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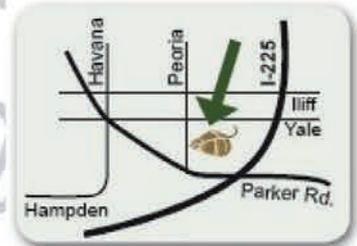
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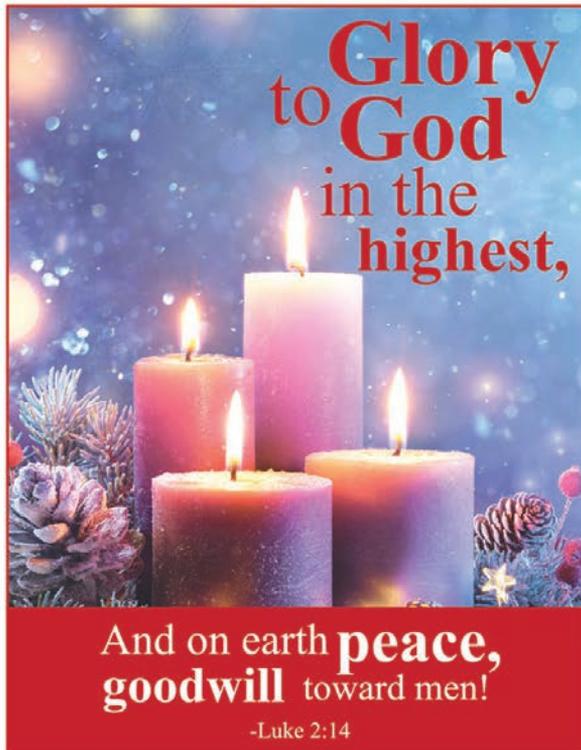
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Business as Usual for Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Despite Possible Recall

At a special meeting November 7, 2024, the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Board of Directors appointed Steve Stratton to fill the vacancy left by Director Rita Effler's resignation in October. John Guise and Vicki Rodgers also applied for the position. Rodgers previously applied for the vacant seat formerly held by Craig Baldwin, who died in August.

All three applicants explained why they wanted to serve and answered questions from the board. Director Forrest McClure asked if they would be willing to continue to serve on the board if there was a separation between the district and the Heather Gardens Association. Each applicant indicated they would, some with reservations. Stratton said he thinks the management agreement should be rewritten with a clear breakdown of duties, remedies, and success criteria.

"Whether I'm on the board or not, I'm looking forward to that process and giving feedback, once again, for the betterment of the community. That's where I'd like us to get," Stratton said.

Directors Daniel Taylor, Robin O'Meara, and Forrest McClure voted for Stratton. Director Eloise Laubach, who attended the meeting via Zoom, voted for Rodgers.

At the regular meeting November 21, the board elected Stratton to be treasurer and also appointed him chair of the Audit & Finance Committee and the Capital Programs Committee.

In a surprise move, Taylor made a motion, seconded by O'Meara, to remove Laubach as vice president and nominated McClure to take her place.

Taylor said he was making the nomination as a precaution in case the recall was successful. He said that he believed McClure's experience as the association president would give him the ability to lead the district board.

Laubach said she was unwilling to give up her position as Vice President, and McClure agreed.

"I don't want to be vice president at this point. I don't think it's appropriate," he said. The board unanimously approved a motion to establish a concealed carry policy at their regular meeting November 21, 2024. McClure introduced the motion, which would allow anyone with a valid Colorado concealed weapon permit to carry a concealed handgun in the clubhouse and adjacent parking areas. He said a recently revised Colorado law allows for concealed carry in the clubhouse because it is the site of the board room, where the Heather

Gardens Metropolitan District, a government entity, conducts its business.

McClure, a former law enforcement officer, read the criteria a person must meet to obtain a concealed weapon permit as a rationale for his motion, explaining that in his experience, concealed weapon permit carriers are law-abiding citizens who do not commit crimes. He said this policy would be an added layer of protection.

Once written, the policy will be added to the district's governing documents.

At their regular meeting November 21, the board approved a motion to engage an employment attorney with Littler Mendelson, P.C., to negotiate with ADP and the employees to transfer the management of the employees from the Heather Gardens Association to the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District.

Taylor said the attorney advised him that management of the employees could be transferred from the association to the district through an agreement with the employees and ADP. He said they could remain employees of ADP with the same wages and benefits, with no interruptions, and did not need to be terminated and rehired.

Taylor said he introduced the motion in an effort to dispel rumors and reassure staff. He said a retainer was not required, and work would not begin until after the recall election, so there was no risk in approving it now.

McClure said he was concerned about the timing of the motion. He and Laubach voted to table the issue until after the recall election, but the motion failed. After further discussion, Taylor amended the original motion to say if the recall was successful, the attorney would not begin work until receiving direction at the next board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Other actions taken by the board in November:

- Held a review of the 2025 budget for the community
- Approved the transfer of investments to Colorado Trust, a special district investment pool
- Approved the appointment of CRS of Colorado to be the custodian of the district's public records
- Adopted the 2025 Annual Budget Resolution, total budget = \$3,760,247
- Approved the employment of a woodshop repair person for five hours per week retroactive to the first week of June 2024. Management will provide a timesheet, but the salary is estimated to be between \$20-\$30 per hour. This position has been budgeted for 2025 at \$20 per hour for four to five hours per week.

HGA Board Meeting

**Major topics of discussion:
Emergency Evacuation Plan
Water Conservation Committee
Fiber Optics
Political Fliers**

Updates to the Emergency Evacuation Plan for all residential buildings and a new plan on Water Conservation and possible grant money from the City of Aurora were key topics at the HGA Board meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Areas detailed in the revised Emergency Evacuation Plan include when to call 911, fire in your building, fire in your unit, smell of gas in your unit or building, tornado alert, power outage, and suspicious activity.

The board expressed enthusiasm for introducing the plan to HG residents. Because some procedures differ by building structure, 4-story buildings, 6-story buildings, Country Places and townhomes, meetings will be building specific. Presentations with Security Chief Dave Marris will be scheduled. Additionally, the new regulations will be sent to residents.

The updated plan has been approved by the City of Aurora Fire Chief. Bill Gold, Chairman of the Security & Emergency Preparedness Committee, introduced the motion to approve the update. Motion passed.

Resident Rita Effler, B232, suggested, "It would be good to have a building presentation and some discussion of what we personally could or should do about people who we know can't evacuate." Several board members concurred.

Additionally, in order to comply with new laws on parking and towing, Gold presented changes recommended by HGA legal counsel. Changes were approved by the Board. Costs for additional signage will be evaluated.

An extensive report from the Water Conservation Committee was presented, revealing volume of water consumption at HG with opportunities to cut usage and obtain grant money from the City of Aurora.

According to Mitch Albert, CP3, who heads the Water Conservation Committee, HG uses around 125 million gallons of water per year at a cost of \$1.1-\$1.2 million. The figures were derived from examining monthly water bills from the City over the past five years, plus estimating well water costs, and projections that at current usage, water and sewage costs will increase approximately \$300,000 in the next five years as estimated by the City.

"We've done enough research now to quantify for at least two of the four major areas how to contribute to water and cost reductions," he explained.

"Primary water uses are residential by people, irrigation at residential buildings, and golf course irrigation. There are two well established industry benchmarks, the first of which is personal usage, which is listed at 15,000 to 20,000 gallons per person a year. We're at about 17,500 gallons per person at Heather Gardens, which isn't bad," he added. Albert noted that Denver and Castle Rock have set goals for about 14,000 gallons per person for residential consumption.

"The bigger issue is the irrigation, with a benchmark of eight to 10 gallons per square feet per year. We have 1.5 million non-golf course square feet, and our average is around 14 gallons."

But, he cautions that HG won't get any grant money from the City until we get to around 10 gallons per square feet. "I've done this before for another HOA and it wasn't that hard. We kept all our Kentucky Bluegrass."

He attributed irrigation and identifying and fixing leaking valves, plus improved management to present the greatest opportunity to conserve water and save money per year. "We probably can easily save 20 to 30 million gallons of water just from the irrigation system," he estimated.

Second on the list of opportunities after irrigation is storm water. Albert explained that Senate Bill 148 will assure that suburbs can recover and use water that hits impermeable surfaces, such as sidewalks and buildings. The term flood control can be applied.

An expanded Water Conservation Plan will be presented at the December HGA Board meeting.

In other business, General Manager Lary Herkal noted that Comcast is not being cooperative on the issue of fiber optics, causing HG to now explore options with other companies. He added that a Piler notice will be sent to residents to survey feedback on their needs and preferences.

The issue of political fliers in building common areas appears to have been refined and resolved. Betty Bergeron, outgoing President of the Area Representative Organization (ARO), noted that she recently has reminded the ARs of the new policy. She emphasized that political fliers can not be posted in building common areas, but that information pertaining to first amendment rights can be slipped under the doors of any of the residential units.

Additionally, some signage regulations have changed, and she will be sending out information describing what can and can not be posted, where and what size.

HGA board meetings are slated for the third Tuesday of each month, 1 pm in the Board Room. Residents can attend in person or by Zoom. For more information, take a look at the HGA website, www.heathergardens.org

Recall Election is December 3

Ballots for the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District recall election have been mailed to electors and must be returned by December 3, 2024. They can be dropped off at the offices of Public Alliance, LLC, 405 Urban Street, Suite 310, Lakewood, Colorado 80228, or in the dropbox in the Heather Gardens Clubhouse Lobby from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, December 3, 2024.

Electors will vote on the recall of Directors Daniel Taylor and Robin O'Meara. They will have the additional opportunity to elect successors: William Gold, contingent on Taylor's recall, and David Kennedy, contingent on O'Meara's recall. Gold and Kennedy both currently serve on the board of the Heather Gardens Association.

HGMD Foundation

The Foundation Committee met November 13. Matt Martella reported that he spent \$3800 of the \$5000 approved for tree purchase.

At the request of the Committee and the HGMD board Matt obtained additional quotes from three other companies for the lighting project that was tabled at previous meetings. Matt has been working with the companies and they are willing to do a presentation to the committee and the HGMD board. Matt has contacted Daniel Taylor (HGMD president) asking this be placed on the agenda for the November 21 meeting.

Matt also presented a landscape project for the golf course future consideration.

-Eloise Laubach,
HGMD Vice President and Foundation Chair

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Volunteer Program at Heather Gardens is 6 months young! Seven volunteers, along with Volunteer Coordinator Connie Burns, Assistant Coordinator Nancy Linsenbigler, and HGMD Directors Robin O'Meara and Daniel Taylor celebrated the milestone with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, November 14, in the beautiful Garden Banquet Room at Rendezvous.

The seven attending included: Carol Anne Mayne (B217), Florey Laubacher (CP3), Lee Nicholson (CP 3), Nancy Thompson (B243), Jill Taylor (B243), Camella Landrum (B218) and Ruth Knight (B244). Together they have provided 67 hours of service to the Heather Gardens community.

There are approximately 50 people in the volunteer ranks. This group has given over 240 hours of service to the community and have primarily enjoyed their time helping out in the Rendezvous and the clubhouse. The Volunteer Program was started afresh in May 2024, as an outgrowth of the HGMD Restaurant Committee.

HGMD Directors O'Meara and Taylor have been actively involved in a variety of ways since the beginning. Volunteers can be seen wearing their bright pink scarves and white tops while performing their assignments. The appreciation luncheon was a success, with plenty of laughs, camaraderie, delicious soup, sandwiches and cookies (prepared by the Rendezvous). As an added bonus all volunteers in attendance received new volunteer T-shirts, a goodie bag, and a beautiful rose. Connie was the emcee for the event, and kept everyone on track, smiling and actively engaged. Connie prepared the beautiful roses, which not only looked great, but also had a pleasant fragrance. Two days after the event, Nancy Thompson remarked "It was such a nice Appreciation Luncheon and the rose has not yet wilted!"

Next time you see one of the many volunteers in action, stop and give them a friendly word of thanks and encouragement. Keep an eye out in early 2025 for a recruiting effort, as more and more requests are coming in and thus volunteers are needed. Join the ranks, have fun, and maybe stop and smell the roses!

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HGMD Board President Reports

Daniel Taylor

Using employees to create fear and chaos to encourage the recall is inexcusable. HGA employees are employees of ADP, a professional employer organization. Their W-2s come from ADP. The District has hired an attorney to negotiate the transfer of management of those employees from HGA to the District and has assured us that there will be no disruption of employee wages or benefits.

HGA sent out layoff notices. The golf and restaurant managers met with their employees to reassure them that their jobs were not in jeopardy. Apparently, this was not done for the clubhouse employees.

Some teachers were saying they were terminated and their classes would cease. We found a custodian crying because she was worried she'd lose her healthcare. I wrote a notice to employees explaining the District's plan and requested that HGA send it out on Pitera to reassure employees and residents.

Our 2025 budget protects the employees you interact with most. Minimum wage employees will receive increases based on their years of service. Teacher pay has been standardized with a base pay and increases based on the number of students. There will be no more playing favorites. Teachers now earn between \$17 to \$52 per hour. We are instituting fair, objective pay standards.

HGA refused to send our employee notice. This has been a common practice. So, I handed out flyers to employees and posted the notice on the HGMD bulletin board. Director O'Meara and I planned one meeting to respond to the recall allegations. HGA refused to post the meeting notice saying it was "political."

We objected to the posting of every recall committee notice. HGA has also posted the political Indivisible Club notices, but refuses to post the non-political Voice for Residents notices. The ARO should be objective and post all notices on a subject or none. Apparently, opposing the recall is political, but supporting it is not.

On November 14 while at the table in the lobby speaking to a resident, HGA GM Lary Herkal stomped down the stairs, tore my notice to employees off the HGMD bulletin board, crumpled it up into a ball, and threw the crumpled notice toward me while yelling loudly, "I will tear this down each and every time you put this up, you b*****d!" There were many horrified witnesses. I replaced the notice later, and it has been removed every day since.

HGA asserts that Security will have to be moved off site if they can't use their current office. HGA has space for Security in the management office, especially now that residents have been exiled to the hallway in front of the office.

HGA now says that all the recall committee's postings were unauthorized. Our building AR is married to an HGA director and continually allowed the recall meeting notices to be posted after they were removed by other residents. Recall messages were also sent using the ARO's resident email lists. We don't have access to the email lists to dispute their assertions.

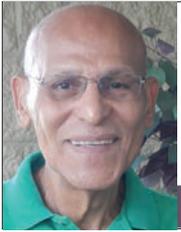
Recently an email stated HGA has been unable to provide financial reports since July because the District denied the controller access to bank accounts and have written our own checks. The controller's access hasn't changed, except the authority to withdraw funds. HGA's financials aren't done either. How has the District prevented that?

HGA directors have criticized the District for spending \$107,000 on the lawsuit. The District has spent \$40,000. What the question should be is why HGA is willing to spend so much money to prevent the District from getting copies of its own invoices?

Each month we have approximately 50 invoices. HGA says it doesn't have time to make us copies. HGA is the custodian of District records. They are required to keep them and make them available upon request. Ask HGA why it required us to spend 11 months and a court order to get copies of our own bills.

The District made a simple request in June 2023 – Pay District bills from the District's checking account so we can see that bills are being paid, on time, and correctly. This simple request would have prevented the unlawful commingling of public and private funds. This is the request that supposedly caused the CFO and the CEO to resign and started the recall.

Reform requires change, and those who are currently in control are not happy about it. This is not about personalities but improving the services provided to the community cost effectively. The restaurant and golf managers have shown what they can do when empowered to manage. In January, we will make repairs to the clubhouse that has been allowed to deteriorate. We'll reorganize and increase classes and events. We will allow our valued employees to flourish while providing you with better service.



HGA Board President Reports

Larry Dávila

2024 is coming to an end. What a year we have had! Would you have guessed things would have turned up the way they have? At this time some people are rather pleased with the turn of events while others are fearful of what might happen. This brings to mind the question of whether you consider your glass half full or half empty. In my case, I am ever grateful there's liquid in it. Sure, I'd like it to be full to the brim but, as the saying goes, "Thank God for small favors." All of this makes me wonder how we view life here in Heather Gardens. Are you satisfied with

the status quo? Are we going in the right direction? Are there things we could be doing better? Regardless of where you stand, how do you communicate your thinking so that you influence positively those of us who have been elected to make decisions?

Since 2021, the CECC has been emphasizing civility. That effort has reminded me to treat with respect all those who call me, write me an email, or present a concern at one of our monthly meetings. As trite as it might be, the old saying that you can get more flies with honey than with vinegar holds true. Along that line, it is also better to praise in public and criticize in private.

Speaking of praising in public, I'd like to recognize the contributions of David Kennedy and Bill Archambault now that their term is about to come to an end. David decided not to run for reelection, but he continues to be an independent mind, not swayed by a particular director but by the strength of objective data presented at a meeting. Bill Archambault joined the HGA board this past summer and has contributed with historical perspectives as well as unbiased analysis of whatever we are discussing.

As I write this column, we don't know the results of two elections. The HGA board election counting takes place on Nov. 25. The other one to keep in mind is the recall election that closes on Dec. 3. Two current HGA directors are candidates to replace Daniel Taylor and Robin O'Meara. David Kennedy is one of them; the other is Bill Gold. As you are aware, four directors will be elected to the 2025 board. Should the recall be successful, Bill cannot continue serving on the HGA board and the 2025 board will consider appointing someone to finish his term. For practical consideration, the 2025 board would consist of three directors elected to serve a three-year term, one to serve a two-year term, and one appointed to serve the rest of 2025. That means quite a change in leadership, with new perspectives, and a possible new outlook. That's how democracy works regardless of how we may or may not like the results.

At an RRL meeting on Nov. 7, there was a discussion on what a new Management Agreement should look like. I heard one previous HGA director give an opinion that when he was with the HGA he favored the writing that benefited his side. Not to be picky but shouldn't any Management Agreement benefit ALL Heather Gardens residents? It's not what's best for HGA or HGMD, but how does it benefit all of us living here? Allow me to make a silly comparison. I'm a big Broncos fan. When they lose a game, it is not that the defense the offense, or the kicking group lost. It is the team that wins or loses. Similarly, it is not what the HGA or the District gets that counts; rather, it is what benefits all of us residents. My emphasis has been and will continue to be that we should NOT be having an us versus them approach. Let's have a win-win frame of mind in which egos are set aside and objectivity wins.

I recently attended a mass meeting in which Daniel Taylor and Robin O'Meara defended their actions as HGMD directors, exhorting residents to vote no on the recall ballots. I was impressed by their presentation, and I acknowledge they have devoted a significant amount of time and their own money to a cause in which they believe rather strongly. I applaud those efforts; they strongly believe they are right and question the actions of those who oppose them. I admire their dedication. Having said that, I strongly disagree with what they stated as facts when I consider them to be false or half-truths. My disappointment was the continued negativity of the us vs them mentality in which evil motives are attributed to management and HGA directors. A perspective in which they have done everything right and must fight against their "enemy," who is not allowing them to do what's best for Heather Gardens. I believe they are sincerely wrong in that all directors -not just them- strive to improve our quality of life.

So, how hopeful are you for 2025? More important than hopeful, how are you going to contribute so that by this time, 12 months from now, we will have achieved a successful year for Heather Gardens? As HGA president I continue to solicit and welcome your civil, positive ideas.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



*Hello
Heather Gardens!*

I love all seasons, but the short, cold days of winter can be challenging. Cabin fever is a real thing.

I've learned a way to employ this "slow season" as a time to rest and regroup.

For those who try to do the same, I recommend a book I discovered, *The Little Book of Hygge* by Meik Wiking, which is helping me embrace this time rather than endlessly wishing for spring to arrive.

Hygge, a Danish term (pronounced "hoo-gah"), loosely translates as a "sense of comfort, togetherness, and well-being." It is enjoying the moment and the simple pleasures of everyday life. Light some candles and cuddle up, spend an evening with dear friends, make your favorite winter soup, take a walk in the glistening snow...all of these are "hygge."

May your season be filled with peace and joy to not only get us through this winter, but to help us actually enjoy the beauty of the present. For spring always comes again.

Happy Winter Solstice and Happy Holidays!

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

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MANAGEMENT

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Former CEO Jon Rea told me the HGMD Directors that are subject to the recall vote had been contentious, disrespectful, and

bullying toward management staff when he was general manager. Nothing has changed since our Controller Carrie Toennis and I began working at Heather Gardens.

If the management agreement expires on 12/31/2024, why is HGMD suing to terminate the management agreement early? HGMD has indicated that they do not intend to stop their lawsuit even after December 31, when the management agreement is no longer in place. The lawsuit has now cost the residents over \$140,000 in attorney's fees. The DEO incurred over \$67,000 in legal fees to have the court mandate the recall election date for December 3.

Legal fees after the HGMD delaying the recall vote totals over \$190,000. The DEO had to have the court mandate the election date of December 3, after the HGMD delayed and delayed establishing a date for the vote. This of course added to the legal fee totals.

HGMD continues to misrepresent facts. Principally, HGMD funds, including its investments, have never been deposited into or combined with HGA's accounts. Contrary to their belief, HGA's Rec Fee does not belong to HGMD. Under the current management agreement, HGA has agreed to use the Rec Fee to subsidize HGMD operations.

HGMD's 2025 budget shows management office rent of \$122,892 and maintenance building rent of \$78,034 totaling \$200,000. The \$200,000 reduces the Rec Fee from \$2 million to \$1.8 million. The rental figure is well above the rate that has been obtained by HGA from an independent appraiser.

Daniel Taylor has stated that HG Security will not be able to retain their offices in the clubhouse. The team should not be separated if we are going to achieve the best results. If security is required to move their office, we may find it prudent to also move the administrative offices. This is especially true if HGMD demands the exorbitant rent reflected in their budget. We of course prefer not to move any of our offices. We have found equivalent office space in an office building just west of the community on Vaughn Way. Their rental rate is \$50,000 for the same size space.

HGMD's 2025 budget does not include expenses for snow removal or landscaping of HGMD properties. This would include the clubhouse parking lot, the golf course parking lot and Linvale place. Considering the number of snowfalls each year and the need for daily maintenance of the parking lots and walkways, contracting with an experienced company who has the necessary equipment will be expensive.

HGMD states they can provide security coverage for the clubhouse, golf course and RV Lot for only \$50,000. Per the request from the HGMD we had calculated the cost to station a security officer in the clubhouse during all open hours. Our calculation was based on 102 operating hours per week at an average security officer rate of \$38.65 per hour for an annual total of \$205,000. We all know how important security is to HG residents. We do not think the \$50,000 budget amount even closely reflects the amount that will be required to provide the level of security expected by the community.

HGMD continues to allege there has been a misallocation of past golf course employee expenses, and implied malfeasance by the HGA. HGMD has never asked Greg Kohr, Carrie, or me to research or explain any golf course employee expense concerns.

Comparing the 2025 budget to the 2024 forecast and 2023 actual amounts shown in the three cost centers, the losses 2023 totaled \$888,237. For the year 2025, the HGMD budget reflects losses of \$1,427,939.

	2025 Budget	2024 Forecast	2023 Actual
Clubhouse Expense	1,203,293	796,739	788,048
Golf Expense	680,479	777,278	666,407
Restaurant Expense	860,141	761,860	541,188
Total Expense	2,743,913	2,335,877	1,995,643
Clubhouse Loss	(1,045,095)	(636,001)	(598,602)
Golf Loss	(94,002)	(232,221)	(161,222)
Restaurant Loss	(288,842)	(304,700)	(123,413)
Total Loss	(1,427,939)	(1,172,922)	(883,237)

For HGMD to say they have reduced the expenses from the proposed management budget in 2025 is misleading. For HGMD to say they had nothing to do with developing the 2024 restaurant budget is also misleading. Management capital expense were recommendations by the department managers.

Providing a 60-day notice of the lay-off to the HGA employees was in accordance with the law as advised by our employment attorney. Additionally, the affected employees deserve to be given the opportunity to determine what is best for their family. Legally, HGA employees cannot be transferred.

We have met with and communicated with our employees and are trying to minimize any cause for uncertainty in their fate. To retain employees and reduce their anxiety, it is time for HGMD to step up and communicate directly with the employees and explain HGMD's intent. It does not suffice to say all employees who service the HGMD property will be retained at the same pay rate with the same benefits.

I look forward to the day when the two boards can work together again. Differences of opinion are healthy and at times necessary. I am told communication used to be respectful with the overall objective being "what is the best for the community."

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What Makes Yin Yoga So Popular at Heather Gardens?

What is Yin Yoga and why is it so right for women—and men—55+?

If you've thought Yoga is solely for the young, strong, and oh so very flexible, Yin Yoga is a new and gentle twist on the health benefits of this popular practice.

Yin Yoga is a very slow paced, passive style of Yoga that incorporates stretching and breathing, using breath to relax the body.

It's a new class at Heather Gardens, which is quickly developing an enthusiastic following. There are 19 enrolled for the Fall Semester, with room for 25 for the upcoming Winter Class Session.

Pamela Whitmore, Yin Yoga instructor at Heather Gardens, explains, "In the human body, fascia surrounds every joint, muscle, ligament, and tendon. It consists of fibers, and when those fibers are stretched out they run parallel to each other, providing a greater range of motion.

"What happens when you don't stretch and the fascia is not lengthened is that the fibers tighten up into a ball, resulting in stiff joints.

"Stretching deeply and regularly helps maintain that greater range of motion."

A petite powerhouse who exudes calm and comfort, Pamela notes, "I love teaching Yin because it has so much to offer people of any age, but particularly the 55+, which is why I'm very dedicated to this form of Yoga.

"Yin is unlike other forms of Yoga, such as Hatha Yoga, which is very dynamic and faster paced.

The concept of Yin is passive in nature, while its opposite, yang, is active.

"I constantly remind my students that they should feel the tension of a really good stretch but no pain, numbness or tingling."

Do you need any previous experience in Yoga? Not at all. "You can come straight to class knowing nothing about Yoga.

"Particularly good for anyone 55+ is that we do everything on the mat. No downward facing dog poses, warriors or ploughs. All you need is to be able to get down on the mat at the beginning of class and then at the end of session get back up unassisted." The class is Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:15 pm. The final 10 minutes of each 60 minute class is meditation.

Think you're too old for Yoga?

Wondering what's different about Yin Yoga?

**Comments from class members:
"I took Yoga before, but I never stuck with it before this class."**

"It's easy on the joints."

"...the stretching, breathing and resultant flexibility help me so much."

"I leave each class feeling great."

A key objective for Pamela is that students expand their "body awareness," which helps prevent trip and fall accidents.

One of the beneficial differences in Pamela's class is that, "typically, we hold poses for a full three minutes," she notes. Additionally, she adds a pose or two that is held for a full five minutes as in Ashtanga Yoga. "Throughout our very relaxed, slow paced Yin Yoga, we breathe into the belly, all the way up into the chest, pausing at the top before exhaling all the way down and emptying out the belly.

"People rarely breathe into the full capacity of their lungs. Deep belly breathing massages the inner organs of the body, helping them to function more effectively." She recommends not eating for two hours prior to class so that the blood is in the limbs, not in the digestive



Pamela Whitmore, Yin Yoga instructor

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LEARNERS VISIT AURORA HISTORY MUSEUM

The Heather Gardens Lifelong Learners' class on the History of Aurora was an informative and entertaining glimpse into the history of our town. Did you know the original name was Fletcher? And it was an agricultural center and the "Gateway to the Rockies," before it evolved into a bustling suburb of Denver. Colfax Blvd. was the southern boundary of Aurora.

The class culminated in a visit to the History Museum. Members sat in the Aurora Trolley #610 for a talk by museum Education Curator Keith Outcalt about the trolley itself as well as additional historical tidbits. Trolleys served between Denver and Aurora, running on railroad tracks, down Colfax Blvd. until WWII.



Number 610 has been painstakingly restored to how it would have looked "back in the day." Another highlight was the original neon sign for the Cactus Motel on Colfax Blvd.

The museum also features videos of the city and its culture.

Aurora is proud to

host many different ethnic groups; it is the most diverse city in Colorado. There are upwards of 100 different languages spoken in our fair city. The museum honors this by an exhibit room devoted to highlighting our varied ethnicity as well as other interesting topics. Currently the museum exhibit is about the Nepali people. This exhibit will be there until April 2025 when it will be replaced by Prehistoric Aurora.

The museum is open daily welcoming all visitors to its varied offerings. It is in the Aurora Municipal Center area between the Police Department and the Aurora Public Library just off Alameda Ave. Everyone of the Learners members in attendance were very impressed with the exhibits and scope of the museum. Many referred to the museum as a "hidden gem." Learners intends to offer future classes about our city; stay tuned for that in the quarterly publication of Classes and Activities.

NOTE: If you would like to contribute you time at the museum they would welcome your help. Contact Chris Geddes at cgeddes@auroragov.org.

-Paul Mauro, B217



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tract. Additionally, Pamela encourages students to do deep belly breathing even when not in class to relieve stress, tension and anxiety.

In her lyrical British accent, she emphasizes, "My goal is that everyone leaves class feeling energized and relaxed."

Pamela has been a Yoga devotee since her early 20s, and has been teaching since retiring from her career as a trade show and special event producer. While working in Chicago, she received a job offer in Florida, "so I moved, got married and adopted a daughter from Peru."

Pamela grew up in Greenwich, England, southeast of London. Having moved here from Florida a year ago with her daughter, son-in-law and four year old granddaughter, she loves the Colorado climate and doesn't miss the brutal Chicago winters or the heat and humidity of South Florida.

But, do real men do Yin Yoga? Most assuredly!

An active 55+ and dedicated bicycle rider, John Nollen explains, "The most notable thing for me is that instead of being a shallow breather, I've expanded my total lung capacity."

In addition to the benefits of deep breathing, the long stretches give him extra flexibility in bike riding.

Not a stranger to Yoga, he is a fan of Yin. "It's all done on a mat, so it's easy on the joints. I've been in all of Pamela's classes at Heather Gardens and definitely will be continuing."

Rhona Klawans concurs, "I've taken Yoga classes before, but I never stuck with it until Pamela's class. She is a wonderful teacher. She's fun and is interested in each of us. The flexibility from Yin has helped reduce my hip and back pain. My posture is so much better, and I have a feeling of lightness and calm when I leave the class. I've recommended it to my friends. I just can't say enough about it."

Kathy Albert adds, "I really love the class. All the stretching, breathing and resultant flexibility helps me so much. The soft music playing helps me to totally relax. I leave each class feeling great."

Pat Nugent notes, "Pamela is so knowledgeable and experienced. She instructs us to be in tune with our bodies and to do only what our bodies will allow. It's a fabulous class, and I'm so happy to have found it."

Interested in trying Yin Yoga? Stop in at the Clubhouse Front Desk and get a one-time Guest Pass. The Winter Semester (January, February, March) begins in early January.

-Patricia McLaughlin, B215



A sampling of Yin Yoga class members: (l-r) Geri Adams, Debi Smith, John Nollen, Instructor Pamela Whitmore, Ralph Trenary, Kathy Albert, and Carolyn Anich.

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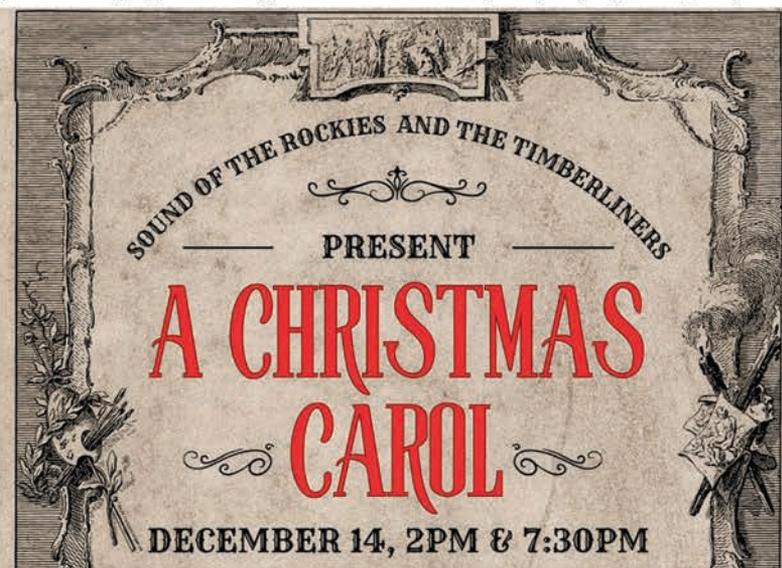
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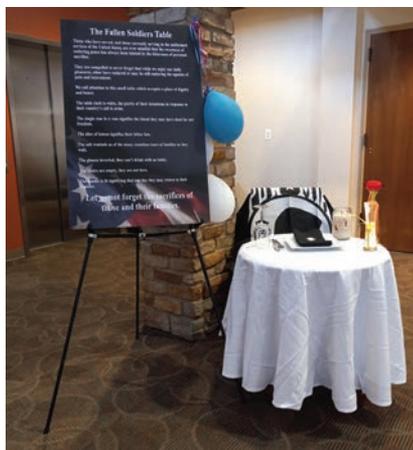
On November 11, Heather Gardens celebrated our veterans in the auditorium. A full house was present to view opening prayer and pledge with Pastor Bill Cheyne, a short video about veterans from John Guise, a poem read by Madison Gardner, music from Shel McClaury, Honor Flight information from Joe Plant, Quilts of Valor awarded by Sandra Lazaroff, and refreshments from Ben Torrez of Humana. Eighteen veterans received Quilts of Valor for their service to our country: Pastor Bill Cheyne, Sherry Giles, John Guise, Don Gunnarson, Sanford Hangee, Wayne Harris, Kevin Keator, Lee Keene, Rick Larsen, Bob Neu, John Patterson, Sam Pitzen, Bob Rae, Al Reasoner, Bob Reichardt, Jim Thompson, Chuck Toner, and David VLiet. The quilts were provided by Arapahoe County Quilters, Charlene Cheyne, and the quilting class at Heather Gardens. The committee that prepared the event was Crystal Guise, Mavis Richardson, Connie

Burns, Robin O'Meara and Carolyn Morris. Many other helpers served during the event.

Those veterans who are interested in Quilts of Valor for the future or would like to help support the making of quilts through physical labor or financial funds, please contact Carolyn Morris at motoringmorris@gmail.com. You may also go to Quilts of Valor website at qovf.org for more information or to nominate yourself or a veteran you would like to see receive a quilt. Donations to support Heather Gardens quilts need to specify Front Range QOV when sent through the website. We plan to have another presentation in early May 2025.

-Carolyn Morris, B217

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Approved by Hunter Hackbarth,
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09-12-24

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Be sure to lock your kitchen door to your garage at night, and when you leave your home. If you park your car outside, always lock it, and remove the garage door opener.

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Mon 2	Men's Bridge (every Mon) Book Club Spanish Club (every Mon) Texas Hold'em Mah Jongg (every Mon) Games Galore! (every Mon)	Skyview Room Mountain View Room Aspen Room Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room Arts & Crafts Room	10am-2pm 10:30am & 1pm 11am-12pm 12:30-5pm 1-4pm 4-6pm
Tue 3	CP2 Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tues) HG Singers (every Tues) Mah Jongg (every Tues) Ping Pong (every Tues) Billiards Club (every Tues)	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Mountain View Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Billiards Room	TBA 12:30-4pm 1-2:30pm 1-4pm 2pm 6:30pm
Wed 4	CP1 Cribbage (every Wed) Men's Poker (every Wed) Duplicate Bridge/ACBL (every Wed) Rummikub (every Wed) Woodshop Club Square Dance (1st & 3rd Wed)	TBA Sunburst Café Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Lodgepole Lounge Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	TBA 12:30-3pm 12:30-5pm 1pm 1-3pm 1-4pm 7-9pm
Thu 5	Tai Chi (every Thurs) TOPS (every Thurs) Optimist Club (1st & 3rd Thurs) Bowling League (every Thurs) Time4Tap (every Thurs) Writer's Club (every Thurs) Bunko (1st & 3rd Thurs) Social Bridge (every Thurs) Frolics 2025 Annual Production Auditions Ping Pong (every Thurs) Meditation Club (every Thurs) Kiwanis Club (1st & 3rd Thurs)	Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Bar & Grill Arapahoe Bowling Center Sandberg Auditorium Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Sandberg Auditorium Game Room Skyview Room Skyview Room	8-11am 8:30-9:30am 9am 10am 11am & 12pm 1pm 1-3:30pm 1-3:30pm 2pm 2pm 4pm 6pm
Fri 6	Men with Purpose (1st & 3rd Fri) Texas Hold'em (every Fri)	Skyview Room Mountain View Room	10-11am 12:30-5pm
Sat 7	Optimist Cookie Sale Mexican Train Dominoes (every Sat) Ping Pong (every Sat) Karaoke Club (1st Sat)	Clubhouse Lobby Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	10am 12-3pm 2pm 3-5pm

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Sun 8	Mannheim Steamroller Christmas: Full with a Waitlist	Bus Trip	12:30pm
Mon 9	Texas Hold'em (2nd, 3rd and 4th Mon) Christmas Lights Viewing - Sold out	Mountain View Room Bus Trip	12:30-5pm 5:30-9pm
Tue 10	Christmas Lights Viewing - Sold out	Bus Trip	5:30-9pm
Wed 11	Active Minds presents Benjamin Franklin B201 and B202	Sandberg Auditorium TBA	2-3pm 4:30pm
Thu 12	AARP RV Lot Club	Arts & Crafts Room Aspen Room	12:30-5pm 5-6pm
Fri 13	Antique Appraisal HG Indivisible The Denver Dolls	Library Library Sandberg Auditorium	10am-1pm 11:30am-1pm 3-4pm
Sat 14	The Breakfast Club Voice of Residents Club	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Sandberg Auditorium	8:30am 3-4:30pm
Mon 16	Photo Club	Aspen Room	3-5pm
Tue 17	HG Republicans Christmas Social	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	5-7pm
Wed 18	Xfinity	Library	12-3pm
Thu 19	Watch Repair Kathleen Arnold presents Holiday Traditions around the World	Sunburst Café Sandberg Auditorium	9am-1pm 1-2pm
Sat 21	Wine and Cheese Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3-5pm
Mon 23	SRA	TBA	TBA
Sat 28	National Federation of the Blind	Mountain View Room	10:30am-12:30pm
Tue 31	New Year's Eve Dance	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30-10pm

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

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Dec 2: Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday by appt.), Arts & Crafts Room, 9am-12pm (see ad p. 55)
 Fri, Dec 13: Antiques Appraisal, Library, 10am-2pm (see ad p. 9)
 Sunday, Dec 22: HG Chapel Christmas Service, 11am, Sandberg Auditorium (see ad p. 4)



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SEC (BR/Zoom) – 4 pm Mon, Dec 2
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Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Dec 3
Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Dec 4
HGA Special Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm Wed, Dec 4
Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Dec 6
Personnel Policy - Cancelled
RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Dec 9
Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Dec 10
Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) - Cancelled
HGMD Foundation Committee (BR/Zoom) - Cancelled
HGA Board Work Session - 10am Fri, Dec 13
HGMD Audit/Finance (BR/Zoom) – 9am, Mon Dec 16
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Mon, Dec 16
HGA Board (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Dec 17
Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Dec 18
Open Forum (BR/Zoom) - 3pm Wed, Dec 18
ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Dec 19
HGMD Board (BR/Zoom) - 1pm Thu, Dec 19
Golf (BR/Zoom) – Cancelled
Resident Orientation (BR/Zoom) – Cancelled
Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3pm Thu, Dec 26

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

Heather 'n Yon Deadline: 12/13

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

Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study. Meets every Tuesday 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Mountain View Room. We welcome everyone — Catholic and non-Catholic. Just show up. Call Dr. Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email clinecellars57@gmail.com

HG Women's Bible Study meets the fourth Thursday at 10-11:30 am, in the Mt. View room in person and also on Zoom. All other Thursday's are via Zoom only. Contact Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, or motoringmorris@gmail.com for more information. I can arrange help with Zoom if you need it.

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

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

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

Letters

Heather 'n Yon,

Heather Gardens Association (HGA) is not an unlawful company, but we the residents. We are HGA. Board members are owners/residents of Heather Gardens. These men/women volunteer their time and talent, any action taken affects them also. If HOA fees increase, they pay the same amount. It appears that some people think that the HGA Boards have been managing things badly for years. This Board ebbs and flows, new members are elected and old members retire. I find it hard to believe each Board is filled with incompetent and cheating people.

We residents are also Heather Gardens Metropolitan District, it seems unfortunate that the present Board felt major changes were needed in the management of Heather Gardens. Board candidates ran on the premise they would save us money, they did not campaign that they wanted to completely and dramatically change the way Heather Gardens was managed. They did not campaign that the HGA management would be priced out of their offices in the club house and have to locate off of HG property. They did not campaign that our Security would also have to leave the club house. When you have concerns or questions for management you can go to the club house where you are comfortable and familiar and get answers, not drive to some unknown office building. When you are in desperate need of Security and their response time is increased because they are no longer officed on the property, I doubt you would say, oh well this is harder and not as convenient, but at least I am saving a few dollars on my HOA fee. I am sorry and saddened that a recall was needed in this community, but I am afraid it is vital to get our home community back to civility and compromise.
-Lenora Tracy, B217

Heather 'n Yon,

As new homeowners in Heather Gardens, my wife and I have enjoyed settling in to our new community. We have made many new friends, joined classes and participated in new activities. While we are new to the "HOA experience", we are learning to cope with it.

We have tried to inform ourselves on the issues between the HGA and HGMD boards by attending, either in person or via zoom, the many meetings of the boards as well as meetings hosted by "Voice for Residents" and "Residents for Renewed Leadership". Our "take" on all this listening: the "4 for Change" directors had valid concerns with the management agreement (which may now expire December 31, 2024).

The improvements to the Rendezvous Restaurant are wonderful (food and entertainment); and we have enjoyed these improvements many times! Whether the huge increase in the restaurant subsidy will pay off...we may not know for another year or even two.

It's unfortunate that in a year and a half we have not been able to resolve the management agreement issue.

For this reason alone, I would recommend a fresh start with new board members for HGMD together with a new resolve among the HGA board members to finally get our house in order. Let's hold their "feet to the fire" to get this done!

Respectfully,
Steve Jennings, B243

Heather 'n Yon,

My husband and I are newer residents to Heather Gardens and did not vote in the last election nor did we sign a recall petition as we weren't aware of all the issues.

In the last HGMD election, a little over 1,000 residents voted and this board received about 2/3 of that vote (around 650). There are around 3,600 residents in Heather Gardens therefore only 28% of the residents participated.

Six months after the election, 400 residents signed petitions to recall four members of this newly elected board because this board wanted to cancel the HGA/HGMD Management Agreement.

We have been watching the HGMD meetings on Zoom since

the recall started. What concerns us as newer residents is the delay tactics that the HGMD Board has used since March 2024 and the expenses involved with the delays.

We are hoping that our residents will look at the facts concerning this recall without emotion and keep their eyes on the expenses that this board has cost all of us. We keep hearing about the increase in revenues without mentioning the costs have increased at a much higher percentage than the revenues.

If the Board Members are not recalled, the Agreement between HGA/HGMD will be cancelled. One of the results is the residents will no longer have access to the HGA Office or Security Office in the Clubhouse as they will need to relocate outside of Heather Gardens.

Whatever the outcome may be, I am thrilled that we can finally have this election after nine months of stalling tactics by the HGMD Board. Please vote, remember the majority of residents did not vote for this Board, only 22% of residents voted for the current HGMD Board.

Please vote!
-Cheryl Lucas, B243

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

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon,

If the two HGMD directors, Taylor and O'Meara, are not recalled, the lawsuit between HGMD and HGA will continue. If they are recalled, the lawsuit will go away, along with the significant attorney fees we as residents are paying.

If the two HGMD directors are not recalled, the offices in the clubhouse for security will be taken away by HGMD. If they are recalled, security will be able to remain in the clubhouse.
-Estelle Matus, B216

Heather 'n Yon,

To Whom It May Concern...and this includes ALL residents of Heather Gardens. I have lived here for 8+ years, enjoying the beauty of the different seasons and feeling secure due to the Security Team who are here, ON SITE, to keep us safe.

However, if Daniel Taylor has his way, he will relocate our Security team OFF site because he wants to use the office space in the clubhouse for his own security team, who will only secure the clubhouse, the golf course, the RV parking lot, the garden plot area, and a couple other open space areas within Heather Gardens. Can you imagine how long it will take for response time should you need Security to get to you if they are located OFF site? Think about it! Daniel also will charge a large amount of rent for the area utilized by HG employees in the clubhouse ... or they can be relocated OFF site as well. What if you need to check on something only these employees can provide ... are you willing to drive to an off-site location to do this? This will cause many more phone calls that will have to be returned ... be prepared to wait a few days to hear back.

There is so much more that Daniel Taylor is planning to do that will cause HG residents' HOA dues to increase to pay for more employees. PLEASE, HG Residents, please vote YES on the Recall Ballot that will take Daniel Taylor and Robin O'Meara off the HGMD board and be replaced by people who care about Heather Gardens and the residents who live here.

-Barb Gates, B243

Heather 'n Yon,

I am very confused by so many items on the 2025 budget that HGMD board have voted on and put in place. The one item that has come to my attention is moving our administrative staff off site and leasing out that office space so they can make a profit for their budget. I find this to be something completely off the mark for a management group to do.

We are an over 55 community with many, and I mean many people who do not get around easily... why would we want to make it more difficult for them to go to our offices if they want to talk or see someone at a location off premises.

One of the things that drew us to this community is the fact that management offices were on the premises and were not run by an off-site property management company. I have had many dealings with property management companies, and they are very unapproachable.

When you are dealing with senior citizens it requires a total sensitivity for the residents, not just a number of the condo or cottage that they live in. We also need security to stay on site - why would we move them somewhere else? Security is such an important part of living here, seeing the security officers and just knowing they are here watching out for all of us.

We have only lived here a few months and were aware of the litigation when we were making our decision to purchase our home. To me this is a senseless, lawsuit, that is based on egos and a power struggle. I think some of the people on the HGMD board must lay awake at night thinking of crazy things to do... like moving our administrative staff off site and leasing that space to someone else! They need to start making logical decisions if they need to make more revenue! So, I am asking you to vote 'YES' to the recall... we need to get people on the HGMD Board that care and will work for the good of all of us!
-Karen Fitzgerald, B243

Heather 'n Yon,

The Judge ruled that HGA must provide HGMD with the information it requested. This means that the community has paid at least \$250,000 in legal fees needlessly, and this should never happen again. We do not need two boards. I know it is possible for one board to control everything, since I moved from a community less than 3 miles away that accomplished it. It was both a Metropolitan District and the HOA. It will require some work to transfer all operations into one board, but it will solve many problems, including wasting all the time and money as the boards compete with each other. Since HGMD owns the properties, it should be the surviving entity. HGMD is scheduled to have an election next May, and we should use the next six months to consolidate operations into one board, and elect members to that board.

-Tom Sullivan, NTH

Heather 'n Yon,

Very Impressive Budget Packet

I want to congratulate, and praise, the HGA Board and Finance committee for the financial packet to explain the 2025 budget. I spent four years at the Wind Crest community in Littleton before moving to Heather Gardens in 2023. At Wind Crest I was a member of the Resident Advisory Council (RAC) which I mistakenly assumed would represent the 2000 residents of the community but learned management expected the RAC to represent management and help sell management directives. Wind Crest was tightly controlled by a large corporation in Baltimore (Erickson Senior Living) with little interest in listening to the residents. They went so far as to promote a sham Wind Crest "Board of Directors" based in Baltimore and staffed by Erickson selectees as representatives of the residents.

Seeing the 18 page budget packet I was struck by the thoroughness, thoughtfulness, and full disclosure the Board and Finance committee had incorporated. Remembering the frequent admonishment we received at Wind Crest that residents didn't need to know financial details of their community, I find the openness here a

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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Aviation Club

There will be NO Aviation Club mtg in December due to holidays. We will resume normal schedule in Jan. 2025- Rudy Morris

Book Club

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

B201 and B202

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

The Breakfast Club

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

CP1

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

CP2

We meet on the first Tuesday in October, December, April, June, and August. In June and December, we meet in the Rendezvous Bar & Grill. In April and October, we will meet in the

Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. The months that we are not meeting in Rendezvous will be potluck and BYOB. Please mark your calendars! – Jake Flint

CP4

Please look for an email from the AR with an invite to the monthly get together, telling you when and where the gathering will happen. -David Crum

Caregivers Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group will not meet in December. We will resume meeting in January on the third Tuesday of the month, 2–4 pm, Aspen Room. See you next year. Have a safe holiday season. If you have questions, call me (303 337 4890) or email me. (fuhrnan@gmail.com) - Nancy Fuhr

Democrats/HG

The Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December). Heather Gardens Democratic Club does not meet in December. We stand strong for the Constitution, the rule of law and GOOD GOVERNMENT. We wish a safe and peaceful New Year for all. See you on January 28, 2025! Marty Karnopp, Chair

Frolics

Attention actors, singers and dancers! We need your talent and creativity. Frolics Club will be holding auditions for our 2025 Annual Production, "The Mystery of the Stolen Sapphire Tiara," on December 5, at 2 pm, in the Sandberg Auditorium. Only members can audition, but joining our Frolics Club is simple. In fact, you can join our fun-loving group at auditions. For more details, please call Arlene Krell 720-284-9774. Our Traveling Troupe will NOT be performing in the Rendezvous in December, but we'll be back on Wednesday, January 22, at 4 pm, starting the new year with our show, "Variety is the Spice of Life!" Please come join us!

Garden Club

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

The Green Team

WOW! The Holidays seem to be coming faster. Thanks to Amazon, you may be receiving more packages than ever this year. So, let's talk TRASH. Shredded paper, tissue paper, ribbon and anything with glitter go into the trash, including foil wrapping paper. If your glitzy tinsel or garlands needs replacing, please throw them in the trash. But, be sure to RECYCLE heavy packing paper and collapsed boxes. Some gifts may come packed in what look like Styrofoam peanuts. Recently, companies have been switching to peanuts made of cornstarch. If you hold one under warm running water and it dissolves, dump all of them in the sink. Once they are completely dissolved they can go down the drain without causing plumbing problems. But, if they are styrofoam they go in the trash. If you have questions, please call (303) 587-9797 for answers. -W. Pfaffhausen

Heather Gardens Singers

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

in the clubhouse for the latest information. Interested in joining or for more details call Tom Kappel 720 377-5756.

Indivisible/HG

Friday, December 13, 11:30 am – 1 pm. HG Library (Media Room). You are welcome to join us for lunch afterward at Rendezvous. TOPIC: PROTECTING DEMOCRACY IN TURBULENT TIMES. Learn of attitudes and principles to be an effective voice for values we cherish of democracy, equality and freedom. National Indivisible has created a new guide that we will be studying, “A Practical Guide to Democracy on the Brink.” Connected to over 6,000 groups nationwide, Heather Gardens Indivisible is a community of neighbors who choose to make a difference in the world, addressing the many problems we see with positive, forward-thinking actions. We address issues that concern us, such as wealth inequality, racial injustice, environmental threats, women’s reproductive rights, gun safety, etc., with both education and action. Although people of any political affiliation are welcome, our approach is progressive. We meet the 2nd Friday of the month. Whether you can regularly attend the meetings or not, you are welcome to also sign up for our newsletter of information and action items. Questions? Contact Gina Abegg, facilitator, ginaabegg2020@gmail.com . Receive regular mailings? Contact C. C. Carson, membership, cccarson287@gmail.com

Karaoke Club

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

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

Kiwanis meets on the first Thursday, 6 pm, for a business meeting in the Skyview Room, and on the third Thursday, 6 pm, with

a guest speaker. If interested in participating, contact the club at jwmkiwanis@gmail.com. – James Martin, president

Lifelong Learners

As we continue to grow and expand our program, we are still looking for help from residents who are computer savvy. Are you willing to assist new facilitators at the beginning of each term with some training on how to set up their A/V equipment and other computer challenges? Potential facilitators have so much to contribute to our goal but may be intimidated by technology. A few hours of your time could be the solution to their hesitation. Also if you are considering being a facilitator, know that our team is always available to help. We will be conducting a facilitator workshop early 2025. Come join us and learn how rewarding this experience can be. If you have any questions, contact us at: heathergardenslearners@gmail.com

Low Vision Support Group

Low Vision Support Group will not meet in December. Questions? Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224

Meditation Club

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

Men with Purpose

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

720-535-9672.

National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter

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

Optimist Club

The club meets on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous Bar & Grill, 9 am. A continental breakfast buffet is served, \$10 per person. Optimist Clubs are dedicated to “bringing out the best in kids” through various service projects. We welcome anyone interested in finding out more. Contact Darlene Park, 303-798-5088, or Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205, with questions.

The H.G. Optimist club is sponsoring their annual Holiday Cookies Helping Kids sale on December 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the clubhouse lobby. \$10 buys you a pastry box filled with a variety of homemade holiday cookies. Proceeds will provide holiday food for families of students at Del Mar Academy, Aurora.

Photo Club

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

Republican Club

There is no regular meeting in December. Heather Gardens Republican Club Christmas Social: Tuesday, December 17, 5 – 7 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Friends and family are welcome to join us. Members \$15 and Non-

Members \$20. RSVP to Robin O'Meara, HGRC President, via email, text or phone: rlomeara1@gmail.com 303-949-4916
 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" John 3:16

Residents for Renewed Leadership Club

We are residents who are concerned regarding the future of leadership in Heather Gardens and are committed to the recall election. Issues of concern: the financial burden to residents by the filing of a lawsuit brought by HGMD against HOA and the proposal of HGMD to duplicate the management of Heather Gardens and the consequence of this action. The next meeting time and date are to be determined. The club stays informed so that information can be passed on to all HG residents.

RV Lot Club

Our club is open to all who RV, not just those who rent space in the HG RV Storage Lot. At our meetings, we share information and experience about RV-ing. We lobby to improve conditions in the Storage lot. We also anticipate having social, travel and camping activities. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, 5-6 pm, Aspen Room. Happy trails and safe travels! -Forrest McClure, 720-472-9250

Singles Club/OPOCS

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

Social Justice Discussion

We will NOT meet in December. However, we will meet on the 3rd Thursday of January. And please save February 4, 2025 for our Dr. Martin Luther King celebration in combination with Black History Month. February 4 is the birthday of Rosa Parks. You are invited to participate in this future event. - Diane Pritchard

Spanish Club (Club en Español)

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

SRA

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

TOPS

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

Voice For Residents Club

This was an eventful month for the Voice for Residents Forum. We sponsored a community presentation by Ann Terry, the CEO of the Special District Association (SDA) and Sue Blair, the president of the Special District Association and CEO of the Community Resource Services. This presentation was to inform our community on the administration of metropolitan districts. This provided the residents with an opportunity to ask questions of Ann and Sue. The meeting was recorded and you can request a link to the presentation by emailing TheVoiceForResidents@gmail.com.

We also had our regular meeting for November on Saturday, November

16. It was rescheduled due to the weather. Some of the topics we covered were the HGMD and the HGA budgets as well as the judge's orders from the court hearing on November 4 compelling HGA to produce the documents requested by HGMD's auditor by November 21. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, December 14, 3 – 4:30 pm in the auditorium. We hope you will attend and share topics you may want us to address in the coming year. To contact Vickie Hoffman or Marilyn Macdonald, please email us at TheVoiceForResidents@gmail.com.

Wine & Cheese Social Club

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

Woodshop Club

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

Writers Club

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

**NEW Clubs/Organizations
Contact Person**

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

Note: No tournaments 10/22 or 10/29 due to repair of pool tables

8 BALL WINNERS 10/22 – 11/14
Nov. 5:

1st Jack Doherty/Dee Moore
2nd Mark Holland/Brian Bucenec
3rd Otis Lawson/Judy Brehmer
Nov. 12:

1st Otis Lawson/Rita Cusack
2nd Michael Greene/Greg Kachadoorian
3rd Scott Crowl/Dee Moore

9 BALL WINNERS 10/22 – 11/14
Oct. 24:

1st Otis Lawson
2nd Brian Bucenec
Nov. 7:

1st Brian Bucenec 2
2nd Doug Miller
3rd Roger Goldstein
Nov. 14:

1st Otis Lawson
2nd Greg Kachadoorian
3rd John Manzanares

Bowling League

We bowl on Thursday morning at 10 am at Arapahoe Bowling Center. If interested or have questions call Mary Jo Prichard at 303-929-1241 or email mjpinsurance@hotmail.com. We are 10 weeks in with our league and our current leaders are:

High Averages for Men:

1) Alan Erickson 198.05
2) Maury Smith 175.95
3) Bill Singer 173.11

High Averages for Women:

1) Flo Madonna 150.10
2) Sue McBeth 149.86
3) Charlane Pluchek 144.67

Season High Scores Men:

1) Maury Smith 245
2) Les Grosshans 229

3) George Madonna 224
Season High Scores Women:

1) Marla Cole 194
2) Barb Gierscher 170
3) Colleen Kreft 168

Bridge/Men's Monday

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

Bridge/Social

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

Bunko

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

Cribbage/Afternoon

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

Duplicate Bridge/ACBL

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

Games Galore!

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

Hand (Knee) and Foot

Also known as Tripleplay, this is a variation of Canasta. Fun and easy

to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountain View Room. Call Linda Serio, 303-396-2218, or just show up.

Mah Jongg/Monday

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

Mah Jongg/Tuesday

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

Mexican Train Dominoes

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

Pickleball

Our play schedule starts at 10 am primarily on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Please visit <https://www.hgpickle.org> for the latest schedule changes and to find many informative pickleball links. We often have an hour or more scheduled with courts based on level of play. That's in addition to our open play, round robin and ladder play plus dedicating time for drills and instruction to improve our pickleball skills. We are doing our best to offer fun experiences for players of all skill levels. Please contact Phil Hughes at 303-503-7633 or Ron Hileman at 720-256-7477 with feedback, questions or to schedule a free orientation and/

or lesson. If you would like to be added to our weekly email updates, let Ron know at ronhileman@gmail.com. We provide loaner paddles and pickleballs for new players interested in experiencing America's fastest growing sport. You can click on HG Wind & Temperature on our website for current weather conditions. We will generally not be playing when the wind gusts are above 15-20 MPH or when the wind chill "feels like" temperature is below freezing.

Ping Pong

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

Poker/Men's & Texas Hold 'em

On Mondays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room, except on the first Monday of the month, when we play in the Aspen Room. On Wednesdays, we play Men's Poker (12:30–5 pm) in the Skyview Room. On Fridays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room. Our Texas Hold 'em games are open to the ladies. Our men-only poker games consist of a variety of dealers' choice games. For information please call Paul Reddy, 303-750-0442, or Larry Hill, 720-272-7765.

Rummikub

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

Square Dance

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

while meeting new and old friends. You meet other dancers, have a lot of fun and get your exercise. Any questions call Beverly Nelson at 303-750-6632

Tai Chi

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

Tai chi consists of deliberate, flowing movements that are grouped into forms. It has been described as "meditation in motion." Because we meet outside, the start time is weather dependent. Interested? For information about or to sign up, contact Dean Uyeno, dean.uyeno@live.com, before attending.

Time4Tap Dance Group

Step in time with tap dance. Learn steps, combinations, routines and dances to a variety of music, tempos and styles. Make Time4Tap in the Sandberg Auditorium on Thursdays: Intermediate/Advanced meets from 11 -12 and Beginning/Intermediate meets from 12 -1 pm. QUESTIONS? Call or text Julie Whalen at 303-550-5985 or email jwhalen97@comcast.net



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Clubhouse Hours

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

Phone 303-751-1811, x5

Acting Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich

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

Optimist Cookie Sale

Saturday, December 7, 10 am, Clubhouse Lobby
Come down and show your support.

Active Minds presents Benjamin Franklin

Wednesday, December 11, 2 – 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

As perhaps one of the most colorful Founding Fathers, Benjamin Franklin lived a life of lasting impact. Join us as we trace the life of this extraordinary man and tell some of the stories that mark his legacy.

AARP

Thursday, December 12, 12:30 – 5 pm, Arts and Crafts Room

Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

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

Antique Appraisal

Friday, December 13, 10 – 1 pm, Library
FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5.

Ever wonder what that old clock of grandma's is worth? How about the painting? When it comes to evaluating antiques whether art, glass, jewelry, or furniture, it takes a trained eye and someone who has seen it and dealt with it in the past.

The Denver Dolls

Friday, December 13, 3 – 4 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

The Denver Dolls: a fresh all-female trio of professional performers based in colorful Colorado! Inspired by beloved WWII Era Shows of the past, these darling Dolls root their musical style, beautiful look, and lighthearted performance in the tradition of the beloved female groups of the Thirties, Forties and Fifties. Built from the ground up by enthusiastic musicians with decades of professional experience, The Denver Dolls are a delight for audiences of all ages.

Xfinity

Wednesday, December 18, 12 – 3 pm, Library
Sign-up sheets are now available. There are 10, 20 minutes slots. FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

Watch Repair

Thursday, December 19, 9 am – 1 pm, Sunburst Café

Cost: \$8 per battery

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

Kathleen Arnold presents Holiday Traditions around the World

Thursday, December 19, 1 – 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

Many of us do not realize that the holiday traditions, customs, and cuisines that we celebrate come from around the world and go back hundreds or even thousands of years.

New Year's Eve Dance

Tuesday, December 31, 6:30 – 10:00 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Cost: \$30 Deadline: Friday, December 20, 2024

Register: Call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the front desk to register.

Say "Goodbye" to 2024 and "Welcome" 2025 with your friends at Heather Garden's annual New Year's Eve Dance. Enjoy the fantastic Mile High Big Band Orchestra again this year, listening and dancing to favorites like Could I Have This Dance, Crazy Little Thing Called Love, Fly Me to the Moon, Mack the Knife, and many more. We will celebrate the "Dropping of the New York Ball" at 10 pm with your choice of "real" champagne or sparkling water. Hors d' Oeuvres will be available, and you may purchase beer and wine.

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COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

Insight into our Capital Reserves

Capital expenditures at the Clubhouse

If you are a regular user of the indoor pool at the clubhouse you most likely are very happy that the pool is no longer closed more than twice a year for cleaning the filtration system. These closures were annoying for swimmers and resulted in a lot of labor-intensive maintenance work. This improvement was made by replacing the old filtering system at the beginning of 2024, budgeted at \$55K*. Another \$57K* was recently allocated to replace the flooring in the clubhouse auditorium, with work scheduled to begin in December. We spent \$23K* for the repair and replacement of the sound system in the auditorium. All three of these projects are great examples of capital improvements paid for with our Heather Garden Metropolitan District (HGMD) Capital Reserves that benefit the greater good of our Heather Gardens community!
(*Includes contingency funds)

But how much money is in our Capital Reserves?

HGA: Looking at HGA's Capital Reserves Report for 2024 and 2025 we see that the expenditures are projected to be higher than the contributions to the capital reserve funds. At the end of 2025 it is projected that we will have \$5.7 million in our HGA capital reserves. This is a rough estimate, since some planned projects for 2024 will carry over into 2025, some active projects are not invoiced or paid during the year they occur, and interest earnings are not received yet. The 2025 HGA budget included a 3.5% annual increase of the capital reserves contribution to cover for inflation. This increases your monthly HOA dues allocated to capital reserves by about \$5.00 (from \$151 to \$156 on average) compared with 2024. The total contribution in 2025 will be \$4.5 M compared with \$4.4 M in 2024.

HGMD: Since HGMD decided to prepare their budget for 2025 independently of HGA, there is no 2025 Capital Reserves Report in the same format as was presented in 2024. For the year 2025 the HGMD Board decided to reduce the contribution to the HGMD capital reserve funds by 40% compared with 2024. This reduction, along with other budget cuts, resulted in a decrease in the Recreational Fee included in our monthly HGA dues from an average of \$66 in 2024 to \$62 in 2025. The total contribution to HGMD's capital reserves in 2025 will be \$344,404 compared with \$576,619 in 2024.

Do we have enough Capital Reserves?

The best benchmark used to measure this is called the Fully Funded Percentage (FFP). This FFP is the percentage of capital reserve funds on

hand, compared with the replacement value of our property and equipment. In 2024 for HGA it was 23.6 %. This will drop to 21% in 2025 caused by the marginal increase of our contributions in 2025.

The FFP for HGMD was 11% in 2024. Since there was no Capital Reserves Report included in the HGMD 2025 Budget, there is no number available for 2025, but the FFP will definitely drop because HGMD decided to reduce our contribution by \$232,215 as described above. Of course, HGMD can borrow money in the future by issuing bonds and use money out of the HGMD Operational Expense funds for day-to-day maintenance and significant capital purchases. But both measures are short-term solutions, which undermine the purpose of having and building capital reserves.

Conclusion

According to the budgets of HGA and HGMD the contributions to the capital reserves for 2025 compared with 2024 will increase only marginal in the case of HGA and will even be reduced for HGMD. These FFP levels are concerning when you take into account our community's aging infrastructure. Only by building healthy capital reserves can both boards protect the future value of our properties and keep Heather Gardens the most desirable place to live for active 55+ adults in the Denver metro area.

-Community Engagement and Communications Committee / Project Insight



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Upcoming Trips:

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas:

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Sunday, December 8, 12:30 – 5:30 pm

Cost: \$96.00

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

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

Christmas Lights Viewing

Monday, December 9, 2024: Sold Out

Tuesday, December 10, 2024: Sold Out

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

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

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

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Letters

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Regardless of whether one agrees with the budget decisions and recommendations or not I hope the Heather Gardens residents realize the effort and spirit exemplified in the budget reveal. I certainly do. Thanks to the Board and Finance committee for a job very well done.
-Paul Mauro, B217

Heather 'n Yon, Reject the Recall

HGMD elections were cancelled in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022. Board members were "elected" by acclamation (uncontested election) or appointment. The 2010 election wasn't cancelled, but H&Y reported that the three-seeking election, "will take their seats on the HGMD Board... as uncontested candidates for three open positions." Otherwise, the only contested election since 2008 was a recall election in 2017 and a regular election in 2023. Source *Heather 'n Yon*.

The recall committee planned to overturn the 2023 election from the moment those board members took office, despite it being the only contested election in fifteen years. Don't let your vote be overturned by the group who lost that election. Vote NO on the recall.
-Forrest McClure, CP2

Heather 'n Yon,

Truth needs a shoutout. Last month, President Davila graciously wished us well for the upcoming holidays, quoting Mr. Rogers' success for living: "Be kind, be kind, be kind" (abbreviated). But kindness has yet to make a dent in the persistent deep division between people, whereas truth would be a healing agent.

Consider the pain of marriage infidelities or drug and alcohol addictions that respond to truthful acknowledgement, the first step in healing. Or consider a significant discovery of our lifetime: "DNA never lies." By establishing paternity and criminal guilt, DNA truth has resolved grief, anger, and considerable turmoil, making it possible to move forward.

My most profound personal experience

of truth happened in 2008. I processed defaulted mortgages at Lehman Brothers which sold worthless mortgage stocks across the globe to banks, countries and cities along with insurance (derivatives, also called credit default swaps) but without the cash to pay claims. In just two days, the stocks crashed, Lehman's collapsed, and world banking froze, sparking the Great Recession. The US paid 100% on the dollar to foreign investors for their loss; US citizens absorbed the rest. News outlets and politicians lied that "too big of a government" – primarily Medicare and Social Security – caused the Recession. Thankfully, Congress acted on the truth, passing banking regulation and new standards for mortgages to prevent another such catastrophe.

About religious truth: Our Constitution guarantees the right of citizens to choose their religion, even to preach, publish, and convince the public of their religion's truths. Religion is set apart, however, as its truths require faith, not verifiable evidence.³⁹

Kindness is taught in kindergarten. However, truth requires maturity and great courage, especially if one's life and family are threatened. The powerful healing of truth is needed.
-Kathy Freeman, B211

Heather 'n Yon,

My husband and I moved here in 2009 and I immediately joined the dance fitness class taught by Tifani Sorenson. We had taken that class 3 times per week for 15 years until this last September when Tifani had to leave for family reasons. What I have realized is how critical that class has been to us on so many levels. I am missing the class so much for these reasons.

The social aspect has been so important to us. This is a community of like-minded men and women who had a real commitment to fitness. This was no easy class. Which brings me to the 2nd benefit, Fitness. We always felt satisfied that we had done something substantial regarding our fitness and could move on with our day. Which brings me to the 3rd

benefit. The 7:30-8:30 class, which including walking to and from the club, provided a structure to our day. It was never a hardship because we knew how beneficial it was to the rest of our life. Tifani was not replaced in September and now Patti McIntyre has had to stop teaching for physical reasons. So now there are so many of us who are experiencing this loss. This is significant for a large population of Heather Gardens. We hope this can be remedied very quickly in the new year, bringing back teachers who can challenge us to keep fit as we age. This is why we are here.
-Nancy Henson, STH

Heather 'N Yon,

"REPEAT A LIE OFTEN ENOUGH AND IT BECOMES THE TRUTH", Joseph Goebbels, a Nazi propagandist. During the past year it has been publicly stated by the recall committee "We can lie, and it's up to you to prove it." Even I, personally, have been lied about, in this magazine. When did this kind of behavior become okay? Are we no better than the Nazi regime of the past?

While the District board has continued to present factual documentation, statutes and laws that were broken by our management, a handful of residents continue to spread false and misleading misinformation without any proof. I can't count the number of times it has been stated "Now, this is just my opinion, but it's fact" in Recall meetings. Really?

The court sided with the Metro District and has given a deadline to the HGA to provide financial information. A forensic audit is underway to determine if our money has been mismanaged. The same residents that screamed RECALL in 2017, are at it again. Our association has continued to support the recall, while telling us they are not. The election will be over soon and we will either get the information that "We the people" are entitled to, IT'S OUR MONEY, or we will go back to how it was! No matter the outcome of this recall, we need to hold our elected officials accountable.

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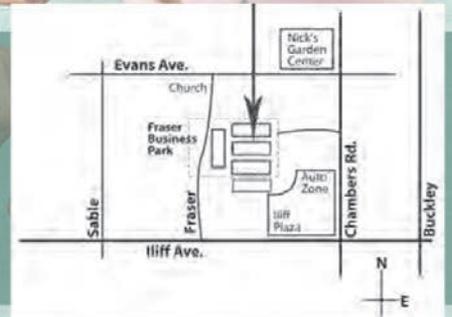
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John Guise, B217

Heather 'n Yon,

I am writing this letter as a resident of Heather Gardens to voice the concern I have regarding the HGMD lawsuit against HGA. On November 5th of this year, the judge ruled in favor of HGMD compelling HGA to turn over the audit information requested by HGMD's auditor.

To protect HGA's employee wage information, the court ordered a "Protective Order" which defines who can see the discovery information and reminds the district's board members that pursuant to paragraph #5 of the Protective Order neither the contents nor the substance of the Confidential Material may be disclosed to anyone outside of the designated recipients.

The "Protective Order" seems to address the privacy concerns HGA had in disclosing the salaries of employees. HGA has been ordered to produce this information by the court by November 21st. If

HGA complies with this order and the HGMD auditor confirms that the information provided meets his requirements, the lawsuit will be satisfied.

If the recall elections are successful, we will have two prior HGA board members that were serving on the HGA board when the lawsuit was filed. These HGA directors have stated they will drop the lawsuit immediately. This could be interpreted as a conflict of interest as they were on the HGA board during the dispute.

The legal fees have been spent, the court has ruled, and it seems this investment warrants having the forensic audit completed regardless of who is on the HGMD board. It also will build trust that HGA has been a good steward in managing HGMD finances. It is important that we as a community remain diligent in monitoring the actions of the board so we can get the outcome that our investment warrants.

-Vickie Hoffman, B205



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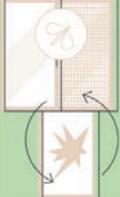


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Mary Hafka

I'm just not ready for Christmas. I'm making this statement preemptively, because I know that, as I walk my dog and otherwise travel throughout the community, I'll invariably encounter some cheery neighbor who chirps, "Well! Are you ready for Christmas?"

No, I'm not. Can we please change the subject?

Christmas is one of those holidays that has always struck me as eminently unfair. A person can spend months getting ready for it. Some even start early in the year.

But – poof! It's over, just like that.

If a person can string out holiday parties throughout all of December and the early part of January, it's a little more bearable. But all too soon, life inexorably bleeds into February. And everyone knows that nothing happens in February.

I think this is the reason they hold the Super Bowl in February. There's no competition for the viewing public's attention.

Am I done with Christmas shopping? Fuggetaboutit! The only regular shopping I've completed recently is buying everything I can find decorated with poppy flowers. This is because I have a new puppy, whom I've named Poppy.

So the current count is: Christmas gifts for friends: zero purchased. For family: zero. For my cats: zero. For Poppy, 45.

So far I've bought sheets festooned with poppies. Bath towels with poppies. Poppy dishes. Poppy doggie sweaters. Poppy-decorated collars. The possibilities are endless, and easy, which is why – probably – I've gone overboard on the poppy purchases. If only buying for everyone else was as simple.

And here I am, again, planning a neighborhood Christmas party. This is because I am the AR for CP6.

Don't get me wrong. I love these get-togethers, when the night actually rolls around. It's the party planning I dislike.

I thank my lucky stars that we have a neighborhood restaurant where the party can be held. Heaven forbid that I (shudder!) should actually have to cook.

My cooking skills are legendary among my friends. Over the years, it has become a holiday tradition that, when parsing out assignments for any potluck dinners, I am asked to bring the wine.

And this highlights another problem with Christmas, which is that a person is expected to have a house full of holiday goodies, just in case someone drops by expecting a festive reception. I like to grocery shop about as much as I enjoy doing taxes (see below).

I haven't got my Christmas decorations up yet, either. When fall arrives, I go through what I think is a cunning plan to set out porch-front Halloween decorations that can double as harvest/Thanksgiving decorations. Once all the jack-o-lanterns have served their purpose, after October 31, one simply has to spin the grinning, carved faces to the back, and voila! The pumpkins are ready to serve their purpose as Thanksgiving decor. Witches and ghosts have to be strategically removed, of course, and a few pilgrims and turkeys are plugged into the tableau. Other than that, Halloween/Thanksgiving/harvest decor can be made to last a good two months.

But this doesn't work for Christmas decorations, so a weary homeowner has to start the process all over again.

Thanksgiving decor can be made to morph into winter decor. At some point, however, the red and green stuff has to come out of the basement. Before the month of November was through, I was cursing all those crumbly Christmas elves and silly reindeer. Bah, humbug!

Every year, I ask myself the age-old question: would the world really end if I didn't put up the Christmas decorations one time? Evidently it would, so I soon find myself marching up and down the stairs,

like a storm trooper, taking Christmas decorations outdoors and returning the orange objects into storage.

I find myself actually hoping for a major snowstorm. If enough snow falls, and it drifts up against the front of the house, maybe no one will notice that the Christmas decorations are a little sparse, this year. Or absent altogether.

Actually, one reason I make myself decorate is that Christmas displays are something about the holidays that I really enjoy. Since I expect others to pony up Christmas fare for my viewing pleasure, I figure I need to hold up my end, and hang a few lights.

(But I've noticed in my neighborhood, people seem to get into decorating for Halloween more. Inflatable Santas and manger scenes can't compete, in CP6, with all the skeletons, severed heads and fake blood that drip and hang from my neighbors' trees and eaves. I hope this isn't a reflection of the mood of the country.)

Perhaps the worse part of seeing the Christmas season come is knowing that the next major event on the horizon is doing one's taxes. Show me a person who says they enjoy preparing taxes, and I'll show you a filthy liar.

Now, there's a thought. Perhaps I should bag all the rest, and dedicate myself to decorating for Tax Season. I could make attractive artificial wreaths embellished with pencils and erasers. I could cut attractive, paper snowflakes out of 1040 forms. The possibilities are endless.

But none of this will help with the bottom line, which is, I'm just not ready for Christmas. Anyone who makes the mistake of inviting me to a holiday party, where a hostess gift is expected, will find themselves in receipt of an attractive set of dish towels – decorated with poppies.

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 3BR/3BA Ranch Patio Home 1,376 sq.ft. + fully finished bsmt, 2-car garage. 3 min stroll to club and restaurant. Ready for your remodel ideas. Go to HeatherGardens.com for pricing.



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 Updated home with soaking tub, expanded walk-in shower, custom tile. Quartz counters & vinyl plank flooring. New elec. panel. **NEW PRICE! \$405,000 >**



< 2784 SHGW 3BR/3BA 1,663 sq.ft.+ bsmt. N. Townhome w/ finished basement. Lovely location on private greenbelt. Glass enclosed sunroom, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace. New AC, Furnace in 2023. Laundry on bedroom level. **Only \$398,000**



3144 S Wheeling #410 3BR/3BA > Alpha Exec 2,145 sq.ft. Double patios, panoramic 8th tee box views. End unit penthouse for great privacy and fresh air. Ask about assumable 3.5% loan. Also available for lease/option. **\$359,500**



< 3082 S Wheeling #408 2BR/2BA Alpha F 1,550 sq.ft. 2 Parking spaces! Golf course view, vaulted ceilings. Fresh paint, full glass-enclosed lanai. Great for entertaining! **NEW PRICE! \$294,500**



13991 E. Marina #213 2BR/1BA Atrium K 1,077 sq.ft. Move-in ready. New paint, vinyl, carpet! Full glass lanai-acacia parquet floor. **NEW PRICE! Only \$262,500 >**



< 13691 E Marina #407 Somerset K 1050 sq.ft. Fresh paint, new flooring. Updated cabinets, counters in kitchen and bath. Corner unit with cross-ventilation. Lovely view overlooking greenbelt and patio homes. **\$239,900**

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