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- 3 get 3-year term
- 2 get 2-year term
- 2 get 1-year term
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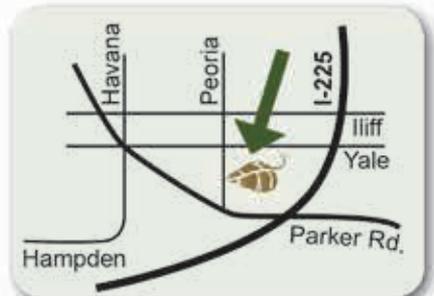
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2021 Budget: No increase for coming year

On Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15, the HGA Board of Directors approved the proposed budget for 2021. Earlier that day, the HGMD Board had approved their portion of the 2021 budget.

The budget calls for no increase in fees, compared to 2020. While some households might see their fees go up or go down \$1-3, the average budget will stay the same.

The combined budget for 2021 totals \$13,911,979. Of that, \$1,516,758 is HGMD's portion (See details in the right sidebar.)

The Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee, which prepared the budget, had the option of decreasing annual fees by about \$7 per month. B&F elected to not recommend lower fees; therefore, the surplus money will go to help fund the shortfall in the HG Capital Reserve program.

There will be increased contributions to the HGA Capital Reserve of \$191,522 and HGMD Capital Reserve of \$128,006.

Overall costs for HGA are expected to decrease in 2021. Costs increased for HGMD, as revenue is expected to decrease, largely due to COVID-19, and its effect on the Clubhouse and Rendezvous Restaurant. The restaurant is expected to lose \$66,000 in 2021, although in recent years it has lost double that amount. The Golf Course is budgeted to lose \$171,440 in 2021, which is slightly less than it lost in 2020 (\$200,926 actual, first three quarters, plus a forecast for the last quarter). The Clubhouse subsidy for 2021 is \$693,290. The total subsidy budgeted for the three HGMD cost centers is \$931,134.

A budget surplus from 2019 of \$467,370 (confirmed

HEATHER GARDENS ASSOCIATION & HEATHER GARDENS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 2021 Fee Summary & Comparison

Heather Gardens Association				
	2021	2020	Diff	% Change
Maintenance	6,065,680	6,481,249	(415,569)	-6.41%
Water & Sewer	974,552	1,135,727	(161,175)	-14.19%
Gas & Electric	1,044,914	1,096,237	(51,324)	-4.68%
Insurance	1,713,054	1,410,707	302,347	21.43%
Capital Reserve	2,489,691	2,405,499	84,192	3.50%
Capital Adjustment	107,330		107,330	
Total	12,395,221	12,529,420	(134,199)	-1.07%
Ave Monthly Dues*	\$ 425.78	\$ 430.39	\$ (4.61)	-1.07%

Heather Gardens Metropolitan District				
	2021	2020	Diff	% Change
Rec Fee	1,409,429	1,382,559	26,870	1.94%
Capital Adjustment	107,330		107,330	
Total	1,516,758	1,382,559	134,199	9.71%
Ave Monthly Dues*	\$ 52.10	\$ 47.49	\$ 4.61	9.71%

HGA & HGMD Combined				
	2021	2020	Diff	% Change
HGA	12,395,221	12,529,420	(134,199)	-1.07%
HGMD	1,516,758	1,382,559	134,199	9.71%
Total	13,911,979	13,911,979	0	0.00%
HGA Ave Dues	\$ 425.78	\$ 430.39	\$ (4.61)	-1.07%
HGMD Ave Dues	\$ 52.10	\$ 47.49	\$ 4.61	9.71%
Total Ave Monthly Dues	\$ 477.88	\$ 477.88	\$ 0.00	0.00%

in the HG audit by outside auditors) was rolled into the 2021 budget, which helped to bring down the budget's bottom line.

Items increasing the budget for both entities included insurance, wages and benefits, and operating expenses. Items that decreased the budget included water and sewer charges, and gas and electric. HG negotiated and locked in a rate for gas, effective June 2020 that has proved advantageous to the community.

Some details where the budget increased are a 20 percent rise in the custodial department, to hire more custodians and provide seven-days-a-week cleaning, due to COVID-19 requirements. Maintenance, including roof and elevators repairs, is budgeted to increase. An average three percent increase in wages for employees

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Extra! Extra! Information for you –

Pilera: a warning system for residents

A very wise man named Edward Murphy once coined the phrase, “If something can go wrong it will,” to describe the contrary nature of the universe. What has been officially recognized as “Murphy’s Law” certainly applies to a complex organism like Heather Gardens (HG). With its many interconnected parts and diverse population, hardly a day goes by without an event occurring that affects a segment of our community

It may be something benign like the canceling of an event, or something urgent and unexpected like a fire or a crippling snowstorm. No matter what, the problem has always been how to get the word out quickly, and cost-effectively.

Fortunately, the electronic age has given us all the tools we need to handle the situation. For most of us, we’re already involved with it to some extent. If there’s a telephone in your life, either an old-fashioned one that plugs into the wall or a cell phone that keeps you company no matter where you are, you’re all set. Or if you regularly check your email on your desk-top computer, laptop or cell phone, you’re good to go.

Now all that remains to be done is eliminate the beleaguered person in the HG office who has to be certain all residents are contacted. That is where Pilera comes

in. It’s simple to get involved with Pilera.

All you need do is visit heathergardens.org on the internet. There is a rotating green banner ad directly beneath the photo at the top of the page that you can click and follow to the enrollment page for Pilera. On that page you should identify yourself, choose which two of the four ways you’d like to be alerted when HG needs to contact you, then hit the “Submit” button at the bottom. Also, please be aware that if there are multiple people in your household who you want notified, each party should fill out their own individual enrollment form.

If you don’t have internet access, you can pick up an enrollment form at the Reception Desk of the Clubhouse during their normal hours of 8 am to 8 pm every day. Remember to submit a separate form for each household member you want notified.

Note that if you don’t sign up for Pilera, you will no longer receive notifications from HG regarding meetings, emergencies, scheduled maintenance, etc. Additionally, if you have already filled out the form and/or enrolled in Pilera, you do not need to do so again.

– Warren Byrne, CP4
HG Communications Committee

HGMD Treasurer’s report to board

Highlights of HGMD Operations:

For the month ended September 2020

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$34,678)	(\$52,842)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$13,133)	(\$10,584)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$ 9,531)	(\$ 9,580)

Year to date through September 2020

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$462,386)	(\$421,478)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$115,833)	(\$186,260)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$ 81,696)	(\$150,202)

Enterprise Fund

Revenue through September was \$1,617,845, which is about \$539,000 less than expected. Enterprise Expenses through September were \$1,522,000, which is about \$706,000 less than anticipated.

Clubhouse and Rendezvous Restaurant revenue continue to be less than budgeted — essentially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As some pandemic restrictions are eased, the revenue is expected to improve, but will not be at budgeted levels for this year.

Golf revenue for the year has been impacted by the

pandemic, although not to the extent of the Clubhouse and Rendezvous Restaurant. Expenses for the Clubhouse and Rendezvous are much less than expected. Golf expenses are more than expected primarily due to “heroes” pay, which ended as of Sept. 30.

Restricted Funds

- **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** HGMD received a quarterly distribution of \$4,576 in September. Year-to-date income has been \$12,929 and expenses have been \$1,695. As of Sept. 30, the lottery bank account had a balance of \$139,997.

- **Foundation Fund.** The Foundation received \$25 in donations in September. Year-to-date donations have been \$340. Foundation funds of \$6,969 have been spent on HGMD projects. As of Sept. 30, the Foundation Bank account had a balance of \$34,579. In addition, the Foundation has CDs of \$150,000.

- **Debt Service Fund.** Through September, HGMD has received \$542,569 in property taxes and \$29,086 in specific ownership taxes. As of Sept. 30, the Zion Bank held \$662,225 to pay future principal and interest payments. The next principal and interest payment totaling \$424,050 will be due on Dec. 1.

Director resigns; Restaurant Committee chair removed, members resign en masse

The Oct. 15 Special Meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors was scheduled at 10 am to approve its portion of the 2021 HG budget, so that the HGA Board could approve the full budget later that day. The board unanimously voted in favor of the proposed budget.

HGMD also approved the budget resolution, certification of the mill levy, and the appropriation of funds. The board quickly opened, then closed, the public-hearing section of the budget process, when no comments came from the audience, attending via Zoom. No actual figures were presented at this meeting (See page 5 for figures).

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The meeting took an unexpected turn, when discord arose among some board members regarding the removal of a committee chair earlier that month. President David Funk announced that Rita Effler no longer would chair the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee (CRC), and would serve as a director at-large, with no committee assignment. He stated the matter would be addressed in an executive session of the board on Nov. 19.

Funk also announced Director Fran Clemens, CP4, is resigning from the board, effective Nov. 1. She is moving to Oklahoma, he said. Applications would be solicited from eligible electors interested in filling her seat.

Funk stated he was treating the removal of Effler from her chair in the same manner as one does personnel matters, which are discussed only in executive session.

"I have tried to be discreet," he said. "Complaints were received."

Effler chose to discuss the matter publicly, however, stating she was sorry to be removed.

"Apparently, I tried to talk to (restaurant) staff. I've been forbidden to do that," she said.

(In 2017, in a contentious period on the HGMD Board — during which HG's controller resigned, and a director was recalled from the board, for the first time in HG history — a protocol was approved stating that HGMD directors are not allowed to question, make demands of, or otherwise talk to HGA employees. HGMD Directors must send their questions through the HGMD President, who acts as a liaison to HGA and its employees.)

Effler added, "I want people to know that I tried to get

an item on today's agenda, and was stonewalled."

Effler's committee had been working on a business plan for HG's restaurant. Funk stated the board "graciously accepts" the business plan for the restaurant submitted by the CRC. He added the board would review and discuss the plan at a future meeting, and thanked the committee for all its hard work.

CRC member Gwen Alexander, B215, reported the committee had been charged with "putting together this plan.

"I wrote it," she stated, "the committee members liked Effler as a chair, and felt their time, voluntarily invested to develop the plan, was being wasted." The entire committee was resigning, Alexander and Deb Smith, CP2, said, except for Eloise Laubach, who had just joined it.

Funk responded he was "disappointed it came to this, as well." He added he would speak with Effler privately.

The board approved a capital expenditure, to complete HG's portion of the pedestrian crossway between the Clubhouse parking lot and Maintenance Building, installed by the city of Aurora. Four years in the making, Funk said the project cost of approximately \$25,000 would come from the \$75,000 payment, which had been made to HG by The Parq apartment houses. (The Parq made the payment to help mitigate inconveniences from additional traffic generated by that development.)

General Manager Calvin White explained that HG was paving a new sidewalk running between the street and the Maintenance Building, which would comply with ADA regulations to give an access that did not involve stairs.

Funk added the city had nearly completed its work on the crosswalk.

"Our piece of the work is not done." He added that this project and the one to remove the underground gas tank would be two significant items on HGMD's to-do list that are completed this year.

The board approved replacing all battery packs in the 23 golf cars, at a cost of \$24,000 — a capital expenditure. Treasurer Bill Archambault remarked this was a savings of \$19,000 from the \$43,000 that had been budgeted for golf-car renovation.

Draft restaurant business plan

{Editor's Note: This is the executive summary of the full business plan drafted for Rendezvous Restaurant, which is too long to publish here.}

The Heather Gardens Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee was directed to develop a Rendezvous Restaurant Re-imagined business plan by Heather Gardens Metro District President David Funk at the end of July 2020. The committee followed directions for considering outcomes and implications of a recent Rendezvous Restaurant

survey of Heather Gardens (HG) homeowners, tenants, and other customers, using their imagination, innovative ideas, and research. The plan was completed September 2020 and submitted to David Funk, October 1, 2020.

The Heather Gardens Association (HGA) manages the Rendezvous Restaurant under a Management Agreement with the Heather Gardens Metro District (HGMD),

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which owns the restaurant and the business enterprise. Because the restaurant was closed for several months in early 2020, reopened partially in the summer, and anticipates curtailed business through the remainder of 2020 and the following year, this business plan assumes full service beginning in 2022. There is not a budget attached to the plan due to the unpredictability of the future; however, the full-service date allows for a year to plan for the restaurant's 2022 budget.

Because the French word "rendezvous" is both a verb for gathering and a noun for the place of gathering, the new concept for the restaurant is based on historic gatherings of the Native Americans, French trappers, gold miners, wagon trains, cowboys, soldiers, and others who discovered, passed through, settled, and participated in a rendezvous in the 1800s Denver/Colorado City area where HG is now located. Décor, menu design, and "good home cooking" will reflect this concept.

When pandemic restrictions are lifted, Rendezvous Restaurant will be open five days a week (Monday–Friday), 7 am–7 pm for breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the former banquet room. Saturday breakfast and lunch will be served. A Sunday brunch, 10 am–2 pm, served buffet style may also be a weekly or monthly event provided by the restaurant.

Weekend afternoons and evenings will be dedicated to special events with Rendezvous catering in the main dining room/pool-side patio area. The parties, celebrations, and special events have produced the most revenue in the past. There will be emphasis on increasing this service. This part of the restaurant will also be used for weekday club and business meetings, as well as overflow from the smaller dining room. Part of the larger dining room will be designed as a larger bar/lounge for entertainment and televised sports and other events.

The restaurant will also provide catering for other Clubhouse rooms that have been rented.

Marketing of the Rendezvous Restaurant and Rendezvous Event venue will be greatly expanded with a specific employee dedicated to advertising in print and online, signage, making reservations and arrangements for special events, and representing the restaurant and events venue as appropriate (wedding planners, clubs, associations, etc.). The target market for weekday dining is HG residents. The target market for the events venue includes HG residents and others who are looking for an attractive location with catering for their meetings, parties, weddings and other gatherings.

The business plan in general addresses the full meaning of marketing, which is more than advertising and giving out coupons. A product or service that develops a good reputation through being the best in its class will have word-of-mouth recommendations and more repeat sales.

At HG, the best restaurant is defined by survey respondents as a friendly, quiet place that provides fast

service and good food. It is necessary to have the best, friendly, and competent staff. This plan emphasizes the need to have full-time (at least 30 hours per week) restaurant employees who are paid at the same scale as other HG maintenance, grounds, golf, and administrative employees with benefits such as health care, sick leave, and vacations in order to retain competent employees and provide the pleasant ambiance expected by customers.

The restaurant industry as a whole is suffering from consequences of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is expected to last into the indefinite future. Predictions are that up to a quarter of the restaurants in the Denver metro area will or have already gone out of business.

Rendezvous Restaurant is in a unique situation with a subsidy from homeowners that will ensure its survival. It has the ability to reposition itself as a neighborhood restaurant that is also an attractive event venue. Although over 500 restaurants are (or were before the pandemic) located within a five-mile radius of Heather Gardens, its distinctive attractions are convenience of the location, a nearby gathering place with friendly neighbors, consistently good food and service, and a known safe place.

The Rendezvous Restaurant is unique in many ways. It is located in the Clubhouse of an over-55 community, operated by a homeowner association, subsidized by homeowner fees, and is an appreciated amenity. By emphasizing both the neighborhood restaurant aspects and the special events venue that provides pleasant surroundings and superior catering service, it can continue to be a relevant amenity for Heather Gardens.

– Rita Effler, B232, chair; Gwen Alexander, B215; Janet Arce, B232; Jerry Brewster, B215; Eloise Laubach, B209; Deb Smith, CP2; Bill Wilson, B210
Former Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee

General Election Voting Information

Ballots were mailed in mid-October to all active registered voters. There is no requirement to apply for an absentee ballot in Colorado.

Return Your Ballot: Send your voted ballot back by mail with paid postage or deliver it to any ballot drop-off location by 7 pm Nov. 3. No postage is required to use a 24-hour ballot box.

Heather Gardens has a ballot box located next to the tennis courts. Ballot Boxes are open from Oct. 9–Nov. 3, 7 pm.

Track Your Ballot: Use the free Ballot Track to check the status of your ballot online, and to sign up to receive text, email or phone messages when your ballot has been received by Arapahoe County Elections.

Voting in Person: Heather Gardens is a Polling Center Location from Oct. 30–Nov. 3. Polling Hours: 8 am–5 pm. (Closed Sunday, Nov. 1.) Tuesday Nov. 3: 7 am–7 pm.



HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

This month I need to share with you some of the “behind the scenes” discussions and activities about COVID-19 — what it means to Heather Gardens (HG). When the community sought to “open” various amenities, I want you to know the “whys” of the situations. If you know what had to be done before opening various HG areas and what has to be done during the use of the facilities, it will be a bit easier to accept any restrictions.

Tri-County Health (TCH) is the agency in Arapahoe County that sets the regulations for managing the COVID-19 pandemic in the county. They are the ones who dictate the “rules.” The greatest challenge is that these “rules” change often, sometimes day-to-day.

Following are some of the latest ones that HG received from TCH in their last update.

Individual Requirements: Residents are encouraged to stay at home, follow social distancing recommendations, and leave their residence only to perform or utilize necessary activities. Mask wearing is essential when meeting other people.

Level 1 Relevant Counties: Arapahoe, Douglas, El Paso, Larimer

a. **Public and private gatherings:** limited to 25 individuals (unless otherwise regulated, e.g. restaurants, places of worship, office-based businesses).

b. **Indoor Events:** may be conducted at 50 percent of

posted occupancy not to exceed 175 people per room.

c. Recreation including gyms, recreation centers and indoor pools may operate at 25 percent capacity not to exceed 50 patrons, whichever is less, per room indoors or per activity or area outdoors. Gyms must maintain 6-foot distancing between patrons. All individuals must wear face coverings in accordance with statewide mask mandate.

All Business Requirements:

a. **Face Coverings** — comply with statewide mask mandate.

b. **Maintain 6-foot separation** between employees.

c. **Clean and disinfect** all high-touch areas and common spaces between use.

d. **Ensure proper ventilation.**

Disease Prevention Measures for Customers — Employers MUST take all the following measures.

- Encourage social distancing

- Protective face coverings are required in public indoor spaces pursuant to statewide mask mandate.

- Provide hand sanitizer at entrances where possible.

- Use contactless payment solutions.

- No touch trash cans, etc. wherever possible.

- Gyms must maintain 6-foot distancing between patrons. Discourage sharing of equipment. Clean and disinfect equipment between users.

Houses of worship

May operate at 50 percent of the posted occupancy limits indoors, not to exceed 50 people, whichever is less. Extra large establishments may expand to no more than 100 patrons indoors per room within their usable space using the Distancing Space Calculator. (HG has one of these).

I hope that this review sheds some light on the issues that HG staff face during the crisis. These rules change often. HG makes every effort to comply with them on a daily basis. After all, it is for your safety.

Ballots readied, testing of Starry Internet goes forward

On Oct. 2, the HGA Board of Directors held a special meeting, to finalize the format of the ballot to elect new directors. Of the seven openings on the board, three will be for three-year terms, two for two-year terms, and two for one-year terms.

Directors discussed, then decided to not list all candidates in a single column, and let the number of votes indicate which director would earn which term. Since it was possible to vote for all seven candidates, some feared too many tie votes could result.

The board discussed putting three columns on the ballot, allowing voters to indicate who they wish to be elected to which length of term. In the event of a tie vote, directors, including all directors-elect who are not involved in the tie, would vote to break the tie. In the end, the ballot was returned to the Election Committee for fur-

ther refinement.

Committee Chair Mark Nading stated, “I can get it done by the 8th,” acknowledging General Manager Calvin White’s statement that there was pressure to mail budget information soon. The election ballot was to be mailed with the summary budget and ballot whether to veto the budget.

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All directors attended the Oct. 20 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. President Jill Bacon announced the Area Representative Organization (ARO)

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Publisher's Corner

Heather 'n Yon is published without charging residents

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

On Friday, Oct. 16, I delivered a check to the Heather Gardens Association (HGA) for \$1,382. It was the fourth check this year, which covers my contract-required payment to HGA. That's right — *Heather 'n Yon* is edited and published by a contractor to HGA, an arrangement that successfully began in 1991.

This year, the total paid to HGA is \$5,404. It is listed on the HG budget as profit sharing, but I started calling it a licensing fee when it became a fixed percentage of the revenue. I pay HGA to use the name of this newsmagazine, *Heather 'n Yon*.

You, the residents of HG, benefit because none of your monthly fees are required to cover the costs of producing this monthly newsmagazine. You have a monthly publication that focuses on publishing stories that recap board meetings, about interesting residents and your events/clubs/activities. Residents are invited to share their essays or stories. Each month, I try to have at least two features about or written by residents.

Once 4-color publications were affordable — you got to see residents partaking in multiple activities. *Heather 'n Yon* then expanded the number of photographs it ran. Part time photographers have joined the staff — enhancing the visual appeal to a reader. More photographs sent by residents can now be readily shared with everyone. All of this at no cost to you.

My staff of residents and non-residents who help produce *Heather 'n Yon* every month has grown over the years. In 1997 when I took over Donaldsons, Inc., there were just six. My parents, Bob and Helen Donaldson, Advertising Manager Cindy Crockett, and Ham and Marie Noll who managed delivering the newsmagazine to the resident's door.

The delivery folks have changed most often. Mildred Hiebert took the reins from the Nolls. Then Mary Hafka took charge, followed by Chet Flickinger. Then Rich Richardson be-

came the delivery manager. He tells me that he has done it for six years. Soon Rich will be "passing the baton" to Dave and Debbie Madril. (My husband Bob Neu has been, on occasion an enthusiastic substitute.)

When Mary Hafka was no longer a director on the HGMD Board, she became a regular writer for *Heather 'n Yon*. She covers board meetings and those committee meetings that are likely to be newsworthy. For a while, she interviewed residents and wrote the feature article about them. Currently, she writes a monthly column and manages the classified ad section — an effort for which I am eternally grateful.

Other writers have included Milt Lepkin (column writer), Chet Flickinger and currently Dala Giffin, who writes features. It was fun to add Denise McCammon this year as a feature writer, letting her recount her years of being a tour guide for bus tours in the West.

When Cindy Crockett retired, Tammy Sillstrop took over as advertising manager. She brought an expertise in graphics that has made the ads in this newsmagazine much more professional. Plus, she had previous newspaper advertising experience.

When I realized that editing, writing, accounting and business managing was taxing me — I added a bookkeeper to make deposits from advertisers and manage subscriptions. Mavis Richardson did that job for several years. When she stepped aside, Debbie Madril took over.

My first staff photographer was a friend from high school, Suzanne Shaff, then resident Jeannie Girard volunteered. When her health limited what she could cover, Anne Hummel-Gillis was an enthusiastic replacement. Recently, Janis Farrell has been sharing duties with Anne.

I couldn't do this monthly newsmagazine without the help of these talented people, numbering eight.

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Beginning about four years ago, Donaldsons, Inc., was asked by HG to help sell advertising for the annual telephone directory. It was hoped that such revenue would offset what it cost to print the directory — and it has. For the last two years, after the HG employee who spearheaded the production of the directory left for another job, Donaldsons, Inc. was asked to manage that project.

This year (2020), HG's share in the revenue from advertising sold was \$6,412.50. Revenue from selling advertising is split 50-50 between Donaldsons, Inc. and HG.

What services does my company provide besides selling the ads? We develop the graphics for the ads, getting advertiser approval, then prepare the layout (where ads are placed). We contract with the advertisers, then bill them. If there is a delinquent advertiser, we pursue the debt or write it off. We absorb credit card charges when the advertiser chooses to pay that way.

I provide a second source for editing the directory entries, which are maintained by Michelle Audet in the HG Management Office. (FYI: I compare the directory listings to the names of residents who have appeared in "In Memoriam," erasing the names of residents who have died. Publishing a phone number for a deceased resident does not make sense.) Then I and my staff prepare the directory for publication, deliver it to the printer and review the proof, making changes if needed.

Currently, Audet has asked Area Representatives to update the directory listing for their buildings. If you have not signed a form that permits HG to publish your name and phone number in the directory, it will appear as "unlisted" in the 2021 directory. Calling Audet will not change this requirement — it is Colorado law for homeowners associations.

If you have previously approved your directory listing, but need to make changes, Audet can do this for you. (Call 303-755-0652, then follow prompts, or email Michelle.Audet@HeatherGardensmail.com.)

All sales of ads and changes to the directory are scheduled to be done before Christmas. The directory goes to the printer just after the December holidays so you get your telephone directory in January.



Management

Tri-County Health's latest Public Health Order: Safer at Home Level 1

By Calvin White
General Manager

I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe during these difficult times. As many of you have seen from our past email notifications, Heather Gardens (HG) continues to work at re-opening facilities and activities. We are being extremely cautious through this process, consulting with Tri-County Health every step of the way. At the time I am writing this article, the most recent update from Tri-County Health was Oct. 16, 2020. We have been using roughly a two-week schedule for evaluating activities, but sometimes, as recommendations change, it may take a little longer to adjust plans.

I understand that many residents and employees, myself included, are growing weary of this pandemic, but it is just as important today as it was back in April that we follow CDC Guidelines:

- Wear a mask.
- Stay at least six feet away from others.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Get tested if you develop an illness that could be COVID-19.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- If you do test positive, cooperate with public health workers when they contact you.

On Oct. 16, Tri-County Health Department issued an Emergency Public Health Order to help suppress the virus: "In response to recent increases in COVID-19 case rates and related data, the Tri-County Health Department, in coordination with Arapahoe County and its 13 municipalities, is implementing measures designed to slow case increases in Arapahoe County.

"This emergency public health order is an attempt to lower the increasing cases of COVID-19 in order to protect the health of our community and avoid the need for further reductions in community activities such as businesses, schools, and houses of worship in Arapahoe



County," said John M. Douglas, Jr., MD, Executive Director of Tri-County Health Department.

"I know it gets old and that everyone has COVID fatigue, but there is strong reason to believe that infection could further spread and hospitalizations increase as we move further into the fall and winter. There will be light at the end of the tunnel as new vaccines become available, and we just cannot let our guard down yet."

"The Emergency Public Health Order, which goes into effect at 11 pm Friday, Oct. 16, requires the following changes for Arapahoe County residents and businesses:

- All alcohol sales within the county will end at 11 pm instead of midnight.
- Personal gatherings (such as groupings of families, friends and neighbors) are restricted to 10 people or fewer, instead of the 25-person limit.
- Nonessential, office-based businesses are encouraged to increase telecommuting within office-based environments.

"The order is slated to expire at 11:59 pm Sunday, Nov. 1, unless otherwise extended. Please keep close attention for updates as this order will either be extended or adjusted based on the number of cases over the time the mandate is in effect.

"There are several reasons for these steps. First, Tri-County Health Department's contact tracing and case investigation have revealed that many people who have tested positive for COVID-19 have attended private gatherings during their time of likely exposure. Second, limiting sale of alcohol has been an effective step in other jurisdictions, including statewide, following restrictions during July. Third, we are seeing a growing number of outbreaks across the county, many of which are related to places of employment.

"According to the state's dial dashboard tracking system, Arapahoe County's COVID-19 incidence rate has climbed in recent weeks to 192.6 and its test positivity rate has increased to 5.1 percent, which shows community spread. The incidence rate is consistent with the State's Safer at Home Level 3 Dashboard metrics, while the positivity rate is almost double what it was several weeks ago. Moreover, the County's early monitoring fecal system shows that these increases will continue at least into next week before they might level off. The County's hospitalization rates still remain within an acceptable range."

"No one wants to see our communities and economy return to the widespread shutdowns we had this past spring," said Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners Chair Nancy N. Sharpe. "If we implement these mitigation measures now, we may be able to reverse these trends. It's up to everyone to continue to do their part to stop the spread of the virus."

The County has been implementing mitigation measures in collaboration with its cities and health depart-

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Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White:

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



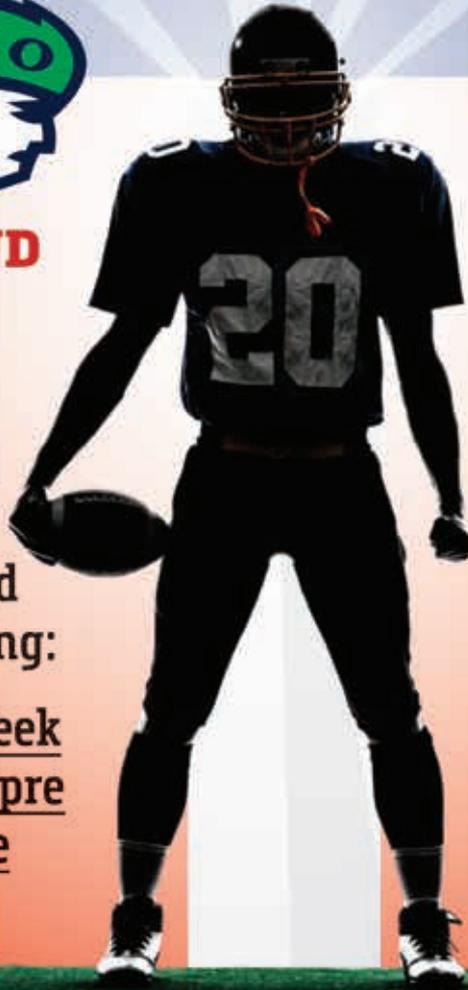
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Hoping to hear the words said today.
Words that help them to understand.
Why loved ones are in God's hands.

And when I looked out not far away,
I saw an old soldier ready to pray.
Standing straight like soldiers do,
Soldiers who fight for me and you.

And when the bugler began to play,
Sounds you always hear this Day,
He stood straighter like long ago,
Holding back tears ready to flow.

And when our flag went up the pole,
It was if something touched his soul.
He raised his hand to salute them all,
An old soldier who answered the call.

He then turned to the Rows of White,
Saying something with all his might.
It was a prayer these deaths will end,
For all the women and all the men.

Then a quiet stillness filled the air,
With soft voices heard everywhere.
They were saying and saying as one,
Peace be with you — our work is done.

In our hearts there should always be,
A place for those who keep us free.
The freedom we have and call a right,
We owe to those in the Rows of White.

– Bud Sexton
B243

Fall photos by Bonnie Williams, B232



Summer's End

Summer has come to an end.
Fall winds cold and crisp begin.
Leaves that turn colors and fall,
A special season for all.
Leaving trees to bend not break,
From the snow that will accumulate.
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– Ben Shultz



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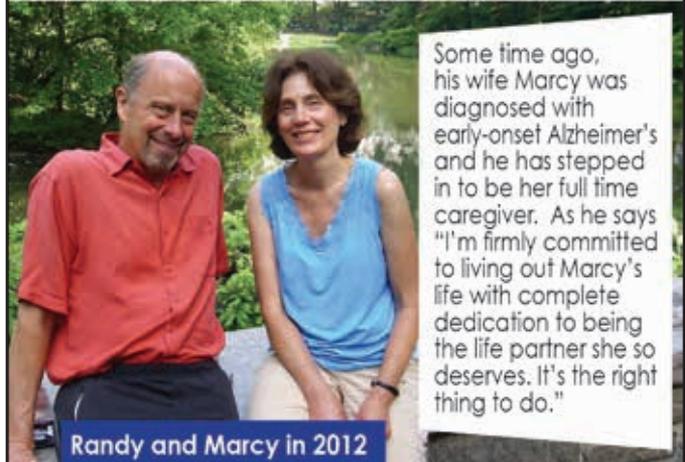
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**HGA Board Election and
2021 Budget Veto Ballots**

Election for Board of Directors

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While all **seven (7)** candidates will be seated on the Board, their length of term will be determined according to the number of votes each candidate receives in the categories below.

Please vote only ONCE for any candidate, marking your choice in the column for the length of term.

If you vote more than one time for any candidate, your ballot will not be counted.

You may vote for three candidates to serve 3 years each:	You may vote for two candidates to serve 2 years each:	You may vote for two candidates to serve 1 year each:
Jill Bacon []	Jill Bacon []	Jill Bacon []
David Baxter []	David Baxter []	David Baxter []
Larry Davila []	Larry Davila []	Larry Davila []
Bev Havens []	Bev Havens []	Bev Havens []
Terry Hostetler []	Terry Hostetler []	Terry Hostetler []
Mike Pula []	Mike Pula []	Mike Pula []
Pat Spratt []	Pat Spratt []	Pat Spratt []

In the event of a tie vote to fill different terms, the Board, including all elected candidates, shall determine which candidate is elected to fill any term that is not determined by the greatest number of votes received.

Do not sign or make any identifying marks on the Ballot.

Return this ballot, along with your Budget Veto Ballot in the envelope provided. Note that the return envelope has a label with your Name, Building and Unit number. You must have all this information on the envelope in order for your ballot to be counted.

Either mail or personally deliver the sealed Return Envelope to the Association at 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO 80014 so that it is received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020.

When ballots were delivered to all Heather Gardens Association (HGA) members in October, they looked like these replicas (not original size). One key difference from previous HGA Board elections is the requirement to vote what length of term for each candidate: three, two or one year. Follow the instructions carefully so that your ballot is not invalidated. Return **BOTH** ballots in the envelope provided — that is how your eligibility to vote in the election will be confirmed. Return your ballots anytime after you complete both, but **no later than 4 pm Friday, Nov. 20**. Do not use these images as a substitute ballot.

**THE HEATHER GARDENS ASSOCIATION
BALLOT
REGARDING 2021 BUDGET**

Purpose of the Ballot: Colorado law allows owners to vote to veto an HOA's annual budget after its adopted. Therefore, a "NO" vote is a vote to not veto the budget, or in effect, to approve the budget. A "YES" vote is a vote to veto the 2021 annual budget.

Cast your vote for one of the following:

- NO, I VOTE TO NOT VETO** the proposed 2021 annual budget
- YES, I VOTE TO VETO** the proposed 2021 annual budget

Colorado law provides that a majority of all unit owners may veto an HOA's annual budget properly adopted by the Board.

This is a veto vote which means that if you vote "No" or do not vote at all it is the equivalent of accepting the budget adopted by the Board. If you disapprove of the budget, vote "YES" to veto the budget, and the HOA will operate under the prior year's budget until a budget which is not vetoed is approved. A veto requires 1,263 YES votes.

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Sandy used old fashioned pen and paper and land line telephone to keep in touch with her family and friends from every chapter in her life. If you were in "the Sandy circle", you would receive a heartfelt Birthday, Holiday, and Thank You card promptly, and with much love. Sandy loved to crochet for humans and animals, as well as stitch her favorite sayings and pet images on cloth and kitchen towels.

It was such a joy to work with sisters, Riki and Kirsten. It was easy to see how wonderful their mom was because of how kind and compassionate they were. Her love flowed through both of them. Sandra has been and will continue to be missed among the her Heather Gardens friends.



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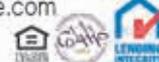
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13961 E. Marina Dr. #112 - \$219,000

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14152 E. Linvale Pl. #304 - \$289,000

2br /2ba – 1380 sq.ft. Somerset C – Great location overlooking the golf course! Remodeled kitchen w/Maple cabinets & granite counters. Spacious living room.

14000 E. Linvale Pl. #203 - \$295,000

2br /2ba – 1380 sq. ft. Somerset C – Remodeled w/quiet location on greenbelt. 5" engineered hardwood floors. Granite counters in kitchen. Remodeled baths.



13609 E. Cornell Ave. #204 - \$375,000

3br /3ba – 2130 sq. ft. Alpha AE – Stunning remodel w/perfect location over golf course, pond & fountain. 3 beds + custom office. Remodeled kitchen. Wood floors.



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SOLD – 13931 E. Marina Dr. #602

SOLD – 13902 E. Marina Dr. #310

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The Month (October)

Chair Bev Havens introduced the SEC Committee to HG's new Security Chief Dan Renauer at its meeting on Oct. 5. Dan grew up in Chicago, graduating with a degree in Law Enforcement, with an emphasis in Criminal Justice. Most of his career has been spent in managing Security Officers.

He is married, has four stepdaughters, and one grandchild. He enjoys running and hiking — just about anything outdoors. An indoor passion, he loves the game of Chess.

After one week on the job, Renauer shared his goals with the committee:

- Work with his team members on all of their shifts.
- Enhance security — make things better.
- Set-up a 30-, 60-, 90-day plan for himself.
- Get all team members CPR certified.
- Develop IDP (Individual Development Plans) for all team members.

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At its Oct. 13 regular meeting, the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee departed from business as usual, as HGMD Director Rita Effler announced she had been removed as committee chair by HGMD President David Funk. Her announcement followed the presentation of a business plan for the restaurant, prepared by committee member Gwen Alexander. The plan was not intended to go into effect until after COVID-19 restrictions had ended.

Effler noted she had arranged a "field trip" for committee members into the restaurant, during a time she expected it would not be busy.

On another occasion, she spoke with some restaurant servers, who indicated they were quitting, as they couldn't live on the money HG currently paid them.

Effler said she asked them, "What would it take for you to stay? Apparently, I upset some people."

Effler's announcement overshadowed Alexander's presentation of the restaurant plan, which included recommendations that the restaurant be renamed Rendezvous Café, and move into the smaller Banquet Room, to offer a quiet, cozy dining experience. The larger restaurant area could be used for banquets, parties, games, music, and generally noisier activities.

The plan recommended that the café be decorated in a style reminiscent of 1880s Colorado, possibly reflecting elements of Native America, fur trappers, wagon trains, cattle trails and mining, which tie into the Rocky Mountain Rendezvous, 1825-1840, an annual gathering at which trappers and mountain men sold their furs and hides, and replenished their supplies. The plan urged, "hire a professional designer, who knows restaurants."

Other plan recommendations included that all restaurant employees be full-time, with benefits, to retain good workers; and use the front patio, which is visible from South Heather Gardens Way, to promote the restaurant.

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The committee passed a motion to recommend amending the Management Agreement with HGA. The motion, prepared by Effler, read, "Based on the performance by HGA as the management company for the Rendezvous Restaurant, I recommend that the Committee request HGMD to amend the Management Agreement with HGA and remove the Restaurant from HGA management and operations. I further recommend that HGMD consider another management situation for all holdings of HGMD and/or request a proposal from concessionaires/lessees for the Rendezvous Restaurant." Effler commented that, if an outside management company had been running HG's restaurant, its performance probably would not be considered satisfactory.

Neither the restaurant plan, nor the motion regarding the Management Agreement were considered at the Oct. 15 meeting of the HGMD. Funk indicated one or more items could be taken up at the November meeting.

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The HG Golf Course continued to generate record-setting revenues throughout September, aided by warm weather and the COVID-inspired resurgence in golf's popularity. Rounds played ran 24 percent ahead of projections, while revenues generated by golf lessons and golf-shop sales boomed, Golf Pro Greg Kohr reported at the Oct. 13 meeting of the Golf Committee.

Golf expenses, however, were higher than expected, mostly due to the "heroes-pay" incentive, which ended Sept. 30. The course also purchased some city water for irrigation, due to the region's drought conditions. City water is more costly; however, the irrigation season for the course has essentially ended.

Work on golf course structures — walls and porta-potties — continues. Course Superintendent Brian Benko reported that Roads & Grounds staff had helped with the work, which turned out to be more extensive than expected.

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For a few days, both HG Security vehicles were inoperable. One was quickly repaired; the other was towed away. Officers continued patrolling the neighborhood, in maintenance vehicles. One vehicle, on East Marina Drive, was thought to be a decoy that discouraged non-residents from joy riding on the street until it was towed for repairs on Oct. 20.

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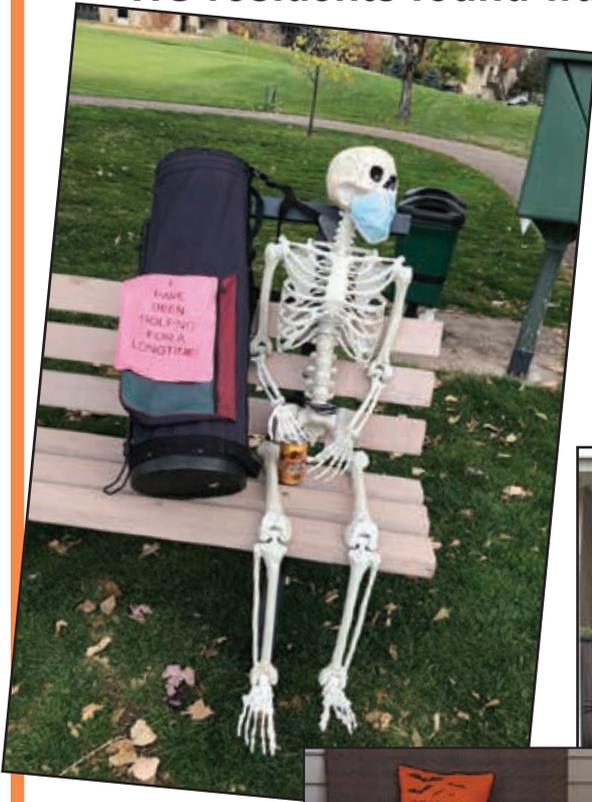
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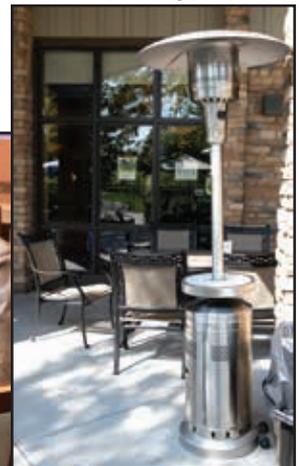
HG residents found ways to have fun before Halloween



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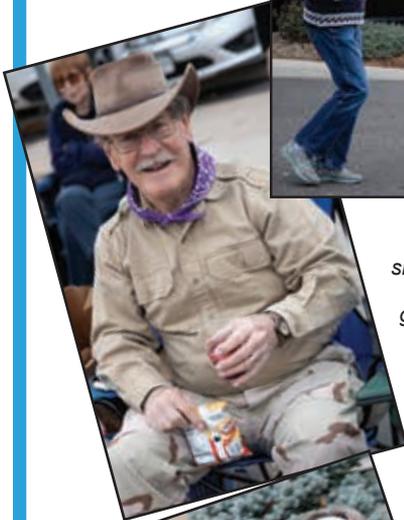


Right: Rendezvous Restaurant re-opened for indoors dining with fewer tables that are more widely spaced. Propane heaters were purchased by the HG Foundation to extend outdoor dining. Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



Wine & Cheese Social held in Clubhouse parking lot

On Oct. 18, the Wine & Cheese social club had its first event since February. This time, it was held in the Clubhouse parking lot.



HG residents who participated obviously enjoyed the drinks and snacks they brought. Some decided that dancing to the music was a good way to shake off the calories and celebrate being away from home after months of "staying at home."



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

Budget...from page 5

has been budgeted based on the metro Denver consumer price index, although the actual increase per employee may only be 1–5 percent based on performance.

Full-time employees (full-time equivalent, FTE) increased by three, to 80, compared to the 2020 actual staffing level of 77 FTEs. The budget for part-time employees stayed the same in 2021 as the 2020 actual expenditures, which were 68 percent over the 2020 budget.

A number of expenses loom on the horizon for the 2022 budget, due to HG's aging infrastructure. During the October Budget Review Meetings, HGA Treasurer John Coil suggested he expects fees to rise in 2022.

Eligible voters were to receive a budget summary and ballot, by mail — which was to be mailed no later than Oct. 21 — on which HG members may vote for or against vetoing the 2021 budget. Public meetings regarding the proposed budget will be held Nov. 2, 4 and 5, at times to be announced. In the same mailing, voters will receive a ballot, on which they may vote for HGA Directors, for the year beginning January 2021 (see cover).

A more detailed budget is available on the HG website, www.heathergardens.org. At the home page, click on the button to the right in the top green banner with three lines on it. From the list, select "Important Topics." Click on the top item, Draft 2021 Budget Information."

GM White...from page 15

ment since Oct. 2, when the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment formally notified the county of its mitigation status. With case counts continuing to rise, the County needed to take additional measures to satisfy CDPHE's concerns and stave off more drastic restrictions.

"Our residents have been great at wearing masks and implementing the safety protocols — and we need you to "Keep It Up," said Englewood Mayor Linda Olson. "With community spread likely coming from people we know rather than from strangers, it's more important than ever to stay vigilant and implement these new measures."

The County currently sits at Safer at Home Level 1. A retreat to Level 2 would trigger a range of new restrictions, including tighter capacity limits on offices, businesses, restaurants and houses of worship; group sports, gyms and bars; and even on certain outdoor activities.

"Our business community has been working diligently to implement safety protocols for customers and employees alike in order to survive this unprecedented pandemic," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen. "These targeted restrictions are an attempt to reduce the spread of the virus and not go backwards on capacity limits that could have a devastating impact on our regional economy."

For more information on how to reduce virus transmission, visit www.tchd.org or arapahoegov.com/covid19.

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HGA...from page 11

had an election of new officers. Elizabeth Bergeron, B236, is the ARO's new president, and Robin O'Meara, CP3, is the new ARO vice president.

The board approved implementing Phase 1 of the Starry Internet implementation plan. Antennas would be installed on the roofs of B213, B223, B243 and B244, and a receiver on B203, to test for signal strength, speed and safety. The agreement with Starry had been amended, Structure Maintenance Committee Chair Dave Archer said, to indemnify HG from legal action. He hoped Phase 1 of the testing would be completed by Thanksgiving.

General Manager Calvin White announced there had been a full-price offer on one of the CP4 3-bedroom patio homes, newly rebuilt and upgraded to code (\$489,900). In response to a question, he said he would be sure the contract with the realtors selling the houses would be posted on HG's website.

The board approved a community survey, to collect input and evaluate the receptiveness of the community to improve the conditions of Parking Structures (PS) 1-4, which serve the four-story buildings. Director Susan Lambert, who is preparing the survey, said it would strive to educate the public, gauge how willing they are to pay for repairs, what manner of financing would be preferred, and learn what attributes of the project would be most important; i.e. improved security.

The board approved retaining a qualified financial-services advisor, to consult on the best way to fund repair of the PSs. Long Range Planning Committee Chair Al Lindeman remarked that services would encompass drawing funds from HG, with a repayment schedule, versus borrowing from outside funding sources.

Treasurer John Coil moved that the board approve amending HG's Investment Policy, to add annuities as an option for investing. The Nice Group/Raymond James, has recommended in meetings with the Budget and Finance Committee in September and October that some of HG's funds purchase short term (3-4 years) fixed or fixed-index annuities. Interest rates on these annuities for high-quality companies are 1.5-2 percent (after fees) that

is much better than current CD rates of less than 1 percent or any other products that HG's current Investment Plan allows (e.g. Treasury bills). HG's Investment Plan had not included annuities.

Brian Trujillo (Raymond James) noted that investing in annuities is a modest amount of credit risk for greater yield. It maintains liquidity of HG's funds when doing short-term products. Investment in annuities could be done over months, preserving the "laddering" that HG prefers.

The board approved amending the policy. Coil explained that only top-notch annuities backed by sound banks would be selected, leaving little risk for loss of principal. The annuities would not be FDIC insured. However, the funds HG has at Key Bank, in excess of \$250,000, already are not FDIC insured. This deposit of about \$2 million at Key Bank is a trade-off to keep banking fees low.

The board approved purchasing a John Deere 3046R tractor, with a cab and loader, from Potestio Brothers Equipment (\$52,000). The tractor is \$5,665 under budget and is used for daily-maintenance tasks, including tree work and snow removal. There will be a trade-in value of the old tractor of \$17,000 that further reduces the expense. Potestio was not the low bidder, but its tractor matches equipment that HG already has. Thus additional accessories will not have to be purchased.

After the regular meeting, the board adjourned into executive session, to discuss personnel issues and review recent violations.

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SOLD- Somerset A Glass Enclosed Lanai \$269,900
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SOLD- Atrium K Golf Course Views \$253,900
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Sold- *Walnut Hills Great Remodel \$480,000
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The best source of such information is the “Parking Structure News” section of the Heather Gardens website (www.heathergardens.org).

Here is how to find it

- There is a green banner across the top of the home page of the website. A button on the right side contains a list of items. One option is titled “Important Topics.” Click on that option.
- You will then see an option called “Parking Structure News”. Click on that option.
- There are two final options:
 - The first is titled “Parking Structure News.” It contains a series of questions, each of which is answered in one following paragraph. Each question and answer is

dated and numbered for easy reference.

– The second option is titled “Parking Structure Studies and Plans.” That option presents the proposals submitted to the HGA Board for approval and the subsequent report from the engineering company.

• Questions and comments about parking structure issues can be posted on the web site by selecting the “Discussion Groups” tab on the green banner at the top of the home page. We will answer general questions either by responding in the “Discussion Group” forum or by putting a new question and answer post under “Parking Structure News.”

You are also strongly encouraged to attend HGA Board meetings. They are all conducted via Zoom because of COVID-19. Public notices are sent out via Pitera and email. The notices provide the meeting ID number and password. A link is provided if you want to attend using your phone.

– **Allen Lindeman**
HGA Board Director
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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

The election of the HGA 2021 board members is coming up. I want to encourage you to vote and support those who are willing to give, often up to 40 hours a week, working on the supporting committees.

Two members who are running this year are Jill Bacon and Bev Havens. They are both committed individuals, making every effort to keeping HG best interests at heart. I encourage you to vote for them this month. I have known both of them several years. I worked with them when I was on the HGA board.

Keeping our facilities maintained, keeping our budget to a minimum is part of that job. Jill and Bev are willing to listen to residents concerns and answer questions when they can.

This not to disparage the other members running for the 2021 board, but I simply do not know them well enough to comment.

Above all, support those who volunteer, they are the backbone of HGA operations.

**– Rex Engel
B233**

Heather 'n Yon

For many years, the HG Optimist Club has sponsored an annual food drive. Our efforts have been strongly supported by the HG community resulting in thousands of pounds of food for local soup kitchens and food pantries.

Due to today's environment, we are changing the event to a one-day drive-through to drop off donations. It will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 am–1 pm in the lower parking lot in front of B243 on East Marina Drive. It will be handled with full COVID-19 protections. Volunteers will unload

your donations from your car while wearing masks and gloves.

The HG Optimists are hoping this new format will have the same support from the HG community as they have had in the past.

**Mike Pula
B243**

Heather 'n Yon

This is a thank you to Patt Clark who is an active member of HG and the Seville community.

If you have not taken a stroll through the Seville area when you are getting your daily/weekly exercise, you have a treat in store for you.

As many of you know Seville is home to a beautiful pond with many unique Koi fish, waterfalls and water lilies. The residents took up a collection, then used the money to add many more colorful fish to the pond. We also added a very real looking blue heron with the intent to guard the Koi and keep predators away. So far, our plan has worked.

We are also blessed to have a resident, Patt Clark, who has taken it upon herself to add color and interest to the grounds in the Seville through her talented placement of flowers, plants and seasonal decor. Patt gives the Seville Recreation Board a detailed list of the funds she needs to get started, then she volunteers her time to do all of the planting, maintenance and cleanup for the project.

Currently Patt maintains beautifully arranged plantings in 13 containers that require frequent watering. You may see her pulling her wagon full of recycled milk jugs filled with water as she makes her way around the area, watering all of the plantings. Or, you'll see her bent over — weeding and lovingly caring for each of her creations.

If you walk near the Seville entrance, be sure to notice the flower beds at both ends of the entrance island. You'll see a variety of flowering

plants, greenery, cacti, well-placed stones and, depending on the season, appropriate decor such as the current pumpkins and gourds.

As Seville residents we are so fortunate to have Patt putting in hours and hours of effort on our behalf to make our area even more beautiful.

**– Marlene Beck
B233**

Heather 'n Yon

On Thursday, Sept. 17, a friend and I went to Costco to do some shopping. When we left Costco we decided to go to lunch at Jus' Grill. I reached for my purse when we got to the restaurant only to discover it wasn't in the car. My stomach sunk to my feet as my heart jumped up to my throat when I realized that I hadn't grabbed my purse out of the shopping cart when I left the cart in the parking lot cart rack at Costco.

Since my phone was in my purse my friend began calling Costco in the hopes of getting someone there to try to locate my purse. She was having no luck in getting anyone to answer.

I saw two police officers standing outside of Jus' Grill. I approached them and told them my problem. These officers were Sergeant Justin Shipley and Officer Stacey Sparks. Officer Sparks began calling Costco but wasn't having any more luck than my friend.

Officer Sparks had a way of getting through to someone at Costco that my friend did not have. She learned that a customer had seen my purse in the cart and brought it to the customer service desk in Costco.

Sergeant Shipley sent Officer T. Josifek to Costco to retrieve the purse and bring it back to me at Jus' Grill. Both Sergeant Shipley and Officer Sparks waited with me and my friend until Officer Josifek radioed in to say he had the purse and was on his way back with it. Sergeant Shipley and Officer Sparks then left. Officer Josifek brought the purse to me at my table in Jus' Grill.

All too often we hear about the horrible things the police have been doing lately, so we think of them as

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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. The HGA Board requires that letters do not exceed 300 words. Letters will not be run from the same individual in successive months. Writers may publish only 4 letters per year.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

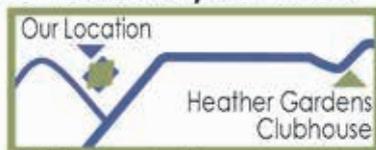
Note: Due to ongoing restrictions imposed by COVID-19, the Clubhouse is slowly reopening. Where the schedule and venue for an activity are known, they are shown here.

Sun 1	HG Chapel (by reservation, every Sunday)	Sandberg Auditorium	9 am
	HG Chapel (by reservation, every Sunday)	Sandberg Auditorium	11 am
	Pickleball (every Sunday)	Tennis Courts	1–3 pm
Mon 2	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday)	Arts & Crafts Room	9 am–noon
	Spanish Class (beginner, every Monday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	11 am–noon
	Spanish Class (advanced, every Monday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	11 am–noon
	Annual Membership Meeting	Zoom	6:30 pm
Tue 3	Pickleball (every Tuesday)	Tennis Courts	1–3 pm
	Creative Clay Class (every Tuesday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
Wed 4	Meet and Greet with General Manager Calvin White	Zoom	8–9:30 am
	Annual Membership Meeting	Zoom	10 am
	CP1 Outdoors Happy Hour	CP1 cul-de-sac	5 pm
Thu 5	Knit/Crochet Class (every Thursday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	10 am
	Knit/Crochet Class (every Thursday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1 pm
	Pickleball (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	1–3 pm
	Annual Membership Meeting	Zoom	1:30 pm
	Ping Pong (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Cherry Creek Schools Football – Veterans Appreciation	Live Streaming Game	6:15 pm
Fri 6	Quilting Class	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	9 am–noon
	Quilting Class	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	1–4 pm
Tue 10	Line Dance Class	Sandberg Auditorium	10–11 am
	Line Dance Class	Sandberg Auditorium	11:30–12:30 pm
	Green Team	Virtual meeting	noon
	Clubhouse Event: Stormin' Norman Schwarzkopf	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Thu 12	Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry	B250 parking lot	10 am–noon
Fri 13	Quilting Class	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	9 am–noon
	Quilting Class	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	1–4 pm
	Birding Nature Club	Zoom	1 pm
Mon 16	HG Photo Club	Zoom	3:15 pm
Tue 17	Line Dance Class	Sandberg Auditorium	10–11 am
	Line Dance Class	Sandberg Auditorium	11:30–12:30 pm
Wed 18	CP1 Outdoors Happy Hour	CP1 cul-de-sacs	5 pm
Thu 19	Resident Open Forum	Zoom meeting	3 pm
Fri 20	Quilting Class	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	9 am–noon
	Quilting Class	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	1–4 pm

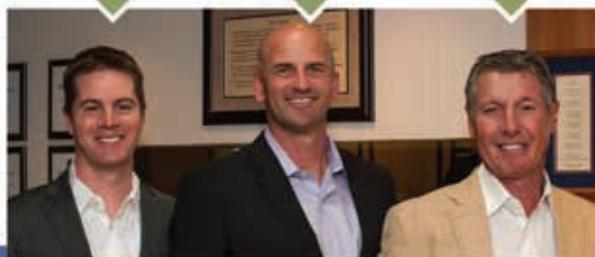
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	Line Dance Class	Sandberg Auditorium	11:30–12:30 pm
	HG Republican Club	Zoom meeting	1:30 pm
	Democratic Club	Zoom meeting	4–5 pm
Wed 25	Resident Orientation Clubhouse closes @ 5 pm	Zoom meeting	10 am
Thu 26	Thanksgiving Day Holiday — Management Offices and Clubhouse closed		
Fri 27	Black Friday — Management Offices closed		
	Low Vision Support Group	Conference call	1:30–2:30 pm

MTWTF: Indoor Pool Hours: 8:15–9:15 am, 9:45–10:45 am; 11:15 am–12:15 pm; 12:45–1:45 pm; 2:15–3:15 pm; 3:45–4:45 pm; 5:15–6:15 pm; 6:45–7:45 pm

Sat/Sun: Indoor Pool Hours: 8:15–9:15 am, 9:45–10:45 am; 11:15 am–12:15 pm; 12:45–1:45 pm; 2:15–3:15 pm; 3:45–4:45 pm

MWF Lap lane swimming: 7–7:45 am
(Reservations the week before are required. If time periods are not full, walk-ins are permitted by Pool Attendant.)

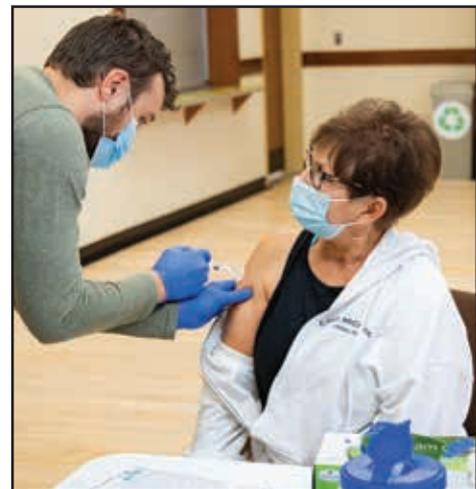
Fitness Center (MTWTF): 8:30–9:30 am; 10–11 am; 11:30–12:30 pm; 1–2 pm, 2:30–3:30 pm, 4–5 pm; 5:30–6:30 pm; 7–8 pm (reservations required)

Woodshop (MTWTF): 9 am–noon; 1–4 pm; 5–8 pm (reservations required)
Saturday, Sunday: 9 am–noon; 1–4 pm (reservations required)

If you need to cancel your reservation, please call and let the Clubhouse know so your neighbor can fill that opening! (303-751-1811)

Note: If your organization has arranged alternative meeting locations or is using Zoom, and you want an announcement to appear in Heather 'n Yon, send your information to the editor, LynnNeu@comcast.net.

*It required a reservation but HG residents could get a **Flu shot** provided by the **Visiting Nurse Association** on Oct. 2 or Oct. 20.*



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Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study. For information, call Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email clinecellars57@yahoo.com.

Bible Study (women), call Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, B217/103.

Catholic Mass - You need to sign-up for Saturday and Sunday public Masses. If you have not contacted the parish office to be scheduled for a Mass, please do so. It is very important for you to understand that we cannot allow "drop-ins" at limited attendance public Masses. We continue to provide livestream daily Mass, Monday through Friday at 9 am, and on Saturday, 5 pm. Here's the livestream link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycaog7o3>.

Chapel (Interdenominational Church Service) - 9 am and 11 am, Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Reverend Bill Cheyne.

FYI

Technology Support by Resident

Having over 25 years experience and a computer repair and technology education business called Tech Hope, Karen Gold, B201, will be available 9 am–1 pm Mondays, Nov. 9, 16 and 30, helping one person per hour with their technology needs or issues. FREE! Please bring the mobile devices that you need help with to the Clubhouse Sunburst Café. We will be able to use the Clubhouse WiFi. Coffee and restrooms nearby. Please wear your mask. I will have disinfecting wipes available and possibly gloves. Bring your own water. Call or text Karen to reserve your spot, one hour per person per month. 712-301-2284.

St. Michael's Catholic Church

Missalettes are available every Thursday, 10 am–noon on the bench at the Clubhouse entrance, which is still closed.

LifeSpark Cancer Resources

Peace and healing during and after cancer — lower stress, depression and pain. Improve sleep and well-being. Receive the healing benefits of Reiki or Healing Touch from the safety and comfort of your home. www.LifeSparkNow.org.

Who qualifies? Adults 18 years and older with cancer or primary caregivers of cancer patients

How long are sessions? One hour. Weekly sessions for eight weeks. Sessions occur over the Internet.

What is the cost? LifeSpark sessions are FREE!

Marsha Bengen, NTH, has completed PROVIDER training with LifeSpark. In her email to *Heather 'n Yon*, she noted that sessions are being provided through Zoom, and are using guided imagery, relaxation techniques and tapes to help people.

The Denver Post

In a Pitera message sent by HGA on Oct. 22, it notified all residents of the following: One of the carriers for *The Denver Post* has tested positive for COVID-19. In order to resume delivery of the newspaper and protect HG residents, we have arranged with *The Denver Post* to have a different carrier provide services to the buildings and residences. Unfortunately, with this change, due to limited *Denver Post* staff, they will temporarily and until further notice return to lobby delivery services only at all buildings throughout the property. Newspapers will be left just inside the front door to your building. You [subscribers] will need to come down to pick up your paper if you want it.

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 11/13

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees *Listed meetings will be via Zoom until further notice*

- Property Policy - 9:30 am Mon, Nov. 2
- SEC - 1 pm Mon, Nov. 2
- Annual Meeting - 6:30 pm Mon, Nov. 2
- ~~Communications - 10 am Tue, Nov. 3~~ Canceled
- Annual Meeting - 10 am Wed, Nov. 4
- ~~Civic Affairs - 10 am Thu, Nov. 5~~ Canceled
- Annual Meeting - 1:30 pm Thu, Nov. 5
- Personnel Policy - 10 am Fri, Nov. 6
- Campus Tech - 9:30 am Tue, Nov. 10
- Golf - 1 pm Tue, Nov. 10
- ~~Clubhouse/Restaurant - 3 pm Tue, Nov. 10~~ Canceled
- Foundation - 1 pm Wed, Nov. 11 TBD
- Budget & Finance - 10 am Mon, Nov. 16
- HGA Board - 1 pm Tue, Nov. 17**
- Long Range Plan - 10 am Wed, Nov. 18
- Resident Open Forum - 3 pm Wed, Nov. 18
- Seville Annual Meeting - 4 pm Wed, Nov. 18
- HGMD Board - 1 pm Thu, Nov. 19**
- ACC - 3 pm Thu, Nov. 19
- Roads and Grounds - 10 am Tue, Nov. 24
- Structure Maintenance - 1 pm Tue, Nov. 24

Junior League's Holiday Mart

The Junior League of Denver will hold its 41st annual Mile High Holiday Mart Nov. 13–15, at the Denver Marriott South, 10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree. Face masks will be required and entry will be limited to help provide safety for all shoppers, volunteers and merchants.

Ticket holders can sign up for an entry time. Entry time reservations are not required, but attendees with a reserved entry time may be asked to wait in line during peak shopping times. Parking is free.

Vendors offer housewares, specialty food items, jewelry, apparel and pet products. The Junior Leagues cookbook, *Centennial Celebrations*, will be sold for \$20 (retail \$29.95). Proceeds support the Junior League of Denver's efforts to develop the potential of women, as well as help improve literacy rates and provide access to books for children through the third grade.

Hours: 3–8 pm Nov. 13; 10 am–5 pm Nov. 14; 10 am–4 pm Nov. 15. At-risk shoppers have a dedicated time, 9–10 am Nov. 14. Tickets cost \$10. VIP shopping is 1–3 pm Nov. 13. Tickets cost \$40. To purchase tickets and select a shopping time, www.jld.org.

Ask Smithsonian

Why is the Republican Party represented by an elephant and the Democratic a donkey?

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people to dislike and avoid. In conversation with Sergeant Shipley and Officer Sparks, I mentioned that my friend and I live in HG. Officer Sparks said she is HG's PAR Officer.

I feel the actions of these three members of the Aurora Police Department deserve recognition and praise. Not only did they get through to Costco when my friend couldn't, Sergeant Shipley dispatched a third officer to retrieve my purse and return it to me at the restaurant .

**– Pat Stef and
Bunny (Bernice) Weinstein
B222**

Heather 'n Yon

The HG Optimist Club will be holding a coat drive to support Aurora Warms the Night on Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 am to 1 pm. This annual event helps the homeless and low-income residents of Aurora to stay warm during the winter months. Coats can be dropped off at the parking lot in front of B243 on East Marina Drive. Just drive through and your donations will be unloaded by Optimist volunteers. Thank You for supporting this cause!

**– Darlene Park
B218**

Heather 'n Yon

During the 2019 budget hearings, a recommendation was made by the Budget and Finance committee to study why the restaurant was increasingly losing money.

At the end of July 2020, the HGMD Clubhouse/Restaurant committee was tasked by new HGMD president David Funk to develop a Business Plan for the restaurant. This business plan was to Re imagine the Rendezvous and incorporate survey results. Even though the restaurant loses money and is subsidized by homeowners fees, our residents want the Rendezvous.

For the past two months my committee diligently pursued the task, providing the plan on Oct. 1 to the HGMD president, expecting to present it to the board in October.

To prepare this Business Plan, the committee compiled data. This included wants, needs, ideas from residents, patrons, and staff as well as survey respondents, kitchen inspection and fact-finding that involved confirming what our facilities offered, and lacked.

Conversations with staff, related to operations, "caused concern and disturbed staff." Consequently, I was notified of my dismissal as chair of the committee via email from President David Funk on Sept. 24, effective Oct. 15.

The Procedure Memorandum for this committee, dated 2020, says the chairperson counsels with "Residents, Clubhouse Manager, Restaurant Manager."

Management agreement, dated 2018, says Association Manager may direct access to staff and he must be kept informed regarding the substance of the communication. I asked, in early September, that the Management Agreement, for many reasons, be amended.

The HGA board does not want a management company because they will lose control. HGA is a management company. HGMD has lost control.

**– Rita Effler
Director HGMD
B232**

Heather 'n Yon

If you attended the HGMD meeting on Oct. 15, you would have heard the president of HGMD remove the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee chair from her duties and ordered to have no contact with Clubhouse or Rendezvous Restaurant personnel. (However, he noted, she is still allowed to go to the restaurant and order food!)

Apparently, in trying to re-imagine the restaurant, which the restaurant committee was told to do, she attempted to find out how it works currently. She was told that she upset employees, yet most of them had turned in their notices due to low pay previously.

Management has imposed similar sanctions in the past where resi-

dents are not allowed to talk to employees. Employees are not allowed to talk to residents.

The president said that the HGMD board "had discussed these issues," and they were in concurrence. If this happened, it was without the knowledge of the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee chair, and it was a non-public meeting.

Jennifer Ivey, attorney for HGMD, was quick to step in, saying he "mis-spoke"(!), and that the board did not, in fact, meet without Effler. As a public district, there is an obligation to be transparent with the resident owners.

It was surprising to see not one board member question his action. Such blatant deception is unacceptable by an HGMD Board member/president.

**– Deb Smith
CP2**

Heather 'n Yon

I live in B216 where the burglars were photographed on Oct. 7. I believe it is important that there be a thorough understanding by the residents of this entire community about how these criminals entered our building.

People should know that they accessed the actual common living areas of our six-story building by popping a locked security door of our Somerset building, using the outdoor stairway on the back of the building. These burglars were not just in the parking garage, but at a minimum on the first floor as well. They had access to the *entire building* and they were in our building for +/- 20 minutes.

The reason this is important is because it exposes a security problem that puts these break-ins into a more accurate perspective for all who live here.

I believe that HG should post, unless there is some legal reason why not, the photos of the burglars that entered our building. There's nothing like a photo for quick identification by all.

**Laura Chapman
B216**

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Heather 'n Yon

I object to the sale and publishing of political advertising in the *Heather 'n Yon*. It is inappropriate to do so in a magazine intended to enlighten the membership of this community to information and services that pertain to our community and would be useful to them.

You know that information and promotion are entirely different. In fact, you provided equal access to information about the candidates for the upcoming Heather Gardens Board election. This works as a fair approach, I think.

The display of only one particular candidate or political party in our magazine is unfair at best. It smacks of: "this is *Heather 'n Yon's* preference," and it is absolutely inappropriate!

It is particularly objectionable that *Heather 'n Yon* promoted particular political party/candidates in October, the final month of an election period without equal representation of others. There is no way to "make it right" before the election.

People who object to this practice, as I do, will quit reading *Heather 'n Yon*. This will certainly be a loss to legitimate advertisers; and it will cut off a good source of communication to members of the HG community.

Looks like a "lose/lose" prospect to me. Thank you for your attention to this objection.

**Therese Casale
B222**

Heather 'n Yon

I was very disappointed to see the political ad on Page 8 of *Heather 'n Yon*. Nowhere does the ad identify who is responsible for the content, as is required for television advertising. Should readers assume that this ad was accepted because this is also your position as the editor?

You have failed in your duty as editor in accepting the ad. In a divisive and tension-filled election season, you placed profit over the peace of the HG community.

**Jennifer Fowler
B214**

Heather 'n Yon

When I got to Page 8 of the October 2020 issue of the *Heather 'n Yon*,

I thought I had misread the half-page political ad. Your obvious disregard for the well-being of our community was shocking and disappointing. I can only conclude that it was posted to promote the divisiveness already happening in Heather Gardens.

As an owner and resident of HG, I hope my community will remain to be a wonderful place to live, despite your detrimental decision to run a political ad.

**Susan Miller
B217**

{Editor's Note: I am sorry you, and several others I have heard from, were offended by an annual occurrence in Heather 'n Yon — political advertising.

First, I will point out that the ad clearly states in a red banner that the ad was paid for by the HG Republican Club, a group of residents who are entitled to air their opinions in a paid advertisement, just as you may.

Second, Heather 'n Yon has been publishing political ads since 1988. Last year there were about six pages of political ads in the October issue. Fortunately, candidates from both parties ran ads. This year, despite repeated attempts to get an ad from Democrats running for statewide or national offices, no one chose to do one. Yes, it would have been preferred to have both sides represented — but what can be done?

Third, on page 3 of this monthly newsmagazine, the following statement has been there since 1991, when Donaldsons, Inc. took over publishing Heather 'n Yon, "The Publishers do not necessarily endorse the companies, products or services advertised in Heather 'n Yon." That continues to be this newsmagazine's policy on all advertising.}

Heather 'n Yon

The ad in the last two issues of *Heather 'n Yon* by "anti-racist" Diane Pritchard is such a lie. It begins, "400 years ago white people kidnapped black people..." Too bad she did not check out her sources as she thinks that those who prepared the ad are correct.

Not so, and here is the research I did as a history teacher on slavery. I presented this paper to a group and was cross-checked for accuracy. Whites did *not* kidnap black people. The following tribes in Africa

captured and sold the black people to the slave trade: Ghana, Empire, Mali, Songka empire, the Baskongo, Mbundu, Chokue, Igbo and Akwamu.

I am now quoting historians John Thornton and Linda Hewood, Boston University, "that of the Africans captured and then sold as slaves to the New World in the Atlantic slave trade, around 90 percent were enslaved by fellow Africans who then sold them to European traders."

According to others, the slave trade would not have continued without the African elites and the European traders, making it possible.

**Dick Laslo
B213**

{Editor's Note: Weren't the European traders white? Would "elite" or dominant African tribes have kidnapped fellow natives if they were not being paid for delivering such captives to the traders?}

Heather 'n Yon

*Meet the Aurora Singers —
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For more than 40 years, the Aurora Singers have been delighting audiences through lively and charming choral and music revue performances. This warm and welcoming group provides wholesome entertainment that people from all walks of life can enjoy.

Aurora Singers performs four large shows during the year, each with a different theme which can range anywhere from serious to a little bit campy. Regardless of the theme, every production is uplifting and entertaining. With a repertoire that covers a broad spectrum of styles, eras and genres, there's always something for everyone to enjoy including an annual holiday performance and plenty of opportunities to enjoy some of the greatest songs ever written from Broadway to Hollywood.

The ensemble is looking forward to being a part of the HG family, performing live on site when it's safe to gather again. In the meantime, digital programming is keeping everyone connected. Please visit www.aurorasingers.org to access the first digital show completely produced and performed by the Aurora Singers.

Carla Wilson

Clubs and Organizations

A few activities have resumed in the Clubhouse, but are by reservation only with limits on size.

Please contact your club directly, to learn if it has resumed meeting via Zoom or in-person.

Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

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

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

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

What day is it? Do they all seem the same? When the “sequester” began, November seemed so far away, and yet here we are. Hopefully, you have found old and new ways to spend your time. We pray you are feeling well, and thriving.

NoteAbles miss the weekly rehearsals of songs we enjoyed. Music is such a gift, for the listeners and performers. Most of you play records or CDs, or tune to your favorite radio station that plays the music you prefer, to lift your spirits. One musical genre with which most of us are familiar is patriotic.

This month, there is a day set aside for patriots of all ages. Wednesday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day. We honor all veterans and first responders. You are not a closet singer, are you?

God Bless America

—words and music by Irving Berlin
God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

First responders — we thank you for providing security and health services to the community. We stand and celebrate all of you.

CP1

CP1 has been holding cul-de-sac happy hours outdoors on the first

and third Wednesdays, and hope to continue doing so, if the weather cooperates. Attendees bring their own chairs and cocktails, and circulate outdoors between our five cul-de-sacs, conversing with one another from a safe distance.

The group will resume gathering on the first Wednesday of each month, 5 pm in Rendezvous Restaurant, when allowed. Watch for the restaurant to reopen.

OPOCS Singles Club

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

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

We also have social card groups twice a month: pinochle, bridge and poker. (If you want to learn, we can provide instructors.)

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

TOPS

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

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

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

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

This club is a service organization that has been part of HG since 1978. The focus of the group is to make a difference in the lives of youth in the local community.

Our current projects include 6th Avenue Elementary School, Pillowcases for Kids, the Salvation Army, Optimist International Oratorical Contest, and Type 1 Diabetes camp. Nikki Tennant, tennantnikki@yahoo.com.

HG Writers Club

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

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

CP4

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

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

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

We have meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month. The fourth Thursday is a service project.

For more information, email us at Kiwanis.auroraco@gmail.com, or call James Martin, president, 720-297-3282. We also are on the web: Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org. Membership is open to all HG and Aurora residents.

American Legion Post 2012

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

If you are interested in learning more about The American Legion, please contact Post Commander Steve Stratton, B204, 720-519-3955.

Men with Purpose

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

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

Heather Gardens Indivisible

The purpose of Heather Gardens Indivisible is to protect and preserve our democracy by empowering active citizens in taking actions that will impact public policy. We are nonpartisan and inclusive, more issue-oriented rather than candidate-oriented.

We are no longer having meetings on the second Tuesday of each month due to COVID-19 precautions. Instead, we are having monthly meetings on Friday, 1 to 2 pm, via Zoom. Linda Champ leads the meetings, so that we can learn about current issues and what effective actions we can take, and also to discuss matters of interest. If you are not on the email list and receiving notices of the Zoom meetings, please send me your email address. – Marty Karnopp, *mjkarnopp@gmail.com*, 303-353-9640.

Uke Crew

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

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

Parkinson Support Group

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

B203, B204, B205 and B206

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

HG Aviation Club

The club is not having in-person meetings due to COVID-19, but we are sending stories, photos, and links to videos on interesting aviation topics via email. If you would like to join in the fun, give me a call. Note: my phone number in the 2020 HG directory is wrong. – Rudy Morris, HG Aviation Club, 303-506-7080

The Green Team

The Green Team continues to meet via Zoom the second Thursday of each month, at noon. If you are interested in zooming in with us, call Wendy, 303-306-0066.

If you are part of the Puppy Poop Project, please be aware — bag distribution will be one week earlier, due to the holidays taking place in the next two months. Please mark your calendars for Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 to receive your bags.

America Recycles Day is Sunday, Nov. 15. Please continue to be conscientious about what items you are putting into your bins. Although there will not be any special event this year, we are planning another great recycling event next fall.

RV Lot Club

Our club is open to all who RV, not just those who rent space in the HG RV lot. At our meetings, we share information and experience about RV-ing. We lobby to improve conditions in the RV storage lot. We also anticipate having social, travel and camping activities.

We meet the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, in the Arts & Craft Room. For additional information, please contact Forrest McClure, 720-979-4707, or Paul Spoutz, 303-564 1877. Happy trails and safe travels!

Birding Nature Club

The club meets at 1 pm on the second Friday, via Zoom. To join this meeting, send email to Tom Reeber, *treeber48@gmail.com*.

Karaoke Club

The Karaoke Club gatherings for November are TBA. For more information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877, or email *pspoutz@aol.com*.

Women with Dreams

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

Photo Club

The HG Photo Club will start up on Monday, Nov. 16, via Zoom. Rudy Morris will lead this meeting.

Please try to attend, so that we can be active again, and learn from each other. You do not need to submit photos this time.

SRA

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

B201 and B202

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

CP3

The CP3 Social is held the third Wednesday each month, 5:30 pm, in the Rendezvous. We order off the menu. – Robin O'Meara

Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday, 3–5 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome.

Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with other HG neighbors. Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. – Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

HG Republicans

The club holds meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 1:30 pm, via Zoom. Questions may be directed to Craig Baldwin, by phone, 720-535-1917, or by email *cebaldwin103@gmail.com* – Rudy Morris, HGRC Communications Director

HG Democratic Club

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, except December. Our November meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 24, 4–5 pm, via Zoom. The link will be sent by email, so be sure I have your email address.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard this election season! Your efforts made a real difference. Although as I write this, the election results are not known, our November meeting will celebrate our victories, and plan for our future, with a few Democratic “notables” sharing some insights with us. So come with a cel-

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Sports and Recreation

A number of Sports and Recreational groups have resumed meeting, with strict limits on number of participants, and – often – by reservation only. With specific questions, please call the representative for each sport or activity directly.

Men's Bridge

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

Men's Poker

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

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

Mah Jongg

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

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

Ping Pong

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

Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6:30–9:30 pm Monday nights in the Mountainview Room. For informa-

tion, call Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

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

Pickleball

Please Note: This is Very Important. Even though we are still going through the pandemic of the COVID-19 virus, Pickleball is taking place with new, strict rules that will need to be followed. You need to call the Clubhouse Reception Desk, 303-751-1811, Ext. 5, to make a reservation to play. Please remember that, before playing, you also need to have signed the Heather Gardens COVID-19 Release form. This is needed, in case we ever have to do contact tracing, should someone test positive for the virus!

The November times to play Pickleball outdoors on the HG Tennis Courts will be Tuesday Thursday, and Sunday, 1-3 pm, when the weather is favorable. We are adding Sunday now, and using our usual fall/winter times. All courts are available. We will also play indoors, when there is available time, and the Clubhouse allows it.

Since we have Pickleball players at all skill levels of play, our players have been able to choose playing "gentle" Pickleball, with players of a similar skill level on one court. Those more advanced can play with the "competitive" Pickleball players. Of course, everyone is welcomed to play on any of the courts where they feel comfortable.

We hope we can have Pickleball lessons again in the Spring of 2021. For more info on Pickleball, visit our web page: <https://plaidflannel.com/pickleball/lessons.html>.

If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258, or by email, pickleball@plaidflannel.com.

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any questions: LSHileman1958@gmail.com

Hand and Foot

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

Mah Jongg

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

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

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

Billiard Club

The members of the HG Billiard Club will continue with tournaments as soon as the Clubhouse opens again for play. We will play Co-ed 8-Ball on Tuesdays at 7 pm. A Men's group plays 9-Ball on Thursdays at 7 pm. Please contact Rita Cusack, 720-535-8637, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

Ladies Golf Club

Although the golf season for the HG Ladies Golf Club was finished the end of September, the sunny, but cool, Colorado weather has kept many golfers playing on the course through October. Nothing stops us: not the turf plugs replacing goose droppings, sand and holes on the greens, nor a young and confused coyote who picks up a ball that has landed near him on the fairway. He then trots off with it in his mouth.

Now it's time to plan for next year, which began with election of officers at the Sept. 30 board meeting. Beulah Gould will continue as president. Carol Ann Mayne will continue as vice-president. Gwen Alexander is the new secretary. Pat Reichert will continue as treasurer. Most officers and committee chairs are familiar to us, because they are the same as 2020.

One committee chair position is still open, so if you think you would enjoy chairing the courtesy committee, let President Gould know.

Under normal circumstances,

club members would have gathered in October to celebrate another successful year. In this unusual year, the awards were presented at the September board meeting by Vice President Carol Anne Mayne: JoAnn Fitch, club champion; Bonnie Soman for a hole-in-one on #8 (76 yards); and Deb Madril with an eagle on #9.

As always, club members appreciate HG's Golf Pro Greg Kohr, and his entire staff for their professionalism and courtesy throughout the season. Looking forward, the forecast is for a mild winter this year.

If you are interested in joining the league in 2021, applications are available in the HG Pro Shop or on our website at www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com.

Golf trivia: If you are not hitting the ball as far as usual this fall, it's because golf balls travel significantly farther on hot days. A golfer swinging a club at around 100 mph will carry the drive up to eight yards longer for each increase in air temperature of 25 degrees F.

League Play Results September 2

Flight A

- 1st Glenda Pitts,
Charlane Plucheck
- 2nd Dee Moore

Flight B

- 1st Bonnie McMullen
- 2nd Rosalie Einspahr
- 3rd Judy Nelson, Bonnie Soman, Kathie Stebbins

Flight C

- 1st Trudy Marquardt
- 2nd Mary Jo Pritchard
- 3rd Sally Koepke

Flight D

- 1st Eileen Umhoefer
- 2nd Sheryl Menger, Vickie Wolfe

Chip-in Pat Profera

September 9 Canceled due to weather

September 16

Flight A

- 1st Earlyne Winters
- 2nd Liz Sanchez
- 3rd Beulah Gould

Flight B

- 1st Pat Profera
- 2nd Barbara Tucker
- 3rd Sharon Westmoreland

Flight C

- 1st Trudy Marquardt
- 2nd Sally Koepke

3rd Sharla Sheeks

Flight D

- 1st Bonnie Domer
- 2nd Candia Lang, Lil Pickrel,
Vickie Wolfe

Chip-in Trudy Marquardt

September 23

Flight A

- 1st Charlane Plucheck
- 2nd Earlyne Winters
- 3rd Dee Moore

Flight B

- 1st Pat Profera
- 2nd Barbara Tucker
- 3rd Linda Gonzales,
Flo Madonna

Flight C

- 1st Mary Jo Pritchard
- 2nd Mary Frevert, Trudy Marquardt, Sharla Sheeks

Flight D

- 1st Joyce Angel
- 2nd Candia Lang
- 3rd Bonnie Domer

Birdie Mary Jo Pritchard

September 30

Flight A

- 1st Glenda Pitts
- 2nd JoAnn Fitch
- 3rd Sara Stoner

Flight B

- 1st Rosalie Einspahr
- 2nd Barbara Tucker
- 3rd Karen Bentley



Above: Women's Golf Club Champion JoAnn Fitch and Men's Golf Club Champion Chris Hughes.



Right above: Traditionally, the Women's Club champion dons the green jacket from last year's winner, Sara Stoner, while club President Beulah Gold looked on. Right: At it's next board meeting, the Women's Golf Club celebrated the Club Champion JoAnn Fitch and Debbie Madril, who eagled hole #9 during a championship round. President Gould and Vice President Carol Anne Mayne joined them.

Flight C

- 1st Linda Savage
- 2nd Sue Robertson
- 3rd Barbara Gierscher

Flight D

- 1st Vickie Wolfe
- 2nd Adele Grasse
- 3rd Sheryl Menger

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early. For more information, call Meryly VanZevern, 720-282-3199, or John Osterberg, 720-535-1038. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032.

Square Dancing

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

Bunko

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

Thursday Open Bridge Club

The group meets every Thursday, 1:30-4 pm, in the Arts & Crafts

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eboratory beverage of your choice, and join us in a spirit of community. – Marty Karnopp, Chair, 3003-353-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com

HG Grief Support

This group is here to help those who have lost a loved one. We offer eight-week structured sessions twice a year — in the spring and in the fall. We combine an educational and supportive approach with the focus on healthy grieving and coping with your loss. We meet 4–6 pm Tuesdays at the Clubhouse, when in session. Registration is required.

Contact either Joanne Brand,

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

Caregivers Support Group

This group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room; however, as long as the Clubhouse is closed, we will not be meeting. Online resources are available at Alz.org. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

Sevillians

A sign-up sheet is posted in the mail room of each building. – Patt Clark

Low Vision Support Group

Until we can gather in person, we are meeting on the fourth Friday of each month 1:30–2:30 pm, via Free Conference call. Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224, for the meeting access number.

HG Frolics

The HG Frolics Club hopes you remain healthy during the COVID-19 restrictions. We hope we will be back to our new normal by the first of the year. We miss seeing you! – Barb Schneller, President

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Room. Come join us. Please call or text Freddie Schroeder, 303-437-4255, to RSVP, so we can tell how many tables set up.

Tennis Club

We are back on the courts, when weather allows. Call Wendy, 303-306-0066, for information.

Men's Golf Club

Tournament Results September 18

E Flight

- 1st Mike Steffens
- 2nd Richard Apt
- 3rd Neil Miller

D Flight

- 1st Tom Smith
- 2nd Glenn Riggs
- 3rd Ned Westmoreland

C Flight

- 1st David Krell
- 2nd Don Batson
- 3rd Tom Merges

B Flight

- 1st Jon Fryer
- 2nd Russ Gates, Vern Thompson, Tom Parko
- 3rd Tom Fitzgerald

A Flight

- 1st Pete Profera
- 2nd Gary Hill
- 3rd Eli Henri

September 25

E Flight

- 1st Mike Steffens
- 2nd Phil Haas
- 3rd Steve Galambos

D Flight

- 1st Henry Ulibarri
- 2nd Ted Cowan

3rd Ron Hileman

C Flight

- 1st Don Batson, Jim Pardikes
- 2nd David Krell
- 3rd Tom Merges, Tim Bessey, Jess Deal

B Flight

- 1st Jon Freyer
- 2nd Tom Parko, Jon Good
- 3rd Vern Thompson

A Flight

- 1st Phil Marquis
- 2nd Jerry Joy, Bob Bengen, Eli Henrie

October 2

E Flight

- 1st David McCollom
- 2nd Ralph Romero

D Flight

- 1st Ned Westmoreland, Ted Cowan
- 2nd Mike Benowitz, Joe Rook, Al Reasoner

C Flight

- 1st Henry Ulibarri
- 2nd Tim Bessey, Robbie Robertson
- 3rd Mike Steffens, David Croak, Steve Smith

B Flight

- 1st John Good
- 2nd Jerry Joy

A Flight

- 1st Gary Hill
- 2nd Bob Bengen, Eli Henrie, Ed Bradley

October 9

E Flight

- 1st Dave Walstrom
- 2nd David McCollom
- 3rd Larry Maitland, Tom Jackson

D Flight

- 1st Phil Corliss
- 2nd Ron Hileman
- 3rd John McMullen

C Flight

- 1st Henry Ulibarri
- 2nd Rob Ledford
- 3rd David Croak, Jim Stebbins, Glenn Riggs

B Flight

- 1st Brian Bucenec
- 2nd Dick Baker, Wally Armistead, Doug Miller, Bob Riley
- 3rd Tom Fitzgerald, Jerry Joy, Jon Freyer

A Flight

- 1st Chris Hughes
- 2nd John Bender
- 3rd Eli Henri
- 4th Pete Profera

500 Club

We want you! Do you like to play cards with a fun, easy-going group of people? Then you must join us for 500. We play at 1 pm every Friday in the Skyview Room. Don't know the game? It's easy to learn, and we are happy to teach. See you Friday! Linda Serio, 303-368-8123.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. – Donna Hudziak, 303-833-3115.





B217 enjoys biweekly Bingo outdoors

Beginning in August, B217 has had Bingo for residents every other Saturday, 10 am–noon. Participants average about 10-15. Michele Garlock says, “It was really a great way to get everyone outdoors, still be safely distant and have fun. It has been a huge success.



Below and below right: CP3 residents gathered for specialty hot dog and brats by Devil Dog Grill, an **Oktoberfest** event. Many residents wore Halloween hats with their required accessory, masks. Photos by Robin O’Meara.



Below: The NTH had a celebration for two residents with a birthday on Oct. 6: Randy Stitz and Wendy Pfaffhausen (standing). Randy’s wife, Joyce, is included in the photograph.



After a memorial tree for Jeanne Hizer was planted behind the golf driving cage, a me-



memorial service was held next to the Japanese Lilac tree. Her husband, Gary, and son (left) attended the event on Oct. 16. Foundation Chair Fran Clemens and Mavis Richardson, CP3, orchestrated the remembrance.

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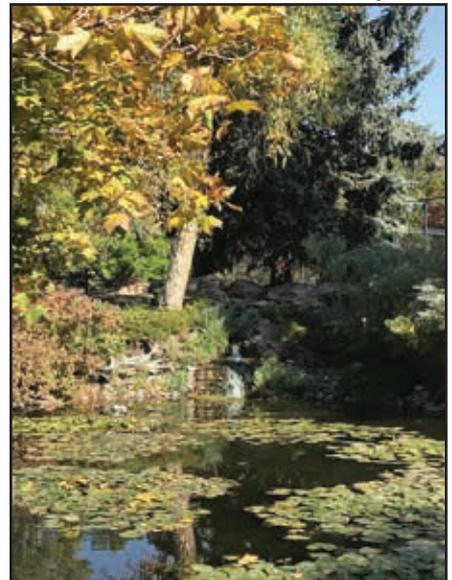
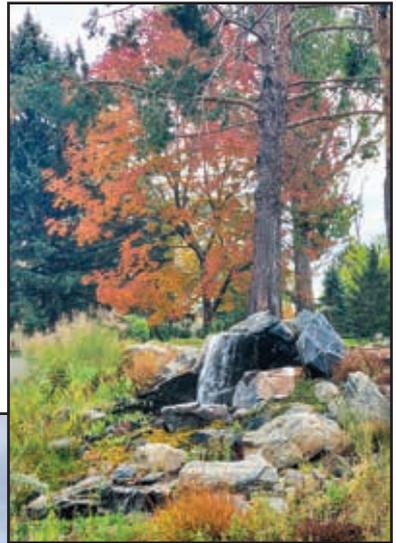
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Fall in Heather Gardens

Once again, HG photographers could not resist — the changing colors of the tree leaves on the grounds of the community is quite artistic. This sampling of photos are by Rudy Morris, B217, Anne-Hummel-Gillis, CP1, and Bonnie Williams, B232.





Two bands entertained shoppers as they browsed.



With most events sponsored by the HG Clubhouse canceled since March, it was a pleasant surprise to have an outdoor **Craft Fair** on Oct. 3. Rendezvous helped by having Bloody Mary drinks with breakfast included (hard boiled egg and bacon slice). Special sandwiches were offered.



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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise

Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve

From HG Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise: Can you believe it's been almost six months since the Clubhouse was open? We are so happy to have residents back again!

Please remember everything you do in the Clubhouse requires a reservation, unless noted. Please see all requirements for participation. Always wear a mask and maintain six feet distancing.

Some areas and programs that are open:

- Indoor pool, fitness center, and the woodshop are open until 8 pm, with reservations.
- Come enjoy a cup of coffee.
- HG Chapel Service on Sunday, 9 am and 11 am. See notice for reservations.
- Locker room is available. (No showers)
- Select classes have started: Creative Clay, Glass Fusion, Tap Dance, Knit & Crochet, Spanish, Line Dance, TOPS, Quilting, Grief Support.

Watch for updates as more areas of the Clubhouse are opened. Thank you for your patience as we take on the challenges of keeping everyone safe.

March a Mile in the Boots of General Norman Schwarzkopf, presented by Kathleen Arnold

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday Nov. 12, 10 am–noon, Parking lot B250

In response to COVID-19, the city of Aurora, in partnership with SECORCares, is working to launch a mobile food pantry for seniors that will run through the end of 2020. We're looking to serve 100 families per month. There is no cost for the food

Sample food may include, but is not limited to: rice, beans or pasta, cereal /oatmeal, various canned non perishables, fresh produce, dairy, eggs, and protein. *Food will be modified to accommodate senior needs as best as possible, i.e., low sodium, low fat, softer foods. Questions? Call 303-739-7281.

Active Minds presents Ireland & Northern Ireland

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2 pm, by Zoom

In January 2020, the United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland) completed the first stages of its exit from the European Union. Given that the Republic of Ireland remains a member of the EU, the exit deal has significant implications for the lasting peace on the island of Ireland. This, combined with Sinn Fein's recent surprise electoral victory in Northern Ireland, has raised uncertainties about the political future of Ireland. Join Active Minds as the history of Ireland is discussed and its cloudy future explored. This program is being brought to you by Heather Gardens, Garden Plaza of Aurora, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, Springbrooke Senior Living, Five Star Residences of Dayton Place, and Active Minds®.

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Q & A for the Clubhouse

Everything has changed in our lives and the Clubhouse is no exception. Everyone needs to follow rules that previously did not exist. I'd like to take the opportunity to answer some of the many questions that get asked:

• *Is the Clubhouse open?* Yes, the Clubhouse Lobby is open to enjoy a cup of coffee and to check in for some of the classes that are going on. *You must wear a mask.* The Management Office is only open for appointments, 303-755-0652.

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• *How do I make a reservation?* Reservations are required for most everything at the Clubhouse. You can call the Reception Desk, 303-751-1811, extension 5. We are researching an online system or may use a separate email address to take reservations.

- *Why are we checking people in at the East doors?* It is recommended by the CDC to create a one-way path through the Clubhouse. Then avoid having too many people in the Locker Room, crossing paths. As the weather gets colder, we will look at alternatives.

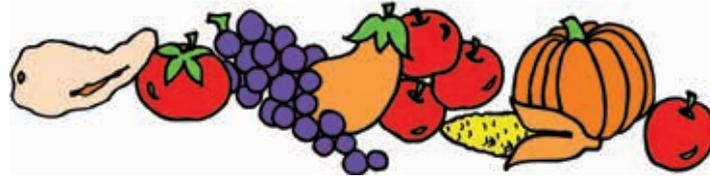
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Also, please remember to cancel your reservation if you are unable to attend. This helps another neighbor who may be able to fill your spot.

Please feel free to email me your questions. I'll share one each month in *Heather 'n Yon*. Thank you for your patience through this process.

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FYI...from page 34

President Andrew Jackson who was supported by the Democrats in 1828, earned the nickname “Jack-ass” for his stubbornness, says Jon Grinspan, curator of political history at the National Museum of American History. The image stuck to the Democrats and took off after the Civil War, when they were seen as the defeated party that wouldn’t accept its loss. Around the same time, cartoonist Thomas Nast started drawing a stumbling elephant to represent the Republican Party, once united by its abolitionist goal but struggling in the post war years. Originally somewhat insulting, the two symbols were embraced in the early 20th century. {*Smithsonian.com*, December 2019}

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What was the origin of zip codes?

The U.S. Postal Service introduced the “zone improvement plan” (ZIP) code in 1963. The nationwide system mechanized more of the work of mail sorting, which had previously been done by hand, says Lynn Heidelbaugh, curator at the National Postal Museum. The idea dates to

1944, when postal inspector Robert Moon proposed adding a three-digit code to addresses; the first number referred to a region and the next two to a mail processing center. Two decades later, after mail volumes had grown exponentially, Postmaster J. Edward Day adopted a version of that plan, adding a fourth and fifth digit designating a specific post office. The Zip code has been expanded twice four additional numbers indicate what side of the street, or even hallway, the destination is on. Two more numbers sequence the carrier’s route to make it more efficient. {*Smithsonian.com*, December 2019}

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Did Japan ever compensate and apologize to the American civilians held captive in the Philippines during World War 2?

Not formally, says Frank Blazich, curator of modern military history at the National Museum of American History. Many civilian internees received token restitution from the U.S. War Claims Commission which liquidated assets seized from Germany, the Imperial Japanese Empire and other Axis parties, and distribut-

ed more than \$13.6 million to over 90,000 internees of the Japanese in the 1950s. When Japan and the Allies re-established relations in 1951, the multilateral Treaty of Peace waived reparations, citing Japan’s lack of resources as it rebuilt its economy. But despite statements of regret from Japanese politicians, Japan has never offered reparations or unambiguous apology to U.S. captives. {*Smithsonian.com*, November 2019}

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When did Americans start to worry that foreigners were interfering with U.S. politics?

In the earliest days of the Republic, says Jon Grinspan, a curator at the National Museum of American History. During the French Revolution, a faction of conservative, pro-English Americans worried that radical Jacobins — who were beheading the compatriots in Paris — would try to meddle in U.S. politics. That fear led to the 1798 passage of the Alien and Sedition Acts, which, among other things, tightened restrictions on criticism of the government and

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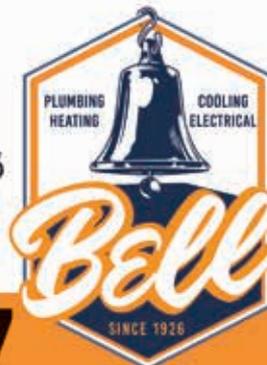
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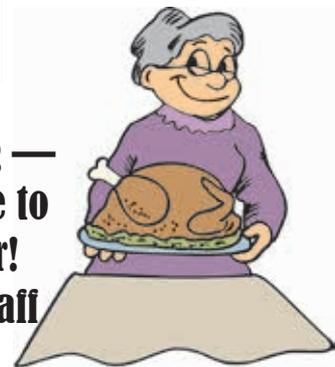
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Happy Thanksgiving — however you choose to celebrate this year! — Heather 'n Yon staff

FYI...from page 56 loosened those on deportation of non-citizens. The fear of meddling rose next in the 1840s, when the anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic Know-Nothing Party

saw new immigrants from Ireland as part of a papal plot to take over America. {*Smithsonian.com*, July-August 2019}

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Overheard @ HG

Vive la différence? Them's fightin' words

by Mary Hafka

In October, a golfer got attacked by a bull elk, on the Evergreen Golf Course, and was sent to the hospital. The golf cart in which the golfer was riding sustained irreparable damage. I believe this occurred because the golfer was wearing a red polo shirt, and the elk mistook him for a Trump supporter.

Conversely, maybe I got this wrong, and the elk was the Trump supporter. These days, it's so hard to tell — it would be difficult to get a MAGA shirt and hat on, over those antlers.

In a time when even the elk seem unusually cranky, this might be a good opportunity to take stock about why everyone is so tense. Politics? The virus and its smothering quarantining? The onset of gray, winter weather, with its seasonal affective disorders?

Just being in the HG age group comes with its fair share of crabbi-ness, I decided long ago. In October — as I do every election — I voted my ballot immediately upon receiving it. This is so that, if I get run over by an RTD bus or struck down by an errant golf ball, my vote still will get counted.

But this “I've already voted” syndrome comes with a regular annoyance quotient. Even though I've voted (and despite proudly wearing my “I Voted” sticker, my “Vote” coronavirus mask, and my Vote necklace commemorating the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage), I still receive reams of politically motivated mailers. I get stuck watching repetitious candidate ads on TV. Deeply offended, I cart the mailers to the recycling bin, and scream at the TV set. It's my deeply held belief that, once I've voted, I shouldn't be subject to these onslaughts. And yet, they just keep coming.

(And don't even get me started about the political emails. Arg-g-g-

g-g-gh! Make it stop!)

In an effort to calm my cranky feelings, I cast my mind back to the last time when I was in this bad a mood. It was about 18 months ago, when I took a trip to France, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day. (For those of you who didn't even notice I was gone — you're not very observant, are you?)

My dog, Mortie, certainly missed me. I could tell from the way she tried to rip my face off, when I picked her up from the kennel. She was so glad I was home. It's taken all of the past 18 months to re-establish myself in her good graces.

It was harder to tell with the cat. He's 21 years old, now, and — so long as someone plunks his food down, twice a day — he's not picky about who the plunker is. The substitute plunker, who tended his every need for the week I was gone, suited him just fine.

My weeklong trip resulted in a major pain in my gluteus maximus — with a heavy dose of gluteus medius and gluteus minimus thrown in. At the very start of the trip, I pulled a muscle, climbing on and off the steep stairs of the tour bus. Since the entire trip consisted of clamoring on and off the bus, several times a day, things didn't get better.

I know it's tempting to make predictable jokes about having a pain in the rear, and to blame it all on the French — because we Americans enjoy blaming stuff on the French — but I found this affliction cast a pall over my enjoyment of the remarkable events we encountered in Normandy.

When I got to The Louvre Museum, and saw all those steps a tourist has to transverse to get from exhibition room to exhibition room, I seriously thought about sitting in the museum corner and weeping softly. It wouldn't have been because I was

overcome by the D-Day events, moving though they were.

The good news is, the gluteus maximus, and all its brother pains, faded when the tour was over and I kissed that bus goodbye. I even sprang for an Uber back to the Charles De Gaulle Airport, although a free bus ride was offered — because when a women's gluteus has had enough, it's had enough.

As happens when pains fade, I soon was remembering only the wonderful parts of the trip: the panorama of the English Channel — arising gray — beyond Omaha Beach. And Sound of the Rockies — the choral group with which I traveled — singing in the sand, breaking from their planned repertoire, for once, to movingly perform any songs they felt like.

WW2 veteran Sam Pitzen tells me he has a photograph of me pushing him in his wheelchair around the scenic stone streets in the town of Sainte-Mère-Église, in the rain. I never got around to asking him for a copy of it, but I'm sure it's very attractive. It rained a lot in Normandy, that June. We all looked like different versions of drowned rats, most of the time. Some nice lady took pity on Sam and me, and gave us her umbrella.

Last June, one year later, the annual D-Day celebrations were different. The COVID-19 virus was in full bloom, and many tourists had to stay home. Those who travel to Normandy, every year, were quoted in the news as being sad, because so few people came to commemorate the event. Omaha Beach was empty.

Events such as the coronavirus pandemic have a way of aligning one's attitude. I was glad I went to Normandy in June 2019, after all, because the following year — and for an unknown future — it became impossible.

So I'll try to stop grouching. Conditions these days aren't so bad. If lonely, we can all meet up for a spirited game on the Golf Course.

Just watch out for those angry elk. Who knows what subversive group with which they might be affiliated?

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Heather Gardens Real Estate is Booming

SOLD! in the last 30 days!

- 3184 S Wheeling Way #408 Alpha B
1BR/1BA 865 sq.ft..... \$159,500
- 3124 S Wheeling Way #211 Alpha E
2BR/1BA 940 sq.ft.....\$165,900
- 3144 S Wheeling Way #111 Alpha E
2BR/1BA 940 sq.ft..... \$176,500
- 13961 E Marina Drive #211 Atrium A
2BR/2BA 1228 sq.ft.....\$257,500
- 3164 S Wheeling Way #406 Alpha C
2BR/2BA 1400 sq.ft.....\$259,000
- 13631 E Marina Drive #203 Somerset F
2BR/2BA 1550 sq.ft.....\$315,000
- 13931 E Marina Drive #602 Atrium L
2BR/2BA 1410 sq.ft.....\$310,000
(Brought buyer. Not listed by HGB)

UNDER CONTRACT in the last 30 days!

- 13635 E. Bates Avenue #207 Alpha A
2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft.....\$199,900
Fresh paint, good quality carpet and new appliances. Glass-enclosed lanai facing SW overlooks mature trees.
- 14001 E Marina Drive #410 Somerset A
2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft.....\$219,900
Kitchen has two-toned cabinetry and stainless-steel sink. The glass-enclosed lanai.
- 13691 E Marina Dr #308 Somerset K
2BR/1BA 1050 sq. ft.....\$239,900
Corner unit. Luxury Vinyl Planking in kitchen, new flooring in living room, bedrooms, bathrooms. Updated cabinets, SSAPP.
- 13901 E Marina Drive #207 Atrium K
2BR/2BA 1077 sq.ft.....\$239,500
Two lanais-Golf course view from glass-enclosed lanai. Kitchen has beautiful quartz countertops.
- **New Listing Under Contract in 2 DAYS!**
13942 E Linvale Place Patio Home
3BR/3BA 1172 sq.ft.....\$450,000
Stunning Patio Home completely remodeled. No room untouched with a flair for beauty and function. Egress windows.
- 13960 E. Linvale Place Patio Home
3BR/3BA 2,226 finished sq.ft.....\$489,500
Totally new properties from foundation to roof with vaulted ceilings, LTP flooring, new cabinets, quartz counters, SSAPP.

Active Listings and New Listing in the last 30 days!

■ 13606 E. Bates Ave. #202 Alpha E
2BR/1BA 940 sq.ft.....\$169,500
Cute place with hard surface flooring, full glass-enclosed lanai. Sunny end unit with cross-ventilation. Great location-steps from the clubhouse, pool, golf course.

■ 3022 S Wheeling Way #411 Alpha E
2BR/1BA 940 sq.ft.....\$174,900
Well cared for top-floor condo! Hard surface flooring in the living, dining, kitchen, lanai and hall. Living room features vaulted ceilings, tons of natural light, and access to your lanai.

New Listing! ■ 14091 E Marina Dr #503
Somerset A 2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft....\$212,500
Priced to sell to the buyer who wants to do the work themselves. Rare opportunity. Nice appliances, newer white cabinets, full glass-enclosed lanai-super location/view.

New Listing! ■ 13626 E. Bates Ave. #110
Alpha A 2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft.....TBD
Super first floor unit overlooking the golf course and pond, just steps to the clubhouse. LVP flooring, newer cabinets, Corian counters, new appliances.

New Listing! ■ 13961 E Marina Dr #313
Atrium K 2BR/1BA 1077 sq.ft.....\$228,500
Super Atrium end unit with 2 enclosed lanais, one off master bedroom. New carpet/flooring, fresh paint, good quality appliances and updated lighting. Priced extremely well for the market.

New Listing! ■ 13902 E Marina Dr #504
Seville A 2BR/2BA 1059 sq.ft.....\$237,500
Freshly painted, this charming unit overlooks mature trees and Seville pool. Light, bright and cheerful unit. Move-in ready or add your personal touch at great price.

New Listing! ■ 14102 E Linvale Place #411
Somerset C 2BR/2BA 1400 sq.ft....\$269,000
4th floor end unit with cross-ventilation overlooking mature trees. Spacious rooms super for comfort/entertaining. Glass enclosed lanai expands living space.

■ 13691 E Marina Dr #503 Somerset C
2BR/2BA 1400 sq. ft.\$279,000
Charming floorplan with generous great room, dining room and full glassed four-season lanai. Bentley walk-in tub in guest bathroom. Great location overlooks mature trees.

New Listing! ■ 2868 S Heather Gardens Way
#211 Omega A
2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft.....\$279,900
Two fully glass-enclosed lanais! The 7'X 20' lanai off the living room has quality motorized shades and mountain views. Second lanai is located off the master and surrounded by mature trees.

Under Construction! ■ 13962 E. Linvale Place
3BR/3BA CP4 (see ad pg 18)\$489,500



Totally new property from foundation to roof with vaulted ceilings, LVP flooring, new cabinets, quartz counters, stainless steel appliances, new cabinets throughout. Finished basements with egress windows and walk-in showers/baths.

Rare opportunity to own a brand new home.

Rental: Somerset F call for details
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