earlier than ever, to meet the benchmarks mandated for HGA and HGMD.

The board approved a motion to extend the restaurant's liquor license to cover the Golf Course. The cost

is \$150. The action had no effect on HGMD's insurance, Treasurer Bill Archambault said.

Attorney Jennifer Ivey noted that HGMD would elect four directors in May. (A fifth seat, Sandra Rosenberg's, also might open up, but it wasn't yet certain.) Three will be four-year terms, and one will be for one year. Three candidates have submitted self-nomination forms for the three-year terms; none had yet arrived for the one-year term, she said.

Funk announced, "Our crosswalk [to the Maintenance Building] is delayed again." The city of Aurora pledged to provide funding for a safety crosswalk connecting the Clubhouse parking lot and the Maintenance Building. Funk explained the work wouldn't begin until one year after the plans are final, and 100 percent drawings have been approved. Neither event has occurred.

The board approved a savings account at Key Bank, to establish a Capital Projects Fund. As capital projects are approved, the money to fund them will be paid to HGA from this account. One-twelfth of the capital fund

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for the Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) to operate as a joint advisory group to both HGA and HGMD. The revised PM was scheduled to go to the HGMD Board of Directors, for their approval, on Feb. 20.

The board approved a contract with Turner Morris Roof Systems to replace the failing roof on B216 (\$628,746). General Manager Calvin White noted the need to replace the roof as soon as possible, and remarked, "The bigger problem is getting the labor here, quickly, to remove the old roof."

Replaced in 2014, the B216 roof began leaking in 2017. The board is pursuing legal remedies in accordance with the warranty; however, the contractor has gone out of business, and the materials manufacturer has been sold.

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Al Lindeman reported that his committee continues to focus on two key issues: what to do about HG's four parking structures, and how to allow compact washer/dryers to be installed in four-story building units.

During time to address the board on items not on the agenda, Carol Wasteney, B223, noted her building was reverse engineered, about five years ago, to change the air-ventilation flow. She asked to have the air flow system returned to its original direction, because air from the hallway comes into her unit, stopping there. It does not blow out of her unit.

"I've been going round and round about this, internally, for years," she added.

Structure Maintenance Committee Chair Kim Deal apologized to Wasteney, because he hadn't found the time to visit her building.

"We need to come in, sit down, and see what's going on there," he said.

Joyce McGlawn, B243, addressed the board on a recent break-in the building's underground parking garage. Several car windows were broken, she said. When she asked to have her garage door remote recoded, she said, the work was performed by the HG Maintenance Department, which neither asked her name, or for any identification.

"Our garage has been infiltrated three times," she said. It seems, that for security, a resident's ID should be requested before updating the code in the garage door remote.

Following adjournment, board members met in executive session, to discuss a resident complaint.

Other approvals by the board:

...changes to the PMs regarding parking restrictions and towing practices on HGA property.

...funds (not to exceed \$75,000) to perform concrete and metal-railing repairs on buildings, during 2020. Work will be prioritized on a safety-first basis.

...reinvested three CDs, totaling \$5 million, in 30-day Treasury bills, to bridge the gap until HG has an investment advisor retained. The contract with the Nice Group, Raymond James, is still being negotiated.

## HGA accepts Applicants for Board

Self-nomination forms for the HG Association Board of Directors are available in the Management Office. The application must be returned by 3 pm Tuesday, March 3 to Evelyn Ybarra.

Requirements are that you have lived within HG (physically present) for 12 months. If interested, you will serve out the year 2020, but will have to run in the October HGA Board election to complete a vacated 3-year term. A Special Board meeting on March 4 will be held to interview applicants, selecting one.

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## **HGMD**...from page 7

(\$370,000) will be transferred into the account each month. As money is paid out, the balance should never exceed the FDIC-insured limit of \$250,000. Archambault noted that HGMD pays no tax on any interest earned.

Funk led a discussion on increased security for the RV lot. The three main areas being studied, he said, are better fencing, a working perimeter-security system, and additional cameras and lighting. Funk is assembling quotes for the work.

In the short term, trees surrounding the RV lot are being pruned, to provide better visibility of the lot. The lot might be repainted with a new parking orientation, to create more accessible lanes for Security vehicles to patrol.

The board discussed whether it needed to retain an insurance broker, as it currently does at a cost of approximately \$2,000 per year. The broker helps HG with claims, an activity not covered elsewhere. It was decided to contact the Special Districts Association (SDA) of Colorado, and see what services, if any, they can provide on claims. SDA manages the insurance pool that HGMD uses.

Two motions that originated in the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee died for a lack of second. The committee had recommended that the 50 percent discount for HG employees be reinstated within the restaurant.

At the Feb. 11 committee meeting, Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan noted the number of employees eating at Rendezvous had fallen to almost nothing, since the discount was discontinued in 2020. Employees eating at the restaurant during less-busy times (before noon) had created a time for meeting between employees and the exchange of ideas, and for employees and residents to interact in the dining room.

The committee also recommended that department managers have the ability to pool employee salary and benefits. The total budget numbers for salaries and ben-

efits would be assigned to managers, who would decide how to distribute the funds between full-time employees, part-time employees and benefits.

Archambault commented there was no provision in the 2020 budget to pay for reinstating the food discount. In the past, the employee paid half the cost; HGA covered the second half.

White noted there was a meeting the following day, to analyze sales and other data from the restaurant. He suggested any action wait for a more thorough analysis.

Rosenberg wondered if the decision on personnel salaries should be left entirely in the managers' hands. "What if we get a rogue manager?" she asked.

Linda Hileman, CP1, commented the manager still would be bound by the dollar amount of the budget. A rogue manager, she said, would not have unfettered say about salaries.

Al Lindeman, CP5, asked if the salary pool might not violate HGMD's management agreement with HGA. All employees technically work for HGA. He added, reinstatement of the food discount should be reconsidered at budget time, which — for 2021 — begins shortly. The new Personnel Committee — an HGA committee — probably should weigh in on both issues, particularly where benefits matters are concerned, he said.

Other actions by the board:

...approved purchasing a new reel grinder, for the Golf Course, from LL Johnson (\$49,429), to replace the old one, which is 15 years old.

...agreed the amount of petty cash kept in the restaurant could be increased \$250, so that servers can be paid their tips in cash. The number of patrons who use credit cards or write checks can leave the restaurant cash poor.

...extended the membership on the Golf Committee of Tom Fitzgerald, CP2, by one year.

## **Caring 4 Aurora petition initiated**

On Feb. 13, the Caring 4 Aurora campaign filed official paperwork with the Aurora Clerk's office to begin the initiative process to get mental health on the November 2020 ballot. A growing coalition of organizations and community leaders are spearheading the effort to bring more mental health funding to Aurora.

"Here in Aurora, we are ready to step up and help our friends, family members, and neighbors that are experiencing a mental health crisis," said former Representative Debbie Stafford, who is leading the petition effort. "We know how to come together as a community and are tired of Washington style politics getting in the way of what is right. That's why a majority of Republicans, a majority of Independents, and a majority of Democrats in Aurora all agree that the Caring 4 Aurora initiative needs to pass."

A poll conducted by Chris Keating showed that 72 percent of likely Aurora voters would vote yes on the Caring 4 Aurora mental health ballot measure. The poll also showed that there was majority support among key demographic groups including Democrats, Republicans,

and Unaffiliated voters in all wards of the city.

Initial supporters include organizations such as: Healthier Colorado, Signal Behavioral Health, Mile High Behavioral Healthcare, the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council, Mental Health Colorado and the Aurora Mental Health Center. Community leaders in support of the measure include: State Senate President Pro Tem Nancy Todd, State Speaker Pro Tem Janet Buckner, State Senator Rhonda Fields, State Representative Dominique Jackson, State Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Former State Representative Debbie Stafford, Aurora Community of Faith Chair Rev. Gregory McDonald, President of the Heartlight Center Jennifer McBride, Aurora healthcare activist Rich McLean, Pastor Al Combs, and Aurora citizen Desiree Banka.

"This measure is about saving lives," said Hillary Jorgensen, the Deputy Executive Director for Healthier Colorado.

"De-stigmatization of mental health is leading to new opportunities for Aurora to fill critical gaps in mental

*See Caring4Aurora...page 26*



## HGMD Board President Reports

By Craig Baldwin

### HGMD Election: May 2020

No, not the presidential election, although that is important. I'm referring to the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District election being held this year on May 5.

This year, we may have the opportunity to elect five new directors. Here's why.

My term is up. Other Directors Bill Archambault, David Funk and Mike George all were appointed during this last term; and Sandra Rosenberg, who has moved from HG, may be ineligible come May 5.

HGMD's first responsibility is seeing that the bond that was issued to build our beautiful Clubhouse is retired. The second board responsibility is to oversee the functions of three cost centers: Golf, Clubhouse and Rendezvous.

There will be an election day voting on Tuesday, May 5 in the Clubhouse. There will also be absentee

voting, which is accomplished either by mail or in the Management Office. Our Designated Election Official Evelyn Yberra will be handling each of these. She can be reached at 303-755-0652, extension 151.

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There has been some concern regarding the down time of the two saunas. The failure of the controls can be attributed to a couple of things. The controls originally installed were built for residential use, which assumes only 2-4 users. With the number of users much greater in HG, there was some misuse. In fact, one of the rubber covers to a reset button was completely worn out — even though that button should have been used very seldom.

Purchasing new commercial controls plus complete wiring of the systems were required. Because the costs were high, there was a delay in board action.

Director Sandra Rosenberg will chair the Foundation Committee for the foreseeable future, but I want to say a special thank you to all who donated so generously this past year to the Foundation. We were able to plant a number of trees on HGMD property, and ended the year with an amount in excess of \$17,000 in the Tree Fund. Looking forward to 2020, we will be able to remove and replace a number of trees.

My contact information is [craig/baldwin@heathergardens.org](mailto:craig/baldwin@heathergardens.org) and 720-535-1917. I would like to hear from you.

## Voting ...from page 6

state 1868] to the Constitution was to give slaves citizenship. No Democrat voted for it. All Republicans voted for it. [120-42 in the House of Representatives, 33-11 in the Senate. The House ratified Senate changes, 138-36 in June 1866.]

The 15th Amendment gave slaves the right to vote. Again, no Democrat voted for it. All Republicans did. [144-44 in the House; 39-13, February 1869. Ratified by enough states by February 1870.]

With the struggle of African-Americans to vote, they faced poll taxes or were asked to read a paragraph. Of course, since it was against the law for slaves to be educated, this very simple requirement denied African-Americans the opportunity to vote.

The Ku Klux Klan (KKK) was started by eight Democrats in Pulaski, Tennessee, on Christmas Eve in 1865. The reign of terror spread. It even came to Colorado. The Central Christian Church was instrumental in calling out the Klan. In its most infamous days, it hung blacks, Jews, white Republicans and Catholics.

In 1964, Al Gore's Dad led a filibuster against the equal rights voting act, which guaranteed a whole class of people the unfettered right to vote. President Johnson called on Republican Bob Dole to break the filibuster.

Some have complained about having to show a government-issued ID to vote. I have noted with interest that to fly, get a bank loan, to get certain prescriptions, and to get into either the Democrat or Republican conventions

— you have to show a government ID!

Having lived and gone to school in Kentucky and Virginia, I have seen the disgraceful treatment of minority citizens in the early 1960s to the mid 1970s. As a minister and a school teacher, I am deeply aware of the struggles that minorities have faced. (I attended Franklin County Schools, Frankfort, State College where I was the first white student in a historically black college.)

— Dick Laslo  
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{Editor's Note: Dick Laslo sent this as a letter to the editor in December, but it was too long for the letter section, where I have a contractual restriction to publish letters 300 words or less. In a national election year, I felt it was important to review this history of voting in the U.S.

Two notes: Earlier than civil war years, in colonial times when this country was established, the only legal voters were white men who owned land. Indentured workers, apprentices, women or African Americans could not vote.

After three weeks, Mike Coffman edged out Omar Montgomery for mayor of Aurora by 215 votes out of nearly 75,000 ballots cast. It took nine days after the election on Nov. 5 to confirm the result.}

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- Teri Eagan (233)
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### SOLD- Atrium C Gorgeous Remodel \$310,000

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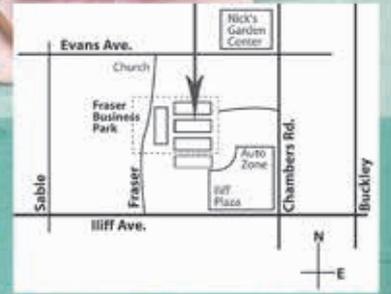
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## Publisher's Corner

### National Women's History Month: March since 1987

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

I'll try to describe how March became associated with women's history. You should note that the first Girl Scout troop in the United States is celebrated on March 12. And finally, I'll share the women due to be inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame this year (in March). Some of these events are connected.

The National Women's History Project petitioned Congress in 1987 to designate March as Women's History Month. Up to then, only 14 states had singled out the month for that kind of attention. Congress complied, approving legislation on March 12.

Prior to 1987, there had been 1-2 week celebrations of women's history since 1978, all in March. The National Women's History Project (NWHP) is a not-for-profit American organization founded in 1980 to "promote multicultural women's history awareness."

This year, the Women's History Month theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote." This was an obvious choice, because the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified Aug. 26, 1920. I considered writing about that amendment, but decided to wait until August.

Associated with the theme, the NWHP honors several women annually. This year honorees include:

- Maria Teresa Kumar: CEO, Voto Latino
- Eleanor Holmes Norton: Civil rights leader, congressperson (D.C.), lawyer and organizer
- Terry Ao Minnis: Senior director of the census and voting programs, Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- Edith Mayo: Suffrage historian, women's history movement activist

Another eight suffrage activists, now deceased, are to be honored as well.

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Juliette Gordon Low envisioned an organization that

would prepare girls to meet their world with courage, confidence, and character.

In 1912, in the midst of the Progressive Era — and at a time when women in the United States couldn't yet vote — this nearly deaf 51-year-old sparked a worldwide movement inspiring girls to embrace, together, their individuality, strength, and intellect. She registered the organization on March 12.

Juliette, affectionately known as "Daisy" by her family and close friends, gathered 18 girls in her hometown of Savannah, Georgia, to share what she had learned abroad about a new outdoor and educational program for youth, and with this, the Girl Scout Movement was born. Along with Juliette, these first Girl Scouts blazed trails and redefined what was possible for themselves and for girls everywhere.

They played basketball. They hiked, swam, and camped. They learned to read the world around them — for instance, by studying a foreign language and telling time by the stars. They shared a sense of curiosity and a belief that they could do anything.

But most importantly, just like Girl Scouts across the country and around the globe today, they offered a helping hand to those in need and worked together to improve their corner of the world.

That small gathering of girls Juliette Gordon Low hosted over a

century ago has grown into a global movement in which all girls can see themselves reflected — and that today includes 2.6 million Girl Scouts (1.8 million girls and 800,000 adults) in 92 countries and more than 50 million alums, united across distance and decades by lifelong friendships, shared adventures, and the desire to do big things to make the world a better place. [[www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-history.html](http://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-history.html)]

You probably have seen Girl Scouts selling cookies near your grocery store in the last 2-3 weeks. When I buy our favorites every year, I am reminded about how hard my sister and I worked to sell enough cookies to go to Girl Scout Camp. We loved the camping experience even when we did not enjoy the "selling" activity. With help from our parent's friends, we made our annual cookie quota.

I still remember the efforts made to earn badges to sew on a sash that we wore to meetings. I also remember the motto, "Be prepared." There are some other ceremonies that I have forgotten. Once I got to middle school, I found other pursuits.

Girl Scout week is celebrated in March. It always contains March 12, the birthday of the organization.

(Page 46 shows today's version of cookies being sold. Some varieties are wonderfully consistent, like chocolate mint, but others are phased in and out, based on cultural preferences. I was told by the mother of the girl who sold me the cookies that the revised lemon cookies had various statements to bolster confidence in girls. See left photo.)

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On March 18, the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame (CWHF) will induct 10 women into the hall at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center. A Secretary of the Interior and Colorado State Attorney General, a journalist and publisher, a frontier physician, a suffragist, journalists, educators, head of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, lawyers/civil rights activists, a community builder and restaurant owner comprise the CWHF Inductee Class of 2020.

The Colorado Women's Hall of Fame (CWHF) was founded in 1985. Every two years, the organization inducts contemporary and historical

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## Management

### 2019 Accomplishments: Maintenance Department

By Calvin White  
General Manager

Annually, all HG Departments report their accomplishments for the previous year in January. Because this report is lengthy, I have included only the Capital Reserve Projects started in 2019 (some were completed) and the items reported by the Maintenance Department in this month's column. Other departments will be reported in the April issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.

#### 2019 Capital Reserve Projects Completed:

- Two new indirect water heaters in B205.
- Chair rail project completed B231 and B212. With B212 completed, all 4-story buildings are now done.
- FDC Replacement at B213, B214, B221, B222, B231, B232, B233, B234 and B236. With these completed, all FDC's have been replaced though out HGA.
- Parking Structure concrete and railing repairs on six stairways.
- South Townhome repaired break in water main.

#### 2019 Capital Reserve Projects Started, but Will Be Completed in 2020:

- Chair rail project in B218.
- Elevator Interior Renovations: B202, B219 and B220
- Thirteen exterior 6-story building landings/stairs had concrete repairs and metal railing replaced.

#### Maintenance Department Accomplishments 2019:

- Maintenance completed 11,426 work orders. Of those, 1,563 were billable.
- Completed unit plumbing inspections in all multi-story buildings, Country Places and Townhomes.
- Gutter cleaning completed in all Country Places and Townhome buildings.
- Completed annual roof inspections and repairs on multi-story buildings.
- Annual inspections were completed and deficiencies repaired: 35 multi-story boilers and 34 fire-main backflow

preventors, 700 fire extinguishers, 25 fire alarms.

- Cleaned multi-story boiler tubes in seven buildings.
- B211: found and repaired a leak on 5-inch fire-main pipe outside front entry of the building.
- B242: replaced badly rusted railing on left side and modified right side to look the same at the front entry.
- Installed six magnetic door holders and relayed smoke alarms in 4-story buildings for fire doors. This replaced the original fusible linked door closer that no longer is available.
- Installed and rebuilt 15 boiler heat pumps.
- Replaced 11 sections of cracked and leaking cast-iron drainpipes in walls and ceilings. Did needed follow-up repairs from water damage.
- Replaced 21 sections of leaking copper pipes in walls and ceilings that supplied water. Did needed follow-up repairs from water damage.
- Found and repaired 10 wire shorts that were underground.
- Flushed out and cleaned sediment from six water heaters in 6-story buildings that were making noises. These are older water heaters — 10 plus years, made by State. Have a history of noise problems.
- Replaced two domestic hot-water pumps in 4-story buildings.
- Replaced six Country Place and Townhome mailboxes. All original mailboxes have now been replaced.
- Replaced eight isolation valves in the main stack of multi-story buildings.
- Replaced six sections of copper drainpipes located in walls and ceilings of 4-story buildings. Did needed follow-up repairs from water damage.
- Replaced six leaking cast-iron sanitary wye's and tee's in walls in 6-story buildings. Did needed follow-up repairs from water damage.
- Replaced three sections of ABS drainpipes in CP and TH units.
- Installed seven outside sewer-main double cleanouts and pipe repairs/replacement.
- Replaced 40 feet of railing around PS3. Cored out rusted metal embedded in the concrete curb that the railing was installed on.
- B209's fire-main pipe was replaced from the outside shutoff valve to the building's fire-main connection inside the building. This required jackhammering up the entry

See Accomplishments...page 26

#### Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White:

Wednesday, March 4, 8–9:30 am, Clubhouse Lobby — Join Calvin White for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to ask your burning questions.

## GM's Report

#### Administration:

- Worked on researching various accounts in the general ledger to correct and update for any missed items. Did account reconciliations.
- Maintenance Connection usage and training ARs continued. Invoicing with Jenark.
- Implemented three payrolls. The 401(k) plan transitioned well. Funds will be rolled into new plan

by mid to late March.

- Prepared and submitted all paperwork for the FHA recertification.
- Developed plans to restructure responsibilities and promote cross-training.
- Evaluated responsibilities for each position. Re-aligned duties to create efficiencies.
- Eliminated/reduced the need for overtime.
- Limited work on search for replacing for accounting/ERP system. Planning for the new year.
- Budget & Finance meeting. Worked with new

- investment advisor and John Coil on agreement.
- HR forms are being updated. Prepared new annual evaluation forms.
- Audit: began work on preparing for the audit. Auditors will be working onsite Feb 10– March 13.

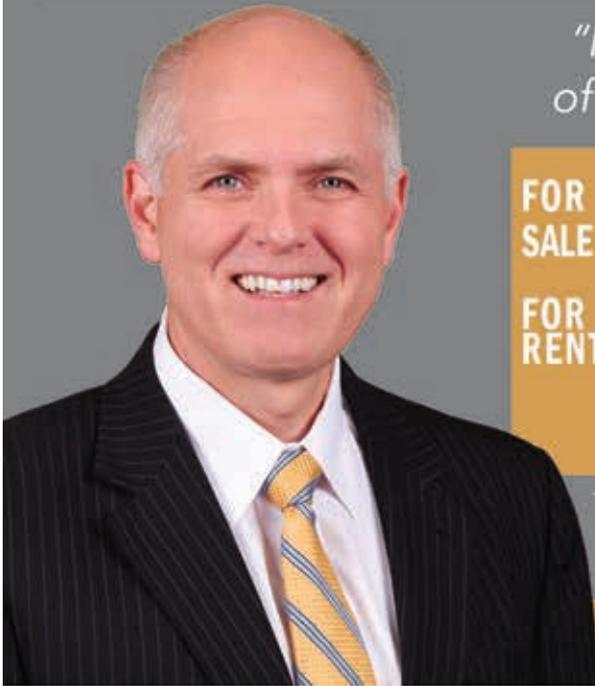
#### Maintenance:

- Completed 1,080 work orders, 79 of which were billable.
- Hired two new servicemen. Promoted Leo Munoz to Maintenance Coordinator. One vacancy.

See GM Report...page 30

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# Colorado has farms/ranches to visit that have historic interest

Historic tours, when conducted by guides who have first-hand memories of events, convey a fresh, stark quality to visitors. Guides who actually lived life relevant to the history of the site impart nuance, detail, emotion and aspects of historical record in ways historians cannot.

Recently, I received a thank you card from a woman who lived in Arapahoe County's 17 Mile House when she was growing up. I had met her earlier in the week during an open house on the site. Her note caused me to reflect on two other occasions this season when I met and toured with guides whose lives are embedded in Colorado history.

Ruth Dolan is the last surviving person to have lived in the 17 Mile House. Built in 1866 as a rest stop for cattle drovers and way station for stage coach riders traveling along the Cherokee/Smoky Hill Trail, the station converted to a farm when railroads replaced stage travel. She thanked me for sending a copy of a story I wrote for *Heather 'n Yon* about a neighboring family who had homesteaded the area now covered by Nine Mile Station. ("Ties to Heather Gardens land go back to 1930s for Heather Gardens resident," August 2007 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.)

Dolan's note continued the discussion we had begun earlier in the week at the farm's open house. She wrote she still thinks of the 17 Mile House "as our house." Her brother Jack, now deceased, had also felt that way about the spread his family owned from 1939 to 1976.

I had met Jack at the 2012 grand opening held to celebrate after the county restored the house and designated it a heritage site. This wasn't the first big event at the farm. In 1948, the family hosted a demonstration of new farming

and irrigating techniques. This earlier event, Fitting a Farm for the Future, drew a crowd of 15,000.

In 2019, Jack and I stood on the back porch, squinting into the lowering sun as we looked out toward Cherry Creek. I asked if he was happy to see hundreds of visitors roaming the land once again, participating in hay rides, games, music, and house tours.

"Yes," he said, eyes smiling.

Siblings Ruth and Jack provided considerable information toward the farm's historic documentation. She and a cousin continue to attend open house events. Their presence adds a gracious touch that bridges the years.

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Across the state, at another time, a different farm-based tour was offered during a Colorado Open Space Alliance conference. I met families devoted to land stewardship. The guides were multi-generational ranchers in Elk River Valley. Their fathers and grandfathers had contributed to building the Steamboat Springs Ski resort. By 1984, the resort had pushed ranch property taxes beyond the reach of cattlemen.

Tax assessments equaled three-quarters the value of Jay Fletcher's ranch, which he valued more than any amount of money he would have received from developers. Persuading other ranchers to join him, he formed a small land-trust board in 1992. Then he placed conservation



17 Mile House Farm Park Master Plan Report

Above: 17 Mile House, 8181 South Parker Road (photo from Arapahoe County Master Plan, October 2007)



Above: Turn of the century homestead house, Elk River Valley, Colorado (Photo by Dala Giffin)

## 2020 Open House and Tour Dates for 17 Mile House Farm Park (9 am to noon)

- March 7
- May 2
- July 11
- Sept. 12
- Nov. 14
- April 4
- June 13
- August 8
- Oct. 17
- Dec. 5

easements on his property. When more ranchers opted to entrust their property with easements, Jay founded the Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust in 1995.

The cattlemen echoed Jay's sentiment, "I'd rather be poor than not have my land." Their passion was palpable.

As a squall advanced from behind, Jay stood next to me on a small hill-top cemetery and asked, "What do you see?"

Surveying the many miles and few homes and barns situated in their natural landscape, I replied, "Working ranches."

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Former miners of the now defunct coal mines near Trinidad, Colorado, are equally impassioned about preserving their history.

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# At “The Ranch,” have we seen ‘em all?

The Wyoming property our family calls “The Ranch” actually was a working ranch at one time. The original homesteader and subsequent owners raised cattle and grew quality hay. What came to be called the ranch headquarters was, and is, located on the Overland Trail as a stage stop. This necessitated the erection of several utilitarian buildings such as a barn, blacksmith shop, dance hall/saloon and, later, a post office as well.

In 1924, my grandmother, a widow with two children, married the landowner, a widower with three children. Eventually, as happens in families, the property passed on to my father. In 1990, it came under the ownership of my sister Donna and I, along with my husband Bill.

I wasn’t entirely raised on The Ranch, but it was always a cherished part of my life. When Donna and I were old enough to venture out alone some evenings, my mother showed us that waving a flashlight like a beacon and speaking loudly would warn “the other residents” (such as skunks, raccoons, badgers, porcupines and even a possible bear or bobcat) that humans were approaching.

I did encounter an occasional skunk or “porky,” but by following my mother’s advice, I was unharmed. Our dogs, however, weren’t always so lucky. Skunks left us all suffering. Porcupine quills were painfully removed from dog noses by the entire family. As a child, I was fascinated while watching a bear cub “treed” by one of our dogs. I didn’t know enough to be worried about exactly where its *Mother* might be. I know much better now.

The property is close enough to Heather Gardens that we can enjoy it — a welcome escape from the traffic and bustle of this very large city. From various locations at the

ranch house, we’ve observed all sorts of wildlife: deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, moose. Recently we watched a black bear sufficiently destroy the apple tree that my father had planted from seed. (We thought it would surely die, but lately we harvested even more apples from that tree in the fall. Nature knows Best!)

This past summer, my husband and I observed something quite unusual around sunset. From the living room window, I noticed a fox racing across the front yard with great urgency. Turning away, I remarked about it to Bill, and looked outside again. I was more than flabbergasted as a full grown cougar sauntered into the yard toward our parked car. Less than 20 feet away from the window, “he” followed the route of the fox, of course. In mid-stride, however, he was distracted by his own reflection on the side of the car.

In no hurry to catch the fox now, he behaved much like a kitten seeing itself in a mirror for the first time: staring at himself, then moving slowly around, sitting, and eventually going to the other side of the car just to see “where that other cougar could be hiding.”

After several minutes of self-admiration, he moved on in the direction of the escaped fox. Bill and I were relieved, but only momentarily. “Freddy the Cougar” returned, determined to find that other cat! Eventually discouraged, he went back to casually pursuing the fox again. He disappeared into the forest beyond the yard.

A local Game Warden told me that this cat’s behavior was much like a human teenager. He’s a bit reckless and curious about life, not having yet learned to behave as he should — like the shy and elusive animal he should be.

Without a doubt, cougars are magnificent creatures, but I have to be honest — I’m sure glad there was a window *and* a wall between Freddy the Cougar and me.

– Christine Ross  
CP2



*HG residents, Christine and Bill Ross, CP2, had an unexpected encounter with a juvenile cougar, who was puzzled by his reflection in their car.*

*The event occurred at their second home, The Ranch, in Wyoming.*





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# The Month (February)

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HG Community Directory was delivered to all residents at the end of January. Some residents were surprised at the results — they were unlisted, information was incorrect, and miscellaneous additional errors.

Every effort is made to get updated information in October every year. Area Representatives are asked to consult their neighbors before deleting any resident (when deceased) or correcting phone numbers. The one thing they cannot do — add new residents to the building or area. By Colorado law, all residents must sign a form at the HG Management Office before your name and phone number can appear in the directory.

If you want to be listed, but were not in the 2020 directory, then you should visit the Management Office to request the form that provides your data for next year's directory.

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Correction: In last month's issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, a photo of the white deer in the Cherry Creek Spillway was published. It was labeled "albino," which upon further research — it is not. According to Cherry Creek State Park rangers, it is a leucistic deer. Leucism, in animals, "is a condition in which there is partial loss of pigmentation — which causes white, pale, or patchy coloration of the skin, hair, feathers, scales or cuticle, but not the eyes. Unlike albinism, it can cause a reduction in multiple types of pigment, not just melanin. [Wikipedia]"

The park rangers noted that a young male deer has not been seen in 1.5 years. The deer photographed is and older female.

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At the Feb. 20 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors, Foundation Chair Sandra Rosenberg announced a tree dedication, sometime in the spring, in memory of former HGMD Director Jeanne Hizer, former B232. Hizer chaired the Foundation Committee, and spearheaded a fundraiser, soliciting dedicated donations to replace trees on the property. Her outreach stimulated so many donations from HG residents that she became known as, "The Tree Lady."

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# That Was...

what all the earth moving in the Cherry Creek Spillway near Yale Avenue was about, Dala Giffin investigated. Park rangers told her that the Army Corps of Engineers had not shared a lot of information, but the equipment is dredging debris that has accumulated in the Spillway to restore the optimum level of the berms to mitigate floods. It was noted that this is done every 10 years. If you walk into Cherry Creek State Park, you will see another area that is being dug out around the creek that drains into Cherry Creek reservoir.

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The Golf Course was closed for much of February, for snow; however, banner play on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 1 and 2, generated revenues that will keep numbers close to budget projections. Revenues in January were more than double budget projections, despite the course being closed several days that month, due to snow. The Golf Course booked more than \$10,000 in revenue, said Golf Pro Greg Kohr, \$2,500 of which came from merchandise sales.

Golf Committee Member Debbie Madril noted that Kohr deserved kudos for his work on fixing the seats on a number of golf carts that have split open, from age and use. Kohr obtained a quote of \$4,600, from a vendor, to replace the seat covers, then discovered he could buy covers directly online. HG staff members can perform the labor in-house, at a total cost of \$600.

Kevin Keator, B217, commented, "I don't golf. But the way they've been raising rates lately, I think the \$9 (resident greens-fee rate) should be raised to \$12. Golf Committee Chair Bill Archambault responded, "At the June (committee) meeting, we will make recommendations for (the) 2021" budget, including golf fees.

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At the Feb. 11 meeting of the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee, Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise announced that she had been forced to find a new bus company, Z Casinos, for HG casino trips.

"Their contract is stricter," she said. The bus company is charging more per person, and demands 35 riders to make the trip.

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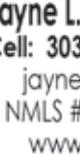
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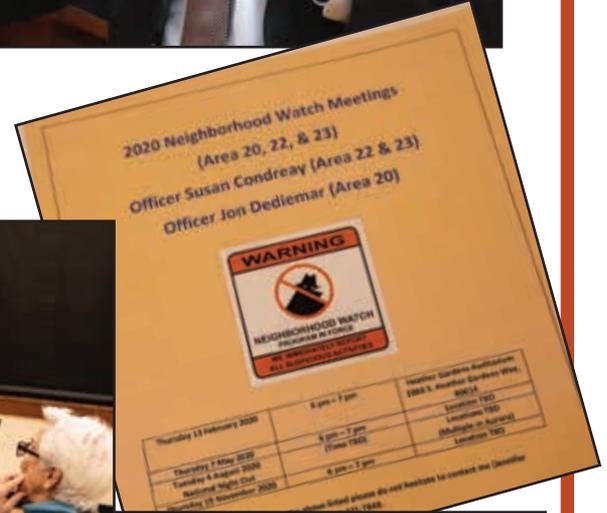


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Colorado legislators **Senator Nancy Todd** (below), **HD31 Representative Jovan Melton** (below right) and **Senator Jeff Bridges** visit HG monthly for a town hall with constituents. This one, on Jan. 29, gave HG residents a chance to hear what the new legislative session in Colorado might mean to you.



Photos by Janis Farrell



**A Neighborhood Watch meeting** was held at HG for Areas 20, 22 and 23 (HG). **Par Officer Susan Condrey** (above) and **Officer Jon Dediemar** (standing near stairs in right photo) led the event, which happens about four times a year. They shared their policing concerns for the neighborhood and answered questions.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

It is always a treat to see the creativity of HG residents. On Jan. 31, the Club-house sponsored an **Art Show** for residents. Exhibitors shared their artistic vision as creations in a variety of



media including: quilts, paintings, embroidery, ceramics, stained glass, glassware, Japanese Bunko, and tatting. It was hard to pick a favorite.



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## Caring4Aurora...from page 10

health services and supports. Caring 4 Aurora will follow trailblazers like Seattle, Washington, and neighboring Denver to build a successful model in order to improve the health of our community. As an Aurora citizen, I'm ready to work alongside my neighbors to make a real difference."

Background: Caring 4 Aurora is a ballot initiative that increases sales tax and use by one-quarter-of-one-percent (25 cents on a \$100-dollar purchase), to raise \$16.2 million that will be used for improving the quality, availability, and affordability of community-based mental health and addiction care in Aurora. Services that will be supported include men-

tal health prevention services and treatment for children, youth, adults, seniors and veterans; suicide prevention programs; a co-responder program for mental health professionals to assist first responders; and opioid and substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery programs. The funds will be managed by an independent board of stakeholders in mental health and addiction services. Grants will be awarded to organizations across Aurora after a review process.

Recent research shows that 72 percent of likely voters support the initiative — regardless of political party, gender, age, income, educa-

tion, ethnicity or location in the city. The ballot measure will need approximately 11,200 signatures in four months to get on the November 2020 ballot.

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— **Debbie Stafford**  
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## 2019 Accomplishments...from page 15

lobby and hallway in front of the elevator.

- Clubhouse spa boiler was replaced.
- Biennial boiler inspections completed on all 86 boilers in multi-story buildings. The Inspector only found two water-heater PRV metal information tags missing and one new water heater that needed an isolation valve replaced. It was warranty work for the contractor that installed it. All deficiencies were corrected.
- Installed one new boiler expansion tank in B213.
- B207, roof fire-standpipe valve was replaced. This valve was embedded inside a concrete block wall between the fourth floor center stairwell and the elevator shaft wall.
- Installed five new continuous hinges on several multi-story building security doors, modifying them from the

original pivot hinges.

- Modified all the Clubhouse picnic pavilion table legs to help prevent tipping issue.
- Elevator carpet floors have been replaced with luxury vinyl flooring in B201, B202, B203, B204, B205, B206, B217, B218, B221, B223, B232 and B236.
- Re-wired and installed LED lights at the Maintenance Building in all locations to help with energy savings.
- Completed plumbing work in boiler rooms for Leak Control Services to install their systems in B209, B210, B211 and B212. Systems were installed. We now have 18 multi-story buildings with leak control systems installed.
- Replaced two Country Place garage floors that were badly cracked, becoming a tripping hazard.
- Installed Fire Department Knox

Boxes on all twelve 4-story buildings and B250.

- Found and repaired leaking heat-run pipes in three of the 6-story buildings. This required jackhammering concrete floors.
- B213, B214, B215 and B216 dryer vents cleaned. These were the last four buildings to be completed. All 6-story and B250 have been cleaned. The last time we hired a contractor to do this work, it cost \$9,000 per building in 2013. This project was started in 2016 by adding two Maintenance Apprentice positions and \$6,000 for equipment. Doing this project with HGA employees saved HGA \$207,000 worth of contractor labor. This is only one project of a long list of duties that the apprentices have.
- Replaced kitchen drainpipes under concrete floors in two 4-story buildings on the first floor.



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# History *...from page 17*

Alex Sanders, one of the last miners to be let go when the mines shuttered in 1989 volunteered to give a tour to a group of Colorado Press Women. His tour began by looking over a quarter-mile stretch of defunct coke ovens set side-by-side in the former company town, Cokedale.

Driving along streets of identical cottages that are still occupied, he took us through canyons that formed a complex web of dusty back county roads, triangulating Weston, Ludlow and Trinidad. Not all the locals know their way through the twists, turns and intersections, he said.

Riding in the backseat of his pick-up, I listened as he drew our attention to ghost farms and abandoned mines. Remarking on a plethora of concrete slabs — the only visible remains of Berwind — he noted the hard work that miners had put into building their homes after having worked long days in the mines. Ironically, the jail is the only surviving structure.

He is enormously proud of a mining museum, statuary and monuments that his chapter of the United Mine Worker's of America erected in Trinidad and Ludlow to honor miners who fought for an eight-hour work day. Other union initiatives that were championed: wages to be paid in currency instead of script, freedom to choose non-company doctors, and freedom to send their children to public schools.



Above: Jail house in ghost town Berwind, Las Animas County, Colorado  
(Photo by Dala Giffin)

With Alex, we stopped at the site of the Ludlow Massacre. Here, two women and 11 children, hiding in a cellar on Easter 1914, had been burned alive by Colorado National Guard and guards for the mining company, Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. Alex is indignant while showing where vandals severed body parts from the statues. Repairs were made at great cost, but the scars remain.

He refused the gas money we offered because his tour was a labor of love. I pressed a \$20 dollar bill into his hand, anyway, saying, "This is a donation for the monuments. I'm a union girl." He had tears in his eyes as he accepted it.

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My three guides — Ruth, Jay, and Alex — provided multi-dimensional glimpses into nearby worlds that I'd never before ventured. The scenes and stories moved me. As a listener, I felt involved. I am grateful for such memorable opportunities to experience these worlds.

— Dala Giffin

Below: Hill top cemetery on Jay Fletcher's ranch in Clark, Colorado  
(Photo by Dala Giffin)



Top: Former coal miner Alex Sanders on site at Ludlow Massacre monument, which reads: In memory of the men, women and children who lost their lives in Freedom's cause at Ludlow, Colorado, April 20, 1914. Erected by the United Mine Workers of America.

Statutes were repaired after vandals severed body parts. Above: Entry to cellar where 11 children and two women perished during the Ludlow Massacre, Easter Sunday, 1914 (Photos by Dala Giffin)

Left: Del's Triangle Three barn, Elk River Valley, Colorado. (Del was one of three cattlemen who guided the tour. Photo by Dala Giffin)





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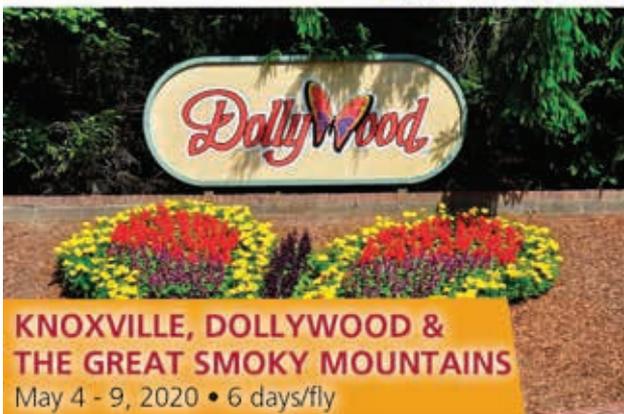
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# GM Report...from page 15

- Completed the work orders system transition from Jenark to Maintenance Connection. We are fully digital now.
- Bad valves and other recent plumbing issues in the Clubhouse were addressed.
- Scheduled three elevator cabs for renovation (B202, B219, B220), to begin in February.
- Developed a plan to have Turner Morris replace the foam roof on B216, which has failed and is retaining water.
- Installed Fire-Stop flame retardant systems in 25 units. This program is beginning to gain interest in stove safety concerns.
- The flagpole light in front of the Clubhouse has been restored.
- Annual fire-system backflow testing and inspections will commence in February.
- Routine maintenance and repairs such as boiler chemicals, copper and cast-iron pipe repairs, heat pump repair/replacement are ongoing.

## Paint:

- Completed 50 work orders.
- Continued work in B218 (chair rail project).
- Reworked goals and objectives for 2020.

## Clubhouse:

- Casino Bus: Found a new bus service to a casino monthly. The contract is more restrictive but doable. We charge \$6 per person.
- Sauna console repair: after many weeks, both saunas were running in February. The men's sauna has been working since January 23.
- Silver Sneakers: Looking at offering a Silver Sneakers class at HG.
- Woodshop Tools purchased: The Woodshop tools were purchased because Rockier had a sale.
- 9Health Fair: Planning for April 22, 8 am-noon.
- Multiple meetings and events were scheduled for the year, including rental contracts.
- Planned resource fair.

## Contracts:

- Parking Structures 1-3 Post Tension Cable Repair. Restruction began work in February with isolated parts of the parking lot shut down during construction, allowing residents to park where work was not being done.
- Foam Roof at B216: Turner Morris submitted a Conditions Report along with a Cost Proposal to replace the roof with 60 mil. EPDM.
- Reviewed the spread sheet for replacing carpets to start planning the schedule for 2021.
- Worked with Farnsworth Engineering and Empirical Construction to get a proposal for the ventilation issues at B223. Expect a rebid from Empirical Construction based on Farnsworth's proposal.
- Elevator B233. After several unsuccessful attempts, the elevator contractor was able to repair the knock on Jan. 6.
- Contacted potential Siding/Gutter Contractors.
- Generated an RFP template to use for the Fed-

eral Pacific Electrical Panel Project. Consultant said there are two major code upgrades the city will require before releasing a permit.

- Met with fuel tank contractors to discuss needs.
- Loren Reimer of Walker Consultants continued investigating parking structures.

## Custodial:

- Completed 30 set-ups at Clubhouse. (Morning crew)
- Completed 50 set-ups at Clubhouse. (Evening crew)
- Finished carpet cleaning in all 4-story buildings.
- Started carpet cleaning in 6-story buildings.
- Finished replacing entryway carpet in B212.
- Started cleaning restaurant.
- Evening crew will start deep cleaning locker room floors.
- B218 getting chair rail: coordinated with paint department.
- Worked with contracts to replace carpet in selected buildings.
- Started new part-time employee for B221, B222, B241 and B250 (Zone 5).
- Started new part-time employee for B201-B206. (Zone 1).
- Zone changes were made on Jan. 6 for all buildings and Clubhouse.
- Replaced all vacuums in buildings and Clubhouse.
- Ordered new buffer and small extractor.

## Roads and Grounds:

- Completed annual fall projects: fertilizing, irrigation winterization, garage sweeping, etc.
- Continued winter duties: ice control, remove leaves, tree pruning, etc.
- Began asphalt repairs: Repaired damaged asphalt in PS4 caused by tree roots and infrared potholes on several drives.
- Completed concrete repairs.
- Completed timber wall in CP1 and CP3.
- Planted seven trees on HGMD property, funded by the Foundation.
- Hung and removed holiday lights.
- Cleared snow and swept sand when weather allowed.
- Removed four trees and pruned many others.

## Golf:

- Managed to create over \$10k in sales, including \$2,500+ in merchandise sales in January. The golf simulator was busy with more than 20 rental hours, \$400 in revenue.
- Ordered new merchandise that should arrive soon.
- All 2019 leagues have been contacted and given their 2020 contracts to return. Locker room updated with new name labels, and all locker owners have their bags tagged with name and locker number on a bag tag.
- Stump grinding is taking place on the course to remove all old tree stumps.
- New snowplow is scheduled to arrive any day.

- Assistant Superintendent Gilmar Borges attended the national golf course show the last week of January.

## Restaurant:

- Held banquets and parties.
- New menu had new items and updated pricing.
- Tuesday and Friday night is buffet only. Sunday brunch buffet is the biggest seller. Might do buffets for special events only, where controlling food cost is easier.
- Looking for deal with AutoChlor. Will have chemicals go through SYSCO.
- Worked with Chef Kevin and Courtney on ways to streamline labor to cut hours.
- Music on second and fourth Saturdays will continue.
- Worked on webpage to get menus, events and specials sent out earlier.
- Held Super Bowl Party on Feb. 2.
- Updated all banquet prices. Called all Happy Hour groups to confirm count and date.
- Started booking 2020 Holiday parties.

## Security:

- Set up the T-Mobile account for department. Can now use mobile laptops in cars. Can retrieve resident information that may be needed immediately.
- Got new key from Keybank, which has moved to new location. This allows us to be able to drop off HG's deposits at any time.
- Due to an uptick in burglaries occurring in the RV Lot, Security coordinated efforts with the General Manager and Maintenance to reprogram the RV Lot's occupant's remote controls. Plan to change the code on a quarterly basis. Examining alternative security measures, including adding additional lighting (motion detecting), security cameras and motion activated sensors that would run the entire length of the fencing.
- We are currently understaffed but are running an ad for Security Officers on *Indeed.com*.



# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

The first event for the newly formed Geocaching Club will be 1 pm Saturday, March 14.

Meet at the main tables, first floor of HG Clubhouse (1 pm). Then we will decide where (from three choices) to go caching and who will be riding with whom. I am offering rides in my Kia Soul, which fits 4-5 riders comfortably. Hopefully there will be other willing drivers. We will not be driving far. I welcome suggestions for good caching sites each outing. Weather permitting, we'll try some urban caching, local parks and maybe state parks. Dress accordingly.

Join Karen and HG Geocachers, from newbies to the experienced. Enjoy first hand the wonderful world of Geocaching. This is a sport, a hobby — a game for all ages and abilities. If you like walking or hiking or just strolling on the sidewalks of the city, you too can enjoy this game.

Email [ksb5x5@hotmail.com](mailto:ksb5x5@hotmail.com) for more information or suggestions. Happy caching!

– Karen Gold  
B201

## Heather 'n Yon

Being new to the community, I want to thank and congratulate you for your informative magazine.

I wanted readers in the community to know that I am hoping to start a NEW CLUB to center around birding, with other gifts of nature also of interest.

The first meetings of interested people will better define the club activities but here are some ideas:

- Local birding trips with car pooling and maybe lunch.
- Coordination with destination managers so our group may receive

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demonstrations or lectures centered around the place we are visiting.

- Walks here in the “neighborhood” to discover what is in our own backyard.

- If there is enough interest, maybe an overnight outing to a special birding/nature spot.

This club is for ALL. No experience is necessary. Basic observation ideas like the type of binoculars, internet guides, traditional bird identification books, and trail etiquette will be shared.

Did you know that there are over 100 bald eagles at Barr Lake State Park in Brighton, Colorado, which is less than a one hour drive? The park has motorized tours with handicap access. Volunteers explain as you go. The staff will even come here to “Show and Tell” all that they offer.

Another place is Cherry Creek State Park, our next door neighbor. Do you know about the National Eagle Repository that is less than 30 minutes away?

There are lots of opportunities to learn something new, enjoy mother nature, and meet more neighbors. The club is being formed by Tom and Ginny Reeber, B204. Both have been volunteers at state parks and helped in their bird feeding/observation programs. We have a basic knowledge of birding but are NOT “experts.”

If interested in this new club, please email [treeber48@gmail.com](mailto:treeber48@gmail.com), or call Tom or Ginny, 828-489-1344. We think it will be a fun group.

– Tom Reeber  
B204

## Heather 'n Yon

On Jan. 24 the HG LGBTQ and Friends celebrated its first year together. It has been a successful year meeting so many HG residents and having great community support. We have had awesome guest speakers, a great monthly gathering and great opportunities to get to know so many people. This is an all inclusive gathering of people who have come from all walks of life and have lived many experiences in life.

I know that in my life I have had much heartbreak, like so many gay men and women. After having the courage to come out at the age of 45, and not having to live a lie anymore, I made my first step in healing. It has been so great to hear stories from our

straight friends that have brothers or sisters, sons or daughters or grandchildren who are gay or transgender. They give all their love and support their relative needs. I also have two gay sons that I love very much. I am so happy that they have full lives of their own.

When I talk about my spouse, I have a problem saying my husband. That is just normal to me. When my sister asks me how Joe is, she will also say “How is my brother-in-law? Doing that makes me feel great.

Several times in the past year, I have been asked by residents if I might know or have met their neighbors? If I know they are a gay couple, I don't tell them, because they have a right to their lives. I don't go knocking on doors. We are a transparent gathering and embrace all who come to the gathering.

I have also been asked if we are a club here in HG. I will say no, because we gather once a month for friendship and an opportunity to get to know each other.

We do potlucks, have cocktails and appetizers at times, play games, and have speakers. It's all about the fellowship with our community. All are welcome and we look forward to another great year.

– David Hetzel and Joe Saman  
STH

## Heather 'n Yon

One Tuesday evening. I went to Rendezvous Restaurant for Happy Hour with about 40 people. Many were disappointed that the only food service offered was the buffet. The buffet was delicious as always but many people couldn't eat from it because of food allergies. One person was told they could eat from the salad bar for \$10. The options on the salad bar were not what you could get at Ruby Tuesdays for the same price. Consequently, many residents in our group chose to not eat. One couple chose to leave, eating dinner at a different restaurant. Some patrons, I'm sad to say, showed their displeasure by not tipping the wait staff and writing unkind remarks on the register receipt. Please bear in mind that the wait staff doesn't make the decisions on running the restaurant!

On another occasion, only one of eight patrons who started their evening  
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# MARCH CALENDAR

Mon 2	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	11:30 am–2:30 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Tai Chi Yang Style Practice Group (every Monday)	Sandberg Auditorium	1:45–3:35 pm
	Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Men's Texas Hold 'em (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	5–9 pm
	Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6:30–9:30 pm
Tue 3	<b>Clubhouse Event: Avoiding the Crisis</b>	Aspen Room	9 am
	Bridge (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	7 pm
Wed 4	<b>Meet &amp; Greet with General Manager Calvin White</b>	Clubhouse Lobby	8–9:30 am
	<b>Mobile Post Office</b>	<b>Circle Driveway</b>	<b>12:50–1:05 pm</b>
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1–4:30 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	CP1 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Co-ed Poker (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	5–9 pm
Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7–9:30 pm	
Thu 5	HG Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8:30 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–4 pm
	Cribbage (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–3:30 pm
	Open Bridge Club (every Thursday)	Clubhouse Lobby	1:30–4 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Thursday)	Sandberg Auditorium	3–5 pm
	CP4 Social	Rendezvous	5 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora	Skyview Room	6 pm
	American Legion Post 2012	Mountainview Room	6:30 pm
Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9:30 pm	
Fri 6	Men with Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
	500 Club (every Friday)	Skyview Room	1 pm
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Clubhouse Showcase</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	1–4 pm
	<b>2020 Census Information Meeting</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	4:30 pm
	Men's Poker (every Friday)	Skyview Room	5–9 pm

## Advertised Activities

Mon, March 2	Bayer Ear Clinic (Every Monday)	Arts & Craft Room, 9 am–Noon (See ad, p. 63)
Sat, March 7	Small Ship Cruise Expo, Krayton Travel, Lowry Conference Ctr,	10 am–6 pm (See ad, p. 9)
Thu, March 5	FREE Stem Cell Workshop, Peak Vitality,	Blue Spruce Room, 4–5:15 pm (See ad, p. 8)
Tue, March 10	Free Breakfast/Windows, Renewal by Andersen,	Skyview Room, 10:30 am (See ad, p. 52)
Wed, March 18	Reverse Mortgage, Shana Judd,	Mountainview Room, 10:18 am (See ad, p. 40)
Tue, Mar 31	Lunch & Learn/Caregiving, Cherry Creek Retirement Village,	11:30 am (See ad, p. 21)

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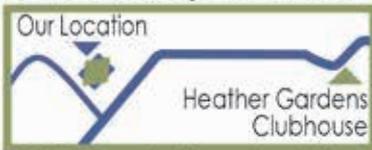
Sat 7	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday) <b>Clubhouse Event: 1st Saturday Night Live Dance</b>	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Sandberg Auditorium	noon–4:30 pm 2–5 pm 6:30–9:30 pm
Tue 10	VNA Clinic Parkinson's Support Group HG Indivisible Group B203, B204, B205 and B206 Happy Hour	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	1–3:30 pm 1–3 pm 4–5 pm 5 pm
Wed 11	<b>Clubhouse Event: Beethoven and the Piano</b> Tennis Club Social Meeting Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	2 pm 5 pm 7 pm
Thu 12	Green Team <b>Clubhouse Event: London and Paris</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Tools of Aging in Place</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: All About Technology</b>	Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room	noon 1 pm 1 pm 5:30–6:30 pm
Fri 13	<b>Clubhouse Matinee: Midway</b> Karaoke Club <b>Clubhouse Movie: Midway</b>	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm 6 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 14	Women with Dreams 50 and Who's Counting	Mountainview Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	2–4 pm 6 pm
Mon 16	<b>Clubhouse Event: Ask a Pharmacist</b> VNA Clinic Photography Club	Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	11 am 1–3:30 pm 3 pm
Tue 17	B201 and B202 Happy Hour <b>Town Hall Meeting with Ward V Alison Coombs</b>	Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	4 pm 6:30 pm
Wed 18	<b>Census Forms Assistance</b> CP3 Social Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	1–4 pm 5:30 pm 7–9 pm
Thu 19	HG Optimist Club <b>Clubhouse Event: Bingo</b> Bunko Kiwanis Club of Aurora	Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room	noon 1–3 pm 1–3:30 pm 6 pm
Fri 20	<b>Clubhouse Event: Resource Fair</b> Men with Purpose Coffee	Clubhouse Skyview Room	9 am–noon 10 am
Sat 21	<b>Clubhouse Event: Arts and Crafts Fair</b>	Clubhouse	9 am–3 pm
Mon 23	Low Vision Support Group	Mountainview Room	1:30 pm
Tue 24	HG Republican Club HG Democratic Club	Aspen Room Aspen Room	1:30 pm 4 pm
Wed 25	Resident Orientation HG Ladies Golf Board Sevillians Social <b>Colorado Capitol Updates</b>	Board Room Board Room Rendezvous Restaurant Arts & Crafts Room	10 am 1 pm 5 pm 6 pm
Fri 27	Pride at Heather Gardens	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	6:30 pm
Sat 28	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
Tue 31	Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room	7 pm

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**Bible Study** (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8–9 am

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

**Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study**, Please join us for a journey through the Scriptures. Only requirement is your Bible. We meet @ 9:30 am Tuesdays, Sept.–May, in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email [clinecellars57@yahoo.com](mailto:clinecellars57@yahoo.com).

**Bible Study (women)**, second and fourth Thursdays, 10 am, Skyview Room. Join Carolyn Morris in using Bible selections to face everyday problems. Our group started a new study on Thursday, Jan. 9. We are using a series by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel, called "The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi." Sobel is a spiritual guide and Jewish follower of Yeshua (Jesus). His ministry is dedicated to sharing teachings and resources that reconnect ancient Jewish wisdom with the teachings of the New Testament. Kathie Lee Gifford has made about 17 trips to Israel in her life, beginning as a teenager. Her journey with the Rabbi takes you beyond some traditional visual images of the life of Jesus in Israel. The six sessions include: Bethlehem — where it all began; Nazareth — the early years; Capernaum — ministry headquarters; Galilee — ministry grounds; Mount of Olives — the triumphal entry; Jerusalem — crucifixion and resurrection. If you would like to join our group, call Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, B217/103, so that she can have enough books for everyone. Cost of the book is \$8.

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

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

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

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

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

**FYI**

**VNA Senior Wellness Clinics**

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (first visit, 1 hour), \$35 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15; Blood Pressures \$3; B-12 Shots (serum supplied by client) \$15, Glucose \$5. *If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5.* Have exact cash amount or checks, made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change. Call VNA, 303-698-6496.

**Schedule:**

- Tuesday, March 10, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce
- Monday, March 16, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce

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

**Ward V Town Hall Meetings**

Newly elected Ward V Councilmember Alison Coombs will hold her next Town Hall meeting at HG, 6:30 pm Tuesday, March 17. As a constituent, this is your chance to ask questions and share your views on issues being discussed by the City Council of Aurora.

**Colorado Legislature Town Hall Meetings**

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- Property Policy – 9:30 am Mon, March 2
- SEC – 1 pm Wed, March 2
- Communications – 10 am Tue, March 3
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, March 5
- ad hoc Personnel Policy – 10 am Fri, March 6
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, March 10
- Clubhouse/Restaurant – 3 pm Tue, March 10
- Foundation – 1 pm Wed, March 11
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, March 16
- Campus Technology – 10 am Tue, March 17
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, March 17**
- Long Range Plan – 10 am Wed, March 18
- ACC – 10 am Thu, March 19
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, March 19**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, March 19 (Rendezvous)
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, March 31
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, March 31

Nancy Todd, Senator Jeff Bridges, and Representative Jovan Melton, come to HG for a town hall meeting. It is your chance to share your opinions on various topics with your legislators. The next meeting is 6:30 pm Wednesday, March 25, in the Mountainview Room.

**Senior Property Tax Homestead Exemption**

A property tax exemption is available to qualifying senior citizens and the surviving spouses of those who previously qualified. There are three basic requirements to qualify:

- 1) The qualifying senior must be at least 65 years old on Jan. 1 of the year in which he or she applies;
- 2) The qualifying senior must be the property owner of record and must have been so for at least 10 consecutive years prior to Jan. 1; and
- 3) The qualifying senior must occupy the property as his or her primary residence and must have done so for at least 10 consecutive years prior to Jan. 1.

Surviving spouses may apply, but will have to use the long-form application.

For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 of actual value of the applicant's primary residence is exempted. The state will reimburse the county treasurer for lost revenue.

Applications are available online, or by contacting the county assessor, PK Kaiser, 303-795-4600. ([www.arapahoegov.com/244/Senior-Citizen-Property-Tax-Exemption](http://www.arapahoegov.com/244/Senior-Citizen-Property-Tax-Exemption))

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ning at the bar chose to eat the buffet. There were few full tables in the dining room.

After discussing with companions, we heard that the majority thought Rendezvous should disperse with the buffet except for the Friday night Prime Rib, the Sunday Brunch and other special occasion parties or celebrations (holidays). To use the beautiful new buffet table, Rendezvous could offer a soup and salad bar at a fair price.

Keep in mind that we are mainly serving a community of seniors whose appetites have dwindled with age.

Preparing food for a buffet is difficult without knowing the number of diners. You will invariably prepare too much or too little. It was suggested by one patron that leftovers could be sold as "to go" meals the next day at a reduced price.

It's difficult to pay the price of a buffet and only be able to eat a small amount. If one can order from the menu, one can take half home — eating it for lunch the next day. We enjoy Rendezvous Restaurant (both food and staff) so we hope this difficult problem will soon be handled in a fair and equitable manner.

— **David Loomis**  
**Roberta O'Donnell, B221;**  
**Carole Harris, B206**

## Heather 'n Yon

I am working on putting things together to start FUN GALS GOLF play in April -- weather permitting. This is in addition to Wednesday play with the HG Ladies Golf Club.

There will be both Tuesday and Thursday morning groups. Feel free to join either, neither, or both days.

As I envision things, FUN GOLF will be fairly self-sustaining. Initially, tee times will start 9–9:30ish, and roll earlier as the weather heats up.

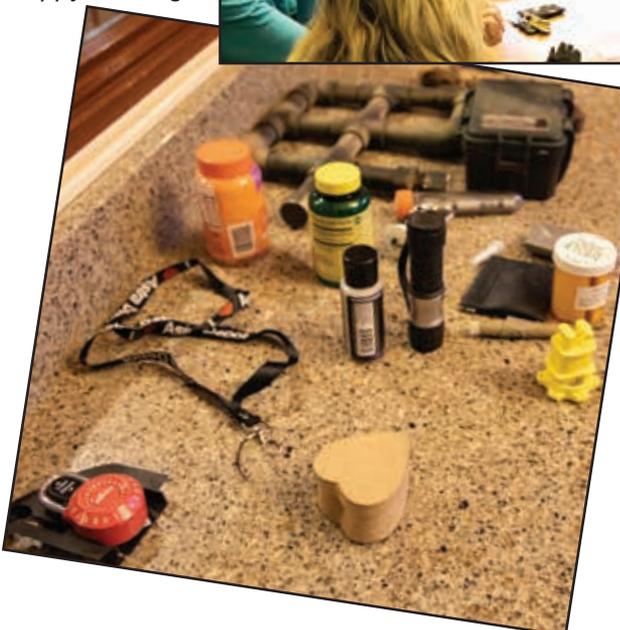
You will be able to sign-up for play through the Golf Pro Shop. We will all meet at least 15 minutes prior to the first tee time of the day to pay green fees, coordinate our play for the day, and socialize. We will play different games or challenges most weeks. Who you play with will be randomized (by drawing cards). We will meet at Rendezvous after play for "prize" distribution and more socializing.

FUN GALS GOLF is what we make it. There will be no dues, no pressure, no handicaps, no full round scoring and no judgement. Expect to have loads of fun, make new friends and maybe learn something new about golf.

Please invite other women to join us. I would appreciate names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses from any of you who are interested.

— **Linda Hileman, CP1**  
**LSHileman1958@gmail.com**

On its website, *Geocaching.com*, the home page states: "Join the world's largest treasure hunt." Karen Gold, B201, has already joined. She wants to start a **HG Geocache Club** for fellow enthusiasts. On Feb. 13, she gave an introduction to what is involved in geocaching, shared some tools of the hunt, and showed items she has collected. On page 31, this issue, she gives details to anyone wanting to join the group on their first hunt for treasure. The website notes that there are 6,155 Geocache sites in Aurora. Happy Hunting!



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# Soldiers and Skiers

Winter and the ski season will soon be coming to an end, but there is no end to the stories about places and people who have made Colorado the fascinating place that it is.

Our journey this month takes us to the town of Leadville, the highest incorporated city in the U.S., altitude of 10,151 feet above sea level. But we need to begin in the spring of 1942, a few miles north of the town.

World War 2 had been well underway for several years. The U.S. had been fully involved for just a few months. The government had been planning on constructing a facility in a mountainous region of the western states to train infantry in the art of high-altitude survival.

A mountain valley a few miles north of Leadville, the Pando Valley, met all the qualifications the U.S. Army was looking for. The land had been homesteaded since the 1890s. It had enough acreage to satisfy what was needed. Purchased from several individuals, construction began on Camp Hale. Named for a Denver native, Brigadier General Irving Hale, the land covered an area of nearly 1,500 acres.

As the property developed, the area expanded to more than 250,000 acres. All military installations require water, a highway and a railroad within the area for logistics and supplies. Camp Hale had that. The newly constructed army base was to be used for training an elite group of soldiers in high-altitude warfare. The troops trained to combat Axis forces in the Italian Alps.

Soldiers needed training in skiing, snowshoeing, mountain climbing and high-altitude adjustment. This was a perfect location to meet all the requirements. Construction began in November 1942. Troops arrived in January 1943. A total of 15,000 men were stationed there. Most were not previously used to living at high altitude. The camp was located at an altitude of 9,200 feet. The usual maladies were experienced: high altitude sickness, frostbite and low morale.

Leadville was off limits to troops as the city was trying to control prostitution and gambling. Low morale was often a problem at the camp, which

the men called "Camp Hell," due to the total lack of recreation, cold temperatures, altitude sickness, coal smoke from the stoves and furnaces in the area, and passing trains. The installation was considered a "Camp" and not a "Fort" because it was always planned to be temporary.

Additionally, in December 1943, 200 more soldiers arrived at the camp. They were the 620th Engineer General Service Company. The men in this company were not actually engineers, but were suspected Nazi sympathizers who were mostly Germans as well as other war opponents. They were housed together and assigned mainly grunt work.

As would be expected, the sympathizers and the Germans got on quite well. Adding to the population, several hundred German POWs were interned at the camp. There was to be no communication between the prisoners and the sympathizers, but to no one's surprise, they actually exchanged greetings as well as gifts. A much different situation than the Allies received in German prison camps.

Two prisoners, led by a Harvard educated pro-Nazi man named Dale Maple, with help from others in the 620th, escaped in February 1944, only to be captured at the Mexican border three days later. The prisoners were sent to a POW camp in Wyoming. Maple was convicted of both desertion and aiding the enemy. He was sentenced to death, but was released from prison in 1951. A rather lenient sentence to say the least. He lived another 50 years until his death in California.

In 1945, the army ordered prisoners of war to dismantle most of the buildings at Camp Hale. These materials were sent to Camp Carson (now Fort Carson) for reuse in new structures.

After serving with distinction in northern Italy during the winter and spring of 1945, the division was deactivated in October, after the end of the war. Members of the 10th Mountain Division returned to the United States where they played a crucial role in the development of the American skiing industry. Most Colorado

ski areas—including Aspen, Vail, and Loveland—trace their origins to the 10th Mountain Division, as do many other ski areas across the country.

But of all the ski areas associated with these amazing soldiers, Vail was exceptional. Nearly everyone has skied there, driven past it or at least heard of this world-famous ski area. Located right along Interstate 70, it is impossible to miss.

Many of the Army men recognized the potential for developing ski areas for the public recreation. As time went on, it became a way to make money — a lot of money, as it turned out. The main character in this tale about Vail was a man named Peter Seibert. He and a small group of fellow veterans discussed the possibility to acquire land to develop ski areas. Seibert worked at the infant ski area in Aspen as a ski patroller with another 10th Mountain veteran, Earl Eaton.

Eaton was a native of Eagle County. He showed Seibert a valley that he felt would make a good area for a ski resort. Seibert agreed. He began to contact a few men he had served with in the 10th. The group went to the landowners in the valley, telling them they were interested in purchasing the land under the ruse that it would be Tremontane Rod and Gun Club. The 500 acres was sold to them for \$125 per acre.

Not a word was mentioned about a ski resort. Twelve investors made up the first board of directors. The initial personal investment of \$10,000 (\$89,000 by today's rate) got the men a lot of their choice for a home and lifetime ski passes. The only requirement was that the house had to be constructed within the first year to ensure a community was being created. The Bavarian architecture became the focal point — a huge selling draw.

Vail opened for business in 1962, with one hotel ready. Rates were amazingly reasonable compared to prices today. As an example, I attended a national trade show and conference in Denver in 1963. After the show, there was a package offered to attendees to go to Vail to ski for \$50. This package included round

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# Clubs and Organizations

## Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

All Master Masons living in HG are invited to attend Joppa Daylight Lodge. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Radiant Temple, 225 Acoma St., Denver. Lunch is at 11:30 am; Lodge is at 12:15 pm.

We are the only lodge that meets during the day in the Denver metro area. For information, call Bill Rapp, 303-953-1021.

## CP1

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

## TOPS

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

TOPS has been a winning formula for members over the last 60+ years. TOPS is also the least expensive weight-loss group around. When you join TOPS, you will have fun with other members while you learn how to Take Off Pounds Sensibly.

The HG TOPS Club meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. Both men and women are welcome. Come in around 8:15, so we can say “hi!” For information, contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388, or visit [www.TOPs.org](http://www.TOPs.org).

## HG Breakfast Optimist Club

This club is a service organization that focuses on youth in the community. We’re always looking for folks interested in joining us. Our current projects include 6th Avenue Elementary School, Pillowcases for Kids, the Salvation Army, Optimist International Oratorical Contest, and Type 1 Diabetes camp.

We meet in the Banquet Room twice a month: 8:30 am on the first Thursday and noon on the third Thursday. Come to find out about our projects.

We look forward to welcoming you. For reservations, contact Jeanine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315, or [jmntg.1229@gmail.com](mailto:jmntg.1229@gmail.com). Like us on

Facebook. See you at this year’s Nite at the Races, Saturday, April 18.

## HG Writers Club

Whether you’re just beginning to put pen to paper or you are a published author, we invite you to join us for a time of education, fellowship and inspiration. New members are always welcome.

We meet 1–4 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

## The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

With new members and residents dropping into Sandberg Auditorium to listen to the singers, we are liking our new rehearsal time, 3–5 pm, on Thursdays. Join the trend, as we continue preparations for our next concert.

“Americana in Harmony” is scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend, when we annually honor community veterans and first responders. The program relies on folk songs, popular melodies and traditional patriotic music to tell this country’s story. This historical perspective, since the founding of America, traces the social trends of America, as people strive to live in harmony.

Solos, ensembles and special moments are all included to interject variety into the program. Add to that the opportunity for the audience to participate as well.

## CP4

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

– Beverly Nelson

## Kiwanis Club of Aurora

Kids need Kiwanis, and Kiwanis needs you. The Kiwanis Club of Aurora is part of a community-based international service organization whose main focus is making the lives of children in Aurora better.

We have meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month, 6 pm, in the Skyview Room. Optional dinner begins at 5:30 pm in Rendezvous. The fourth Thursday is a service project.

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

## American Legion Post 2012

This post meets in HG, 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Mountainview Room. We would love to have you join us, and talk with the leadership, helping us help your community grow stronger.

The Legion family would like to welcome you to join an exciting, patriotic family of great people. The American Legion is about you, and how we can be of service to you. What ideas do you have that we may bring in to your community? If you are interested in learning more about The American Legion, please contact Post Commander Steve Stratton, B204, 720-519-3955.

## Men with Purpose

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

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

## Uke Crew

Are you interested in playing a fun instrument — the ukulele — and having a great time singing? The HG Uke Crew is an up-and-coming club. Members get together on the first and third Friday afternoon, 4–5 pm, B218, #407. New members are always welcomed.

All you need is a ukulele, and to be willing to learn and practice the music. Call Darlene Park, 303-798-5088.

## HG Frolics

The Heather Gardens Frolics Club will participate in the Clubhouse Showcase on Friday, March 6. Check us out, and watch some of the skits that will be performed at this time.

*A Step in Time*: Rehearsals have begun for our annual spring show, so mark your calendars for the end of April! Tickets will go on sale the first

week of April. The dinner show will be on Thursday, April 23, at 5:30 pm (corrected time). If you can't make that, there will be a show at 7 pm on Friday, April 24, 4 pm on Saturday, April 25, and the final show 2 pm on Sunday, April 26. Any questions, call Joyce Laman, 720-535-4323.

### **OPOCS Singles Club**

Do you need to meet new friends and find new activities? Call JoAnn Cunningham, HG resident, 303-751-5195, and ask to receive the monthly newsletter of A Circle of Friends, the original Ports of Call Singles (OPOCS) club, 60+.

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

We have social card groups twice a month: pinochle, bridge and poker. (If you want to learn, we can provide instructors.) Our social director does a great job of finding fun things to do. She is glad to hear suggestions.

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

### **Parkinson Support Group**

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 1–3 pm in the Aspen Room. Please contact Meredith, 303-731-4620, with questions.

### **Heather Gardens Indivisible**

HG Indivisible meets the second Tuesday of each month, 4–5 pm, in the Aspen Room. The purpose of HG Indivisible is to protect and preserve our democracy by educating active citizens so they can take effective actions to influence public policy.

Our topic on March 10 will be the mental-health measures currently being considered by the state legislature and the Governor's task force on mental health. We are nonpartisan and inclusive — issue-oriented rather than candidate-oriented. Anyone is welcome to participate regardless of their party affiliation, or whether they live in HG.

We also meet for lunch on Fridays at 1 pm in the Rendezvous Restaurant for lunch, discussion and action. Our Tuesday meetings are educational; our Friday meetings are

for action. Please join us. Make a difference in this election year. – Marty Karnopp, 303-353-9640, [mjkarnopp@gmail.com](mailto:mjkarnopp@gmail.com).

### **B203, B204, B205 and B206**

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

### **HG Aviation Club**

The club meeting for March will be 7 pm Wednesday, March 11, in the Aspen Room. We meet the second Wednesday of each month.

This month's program will be on the Navy's Blue Angels, featuring some interesting cockpit videos you may not have seen before in addition to regular air show videos. We will also feature a very somber tribute to a fallen Angel, who crashed in 2016



at a show in Tennessee.

The Air Force Thunderbirds also lost a pilot that same year in an unrelated accident. The video was put together by a local TV station in Smyrna, Tennessee. – Rudy Morris

### **The Green Team**

Be sure to mark your calendars for the HG Showcase on Friday, March 6, The Green Team will be participating. We will offer information about the Puppy Poop Project and will hand out baggies to those who sign up.

Deterra Medical Bags will be given away. This is an environmentally friendly method for disposing of your medications.

We are excited to announce a new recycle event is coming early this summer. It will give you an opportunity to get rid of small electronics, packing styrofoam, bubble wrap,

plastic shopping bags and clamshell containers. So, start cleaning out your closets and storage areas.

Our next meeting is noon Thursday, March 12, in the Skyview room. Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-306-0066.

### **Karaoke Club**

The Karaoke Club meets 6–8 pm on the second Friday in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. BYOB and snacks. Great songs to choose from and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877, or Ron Dunn, 303-745-4590.

### **Women with Dreams**

We meet on the second Saturday of each month, 2–4 pm, in the Mountainview Room. – Charlotte Haymore

### **Photo Club**

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

### **B201 and B202**

B201 and B202 hold a combined social at Rendezvous on the third Tuesday of each month, 4–6 pm, for drinks and/or dinner – Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

### **CP3**

The CP3 Social will be 5:30 pm Wednesday, March 18, in the Rendezvous. We will order off the menu. – Robin O'Meara

### **Garden Club**

The HG Garden Club will meet at 6 pm Thursday, March 19, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. We will elect officers, and discuss suggestions for improvements and repairs for 2020.

Please plan on getting to know each other, sharing some wonderful gardening tips, and having a fun time. RSVP to Bob Gullion, Garden Club President, preferably via email at [rgullion65@gmail.com](mailto:rgullion65@gmail.com), or by calling 303-434-4357.

### **SRA**

The Seville Recreational Assoc. meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Vicki Wolfe, 360-589-9502.

### **HG Republicans**

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 1:30 pm in the Aspen Room. The March 24 meeting

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# Sports and Recreation

## Men's Bridge

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

## Men's Poker

We welcome all interested men poker players to join us at our regular poker sessions. On Monday and Wednesday of each week, we play Texas Hold 'em in the Blue Spruce Room. Ladies are invited to join us at the Wednesday sessions.

On Fridays, we play friendly, small-stakes poker, in the Skyview Room, usually including a variety of "dealers choice" games. All play is 5–9 pm. Please call Larry Hill, 720-272-7765, or Milt Merrick, 303-829-7188.

## Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room, except the third Monday of each month, when the VNA has the Blue Spruce. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room, where three card tables are set up.

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

## Ping Pong

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

## Pinochle

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

Afternoon Pinochle meets Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We only play for fun and entertainment. With questions, call Diane, 707-799-6449.

## Pickleball

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

leball email list for March. The times to play Pickleball outdoors on the HG Tennis Courts will be Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, 1–3 pm, when the weather is favorable. We also will play indoors when available.

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 those more advanced can play with the "competitive" Pickleball players. Of course, everyone is welcomed to play on any of the courts where they feel comfortable.

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

If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258, or contact us by email at [pickleball@plaidflannel.com](mailto:pickleball@plaidflannel.com).

## Hand and Foot

Hand and Foot is a card game that is fun, and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview. With questions, call Phyllis Lann, 720-535-8531.

## Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the second Tuesday, when we play in the lobby (behind fireplace).

All players welcome, including beginners. You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game: we do not play for money, only glory.

Never played Mah Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to learn. Call Carol, 720-628-4051, or Pat, 720-535-4603, for information.

## Billiard Club

The club meets for co-ed 8-Ball at 7 pm Tuesdays, and Men's 9-Ball at 7 pm Thursdays. Annual dues of \$10 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Rita Cusack, 720-535-8637, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

## Co-ed 8-Ball January 21

1st Dee Moore, Carlos Toner  
2nd Hi Reynolds, Y. E.  
3rd Sean Kelliher, Judy Brehmer

## January 28

1st Doug Miller, Judy Brehmer  
2nd Hi Reynolds, Dee Moore  
3rd Bimp Larry, Barb Schneller

## Men's 9-Ball January 16

1st Doug Miller  
2nd Roger Goldstein

## January 23

1st Brian Bucenec  
2nd Roger Goldstein

## January 30

1st Hi Reynolds  
2nd Rick Kress

## February 13

1st Brian Bucenec  
2nd Roger Goldstein  
– Judy Brehmer

## Ladies Billiards

Mondays, Thursdays, 1:30–3:30 pm: scheduled practice has been discontinued, due to a lack of participation. If you are interested in learning to play, please call Elaine Blinder, 303-745-4567, for more information.

## Tennis Club

Spring happens this month. We hope to play some tennis. Tennis play is 1–3 pm Monday–Friday, weather permitting. The Pickleball players are on the east court Tuesday and Thursday, so call to see if we have four players for the other court.

For social time, we meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 5 pm, in Rendezvous Restaurant. Our next meeting is March 11. With questions, call Wendy, 303-306-0066.

## HG Ladies Golf Club

The calendar says the official start of Spring is just a few weeks away. That means the official start of play for the HG Ladies Golf Club is also quickly approaching. Preseason play begins on Wednesday, April 8. Formal league competition commences on Wednesday, May 6, and ends on Sept. 30.

Anyone interested in joining the league can get an application at the HG Golf Shop, online at the club's website, [www.heathergardensladies-golfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladies-golfclub.com), or by contacting membership chairs Mary Jo Prichard, [mjinsurance@hotmail.com](mailto:mjinsurance@hotmail.com), or Lorna Ingram, [li8jik@hotmail.com](mailto:li8jik@hotmail.com). Golfers of all skill levels are welcome and handicaps are used for league play.

The league is a great opportunity to see old friends, make new friends and, of course, enjoy the beautiful HG course.

The club's first official event of 2020 will be the March 4 Annual Membership Meeting. That event will take place 3:30–4:40 pm in Rendezvous Banquet Room. Unpaid dues will be collected: \$45 for residents, \$55 for non-residents, \$10 for members in good standing and \$5 for associate members. Completed membership forms will be collected to produce the annual membership booklet. Dues must be paid by March 4, to be listed. Forms are available on the club website and in the Golf Pro Shop.

The Annual Spring Luncheon, will take place 11:30 am Wednesday, April 1, at the Rendezvous. Cost is \$17.

Birthday lunches, which are now being held in the second month of each quarter, remain a popular club event. Twenty-five people attended the February luncheon, which celebrated January, February and March birthdays. The next birthday lunch will be on May 13. Those wishing to attend can sign up at the Golf Pro Shop or RSVP to Lisa Matthews, [michigan\\_lisa@sbglobal.net](mailto:michigan_lisa@sbglobal.net).

The club recently lost two beloved members: Carolyn Manly and Jeanne Hizer. The Hizer family has suggested donations to the HG Foundation. Donation forms specifically for Jeanne are available in the Golf Pro Shop.

The new simulator in the Golf Pro Shop is a good way to keep your game in shape when the course is not open, or to practice some of those shots that you are struggling with on the course. The cost is \$20 per hour for up to four residents, and \$30 an hour for non-residents. Reservations may be made online, or by calling the Golf Pro Shop, 303-751-2390. Also, don't forget that the Golf Pro Shop sells gift certificates that are good for golf as well as merchandise.

The next HGLGC Board meeting is 1 pm Wednesday, March 25, in the Board Room. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Golf trivia: The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) was founded in 1950 by a group of 13 female golfers. It is the oldest continu-

ing women's professional sports organization in the U.S. The group has a strong focus on charity through its tournaments, grassroots junior and women's programs, and the LPGA Foundation. – Gwen Alexander and Suzi Stolte



Winners from Jan. 17 Texas Hold Em tournament. From left to right: 3rd place) Alan Prais, B243; 1st) Larry Hill, B234; 2nd) Paul Mall, B207.

### HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early.

For more information, call Merrily VanZevern, 720-282-3199, or John Osterberg, 720-535-1038. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032.

### Square Dancing

Fun, exercise, and friendship. Come square dance on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Bob Riggs is the caller. All square dancers are welcome. Call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632. Cost: \$5 per person.

### Thursday Open Bridge Club

The group meets every Thursday, 1:30–4 pm. in the Arts & Crafts Room. Come join us. Please call or text Freddie Schroeder, 303-437-4255, to RSVP, so we can tell how many tables set up.

### Bunko

Bunko is played 1–3:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Blue Spruce Room. For information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

### 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.

### Men's Golf Club

Our 2020 season start is coming soon. Play will begin Friday, April 3.

The spring banquet will be taking place the prior week, on Thursday, March 26, at the Rendezvous Restaurant. With these two events fast approaching, it is crucial for you to get your 2020 membership application completed and turned in.

Applications are available at the HG Golf Course Pro Shop, and online at the HG Men's Golf Club web site. Thank you for your attention to getting your application submitted and annual dues paid. Look forward to seeing you soon.

A reminder: The golf simulator is set up in the golf car garage, and continues to be a real hit. Practice fitness daily, eat well, and prepare yourselves for the upcoming season. – Ed Bradley and Chris Hughes



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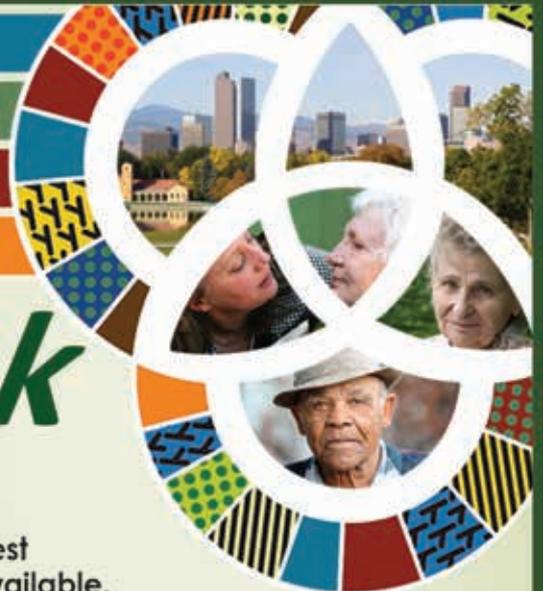
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## Clubs...from page 39

speaker is Shelley McKittrick, Homeless Program Director, City of Aurora. She will discuss the current homelessness situation in Aurora. – Rudy Morris, RGRC Communications

### HG Democratic Club

The Democratic caucuses for the four precincts of Heather Gardens (440, 441, 442 and 443) will be 2 pm Saturday, March 7, in the Clubhouse. Please arrive by 1:30 to find your precinct. This is an important part of the Colorado election process.

The HG Democratic Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December), 4–5:30 pm, Aspen Room. The speakers on March 24 will be the Democratic candidates for District Attorney, CU Board of Regents and State Senators for SD 26 and 28. – Marty Karnopp, chair, 303-353-9640, [mjkarnopp@gmail.com](mailto:mjkarnopp@gmail.com).

### Sevillians

By a popular vote, the Sevillians changed its regular social gathering, last month, to a Wednesday — not a buffet night at Rendezvous. The Sevillians monthly social is now held the fourth Wednesday of the month, 5 pm Wednesday, March 25, in the

### Low Vision Support Group

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

Banquet Room of Rendezvous. This is a great opportunity to meet other Seville residents, and hear the latest Seville happenings from a member of the SRA Board.

A sign-up sheet for the social is posted in the mailroom of each building. – Patt Clark

### PRIDE at Heather Gardens

Pride is an LGBTQ and Friends gathering in HG. All are welcome. Due to the Arts and Crafts Fair, we will meet at 6:30 pm Friday, March 27, this month, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Some cocktails and appetizers will be provided.

Any questions please call me 303-570-7529, or text. Email [pride.heathergardens@gmail.com](mailto:pride.heathergardens@gmail.com). – David Hetzel Coordinator.

### Wine & Cheese Social Club

Normally, we meet on the third

Saturday, 3–5 pm. We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome. Due to the Arts & Crafts Fair on the third Saturday, we will get together on March 28.

Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with other HG neighbors.

Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. – Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

### Caregivers Support Group

This group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. All caregivers are welcome. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

### HG Grief Support

This group helps those who have lost a loved one. We offer eight-week structured sessions twice a year — in the spring and in the fall.

We combine an educational and supportive approach with the focus on healthy grieving and coping with your loss. We meet 4–6 pm Tuesdays at the Clubhouse, when in session. Registration is required.

Contact either Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, or Marcie Jordon, 303-805-1881, for information. Please leave a message. We are here to help you. – Joanne Brand

## Skiers...from page 37

trip transportation, two nights lodging, two dinners, two half-day lessons and two half-day lift tickets!

Did I go? Yes, I did. That trip convinced me that Colorado was where I wanted to be. I am still here. End of that story.

But one thing left to describe, how did Vail get its name? There are probably a few Coloradans who know the story, but the vast majority of people who live and ski in Vail have no idea where the name came from.

In 1929, the state had only 400 miles of paved highways. A man named Charles D. Vail was appointed State Highway Commissioner in that year. Vail was an energetic man. He set out to bring Colorado into the age where transportation was a major factor in our economy. During his tenure until his death in 1945, the number of paved highway miles in

the state went from a minimal 400 miles to 4,400 miles.

Among the roads established under his watch include: the third Monarch and Wolf Creek Passes, Mount Evans Highway, the Big Thompson Highway, Loveland Pass and the original road through Glenwood Canyon.

Route 6 was the road between Loveland Pass and Glenwood Springs going right through the valley that was to become the ski area, a little less than 20 years later. Seibert felt that without Vail's help, access to the ski area could have been postponed for — who knows how long?

It was a nice tribute to a man who silently contributed so much to our state's history to name the city Vail. Colorado now has an amazing 23,000 lane miles of paved highway! (And they are filled to capacity nearly every day!)

Thanks to all our highway workers who keep things moving!

– Denise McCammon, B242

## New HG Residents: Attend orientation, get handbook

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, a Resident Orientation meeting is held at 10 am, in the Board Room. All new residents are provided a Resident Handbook. It is filled with useful information that will greatly assist you as you transition to the unique HG lifestyle. If you are unable to attend the orientation session, you can pick up a copy of the handbook in the HG Management Office. An electronic version of the handbook is available on [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org).

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women who have significant ties to Colorado and have made a difference for women and girls through their courage and leadership. Since its founding, the CWHF has inducted 162 women from many races, backgrounds, socioeconomic levels, career paths, political philosophies, and religious beliefs for their outstanding contributions to society.

The CWHF has partnered with the Girl Scouts of Colorado this year to offer a patch for Girl Scouts of all ages. The history of women isn't taught in Colorado schools. Since the Girl Scouts provide opportunities for girls to learn by exploring their interests, passions and dreams, the exposure to great Colorado women — both historic and contemporary — provides role models to begin to fill that gap.

### Contemporary Inductees

**Katherine Archuleta:** Growing up in Colorado's San Luis Valley, Katherine Archuleta has had an extraordinary and influential career for women and, specifically, Latina women.

In 2013, President Barack Obama appointed Archuleta to be the first Latina to lead the U.S. Office of Personnel Management with a budget of approximately \$250 million. In this role, she had the enormous job of managing human resources for the federal government's 2 million employees. Archuleta also served as Chief of Staff for two U.S. Cabinet members, Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and Secretary of Transportation Federico Pena.

**Lupe Brisenó:** As the organizer of the Kitayama Carnation Strike, Lupe Briseño demonstrated the strength and power of Latina leadership in Colorado's Labor Movement and set the stage for the Colorado Chicano Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

The Kitayama Carnation Strike was one of the seminal events in 1969 that laid the foundation for the Chicano Movement in Colorado. But most importantly, Lupe Briseño and the Kitayama Carnation Strike demanded that women, as well as all laborers, be treated with the respect and dignity that they deserved.

**Rosalind "Bee" Harris** has dedicated her career to elevating communities of color by providing a platform for their voices and their stories with the founding of the *Denver Urban Spectrum* (DUS) newspaper in 1987 and the Urban Spectrum Youth Foundation in 2000. The mentoring program trained youth from ages 11 to 17 in the field of journalism. More than 250 youth have attended the award-winning program and produced multi-page publications distributed to all DUS readers after each session.

**Velveta Howell** has made many contributions as a life-long champion for social justice and advocacy. She was the eighth African American female graduate of the University of Colorado Law School, and the first woman of color appointed as Colorado's Deputy District Attorney.

Howell has worked to improve access to quality healthcare to all Colorado citizens, particularly underserved populations. She is one of 12 appointees to the Robert Wood Johnson-funded Colorado Healthcare Reform Executive Steering Committee and Turning Point Initiative.

**Marianne Egeland Neifert:** Colorado's earliest physician breastfeeding champion, Marianne Egeland Neifert, MD, MTS, has devoted more than 40 years to improving maternal-child health. She provided education to diverse health professionals, implemented model lactation services, helped re-establish breastfeeding as a community norm, and advanced the nascent discipline of breastfeeding medicine.

In 1984, she co-founded and served as the first Medical Director for the Denver Mothers' Milk Bank (MMB). Today MMB is the largest non-profit human-milk bank in North America, serving medically fragile newborns and infants. They have collected more than 5.5 million ounces of milk from more than 12,500 donors



*Above: A favorite annual snack in February–March are Girl Scout cookies and milk. A frequent buyer years ago said she froze the cookies in order to spin them out longer through the year. It is a recommendation I still follow.*

*Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis*

and dispensed screened-processed donor human milk to more than 120 hospitals in 35 states.

**Gale Norton** was the first woman Colorado Attorney General (1991–99) and the first woman to be appointed as Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (2001–06). On behalf of Colorado and 45 other states as Colorado Attorney General, Norton helped negotiate the most extensive legal settlement in history: a \$206 billion national tobacco settlement, the benefits of which continue to accrue. Gale is an exceptional role model for all women, but in particular those interested in pursuing careers in the law and public policy advocacy.

Norton pursued and won the suit against the Canadian mines speculator responsible for the environmental disaster at Summitville, caused by leakage of mining by-products into local waterways. She also won a significant court victory against the federal government, requiring the government to clean up hazardous waste at Rocky Flats and the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

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I will summarize the historic inductees in a later issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. For further information about CWHF or its induction ceremony on March 18: [www.cogreatwomen.org](http://www.cogreatwomen.org), 303-271-3599.

On Feb. 8, an adult woman and boy (mother and son?) decided to test the fresh powder on the **HG Golf Course**, equipped with skis and ski poles. Photographer Jay Bluestein caught the sequence of events as the young man decided to take the route through the deeper snow drifts. Whoops! That tripped him up once. (Could it have been a disguised sand bunker?) Then he joined Mom for the more even layer of snow, but once again he fell. This time, Mom was close enough to assist. Who would have thought that HG would have enough snow to attract skiing — the cross country type?

Photos by Jay Bluestein, B223



"Drove by the old **King Soopers** this week [of Jan. 31] and the demolition [of the old store] was nearing completion. Cranes were smashing the old building into pieces and loading them into giant trucks, [presumably] hauling it to the land fill," wrote Rudy Morris, B217. The old King Soopers Grocery Store, which many HG residents frequented over the years, was replaced by a newer model that opened last year. (Photos by Rudy Morris, B217)



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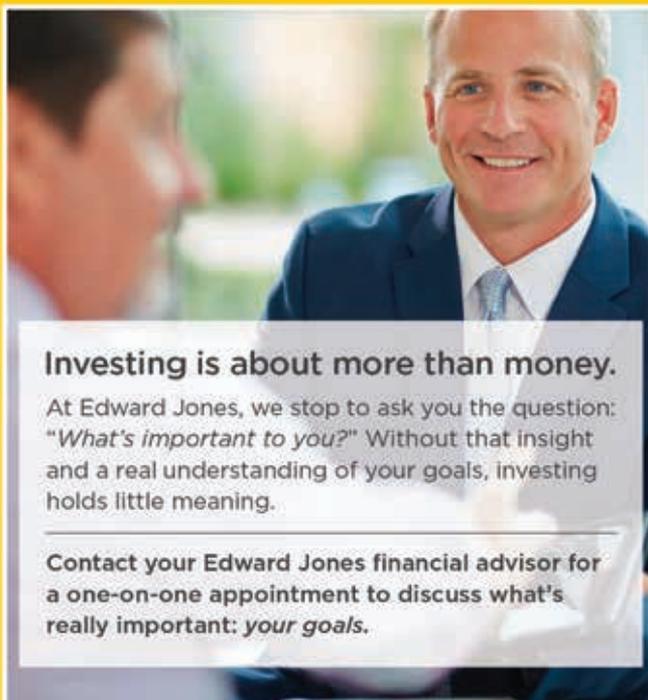
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# Trips and Tours

## Cinzzetti's

Tuesday, March 17, 11:30 pm

Cost: \$3 bus fare

Location: Northglenn

Deadline: Tuesday, March 3

From the very first moment you enter Cinzzetti's, you will see that it is an experience unlike any other. Bello! True Italian feast for the senses. Imagine a moment of exotic retreat as you stand by a granite and cobblestone piazza that is a splendidly faithful recreation of a centuries-old Tuscan villa. The price of your meal doesn't change no matter how much you eat! \$8.59 for senior lunch (price subject to change, does not include beverage, tax or 15% gratuity.)

## Colorado Singers Competition Finals

Saturday, March 21, 12:30 pm.

Cost: \$17

Deadline: Friday, March 13

Location: Calvary Baptist Church, Girard Ave

Since 1985, the Denver Lyric Opera Guild has presented the Competition for Colorado Singers. This is an exciting event for promising young singers between the ages of 23 and 32, representing all the major Colorado universities and young artist opera programs. Two separate sets of judges made up of opera performers, directors and/or educators choose a designated number of candidates to whom cash awards are given in order to help these young people continue their careers. The

Guild has awarded \$815,400 to the more than 450 young singers who have successfully pursued their operatic and musical careers since winning the competition. Many finalists have gone on to grace the stages of opera houses around the world. The results of winning the competition are significant. This is a Heather Gardens Chartered trip; the bus will pick up residents in the Atrium parking lot between B243 and B244, 12:30 pm. Return to HG around 5:30 pm.

## Dazzle

Thursday, March 26, 11:30 am

Location: downtown Denver

Deadline: 3 weeks prior to event

Cost: \$28

Senior Jazz lunch features great live jazz! Includes your choice of three chef-inspired entrees, soda, coffee, tea or glass of red or white wine, draft beer or well drink. Tax and gratuity included.

## Rockies, Coors Field

Sunday, May 10, 11:30 am

Cost: \$38

Deadline: Friday, April 24

Rockies Senior Day! Join us for a special trip to a Rockies Game on a Senior Day! The Rockies will be playing the Cincinnati Reds. Our seats are along the 1st baseline. This is an HG-chartered trip. The bus will pick up residents in the Atrium parking lots between B243 and B244; return to Heather Gardens.

## Carousel

Sunday, July 26, 2:30 pm

Cost: \$75

Deadline: Wednesday, July 15

Location: Central City Opera

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*. Step right up! Love is a wild ride! "One of America's finest theatrical achievements," Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* follows the ups, downs, round and rounds of life and love. Muddling through small town expectations, meager means and conflicting dreams, Julie, Billy and their daughter Louise learn "You'll Never Walk Alone." Due to the age of the Opera House, there may be stairs. It is not wheel-chair accessible. Seating is on the first level. This is an HG-chartered trip. The bus will pick up residents in the Atrium parking lots between B243 and B244; return to Heather Gardens around 7 pm. *NO REFUNDS*.

## Rocky Mountain National Park

Thursday, Sept. 24, 10 am

Cost: \$38

Deadline: September 17, 2020

Location: Rocky Mountain National Park/Estes Park

Enjoy a leisurely trip up to Estes Park and through the Rocky Mountain National Park. The leaves will just be turning and you will enjoy seeing Bear Lake, Beaver Meadows and possibly the elk as this is the time for mating season. Rendezvous will be providing a box lunch and the bus will stop so you can enjoy the fresh mountain air. We will need at least 13 senior residents who have National Parks and Recreational Senior Pass for park entrance. Minimum 30 residents. This is a HG chartered trip; the bus will pick up residents in the Atrium parking lots between buildings 243 and 244; return to Heather Gardens.

## TRIPS POLICY

**No transfers or refunds after deadline date.** Credits may be issued if ticket can be sold from wait list. Non residents may only attend as the guest of a resident. Note that RTD trip times listed are not actual departure times, they are approximate. Courtesy calls are made 2-3 days prior to trip to give check in times and other pertinent trip information. Please call if unable to attend. Bring your receipt to check-in.

*Please note the signup/payment deadline for each trip. Space is limited.*

The local fare for SeniorRide is **\$3 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older**. Regional fare is \$5.25 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older. Fare paid to driver.

All HG trips include a trip leader and small administrative fee. RTD fares are not included in trip fees and are to be paid to RTD bus driver at time of pickup. Exact change required. Drivers and HG staff do not have change available.

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

**Check out [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org)**

## Casino Trips

### Z Casino Blackhawk

Tuesday, March 17, 8:30 am.

Cost: \$6

Deadline: Thursday, March 12

Each guest will receive cou-

pons upon arriving at the casino in Blackhawk

- \$5 Z-Play card valid for slot/video poker

- \$5 off food.

- Guests must activate their \$5

Z-Play and set up a pin number.

Leave HG at 8 am from Atrium parking lot between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. Bus will leave the casino at 1 pm to return to HG.

## Free Days for March

**Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave** Sunday, March 1  
303-526-0744, 10 am–5 pm, Annual Birthday  
[www.buffalobill.org](http://www.buffalobill.org)

987 1/2 Lookout Mountain Road, Golden

**Denver Botanic Gardens @ Chatfield** Tuesday, March 3  
720-865-4346, 9 am–5 pm  
[www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton

**Childrens Museum of Denver** Tuesday, March 3  
303-433-7444, 4–8 pm  
[mychildsmuseum.org](http://mychildsmuseum.org)

2121 Children's Museum Dr, Denver

**Denver Art Museum** Saturday, March 7  
720-865-5000, 10 am–5 pm  
[www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org), 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy

**Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) benefits — Enjoy!**

**Colorado Railroad Museum** Thursday, March 12  
303-279-4591, 9 am–5 pm  
[coloradorailroadmuseum.org](http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org)  
17155 W 44th Ave, Golden

**Four Mile Historic Park** Friday, March 13  
720-865-0800, noon–4 pm  
[www.fourmilepark.org](http://www.fourmilepark.org), 715 S. Forest St. Denver

**Denver Botanic Gardens @ Plains Conservation** Thursday, March 19  
720-865-4346, 10 am–2 pm  
[www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org),  
21901 E. Hampden Ave, Aurora

**Denver Botanic Gardens** Sunday, March 22  
720-865-3500, 9 am–5 pm  
[www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org), 1007 York St, Denver

**Aurora History Museum** is free Tuesdays–Sundays.  
303-739-6660, 9 am–4 pm Tues–Fri  
[www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org), 11 am–4 pm Sat, Sun  
15051 E Alameda Parkway

## FYI...from page 34

### Colorado Department of Transportation

In response to an email from Merrill Jensen, B217, Tom Magenis, Engineer with CDOT, shared a proposed mitigation report for Parker Road between South Vaughn Way and I-225. The report noted that CDOT's investigation found that 82 percent of the accidents in this area were either rear end or sideswipe (same direction) that indicates excessive slowing and vehicle weaving.

According to the report, the proposed "mitigation strategy that would reduce vehicle turbulence and slow is to convert the northbound exit off of Parker Road to I-225 northbound to a 2-lane exit. The addition of an option lane would reduce the amount of weaving from two lanes to one lane for Parker Rd traffic exiting to I-225 northbound. This strategy will need to be modeled to test the operational benefit and improvement in safety.

"This is a relatively low cost mitigation and does not completely address all of the current issues, though would likely qualify for HSIP funds."

Unfortunately, Magenis' re-

sponse did not address Jensen's original concern — the weaving that occurs between East Hampden Avenue and South Vaughn Way that makes it difficult for HG residents to exit Parker Road to their community. Jensen shared the report that Magenis provided with the Civic Affairs Committee on Feb. 6.

### Healthiest Places to "Live to 100"

According to Paula Spencer, Jan. 12 issue of *Parade Magazine*, Breckenridge, Colorado is one of seven places where you can "live long and prosper."

Besides Breckenridge, Southern California beach cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Portland, Maine; and Charleston, South Carolina, were included in the list.

Here's what she said about Breckenridge:

"Like fellow Colorado mountain towns — Aspen, Crested Butte and Vail — and Jackson Hole, Wyoming, longevity is sky-high in this historic haven near the Copper Mountain and Keystone resort areas. Ski towns draw people who can afford the best health care, and prize mental and physical fitness, experts say.

But whatever your income, mountain living is code for "outdoor motion," whether you're involved in snow sports, fishing, climbing, hiking or shoveling snow.

"Health Props: Breckenridge (population approximately 5,000) is the seat of Summit County, which has the U.S.'s longest life expectancy (86.8 years, compared to the national median of 79). And Colorado is the state with the fewest obese people.

"Longevity Boost: The 10 million Americans who make their homes above 4,900 feet live one to three years longer than those near sea level. Some experts think lower oxygen levels help heart function. In Breckenridge, at 9,600 feet elevation, you're nearly two miles up."

Yep, and there's the rub. You have to be able to adapt to high altitude living — and not suffer from illnesses common to high altitude!

### City of Aurora Budget

The city is required to balance its budget every year, and 2020 is no different. This year, the city's budget of \$850.8 million, which the Aurora City Council approved unanimously in November, is an annual spending plan targeting the city council's broad goals and priority projects.

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# HG Clubhouse Events

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Clubhouse Hours: 6 am to 10 pm, Monday–Saturday  
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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise  
Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve

Registration for Spring classes starts  
Monday, March 9, 9 am

Spring classes to start the week of March 30.

Indoor Pool is closed for annual cleaning,  
March 16–29.

## Clubmanager Note: Respect your Property

*I'm getting on my "soap box" to ask everyone who uses equipment in the Clubhouse, whether it's the woodshop, sauna, weight room, or coffee machine — to respect your property and treat it properly. We all know the Clubhouse is used by the community. This means that many people look forward to using the tools and equipment that are meant for all to use. In the past year, gum was found on the weights in the Fitness Room. Tools in the Woodshop and items in the sauna were not being properly used. When used improperly, things break. Then the next person is unable to use these tools or items. If you don't know how to operate correctly, ask for help or assistance. There is always someone around to explain how to use various items. Please do your part to keep the equipment in the Clubhouse in good operation.*

## Avoiding the Crisis

Tuesday March 3, 9 am, Aspen Room

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Join this open-panel discussion about "Avoiding the Crisis." Most seniors want to remain as independent as possible. That intention can be hindered by a host of unexpected conflicts, including, but not limited to, financial challenges, health status, and one's ability to care for oneself. If you are not properly prepared, it's the adult children/family member who are called in to handle the arduous situation under traumatizing and stressful conditions for everyone. In this series, senior-care professionals will share ideas and expertise — helping you learn ways to mobilize and work with your family or friends as a team to ensure that you can live as independently as possible. Presented by *Senior Blue Book* and DRCOG speakers series.

## Events Planning

Do you like to help plan events? Do you like to decorate and be creative with table decorations? Do you like to work with themes and create an ambiance? We need you! We are pulling together a planning group to help plan, decorate, and assist with various events. If interested, contact Lewis Boeve, 303-751-1811, x 138, for more information.

## Clubhouse Showcase

Friday, March 6, 1-4 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE — No registration required.

Come see and learn about all the activities offered at the Clubhouse. We'll have refreshments. Stop by and see what all the Clubhouse has to offer.

## 1st Saturday Night Dance

Saturday, March 7, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Music by Terry Norona and the Titans

Fee: HG resident, \$6

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

Enjoy an evening of dance, good music and good friends. There will be dance hosts, mixer dances and light refreshments. Piano/Vocal/Keyboards/Drums/other Instruments, a variety of genres of music: jazz, ballroom dance and Latin, country, ethnic music, background music. Terry and the Titans will play a variety of ballroom dance numbers. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the restaurant bar prior to 7 pm. Bar opens at the dance at 7 pm. Note: Dance hosts receive complimentary admission, and the event can always use more volunteers for that pleasant task.

## Active Minds: Beethoven and the Piano

Wednesday, March 11, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

From childhood to his last days, Beethoven and the piano remained inseparable. Even deafness could not keep him away. He would press his forehead to the wood above the keys and repeatedly pound chords in hopes of feeling their vibrations. The works he composed for his beloved instrument stand as some of the greatest in all music — 32 glorious solo sonatas, five unforgettable concertos, and numerous chamber pieces. Each bears the unmistakable stamp of a virtuoso and a visionary.

## London and Paris Tour

Departing: September 2020 — 8 Travel Days

Preview Thursday, March 12, 1 pm, Blue Spruce Room

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Enjoy the best of London and Paris on this leisurely tour. All the top sights are included, as well as plenty of free time for your own discoveries. See Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London and Big Ben. Personalize your trip to London by choosing to visit either Churchill's War Rooms or Westminster Abbey. Cross the English Channel on the high-speed Eurostar Train. Dine at the Eiffel Tower and cruise the River Seine at night. Come to know Paris in your own way: with a local guide by coach or by Metro. Enjoy a thrilling dinner and cabaret show at the Paradis Latin Cabaret. (Note: Preview is free, tour, if you choose to go, is not.)

## Ageing at 5280: The Tools of Aging in Place

Thursday, March 12, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Everyone wants to stay in their home as they age. Come and learn how to stay safe and secure in your home. Learn about resources that are free benefits for those 65 and over. Understand how to create the support team that will allow you to Age in Place. Presented by Ageing at 5280.

### All About Technology

Thursday, March 12, 5:30–6:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room  
FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Do you have a piece of technology, but don't know how to use it, or just want to learn more? This is the class for you. Bring your mobile devices (laptop, mobile phone, tablet, etc.) that you need help with. Karen will do her best to teach you what you want to learn. We'll go around the room, so everyone has a chance. Technology is such a broad subject — bring your notebooks and questions.

### Movie Matinee and Night: *Midway*

Friday, March 13, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces launched a devastating attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. naval base in Hawaii. Six months later, the Battle of Midway commenced on June 4, 1942, as the Japanese navy once again planned a strike against American ships in the Pacific. For the next three days, the U.S. Navy and a squad of brave fighter pilots engaged the enemy in one of the most important and decisive battles of World War 2. Rated PG-13

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When I asked for ideas about what to put on the black/white pages of the HG Community Directory 2020, my staff thought that photos of **Cherry Creek Reservoir** might work. Anne Hummel-Gillis took the photos with Dala Giffin serving as guide on the hike in January. The results, as these photos show, were surprisingly artistic. The ice fishermen on the cover of this issue is another one from that hike. There were two photos, not repeated here, in the directory



(pages 182 and 190). It was intriguing how the shapes of trees, clouds, spiky bushes, cattails, paths and man-made structures are emphasized when there is no color. Enjoy!

– Lynn Donaldson,  
Editor



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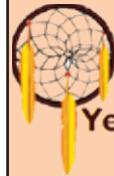
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Overheard @ HG

## Theater for everyone

by Mary Hafka

Everyone should go to the theater. Broadway isn't just about musical comedy, and hasn't been for years.

I have seen performances of shows about manically depressed mothers (*Next to Normal*), as well as teenage boys on the autism spectrum (two of those, actually: *Dear Evan Hansen* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*).

Thought I'd seen everything when someone created ballets based on *Dracula* and *Peter Pan*. In *Dracula*, a vampire in a black cape sank his teeth into the necks of ballerinas, who still managed to stay balanced en pointe, despite the blood loss.

In *Peter Pan*, the dancers were lifted from their toe shoes into the air, to fly on wires. A few of the dancers did high-wire somersaults, suspended above the stage.

If sitting in the audience of a theater performance doesn't appeal to you, perhaps you'd like to join in the performance. The more shows I see, the more opportunities I am sensing for inclusion.

*Godspell* opened off-Broadway in 1971. It was the first musical I can remember where the audience was invited to come on stage at intermission. The cast handed attendees paper cups of wine.

I don't know if I'm correct in my theory that audience participation at the theatre gave rise to shadow casting: when a group of costumed performers shadow the screening of a movie. The shadow cast is expected to yell, dance, and throw things at the screen, while the movie is running.

This became a cult thing to do, at *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, a movie that premiered in 1975. The film ran at the Esquire Theater on Capitol Hill, for years. Fans attended performances over and over again, becoming regular shadow-cast members.

Understandably, the 2001 Broad-

way show, based on the movie, lends itself to the same audience participation. (Fun fact: the 1975 movie was based on a 1973 London play that parodied old Hollywood horror movies 1930-60s. So the 2001 Broadway version of the *Rocky Horror Show* actually was a revival of the 1973 play.)

*The Rocky Horror Picture Show* phenomenon was followed by *Mommy Dearest*. This movie (1981) also attracted shadow casting, as well as smacking theater chairs with wire hangers, to mimic the cruel mother beating her children with hangers.

This "everybody wants to get in on the act" — a quote attributed to Jimmy Durante, 1949 — was predicted by Andy Warhol, who took a few minutes away from painting portraits of soup cans, in 1966, to say that one day, everyone would be world-famous for 15 minutes. I doubt the speaker had in mind that, eventually, everyone would be taking photos of themselves, and shots of their lunch, to post online, so that adoring friends and family members would follow their every movement as though it were significant.

At a cemetery in Pittsburgh, I predict, Warhol is spinning in his grave. (The family name on the gravestone reads Warhola, but — of course — that's not the name Andy was famous under.)

I attended a Hugh Jackman concert, at the Pepsi Center, last July. Dyed-in-the-wool Jackman fans — of which I evidently am not — showed up at the performance dressed in top hat and tails, like a ringmaster. This, apparently, was a nod to Jackman's role as P.T. Barnum, in *The Greatest Showman*, a 2017 movie.

On Dec. 26 of last year, I attended a holiday performance of *Escape to Margaritaville*, at The Buell Theater. I don't know much about Jimmy Buffett's music, and if I ever knew that his fans are called Parrotheads, I forgot. (Further fun fact: children of

Parrotheads are called "Parakeets" or "Keets.")

But intrepid Buffett fans showed up for the show, dressed in Hawaiian shirts and paper-flower leis. In deference to the 20-degree weather outside, most had on downy ski parkas over their Hawaii wear. Wisely, no one wore flip-flops. One couple, however, did have stuffed parrots attached to their shoulders.

For the potential audience member to whom this all sounds a bit too precious, a bit too contrived, may I recommend something a little looser? Take a trip to the Garner Galleria Theatre, to see the *The Improvised Shakespeare Company*. Playing through March 22, the play is conducted in a cabaret setting with tables. Drinks can be ordered throughout the performance.

The five actors who play the roles are dressed like Shakespearean men, with knee britches and white stockings — but there the resemblance to Shakespeare ends. The quintet free-forms all roles, with no other costumes or props, making up a story as they go along, to vaguely follow a title suggestion shouted out by an audience member. I found this presentation screamingly funny.

If a mistake arises, such as forgetting the name of a character they just invented, the cast continues to gallop forward, incorporating the error as part of the story. One or another actor will refer to the obvious mistake made, as often as possible.

It took me a while to figure out that, sometimes, the actors are playing women. They don't look like women, but the actors sell the parts they are playing without such blatant hints such as wearing wigs or skirts. If you like *The Improvised Shakespeare Company*, be prepared to go again. Because this is improvisational theater — no two performances are alike.

In the immortal words of actor John Houseman, "The theater needs you — now I'm off to sell some Volvos." Actually, this quote belongs to Robin Williams, who was kidding Houseman, his one-time Julliard acting teacher, because Houseman did a lot of TV commercials late in life, after a lifetime devoted to theater. There you go — everybody wants to get in on the act.

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## Active Listing!



**14091 E Marina Dr #307 Somerset K**  
2BR/1BA 1050 sq. ft.....\$215,000  
Fresh paint, new carpet and vinyl flooring. Bentley tub in single bath. Southeast view overlooking wildlife area. Corner unit, bright and cozy. Great price for Heather Gardens. Won't last!

## Active Listing!



**13635 E. Bates Avenue #207 Alpha A**  
2BR/2BA 1200 sq. ft.....\$215,500  
Price reduced! Fresh paint throughout this great unit just steps to the clubhouse. Good quality carpet and new appliances. Glass-enclosed lanai facing SW overlooking mature trees. Same floor as laundry.

## Active Listing!



**13635 E. Bates Avenue #309 Alpha A**  
2BR/2BA 1200 sq. ft.....\$224,600  
Updated kitchen that features beautiful granite counter-tops and stainless-steel appliances. Hard surface flooring throughout the main living spaces. An extra multi-purpose room adds even more storage or office space.

## Active Listing!



**13901 E Marina Drive #207 Atrium K-3**  
2BR/1.5BA 1077 sq. ft.....\$254,900  
You will love the summer cross breeze with this corner unit. One open lanai and one glass enclosed lanai, gives you the best of both worlds. Washer/Dryer are included and an assigned parking space by elevators. Open view of golf course..

## Active Listing!



**13991 E Marina Drive #308 Atrium A-2**  
2BR/2BA 1228 sq. ft.....\$272,500  
Wow! This Atrium unit has so many features to love. Open concept living room with ceramic tile flooring throughout. The kitchen has stainless steel appliances, ceramic tile countertops with plenty of space. Great views of 4th Fairway!

## Active Listing!



**13661 E Marina Drive #505 Somerset F**  
2BR/2BA 1550 sq. ft.....\$310,000  
Gorgeous condo with the best golf course and the mountain views in HG. New carpet and paint throughout, ALL new stainless steel appliances, quartz counter tops & brand new glass tile backsplash, new lighting & blinds. NEW electrical panel installed.

## Active Listing!



**13992 E Marina Drive #402 Seville F**  
2BR/2BA 1320 sq. ft.....\$312,500  
The kitchen and bathrooms feature solid surface countertops with elegant tile backsplash, stainless steel appliances, and recessed lighting with coffered ceiling. Hard surface flooring in kitchen, dining room and hallway. Quiet and private.

## Active Listing!



**13991 E Marina Dr #514 Atrium AK Executive**  
3BR/3BA 2305 sq. ft.....\$439,000  
This is a gem in a Heather Gardens Atrium building. Beautifully updated with quality maple cabinets and granite counters in kitchen and all 3 baths. Wood floors, 32 ft. enclosed lanai. Mountain and city views. Brand NEW electrical panel installed.

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## Sold in the last 30 days!

- **SOLD!** 14050 E. Linvale Pl. #303  
Somerset A/dinette  
2BR/2BA 1200 sq. ft..... \$238,500
- **SOLD!** 14300 E. Marina Drive #403  
Somerset A/dinette  
2BR/2BA 1200 sq. ft..... \$243,000

## Under Contract!

- **13626 E. Bates Avenue #302 Alpha E** 2BR/1BA 940 sq. ft... \$179,500  
The kitchen has tile flooring, granite counters and decorative tile backsplash. Newer carpeting and new paint.
- **13864 E Linvale Pl. Patio Home** 3BR/3BA 1172 sq. ft..... \$385,000  
Gorgeous remodel on Golf Course/ Pond! Open concept with slab granite kitchen island and custom lighting. Contemporary cabinetry, newer appliances and hard wood floors that flow from kitchen to dining and living areas.

## Coming Soon

- Somerset A, 2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft

## Rental

- **13901 E. Marina Dr. #313 Atrium K-3** 2BR/1.5BA  
.....\$1450/mth for 12 month lease  
..... or \$1425/mth for 24 month lease  
Corner unit w/fresh paint, has wood laminate flooring throughout and two glass-enclosed lanais. The master bedroom is spacious and has an en-suite bathroom with a walk-in shower.

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