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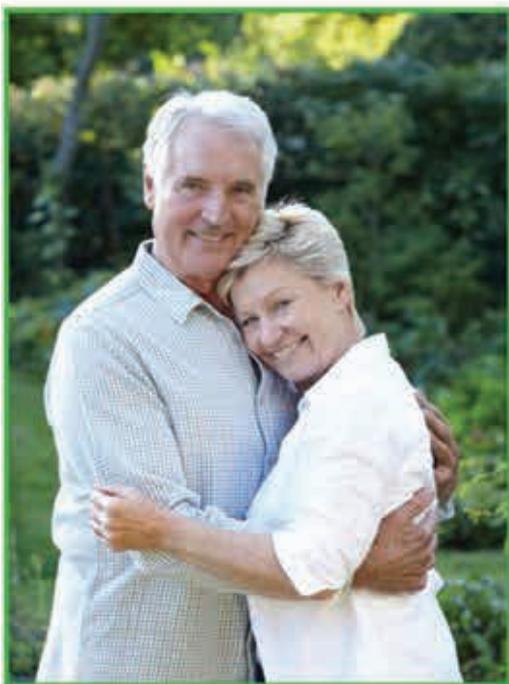
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For purple mountain majesties  
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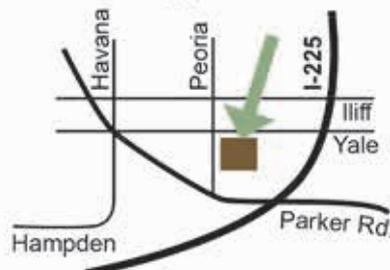
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# B202 water leak damages several units, insurance and board election

Eight directors attended the Sept. 19 HGA Board of Directors meeting. Rex Engel was absent.

The board approved ratifying damage mitigation due to flooding from a water fixture belonging to a B202 unit owner. The repair was performed on an emergency basis. The contract with AdvantaClean (\$35,374) would be reimbursed by insurance.

General Manager Calvin White explained the damage to the first and second floors, as well as to five units, in B202 was unusually bad, because the occupants of the unit were away, so the leak went undetected for some time. The owners of the unit will be billed for the \$10,000 deductible, which White indicated should be covered by their homeowners' insurance, minus their deductible.

Forrest McClure, B231, initially took issue with the vote because it was a ratification of an earlier email vote. "There are rules about taking action without a meeting. Any single director can demand [there be] no action without a meeting [such as taking an email vote]. A director should always question taking action without a meeting. It should never be simply out of convenience."

Then Director Kathy Buhrman pointed out that the work had already been done due to the emergency nature of the leak. McClure indicated that the email vote, and later ratification in a meeting, was appropriate under those conditions. He gave a different, more appropriate example.

The board approved the HGA 2017–2018 insurance package that renews in October, proposed by insurance broker USI. The package is the same one as last year, remarked Treasurer John Coil, with certain coverages increased, including those for cyber protection, and for building code improvements required when a loss occurs. The annual premium increased only \$2,100, compared

to last year, he said, although last year's lead insurance provider, Travelers, opted out in the bid. The new lead insurance company, Lexington Insurance Co, developed its package using the companies that had previously provided coverage for HG. Coil called this good news.

A number of residents addressed the board over what they termed as issues with transparency. Several were displeased that an announcement went out to residents, saying the Oct. 3 board election was unnecessary, and had been cancelled.

White raised the issue himself, early in the meeting, saying that cancelling the election was not permitted by the bylaws. The election was back on, he said, after HGA's attorney said the election could be cancelled, as only four candidates were running for five vacancies.

After reviewing pertinent bylaws, the attorney said he had been wrong. An election is required since one of the four candidates will get only a two-year term. Three candidates will get three-year terms. The "Meet The Candidates" forum, scheduled for Sept. 16, was called off before the error was acknowledged.

Buhrman asked what the purpose of rescheduling "Meet The Candidates" would be, because the election was essentially uncontested.

John Wallace, CP1, responded, "Transparency. So that we can ask questions [of the candidates], express our concerns."

Charles Wall, B224, acknowledged he had not lived at HG for very long. "Some of us don't know you [board members] that well. I'm trying to get involved with the community." He indicated he would find a "Meet The Candidates" forum helpful. A "Meet the Candidates" forum was rescheduled for Sept. 25.

*See HGA...page 10*

## **Vote • HGA Board Election: 8 am–5 pm Tuesday, Oct. 3 • Vote** Sandberg Auditorium

If you are unable to vote in person on Oct. 3, get an absentee ballot from the Management Office. To be counted,

the absentee ballot should be returned by 5 pm Tuesday, Oct. 3. Only one vote per condo unit is allowed, unless you have an executive unit.

A "Meet the Candidates" forum was rescheduled for Sept. 25, too late to be covered in this newsmagazine. Ballots were available for early voting on Sept. 25.



**Kay Sawyer**



**Chuck Montgomerie**



**John Coil**



**Mel Rawles**

# Extra! Extra! Information for you –

## Overview of HG Roads and Grounds

The Roads and Grounds Department at HG has the following **responsibilities**:

- 55 acres of irrigated turf grass. Included in this effort is an irrigation system consisting of 74 controllers, 9,500 heads, 100 miles of underground pipe, 46 backflow preventers and 50 miles of wiring.

- Cultivation and maintenance of 5,700 trees with 70 different varieties and over 16,000 shrubs of 125 different varieties.

(This is the equivalent area of 600 average size yards.)

- Maintains 850,000 square feet of asphalt,

- Three miles of concrete sidewalks and flow pans,

- Three tennis courts,

- Approximately 20 miles of rock beds.

During winter, the department removes snow and ice on roadways, driveways and sidewalks of 35 multi-story buildings and 316 townhome and country place units. Common

area properties are also cleared: Clubhouse, East Linvale Place and five miles of perimeter sidewalk.

The snow removal plan is comparable to the one used by the City of Aurora. Under these guidelines, critical areas for emergency vehicles are cleared first. Then, by priority, areas are cleared sequentially, allowing for maximum efficiency.

Roads and Grounds manages a variety of contracts. These include: repairing and/or resurfacing asphalt and concrete surfaces.

Animal control is a little-known activity.

The department sweeps all garages and roadways using an association-owned sweeper. This saves approximately \$20,000 per year by not hiring a contractor to do the job.

Roads and Grounds also maintains all parking-lot striping.

### Equipment:

A large variety of equipment is used to perform daily tasks. These

include trucks, tractors, aerators, mowers and edgers, string trimmers, chain saws, tree and shrub trimming equipment, spray tanks, turf vehicles, rototillers and many others.

All HG equipment is on a computer-generated preventive maintenance work order system. There are more than 350 work orders generated for equipment each year.

### Goals for the Department:

- Maintain HG landscaping with the utmost integrity and professionalism.

- Work with homeowners to maintain efficient customer service.

- Maintain an aggressive approach to accomplishing job responsibilities.

- Continue to implement new ideas in landscaping.

- Maintain cost savings procedures.

– **Jeff Owens, Roads and Grounds Supervisor**

– **Michael Lickteig, HGA Board Director and Chair, Roads and Grounds Committee**

## Tree leaves in fall

I heard that wind doesn't pull leaves off trees, but that trees push the leaves off. Is this true? (Roger Baleen, Brooklyn, New York)

To a limited extent. As autumn days get shorter, limiting photosyn-

thesis, a layer of cells forms between a leaf and its stem, says Vicki Funk, senior research botanist and curator at the National Museum of Natural History. This layer blocks the flow of nutrients to the leaf and, eventually

pushes it away from the stem. Then that leaf is more susceptible to the tug of a crisp fall breeze.

– **Smithsonian.com/ask**  
September 2017

## Be prepared in an emergency

Here are some Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) brochures detailing what you should do in advance to be prepared for an emergency. These brochures are available in the Clubhouse, in a document rack, on the hallway wall, outside the Security Office. They are FREE!

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- Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans, Get Ready Now

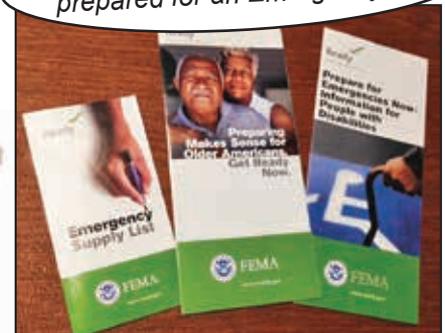
- Prepare for Emergencies Now: Information for People with Disabilities.

Thanks to Donna Szwczynski for obtaining the brochures for HG residents.

**SEC Committee**  
**HGA Board**



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Above: FEMA brochures now available at HG

# Two special HGMD meetings, board restored to five members

The HGMD Board of Directors met – with two directors – in a special meeting on Friday, Aug. 25. The late meeting was scheduled after the results of the recall election were certified by a canvas board on Aug. 23. In the recall election, Director Vincent Velasquez was replaced by candidate Gary Hizer.

Hizer had his oath of office administered, and his certificate of election filed with the state of Colorado prior to the meeting. He joined Director/Secretary Craig Baldwin.

The meeting adjourned briefly into executive session. Baldwin and Hizer met privately with HGMD Attorney Judith Ivey to obtain legal advice regarding specific questions regarding the appointments to the board.

When the public meeting resumed, Baldwin and Hizer interviewed six candidates seeking appointments to the three remaining vacant seats on the HGMD Board. The candidates were Bill Archambault, B209; Charles Wall, B224; Sandra Rosenberg, STH; Gene Burns, B244; Bonnie McMullen, B234; and David Baker, STH. A seventh candidate, Jim Sollechio, B210, was called to offer his credentials, but did not attend the meeting.

Each candidate offered his/her bona fides and reasons for seeking a director position to the board. Following the six presentations, Baldwin and Hizer voted to seat McMullen, Archambault and Rosenberg. Archambault previously served two terms on the HGMD board (2008-2016), and was its treasurer. McMullen and Rosenberg had been candidates in the recall election, and appeared on the ballot to replace Velasquez.

The three were sworn in by HG Recording Secretary Stephanie Wyche. Ivey promised to promptly file the new directors' certificates of appointment. As there was no other business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned.

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On Thursday, Aug. 31, the board convened with all five directors in attendance. The board nominated and elected officers: Craig Baldwin, president; Bill Archambault, treasurer; and Gary Hizer, secretary.

Baldwin announced his appointments of committee chairs: Hizer, Golf Committee; McMullen, Foundation; and Rosenberg, Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee.

The board sped through an agenda of old and new business.

Under "Old Business," the board ratified — and, in some cases retracted — board approvals from the tumultuous months when the board had directors at loggerheads, improperly seated directors, or too few directors to constitute a quorum.

The board approved the 2016 financial audit report from Rubin Brown, which remained unapproved and could not, therefore, be filed with the state. HGMD obtained an extension of the July 31 deadline, and would file the audit by September, Baldwin said.

The board approved replacing the Clubhouse carpeting in the entrance and reception area. It approved

the agreement to use the Clubhouse as a Red Cross emergency facility, emphasizing that HG has a right to refuse such use of the Clubhouse at any time.

The board voted to rescind its notification to HGA that the management agreement between the two boards would be terminated. It voted to rescind the elimination of a non-resident-senior golf-course greens-fee rate.

The board voted to rescind bylaws changes made on Jan. 12 and March 10. The change had required the attorney to copy all directors on any communications between HG and its attorney, and had placed other restrictions on attorney/client communication.

The board approved moving the date of the regular HGMD Board of Directors meeting, beginning in October. The meeting will be on the Thursday after the HGA Board meeting on the third Tuesday of each month.

Under "New Business," the board approved setting the date for a public hearing on amending the 2017 budget at the regular board meeting, Oct. 19.

The board authorized attorney Ivey to contact the Special Districts Association (SDA) to arrange training sessions for HGMD Board directors through SDA.

Baldwin remarked that the HGMD would not meet in September, unless unexpected agenda issues arose.

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Issues did arise, and the HGMD Board met on Sept. 21 with all directors attending the 1 pm regular meeting. After spending the morning in a work session — focusing on financial, insurance and 2017 and 2018 budget issues, the board spent their lunch hour in executive session. Subjects included negotiations on the golf-pro contract, City of Aurora resolutions and increasing the HGMD Board size.

White reported he had submitted an insurance claim regarding repairs to the golf course pump. "If we can prove [the trouble] was caused by a lightning strike," the insurance company might cover some of the expenses, he said.

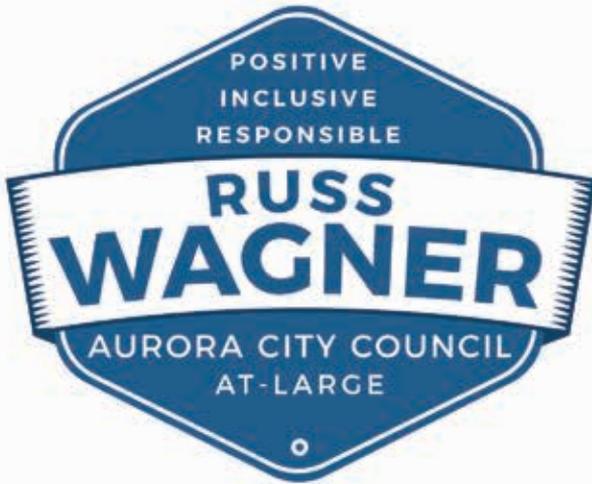
Archambault presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted that revenues, to date (Aug. 31), are higher than

*See HGMD...page 10*

## Town Hall Meeting with Councilmember Bob Roth Annual Candidate Forum and Ballot Issue Update 6 pm Tuesday, Oct. 17, Sandberg Auditorium

This annual event brings candidates in the Municipal Election, which is a mail ballot, to HG. You'll hear what the candidate platform is, then you may ask questions. With eight candidates for two At Large Council positions, and nine candidates for four positions on the Aurora Public School Board, residents will find this meeting informative. (Cherry Creek Schools had only two candidates for two positions on its board, cancelling the election.)

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## HGA...from page 5

Pete Clarendon, B243, said, "I heard there was not even total agreement among board members to cancel the election. A decision was made with no transparency. Eligible members should be able to talk to candidates, discriminating between them."

Bruce Cairns, CP4, noted, "Intuitively, it didn't seem right to cancel the election. Perception is reality."

Deb Smith, CP2, asked why so many committee minutes, as well as the residents directory, still cannot be accessed from the HG website. "When do you intend to get it fixed?" she asked.

White acknowledged HG is struggling to get the website to perform, "We've been trying to get two ven-

dors [that HG uses] to work together for months, but it's not happening. It might be up to the Communications Committee to decide if we want to go to a different web-site vendor, to get us what we want."

Communication Chair Bill Reynolds indicated his committee's willingness to help. Buhrman asked, "Can the Communications Committee put together a proposal of what we need and want?"

Rita Effler, B232, raised the issue of HG's smoking policy. "When we moved here, we were led to believe we were buying into a non-smoking community," noting she had signed a document saying smoking was prohibited. Because existing residents were grandfathered from the no-smoking rule, however, Effler noted that "only the 500 people" who have moved to HG since the policy was implemented are prohibited from smoking.

## HGMD...from page 7

expected — about \$31,200. Two unanticipated expenses are the cost of the recall election and expenses related to the Golf Course pump that controls well water to the fairways.

Expenditures to date were \$152,400 more than expected. The cost of the recall election, attorney fees related to the recall and other board issues, and Golf Course expenses due to using city of Aurora water (approximately \$1,000 per day), contributed significantly to the year-to-date expenses exceeding revenues by \$192,000.

HGMD's three cost centers are the Golf Course, the Clubhouse and the Restaurant. The Clubhouse subsidy is \$6,000 less than expected, as of Aug. 31. The restaurant subsidy is \$34,500 less than anticipated for the same period. The golf course subsidy is \$89,700 more than budgeted, due to the pump repair/city water costs.

Baldwin remarked that the expenses to hold the Recall Election, when all invoices have been received, might be \$50–60,000. Attorney fees might be \$47,000.

Baldwin noted that the bill for using city water to irrigate the golf course could reach \$119,000 before the pump is again fully operational. Luckily, the time for watering the course is dwindling as a cooler fall season develops.

Archambault explained that HGMD expects to amend its 2017 budget, to cover expenses for excess water costs and the pump repair.

"We will amend the budget using reserves, probably," he said, rather than add the charge to the recreation fee. In addition, surplus insurance funds paid to HGMD could be used to reduce the level of reserves tapped.

The board approved using Foundation funds to finance phase one of a conversion of the blue-grass area south of the Maintenance Building along I-225 to native grasses, requiring little or no water (not to exceed \$6,000). If the experiment is successful, the project could be extended to the area north of the Maintenance Building (approximately \$5,500), and to the grass median that separates Yale from East Linvale Place (ELP) (approximately \$14,000).

"The Roads & Grounds Department is evaluating changes to HG's irrigation systems," said White. Trees along ELP might do better with a drip watering system.

Other approvals by the board:

...allocated \$10,000 of Foundation funds to remove dead trees from the property. The money would come from the general fund, not the tree-replacement fund.

...a contract with A&A Lighting, to repair and modify the swimming-pool lighting to LED lights. The total project cost is \$8,270, which includes HG purchasing the LED lights separately from its contract with A&A.

...minor changes to the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee procedure memorandum.

...extended the expiration date of a golf 40-play punch card until the end of 2018, because the user was hospitalized and in recovery for most of 2017, unable to play golf.

The **Annual Review** of the **2018 budget** will be conducted by the **Budget & Finance Committee** (B&F), Monday–Wednesday, **Oct. 23–25** (plus or minus a day). Budget-meeting times also are flexible. The public is invited to attend.

Each year, B&F reviews the budget suggestions submitted by HG management, and by individual committees, for the coming year. B&F projections for what funds will be needed to support projects and

regular activities in the coming year determine what a homeowner's monthly HOA fee will be.

Addressing the committee, at its September meeting, General Manager Calvin White explained that this year's process "would try to go back to a more combined HGA/HGMD" budget model. Uncertainty last year, over how HGA and HGMD would be interacting, led to reviewing the HGA budget on one day, and the HGMD budget on a separate day.

## IN MEMORIAM

Ron Aden (222)  
Helen Ballweg (former CP2)  
Jan Cordts (former 217, STH...)  
Bill Dreiling (222)  
Robert Elliott (211)  
Margaret Ann Foy (former 216)  
John Murphy (250)  
Jerry Sheridan (214)



## HGA Board President Reports

By Kay Sawyer

There seems to be confusion about the contract between the Homeowners Association and Comcast, so I will try to write a simplified version. Note: The full contract is on the *Heathergardens.org* web site under Resources-Contracts.

*What Heather Gardens Residents will get:*

- Fiber optic cable will be installed for each unit, plus additional connections to the common areas of each building and other common areas throughout the campus. January 2019 is targeted for the completion date.
- Comcast will provide maintenance of the whole system.
- Individual residents may negotiate hiring Comcast to provide services that the resident chooses. Those choices are: Internet Service, Multi-Channel Video Service and Comcast Digital Voice Service. (Currently about 75 percent of our residents use one or more of these services).
- Fees paid by Comcast to your HOA will be a percentage of the monthly revenues Comcast receives from

individual contracts, and a per-unit initial fee for the right to provide Comcast services to the premises.

*What Comcast will get:*

- The contract will give Comcast the right to market their services to HG. Limited methods of marketing are defined in the contract.
- A 10-year contract with HG began in March 2017.

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HG is working toward a smoke-free community. The smoking policy adopted in February 2016 requires that all new purchasers and renters of condominium units are prohibited from smoking tobacco products, and e-cigarettes, or use, manufacture or dispense any substance classified as a Schedule 1 controlled substance, as that term is defined by the federal Controlled Substance Act. New residents must sign the HG Smoking Acknowledgment and Agreement. They are obligated to comply with it. In the meantime, residents who occupied their units prior to February 2015 can, and some do, smoke in their units and in the common areas.

Usually smoking problems are brought to the HGA Board in the form of complaints from other residents. The enforcement policy is done by issuing the owner of the unit a letter of infraction based on the smoking constituting a nuisance and a violation of Section 8.10 of the Condominium Declaration for HG, which affects one or more other residents.

If the situation is not remedied, a Violation Notice is sent to the owner, and the owner is invited to a hearing of the HGA Board to determine whether the violation actu-

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## HGMD Board President Reports

By Craig Baldwin

### **On the Road to Recovery**

Remember the cover photo on the June 2017 issue of Heather 'n Yon showing a wheelchair, cracked egg and asking "Is HGMD paralyzed? Complete recovery is expected." That recovery has begun.

Your HGMD Board started healing on Aug. 9 when the results of a successful recall election were announced. At that election, Vince Velasquez was removed as an HGMD Director and Gary Hizer, B232, was elected.

At a special meeting on Aug. 25, Gary and I interviewed and appointed the two runners up in the recall election: Bonnie McMullen, B234, and Sandra Rosenberg, STH. Also appointed was Bill Archambault, B209, to the "new" HGMD Board of Directors.

I am impressed with these four people. Bill served as an HGMD Director for eight years before he was term limited. He served as HGMD treasurer, and has been a member of HGA's Budget and Finance Committee for a number of years. Bonnie and Sandy impressed me with their knowledge of special districts during the "Meet the Candidates" forum in July.

Gary will chair the Golf Committee, Sandy will chair the Clubhouse and Restaurant Committee, and Bonnie will chair the Foundation Committee. All held their first committee meetings in September. Gary and I will serve until the 2020 election. The other three have agreed to run as candidates in the May 2018 election.

Very little HGMD business has been accomplished since January. The new board will be holding a series of regular and special meetings in the foreseeable future.

Our bylaws and state laws dictate timelines that must be met. The following subjects need to be addressed.

- 2017 budget amendment,
- 2018 budget hearings and enactment,
- Certify 2018 mill levy,
- 2018 insurance approval,
- Consider HGA/HGMD management agreement amendment,

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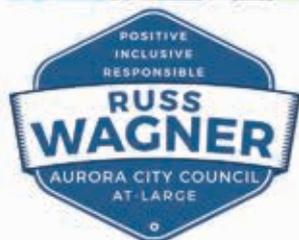


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## Publisher's Corner

# Protecting your identity after Equifax's breach

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

It has been much publicized in the last two months that one of the three credit reporting agencies, Equifax, has been hacked, compromising the confidential data the service has on about 143 million people. Considering that the population of the United States is estimated at 325 million, that is about 44 percent. Eliminating children (0–17 years of age) that number about 74 million, the percentage of adults affected by this breach goes to 56 percent.

There is a strong likelihood that your social security number, birth date, address, phone number and loan data and credit cards have been compromised. It could be used by a thief or scam artist to establish credit for a loan or credit card well into the future, according to some reports.

Knowing this risk, and learning that a friend of mine living in Florida had just had her credit breached, I decided it was time to put credit locks on our data (my husband and me) at the three credit bureaus: Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. We are not needing a loan for anything in the near future — no new cars or homes.

Note: It was particularly disturbing that this friend in Florida was attacked, because she had just survived five days without electrical power due to Hurricane Irma. I'm wondering if the credit thief chose her opportunistically, figuring it might be days, even months, before she checked on such things as bogus new credit requests or charges on existing credit cards?

Here's what happened to me when I tried to get credit locks initiated. While I did not expect to get done in one sitting, I did not expect to have to return several times over days. You also can choose whether to do it online, or via phone calls. My tolerance for being put on hold on the phone is low, so I chose online.

First, I decided to get our credit reports, to see if something was amiss. In Colorado, you are entitled to get your credit report for free once a year. Usually, I try to do that close to my birthday, or my husband's birthday. In recent years, I have not been so rigorous.

I went to *AnnualCreditReport.com*, after searching for the site via Google. DO NOT pick a site that is advertised. Often these places will charge you a fee to get your FREE credit report.

In years past, it was then a simple process of putting in the data requested at each bureau sequentially, and you could get your report from all three. This time, maybe not surprisingly, Equifax pleaded being overwhelmed with requests, so could not continue with mine. No report.

Next I tried to put a Security Freeze on my data. Again, no go.

Okay. I went back to *AnnualCreditReport.com* to try the same process with TransUnion. Surprisingly, I got nowhere with them either. The website cited the breach at Equifax as the cause for not producing my credit report, and not allowing me to put any fraud alert or credit lock on the data.

Finally, at Experian, I was able to get a credit report. Fortunately, it showed no unusual activity or requests. Credit card companies to which my husband or I are paying for charges monthly had made inquiries, but that is quite normal. The banks that hold a loan on our house and car had also submitted inquiries. I understand that these inquiries may continue even if there is a security lock on the data. Any new bank requesting information would be blocked.

Initially, I could not place a fraud alert at Experian. When I came back the next day, I was able to place this security feature. It is not as strong as

a credit lock, but I will be called by Experian if there is a new bank requesting information. Experian wanted to charge me \$24.99 per month (\$4.99 for the first month) to place a credit lock on my data. For two people, two social security numbers, that becomes a hefty \$49.98 per month. It was not worth that to me.

At Equifax, on my third or fourth try, I was able to place a Security Freeze on our data at no cost. I don't know if that was standard policy, or one implemented under current circumstances.

After five days since I started this initiative, and working late at night, I went to TransUnion directly. I was finally able to get past the "Sorry we can't process your request at this time message." It was interesting that I had to become a "member" with an associated group "TrueIdentity," which meant creating a username and password. I was able to set a fraud alert whereby I will get a text if there is an unusual or unique bank request for my credit status.

One day later, I tried the credit lock at TransUnion again. It worked. Quite annoyingly, TransUnion tried to convince me to sign up for additional credit cards through them, or to purchase premium protection or insurance. I don't think any of these add-ons are necessary at this time.

Are we adequately protected? Only time will tell. Should you purchase protection through third party groups like Life Lock? I guess it depends on your level of paranoia, and whether paying a monthly subscription increases your peace of mind. News reports have said that this breach could affect customers for years to come.

You definitely should take some action now.

Here's how to call or use websites for the credit bureaus:

- Annual Credit Report, [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com)
- Equifax: 800-525-6285, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)
- Experian: 888-397-3742, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)
- TransUnion: 800-680-7289, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)



## Management

### Fall management activities, initiatives

By Calvin White  
General Manager

#### Budget Season:

As summer ends, creating the Annual Budget begins. Staff evaluated historical expenditures and looked at future needs. Committees discussed the upcoming year and what the future may bring. The Budget and Finance Committee sharpened their pencils and evaluated the entire budget. Finally, the two boards made the tough decisions on services and expenses after an intense process of evaluation.

Budgeting involves making decisions on how to provide the best value for the owners of HG. The HGA Board must consider all the areas that result in the services provided to the association. Gas contracts, electricity, water and sewer, labor, supplies, and equipment are just a few of the items that require analysis. All department services are considered as the board approves the line items in the overall budget.

When you admire the manicured landscape, notice the cleanliness of your hallways, or realize how helpful the maintenance staff is — please remember to appreciate all the effort put in by volunteers and staff that help get HG to this point. Creating the budget is just one piece of the puzzle, but it is a very important part of keeping HG operating as well as it does.

#### Heather Gardens Directory:

The HG Directory is a yearly publication that includes resident information along with information about HG. The 2018 Directory will be in production soon. Each year, new information is included, and out-of-date information is corrected.

One of the keys to insuring that the data in the directory is correct is the help provided by your Area Representatives (ARs). In mid-October, each AR will be provided with a list of the names and telephone numbers of their area's residents. They will be asked to verify the names and telephone numbers as they should appear. Changes can be made at this time.

For HG to publish names and telephone numbers, we must have a signature of the owner/renter on file. If any information needs to be added or changed, you will have to confirm the changes with your signature. If there are no changes, you do NOT have to sign again.

#### Insurance:

Something many residents take for granted is their individual insurance policy. Whether it's for your car, your personal well-being, or your home — many people, often times, assume that what you have will be enough when a claim must be filed with your insurance company.

There is no better time than now to have your insurance broker review your coverages. You should have your broker review the HG Declaration, so that they understand what is covered under the HG Association's Policy, and can make sure they are providing enough coverage for your personal belongings. The Declaration is on the HG website, or the management office can email a copy to your broker.

Having your broker spend the time now, before you need to file a claim, is worth it. It can save a lot of heartache and money later.

**Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White:** Wednesday, Oct. 4, 8–9:30 am, Clubhouse Lobby  
Join Calvin White for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to hear answers to your burning questions.

## GM's Report

#### General Manager

- Attended board and committee meetings.
- Reviewed payables and Capital Projects.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval forms.
- Attended B217 meetings.
- Continued working on 2018 Budget.

#### Controller

- Reviewed and attended a training for the capital budget 30-year working docs.
- Reviewed and prepared the 2016 year-end closing entries for both HGA and HGMD.
- Attended Employer's Council "Beyond the Benefits" seminar.
- Continued working on 2018 Budget.
- Met with insurance broker, and reviewed the 2017/2018 insurance renewal.

#### Paint

- Completed 52 work orders.

- Attended asbestos training.
- Painted garage ceiling in B236.
- Worked on 2018 budget.
- Communicated with AR for B203 for upcoming chair-rail project.
- Walked B203 for abatement units, and compiled a list for demo.
- Completed garage painting for B233.
- Completed the stair well and other projects in B217.

#### Maintenance

- Completed 874 work orders. Of those, 154 were billable to owners.
- Completed plumbing inspections in B207, NTH, STH, CP3, CP5.
- Continued working on flood repairs in B202.
- Installed new evaporative coolers for R&G shop and Maintenance building
- Cleaned gutters in CP1 and CP4.
- Replaced heat-isolation valves in B223.
- Replaced heat supply and return line in

boiler in B204.

- Installed a new awning roof above security door at B220.
- Replaced heat pipe in B242.
- Repaired antenna problems associated with the lightning strike at B213.
- Cleaned dryer vents for first floor units in B219 and B221.
- Replaced return-line valve in garage ceiling for the 05 stack in B244.
- Repaired a 3-inch copper pipe in boiler room in B235.
- Repaired a 2-inch hot-water pipe in sixth floor ceiling of B231.
- Removed nine metal awnings on 4-story buildings.
- Cleaned boiler tubes in B221, B242 and B244.
- Installed new shower drains and plumbing underneath B203 and B214.
- Met with Comcast engineers to plan installing fiber optic cable.

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# One of the best features in HG? Its variety and abundance of trees

Standing as sentries throughout the grounds, the longest residents of Heather Gardens (HG) are set to burst into rich, vibrant hues of red, yellow, purple, copper, orange. Soon their color, scents, shade and rustling will cease, leaving behind a landscape of texture and form. They are, arguably, one of HG's greatest appeals.

Among an estimated 5,000 trees dotting HG acreage are maples, tulip, ash, hackberry, cottonwood, oak, locust, olive, Kentucky coffee, ginko, pine and spruce trees. Each has a different appeal, lifespan, personality and care requirement. Once the grounds crew clears away fallen leaves, a core crew will concentrate on inventory, according to Roads and Grounds Supervisor Jeff Owens. He, together with HG Arborist Dawn Fradkin and Assistant Roads and Grounds Supervisor Rodney Steggs, will count, measure, identify, and assess the condition of the trees. They'll check for damage to the tree and ascertain potential damage a tree may cause to persons or property. So far, they have counted 4,000 trees, and have another thousand to go.

"We deal with so many different things out here. One of our big nemeses are the squirrels," said Owens. "Squirrels just strip the bark off of trees. You can see the dead branches in the hackberry and locust trees, when you drive by."

Jeff responded to a resident who made several calls about a squirrel. He trapped, marked, and relocated the rodent, but it came back the next day. Several times the crew attempted relocation until they were needed for priority work.

Although Coopers Hawks, Bald Eagles, Great Horned Owls and falcons assist control efforts, the squirrel population retains an upper hand.

The Roads & Grounds crew watch for disease. Fungus is affecting mature cottonwoods. Emerald Ash borers are mostly found in Boulder County (as of Aug. 8), but one wrongful load of firewood could distribute the metallic green Asian beetle here. The crew have stopped using heavy pesticides.

"You never know when it [pesticides] might affect somebody. We're down to insecticidal soap, but there are a lot of insects that doesn't take care of," Owens said.

Improper planting techniques used at the time HG was under construction are causing trees to decline and die even now. Those who planted the trees failed to remove burlap, twine and wire baskets from roots, which, in turn, girdle the trunk as the roots expand.



*"There's a lot to it" caring for grounds, turf, trees, shrubs. Autumn color is awesome.*



The crew finds this when the top of the tree begins to die.

"A lot of big trees out here have root girdle and are doing fine, others, not so well. It depends on a lot of factors — soil, water from irrigation, rain fall," said Owens.

Mother Nature also kicks in

a share of trouble. The hail storm in 2013 ripped through the bark of several trees, opening wounds to insects and pathogens to invade.

The flash freeze of November 2014 caught trees that had not prepared for dormancy. Extra warm weather that autumn kept the trees in a photosynthesis phase. The process of extracting plant sugars from green leaves and storing it in woody parts had not begun. The sugars were destroyed. This was followed by hot, then freezing, spring

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# Weather in Wyoming

In Wyoming, the most difficult thing to forecast was the weather. Elections are sometimes easy to predict by comparison. I've tried to figure out a system so that I could help the weather bureau out of their daily dilemma. They sometimes use the principal of the stopped clock: It's right twice a day. They have often been right twice a month when all their little computers are producing information as they should.

I thought I could come up with something better. I have rarely had the newspaper, radio, or the weather bureau all agree on what the weather will be in an hour or a day from now. Sometimes I go to church and consult a higher power. At least I'm talking to someone who can DO something about it. He always gives me one of three answers, "Yes. No, or maybe later." I felt Him telling me once that if I were anywhere but Wyoming, He could give a more definite answer.

There are other methods that are surer. You can predict that

- The wind will blow everyday in Wyoming.
- The sun almost always shines *sometime* during the day.
- There is usually at least 20, or sometimes 30, degrees difference between the high and low temperature every day.
- Fall is not bad, but spring can never make up its mind.
- Frontier Days happen every summer in Cheyenne.

I can tell you in advance, that it will rain on Frontier Days. The rest of the year is not quite so certain, unless you make big plans for a weekend. If you do, don't let anyone know — maybe the weather won't be quite as bad as you feared. Stick with these, and you'll be right at least as often as a stopped clock.

Another method I have found effective is to check the weather report on the radio or in the paper. If it suggests a 10 percent chance of rain or snow, it will. If, on the other hand, it predicts a day without a cloud in the sky (which *never* happens), there is a high likelihood of seeing the sun at least once.

I once bought a device that I have found to be 100 percent ac-

curate in telling the weather. It was a simple contraption — a small rock suspended on a string from the edge of the roof. If the rock is wet, it is raining. If it turns white, it is snowing. If the rock is moving back and forth, the wind is blowing. If a shadow of the rock falls on the house, the sun is out. You can't beat it!

They tell me that the difficulty in predicting weather can be blamed on the mountains. If they could be better organized, or at least strung out on an east-west line so as not to block the prevailing westerlies, then the reports would be much more accurate. The weather bureau could save thousands on labor and delicate, expensive equipment. I should be careful about mentioning this possibility to the Army Engineers. They might jump on it and move the mountains.

When they laid out Interstate 80, for example, they ignored the advice of local residents who knew more about snow in their area. As a result, some of the lanes on that wonder of highway engineering are covered in snow that the state of Wyoming must plow. A small variation to the North or South might have obviated this problem, but then think of all the road maintenance workers who might have gone jobless? Now they spend their winters plowing and putting up snow fences to their heart's content.

There are some good points about Wyoming weather. It provides endless topics for casual conversation. It also enlivens the news media by providing a bit of ready-made humor. How many families in Wyoming have a chance to start the day with a

good laugh when they read or hear the weather report?

In schools, there is an exciting opportunity for pupils to practice creative weather reporting. They use their ingenuity to make up weather reports then submit them to reporters to use when they want something new to say.

This project should probably not be done in Science classes, which try to maintain the illusion that nature can be measured and weighed, and to a certain extent, understood and predicted. Art or creative writing classes might be a better setting where the imagination can run free.

Another inventive way children have of helping their parents predict weather is by selecting their own clothing for the day. If they want to leave home with a tank top and no coat, it means that the weather must be at least below freezing. A refusal to wear boots or a rain coat, or carry an umbrella, almost ensures a downpour. A willingness to put on a heavy coat, ear muffs and mittens means that you'd better call the doctor, because something must be terribly wrong with the child.

One way to stop a blizzard in its tracks is to call off school. Then the children are driven all over town by mothers to have fun playing with their friends — if any snow is left.

Aside from the Farmer's Almanac, the next most reliable method of predicting Wyoming weather is to call Grandma (or anyone who suffers from arthritis). They will pause, feel a joint, rub a knee, roll their head from side to side, then tell you the moisture content of the atmosphere, predicting inclement weather as close as a few hours. The only problem with this method is that it is usually not fast. You may receive an update on all their other ills — physical, mental and emotional — that they must endure if that day is ever to end with them still alive.

Choose any of the methods described, and you won't go wrong. At least you will not be any further off than the best equipment that your tax dollars can buy for the weather bureau.

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# The Month (September)

AOL Lists HG as #4 hottest neighborhood in the country in its "20 Booming Neighborhoods in the U.S." The email blast from HG continued, "We are excited to share some wonderful press about our community! AOL posted a study of the hottest housing markets around the country by GoBankingTrends, which analyzed over 1,700 neighborhoods throughout the U.S., and studied trends in home prices, home availability, and how long homes sit on the market.

Sadly, the photo accompanying the article is of the Denver skyline at night, not of HG. The median list price of homes at HG increased 27.31 percent as of July 2017, compared to the same period a year earlier. The median days-on-the-market for homes is only 10. HG was the only neighborhood from Colorado to make the list.

Congratulations to Rich Richardson, CP3, for his hole-in-one on Friday, Sept. 15, during HG Men's Club league play. The feat was done on the 168-yard hole #6, using a six iron club. Accuracy is the name of the game!

A former HG resident, Mildred Hiebert (CP3), celebrated her 100th birthday at the end of August with her son and his wife, Dick and Carol Hiebert in Colorado Springs. Joining them for the luncheon were Ginny and Bill Butler, and Larry and Renée Dilts, CP3 neighbors of Hiebert. An original owner of her CP condo, Hiebert moved to assisted living 10 years ago. In HG, she was

the lead volunteer at the Clubhouse, organizing and training other volunteers. She was an avid gardener. She also delivered *Heather 'n Yon* to buildings and areas. If you lived in HG then, your path crossed hers in one of these activities. Many happy returns, Mildred!

Honoring the memory of his father and brother by carrying donation pledges from nearly every resident in his building, Lehman Hoag, B216, walked in Denver's 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's, Sept. 16. Lehman, his son Breng, and his granddaughter, Lucy, joined a team from Belleview Heights Group for a two-mile walk in downtown Denver. He gathered \$600 in pledges.

"I have 66 that contributed. I think that is amazing," said Lehman. He notes that ongoing research in Denver is leading the world for results on this debilitating disease. Lehman himself has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. He and his wife, Gay, participate in classes held at the Belleview clinic to help learn about and cope with the disease.

B213 experienced a lightning strike earlier this summer. As a result, the building's antenna was damaged, and subsequently repaired by HG's Maintenance Department.

As of the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting, on Sept. 18, problems persisted with repairing the golf



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# That Was...

course irrigation pump. Wires connecting the pump to the controller were repaired; now diagnostics have determined that the controller is bad.

General Manager Calvin White reported that the pump motor also “might have a problem.” He wondered if the lightning strike, which affected B213, might have affected the pump motor, as well.

HG is looking at another month of using city water, he said. At the end of August, the costs of city water exceeded \$100,000.

...

Chair Bill Reynolds told the Communication Committee that nine HG condos had sold in August. There was one for lease, and 11 under contract. The median days for a condo to be listed was five. Realtor Nancy Henson said there were 20 condos on the “For Sale” list as of Sept. 5, when the committee met.

...

Members of an HG grassroots group who are interested in seeing a change in HG management sponsored a gathering at the Clubhouse on Sept. 20. Bill Wilson, B210, and Rita Effler, B232, moderated the meeting. The guest speakers represented two community-management companies, Hammersmith and Colorado Management & Assocs.

Nearly 100 people squeezed into the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms to hear the speakers explain what a management company could do for HG. The cited advantages were: economies of scale and efficiencies, with their employees completing certain tedious tasks, such as bookkeeping and/or answering telephones; deep experience — particularly with Colorado HOA law — and bench strength, to provide backup during vacations, sickness or turnover; and the ability to assume risk for the HOA board while helping it be consistent with Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA) rules.

The Hammersmith representative commented, “Management companies are here to carry out the wishes of your board.”

Effler concluded, “If you are interested in this idea, go to your board members and request that they form an ad hoc committee to study the issue.” She added that one open position for the 2018 HGA board remains — “It’s not too late.”

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**HG Residents created a colorful palette of flowers around their homes this summer. Here's a sample.**



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



# What is happening around HG?

Right: Responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas, the HG quilting class members are sending quilts to survivors in need of basic home supplies. They are collecting and tagging each quilt with a message from Colorado. (Photo by Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise.)



Above: Seville residents enjoyed their last day in the pool on Labor Day before it was drained and closed. Reportedly, it was a wonderful season and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves (Photo by Patt Clark, B235)



The traffic light at East Marina Drive and East Yale Avenue began to take shape last month, and should be complete and operating by Sept. 28. Right: Workers installed crosswalk lights on new poles. Above: Workers wired lights to control boxes. Testing was to start the last week of September. Finally, HG residents will have safe passage to enter traffic onto Yale Avenue. Thanks to City Councilman Bob Ross for getting the project approved by the city after many months of urging from HG residents. (Photos by Rudy Morris, B217)



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# HGA President...from page 11

ally exists and whether a nuisance exists. If a violation, including a nuisance, is determined to exist, the HGA Board of Directors suspends the owner's right to use many of the common facilities for a period of 60 days and can impose fines against the owner of the unit where the offending resident lives. Any and every violation of these provisions, including the original infraction, will result in a \$10 fine per day retroactive to the date of the Violation Notice.

As with any alleged violation, the problem faced by

the HGA Board is evaluating whether a violation has occurred. If complaining residents are unwilling to provide proof of the smoking, by eye-witness testimony or other legitimate proof, the board is unable to determine that a violation has occurred.

Without such proof, the board is unable to make any determination that a violation exists. As you can see, the presentation of proof and cooperation of the complaining resident are critical to the board's ability to take action on a smoking complaint.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation with the enforcement of our smoking policies.

# Trees...from page 17

weather that killed leaves as they began to grow, again, depleting five years of energy stored in branches, trunk, and roots.

HG may be entering a period where tree mortality is slowing. A number of trees were stressed by recent past years of drought, hail, freeze, thaw and more freezing. These trees are showing the effects now. They will be removed. Newer trees have established well, and are growing. It will look a lot better when the dead and dying trees are removed.

HG budgets to buy and plant 12 to 15 trees each year. Augmenting the budget are funds from the HG Foundation. A 2015 fundraiser gifted the community with \$22,000 for trees. The money was split between HGA and HGMD management. With their share, HGA grounds maintenance planted 33 new trees in the last two years.

"During that period, I had a lot of people coming to me, 'Hey, what's the best tree here? If I donate the money, can I have it planted here?' We gath-

ered a list of where they wanted them planted, and what kind of tree they really wanted. We do get a lot of people that ask questions about trees."

Overall, people enjoy the trees. Sometimes battles about trees erupt where one person wants a tree cut down because it's blocking the resident's view of the mountains in his/her condo. In those cases, the building holds an executive meeting to determine the opinion of a majority of the residents, asking whether to remove or keep the tree.

"A lot of times that doesn't happen [smoothly]. There could be 60 residents against [keeping the tree], while one [resident] wants [to keep] the tree. It goes back and forth a lot of times. I see more tree lovers than those who don't like them."

Two relatively new Plant Health Care Specialists were added to the



grounds crew, to help with tree and shrub care. Owens expects they will spend 30-40 percent of their time caring for trees in the winter months, depending on weather. They will prune for shape or damaged and dead limbs.

"There's a lot to it."

- Dala Giffin

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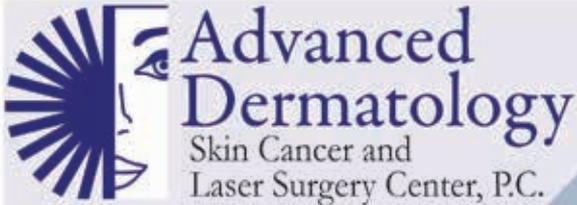
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standards of living in 2013, only Chili, Mexico and Turkey had higher rates of inequality. This level of inequality has implications for our democracy and future national strength. (Data sources: Congressional Budget Office and OECD)

If you believe issues like this deserve our attention, please join

us for our HG Indivisible meeting at 3:30 pm in the Aspen Room on the second Tuesday of each month. During our meeting in October, we will discuss the growth of inequality and its implications in some depth.

– Al Lindeman  
CP6

## HGMD President...from page 11

- Update Procedure Memorandums, policies and by-laws.

A number of other topics will be discussed/acted on:

- Capital Reserve and Long Range Planning study,
- Bond refinancing,
- Communications and transparency with electors,
- Improve coordination and cooperation with HGA,

- Director training by Special District Association.

The process of addressing these issues already began in September. It will continue at least through the end of the year. All regular and special meetings are open to the public, and will be announced using email, *Heather 'n Yon* and postings in the Clubhouse.

Please contact me with any questions and concerns you may have: 720-535-1917, or [Craig.Baldwin@HeatherGardens.org](mailto:Craig.Baldwin@HeatherGardens.org).

## GM Report...from page 15

- Switched from Double Wammy to Green Gobbler drain treatment.

### Clubhouse

- Held 8 trips and 4 events.
- Assisted with Employee Picnic.
- Hosted Annual Flea Market, Talent Show, Comedy Night.
- Accepted applications for Fall Craft Fair.
- Submitted 2018 Budget.
- Planned the Special Events for fall and holidays.
- Planned classes for fall.
- Repaired floor in Sandberg Auditorium.

### Contracts

- Monitored siding, roofing and chimney replacement at CP5 and CP6.
- Worked with contractor and City of Aurora for Seville spa repairs.
- Worked with contractor for B217 carpet replacement.
- Worked with contractor for multi-story carpet replacement.
- Worked with contractor on Seville foot-bridge replacement.
- Worked with contractor on multi-story fascia replacement.
- Worked with contractor on replacing elevator jack.
- Worked with Maintenance Connection on new work-order software.
- Worked on the Reserve Study.
- Obtained bids for roof replacements on B241, B242, and B244.

- Obtained bids for fence replacement at CP2.
- Obtained bids for lighting in NTH.
- Obtained bids for Clubhouse auditorium floor.
- Obtained bids for Restaurant carpet.
- Obtained bids for trash removal.
- Reviewed bids for elevator preventive maintenance contract.

### Custodial

- Completed 18 work orders.
- Completed 12 set-ups at Clubhouse.
- Completed inspections of the Clubhouse and Restaurant.
- Completed power washing trash chutes and garage doors in B217 through B241.
- Cleaned Clubhouse carpet.
- Completed Clubhouse high and low dusting with lift.

### Roads and Grounds

- Continued to assist siding contractors with tree and shrub pruning.
- Completed shrub and tree pruning.
- Contractor is assisting with tree removals.
- Worked on costs to convert turf areas to water-wise turf.
- Day laborers continue to be utilized to assist with weed control.
- Planted three replacement trees.
- Limbed up two spruce trees at B217.
- Continued training new Plant Healthcare Technician.
- Ordered an additional 178 replacement shrubs.
- Re-landscaped around B235 parking deck where repairs were made.
- Worked on Walk Around work orders.

- Edged sidewalks and drain pans.
- Treated duck weed in Marina pond.
- Removed large flower bed at parking deck of B213 and re-landscaped.
- Completed four shrub removal requests.
- Worked on 2018 budgets.

### Golf

- Submitted 2018 Operations Budget to Management Office for review.
- Continued weeding and tree pruning.
- Continued mowing and golf preparations.
- Continued irrigation maintenance.
- Installed well cables.
- Installed additional drainage next to cart path behind #6 green.

### Restaurant

- Hosted 50th anniversary, 60th anniversary, family reunion for 70 people, and Singles Club Dinner and Dance.
- Hosted six building picnics, Annual ARO Picnic, and Optimist Ice Cream Social.
- Refurbished banquet lights.

### Security

- Total of 482 reports written, and 5,414 miles patrolled.
- Completed and submitted the Security Department's Annual Budget.
- Held monthly "Safety Meeting." Topic: "Slips, Trips and Falls," including tips on how to minimize and prevent them.

**Employee of the Month:** Maria Anaya, Custodial Department

**Columbus Day Holiday**  
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# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

It's fall again. It is time for the HG Optimist Pancake Breakfast. Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 14, 8 am-noon, at the Rendezvous Restaurant.

Tickets will be available prior to the event in the lobby at the Clubhouse, or from Optimist Club members. The price is the same as before, \$7. You may also purchase tickets on the day of the event. All proceeds go to children's programs.

See you there.

**Marie Connolly  
B223**

## Heather 'n Yon

Thank you to Joe Williquer, Assistant Chief of Security, for his prompt reply to our need to get rid of a 6-foot long rattlesnake (Aug. 28), resting very close to the door of the front lobby in our building. Joe destroyed the rattlesnake on his first try with his equipment and a shovel.

He was also very patient with residents who thought there were more rattlesnakes in the bushes — so he continued to search there.

**Pat Peirson  
B235**

## Heather 'n Yon

According to the September issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, there were only four candidates submitting applications for the five vacancies on the HGA Board coming up in 2018. Will HGMD experience a shortage of qualified candidates when the HGMD Board elections are held in 2018? Based on what I've heard and read, several HGA/HGMD committees are experiencing difficulty in finding residents willing to fill vacancies.

It goes without saying that candidates for the HGA/HGMD Boards and related committees assume a huge responsibility and forfeit a substantial portion of their time if elected or appointed to either group.

*Heather 'n Yon welcomes letters concerned with community issues. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number. Letters may be edited for clarity. The HGA Board requires that letters longer than 300 words be returned to the writer to shorten if editing cannot do it. Letters will not be run from the same individual in successive months. Writers may publish only 4 letters per year.*

I believe boards and committees should be comprised of members who have a desire and commitment to serve the community and its residents. They should possess qualifications such as a management background, business experience, good old common sense and, possibly the most important, a thick skin.

I've only lived in HG for three years and it concerns me that only four candidates submitted for election to this board. It also concerns me that several committees can't seem to attract applicants to fill their vacancies. If that trend continues, it doesn't bode well for the future.

The community relies on the boards and committees to administer and manage the affairs of the community, including planning for and being prepared to address, all challenges, both financial and social.

Considering the population of HG, I have to wonder why more residents aren't willing to become involved in managing the community. I may be wrong but my perception is that a minority of the residents are, by and large, carrying the bulk of the load by serving on boards/committees, year in and year out.

**John Wallace  
CP1**

## Heather 'n Yon

I have been reflecting about our life here at HG and it came to me that these really are the "good old days."

During wonderful visits with my 96-year-old mother who has memory loss, especially for the present, we remember together her almost 40

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NOTE: You can also receive your ballot by fax or e-mail. To receive your ballot by fax, you'll need to give a fax number to your county elections office and include the international prefix and country code.

To request a ballot by e-mail, you'll need to provide an e-mail address where the ballot can be sent.

If you would like to change your party affiliation you must do so no fewer than 29 days before the election.

years living in HG.

She and my dad moved here in 1977, living the life that was available to them to the absolute fullest. They had wonderful friends with whom they partied and traveled. They swam, played golf and wicked tennis. Mom did ceramics for as long as her vision allowed. Dad served on HG Boards. Together, they initiated the Catholic Mass that still meets at HG.

Bruce and I moved here eight years ago and have, in the past couple of years, begun to participate more at golf, swimming, dinners at Rendezvous, playing music, sharing wine & cheese and sitting on our patio marveling at the incredibly beautiful golf course and grounds. We watch people strolling by, or visit with folks during our own walks.

I regularly have "ecstasy attacks" walking in the early mornings, silently floating in the pool, or playing with our friends.

My grandmother Nanny remind-  
*See Letters...page 35*

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

Mon 2	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	11:45 am–3 pm
Tue 3	<b>Clubhouse Event: Stepping On</b> (every Monday)	Skyview Room	1–3 pm
	Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Men's Poker (every Monday)	Skyview Room	6–9 pm
	Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6:30–9:30 pm
	<b>HGA Board Election</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	8 am–5 pm
	Bridge (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
Wed 4	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Grief Support Group (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	4 pm
	B215 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	6:30 pm
	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
	HG Ladies' Golf Scoring (every Wednesday)	Game Room	7 am–1 pm
	<b>Meet &amp; Greet with General Manager Calvin White</b>	Clubhouse Lobby	8–9:30 am
	HG Ladies' Golf Club Fall Awards Luncheon	Rendezvous Restaurant	11:15 am
	<b>Mobile Post Office</b>	<b>Circle Driveway</b>	<b>11:40–11:55 am</b>
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4:30 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	Woodshop Club	Mountainview Room	4 pm
Thu 5	Men's Poker (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	4–9:15 pm
	CP1 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7:30–9:30 pm
	HG Breakfast Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	7:45 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Bridge: Bidding &amp; Response I</b>	Skyview Room	9:30–11:30 am
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–3:30 pm
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	Cribbage (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–3:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–5 pm

## Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Oct. 2	Bayer Ear Clinic (Every Monday)	Arts & Craft Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 20)
Sat, Oct. 7	Breakfast Meet and Greet, Wagner For City Council,	HG Clubhouse, 8 am–noon (see ad, p. 8)
Sat, Oct. 7	Free Event: Music, Hayrides, Petting Zoo, MorningStar at Dayton	1–4 pm (see ad, p. 48)
Wed, Oct. 11	A Taste of Harvard Square Lunch, RSVP,	11:30 am (see ad, p. 47)
Wed, Oct. 11	NEW Reverse Mortgage Seminar, Shana Judd,	Mountainview room 10:18–11 am (see ad, p. 36)
Thu, Oct. 12	Window Seminar/Lunch, Renewal by Andersen,	Rendezvous Restaurant, 11 am (see ad, p. 37)
Tue, Oct. 17	Moving and Downsizing, Cherry Creek Retirement Village,	9:30 am (see ad, p. 4)
Wed, Oct. 25	Free Design: Windows or Bath, Colorado Living,	Mountainview Room, 10 am (see ad, p. 49)
Thu, Oct. 26	Elder Law and Estate Planning, Toman Jackson Law Firm,	Skyview Room, 1 pm (see ad, p. 8)

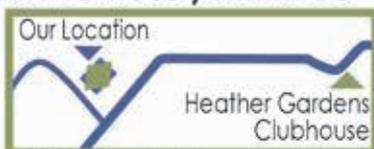
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<b>Thu 5</b> (cont'd)	CP4 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	HG Men's Golf Club Fall Banquet	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	6 pm
	American Legion Post 2012	Mountainview Room	7 pm
	Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7-9:30 pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	Men with Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
	HG Indivisible Group (every Friday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	12:15 pm
	500 Club (every Friday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30-4 pm
	<b>Clubhouse Matinee: Megan Leavey</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Men's Poker (every Friday)	Skyview Room	4-9:15 pm
<b>Clubhouse Movie: Megan Leavey</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm	
<b>Sat 7</b>	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon-4:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday)	Game Room	2-5 pm
	<b>Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30-9:30 pm
<b>Tue 10</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event - Ask a Doctor</b>	Mountainview Room	8-9:30 am
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Chair Massage</b>	Arts & Crafts Room	9-11 am
	VNA Clinic and Flu Shots	Blue Spruce Room	1-5 pm
	Parkinson's Support Group	Aspen Room	1-3:30 pm
	HG Indivisible Group	Aspen Room	3:30 pm
	B203 and B204 Social Drinks/Dinner	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: The Nobel Prize</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
	Tennis Club Social and Dinner	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Seville Meeting	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm
	Aviation Club	Aspen Room	7 pm
<b>Thu 12</b>	Green Team	Skyview Room	noon
	Frolics Club Open House	Rendezvous Restaurant	6 pm
	<b>ARO Quarterly Meeting</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
<b>Fri 13</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: AARP Driving Course</b>	Arts & Crafts Room	1-5 pm
	CP2 Social and Dinner	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	6 pm
<b>Sat 14</b>	HG Optimists Pancake Breakfast	Rendezvous Restaurant	8 am-noon
	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3-5 pm
	50 and Who's Counting	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	6 pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Medicare 101</b>	Mountainview Room	10 am
	VNA Clinic	Blue Spruce Room	1-3:30 pm
	Photography Club	Aspen Room	3-5 pm
<b>Tue 17</b>	Genealogy Swap Shop	Skyview Room	9-11 am
	B205 and B206 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Capitol Update with Colorado Legislators	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	6:30 pm
	Town Hall Meeting with Aurora City Council Bob Roth	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Comcast Meet and Greet	Sandberg Auditorium	noon-1:30 pm
	Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter)	Rendezvous Restaurant	11:30 am
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Say "NO" to Falls</b>	Skyview Room	2 pm
	CP3 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm

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# OCTOBER CALENDAR, Cont.

Wed 18	Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 19	HG Breakfast Optimist Club <i>Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries</i> Bunko Residents' Open Forum	Rendezvous Restaurant Lodgepole Lounge Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	7:45 am 9 am–1 pm 1–3:30 pm 3 pm
Fri 20	Fall Arts and Crafts Fair	Multiple rooms, Clubhouse	9 am–6 pm
Sat 21	Fall Arts and Crafts Fair	Multiple rooms, Clubhouse	9 am–3 pm
Mon 23	Low Vision Support Group <i>Clubhouse Event: Mediterranean Diet</i>	Mountainview Room Arts & Crafts Room	1:30 pm 1 pm
Tue 24	HG Republican Club HG Democrat Club	Aspen Room Aspen Room	12:30 pm 4:30 pm
Wed 25	Resident Orientation <i>Clubhouse Event: Arthritis</i>	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	9:45 am 11 am
Thu 26	<i>Clubhouse Event: Benefits of Medical Cannabis</i>	Sandberg Auditorium	3 pm
Fri 27	Men with Purpose Coffee <i>Clubhouse Matinee: The Big Sick</i> <i>Clubhouse Movie Night: The Big Sick</i>	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1 pm 6:30 pm
Tue 31	Halloween Canine Challenge and Parade Caregiver's Support Group	Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	2:45 pm 7 pm

## Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 10/16

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

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

**Rosary Prayer Group** - meets every Tuesday, 9 am, in the Aspen Room. For information, call Joe, 913-526-4177.

**Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study**, Please join us for a journey through the Scriptures. Only requirement is your Bible. We meet @ 10:30 am Tuesdays, Sept.–May, in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Geraldine Pochowicz, 303-740-6105, or email [gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net](mailto:gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net).

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

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

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

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

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

## • Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

Communications – 10 am Tue, Oct. 3

Golf – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 3

Long Range Plan – 10 am Wed, Oct. 4

Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Oct. 5

Campus Technology – 10 am Tue, Oct. 10

Foundation – 1 pm Wed, Oct. 11

Clubhouse/Rest – 1 pm Thu, Oct. 12

Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, Oct. 14  
(Rendezvous)

Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Oct. 16

**HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 17**

SEC – 1 pm Wed, Oct. 18

ACC – 10 am Thu, Oct. 19

**HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, Oct. 19**

HGA/HGMD Budget Review – 9 am–3 pm

Mon, Tue, Wed, Oct. 23–25

Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, Oct. 31

Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 31

## VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

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

### Schedule:

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Barbara McShane, VNA 303-698-6496.

Monday, Oct. 16, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Blanche McKinney, 303-751-6444

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

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ed me that an Attitude of Gratitude leads to a happier life and probably a longer one as well. We just want to say Thanks! to those who live, work, trim trees, clean up or volunteer to

make HG a place where we can all enjoy the "good old days" every day.

**Nancy Henson  
STH**

## Heather 'n Yon

On Labor Day, many Seville pool-goers indicated they would like to keep in touch with one another while the beautiful Seville pool is closed for the season. We are extremely fortunate to have our private pool

and tennis/pickleball courts.

In order to develop a sense of community among Seville residents, I am inviting you to an informal dinner. (Everyone is responsible for purchasing their meal.)

The scheduled date of this event will be the 2nd Tuesday of October: 5 pm Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Rendezvous Restaurant.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the mailroom of each Seville building for your convenience. The sign-up sheet will give the Rendezvous an idea about the number of potential diners attending this event.

**Patt Clark  
B235**



The total eclipse of the sun by earth's moon on Aug. 21 drew the attention of many HG residents.

Above: A photo of swimmers at the Seville pool with eclipse glasses watched the 2-minute event, which was not total for metro Denver.

(Photo by Marlene Beck, B233.)

Right and below: Bob Eberhardt, B241, and family went to Fort Laramie, Wyoming, where he took multiple photos of the eclipse, then created this composite that started timewise at top right.



## Heather 'n Yon

Several friends from high school (Aurora Central 1966–1968), kids, grandkids and I went to Fort Laramie, Wyoming (population approximately 230) for the total eclipse.

Most viewers went to Glendo, Douglas and Casper to watch the eclipse, probably because of advance publicity. These towns are all on I-25. Fort Laramie is about 30 miles east of I-25, but was still in the path of the total eclipse.

Fort Laramie is a National Historic site. It was a significant 19th century trading post and diplomatic site located at

the confluence of the Laramie River and the North Platte River in the upper Platte River Valley. It is located along the Oregon Trail. The fort was built in 1834. The soldiers at the fort were sent to support General Custer at Little Big Horn, but arrived too late. Most of the buildings have been partially or fully restored.

The town of Fort Laramie owns a vacant lot next to the city park that they divided into about 100 RV/camping spaces. The field was about a third full. We had plenty of elbow room.

**Bob Eberhardt, B241**

Composite eclipse photo by Bob Eberhardt

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# Clubs and Organizations

## Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

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

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

## The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

The leaves begin to turn colors, the nights become brisk and cool. People shed their summer clothes and begin wearing light jackets. So much music is devoted to this time of year. Join the NoteAbles community chorus, which meets 7 pm Tuesdays, in Sandburg Auditorium. Help us usher in the season with song. Teamwork and friendship are the benefits that all can enjoy. Our group of 20 sing Broadway favorites, Disney classics and other familiar music, preparing music for all to enjoy.

## Meditation Group

This group meets once a week, 10:30 am Wednesdays, in CP1. Offers a practical method to relax, focus, and improve the quality of your life. Free. Call Carl, 720-495-9979, for more information.

## Woodshop Meeting

The next Woodshop Club meeting will be 4 pm Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Mountainview Room. Please join us and bring your ideas, concerns and expertise. – Jim Sollecchio

## CP1

Our monthly happy hour is on the first Wednesday of the month, 5 pm, in the Banquet Room. See you on Oct. 4!

## HG Breakfast Optimist Club

We are a service organization that focuses on youth in the community, and we are always looking for folks interested in joining this effort. Our projects this year have included Yale Elementary School, Childhood Cancer Campaign, Type 1 Diabetes, the Aurora Cooking School and Aurora Warms the Night.

We meet at 7:45 am in

Rendezvous on the first and third Thursdays of every month. Please join us — we'll treat you to a complementary buffet breakfast at your first visit. For reservations, contact Jeannine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315 or [jmntg.1229@gmail.com](mailto:jmntg.1229@gmail.com).

## October programs:

- Oct. 5 Plans for 2017-18
- Oct. 14 Pancake Breakfast
- Oct. 19 Patty Hasty, Childhood Cancer Campaign

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The HG TOPS Club meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday in the Blue Spruce Room. Both men and women are welcome. Come in around 8:15, so we can say “hi!” For more information, Vicki Queen, 303-489-0409, or visit [www.TOPs.org](http://www.TOPs.org).

## HG Writers Club

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

We currently meet 1–4 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Please contact Gloria Leshner, 720-315-9925, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

## CP4

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

## Kiwanis Club of Aurora

The club is a member of a global organization of volunteers, dedicated

to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The club meets 6 pm Thursdays at the Rendezvous Restaurant at HG.

We also are on the web: [Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org](http://Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org). For more information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.

## American Legion Post 2012

We are a small post, chartered in 2012, and have now moved to HG. We are always looking for veterans interested in helping veterans in our community. We offer friendship, community service, fellowship and fun with other vets and their families, and outreach to homeless vets. Come to a meeting, and check us out. We meet on the first Thursday of every month, 7 pm in the Mountainview Room.

For more Information, contact Don Clair (B243), Commander, [copost2012cmd@gmail.com](mailto:copost2012cmd@gmail.com) or 720-219-8707.

## 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. (Note: Due to the Craft Fair on Oct. 20, we'll meet the first and fourth Fridays.) For further information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

## A Circle of Friends

Do you need to meet new friends and find new activities? Give us a call – A Circle of Friends is the original Ports of Call Singles (OPOCS) group, 55+. We will meet and greet you, and learn what you like to do.

Monthly activities include Senior Ric's, 4–6 pm, second Monday. Panera's, 9–11 am on the third Monday: coffee, social time. Birthday Lunch Bunch, poker, pinochle, bridge plus social times. Bakers St. Pub, 4–6 pm, fourth Thursday.

Call Joann Cunningham, 303-751-5195, HG resident, for more information and monthly newsletter.

## Heather Gardens Indivisible

Our group is an informal network of citizens concerned about the increasing role of anonymous

big-money organizations in our democratic processes. We focus on providing information that individual citizens can use to communicate effectively with elected officials. We view such individual involvement as the only way to counter-balance the role of big money in setting the governmental agenda at both the national and local levels.

We are concerned about the environment, the shrinking middle class, health care, quality public education, and all the fundamental factors needed to ensure that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people can survive in this era of big-money politics.

We hold an informal information sharing meeting every Friday in Rendezvous at 12:15 pm, and a monthly general meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm in the Aspen Room. We are developing a closed (safe) Facebook group to share information. Please join us if you share our concerns. Our web site is: <https://sites.google.com/view/hg-indivisible>. – Al Lindeman

#### **Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network Brunch**

We invite you to join us the second Tuesday of the month, 9:30–11 am, at Blossoms in Windsor Gardens. We have an interesting feature, and a speaker who has an uplifting story.

We have brunch, which costs \$13, including tax and tip. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Karen, 303-888-3555.

#### **Parkinson Support Group**

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

#### **B203 and B204**

B203 and B204 hold a combined social, meeting at Rendezvous on the second Tuesday of each month, 5 pm, for drinks and dinner. – Laurel McClaren, 303-337-2685.

#### **HG Aviation Club**

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#### **The Green Team**

The Critter Construction Crew is busy again working on items for sale at the Fall Craft Fair, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20–21. Once again, dogs, cats and mice made of recycled tennis balls will be for sale. In addition, there will be several new creations just for the holidays. Please stop by our booth to see how we are helping to save the planet.

We meet the second Thursday of every month at noon in the Mountainview room. Our next meeting is Oct. 12. Drop by and learn what we are all about. Call 303-306-0066 for information.

#### **Frolics Club**

An Open House meeting is scheduled for 6 pm Thursday, Oct. 12, in Rendezvous Restaurant. We hope to see you there.

If you would like to join the HG Frolics Club and be a part of the cast or crew for performances, please attend the Open House, or call Sheila Bluestein, 720-745-5646.

The club is also looking for people who would like to submit a script for the 2018 Spring Show. The Show Committee will take all complete (not just outlined) scripts (and music selections), then present them to the board for their consideration.

Deadline for submittal is Nov. 1.

The HG Frolics Club held a picnic/meeting to conduct annual board elections on August 19. The following were elected, and have taken office: President Sheila Bluestein, Vice-President Mel Rawles, Treasurer Winnie Jennings, Business Manager Joyce Laman, Recording Secretary Jerry Brewster, Corresponding Secretary Maria Mines, Assistant Business Manager Barbara Schneller. – M. Mines

#### **Karaoke Club**

The club meets 6–8 pm on the second Friday of every month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. This month, we gather on July 14. BYOB and snacks.

Great songs to choose from and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For information, call 303-398-3998, or 309-310-5315.

#### **Wine and Cheese Social Club**

Join us on the third Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm. (*Note: This month, it will be the second Saturday, Oct. 14, due to the Craft Fair being held on Oct. 21.*) We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome.

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

Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. – Karen McClaury

#### **50 & Who's Counting**

We would love for you to join us for our Saturday, Oct. 14 meeting at 5 pm for social hour, 6 pm for potluck dinner. We will have a fun activity after dinner.

Please bring your own drink, and food to share. Any questions, call Sandy Brent, 720-281-7906.

#### **Photo Club**

Residents of HG who enjoy photography get together the third Monday of the month, 3–5 pm, Aspen Room, to Learn, Shoot and Share. The club is a good venue for meeting people with the same interest as yours. You can form new friendships, and enjoy learning new things about the craft.

The club is open to persons without regard to their photographic knowledge, experience or type of

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We have four pickleball courts available for drop-in play from 9–11 am, each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Each Seville unit may bring up to four guests. The courts are always available at other times for pickleball or tennis to Seville residents and their guests.

## Mah Jongg

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

You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickels, dimes and quarters.

All HG players are welcome. For information: Estelle, 303-750-0936.

## Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 1-4 pm, in the Skyview Room. Call Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

## Tennis Club

The club has been invited to Heritage Eagle Bend for a re-match of the Invitational Challenge, which was played at HG in July. We won two out of four matches, and hope to do even better this time. The matches start at 1 pm, and all are welcome to be there, cheering for HG.

Starting Oct. 1, daily drop-in play is 1–3 pm, Monday through Friday. These hours will continue through till May: please join us. For more information call 303-306-0066. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

## Ping Pong

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

## Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6:30-9:30 pm Monday nights in the Moun-

tainview Room. For information, call Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

Afternoon Pinochle meets Wednesdays, 1:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. We only play for fun and entertainment. With questions, call Virginia Walcher, 303-632-8039.

## Hand and Foot

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

## Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for October. We will change our times starting in October, and will play Pickleball outdoors on the HG tennis courts every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoon, 1–3 pm. We also will play indoors when there is available time.

The free Pickleball lessons for HG residents have ended. They will be offered again next spring (2018).

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

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

## Mah Jongg

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

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

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

## Billiard Club

The club meets for co-ed 8-Ball at 7 pm on Tuesdays, and Men's

9-Ball at 7 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$9 are payable on Jan. 1.

All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174, or Connie Burns, 303-693-0766.

## Co-ed 8 Ball August 22

- 1st Chuck Finder, Rita Cusack
- 2nd Joe Ozorkiewicz, Geri Bartolini
- 3rd Sean Kelliher, Connie Burns

## August 29

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Charlie Kachadoorian
- 2nd Sean Kelliher, Rita Cusack
- 3rd Hi Reynolds, Dee Moore

## September 5

- 1st Gil Lochhead, Tina Larry
- 2nd Brian Bucenec, Larry Schneller
- 3rd Bimp Larry, Geri Bartolini

## September 12

- 1st Lindy Davenport, Virginia DiGuseppi
- 2nd Roger Goldstein, Judy Brehmer
- 3rd Brian Bucenec, Rita Cusack

## Men's 9-Ball August 17

- 1st Greg Kachadoorian
- 2nd Hi Reynolds
- 3rd Gail Gibson

## August 24

- 1st Greg Kachadoorian
- 2nd Lucky Highfill
- 3rd Chuck Finder

## August 31

- 1st Lindy Davenport
- 2nd Ron Spry
- 3rd Brian Bucenec

## September 7

- 1st Greg Kachadoorian
- 2nd Lucky Highfill
- 3rd Lindy Davenport

## September 14

- 1st Brian Bucenec
  - 2nd Roger Goldstein
  - 3rd Lucky Highfill
- Judy Brehmer

## Ladies Golf Club

The Tournament of Champions was held Aug. 28 and 30. A new club champion was awarded the prized "Green Jacket." Congrats to Pat Reichert, who won the tournament in great fashion with a gross score of 80 for the two-day competition.

The two-day tournament was followed by a fabulous luncheon at Rendezvous, organized by Linda Savage and her crew. All in all, what a great two days of golf, terrific stories and food! Major thanks to everyone who made this year's tourna-

ment awesome, none of which would be possible without your willingness to give your time, support and overall generosity.

### Club Tournament Results

Overall Club Champion (Gross Score)

- 1st Pat Reichert (80)
- 2nd Beulah Gould (86)
- 3rd (tie) JoAnn Fitch,  
Charlane Plucheck (91)

Low Net Score

- 1st Beverly Nelson (66)
- 2nd Sara Stoner (68)
- 3rd Helen Reasoner (69)

The Springhill and HGLGC annual tournament of the executives (newly renamed: "Ole Bags Tournament") was played at Springhill on Sept. 7, then at HG on Sept. 14. The ladies of HG had their drivers, chip-pers and putters on fire, and were able to pull off a great victory, winning the tournament with style, grace and overall fun. The two-day tournament was followed each day with a potluck sponsored by the home team.

Both clubs have some fabulous chefs — recipes will be shared. Thanks to all HGLGC members who golf and helped bring the new tournament trophy home. Thanks to all who provided support and food for the potluck.

Special thanks go out to Connie Burns and Florence Madonna for their wonderful job in planning and organizing such a great event.

### Spring Hill/HG Tournament

Low Gross at HG Golf Course

- 1st JoAnn Fitch, Cindy Belz (37)
- 2nd Pat Reichert,  
Charlane Plucheck (38)

Low Gross at Springhill GC

- 2nd Pat Reichert,  
Charlane Plucheck (41)

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, we are inviting HG residents to join members of our club to play a round of "Best Ball" golf, then join us for a potluck luncheon we will provide in the Clubhouse Skyview Room, 11:30 am. Anyone interested in playing, please call Carolyn Manley, 303-745-1060, no later than Monday, Oct. 16. All HGLGC members are encouraged to invite their neighbors and friends to this wonderful get-to-know-each-other gathering.

A quick reminder of the events that have been scheduled for the remaining season:

- Fall Awards Luncheon will be Wednesday, Oct. 4, Rendezvous Banquet Room. Social starts at 11:15 am, with lunch served at noon. Lunch cost is \$13, and checks can be left in the Pro Shop, or given to Linda Savage.

- Helpers Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 11.

- The next board meeting will be 1 pm Wednesday, Oct. 25.

### Tournament Winners August 16

*Flight A*

- 1st Glenda Pitts
- 2nd Charlane Plucheck,  
Pat Profera

*Flight B*

- 1st Susan Brennan
- 2nd Judy Brehmer, Karen Huber,  
Tina McLaughlin, JoAnn Sterling

*Flight C*

- 1st Gini Klein
- 2nd Carol Anne Mayne
- 3rd Helen Reasoner

*Flight D*

- 1st Suzi Stolte
- 2nd Kathy Liss, Lee Boland

### Tournament Winners August 23

*Flight A*

- 1st Sara Stoner, Diane Pugh,  
Bonnie McMullen

*Flight B*

- 1st Susan Brennan, Karen Huber
- 3rd Connie Burns, Diane Dean,  
Trudy Marquardt

*Flight C*

- 1st Beverly Nelson, Helen Reasoner, Sue Robertson

*Flight D*

- 1st Lee Boland, JoAnn Cunningham, Susan Brayshaw

### Club Championship Tournament

#### Winners August 28 & 30

*Flight A – Low Net*

- 1st Sara Stoner
- 2nd Kathy Hunt
- 3rd Mary Thornton, Sally Perisho

*Flight B – Low Gross*

- 1st Connie Burns
- 2nd Shirley Hendren
- 3rd Karen Huber

*Flight B – Low Net*

- 1st Judy Brehmer
- 2nd Florence Madonna, JoAnn Sterling

*Flight C – Low Gross*

- 1st Virginia DiGuseppi,  
Sarah Koepke
- 3rd Gini Klein

*Flight C – Low Net*

- 1st Beverly Nelson
- 2nd Helen Reasoner
- 3rd Carol Anne Mayne

*Flight D – Low Gross*

- 1st Lee Boland, Suzi Stolte

*Flight D – Low Net*

- 1st JoAnn Cunningham

### Tournament Winners Sept. 6

*Flight A*

- 1st Kathy Hunt
- 2nd Rosalie Einspahr
- 3rd Sara Stoner

*Flight B*

- 1st Connie Burns
- 2nd Shar Garrett
- 3rd JoAnn Sterling

*Flight C*

- 1st Carol Anne Mayne
- 2nd Beverly Nelson
- 3rd Lillie Pickrel

*Flight D*

- 1st Jeanine Kilde
- 2nd Kathy Liss, Margaret Morton

### Tournament Winners Sept. 13

*Flight A*

- 1st Pat Reichert
- 2nd Charlane Plucheck,  
Sally Perisho

*Flight B*

- 1st Trudy Marquardt
- 2nd JoAnn Sterling
- 3rd Florence Madonna

*Flight C*

- 1st Carol Anne Mayne, Helen Reasoner, Linda Savage,  
Virginia DiGuseppi, Beverly Nelson

*Flight D*

- 1st Margaret Morton
- 2nd Kathy Liss, Suzi Stolte

For membership information, please contact Carolyn Manly, 303-745-1060, or Karen Huber, 303-246-3859. Check out our website, [www.heathergardensladiesladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesladiesgolfclub.com) for details and a membership application. – Charlane Plucheck

### HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

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

For more information, call John Osterberg, 720-535-1038, or Merrily VanZevern, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Corley Freisen, 303-872-3308.

### Men's Poker

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# Employee Recognition

## Employee of the Month

Maria Anaya has been with HG since June 2014 and has demonstrated outstanding performance in the Custodial Department. Maria's buildings are always in good shape and she consistently receives compliments from residents and ARs.

Maria always has a positive attitude and is willing to go above and beyond. She has helped with special projects when needed, and has volunteered to help with a second zone when the department was short-handed.

We are happy to have Maria as a part of the Custodial Department. She is a true team player, has a commitment

to quality and is a great asset to HG.

For these reasons, I am pleased to announce Maria Anaya Employee of the Month for August 2017.

– Calvin White, CMCA  
General Manager



Maria Anaya  
Custodial Department

## HGMD Foundation

The Foundation Committee met on Sept. 13. It was brought to our attention that the article in last month's issue of Heather 'n Yon was confusing. To clarify, the motion for \$10,000 to remove dead trees would come from Foundation funds, not the Tree Fund. The tree fund is for planting of new trees.

Jeff Owens presented to the committee the prospect of planting native grass in three areas of HG to conserve

water, lower maintenance requirements and use drought tolerant turf. The committee approved \$6,000 be spent on this trial project.

When the kiosk in the Clubhouse was discussed, the committee tabled making any plans until its next meeting, and after additional information is obtained.

Our next meeting will be held Oct. 11.

Bonnie McMullen  
HGMD Foundation Chair  
HGMD Board Director

## FYI

### Ward V Town Hall Meetings

Councilman Bob Roth, who represents HG/Ward V on city council, has monthly town hall meetings on various topics. The next meeting will be 6–8 pm Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Heather Gardens, Sandberg Auditorium. Topic: Annual Candidate Forum and Ballot issue update. Check [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org), for details. Sign up for Roth's weekly newsletter at [broth@auroragov.org](mailto:broth@auroragov.org), or call him, 720-202-2695.

### Citizens Planning Academy

Ever wonder how Aurora plans for its future? How city staff make those plans a reality? How the people, housing, businesses, roads, transit systems and more come together to make this place Aurora?

Join this year's Citizens' Planning Academy, 8 am–1 pm Friday Oct. 13, at the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy, Aurora Room. Contact Nate Owens, [n Owens@auroragov.org](mailto:n Owens@auroragov.org), or 303-739-7271, to register by Friday, Oct. 6. Lunch served.

### Halloween Howls

The second HG Canine Challenge will be held 3 pm Tuesday, Oct. 31, on the Terrace at Rendezvous Restaurant. All your doggie friends are invited to strut their stuff dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes. It is impor-

tant for all those Fidos to bring their parents with them to maintain a semblance of order during the Pup Parade. Pre-register, 303-745-8786.

Participants should line up on the East side of the Outdoor Pool at 2:45 pm. Pooch Prizes will be awarded. Then dogs will go home!

Continuing the festivities, there will be a Human Parade and buffet INSIDE Rendezvous, followed by a short variety show.

### Potters Guild Sale

noon–8 pm Friday, Nov. 3  
9 am–4 pm Saturday, Nov. 4  
Ecotech Institute, 1400 S Abilene St

### Annual Craft Fair

9 am–6 pm Saturday, Nov. 4  
8 am–4 pm Sunday, Nov. 5  
Queen of Peace Church

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### On Havana Street

Halloween Spooky Walk Trick-or-Treating; Costume Contest  
noon–4 pm Saturday, October 28 FREE

Trick or Treat from noon until the candy is gone. Bring

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**Classes in making wood intarsia** have returned to HG, after an absence of several years. **Instructor Marvin Benson** teaches the craft of making pictorial creations using inlaid sections of woods in exotic natural colors. **Classes meet 9–11 am Mondays; beginners welcome.**



## Clubs...from page 39

equipment. (I-Phones do take very good photographs.) We are not about competitions, and do not collect dues.

We are about promoting photography through learning from other members about your equipment, how to shoot better photos (with occasional field trips), and sharing those photos with others to improve your skills. Whether you're a hobbyist, serious amateur or professional photographer, joining a photography club is one of the best ways to improve your skills.

### Genealogy Swap Shop

If you are interested in finding your ancestors and tracing your family history, please join us on the third Tuesday of each month, 9–11 am, Skyview Room. For information, contact Harold Thompson, 720-748-7090, or Ruth Miller, 720-535-4954.

### B205 and B206

Happy hour is 5 pm on the third Tuesday each month in Rendezvous.

### Colorado Symphony Guild–Hilltop/Southeast Chapter

The Hilltop/South unit of the Colorado Symphony Guild meets over lunch the third Wednesday of each month at Rendezvous. A business meeting starts at 11:30 am. We invite new members to join us.

RSVPs are required. For further information, call Connie Reger, 720-535-6485.

### CP3

The CP3 Social meets 5 pm the third Wednesday of each month in Rendezvous Restaurant. Please join your neighbors for the monthly get-together.

### Seville Recreation Association

SRA meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Charles Goodgain, 303-481-8412.

### Low Vision Support Group

Our no-cost meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We hope you will join us. Marsha Bergen, 720-535-5224.

### HG Republican Club

Everyone is welcome to hear Randy Corporon, attorney and president of the Arapahoe County Tea Party. His topic will be "What happened? What's next in these crazy times?" KNUS Radio Talk Show Host Corporon is a stimulating speaker.

Join us at 1:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the Aspen Room. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Come one, come all.

– Ruth Prendergast

### HG Democrats

We will meet on Oct. 24 (fourth Tuesday) at 4:30 pm in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. The program and speakers are TBA.

### Caregivers Support Group

HG Caregivers Support Group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. The group is open to all

residents of HG who provide care for family or friends.

The object is to meet for fellowship, fun, education, and to solve our problems together. It is a chance to meet others in the same situation, and to learn how we each meet the challenges of caregiving.

If you cannot leave your care receiver alone, we now have an experienced caregiver who will spend the time with your special person in another room in the Clubhouse during the meeting. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

### League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties (LWVADC) is a cadre of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to educate, advocate, and empower our fellow citizens in the democratic processes. Membership is open to women and men. Call Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466, for information on meetings.

### HG Grief Support

If you have lost a loved one, our Grief Support Group can help you. We offer eight-week sessions to help participants through their grief. Registration is required. Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for information.

The group meetings are held in the spring and fall for the eight weeks. There is no charge. Individual contact is available if you need help at other times.

Joanne Brand has been offering support groups for more than 12 years. Call 303-750-9722.



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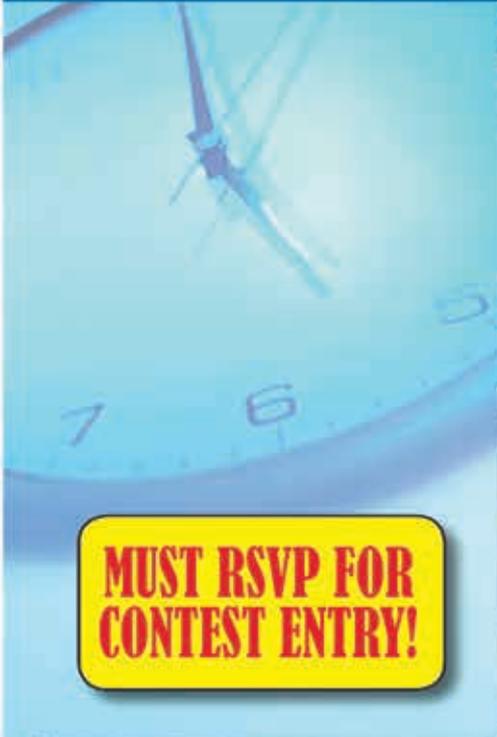


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# Trips and Tours

## **The Foreigner**

Saturday, Oct. 21, 11:30 am  
Arvada Center Black Box Theatre  
Signup Deadline: Friday, Sept. 29.  
Cost: \$47

Charlie Baker, a painfully shy Englishman, finds himself at a rural Georgia hunting lodge for a few days of peace and quiet. The local inhabitants are told that he's a foreigner who can't speak or understand a word of English. Soon they begin to share their deepest secrets with him, and Charlie must decide what to do with all this information. The result is a hilarious look at secrets revealed, which explodes in a wildly funny climax.

## **Girls Only**

Sunday, Oct. 22, 2 pm  
Garner Galleria Theatre  
Signup Deadline: Oct. 5.  
Cost: \$42

*Girls Only* is an original comedy that celebrates the honor, truth, humor and stillness of being female. With a two-women cast and audiences full of raucous, laughing women, the show has found quick popularity in its unique examination of all things girly.

## **Dazzle**

Thursday, Oct. 26, 10 am  
Thursday, Nov. 30, 10 am  
Downtown (New Location!)  
Signup Deadlines: Three weeks prior to each trip  
Cost \$28

Lunch and live jazz! Includes your choice of three chef-inspired entrees, soda, coffee, tea or glass of red or white wine, draft beer or well drink.

## **The Phantom of the Opera**

Saturday, Oct. 28, 2 pm  
Lakewood Cultural Center  
Signup Deadline: Friday, Oct. 6  
Cost: \$17

Just in time for Halloween, watch this classic 1925 Lon Chaney silent horror film with live theatre organ accompaniment by Randy Morris, veteran of the Indianapolis Paramount Music Palace.

## **Mozart's Jupiter**

Sunday, Nov. 5, 1 pm, DCPA  
Signup Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 28.  
Cost: \$36

This convivial concert brims with music as a celebration of life. Mozart's final Symphony No. 41 — also known as "Jupiter" — is jubilant and vibrantly atmospheric, and was deemed by Woody Allen as something that makes "life worth living."

## **Love Letters**

Thursday, Nov. 16, 1:30 pm  
Lone Tree Arts Center  
Signup Deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 25  
Cost: \$39

Two actors, one stage, and a love story spanning 50 years, *Love Letters* takes you on a journey through every emotion from joy to sorrow.

Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, age 7, wrote his first letter to Melissa Gardner to tell her she looked like a lost princess. For the next 50 years, through personal triumphs and despair, through wars, marriage, children and careers, they poured out the secrets of their hearts to each other. They lived — through their letters — for the one most meaningful thing, their undying love for each other.

## **Rent**

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 pm  
Buell Theatre  
Signup Deadline: Thursday, Oct. 5.  
Cost: \$57

This Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning masterpiece returns to the stage in a vibrant 20th Anniversary touring production. An inspiring message of joy and hope

in the face of fear, this timeless celebration of friendship and creativity reminds us to measure our lives with the only thing that matters — love.

## **Annie**

Saturday, Dec. 2, noon  
Boulder Dinner Theatre  
Signup Deadline: Friday, Nov. 10.  
Cost: \$44

Leapin' Lizards! Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, *Annie* has become a worldwide phenomenon and was the winner of seven Tony Awards. With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. *Annie* is the perfect family-friendly musical.

## **Holiday Lights – 3 Nights**

Monday, Dec. 4, 6 pm  
Signup Deadline: Saturday, Nov. 11.  
Monday, Dec. 11, 6 pm  
Signup Deadline: Saturday, Nov. 18.  
Monday, Dec. 18, 6 pm  
Signup Deadline: Saturday, Nov. 25.  
Cost: \$3

The RTD Holiday Light tour will take you on a tour of Denver's popular holiday lights.

## **Discover Downtown Denver**

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 11 am  
Downtown Denver  
Signup Deadline: Dec. 1.  
Cost: \$15

A special coach bus has been ordered for this trip. Begin at Union Station, stroll the streets of downtown Denver, enjoy lunch, then visit the holiday booths at the Denver Christkindle Market.

## **Sound of the Rockies**

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2 pm  
Newman Center  
Signup Deadline: Thursday, Nov. 16.  
Cost: \$27

Celebrate the winter season

## TRIPS POLICY

No transfers or refunds. Note that RTD trip times listed are not actual departure times. Please call if unable to attend. Bring your receipt to trip check-in. **All RTD times are approximate.**

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

as the Sound of the Rockies chorus opens their 2017–2018 concert season. The Sound of the Rockies, Colorado’s premier men’s a cappella barbershop chorus, presents a journey through a Winter Wonderland with a slight continuation of last year’s Christmas Concert. Dazzling sights and sounds await all who attend.

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 11:30 am  
Arvada Center Main Stage  
Signup Deadline: Wednesday, Nov. 22  
Cost: \$58

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is the irresistible family musical about the trials and triumphs of Joseph, Israel’s favorite son. Joseph blends pop, country, and rock into an uplifting story of biblical proportions! Retelling the parable of Joseph, his 11 brothers and the coat of many colors, this magical musical is full of unforgettable songs.

**The Nutcracker**

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1 pm  
Ellie Caulkins Opera House  
Signup Deadline: Thursday, Nov. 9.  
Cost: \$42

The 57th Annual production of *The Nutcracker*, held at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, features timeless choreography paired with Tchaikovsky’s extraordinary arrangement performed live by the Colorado Ballet Orchestra. In addition to being the largest production of *The Nutcracker* in the state, Colorado Ballet’s 2016 production was named the best-loved *Nutcracker* in the U.S. at the 10th Annual Goldstar National *Nutcracker* Award contest. For nearly 60 years, Colorado Ballet’s production of *The Nutcracker* has delighted sold-out audiences.

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**Waitress**

Thursday, Dec. 28, 2 pm  
Buell Theatre  
Signup Deadline: Thursday, Oct. 5.  
Cost: \$47

With original music and lyrics by six-time Grammy nominee Sara Bareilles, “Waitress is a little slice of heaven!” says *Entertainment Weekly* and “A monumental contribution to Broadway!” according to Marie Claire. Don’t miss this uplifting musical that celebrates friendship, motherhood, and a well-made pie.

**Casino Trips**

**Mardi Gras or Golden Gate – Blackhawk**

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 8:30 am–3:30 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 8:30 am–3:30 pm  
Cost: \$6

Passengers get a \$10 food voucher redeemable at either casino. You will also get \$5 free play on a Players Card. If you don’t have a Players Card, you will need to register for one!

**Free Days for October**

**Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum** Sunday, Oct. 1  
303-277-0377 Mon–Sat, 10 am– 4 pm  
[www.rmqm.org](http://www.rmqm.org) Sun, 11 am–4 pm  
200 Violet St #140, Golden

**Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys**  
303-322-1053, 1–4 pm (Sunday) Sunday, Oct. 1  
1880 N Gaylord St, Denver, [www.dmmtdt.org](http://www.dmmtdt.org)

**Denver Children’s Museum** Tuesday, Oct. 3  
303-433-7444, 4–8 pm, [www.mychildsmuseum.org](http://www.mychildsmuseum.org),  
2121 Children’s Museum Dr.

**Clyfford Still Museum** Friday, Oct. 6, 13, 20  
720-354-4880 5–8 pm  
[www.clyffordstillmuseum.org](http://www.clyffordstillmuseum.org) Oct. 27  
1250 Bannock St, Denver 10 am–5 pm

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

**Museo de las Americas** Friday, Oct. 6  
303-571-4401, 5–9 pm First Friday on Santa Fe  
861 Santa Fe Dr, [museo.org/about-us](http://museo.org/about-us)

**Dinosaur Ridge** Saturday, Oct. 14  
303-697-3466, 10 am–2 pm  
[www.dinoridge.org](http://www.dinoridge.org):  
16831 W. Alameda Pkwy, Morrison

**Denver Firefighters Museum** Saturday, Oct. 14  
303-892-1436, 10 am–4 pm  
[www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org](http://www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org)  
1326 Tremont Pl, Denver

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science**  
303-322-7009, [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org) Monday, Oct. 16  
2001 Colorado Blvd, 9 am–5 pm  
(Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium)

**Mizel Museum** Friday, Oct. 20  
303-394-9993 9 am–4 pm  
[www.mizelmuseum.org](http://www.mizelmuseum.org), 400 S Kearney St, Denver

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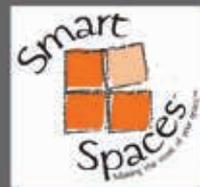
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# HG Clubhouse Events

*Please bring your receipt to the event.*

**Clubhouse Hours: 6 am to 10 pm, Monday–Saturday  
6 am to 8 pm Sunday • Phone 303-751-1811  
Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise  
Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve**

**Fall Classes start Monday Oct. 2.**

## **Stepping On: Balance Program**

Monday, Oct. 2–Nov. 13, 1–3 pm, Skyview Room  
FREE: Registration required, call 303-751-1811

The program offers a way of reducing falls and increasing self-confidence in situations where you are at risk of falling. Program covers many issues: falls and risk, strength and balance exercises, home hazards, safe footwear, vision and falls, safety in public places, community mobility, coping with a fall and understanding how to initiate a medication review. Must attend all sessions.

## **Bridge: Bidding & Response I**

Thursday, Oct 5–Nov. 9 (6 weeks) 9:30–11:30 am,  
Skyview Room (Instructor: Carl Dixon)  
Fee: \$30

This course will give you the foundation for understanding how and why communication takes place in the game of bridge. First series begins with the fundamentals of bidding structures, the roles of each player, and counting values between major and minor suits.

## **Movie Matinee and Night: Megan Leavey**

Friday, Oct. 6, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

The true life story of Megan Leavey, a young Marine corporal whose unique discipline and bond with a military combat dog saved many lives during her deployment in Iraq. Assigned to clean up the K-9 unit after a disciplinary hearing, Leavey starts to identify with Rex, a particularly aggressive dog that she trains. Over the course of their service, Megan and Rex complete more than 100 missions until an improvised explosive device injures both, putting their fates in jeopardy. Rated PG 13

## **1st Saturday Night Dance**

Sat, Oct. 7, 6:30–9:30 pm  
Music by Terry Norona  
Fee: HG resident, \$6

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

Enjoy an evening of dance, good music and good friends. There will be dance hosts, mixer dances and light refreshments. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the restaurant bar prior to 7 pm. Bar opens at the dance at 7 pm. Note: Dance hosts receive complimentary admission, and the event can always use more volunteers for that pleasant task.

## **Ask A Doc**

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 8–9:30 am, Mountainview Room  
FREE: Registration required, call 303-751-1811

Got a question and just don't know who to ask? This is your opportunity to sit down privately with a Doctor of Physical Therapy and discuss options for a myriad of neuromuscular, musculoskeletal and metabolic disorders. Ten minute appointments available. Sponsored by St. Andrew's Village Rehabilitative Services.

## **Chair Massage**

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 9–11 am, Art & Crafts Room  
Fee: \$20 per 15 min. Appointment, call 303-751-1811.

Chair massage is a style of seated massage that focuses mainly on your neck, shoulders, back, arms and hands. It is done over your clothes, and does not require the use of any lotions or oils. You will be seated in a special chair made for massage, which allows you to feel completely supported while your therapist uses a combination of techniques to relieve tension and promote relaxation. Enjoy a relaxing 15-minute chair massage with Hollie McIntire, RMT.

## **Active Minds: The Nobel Prize**

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

Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, established the Nobel Prize in his will in 1895. For over a century, the prize has stood for extraordinary accomplishment in a variety of fields throughout the world. Join Active Minds as we trace the history of the Nobel Prize, highlighting notable laureates, notable omissions, and a controversy here and there. We will also take a look at recent and possible future winners and the political impact the prize can have in the world.

## **AARP Drivers Safety**

Friday, Oct. 13, 1 pm, Arts & Crafts Room  
Fee: \$15 AARP Member/\$20 non-member

A certified AARP instructor teaches this course. Class size is limited, so registration is required. Pay the instructor on the day of the class.

## **Medicare 101**

Monday, Oct 16, 10 am, Mountainview Room

A comprehensive overview of Medicare and Social Security. We explain Part A, Part B and Part D, which plan is best for your needs, and how to get the best healthcare from your Medicare choices.

## **Comcast Event**

Wednesday, Oct. 18, noon–1:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Comcast is working to improve HG's connections to XFINITY services. They are enhancing, rewiring and redesigning the infrastructure, and preparing HG for faster speeds. Learn more from a presentation guided by a technology expert. Stick around to learn how you can add XFINITY X1, to change the way you experience TV. Upgrade to X1 for the simplest, fastest, most complete way to access all your entertainment on all TVs.

### **Stand Up to Gravity and Say “NO” to Falls**

Wednesday Oct. 18, 2 pm, Skyview Room  
FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Balance 101 for People Over 50. In this talk you will learn what is normal aging and how it affects balance and falls. The three best ways to stay upright and maintain balance will be shared. Presented by Meredith Roberts, Physical Therapist.

### **Watch Batteries**

Thursday, Oct. 19, 9 am–1 pm, Lodgepole Lounge  
Fee: \$6 per battery.

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

### **Fall Arts and Craft Fair**

Friday, Oct. 20, 9 am–6 pm  
Saturday, Oct. 21, 9 am–3 pm

More than 60 crafters. Do your holiday gift shopping and more!

### **Mediterranean Diet**

Monday, Oct. 23, 1 pm, Arts & Crafts Room  
FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

What is the Mediterranean Diet? Learn all the health benefits about this simple, alternative approach to healthy eating and how it can improve your quality of life. Learn delicious recipes that you can try at home. Presented by Dr. Martinez with Iora Primary Care.

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*Below: A long-standing, popular class offered by the Clubhouse is Jazzercise. Last year, for Halloween, participants dressed as Zombies, then were filmed exercising (dancing?) to Michael Jackson's Thriller. Join the fun, take a class!*

**Oxford Study Lecture Series: Bridging the gap between world class research, and community health promotion.**

### **Arthritis: Breaking a Vicious Cycle**

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Fee: \$3, \$4 on the day of event. Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Over 40 million people in the United States have some form of arthritis. Almost all can benefit from self-help techniques. Learn specific yet natural techniques and exercises that can improve cartilage and bone tissue health, and decrease joint swelling and pain.

### **The Benefits of Medical Cannabis**

Thursday, Oct. 26, 11 am, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Participate in a product-knowledge seminar pertaining to the medical marijuana industry. Medical professionals will speak on the different options that can help with pain management and other ailments that affect daily living such as: topicals, pain patches, tinctures and much more. Presented by Stillwater.

### **Movie Matinee and Night: *The Big Sick***

Friday, Oct. 27, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

Kumail is a Pakistani comic who meets an American graduate student, Emily, at one of his stand-up shows. As their relationship blossoms, he soon becomes worried about what his traditional Muslim parents will think of her. When Emily suddenly comes down with an illness that leaves her in a coma, Kumail finds himself developing a bond with her deeply concerned mother and father. Rated R



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All square dancers are welcome. Call Dolores Bendekgey with questions, 720-747-4666. Cost: \$5 per person.

## Bunko

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

## Men's Golf League

Gentlemen: at this reading, our competitive season will have come to an end. What a season it was!

We were blessed with outstanding weather (only one contest canceled due to inclement conditions), fantastic course conditions (thanks to a great course maintenance team), an awesome clubhouse staff and — best of all — the friendliest golfers in the world (YOU).

Finally, our club champion was determined over four grueling rounds. So what does the future hold? More golf over a lovely course, without the pressure of competition. Maybe a vacation or winter stays to the south.

Most importantly, our Fall Banquet will take place at 5 pm Oct. 5, at the Rendezvous Restaurant. Be sure to log on to the club website and check out the latest news.

## Aug. 10, 11, 17 and 18 Club Championship

Champion: Dan Wallace

### A Flight

- 1st Chuck Finder
- 2nd Jerry Joy
- 3rd Dave Oakland
- 4th Tom Parko

- 5th John Bender
- 6th Pete Profera

### B Flight

- 1st Russ Gates
- 2nd Mike Meagher
- 3rd Neil Buck, Randy White
- 4th David Croak
- 5th Manny Gallegos

### C Flight

- 1st John McLaughlin
- 2nd James Sellers, Mike Connolly
- 3rd Mark Marquardt
- 4th Jim Jensen, Rich Richardson
- 5th Owen Williams
- 6th Len Liss, Tom Merges

### D Flight

- 1st Sam Lozano
- 2nd Ralph Romero
- 3rd Rich Wall
- 4th Al Reasoner, Henry Hein
- 5th Bob Budden

### E Flight

- 1st Dave Westfall
- 2nd Steve Galambos
- 3rd Bill Archambault, Jon Erion
- 4th Bob Bamford

## August 25

### A Flight

- 1st Jerry Joy
- 2nd Tom Parko
- 3rd John Bender, Vern Thompson
- 4th Dave Oakland, Frank Leydens, Chuck Finder

### B Flight

- 1st Bob Bengen, Paul Zippis
- 2nd Milt Larry, Jim Pardikes
- 3rd Mike Meagher
- 4th Dave Hartenbach

### C Flight

- 1st Tom Smith
- 2nd Mike Connolly, George Dipaolo, Ray Binder
- 3rd Gale Gibson, Jim Jensen, Rich Richardson
- 4th Jim Sellers, Len Liss, John McLaughlin

### D Flight

- 1st Ralph Romero,
- 2nd George Brown, Sam Lozano
- 3rd Phil Corliss
- 4th John McMullen, Bob Budden

### E Flight

- 1st Bob Bamford
- 2nd Steve Galambos
- 3rd Mel Rawles
- 4th Jon Erion

## September 1

### A Flight

- 1st Brian Bucenec
- 2nd Dave Oakland
- 3rd Vern Thompson, Bob Bengen
- 4th William Schmit, Tom Parko

### B Flight

- 1st Ed Bradley
- 2nd John Densmore, Jess Deal
- 3rd Larry Francone
- 4th Paul Zippis, Mike Meagher
- 5th Manny Gallegos

### C Flight

- 1st Phil Corliss
- 2nd John McLaughlin, Mark Marquardt, Jim Sellers
- 3rd Bob Riley
- 4th Rich Richardson

### D Flight

- 1st John Good
- 2nd Al Reasoner
- 3rd Gale Gibson, John McMullen
- 4th Ralph Romero

### E Flight

- 1st Bill Riley
- 2nd Joe Heugel
- 3rd Neil Wilkins, Jon Erion
- 4th Blair Kittelson, Richard Apt, Bob Bell

## September 8

### A Flight

- 1st Vern Thompson, Chuck Finder
- 2nd Bob Bengen, Jerry Joy

### B Flight

- 1st Frank Leydens, Ed Bradley
- 2nd Tom Fitzgerald, Manny Gallegos, Dave Bushman
- 3rd Tony Maestas, Russ Gates, Gary Hizer, Jess Deal

### C Flight

- 1st Ted Cowan, Mark Marquardt,
- 2nd Jim Jensen
- 3rd Tom Merges
- 4th George Dipaolo

### D Flight

- 1st George Wiemann
- 2nd Henry Hein
- 3rd Al Reasoner

### E Flight

- 1st Larry Maitland
- 2nd Neil Miller
- 3rd Jon Erion
- 4th Joe Pucci

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## Overheard @ HG

### The Bermuda Triangle: stone, vinyl and flashing lights

by Mary Hafka

The quiet, little burg, by the gurgling pond — known as CP6 — wasn't so quiet this past summer. CP6 was the last patio-home community in HG to get the new roof, new chimney, new siding, new gutters treatment.

One hates to complain, except this is HG, where complaining just might be the official pastime. If a person must complain, I say, don't do the job halfway. Elevate this activity to an art form, and display it proudly.

Sadly, the roof-siding construction in CP6 was conducted in concert with the add-a-traffic-light work at the corner of East Yale Avenue and East Marina Dr. (EMD). Completing this Terrible Triangle of Chaos was installing a flashing sign and new crosswalk at the back of HG, on EMD by the wilderness preserve.

Attempting to avoid this Bermuda Triangle was as futile as trying to escape the actual one. The powerful construction project of a new apartment complex, across Yale, wasn't even a blip on the radar of inconvenience, to CP6. We had fish to fry closer to home.

No one had time to read the newspaper, or tend their gardens, or even fry fish. Every waking hour, it seemed, was occupied with the motorized square dance of moving one's car to a more advantageous spot, so as to not be hemmed in by the construction vehicles that came and went in waves. When the tear-off-the-old-roof crew of workers moved out, the put-on-the-new-roof crew came in.

CP6 residents sat, all day, at their windows, waiting for some other sucker to move his auto, creating a new parking spot. (CP6 was built with virtually no guest parking. I'd write a nasty letter to my governing authority about that but — as a homeowner — I have a feeling I am the governing authority.)

The nimblest among us would grab car keys, leap into the driver's seat, and move the vehicle to a better, less-blocked-in parking spot. It was like a weird version of musical chairs, except there was no music — only moans of anguish.

Woe be to she who left her car in the garage, once the construction vehicles began arriving in the cul-de-sac. Ramps, siding, generators and other equipment got stacked in a person's driveway at the speed of lightening. She who hesitated was fated to spend the day at home.

Once a person chose to flee the hammer-and-nail calliope of the proceedings, she still wasn't home (or not home, as it were) free. Navigating the city roadwork at the corner of Yale and EMD was less like a square dance, and more like a lively Polish mazurka.

Avoiding utility vehicles installing traffic equipment at all four corners of the intersection required the skills we'd polished avoiding trucks within CP6, combined with the added wrinkle of dodging cars turning onto EMD off of Yale Avenue.

If I survive this enterprise, my next career venture will be to try my hand at demolition derby. I think I've perfected the necessary skills to be successful at this endeavor.

The tear-the-stone-off-the-chimneys workers completed their tasks, in our area, in June. The put-up-the-new-stone people didn't show up until September.

The construction teams fell behind schedule during the monsoon rains of late July. For three months, all and sundry endured the embarrassment of having naked chimneys. Some wag armed with a spray can painted a swastika on one naked chimney, which caused an uproar all its own. Eventually, the stone-laying crew covered up the swastika.

The flashing-crosswalk construc-

tion introduced an eerier note. One day, the old crosswalk — between CP6 and the due-south doggy station — disappeared. The stripes had been scraped off the asphalt. The crosswalk signs were taken down.

The new crosswalk, a few hundred feet further west, was under construction, but hadn't opened for business yet. This left we sleepy dog walkers, who habitually take Fido out in the morning without having fully awoken ourselves, in a bit of a dilemma.

At first, dog walkers thought we just couldn't find the crosswalk, because we hadn't had our first cup of coffee yet. Once the realization sunk in that the crosswalk was actually gone, we had to regroup.

If you think playing bumper cars with construction vehicles sharpens your skills, you should try avoiding traffic while jaywalking across EMD, when not fully alert — knowing you were in your pajamas just minutes before. Slapping cold water on one's face before departing one's abode became a small price to pay for avoiding certain death.

The new crosswalk now is operating. A pedestrian pushes a button on the crosswalk post, activating a flashing light, which tells speeding cars a walker is mid-street.

This state-of-the-art technology causes me to reminisce about a summer when I visited Europe, aided by a Dutch tour guide. Hans lectured us about the necessity of carefully crossing Amsterdam's unfamiliar streets, staying at all times within the marked crosswalks.

"If a car hits you in the crosswalk, and you live — you've got them!" he advised, with a grim sort of optimism. Soon, we will have new home exteriors, traffic signals at a dangerous intersection, and an improved version of the pedestrian crosswalk. The inconvenience will be a distant memory.

Mindful of Hans' glib assurance, sometimes I push the button and cross EMD when I don't even want to, just to make oncoming cars slam on their brakes. Enduring the ruination of a single summer, at my age, can turn a person mean.



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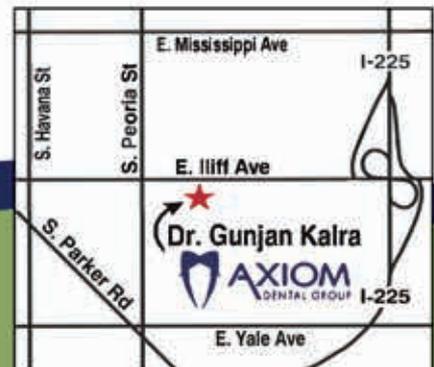
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