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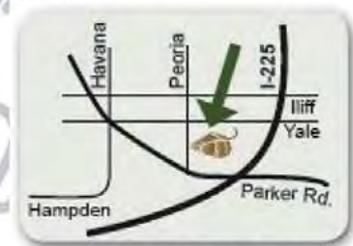
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# Realtors Warn Litigation is Suppressing Home Sales

On March 8, several representatives from Heather Gardens Brokers, plus a loan company representative, held a forum in the Sandberg Auditorium. Their purpose was to present their opinions about what effect litigation against Heather Garden Association (HGA, the homeowner's association) is having on selling HG property.

Broker Bruce Henson said, "Realtors are required, by Colorado law, to disclose any adverse material facts about properties. Today, we have 43 [HG] homes for sale, double the number from this time last year. Inventory is stacking up.

"HGMD has filed a suit against HGA, for breach of contract. If doubt is put into the minds of [potential] buyers," Henson noted, "the price will come down. Buyers might go somewhere else."

[The management agreement between HGA and HGMD expires at the end of 2024, and the HGMD already has indicated it does not intend to renew the agreement. Their lawsuit, filed in the Arapahoe County District Court, asks that the management agreement be terminated immediately.]

In addition to HGMD suing HGA, two other lawsuits are pending against HG's homeowner association. Suits were brought by private individuals, alleging that HG and other Colorado HOAs improperly applied for and used funds from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The PPP-related suits are working their way through the appeals process. Andy Inhelder, of Aslan Home Loans, commented that FHA will make no loans on a property where litigation is pending. In addition to limiting loan options, the litigation can block receiving a reverse mortgage through the FHA and VA.

The panel of speakers, which included brokers Nancy Henson and Melinda Cary, offered several case histories of recent sales, where the contract was withdrawn, after the buyer learned litigation was pending. One seller accepted a drastic reduction in the sales price – \$60,000, Cary said – after the potential buyers were informed of pending lawsuits.

She noted that HG is already restricted in who can purchase its homes by the age restriction. Difficulties with obtaining financing creates additional barriers.

Bruce Henson – who lives in STH – added, "In a nutshell, what most buyers are saying is, 'Why would I move into a neighborhood where the members are suing themselves?' Frankly, we look a little foolish."

The panel listed strategies for helping sellers to weather the storm, which included lowering a sales price, or considering delaying putting the home on the market until the litigation is resolved. Units could be rented instead, Henson said, or sellers could offer a lease/buy option.

Strategies for property owners, he continued, could include voting out board members who pursue litigation. Owners also could form a residents group to mediate the friction between the two boards. Another option would be circulating a petition/survey, stating, "This is not what we [the residents] want."

Henson called the financial hit to HG home prices triggered by the litigation "self-inflicted." The cumulative loss in reduced prices and lost sales could easily reach or exceed \$1 million. "If the lawsuit is dropped," he said, "we hope prices would quickly rebound."

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## HGMD Recall Update

On the afternoon of March 15th A.J. Beckman concluded the Heather Gardens recall hearings.

The recall petition was brought forward by Al Lindeman, CP5; John Harvey, B219; and Bonny Fleming, B242. The four directors of the HGMD board that are the subjects of the recall are President Daniel Taylor, Vice President Craig Baldwin, Secretary Robin O'Meara, and Treasurer Rita Effler.

The hearing played out for nearly five hours over a two-day period. Several witnesses and arguments were heard from both sides. Beckman, who is

the Designated Election Official assigned by the Arapahoe County District Court, said in closing that he would have a decision in writing sent to council members within five days. While this decision presumably has been made and revealed to certain individuals, there is no public information available at press time.

In the coming days and weeks we will learn of the decisions made and what the next steps will be. The cost of the recall and hearings, as well as the discontent between the two boards will be a major topic with residents and employees of Heather Gardens. *Heather 'n Yon* staff will be busy once information becomes available to the public and will keep all readers up to date.

# HGA WILL PAY FOR FLOOD DAMAGE, DIRECTOR PROPOSES BOARDS MERGER

On March 1, all HGA Directors met in executive session, to receive an update on pending lawsuits, and to discuss the feasibility of continuing the Joint Leadership Work Sessions with HGMD. The Leadership Forum Work Session scheduled for March 14 subsequently was canceled, while hearings about the HGMD Recall election were scheduled for March 13-15 (the session on March 14 eventually was canceled, due to snow).

All directors attended the March 19 regular meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. A number of representatives from CP2 were in attendance, to discuss damage to their patio-home basements from flooding that occurred during May 2023.

A lively discussion ensued over whether the HOA should take responsibility for paying for water-damage repairs. Director Linda Hileman read from the HG Declaration of Condominium, which stated that interiors, such as basements, were not HGA's responsibility, but that of the homeowner. Hileman pointed out that the patio homes, as originally sold, had unfinished basements; therefore, replacing basement finishings and furnishings was not conceived as an HOA responsibility.

Countering this argument was a statement by Maintenance Facilities Engineer Jon Howell that drainage problems existed around HG property, meaning that poor grading and HG landscaping contributed to water flowing into basements. He remarked that if the problems identified with the landscaping – following some similar flooding in 2013 – had been fully addressed, the 2023 flooding of basements probably wouldn't have happened.

"It is the HOA's responsibility to manage the landscaping," Howell said, adding, "A lot of this [problem] has to do with the original construction." Several CP2 residents noted they had incurred repairs in the tens of thousands of dollars, following the 2013 flood, when HG had declined to help defray costs. Since then, HG added flood insurance to its property policy. Kim Lamb, CP2, noted she had been turned down in her attempt to add flood coverage to her personal insurance, as she was told HG is not in a flood plane.

The board approved the motion to approve itemized repairs CP and TH units damaged in the 2023 flood (\$138,800). Directors John Recob and Ray Nash voted no.

Long Range Planning Committee Chair David Kennedy asked to make a statement to the board. He raised the idea, for the board's future consideration, of HG's two boards – HGA (the HOA) and the HGMD –

being merged into a single governing entity. "We could have one board, and one administration," he said.

Kennedy noted that two ideas for resolving conflict with the HGMD had been considered. HGA had discussed leasing the recreational facilities from HGMD. HGA also attempted to amend the management agreement, he said, "but that didn't work. They're suing us."

Kennedy proposed a third idea, that a new all-encompassing board should be expanded, to 15 to 19 members. HG's general manager would be an ex officio member of the board. "It's just a thought," Kennedy remarked. He added, "I assume the HGMD Board would oppose this."

Howell and General Manager Lary Herkal discussed an infrastructure project, including re-plumbing B201, adding a fire-alarm system, and possibly installing a new boiler. "We're going out for engineering bids," Howell said. Some of the building's pipes "are at their maximum life." B201 was the first building erected in the community. HG will apply what it learns on updating B201 to refurbishing its other four-story buildings, Herkal said.

The board approved a motion to seek only one bid, from Structural Preservation Systems (SPS, which was formerly Restruction Corp.), for repairs to Parking Structures 2 and 4. HG staff, as well as the engineering firm BC&E, requested a departure from the three-bid requirement, as the BC&E felt SPS would perform the complicated work properly and to their specifications. Directors Bill Gold, Linda Hileman, and John Recob voted against the motion. Recob remarked, "I think we should get multiple bids. This is one of the largest contracts we've ever let." He added, "But I understand the reasons."

Structure Maintenance Committee Chair Mike Pula asked the board's emergency approval to repair the roof on B223 "now. It's in dire condition."

The roof was one of four already budgeted for repair in 2024. The board approved Pula's request to tackle B223's roof immediately.

The board approved the 2024 exterior paint project for eight multi-story buildings (\$703,800). Discussion ensued over whether the board could review and/or approve a revised palette of exterior colors recommended by the contractor, Denver Commercial Coatings, to update the community's buildings.

*See page 11*

# HGMD INCREASES RV-LOT-FENCE FUNDS, APPROVES TROUBLESHOOTING AUDITORIUM SOUND SYSTEM

All directors attended the March 21 regular meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors. Rita Effler joined the meeting remotely.

The board approved an additional \$21,000 in funds, to be added to the contract with AJI Fencing (\$110,000), for enclosing the RV lot with a seven-foot galvanized-steel chain-link fence (and removing the old fence). The original contract was approved February 17, 2023, to preserve 2023 steel prices.

The additional funds covered bollard posts (\$3,675), temporary fencing (\$3,080), a performance bond (\$1,395), four lamp posts, and a price increase (\$11,630). The project is budgeted in 2024.

RV Lot Committee Chair Forrest McClure reported he continues to negotiate with the Army Corps of Engineers over the fence east of the RV lot, housing the wilderness preserve, that is a shared fence with the RV lot. Communications have been regular, but slow, he said, indicating that he sends them information, but they take a long time to reply.

The board approved a contract with High Country Low Voltage Co., to evaluate the sound system in the Sandberg Auditorium, troubleshoot its problems, and provide a quote to upgrade the system (\$520). The system is 12 years old, and has been the subject of numerous complaints. The review work is estimated to take about five hours.

The board approved selling an old tractor to a private individual (\$800). Director Craig Baldwin explained the tractor, which was in disrepair, was scheduled to be junked. "The tractor was no use to HGMD," Baldwin commented.

The tractor was the last item among disused equipment that had been allowed to languish on the golf course. The other pieces are gone, and the tractor sale completed the decluttering.

The board approved the procedure memorandum (PM) for the Clubs and Activities Committee. The special committee was created in late 2023, to make recommendations to the HGMD Board on activities that occur on HGMD property.

HGA Director Linda Hileman noted that the PM referred to "the District's Manager." Noting there currently is no such position at HG, she suggested the wording be changed. The board approved the PM with no changes.

The board approved using \$172 in lottery funds to purchase a storage box/bench for use by Pickleball players. Baldwin noted the players have a lot of equipment they need to store.

Effler voted no on the motion. She noted that many Pickleball players are not residents, and pay no user fees, questioning if this was a proper use of lottery money.

Baldwin led a discussion about whether some capital items that were carried over to 2024, from 2023, might not be delayed until 2025. Some items might never be purchased at all. "It's a lot of money," he commented.

There was general agreement to drop the card-entry system for the Clubhouse from the capital-assets list, with directors saying it would never be purchased. Director Robin O'Meara stated, "I still wonder about leasing some of these items, rather than replacing them."

Baldwin added that, when vehicles are replaced, "they don't go away." He said he was told, "We give them to other departments to use."

"Do we really need to replace them?" he asked. Following the regular meeting, the board adjourned into executive session, to determine positions on matters that might be subject to negotiations, and instructions to negotiators regarding the Management Agreement.

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## HGMD Board President Reports

Daniel Taylor

The hearings on the recall petition protests were held on March 13th and March 15th. The Zoom recordings are on the HGMD website at [www.HGmetroDist.org](http://www.HGmetroDist.org).

On March 15th the restaurant was jam packed with folks dancing to Yesterday's Bacon. It was a night of great music and good food. Our new chef, Josh, was a hit with hearty appetizers and drinks throughout the evening.

Last week, I had the best cheeseburger I've ever had! Stop in to Rendezvous, say hi to Josh, and try all the new deserts. They are awesome!



Photos by Daniel Taylor



### Notice from the Board regarding HG Census and \$50 Fines

If the HG Management Office (on the 2nd floor of the Clubhouse) has not received a completed HG Census from your unit before April 1st, 2024, the unit owner will be fined \$50.00. On page 19 of the HG Declaration, to which all HG owners and residents must adhere, in Section 8.5 Age Limitation and Occupancy Restriction, letter (i) requires management to perform a census every 2 years, and letter (j) requires completion of the census by each owner within 30 days, which was March 30th, 2024. Letter (j) also allows the Board to establish and enforce penalties including fines for failure to return the information sought in the census. Not returning a HG Census would violate these sections of the HG Declarations. Not returning a census is considered a covenant violation. Legal – 3 Enforcement of Covenants and Rules, in Section 7, letter a. established a \$50.00 fine for a first general violation of our covenant.



## HGA Board President Reports

Larry Dávila

Recently I came upon a quote from John O'Donohue I'd like to share with you. "When our eyes are graced with wonder, the world reveals its wonders to us. There are people who see only dullness in the world and that is because their eyes have already been dulled. So much depends on how we look at things. The quality of our looking determines what we come to see."

Allow me to continue this column with a word of thanks to you. It has been encouraging to have so many of you telling me you have enjoyed the positive aspects of my previous columns. We have indeed been going through rough times since last year but, one way or the other, this spell should come to an end in the near future. What happens after that is still to be determined mainly by what we do and what steps we take. From my perspective, I remain convinced we are a good community, and "the best is yet to come." This depends on what we emphasize. Humans that we are, if we emphasize the negative, we'll never be satisfied. This reminds me of a high school teacher I had who used to tell us that some people fix their eyes on the ugly feet of a beautiful peacock instead of its colorful plumage. Is Heather Gardens perfect? No. Are there things that need improvement? Obviously, but I believe much could be achieved if we work cooperatively. This reminds me of a tune I heard often when I came to this country: "The more we get together, together, together; the more we get together the happier we'll be." I'd like to change it just a little bit by saying: "The more we work together, together, together; the more we work together, the more productive we'll be."

Two more things I'd like to bring to your attention. Many of you know that at the February Board meeting, I appointed a Bylaws Revision Committee, composed of Sue McBeth, Mike Pula, and Betty Bergeron. They have been working hard and I expect them to be finished before April. Their finished product will be available on Pitera. With that in mind, I have asked Evelyn Ybarra to set two dates in April (more if necessary) to seek input from our membership before the Board takes official action.

The other thing is a scheduled item for action of the Board in March. Although it's only March, our bylaws require that we form a Nominating Committee for the election of directors this fall. Such a committee is composed of two members of the Board and three members from the ARO. It should have had its first meeting by the first of May. Start thinking about this and submit your suggestions any time up to the first week of August.

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### *HGA...from p. 6*

HG building colors were changed once before, years ago, choosing lighter colors over those originally used. Howell remarked that painting wouldn't start until April or May.

Other actions by the board:

David Kennedy and David Baxter were named to the Nominating Committee, for the autumn HGA director election, with the proviso that Area Representative Organization (ARO) President Betty Bergeron would name three additional committee members from the ARO.

Approved the 2024 carpet-replacement project (\$183,422) for carpet tiles on 17 corridors of multi-story buildings (4,040 sq. ft.).

Approved a revised list for carrying over 2023 capital projects not completed last year to 2024, totaling \$1,844,000.

Approved the revised Community Engagement and Communications charter.

Approved a minor revision to the Civil Affairs Procedure Memorandum.

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# A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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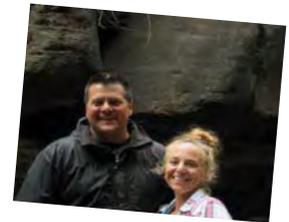
As my journey begins as Editor and Publisher of *Heather 'n Yon* magazine, I look so forward to getting to know the residents and staff of this unique and wonderful community.

I want to extend a big thank you to Lynn Donaldson for sharing her time and knowledge with me. Her years of work and dedication to HnY are something to aspire to.

Our talented staff works continuously to make this magazine a publication that serves the HG community.

We hope you enjoy the April issue of *Heather 'n Yon*!

Susan Harman,  
Editor and Publisher



WITH MY HUSBAND AND  
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*HG Campus blanketed in snow - March 2024*

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# A Chat with GM Lary Herkal



New General Manager Lary Herkal came to Heather Gardens (HG) with an in-depth background in real estate management. He has overseen complex projects that integrated retail, offices, residential, condominiums, and metropolitan districts.

When asked what attracted him to HG, Lary gave a surprisingly personal response to the question.

“I’ve had both knees replaced in the past year,” he said, with a smile. “I took the summer off to give my knees a chance to heal, and that gave me time to reflect on what I wanted to do with my life going forward. This summer was a turning point for me, but still, I’m one of those people who always wants to work. I saw the ad for a general manager at Heather Gardens, and I realized that so much of my skill set fit what they were looking for. I thought if I won that position at HG, my wife Jennifer and I would finally have the opportunity to go see my daughter and son and Jennifer’s son.”

Lary’s son and twograndchildren live in Arizona, and his daughter and the other two grandchildren live in Minnesota. In the past, Lary and his wife have been unable to visit family due to the demands of his career. He explained “in retail, we couldn’t take days off,” because retail jobs require that you work every day during the holiday season.

Yet Lary has always been dedicated to his chosen profession. During his extensive career in operations and mixed-use real estate development, he has assembled and inspired teams, hired and developed staff, and worked with contractors. His occupation has taught him how to make quick decisions in a fast-paced environment and communicate with multiple stakeholders. From 2006 to 2020, for instance, Lary managed Belmar, a \$750 million 103-acre mixed-use development in Lakewood, Colorado, with 893,565 square feet of retail and 286,351 square feet of offices. Belmar is described as a reinvention of

downtown Lakewood that evokes the ambiance of an old town village center.

“All my projects have been in what I call ‘mini-cities,’ and that’s what HG is,” Lary said.

At Belmar, Lary saved more than \$1 million in annual operation costs by streamlining efficiency and procedures. His leadership approach is to evaluate every component: staffing, operations, expenses.

“Here at Heather Gardens, similar to every project I’ve walked into, I’ve already identified areas where we can improve our operation,” Lary said.

Lary managed Belmar through three ownership changes which concluded with him as senior general manager with Jones Lang LaSalle/Starwood Retail Partners, a global commercial real estate services company with offices in 80 countries. Most recently, Lary was general manager in Denver at Stockdale Management LLC, a real estate capital investment firm.

**When considering that four of the five-member HGMD board directors were elected in May 2023 as the “Candidates 4 Change,” Lary grew thoughtful. Finally, he said, “The resolution for change is a positive thing, but not always the right thing.”**

He described how all the HOAs he has served on have had retail on the building’s lower floor and condos or apartments on the upper floors. Lary stressed that the interests and needs of these two groups—retail owners/managers/staff vs. condo tenants—are very different.

“We were able to talk through all the differences and reach compromise,” he said.

When comparing the retail vs. tenant environment with HG’s own two-board environment (HGA and HGMD), Lary said, “My loyalty is to the residents of Heather Gardens. One board suing the other here at HG is really unfortunate. All I can do is keep my staff positive. Their conflict will come to some type of resolution—this year for sure—maybe even in the next couple of months. HG residents live here because they enjoy the amenities, the community and the area. Nobody enjoys what’s going on now.”

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# Earth Day Memories

Earth Day is always April 22. It's been around for a while: 54 years to be exact. It's a little like us... an "active adult" humming along, still going strong. Where were you on that first Earth Day on April 22, 1970? I was a college freshman, pretty clueless to the problems our environment was facing, even then. I remember, when I was a child, my dad reminding me to turn off the water while I brushed my teeth, and years later, he told me that access to water would be one of the big issues for our future. ( I wish I had asked him how he knew!)

The modern environmental movement in the United States was born April 22, 1970. It was a day of protest and led to both the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the signing of the Clean Air Act by President Richard Nixon in December of 1970. Earth Day was a protest against industry's unregulated and indiscriminate release of toxins into our air and water and soil. Leaded gas made our air dirty; chemical pesticides made our land and water poisonous. I even had an older cousin who nonchalantly sprayed DDT on poison ivy.

The catalyst for that 1970 awakening was the book ***Silent Spring*** written in 1962 by Rachel Carson. In 1962 she was a biologist working as a science writer for the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries.

Because of her research, she wrote in her book that the widespread use of chemical pesticides was poisoning the earth and its wildlife, and that these chemicals created health problems in humans. Her book pointed out the link between the health of our planet and our personal health.

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These things are pretty easy to do and can effect positive change in our world. That's pretty much what I think Earth Day is about - the changes you can make and together we make things better. You could also listen to my dad...and turn off the faucet while you're brushing your teeth.

-Pat Nugent, B221  
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In Lary's former positions, he strived for good tenant morale and community relations, which has given him insight into how to help raise resident morale at HG. "If we're going to enjoy where we work, we need to identify what prevents good morale, then tackle the issues," he said.

Lary said he leads with a people-first approach. "Brick and mortar is not what makes this job fun. It's the people. I enjoy and cherish the brotherhood and sisterhood at HG. I believe 95 percent of people can work things out."

He reiterated that his purpose is to continue to breed respect, courtesy, and positivity among the staff and residents of HG.

When considering that four of the five-member HGMD board directors were elected in May 2023 as the "Candidates 4 Change," Lary grew thoughtful. Finally, he said, "The resolution for change is a positive thing, but not always the right thing."

His statement reflects the truth that even good change can be overly stressful and costly. Lary describes himself as results-driven, and he expresses frank admiration for the accomplishments of his predecessors at HG.

"The person who follows someone into a position comes to know a side of that person better than anyone else," Lary said. "Jon Rea and Jerry Counts really loved this community and wanted the best for it. I have no doubt about that. Their quality of work was outstanding."

Having big shoes to fill presents both opportunity and a challenge for our new general manager. His response: "That's what charges my energy."

-Gloria Lesher, B212



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- Gertrude S. Wister

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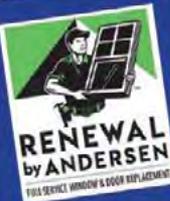
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**Operational Efficiencies:** How can we maintain our parks, open spaces and recreation facilities, both new and old?

**Sustainable Growth:** How can we grow as a city while protecting the nature around us?

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## Citizens' Advisory Budget Committee Revenue Generation Survey

The Citizens' Advisory Budget Committee (CABC) studies all phases of the city's budget and makes recommendations to City Council. Members of CABC are exploring revenue generation ideas and would like resident feedback on possible new art, entertainment, theater, music and sport venues as well as potential funding sources to build them. Please take a minute to complete the short survey below to share your thoughts.

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# APRIL CALENDAR

<b>Mon 1</b>	Men's Monday Bridge (every Monday) HG Women's Book Club (Arce) Spanish Club (every Monday) Monday Mah Jongg (every Monday) HG Women's Book Club (Urias) Game Night (every Monday)	Skyview Room Mountain View Room Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Arts and Crafts Room	10am-2pm 10:30am-12:30pm 11am-noon 1-4pm 1-3pm 4-6pm
<b>Tue 2</b>	CP2 Meeting Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tuesday) Ping Pong (every Tuesday) Tuesday Mah Jongg Tennis Club Meeting Billards Club Co-Ed 8 Ball (every Tuesday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rm Mountain View Room Game Room Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Billard Room	? 12:30-4pm 2-3pm 1-4pm 5pm 6:30pm
<b>Wed 3</b>	Afternoon Cribbage (every Wednesday) Rummikub (every Wednesday) HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge Woodshop Club Meeting Pinochle (every Wednesday) CP1 Meeting Square Dance (1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Sunburst Cafe Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Mountain View Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rm Sandberg Auditorium	12:30-3pm 1-3pm 1pm 1pm 1:30-4pm 5:30pm 7-9pm
<b>Thu 4</b>	Tai Chi (every Thursday) TOPS (every Thursday) Optimist Club (1st and 3rd Thursday) Time4Tap Dance Group (every Thursday) Bunko (1st and 3rd Thursday) Social Bridge (every Thursday) HG Writers Club (every Thursday) Ping Pong (every Thursday) Kiwanis Club of Aurora	Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Skyview Room Game Room Skyview Room	8-11am 8:30-9:30am 9am Noon-1pm 1-3:30pm 1-3:30pm 1-4pm 2-3pm 6pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	10-11am
<b>Sat 6</b>	Ping Pong (every Saturday) Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Karaoke Club	Game Room Arts and Crafts Room Aspen/Blue Spruce	2-3pm Noon-3/4pm 3-5pm
<b>Sun 7</b>	Social Bridge (every Sunday)	Mountain View Room	1-3:30pm
<b>Tue 9</b>	Mountain Man Nut & Fruit	Clubhouse Lobby	2:15-3:15pm
<b>Wed 10</b>	Active Minds: Climate Change Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	2-3pm 7pm

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<b>Thu 11</b>	The Green Team RV Lot Club	Blue Spruce Aspen Room	Noon 5-6pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	Bird and Nature Club HG Indivisible	Lodgepole Lounge Skyview Room	11:30am 11:45am
<b>Sat 13</b>	The Breakfast Club The Voice for Residents Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	8:30am 3-4:30pm
<b>Mon 15</b>	HG Photo Club	Aspen Room	3-5pm
<b>Tue 16</b>	Caregivers Support Group	Aspen Room	2-4pm
<b>Wed 17</b>	Xfinity/Comcast Bill Review HG Ladies Golf Club: Spring Meet and Greet Lunch Frolics Traveling Troupe	Library Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant	Noon-3pm TBD 4pm
<b>Thu 18</b>	Watch Batteries Replaced Social Justice Discussion Kathleen Arnold: History of Perfume Lifelong Learners Kiwanis Club of Aurora - Guest Speaker	Sunburst Cafe Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Arts and Crafts Room Skyview Room	9am-1pm 10am-noon 1-2pm 3pm 6pm
<b>Sat 20</b>	The Voice for Residents Club Wine and Cheese Social Club	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce	3-4:30pm 3-5pm
<b>Sun 21</b>	Tennis Continental Breakfast CP5 & CP6 Meeting	Picnic Pavillion Picnic Pavilion	9-11am 1:30 - 7pm
<b>Mon 22</b>	Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30pm
<b>Tue 23</b>	HG Republican Club HG Democrats Club Sevillians Social	Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant	1:30-3pm 4-5:30pm 4:30-6pm
<b>Wed 24</b>	HG Women's Golf Club Meeting	Board Room	1pm
<b>Thu 25</b>	AARP	Sandberg Auditorium	12:45-5pm
<b>Fri 26</b>	Bingo	Sandberg Auditorium	1-3pm

### Advertised Activities and Seminars

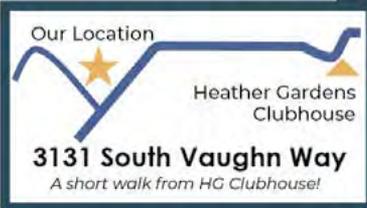
Mon, April 8	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)
Fri, April 19	Mature Living Seminar, St. Andrew's Village, 10–11:30 am (see ad, p. 8)
Sat, April 27	Senior Safeguard Workshop, Rendezvous Restaurant, 10 am (see ad, p. 8)



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

**Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study.** Meetings will re-start after the holidays at 9:30–11:30 am Tuesday, Jan. 16, Mountain View Room, and every Tuesday after. First topic will be the Book of Acts. We welcome everyone — Catholic and non-Catholic. Just show up. Call Dr. Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email [clinecellars57@gmail.com](mailto:clinecellars57@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

## Boards and Committees Monthly Meetings

Clubs & Activities (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Fri, April 5  
~~SEC (BR/Zoom) – 4 pm Mon, April 1~~ Canceled  
CECC (BR/Zoom) – 11 am Tue, April 2  
Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, April 3  
Maintenance (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, April 3  
**HGMD Board** (BR/Zoom) – **1 pm Thu, April 18**  
Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Fri, April 12  
RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, April 8  
Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, April 2  
Foundation (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, April 10  
HGMD Audit/Finance (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm, Mon, April 15  
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Mon, April 15  
**HGA Board** (BR/Zoom) – **1 pm Tue, April 16**  
Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, April 17  
Resident Open Forum (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, April 17  
ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, April 8  
Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, April 23  
Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, April 24  
Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) – 11:30 am Wed, April 24  
Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Thu, April 25

## TOWN HALL MEETING With Angela Lawson Ward V, Aurora City Council

Saturday, April 20  
10-11:30 a.m.  
Aspen/Blue Spruce

**Heather 'n Yon Deadline 4/17**  
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# Letters

Heather n' Yon,  
Have YOU ever wanted to express your Aurora-related concerns directly to a competent Aurora District V representative? Wondered about the latest Crime Statistics right around Heather Gardens? Questioned some of the patterns of traffic lights OR contemplated why certain intersections around Heather Gardens have had changes in traffic patterns and have different traffic light sequences? ... Well, ALL of this (plus a free smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm give-away) was part of the Aurora District V Town Hall here in Heather Gardens! OUR Aurora District V representative, Angela Lawson finished by taking questions from the attendees and stayed until every last question was addressed! She was able to refer attendees to the actual person who was in charge of specific areas within the Aurora government so that the proper attention would be given to every concern expressed.

IF you missed this very worthwhile Town Hall at Heather Gardens, the next Town Hall at Heather Gardens is scheduled for

Saturday, April 20,  
10 to 11:30 a.m  
Aspen/Blue Spruce

It is easy to complain - but for more positive results, plan to attend ALL of these Town Halls, learn what is being done from representatives in various Aurora city Departments (who might differ from time to time). Then at the end each meeting respectfully state your concern either publicly OR in a one-on-one talk with Angela Lawson right after each meeting. She and her co-workers REALLY get things moving in a most positive direction!

BYW, here is a link (used when Angela ran for this office) that shows her thoughtful personality and earnest desires to meet the needs of the citizens of Aurora.  
<https://www.lawsonforaurora.com/>  
(Meet Angela)  
-Roxanne Smith, B242

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Heather n' Yon,  
We have all heard the adage, "A

"Picture is Worth a Thousand Words." Thanks to the article in the March issue of Heather 'n Yon by Eloise Laubach HGMD VP Chair, Foundation Committee.

Meaning: Seeing something is better for learning than having it described.

This was the case for 55 lucky Sevillians who attended the Sevillian February dinner in the Banquet room of the Rendezvous. Cormac graciously showed our group, table-by-table, the renovations made to the kitchen.

For those of us who have little or no background in behind-the-scenes preparation of food, this was a real eye-opener! What it takes to handily prepare a meal in your home kitchen is a far cry from what it takes to prepare many meals in a restaurant.

Cormac, the Restaurant Manager, described all the new additions, specific features to the kitchen in detail, and how they were a benefit/necessity in a commercial kitchen. Who knew the chef had to go outside to enter the freezer in rain, snow, sleet, or in blazing heat! That was just one of the takeaway points that resonated with the group.

For a future monthly Sevillian dinner, Cormac promised he would entertain a session called, "Meet the Chef with a question-and-answer period." We look forward to that future evening's event.

A special thank you to Cormac and his attentive staff for providing a lovely evening in the Banquet room. The elegant décor for our evening's event set the tone for a highly anticipated outing and dinner.

In addition to the kitchen tour, I invited the newly elected president of the Seville Recreation Assoc., SRA, Vicki Wolfe, to introduce the 2024 Seville Board.

-Patt Clark, B235

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Heather n' Yon,  
This is what property management (PM), that HGMD is proposing, means to me:

1. Add one General Manager - add one new salary
2. Add one Business Manager and asst. - add two new salaries

3. Add one Administrative Asst. - add one new salary
4. Add new Housekeeping Department - several HGA staff will have to be laid off with no guarantees that the new PM will hire any of them. Also, the PM may decide to cut staff numbers until it impacts quality.
5. Add new Maintenance Department - several HGA staff will have to be laid off with no guarantees that the new PM will hire any of them. Also, the PM may decide not to have a maintenance department and instead just hire contractors as needed. We will lose the skills that our current staff provide due to their history with HG.
6. Find new Maintenance location for HGA. This would have to be off campus and could extend their time in responding to emergencies. Add rent.
7. Find new office space for the HGA Admin Staff and Board. This would be off campus. HGMD implies they will rent the space to HGA? Add rent.
8. Add new Security Department - add anywhere from 5 to 7 guards?
9. Add new Human Resources Department - add one new salary
10. Receive two bills for dues. One from HGA and one from HGMD.

PM firms may be able to decrease expenses for the first year as a "buy in" to get us to use them. Then within one to two years, the expense will go sky high and we'll be stuck.

I see no win with this. We'll be paying for at least 10 duplicate salaries as well as space for which HGA will have to pay rent.  
-Kathy Buhrman, B250

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

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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## **HG Women's Book Club**

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

## **Spanish Club (Club en Español)**

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

## **CP2**

We meet on the first Tuesday in April, June, August, October, and December. On April 2 and in October, we will meet in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. In December and June, we meet in the Rendezvous Restaurant. The months that we are not meeting in Rendezvous Restaurant will be potluck and BYOB. Please mark your calendars! – Jake Flint

## **Woodshop Club**

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

## **CP1**

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

## **TOPS**

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. With a sense of teamwork, we encourage each other to eat healthy, lose the unwanted pounds and have fun along the way. TOPS Chapter 0366 in HG Clubhouse has celebrated 45 years of providing members with information and support in making healthy eating choices. TOPS is an International diet club. We have many success stories to share. Please visit us during one of our meetings to see what we are about. Guests are always welcome. Real People. Real Weight Loss. Men and women are welcome. For information, contact Lisa Jackson, 469-323-5434 or mljackson81@gmail.com.

## **Optimist Club**

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

## **HG Writers Club**

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

## **CP4**

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

## **Kiwanis Club of Aurora**

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

## **Men with Purpose**

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

## **Karaoke Club**

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

## **B201 and B202**

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

## **Aviation Club**

The HG Aviation Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, Aspen Room. Everyone with an interest in aircraft and aviation is welcome to join us on April 10. – Rudy Morris

## **The Green Team**

We meet on the second Thursday of every month, at noon, Blue Spruce Room. All interested residents are welcome.

The Shred Event is coming. Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4. It's a big job to keep it running smoothly. That's why we are asking for volunteers. You won't be doing the hard backbreaking work, as teens from Regis High School have those jobs. But, to keep it a well-oiled machine, traffic directing is a necessity. Last year, 240 cars came through in those two hours. We would like to increase that number this year. So, if you are up for the task, we will meet at 8 am on May 4 at the Picnic Pavilion. But, please, call 303-587-9797 to sign up. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

### **RV Lot Club**

Our club is open to all who RV, not just those who rent space in the HG RV Storage Lot. At our meetings, we share information and experience about RV-ing. We lobby to improve conditions in the storage lot. We also anticipate having social, travel and camping activities. We meet the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, Aspen Room. Happy trails and safe travels!

### **Birding and Nature Club**

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

### **HG Indivisible**

The Heather Gardens Indivisible group meets on April (second Friday) in the Skyview Room, 11:45 am. The program will be to learn ways to effectively influence our legislators. Those who wish may have lunch after at the Rendezvous. Indivisible is a community of neighbors who want to make a difference in the world, addressing the many problems we see with positive, forward-thinking actions. We address issues that concern us, such as wealth inequality, racial injustice, women's reproductive rights, gun safety, etc., with both education and action. Although people of any political affiliation are welcome, our approach is progressive and, in the upcoming election, we will be supporting legislation and candidates whose values echo these goals.

Whether you can attend the meetings or not, you are welcome to also sign up for our newsletter, which includes both information and action items. Contact Gina Abegg, 303 923-3415, or ginaabegg2020@gmail.com.

### **The Voice For Residents Club**

Do you want more information concerning current issues that we are facing here at Heather Gardens? The Voice for Residents Club was formed to provide a forum for residents to stay current and informed on issues facing HG. There will be two meetings in April, overviewing lawsuits facing our community. The first will be an overview of the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District vs. Heather Gardens Association lawsuit, held Saturday, April 13, 3-4:30 pm in the auditorium.

The second meeting will be an overview of the Paycheck Protection

Program (PPP) lawsuit related to the application for and the use of the funds. This review will be Saturday, April 20, 3-4:30 pm in the auditorium. More information will be announced in our April flier. For information, contact Vickie Hoffman, vhoff920@gmail.com.

### **The Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus meets at 8:30 am on the second Saturday in Rendezvous Restaurant for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is \$20. TBC has grown in the past 20 years — it has three other chapters along the Front Range. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour. Each month, there are also different activities planned, such as museums, sports events, plays, concerts, and day trips, to name a few. Come see!

### **HG Photo Club**

If you want to learn more about photography, get inspired, meet others who share your passion, make new friends, and learn how to share those great trips, try the HG Photo Club. We discuss the different ways of taking photos and how things have changed in the photo world. We meet on the third Monday, 3-5 pm, Aspen Room. The next meeting will be April 15. Contact Rudy Morris, 303-506-8070, rudymorris4@gmail.com

### **Caregivers Support Group**

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

### **Frolics Club**

Mark it on your calendar! The 2024 Annual Spring Frolics Production will be May 3-5, titled "Broadway In Our Hearts." Meanwhile, come enjoy our Frolics Traveling Troupe perform at the Rendezvous every third Wednesday of the month. Our next performance is Wednesday, April 17, 4 pm. Come purchase a drink, some munchies, or dinner, and enjoy the free entertainment. Also remember, our Traveling Troupe is available to perform at your next community event. For more information, contact Susie Hayes, 303-745-1816.

### **Lifelong Learners**

Our spring classes are underway. We hope that both facilitators and participants are finding the courses to be stimulating and rewarding. Now we are looking forward to the summer session. Do you have an area of interest or experience in a subject that you would like to share with our community? Consider being a facilitator. Lifelong Learners will be conducting a Prospective Facilitator briefing on Thursday, April 18, 3 pm, Arts and Crafts Room. Any questions, contact HeatherGardensLearners@gmail.com. – Cathy Martino, 303-872-3283

### **Social Justice Discussion**

We meet on the third Thursday each month, 10 am-noon, Blue Spruce Room. For the April 18 meeting, our discussion topic will be the plight of the unhoused in our country and, especially, in our community. Two of our group members will lead the discussion, as we wrestle with how we can become better informed about possible solutions. Contact: Diane Pritchard, dianekritchard@gmail.com, or Bernie Hupperts, marlynber@gmail.com.

### **Wine & Cheese Social Club**

We meet on the third Saturday of every month. Join us at 3–5 pm Saturday, April 20, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For more information, call the Clubhouse Activity Desk, 303-751-1811, ext. 5.

### **SRA**

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

### **HG Republican Club**

Our regular meeting/general session is Tuesday, April 23, 1:30-3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Program: Letter to the American Church, a documentary film that is an adaptation of the best-selling book, Letter to the American Church, by Eric Metaxas. The documentary lays out the parallels between early 1930s Nazi Germany and other totalitarian regimes with what is happening in America today. Metaxas, and several leading

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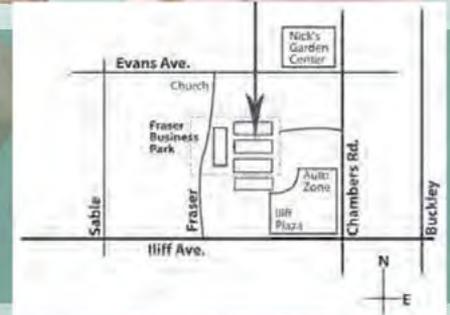
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## Men's Monday Bridge

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

## Monday Mah Jongg

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

## Tennis Club

Our play times in April are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, at 1 pm. Please come out and give us a try. We welcome all levels of players. We offer free lessons, and training on the ball machine. Our next get-together is our monthly meeting at the Rendezvous Restaurant. This will be on Tuesday, April 2, 5 pm. We are friendly and welcoming. If you have any questions, call Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-587-9797.

## Men's Poker & Texas Hold 'em

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

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

## Games Galore!

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

## Hand (Knee) and Foot

Also known as Tripleplay, this is a variation of Canasta. Fun and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountain View Room. Call Kevin Keator 303-699-4641, or just show up.

## Pickleball

We offer a "Pickleball Lite" program with play on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to noon and beyond for beginners and those who enjoy a slower and easier pace of play. Free instruction same days at 11. The club provides loaner paddles and pickleballs.

Intermediate/advanced play runs from 9 till noon except perhaps on Thursday depending on tai chi and often later every day providing the wind chill is above about 30°F and wind gusts are below 15-20 MPH. We add events such as Round Robin and Ladder Play occasionally on Saturday or Sunday.

Visit our club's website <https://www.hgpickle.org/> for wind and temperature plus much more information or contact Phil Hughes at 303-503-7633 or Ron Hileman at 720-256-7477 <[ronhileman@gmail.com](mailto:ronhileman@gmail.com)> with your questions or to schedule a free orientation or lesson outside of Tuesday or Thursday at 11 as described above.

## Tuesday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room. All players are welcome. Please have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social

game: we do not play for money, only glory.

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

## Ping Pong

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

## Billiard Club

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

## 8-Ball February 20

1st Judy Brehmer, Doug Miller  
2nd Sharon Weiss, Lindy Davenport  
3rd Sean Kelliher, David Worden

## February 27

1st Dee Moore, Don Gunnarson  
2nd Connie Burns, Scott Crowl  
3rd Mike Franzen, Ted Herrera

## March 5

1st Gil Lochhead, Don Gunnarson  
2nd Sean Kelliher, Judy Brehmer  
3rd Tony Ormsby, Dee Moore

## March 12

1st Brian Bucenec, Bob Schlageter  
2nd Ted Herrera, Dee Moore  
3rd Sean Kelliher, Shannon Boyd

## 9-Ball Results February 15

1st Brian Bucenec  
2nd Doug Miller  
3rd Ted Herrera

## February 22

1st Doug Miller  
2nd Ted Herrera  
3rd John Manzanares

## February 29

1st Ted Herrera  
2nd Steve Hesser  
3rd Scott Crowl

## March 7

1st Steve Hesser  
2nd Doug Miller  
3rd Scott Crowl

## Afternoon Cribbage

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

## Rummikub

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

## HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

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

## Pinochle

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

## Square Dance

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

## Ladies Golf Club

If you do an Internet search you will discover that April is filled with an assortment of special “days” to celebrate. There is National Find a Rainbow Day (April 3), National Pajama Day (April 6), and – one we are more familiar with – Earth Day on April 22. The day that carries the most importance for members of the Heather Gardens Ladies Golf Club is “International Golfers Day,” which is celebrated every April 10. This year, the league will celebrate that day by hosting its second round of pre-season play. Our one-hundred-plus members are excitedly looking forward to getting the 2024 season underway, and are happy to welcome nine new members to the group.

## Important Dates

The Board has been hard at work establishing a schedule for the year. Please add these important dates to your calendar.

**April 3:** Preseason play begins. No payouts during April.

**April 17:** Spring Meet and Greet Luncheon at Rendezvous  
Exact times and locations for some activities are still being finalized, as are dates for the club's outside tournaments. As that information becomes available, it will be published in *Heather 'n Yon*, and posted on the club's website, [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com).

## Starting Times

### Shotgun Starts

To help promote club camaraderie, we will host shotgun starts on the first and third Wednesdays of each month during our season. All shotguns will begin at 8:30 am. The golf shop asks that golfers check in 30 minutes before their scheduled tee times.

Following shotguns, the Rendezvous will be open and hosting a special “Ladies Golfer Lunch Special.” Additional information regarding these lunch specials will be published as details are finalized.

### Non-Shotgun Starting Times

In April, non-shotgun starting times

will be 8:30 am. In May, starting times will move to 8 am. In June, July, and August, the first -available starting time will be 6:36 am. In September, starting times will again be 8 am. For all tee times, the golf shop asks that golfers check in 30 minutes before their scheduled tee times.

The next HGLGC board meeting is scheduled for 1 pm on Wednesday, April 24, Board Room. All members are encouraged to attend. Minutes from all board meetings are posted on the website.

## Meet Member

Mary Jo Prichard is the membership chair for the Heather Garden's Ladies Golf Club, a position she has held for five years. Mary Jo has lived at HG for 6½ years. The spring after her arrival, a club member encouraged her to join the golf league, and she has been an active member since. Mary Jo said she caught the “golf bug” from her in-laws, who lived at HG. She said she often rode around with them before deciding to take up the game herself. When asked what she would tell others about the club, she said, “It is a great way to meet wonderful women. Everyone is inviting, and it is an all-around good time. I look forward to every Wednesday.” – Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

## Tai Chi

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

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

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

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# HG Clubhouse Events

## Clubhouse Hours

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

Phone 303-751-1811, x5

Acting Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich

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

### Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co.

Tuesday April 9, 2:15-3:15 pm, Clubhouse Lobby  
They will be selling Nuts, Seeds, Snacks, Candies, Dried Fruits, and Trail Mix

### Active Minds: Climate Change

Wednesday, April 10, 2-3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk. Scientists are predicting a global average temperature increase of 2.5 to 10 degrees over the next century. Likely impacts include more droughts and heatwaves as well as stronger and more frequent hurricanes. Sea levels are predicted to rise 1-4 feet by 2100, submerging vast areas of land. Join Active Minds as we examine the predictions and the politics given the U.S. withdrawal and reentry to the Paris climate accord. This program is being brought to you by Heather Gardens, Humana, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, The Inn at Greenwood Village, Five Star Residences of Dayton Place, and Active Minds®.

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### Xfinity/Comcast Bill Review

Wednesday, April 17, Noon-3pm, Library Sign-up sheets are now available. There are 10, 20 minutes slots. FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

### Kathleen Arnold: History of Perfume

Sponsored by Cherry Creek Retirement Village & Garden Plaza of Aurora

Thursday, April 18, 1-2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk

Perfume as we know and use it today has evolved over thousands of years. Although France would eventually dominate the perfume industry, the history of perfume did not begin there.

### Watch Batteries Replaced

Thursday, April 18, 9–1 pm, Sunburst Café

Cost: \$8 per battery

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

### AARP

Thursday, April 25, 12:45 pm–5 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

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

### Bingo

Friday, April 26, 1-3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

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

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303-526-0744, 10 am-5 pm

[www.buffalobill.org](http://www.buffalobill.org)

987 1/2 Lookout Mountain Road, Golden

**Dinosaur Ridge**

**Friday, April 12**

303-697-3466, 9am-4pm

[www.dinoridge.org](http://www.dinoridge.org)

16831 W. Alameda Pkwy, Morrison

**Denver Art Museum**

**Tuesday, April 9**

720-865-5000, 10am-9pm

[www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

100 W 14th Ave Pkwy

**Longmont Museum**

**Saturday, April 13**

303-651-8374, 9am-5pm

[www.longmontcolorado.gov/  
departments/departments-e-m/museum](http://www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-e-m/museum)

400 Quail Rd 80501

**Denver Botanic Gardens**

**Monday, April 22**

720-865-3500, 9am-2pm,

[www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

1007 York St, Denver

**Four Mile Historic Park**

**Friday, April 26**

720-865-0800, 10 am-4 pm

[www.fourmilepark.org](http://www.fourmilepark.org)

715 S. Forest St. Denver

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**Sunday, April 28**

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## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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conservative voices of today, explain how cultural Marxism has taken over America, including the church.

### **Class and Discussion Group**

Wednesday, April 3: American Constitution Class, 9-11 am, Mountain View Room. The goal for participants is to understand the meaning and purpose of the Constitution. This class meets every Wednesday for six weeks. Mike Thoma, trainer.

Friday, April 12: Imprimis Discussion Group, 9 am-noon, Lodge Pole Lounge

Reading List for April: "An Immigration Crisis Beyond Imagining", "Inside the Transgender Empire", and "The Twitter Files Reveal an Existential Threat."

Imprimis is the monthly speech digest of Hillsdale College, published by the Center for Constructive Alternatives. Get your articles for free at <https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu> Contact Robin O'Meara, president, if you have any questions about caucus. [rlomeara1@gmail.com](mailto:rlomeara1@gmail.com), or call or text 303-949-4916.

### **HG Democrats**

The Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the auditorium, 4-5:30 pm. The purpose of the club is to support the Constitution, the rule of law, and the promise of a government of, by and for the people. We have guest speakers on current issues and legislation and democratic public policies. Our meetings are free and open to the public. You do not need to live in Heather Gardens nor be registered as a Democrat. Some of us have dinner in the Rendezvous after the meeting. Please join us for lively discussion and good company. — Marty Karnopp, Chair

On April 22 (fourth Monday), the **Low Vision Support Group** will meet in the Aspen Room, 1:30 pm.  
Questions?  
Call Marsha Bengen,  
720-535-5224

### **Sevillians**

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

### **NFBCO Aurora Chapter**

NFBCO Aurora meets once a month, on the fourth Saturday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Mountainview Room. Our chapter is open to all blind and low-vision persons interested in learning more about living the life you want with limited vision. For more information, contact Dale Holden, chapter president, B213, 303-905-9738.

### **Garden Club**

Spring has finally arrived, and gardeners everywhere are feeling the anticipation of once again digging in the dirt. Join your fellow garden enthusiasts, as we discuss getting the soils and pots ready for planting, as well as starting some plants before outdoor planting. Garden Club meeting — Monday, April 29, 6 pm, Aspen Blue Spruce Room. To be added to the Garden Club email notifications contact Nancy Linsenbigler, 720-932-6990, [Nancy@nancyinsenbigler.com](mailto:Nancy@nancyinsenbigler.com).

### **OPOCS Singles Club**

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

### **HG Singers**

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

# EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22



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### Fun Gals Golf

Fun Gals Golf will be back this season on Thursday mornings, beginning April 4, with the first of three tee times starting at 9. To participate, call the HG Pro Shop, 303-751-2390. When the message starts, press 1; when they answer, specify you want to play "Fun Gals Golf."

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

For even more fun and socializing, we can take advantage of Rendezvous' earlier opening time of 10:30 am, and enjoy a drink or a bite together after play. For more information, please text or leave a voicemail for Linda Hileman, 303-514-5379.

### Bunko

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

### Time4Tap Dance Group

If you are a seasoned tap dancer, you might want to join Time4Tap Dance Group (Intermediate/Advanced), at its new time, noon-1 pm, Thursdays, Sandberg Auditorium. With questions, call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985; email [jwhalen97@comcast.net](mailto:jwhalen97@comcast.net). Make Time4Tap!

### HG Bowling League

Here are some of the highlights as of March 10:

We are heading into the final few weeks of the season. We have a new team leader at the top of the standings: The Fire Flies (Barb Gierscher, Florence Madonna and George Madonna) now hold a narrow lead, finally surpassing The Pin Busters (Summer Dunbar, Dorothy Hunter, Tony Ormsby), who had held the top spot for the entire season to this point. But something tells me they will not go away quietly, as there are still a few weeks of intense competition ahead. Okay, maybe we are not really that intense on this league, but it helps to build up some drama. Here is the current list of individual and team season leaders:

High Scratch Series (Men & Women)  
Maury Smith, 615; Sue McBeth, 544

High Scratch Game  
George Madonna, Steve Hesser, 246 (tie); Mary Jo Prichard, 201

High Handicap Series  
Larry Hill, 751; Carol Strickland, 740

High Handicap Game  
Scott Cole, 287; Charlane Pluckcheck, 266

Team Scratch Series –1618  
Les Miserabowls (Mary Jo Prichard, Steve Hesser, Glenn Riggs)  
Team Handicap Series – 2025  
Easy Rollers (Lee Boland, Carol Strickland, Dave Walstrom)

Team Scratch Game – 554  
Clean Livin' (Bill Peters, Karen Johnson, Bill Singer)

Team Handicap Game – 716  
Bowlers R Us (Joyce Laffea, John Manske, Les Grosshans)  
Please contact Glenn Riggs, [gvriggs@yahoo.com](mailto:gvriggs@yahoo.com), if you would like to add your name to the contact list for the new season which will begin in September.

### Social Bridge

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

### Men's Golf

Hello, everyone, and welcome to Spring. Our new season begins Friday, April 5, weather permitting. We had a wonderful luncheon to kick off 2024. If you don't know your group's tee time, you can find it on the website, by asking the golf shop, or by calling Paul Zippis.

Please sign up as early as you can, on clipboards are available in the pro shop, for two May events. First is the Ladies/Men's Mixer on Monday, June 10 – details to follow, with pairings and shotgun start. Second is the Garden Cup, on Tuesdays, June 18 and 25.

### Mexican Train Dominoes

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

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### Elder Abuse by Housepets

If the best part of waking up is Folger's in your cup, be aware that the worst part of waking up is getting socked in the eye by a hungry cat, who thinks you should have refilled his kibble dish hours earlier. Mornings at our house are interesting. And I fully acknowledge I'm the primary reason my pets are this way. Mornings are my favorite times. Breakfast on the lanai, in warm weather. Lingering over cups of coffee. Poring over the daily newspaper, and doing the crossword puzzle. Scanning my phone for breaking-news headlines.

I decided a while ago that one of the perks of being mostly retired is that I should be able to claim mornings for myself. (Evenings, too, but that's a different column.) After one of my furry four-footed alarm clocks rousts me from bed, I'm perfectly willing to put the dog's morning walk first, then feed the pets, in quick succession. After this, I want the animals and the rest of the world to leave me alone, for a few hours. Sadly, the pets and the world seldom cooperate.

I can weave and dodge intrusions from telemarketers and peddlers. But the animals live with me. They're harder to evade.

One hungry cat will lurk on the stairs, hidden in the shadows. As I descend, he hooks my ankles with his nasty claws. I'm not sure how he thinks I'm going to complete my appointed task of feeding him, if I'm lying at the bottom of the staircase with a broken neck. This cat is a prime example of poor impulse control and bad planning.

After my narrow escape, I think to myself: I need to trim that cat's claws. This is the same thing I thought yesterday, but never accomplished. I also thought this the day before, but didn't follow through, because both

boys are so squirmy and uncooperative. One of these days, I have confidence the claw trimming actually is going to happen.

The dog does her share of making sure that my mornings are never easy. There is the regular matter of making the bed. I'm willing to make my bed every day – just barely – but accomplishing the task is easier said than done.

I straighten the sheets. The dog jumps on the bed and rolls in them. I straighten them again. The dog rolls some more, and knocks the pillows on the floor. Too quickly, I cede the battle and walk away, resolving to make the bed later. Like tomorrow. (When it all starts again.)

Ever since I had an accident, last May, and shredded my rotator cuff, I've been performing physical - therapy (PT) exercises daily. Well, usually, daily. I'm not a fanatic.

The purpose of the ongoing therapy is to avoid shoulder surgery, which – I've been advised – requires a long recovery period, including six weeks in a cast before any rehab can even begin. Who wants that?

So, for the last 10 months, I've been working on my PT at home. For the past several months – since he came to live here – The Jellicle Cat (Jelli, my silver-striped tabby), has appointed himself my personal trainer. Jelli performs such useful assistance as sitting on my stomach while I do arm lifts, from a lying position. He likes to head butt my arm as it swings five-pound weights around – a contribution that is guaranteed to hurt me more than it does him.

I meet with my Kaiser physical therapist every four to six weeks, and get measured for improvement in my range of motion. She agrees that my progress has been encouraging. But I don't even try to explain to her that I believe my progress would be even more pronounced, if I didn't find a cat's head blocking my movement as I do arm crunches. I think a person has to live with a feline for such bizarre excuses to make sense. I'm not sure my PT is a cat person.

While Jelli is the involved cat, the black-and-white tuxedo, Quill, doesn't care to strain himself so much. He doesn't insert himself into my PT, as to do so might require some effort on his part. He prefers to watch my efforts to exercise – critically – and to sneer, as only a pussy cat can.

My pets further subject me to risk and injury when they quarrel among themselves. After eating, the cats like to stage wrestling matches, which – no doubt – helps with digestion. The two boys tumble together, one on top of the other, which is fascinating to watch. I might make a little extra money promoting cat fights, and taking bets.

But the down side is that they take no prisoners. If the unwary person (me) has the misfortune to wander into the middle of their impromptu fight club, suddenly, the sparring is between three entities – the body-slammng cats and me, trying to not get knocked over.

Then there's the dog-on-cat sessions. My pug, Mortie, is pretty tolerant of cats, but occasionally, she gets jealous. If a pesky cat wanders too close to her food dish, for example, my peaceful little pooch turns into Godzilla.

There was the memorable occasion, when Jelli was pretty new here, that I heard a frightful cat squawk coming from underneath the dog. As I ran across the room, to break up the brawl, I skidded on the rug and found myself staring up at the ceiling, wondering how I ended up on the floor.

I learned my lesson on that one. Now, I just let the children work out their differences among themselves. Anyway, I think the cats lurk around Mortie's food dish just to torture her. No respectable cat really wants to eat dog food.

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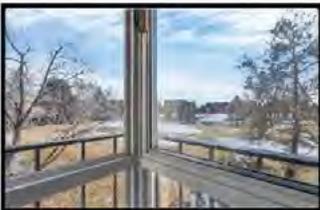
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