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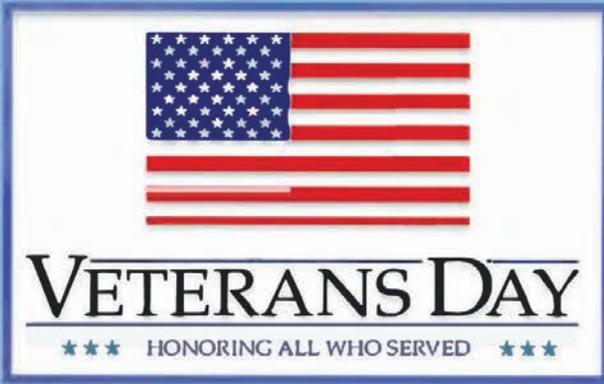
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## **2025 Proposed Budget Reviewed by HGA Board - Next Step: Vote by HG Residents**

After lengthy discussion and questions from HGA Board members, the Proposed 2025 Budget was approved by the Board, with the next step being review and vote by the residents of Heather Gardens.

Of key interest to residents is the proposed increase in the monthly HOA fee, which was stated as marginally over 2%.

David Kennedy, Long-range Planning Committee, initially declined a yes vote, based on the budget assumption that the management contract could still be in force after December 31, 2024. "At this point, I think I would have to abstain, knowing that there may be changes."

Mike Pula, Budget and Finance Committee, explained that "the operating budget is not really impacted greatly by the lack of having an agreement as the budget pertains primarily to the association properties. Most of the agreement pertains to the maintenance of the residential buildings."

Other concerns voiced were about financial impacts of possibly moving the Security Department and other departments to another building and patrolling areas such as the RV Lot and the Golf Course. The general consensus after discussion was that the Security Department is projected to stay inside the Clubhouse. If other changes, such as relocation of administrative staff, become necessary, it was noted that the current budget may be able to absorb some of those or most of those costs, but if not, funds might have to be taken from capital reserves.

A key budget item in the Proposed 2025 Budget is the addition of a security officer, with the purpose of offsetting overtime charges of around \$98,000 from current staff and that while officers enjoyed some overtime, at times that also resulted in them working 15 hour shifts. With the anticipated reduction in overtime costs, the outlay for the additional officer would be about \$23,000. The budget includes having two security officers on duty at all times.

In response to a resident in attendance who asked about legal fees for 2025, management explained that "we did not budget any legal fees. The lawsuit was to terminate the maintenance agreement early (before year end 2024), so no need to carry that cost."

The HGMD budget for the coming year is included in the overall Proposed 2025 Budget that will be sent to residents for review and vote. The packets will go out in November.

John Recob, Maintenance Committee, advocated adding \$150,000 to the Proposed 2025 Budget in order to hire an additional full-time person in the Contracts Department. Stating that the current contracting staff

is doing a wonderful job but is overloaded with current work, he projected that an approximate \$200,000 could be saved in the contracting area with this addition.

Calling this a "critical missing element," Recob explained that this person would bring expertise in evaluating contractors, finding qualified contractors for our emergency projects, expanding the pool of possible contractors, updating our Requests for Proposals, developing advanced contracting requirements and measurements, and increasing excellence in risk management.

While it was agreed that the Board needs to carefully evaluate the requirements for the position and how cost savings would be measured, Linda Hileman, CECC Committee, concurred with Recob, and stated, "There needs to be a heavy lift in contracts. I do want time to evaluate, but I think we need to put the money in now."

A resident in attendance asked how this would impact the projected 2.01% increase in HOA fees. In a proposed budget of approximately \$24 million, an added \$150,000 would increase the HOA fee only a marginal percentage of one percent. The motion passed.

In the maintenance area, several motions were presented and adopted. Elevator update for B233 to furnish and install a new above ground hydraulic piping is approved. Total project cost is \$18,392. Additionally, an emergency project to replace the water heater in B244 is in progress at a total project cost of \$34,075.

A recommendation was made to award a contract to BC&E for the construction administration of PS2 & PS4 (Parking Structures) work with a projected total cost of \$23,800 that may be necessary, plus a change order allowance of \$2,380 for any added work. This work will be paid for out of the already budgeted PS2 & PS4 budget. Motion passed. Another motion made was to award a contract for window cleaning of multi-story buildings not already covered under the painting or roofing budgets, with a projected cost of \$8,668. The contract was awarded to Res Comm Maintenance for a painting or roofing projects budget of \$7,880 plus a change order allowance of \$788.

The next step in evaluating the Proposed 2025 Budget is sending it to residents for their evaluation and vote. Mailing is scheduled for early November.

Other issues discussed at the meeting were the use of PPP funds, flags and decorations in building common areas, and an advance reserve evaluation for planning needs for coming years.

HGA Board meetings are available on Zoom and in person in the Board Room at the Clubhouse. The next board meeting is Tues., Nov. 19.

## Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Approves 2025 Budget

The Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Board of Directors approved the 2025 budget at a special meeting Oct. 15, 2024. Directors Daniel Taylor, Robin O'Meara, and Forrest McClure voted in favor of the budget approval; Director Eloise Laubach, who attended via Zoom, voted against approval.

Director Taylor prefaced the budget discussion with some assumptions based on the dissolution of the management agreement with the Heather Gardens Association. Most notable are the plans to directly hire employees currently serving the district and create new positions to perform the administrative services the association handles as part of the management agreement. The district will also charge the association rent for the use of its facilities currently provided in exchange for services.

Because the association has not shared salary information, the district completed a wage survey to calculate budget numbers. A small contingency has been added to compensate for any discrepancy. New positions include a district manager who understands special districts and their responsibilities, an activities director to manage the clubhouse, an administrative assistant, and a bookkeeper.

The rent to be charged to the association was determined based on fair market value, but it also considered the spirit of the initial management agreement, which exchanged rent for administrative services.

"In addition to looking at the fair market value of the properties ... We also took into account what are the value of the services that we were exchanging before and tried to come up with a fair amount because this is for the benefit of the community," Taylor said.

"We don't try to make money," he said.

The district will reduce the recreation fee it charges the association in 2025. The fee, which allows association members to use district facilities at no cost or a reduced rate, will be reduced to \$1.8 million, or \$62 per month.

The board will schedule a community meeting to review the budget at a future date, likely after the association's budget meeting. The budget, including notes and assumptions, can be viewed on the district's website at [hgmetrodist.org](http://hgmetrodist.org).

In other news, the board approved improvements to the RV storage lot and the garden at its regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 17, 2024. The board approved the purchase of six motion-activated solar lights. These lights will replace lights purchased earlier this year that did not work and were returned for a full refund.

The board also unanimously approved a contract with Highlands Stamped Concrete for re-grading between

the dump stand and the front gate of the RV lot. This project will eliminate a trough that currently exists, as it tends to collect debris, which could inhibit the gate's operation.

To streamline operations, the RV lot will be managed directly by the RV Lot Committee. McClure, as chair of the RV Lot Committee, will receive the waitlist, contracts, and gate openers.

The board approved a motion by the Garden Club to clean up some unused landscaping in order to add five additional garden plots. The association's golf and landscape maintenance staff, led by manager Matt Martella, will perform the work. The board also unanimously approved an updated procedural memorandum for the Garden Club.

At a special meeting Oct. 3, 2024, the board approved a proposal to rehabilitate the golf course well while it is removed for the pump repair. The total change order to the current job is \$126,050.

Also, at the meeting Oct. 3, the board approved a motion to direct CRS of Colorado, its new accounting firm, to open a bank account at InBank and an investment account with the Colorado Trust. Both institutions are familiar with or designed for special districts.

Finally, the district will call for nominations for the vacant board position formerly held by Rita Effler, who resigned earlier this month. Those who applied for Craig Baldwin's seat in September and are still interested do not need to reapply but should contact Robin O'Meara to express their interest. New applicants are also encouraged.

## A Note from the HGA Election Chair

As chairperson of the HGA Election Committee, I supervise the counting of the HGA ballots to elect board of director members and ballots to accept or reject the budget. Each year there are ballots that do not get counted because people make mistakes. Some ballots are put into the box without being put into an envelope. We do NOT count those ballots. Some ballots are placed into the proper envelopes, but the envelopes are modified so that the name on the outside of them is missing or illegible. We do NOT count those ballots. There is a simple rule that we enforce. You must be current on your HOA dues to be eligible to vote in the HGA elections. We check the name on each envelope with a list that shows who is behind on their dues.

While we are making this check, we do NOT open the envelopes; we have no idea how that individual voted while we are checking the dues. Envelopes for those who are behind on their dues are NOT opened. After we complete this dues-checking process, we will open the envelopes. At that time, we remove the ballots from the envelopes without looking at the name on the envelope or the marks on the ballot.

It's important to emphasize that we do not care or ever look at how any individual voted. We are committed to maintaining the privacy and integrity of the voting process.

Make your vote count. Please put your ballots in the provided envelope and do not deface the envelope. If you have lost or damaged your envelope, please contact Evelyn Ybarra in the Management Office for a replacement envelope.

You are invited to watch the team at work in a Zoom meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024. This will be a great opportunity for you to see the process in action and understand how your vote is being counted. The Zoom meeting information will be published.

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-David Woods, B215



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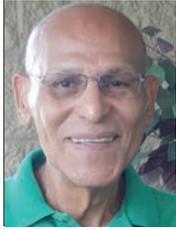
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## HGA Board President Reports

Larry Dávila

In the last email exchange Craig Baldwin and I shared on August 8, 2024, I wrote to him: “It’s commendable of you to share your perspective with us. I am sure our board is in total agreement with you when you write: ‘The approach I think that should be taken is to find a path that would lead to an agreement on a contract with HGA by January 1, 2025.’” Craig had ended his email saying: “If you do not agree to this Proposal, I don’t think there will be a need for an executive session...”

I then ended my remarks by saying: “... the question is how do we achieve this goal? Both you and your wife have written emails that make sense, encouraging us to do what is best for all our residents. The trouble continues to be an “us vs them” mentality that is self-defeating. How do we get over that?”

On October 15 we approved the 2025 budget. If you analyze the figures, you will conclude that the Association and the District are more divided now than ever before. It should not be so! We can do much better together than go our separate ways because of a lack of trust. We are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees that could be used to fund our capital reserves program or lower the dues. Don’t you agree?

Let’s move now to a more pleasant subject: celebrating Thanksgiving. Where has the year gone? If you are like me, at this time it’s easy to think of Thanksgiving and the many reasons for which to be thankful. (Would you believe I had never eaten turkey till I came to this country?) As you know, Thanksgiving is a unique American holiday, but it soon became my favorite one. Having been a bachelor up into my 30s, I was lucky to be invited to share a Thanksgiving meal at many homes and the question around the table would be “What are you thankful for?” And no, turkey was not at the top of my list. I thanked God then and I do now that I live in this fantastic country where I have felt blessed since I came in 1956. I give thanks for the many individuals who guided me and set an example for me to follow. That’s one of the many reasons why I strongly believe in “paying it forward.”

“What are you thankful for?” is a good question, but I’d also encourage you to consider who you are thankful for. Long ago I stopped believing in the old “self-made man mentality.” (Okay, let’s avoid sexist language and replace “man” with “person.”) You are who you are not just because of what you have done, but also because your parents, a teacher, a religious leader, etc., influenced you positively and you became a better person.

More than likely, you had a mentor who pointed you in the right direction. In my case, whatever success I may have achieved I owe it in great part to individuals who guided me and set a good example for me to follow. So, if you are thankful for someone, I encourage you to let him/her know. If they have passed away, you could contact members of their families and make their day.

As HGA president, I get many inquiries via emails or phone calls. In late September one resident sent me an email at the bottom of which she had a quotation that made quite an impression on me. It was from Mister Rogers, who said: “There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind.” Good ol’ Mr. Rogers! I don’t know what your definition of success is, but I would venture to bet he was closer to the truth than you may imagine. As you finish reading this column, I hope the thought of being thankful and being kind stays with you as we go from day to day.





# HGMD Board President Reports

Daniel Taylor

HGMD adopted its 2025 budget on October 15th. We reduced the subsidy (Rec Fee) to \$1.8 million, down from over \$1.9 million for 2024. That averages to less than \$62 per unit of your monthly dues to support the District, down from an average of \$66 for 2024.

The annual budget workshops that take place between the HGA Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee and management were scheduled for Oct. 9th through Oct. 11th, with HGMD's budget workshop on Oct 11th. When the HGMD arrived on Oct. 11th, we were surprised that neither the HGA B&F Committee or management chose to participate. The budget workshop is where management justifies its spending recommendations to the board for the upcoming year.

HGA's refusal to provide financial information greatly complicated the budget process. HGMD prepared a wage survey to determine appropriate wages by job title, which took weeks to complete. An HGA director said any employer would do the same when adding positions. But, HGMD is not adding new positions. We are directly hiring existing employees, with the intent that they will be hired at their same wages and benefits.

The Managers' Budget was delivered to HGMD 21 days late, but HGA scheduled the budget approval as usual. Candidates 4 Change were elected to curb continually increasing dues. Our HGA dues have doubled in the 13 years we've lived here. To quell assertions by HGA directors that HGMD could not directly hire HGA employees and split the management without increasing costs, HGMD signed a contract on August 1st promising not to increase the Rec Fee. HGA would not sign the contract. Why? Why wouldn't HGA gladly accept the District's promise not to increase the Rec Fee?

HGMD properties, including the clubhouse, golf course, restaurant, maintenance facility, RV lot, gardens, perimeter landscaping, and Linvale Place, operate at a loss. The District charges HGA a recreation fee so that HGA residents can use the District properties at little or no charge. This Rec Fee has always equaled the operating loss for the year.

At a meeting, the HGA general manager said the Rec Fee should be lowered because expenses were down for 2024. While the recall committee accused us of overspending, we have repeatedly pointed out that we have been under budget since our election.

So then, why did the Managers' Budget recommend an increase in the Rec Fee to \$2.2 million, then adjust it to \$2,015,658? Why did management recommend spending \$2.9 million next year on capital expenditures? \$229,431 was carry-overs from 2024 projects, so that's \$2.7 million of new spending!

HGMD's unrestricted invested funds are about \$2.6 million. Management's recommendation would wipe out the District's reserves in one year. We haven't received "monthly" financial reports since July. Without accurate accounting, we trimmed the budget as much as we felt comfortable. If we over cut, it could impact the employees. We hired an accounting firm that specializes in special districts. Next year, we will have an accurate accounting, and we will further trim the budget for 2026. It's a process, and we're making good progress.

So, when considering the consequences of returning to the way the District was previously managed, just look at their plan. It's all there in the Managers' Budget. Management recommended a 5 ½ % increase in HGMD's operating expenses and increasing the Rec Fee by \$94,639.

Over the past 10 years, I've attended the budget workshops. We are told that's where residents can have input. Residents have asked HGA to stop increasing the workforce. The adopted 2025 HGA budget increased wages to \$6 million of our \$14 million budget, **up 13.38% from 2024.**

Each budget from 2020 reviews the headcount. HGA did not need to replace the HR manager's position. The HR manager was hired as part-time, as before HGA hired a Professional Employer Organization (PEO) to take over all payroll and benefit duties. Residents complained about excessively high salaries for upper management, and continually adding positions, and no raises for minimum wage employees year after year. How has HGA responded to these concerns? They added six new positions for 2025. HGA has more than doubled the number of employees since 2018, when there were 70. Now, 148 are budgeted for 2025.

HGA has told you what will happen if the recall is successful. It's in the Managers' Budget. Clubhouse activities will continue to decline, as will its revenue and maintenance. HGMD asked to work with clubhouse staff to correct the errors in booking rooms, registering for classes, and failing to collect rental fees. HGA refused.

No one disputes HGA needs additional employees to maintain the aging buildings. But that does not account for doubling the number of employees in 7 years. HGA has a history of hiring additional employees to work done, rather than replacing an underperforming employee. After 10 years of pointing out unreasonably high salaries for some, unreasonably low salaries for others, and begging HGA to stop adding staff, I honestly don't believe that HGA will get the message until HGA owners veto a budget. If the budget is vetoed, HGA must work within the 2024 budget until a budget is approved that isn't vetoed. To veto a budget, over **50% of the owners** must veto the budget, not 50% of those who cast votes.

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*Hello  
Heather Gardens!*

For most of us, Thanksgiving is a time for gathering with loved ones and eating great food. It can also be a time of reflection and gratitude.

I recently read an article about the benefits of daily gratitude practices. Regularly taking time to reflect on your blessings (big or small) leads to a positive mind set which can promote better sleep, self esteem and mental health.

Gratitude is about grounding yourself and focusing on the good. The 'good' can really be anything that makes you happy: from a morning walk to the people in your life.

As I reflect on this past year, I have so many things to be thankful for.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to be the editor of *Heather 'n Yon*, for our talented and dedicated staff, support and kindness of the Heather Gardens community and even the challenges (I learn from each one).

For the little and big things - from post-it notes and my morning coffee to a recent trip to see my mom, my wonderful family and the some of the most amazing friends I could ask for.

Practicing gratitude is not lecturing yourself and saying "you should be grateful, other people have it worse." It's about shifting your focus to the many blessings you already have.

Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving!

-Susan Harman,  
Editor, *Heather 'n Yon* Magazine

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-Willie Nelson

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## MANAGEMENT

Lary Herkal

As promised, we prepared our 2025 budget using a sharp pencil. We worked with every manager to analyze every expense. Our department managers did a remarkable job identifying and where possible reducing expenses while focusing on needed expenses to improve the operation.

The net result was that the 2025 HGA operating expense budget was held to a 3.5% increase as compared to 11.11% in 2023 and 13.61% in 2024.

The annual membership meetings will be held on October 29, at 6 pm, October 30 at 1 pm, and October 31 at 10 am. The significant budget expenses will be explained, and questions answered.

We spent the weekend stuffing envelopes which were mailed to you to vote to approve or veto the HGA budget. Remember you are only voting to accept or veto the HGA budget. You do not vote for the HGMD budget.

There is also a ballot to vote for the new HGA board members.

While preparing the budgets our new accounts payable person, Melissia Amis, broke her ankle which required surgery. She is recovering well but will be out for another 9 weeks. We are still searching for a permanent accounts receivable person to replace Laura Talamantes. Both positions are currently being filled by temporary employees. Having multiple new employees requires the controller to provide significant training and effort to ensure that the accounting functions are performed.

In addition to these staffing challenges, we just completed the arduous task of preparing the 2025 HGA and HGMD budgets. We also recently received two open records requests for the HGMD's accounting records. In addition, we have received a request for records going back to January 2022 from the forensic auditor recently hired by HGMD.

A forensic audit does not satisfy the requirements of a financial audit. HGMD's financial audit was due by September 30. This financial audit is required by statute to allow future property taxes collected by Arapahoe County to be used to pay for the HGMD bonds.

We are no longer able to produce HGMD financial reports as bank account access has been removed. This leads to a big shout out to our Controller Carrie Toennis, who has been juggling multiple roles in keeping the department afloat.

For those keeping count, HGMD now owes the HGA North of a million dollars.



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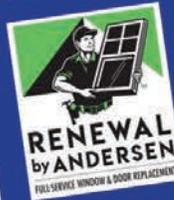
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## Helping New Generations of Hondurans to Help Themselves

“Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day.  
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This famous adage has been attributed to ancient Greeks and to Chinese philosophers (in fact, the strongest evidence holds that Anne Isabella Thackeray Ritchie, the daughter of the prominent English writer William Makepeace Thackeray, was the source). Regardless of how the proverb came about, though, its meaning is clear: it's much more beneficial in the long run to teach a person how to do something than to do that something for them. Providing the path for a child to become self-sufficient is the primary goal of public education in different countries across the globe. But what about when public education for kids is unreliable or unavailable? Depending on the country, different organizations work to address that deficiency. In Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, El Hogar is one of those organizations, and it has a track record of success.

### An “elevator pitch” to start the interview

El Hogar's public website, [www.elhogar.org](http://www.elhogar.org), provides ample descriptions of its background, mission, and educational operations. But Heather Gardens resident Pamela Kniss provides a more personal touch. She's made multiple trips to El Hogar's facilities and is an eager advocate for its educational mission. Before I start asking her questions, Kniss places a piece of paper on the table. She reads aloud to me the “elevator pitch” she's written that describes El Hogar and its goals. An excerpt: “El Hogar is an organization that provides a world-class education for students within a dignified, safe, and caring environment. El Hogar equips the students to transform their own lives, to determine their own path forward, and to meet the challenges of living in Honduras.”



After she reads her pitch, Kniss looks up from the paper and smiles, eager to talk about El Hogar.

### An inspirational workshop

Kniss describes how she learned about El Hogar. “I first heard about El Hogar when I wanted to learn more about how to plan an international service trip for high school students,” Kniss recalls. “I attended a workshop at the 2016 Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Colorado. Christi James, who had led successful service trips to El Hogar for several years, was the presenter and the photos and discussion focused on El Hogar . . . I believe that God led me to meet Christi, travel to Honduras and El Hogar and in so doing, become a champion for the organization.”

“I've visited El Hogar three times since 2017,” she continues. “Whenever I came home, I just felt so . . . overcome with the meaning of what I wanted to communicate about my visit.”

Humble beginnings, but steady growth

El Hogar began in 1979, when members of the Episcopal Church in Tegucigalpa wanted to address the city's child homelessness problem. They rented a house and then took in and cared for five homeless boys. In the decades since, the school has grown. It now offers classes and programs at its elementary school campus (HAYE, or Hogar de Amor y Esperanza), as well as at ITSM (Instituto Técnico Santa María), a technical institute.

Kniss says that much of this growth is due to El Hogar's management team, led by Denise Vargas, Executive Director. Vargas “is incredible,” says Kniss. “She, the staff, and teachers have moved the organization way forward to the world-class education that is happening.”

To Kniss, El Hogar has always been more than just a school. It's also a sanctuary of sorts. HAYE operates in a Tegucigalpa neighborhood where poverty and gang activity are commonplace. “A lot of these [kids] come from a neighborhood called La Betania that is right down on the river,” Kniss says. “And when the river floods, their houses are washed away . . . you just can't imagine the poverty. So those kids come because they live in the neighborhood and their parents want them to be educated.”

Many of those kids' parents, in turn, “come in and work in the classrooms with teachers,” says Kniss. “All parents are expected to do something like that in a payback because their kids aren't charged for their education or their uniforms or their food.” The school offers a day program for kids with families at home; it also provides residential facilities to local kids with no stable home environments.

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## Voice for Residents Forum submits a Good Faith Proposal to the HGA and HGMD boards

At the HGA board meeting on October 15th, the Voice for Residents Forum requested that the HGA board direct the HGA management team to immediately provide the information needed by the HGMD auditor to complete the audit as required by the state. The intent of this proposal was to expedite resolution of the dispute outlined in the HGMD Breach of Management Agreement lawsuit so that lawsuit could be dropped.

During the October 12, 2024, Voice for Residents Forum meeting, the residents supported a proposal to solve the dispute between HGA and HGMD. The lawsuit was filed on December 22, 2023, against HGA for failure to provide adequate information so that HGMD could carry out its fiduciary responsibilities to the State and to the residents of Heather Gardens. When the information has been provided to the satisfaction of the HGMD auditor, and all information that he needs is complete, HGMD will drop the lawsuit. During that Forum, Daniel Taylor, president of HGMD, verbally agreed to this proposal.

The audit is required as a fiduciary responsibility of HGMD Board to the state of Colorado. HGA serves as an Agent to HGMD who is the Principle as defined in their agreement. This audit has been postponed in the past to accommodate HGA. The state will not release funds to pay the bonds on the district's assets until HGMD can comply by submitting the required audit. The bond balance was \$6,815,000 as of June 2024. The Arapahoe County Assessor's valuation of the district property as of August 28, 2024, is \$674,872,974. With the information HGMD needs to complete the audit, there is no longer a need for the lawsuit.

Daniel Taylor, president of the HGMD board signed the Agreement below at the HGA board meeting on October 15, 2024:

### AGREEMENT

At the Voice of Residents meeting on October 12, 2024, Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) agreed that if Heather Gardens Association (HGA) provides the 2023 documents requested by the HGMD auditor, to the auditor's satisfaction, HGMD will dismiss the lawsuit against HGA unless the audit uncovers irregularities that prompt a request for documents from 2022 and/or 2024.

Signed by Daniel Taylor \_\_\_\_\_

Heather Gardens Metropolitan District

October 15, 2024

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Next Voice for Residents Forum November 9th 3:00-4:30pm  
TheVoiceforResidents@gmail.com

## HGMD Foundation

At the HGMD meeting on October third, the board again tabled the motion to install the Jellyfish lights. It will not happen this year because the deadline to schedule the work has passed to have the work completed for this holiday season.

The Foundation Committee will meet Wednesday November 13 at 1:00 to discuss possible projects for 2025.

### Recent donations to the Foundation:

Seville 234 -Memory of Bill Cox, Amelia Wilkins, Mark Collins, Brad Travares

Building 213 - Memory George Stokes

-Eloise Laubach, Foundation Chair and HGMD Vice President

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### **Education and training for real-world careers**

ITSM is a co-ed, vocational boarding school in the Amaratéca Valley outside Tegucigalpa, educating students in grades 7-12. Students from HAYE move on to ITSM to continue their studies, but the school also accepts students from all over Honduras. ITSM has housing for the boys on site; girls travel to the school from residential facilities at HAYE.

ITSM offers a standard academic curriculum and well as more specialized training in welding and electricity. Recently it expanded its curriculum to include more advanced math and computer programming classes. (Kniss recently sent this email update: “Two 12th-grade students, a boy and a girl, have been selected to the five-member team representing Honduras in the First Global Challenge robotics competition in Greece. That is so exciting!”)

### **Success stories**

ITSM also facilitates internships for interested seniors. “We have a couple of the kids who are actually working in the businesses where they did the internships,” Kniss says. Recently, internship opportunities for students became available at a company called Tegu, which manufactures magnetic toy blocks for kids in a facility outside Tegucigalpa. Kniss speaks proudly of former El Hogar students who are now at the university or who have started careers. She knows of ITSM graduates who have leveraged their training to become welders and electricians. She mentions two girls who are now nurses and one who is training to be a dental hygienist. “We have one graduate who is a very popular disc jockey,” Kniss adds. “He’s older now,

but he comes back [to visit]. There’s also a former student who was on the world-class soccer team.”

With an expanded STEAM curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math), future graduates of ITSM will find careers in high-tech environments as well.

### **Education that leads to societal change**

Kniss remembers well her encounters with Hondurans young and old, who spoke of their country with great pride: its breathtaking natural beauty, its colorful history, its hard-working, creative, resilient people. These Hondurans acknowledged too the country’s faults: poverty, political corruption, crime. Kniss is convinced that educating new generations of Honduran kids is an effective strategy for bettering the country going forward. Kids who have completed their education at El Hogar will go on to meaningful careers and will start businesses of their own.

“If you visit [El Hogar], you understand poverty,” Kniss says. “But you also have the opportunity to see the transformation that can happen through education and through being in a place where you’re cared for, that is dignified, that isn’t just this awful place to live.

“And I think the kids who are getting that kind of experience, they are able to transform their lives,” declares Kniss. “They go back to their communities. So many of these kids, when you ask them, ‘what do you want to do?’ They will say, ‘I want to make life better for my family.’ In making life better for your family, you’re making life better for the community, and eventually making life better for people in Honduras.”

-Bill Kaluza, B232

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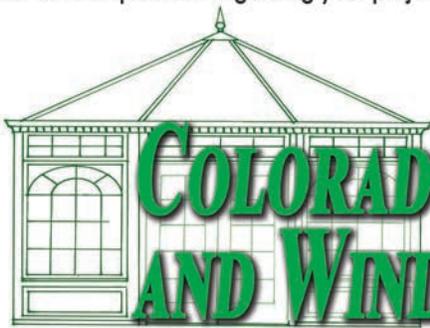


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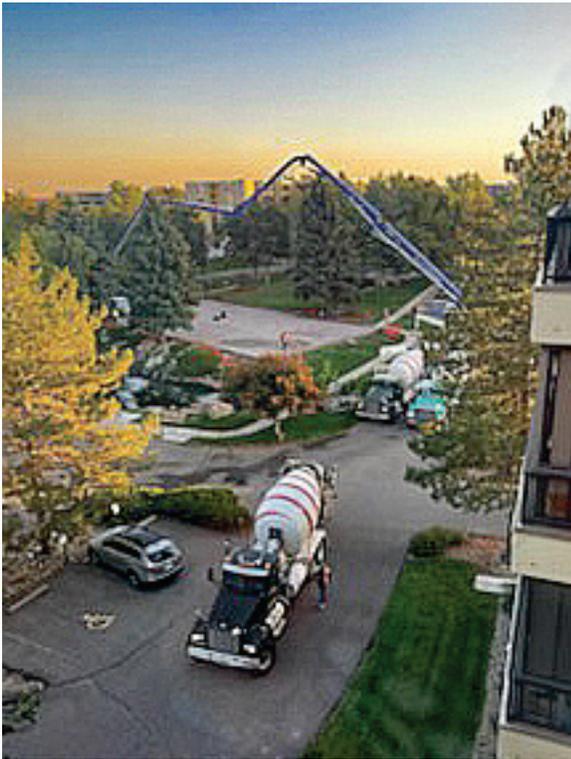


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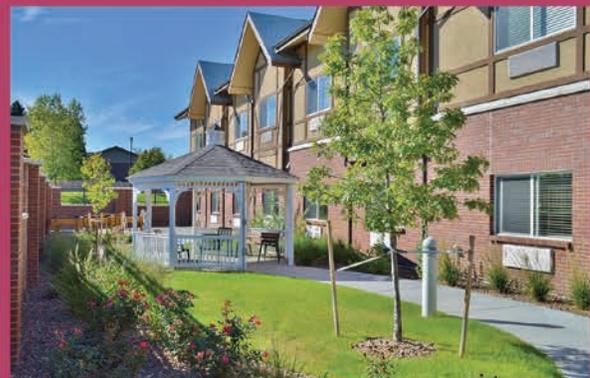
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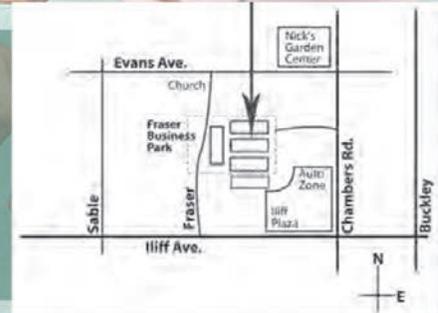
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# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

<b>Fri 1</b>	Men with Purpose (1st & 3rd Fri) Texas Hold'em (every Fri)	Skyview Room Mountain View Room	10-11am 12:30-5pm
<b>Sat 2</b>	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Sat) Ping Pong (every Sat) Karaoke Club	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	12-3pm 2pm 4-6pm
<b>Sun 3</b>	Social Bridge (every Sun)	Skyview Room	1-3:30pm
<b>Mon 4</b>	Men's Bridge (every Mon) Book Club Spanish Club (every Mon) Texas Hold'em Mah Jongg (every Mon) Voice of Residents Info Session Games Galore! (every Mon)	Skyview Room Mountain View Room Aspen Room Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Arts and Crafts Room	10am-2pm 10:30am & 1pm 11am-12pm 12:30-5pm 1-4pm 3-4:30pm 4-6pm
<b>Tue 5</b>	Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tues) HG Singers (every Tues) Mah Jongg (every Tues) Ping Pong (every Tues) Billards Club (every Tues)	Mountain View Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Billards Room	12:30-4pm 1-2:30pm 1-4pm 2pm 6:30pm
<b>Wed 6</b>	CP1 Republican Club Brunch Cribbage (every Wed) Men's Poker (every Wed) Duplicate Bridge/ACBL (every Wed) Woodshop Club Rummikub (every Wed) Square Dance (1st & 3rd Wed)	TBA Banquet Room Sunburst Café Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Lodgepole Lounge Sandberg Auditorium	TBA 10-11:30am 12:30-3pm 12:30-5pm 1pm 1pm 1-3pm 7-9pm
<b>Thu 7</b>	Tai Chi (every Thurs) TOPS (every Thurs) Fun Gals Golf Optimist Club (1st & 3rd Thurs) Bowling League (every Thurs) Time to Tap (every Thurs) Bunko (1st & 3rd Thurs) Social Bridge (every Thurs) Writers Club (every Thurs) Ping Pong (every Thurs) CP4 Meditation Club (every Thurs) Kiwanis Club (1st & 3rd Thurs) Men's Billiards (every Thurs)	Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Golf Course Rendezvous Bar & Grill Arapahoe Bowl Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Skyview Room Game Room Aspen Room Skyview Room Skyview Room Billiards Room	8-11am 8:30-9:30am 9am 9am 10am 11am-12pm 1-3:30pm 1-3:30pm 1-4pm 2pm 2-4pm 4pm 6pm 7-9pm



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<b>Fri 8</b>	HG Indivisible	Library	11:30am-1pm
<b>Sat 9</b>	The Breakfast Club Frolics Club - Lip Sync Potluck Voice of Residents Club	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	8:30am 2-4pm 3-4:30pm
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>Veterans Brunch</b>	<b>Rendezvous Bar &amp; Grill</b>	<b>9:30am-1pm</b>
<b>Mon 11</b>	Texas Hold'em (2nd, 3rd and 4th Mon) <b>Special Veterans Day at Heather Gardens</b>	Mountain View Room <b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	12:30-5pm <b>3:30-5pm</b>
<b>Wed 13</b>	<b>Active Minds: Genghis Khan &amp; the Mongolian Empire</b> B201 and B202 Aviation Club	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>  TBA Aspen Room	<b>2-3pm</b>  4:30pm 7pm
<b>Fri 15</b>	<b>The Green Team - America Recycles Day</b>	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	<b>1-3pm</b>
<b>Sat 16</b>	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3-5pm
<b>Mon 18</b>	Photo Club	Aspen Room	3-5pm
<b>Tue 19</b>	Caregivers Support Group	Aspen Room	2-4pm
<b>Wed 20</b>	Frolics "Let's Give Thanks!"	Rendezvous Bar & Grill	4pm
<b>Thu 21</b>	Social Justice Discussion <b>Kathleen Arnold: Pop's Veteran Story</b>	Blue Spruce Room <b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	10am-12pm <b>1-2pm</b>
<b>Sat 23</b>	National Federation of the Blind <b>Ice! Featuring The Polar Express at Gaylord Rockies</b>	Mountain View Room <b>Gaylord Rockies</b>	10:30am-12:30pm <b>10am-2pm</b>
<b>Mon 25</b>	Low Vision Support Group SRA	Aspen Room TBA	1:30pm TBA
<b>Tue 26</b>	HG Democrats	Sandberg Auditorium	4-5:30pm
<b>Thu 28</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day - Clubhouse Closed</b>		

*See pages 34 and 38 for more information on Clubs and Recreation\**

### Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Nov 4 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday by appt.), Arts & Crafts Room, 9am-12pm (see ad p. 55)  
 Sun, Nov 10, Veteran's Brunch, Rendezvous Bar & Grill, 9:30am-1pm (see ad p. 4)  
 Monday, Nov 11, Veterans Day Special Event, Sandberg Auditorium, 3-5pm (see ad p. 4)  
 Fri, Nov 15, America Recycles Day, Sandberg Auditorium, 1-3pm (see ad p. 8)  
 Nov 11-15, Cherry Creek Schools Veteran Week Celebration (see ad p. 9)

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## Boards and Committees Monthly Meetings

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 4 pm Mon, Nov 4  
CECC (BR/Zoom) – 11 am Tue, Nov 5  
Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Nov 5  
Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Nov 6  
Maintenance (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Nov 6  
HGMD Board Special Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1 pm Thu, Nov 7,  
Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Fri, Nov 8  
RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Nov 11  
Joint Long Range Plan Skyview/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Nov 13  
HGMD Foundation Committee (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Wed, Nov 13  
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – TBD  
HGA Board (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Nov 19  
Open Forum (BR/Zoom) - 3pm Wed, Nov 20  
ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Nov 21  
HGMD Board (BR/Zoom) - 1pm Thu, Nov 21  
HGMD Audit/Finance (BR/Zoom) – 9am, Mon, Nov 25  
Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Nov 26  
Resident Orientation (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Nov 27  
Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – TBD

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

# Heather 'n Yon Deadline: 11/18

**SUBMIT TO:**  
**[bluefishpublishingco@gmail.com](mailto:bluefishpublishingco@gmail.com)**

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

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

**Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study.** Meets every Tuesday 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Mountain View Room. 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 fourth Thursday at 10-11:30 am, in the Mt. View room in person and also on Zoom. All other Thursday's are via Zoom only. Contact Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, or [motoringmorris@gmail.com](mailto:motoringmorris@gmail.com) for more 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

# Letters

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day. This is the day we set aside each year to honor and thank those that have served in the United States Armed Forces. These Veterans have served in many different capacities in all regions of the world, with the mission to defend our country. We want to thank these brave men and women for their service and the liberties we enjoy today.

**Heather Gardens Residents working together for the good of our community is planning the following Veterans Day Celebrations:**

### **Veterans Brunch \$8.00**

Sunday, November 10, 2024  
Rendezvous Restaurant  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Veterans only receive the discounted price.

### **Veterans Day Special Event**

Monday, November 11, 2024  
Clubhouse Auditorium  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

There will be live music, a program honoring our Veterans  
Delicious punch and special cookies made by Cormac

-Mavis Richardson, CP3

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

Kudos to the grounds crew that pruned the bushes and lopped the dead out of the trees around Building 214. We have a nice tidy look heading into the holidays. Excellent work and so much appreciated by many.

Cathy Mullin, 203

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

On September 17th I celebrated turning 90. Thanks to an effort by dear friend Elieen Headrick, who told the world I was turning 90, I received over 90 birthday cards. A large number of those came from residence at H.G. So, thanks to all of you who sent me a card. It was a special week to go to my mailbox and see it overflowing with best wishes. Now, I am suffering from "mailbox withdrawal." Now when I open my mailbox, I have bills and notices from King Soopers. But I'll get over it..

-Tom Fitzgerald, CP2

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.

**Please submit letters to:**  
bluefishpublishingco@gmail.com

**Subject line:** Letter for HnY

**Letters are due at 12pm (noon) by deadline (see p. 30)**

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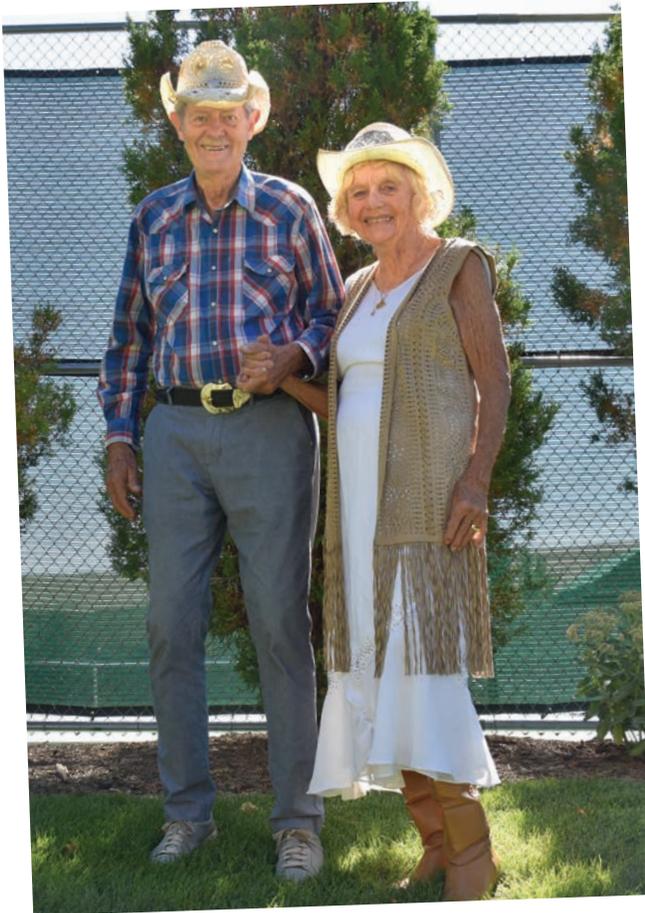


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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## **Aviation Club**

The Aviation Club will hold its Nov meeting the 2nd Wed of the month Nov 13 in the Aspen Room at 7pm. Our program will feature some newly developed ANIMATED video graphics that show how various airplanes work E/W audio explanations. They are VERY informative. Two planes I will probably use are the P-51 Mustang and the SR-71 Blackbird! Come and learn & enjoy this new technique. - Rudy Morris

## **Book Club**

The HG Women's Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month 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 1pm group.

## **B201 and B202**

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

## **The Breakfast Club**

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

## **CP1**

Our happy hours are on the first Wednesday, time and location TBA. – CP1 Social Committee – Susan Osman, susanosman21@gmail.com.

## **CP2**

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

## **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

## **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.

## **Democrats/HG**

The Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December). Our November meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 4-5:30 pm in the auditorium. Let's get together and celebrate the election victories and toast to the future! You don't have to live in Heather Gardens or be registered as a Democrat. Bring friends!

Our purpose is to support the Constitution, the Rule of Law, and good government. Please join us Nov. 26. Some of us like to go to dinner in the Rendezvous after the meeting, and you are welcome to join us. - Marty Karnopp, Chair

## **Frolics Club**

Two great events this month for fun, frivolity, and frolicking! Come join us for our Lip Sync Potluck (for members only) on Saturday, November 9, 2-4 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce. You can become a member of the Frolics for \$12. Call Arlene Krell to register at (720) 284-9774. Our Frolics Traveling Troupe will be performing "Let's Give

Thanks!" at the Rendezvous Bar & Grill on Wednesday, November 20 at 4 pm. (no cover charge).

## **Garden Club**

What gardeners like to do is chat with other gardeners and so plenty of conversations took place during the potluck dinner at this season's last meeting on October 28. Success in growing vegetables, herbs and flowers while meeting challenges of rabbits, grasshoppers, mice, Japanese beetles, and summer heat were popular topics as we're getting ready for this winter.

The Club will resume meetings in April 2025. If you are interested in renting a garden plot, pick up an application at the clubhouse and submit it to the management office before the end of the year. Offers of available plots are made on a first-come/first called basis beginning February 1, so don't take too long to get your name on the wait list. Go to the Metro District's website at [www.hgmetrodist.org/](http://www.hgmetrodist.org/) to read the Procedure Memorandum and learn everything about the garden plots and club. To be added to the Garden Club's email notification list, call or text President Nancy Linsenbigler at 720-932-9797.

## **The Green Team**

How many times in the past few months have you stared at something in your home and decided you no longer needed it? Then came an even bigger decision that was much harder to make ... How am I going to get rid of it? Should I take the easy way and throw it in the trash or maybe it should be recycled? If you are environmentally concerned, you do the latter. Now you are faced with a larger problem. And we have the answer. Come to the America Recycles Day event, Friday, November 15 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the clubhouse auditorium. Meet with companies that recycle a variety of materials and learn how to solve your problem. It's

FREE and FUN with yummy goodies to munch on. Win a prize at the Challenge Game, a new addition this year. Hope to see you there! W. Pfaffhausen

### **Heather Gardens Singers**

Joyce Culwell is our new music director. We are looking for an accompanist so she doesn't have to do it all and more people who enjoy singing. The group meets on Tuesday in the Skyview room from 1 - 2:30 pm. 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.

### **Indivisible/HG**

Friday, November 8, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. HG Library (Media Room) (NEW LOCATION)

You are welcome to join us for lunch afterward at Rendezvous

Roundable Discussion: Evaluating the Election and Planning Action to Support Legislators

Whoever is elected, it will always be our mission to work to help create a world that works for all.

Connected to over 6,000 groups nationwide, Heather Gardens Indivisible is a community of neighbors who choose to make a difference in the world, addressing the many problems we see with positive, forward-thinking actions. We address issues that concern us, such as wealth inequality, racial injustice, environmental threats, women's reproductive rights, gun safety, etc., with both education and action. Although people of any political affiliation are welcome, our approach is progressive.

Whether you can regularly attend the meetings or not, you are welcome to also sign up for our newsletter of information and action items. Questions? Contact Gina Abegg, facilitator, ginaabegg2020@gmail.com. Receive regular mailings? Contact C. C. Carson, membership, cccarson287@gmail.com.

### **Karaoke Club**

Due to the annual craft fair that takes place on November 1 & 2, starting and ending times for our gathering on Saturday, November 2 (this date only) will start at 4 pm and end at 6 pm. The club usually 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.

### **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

### **Lifelong Learners**

We need help from computer geeks! Occasionally a new facilitator may need instructions on how to use the A/V equipment for their class. For a few days at the beginning of each new session, we support them with setup and training. You would only be needed for the first 2 classes, 3 times a year. Most likely that will take a half hour to get everything up and running. Can you help us? If you can lend a hand or have any questions, contact: heathergardenslearners@gmail.com

CALLING BEATLES FANS! We have a video series totaling approximately 4 hours which presents the extraordinary story which is Beatlemania. The hits, the history, the break-up, it's all there. Would you be interested in facilitating this subject for fellow Beatles fans? It would be as simple as showing a weekly video and inviting the class to discuss and share memories! If interested in leading a "Magical Mystery Tour," contact us at the email address above.

### **Meditation Club**

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

### **Men with Purpose**

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

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

Meet other blind and low-vision people at the monthly meeting, held on the fourth Saturday of each month, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Mountain View Room. We discuss new medical options, accessible games, transportation, and idea-sharing. Contact Dale Holden, B213, 303-905-9738.

### **Optimist Club**

The club meets on first and third Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous Bar & Grill, 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.

### **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. Contact

Rudy Morris, 303-506-8070,  
rudymorris4@gmail.com.

**Republican Club**

No regular HGRC meeting in November. Members please note: in lieu of our regular club meetings during the months of November and December, the following social events will be held:  
Wednesday, November 6:  
CELEBRATE!

A post Election Day brunch will be held in the banquet room from 10 - 11:30 am. This is a social event for all club members and their guests. Payment will be collected on the day of the event. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-club members. Reservations are required. To reserve your seat, call or text 303-949-4916 or email rlomeara1@gmail.com

**Tuesday, December 17:  
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

5 – 7 pm. More details to follow. Membership Information: We welcome new members! Any new member who pays his/her dues of \$20 for the year is automatically enrolled as an HGRC member for 2025. Our dues support club social events, speakers, conservative organizations, candidates, postage, advertising and other administrative costs for the club. Guests are always welcome to attend club meetings and events. Please feel free to contact President Robin O'Meara, for more information: 303-949-4916, rlomeara1@gmail.com.

**Singers/Mixed Chorus**

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.

**Singles Club/OPOCS**

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

**Social Justice Discussion**

“Unpacking the Society In Which We Live,” Social Justice Group invites you to join us on Thursday, November 21 in the Blue Spruce

Room from 10 am - noon for a roundtable discussion about immigrants. We will share our own family stories and explore the reasons that cause folks to want, or need, to immigrate from the country of their birth. – Bernie Hupperts, marlynber@gmail.com, and Diane Pritchard, dianekpritchard@gmail.com

**Spanish Club (Club en Español)**

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

**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. – Vickie Wolfe, president

**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.

**Voice For Residents Club**

At our October meeting of the Voice for Residents Forum, the attendees unanimously supported a Good Faith Proposal to both HGA and HGMD that would resolve the lawsuit.

In summary, it states HGA will submit the required information for discovery in the forensic audit to

the HGMD auditor, as requested. Once the auditor confirms the information meets the requirements and there are no irregularities, then Daniel Taylor, the President of HGMD, will drop the lawsuit. The Agreement was then presented to the HGA board, where Daniel signed it.

Mark your calendars for two important meetings:

November 4th 3:00-4:30pm in the Sandberg Auditorium: Sue Blair, President Special Districts Administration and CEO of Community Resource Services and Director of Elections will present an informational session on special districts, such as our HG Metro District, how they function, responsibilities and requirements. This is a community service as there have been many questions and misunderstandings among the HG community. Please bring your questions, as there will be a question-and-answer session after her presentation.

November 9th at 3:00-4:30pm in the Sandberg auditorium: The Voice for Residents Forum. Planned agenda will provide a short update to the audit status, with additional time for discussions.

Both boards are always invited to attend our meetings. This will provide an opportunity to ask questions and get answers.

**Wine & Cheese Social Club**

We meet on the third Saturday of every month, 3-5pm, 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.

**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](mailto:heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com).

### Writers Club

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

On November 25 (fourth Monday), the **Low Vision Support Group** will meet in the Aspen Room, 1:30 pm. Questions? Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224.

## Halloween Humor at HG

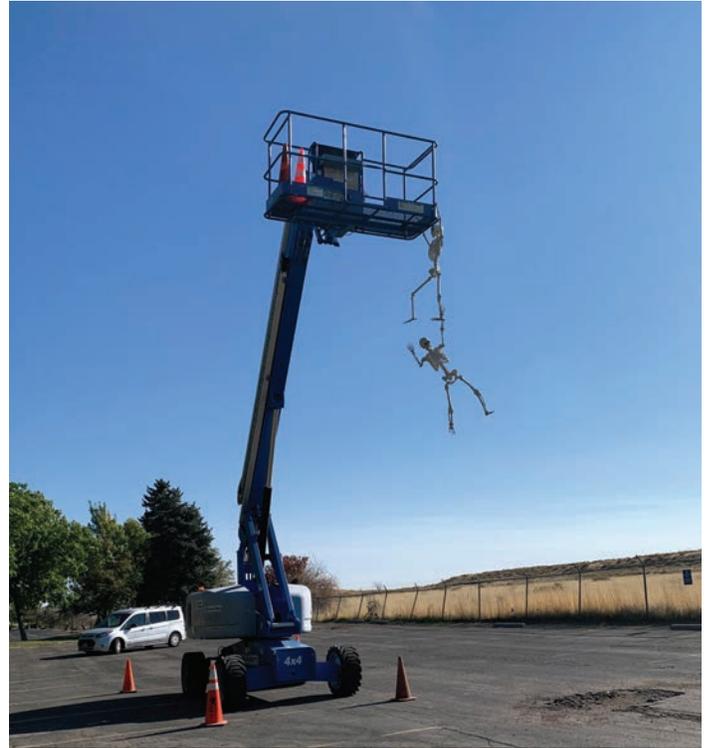


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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Billiard Club

The Billiard Club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in BEFORE 6:10 in order to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns 303-695-0766 or Judy Brehmer 303-369-6258

8 BALL WINNERS SEPT 17 - OCT 15

*Sept 17*

1st Otis Lawson/Shannon Boyd  
2nd Lindy Davenport/Judy Brehmer  
3rd Brian Bucenec/Sharon Weiss  
*Sept 24*

1st Doug Miller/Steve Olsen  
2nd Gil Lochhead/Judy Brehmer  
3rd Brian Bucenec/Sharon Weiss  
*Oct 1*

1st Otis Lawson/Steve Olsen  
2nd Don "Dittio" Schultz/Dee Moore  
3rd Gil Lochhead Team  
*Oct 15*

1st Jack Doherty/Kit Carstens  
2nd Lindy Davenport/Sharon Weiss  
3rd Brian Bucenec/Connie Burns

9 BALL WINNERS SEPT 19 - OCT 10

*Sept 19*

1st Otis Lawson  
2nd Brian Bucenec  
*Sept 26*

1st Otis Lawon  
2nd John Manzanares  
3rd Steve Hesser  
*Oct 3*

1st Jack Doherty  
2nd John Manzanares  
*Oct 10*

1st Otis Lawson  
2nd Steve Hesser

## Bowling League

Our Bowling season has started, but it's not too late to join us. We bowl at Arapahoe Bowl, 6850 S Dayton, at 10 am every Thursday. All levels are welcome, so come and have a great time with us each week. If you are interested,

contact me, Mary Jo Prichard, [mjpinsurance@hotmail.com](mailto:mjpinsurance@hotmail.com). – Mary Jo Prichardt

## Bridge/Men's Monday

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

## Bridge/Social

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

## 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.

## Cribbage/Afternoon

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

## Duplicate Bridge/ACBL

We play at 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. For partnership information, or with questions, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032, or [meeek045@outlook.com](mailto:meeek045@outlook.com). – Linda Harder, Director

## 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.

## Golf Club/Ladies

All women interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Learn more about the club and get a membership application

at the Heather Gardens Pro Shop and our website, [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com). – Publicity Chair Suzi Stolte

## Golf/Men's

Round 30 - Oct 11

*A Flight*

1st Steve Gilbert, Dave Schmit  
2nd Don Daily

3rd Steve Hesser

4th Jake Flint, Bill Schmit

*B Flight*

1st Jim Stebbins

2nd Jim Pardikes, Mike Steffens.

3rd Jess Deal

4th Mike Benowitz, Mark Blagen.

*C Flight*

1st Reg Craigo

2nd Tom Fitzgerald, Robbie

Robertson, Paul Zippis

3rd Raj Agrawal, James Busby, Joe Rook

*D Flight*

1st Bob McElfresh

2nd David Krell

3rd Bill DeSonnier

4th Cliff Cresswell, Bob Streno

*E Flight*

1st Mike Guise

2nd Joe Robinson

3rd Mike Corcoran, Kenny Duncan, Phil Haas

4th Bob Bamford

Round 29 - Oct 4

*A Flight*

1st Chris Hughes

2nd Bill Schmit, John Bender

3rd Frank Leydens

4th Dave Schmit.

*B Flight*

1st Brian Bucenec

2nd Mike Meagher

3rd John Good, Mike Benowitz

4th Matt Dunne.

*C Flight*

1st Reg Craigo

2nd Mark Ethridge

3rd Nick Streno

4th Vern Thompson

*D Flight*

1st David Croak

2nd Cliff Cresswell

3rd David Krell

4th Steve Galambos

*E Flight*

1st Richard Apt

2nd Kenny Duncan

## Round 28 - Sept 27

*A Flight*

1st Bob Bengen  
 2nd Dave Schmit  
 3rd Chris Hughes , Eli Henry, Steve Hesser, Gene Barth, John Bender

*B Flight*

1st Mike Steffens  
 2nd Gary Kessler  
 3rd Raj Agrawal, Jim Pardikes  
 4th Matt Dunne

*C Flight*

1st Mark Ethridge  
 2nd John McMullen  
 3rd Jim Jensen  
 4th Nick Streno  
 5th Tom Fitzgerald

*D Flight*

1st Henry Ulibarri  
 2nd Bob McElfresh  
 3rd Bill DeSonnier, Dave Walstrom, Joe DeCristofaro

*E Flight*

1st Richard Ferguson, Phil Haas, Kenny Duncan  
 2nd Neil Miller, John Guise  
 3rd Wayne Wharton

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7. Jess Deal 42.35
8. Gene Barth 42.48
9. Steve Hesser 42.72
10. Bill Schmit 42.97

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2. Matt Dunne 25
3. Phil Marquis 26
4. Gene Barth 27
5. Bill Schmit 27
6. Steve Hesser, Dave Schmit 28

**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 Linda Serio, 303-396-2218, or just show up.

**Mah Jongg/Monday**

We meet 1–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is

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

**Mah Jongg/Tuesday**

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

**Mexican Train Dominoes**

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

**Pickleball**

We are modifying our schedule in November to start play at 10 am and concentrating our scheduled club play for Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please visit <https://www.hgpickle.org> for the latest schedule changes and to find many informative pickleball links. We are experimenting with a degree of separation for the enhanced enjoyment of players by scheduling several hours based on level of play. That's in addition to our open play, round robin and ladder play plus dedicating time for drills and instruction to improve our pickleball skills.

We are doing our best to offer fun experiences for players of all skill levels. Please contact Phil Hughes at 303-503-7633 or Ron Hileman at 720-256-7477 with feedback, questions or to schedule a free orientation and/or lesson. If you would like to be added to our weekly email updates, let Ron know at [ronhileman@gmail.com](mailto:ronhileman@gmail.com). We provide loaner paddles and pickleballs for new players interested in experiencing

America's fastest growing sport.

You can click on HG Wind & Temperature on our website for current weather conditions. We will generally not be playing when the wind gusts are above 15-20 MPH or when the wind chill "feels like" temperature is below freezing.

**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

**Poker/Men's & 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.

**Rummikub**

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

**Square Dance**

Heather Twirlers invites all square dancers to join us every first and third Wednesday 7-9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. The cost is \$7. If you are an experienced dancer, a newer dancer or feeling a little rusty in your dancing, it is an excellent chance to both experience the joy of dancing and improve your skills, while meeting new and old friends. You meet

other dancers, have a lot of fun and get your exercise. Any questions call Beverly Nelson at 303-750-6632

### Tai Chi

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, before attending.

### Time4Tap Dance Group

If you are a seasoned tap dancer, you might want to join Time4Tap Dance Group (Intermediate/Advanced), at 11 am-noon, Thursdays, Sandberg Auditorium. With questions, call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985; email [jwhalen97@comcast.net](mailto:jwhalen97@comcast.net). Make Time4Tap!

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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

### Rendezvous Veterans Brunch \$8.00

Sunday, November 10, 9:30am – 1pm

Veterans only receive the discount on brunch

### Veterans Day Special Event at Heather Gardens

Monday, November 11, 3:30 – 5 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

November 11 is a special day for all America. It is the day we honor those that have served in the United States Armed Forces. The liberties we enjoy today are because these Americans gave their time, some had to be away from their families, all serving in various ways to defend our country. There will be a POW Table by Big Tony. If you know a veteran, please say “Thank You.”

### Active Minds: Genghis Khan & the Mongolian Empire

Wednesday, November 13, 2 – 3pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Genghis Khan founded and ruled over the Mongolian Empire, the largest contiguous land empire in the history of the world. Join us as we explore how this illiterate warrior nomad came to have such a lasting and profound impact on world politics and modern society.

### America Recycles Day

Friday, November 15, 1 – 3pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Need answers about recycling unusual items? Come to the event and meet local recycling Vendors. Try the recycling challenge and win a prize. Enjoy refreshments. *There will not be a drop off at this event.* Sponsored by the Green Team, Heather Gardens Brokers and the Heather Gardens Clubhouse.

### Kathleen Arnold: Pop’s Veteran Story

Thursday, November 21, 1 – 2pm, Sandberg Auditorium

In recognition of my father, Major General Walter Erath “Pop” Arnold, please join me for a special Veteran’s Day tribute in his honor. His military career began in 1934, when he joined the U.S. Army Cavalry. In 1937 he traded in his horse for airplanes and joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. When WWII broke out, Dad was the Commander of a B-24 Heavy Combat Group. He would lead 3,000 airmen to war in Europe, survive a catastrophic air crash and serious injury, become a German POW, and ultimately lead a historic forced march of 1,875 POWs to freedom in 1945. Come hear the “rest of the story!”

### Clubhouse Closure for Thanksgiving

The Clubhouse will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2024. We hope our employees and our residents enjoy this American tradition.

### Upcoming Trips:

#### Ice! Featuring The Polar Express at Gaylord Rockies

Saturday, November 23, Cost \$73, Time: 10am - 2pm  
Reservations: call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activity Desk.

Explore the classic story of The Polar Express in this amazing winter wonderland of larger-than-life, thrilling frozen slides, and mesmerizing passageways. The bus will leave HG at 10 am, at the bus stop between buildings 243 & 244 E Marina Drive; this is not an ADA bus but can accommodate folding walkers; tell the Activities Desk if you have a walker.

#### Mannheim Steamroller Christmas

Sunday, December 8, 12:30 – 5:30pm

Cost: \$96.00

Reservations: Stop by the Clubhouse Activities Desk or call 303-751-1811 ext. 5.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis has been America’s favorite holiday tradition for more than 35 years! Grammy Award Winner Chip Davis has created a show that features Mannheim Steamroller Christmas classics in the distinctive Mannheim sound. The program includes 15 musicians playing more than 20 instruments against a backdrop of dazzling multimedia effects – capturing the spirit of the season in an immersive yet intimate setting. Theatrical haze and flashing light effects are used throughout the entirety of the show. The bus will leave HG at 12:30 pm, at bus stop between buildings 243 & 244 E Marina Drive, returning to HG around 5:30 pm. This is not an ADA bus but can accommodate folding walkers, tell Activities Desk if you have a walker.

#### Christmas Lights Tour

Monday, December 9, 2024

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Cost: \$20.00 per person, 5:30-9:00pm

Reservations: Stop by the HG clubhouse to register or call 303-751-1811 ext. 5

The bus will pick up HG residents at 5:30 between buildings 243 & 244 on East Marina Drive at the bus stop, returning to HG around 9 pm. This trip is always a sell-out so make your reservations early. The bus will go downtown Denver to see Civic Center, Union Station, 16th St Mall and more. Then will head to other locations where the Christmas lights are amazing.

# COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

## Insight into our Capital Reserves and Expenditures

### Proposed Capital Reserve Projects in 2025

It's budget time in Heather Gardens! This year the Capital Programs Subcommittee's proposed allocation in 2025 is \$5.9 million for new capital reserve projects. As usual during the yearly budget workshops the subcommittee presented the proposed new 2025 capital projects. Projects that help maintain and protect the value of our properties. The list of projects was developed and reviewed by the chair of the subcommittee, the general manager and department managers. During the budget workshops, questions were asked by board members and residents and answered by the committee chair.

At the end of the budget workshops the capital reserves proposal, including the final list of new projects for 2025, was sent for approval to the HGA Board. The 2025 budget, including the list of HGA capital expenditures was approved by the HGA Board on October 15 during their regular monthly meeting.

Below you can find the 10 most expensive (greater than \$100K) new capital reserve expenditure projects representing about 75% of the total 2025 capital expenditures:

Roof Replacements	\$2,014,083
Atrium Parking Deck Waterproofing	\$ 479,866
Carpet & Carpet Base Replacement	\$ 488,331
Exterior Painting	\$ 417,778
Road Repair / Sealcoating	\$ 356,358
Water Heaters	\$ 282,800
Concrete Repairs / Handrails	\$ 267,806
Fire Main Replacements	\$ 266,091
Equipment (various departments)	\$ 170,000
Recirculation Lines	\$ 132,894

Maybe some of these projects sound vague and that's why we will give you more insight in next year's "Community Insight" articles in *Heather 'n Yon*. Beyond giving you insight, we will celebrate successes and explain the challenges of these projects!

### Capital Reserves Funds protect your investments

The Heather Gardens Homeowners Association (HGA) and Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) are responsible for protecting the value of our individual property (multi-story units, country places and townhouses for HGA) and the value of our amenities (clubhouse, restaurant, pools for HGMD). To protect this value HGA and HGMD must maintain, repair, replace and improve their respective real estate. As explained in earlier "Community Insight" articles, the big expensive maintenance projects (capital expenditures) are planned based on the life expectancies of the components involved (For example: roofs, carpet, elevator cabs etc.). Separately, independent of the specific projects proposed for next year we build up our savings (capital reserves) to pay for the projects for the current year and years to come. Each month about 23% of our dues are earmarked for capital reserves and put into our "savings account."

## Save your money and spend it well

As you could witness this year in the meetings leading up to the proposal for 2025's capital reserve expenditures and again every time when a specific project is planned to start, the Capital Programs Subcommittee spends time evaluating the projects. During this process, the committee uses the "Postpone-Repair-Replace Methodology."

### The Postpone, Repair and Replacement Methodology regarding Carpet Replacement.

**Postponed:** Example regarding carpet replacement in a multi-story building: The first floor in general has the most wear and tear. Maybe the carpet replacement on the second floor and higher, can be postponed some years.

**Repaired:** Maybe in some cases it's acceptable to remove stains, patch or do carpet deep-cleaning.

**Replacement:** Only when postponing or repairing are not an option, the committee will look into Replacement.

By postponing and repairing first and only replacing, when necessary, the committee and management involved in the capital expenditures budget process, do everything possible to eave your money that has been reserved for Capital Projects, while protecting the value of your property and making sure Heather Gardens stays a desirable place to live.

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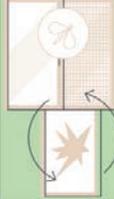
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**Mary Hafka**

It's finally happened. I've turned into one of those people who, when neighbors look out their window and see me coming up the driveway, won't answer the door. This happened the other day – I'm pretty sure the homeowners were inside, crouching behind their couch.

And all this has occurred because, for no particular reason (boredom? The need for a new project?), I appointed myself vice president in charge of getting rid of zucchini. The paradox is, they're not even my zucchini.

Nextdoor neighbors went away on a six-week motoring trip, abandoning three mature zucchini plants that were producing their heads (squash blossoms?) off. The absent neighbors invited anyone who wanted to help themselves to mature zucchini.

Largely thanks to a pair of parents who came of age during the Great Depression, over the years, I've nurtured a horror of letting "perfectly good food" go to waste. When the zucchini didn't seem to be finding new homes fast enough, I took matters into my soil-covered hands.

You'd be surprised (maybe not) how many people, when they answer their doors and find a neighbor hawking zucchinis, don't seem thrilled. But the recipients who did seem thrilled more than made up for these, and I was effective in re-homing seven zucchinis right off the bat.

I found this encouraging, but during the days that followed, passing along ripe zucchinis got tougher. I probably would have had better luck finding homes for a litter of puppies. But zucchini was my game, and I soldiered on, undaunted.

I read in *The Denver Post* that a woman crossing the U.S.-Mexico border got stopped for trying to smuggle 600 pounds of baloney (bologna) into this country. Who knew that we had a baloney shortage here? (Personally I would have thought the U.S. has plenty of baloney, especially around election season).

But perhaps – like me with the zucchini – the woman was just trying to rescue the baloney and find it a good home. However, the border police were not amused.

For my own dining pleasure, I made zucchini boats, stuffed with ground beef, tomatoes and rice. They were huge. I ate zucchini boats, and ate them some more. I finally had enough, and put the remaining half of the batch in the freezer. Maybe, come February, I'll be ready to face more zucchini.

I presented another neighbor – who's a fabulous baker – with a particularly large zucchini, artfully mentioning how much I like zucchini bread. We'll see if that seed bears any fruit.

A friend heard about my newest activity. She promptly dubbed me Ms. Zucchini 2024. I thought this sounded like a beauty-pageant title, and not a particularly desirable one. Since no one is offering me a better pageant title, I guess I'll let it stand.

And so the zucchini-distribution network continued. After one neighbor turned me down on the zucchini-acceptance front, I walked around the block and circled back by her house. In the driveway was a car that hadn't been there before. I mulled over whether to bang on this neighbor's door again, and see if her visitor might be a zucchini lover. Discretion took over, ultimately, and I left her in peace.

(But I seriously toyed with the idea with breaking into the car, and leaving a few zucchini on the front seat. HG Security, driving by, dissuaded me from this.)

Another neighbor told me a story about someone who had several very large zucchini from which to free themselves. They wrapped the sumptuous squash in a baby blanket and left it on a bus-stop bench, hoping someone would adopt it.

One Online Zucchini Expert (there's a career I never envisioned) posted that, this time of year, donors can't even give zucchinis to food pantries. The organizations already have too many.

Another neighbor was so delighted to receive a zucchini, it was touching. She remarked how expensive zucchini were at the grocery, and gratefully accepted her free one.

I promptly added her to my frequent-flyer list. I plan to continue to press zucchini on her, in the weeks to come, until she screams for mercy.

After one distribution session, I took myself to the Fruit Shack, in the Clubhouse parking lot. Here I bought everything they offered except for zucchini.

Soon I was seeing zucchini in my dreams. The big, green ones chased me down the street, trying to roll over me. The smaller, yellow squash ran behind, nipping at my heels.

For future growing seasons, we're making a new rule. No more planting zucchini, installing an auto-irrigation system, then leaving town.

I never gave these particular neighbors credit for being so devious. Next year, I'll know better.

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