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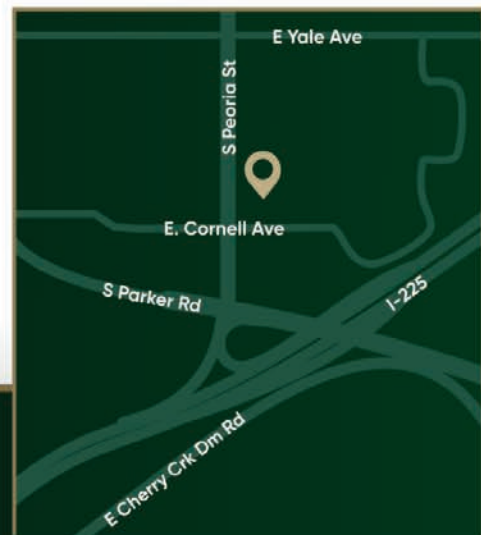
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The Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Board of Directors met on June 3 and again on June 25. All directors were present for the June 3 meeting. President David Kennedy was absent from the meeting on June 25.

Finances are Back on Track

After months of confusion and a lack of clarity around finances, the board now appears to have a firm understanding of where the district stands, and processes are in place to keep it on track moving forward. Treasurer Bill Armchambault reported that March's financial statements have been completed and April and May's statements should be completed by July. He also reported that the 2025 audit has begun and will be completed in time to submit it to the state by the July 31, 2026 deadline. He said the auditor expected a clean opinion.

At the meeting on June 3, the board approved a schedule for developing the 2027 budget. The schedule, which will be sent to residents on Pitera and published in *Heather 'n Yon*, begins in September when management presents a draft budget and includes dates for workshops, public hearings, membership meetings and elections. The process will be completed in time for the district to submit the 2027 mill levy to Arapahoe County on December 15, 2026.

Marketing for Rendezvous Restaurant

Restaurant Committee Chair Crystal Guise attended the meeting on June 25 to present ways to increase revenue from the Rendezvous Restaurant. She presented a proposal to improve the restaurant's signage with the purpose of marketing the restaurant to golfers, 60% of whom are non-residents. The restaurant committee has also recommended extending the restaurant's hours on Sundays and placing an ad in Heather Ridge magazine, both aimed at golfers.

The board agreed that the cost of signage was within the general manager's spending authority and did not require a vote. They also agreed that advertising and extended hours were operational decisions that should be handled by management.

Crystal Guise discussed other initiatives underway, including a survey to gather resident feedback and enhancements to an existing rewards program that is not regularly used. The committee is also researching improved wifi and tabletop registers to speed up the payment process.

Google Fiber Feasibility Study

John Guise, chair of the Technology Task Force, presented a proposal at the meeting on June 25 to allow Google to conduct an engineering study to evaluate the feasibility of installing Google Fiber on

the Heather Gardens campus. The study would take 9-12 months to complete with no obligation or cost to the community. Fiber would increase internet speeds and reliability.

Heather Gardens Association President Sue McBeth addressed the district board to explain that the association board had approved the study contingent upon a written statement on company letterhead confirming that it would be done at no cost to the community. The district board approved the study with the same contingency.

Disagreement Over Court Use

Several members of the Pickleball Club addressed the board at the meeting on June 3 regarding a disagreement with the Tennis Club over court use. The Pickleball Club claims the Tennis Club altered last year's schedule to give themselves more court time, despite the Pickleball Club having a substantially larger membership; they would like to restore last year's schedule.

General Manager John Rea reported that he tried to mediate between the groups, but they couldn't come to an agreement. President Kennedy suggested the board make a motion and settle the issue. A motion was made and seconded to restore last year's schedule.

Bill Armchambault suggested that the board should hear from the Tennis Club before making a decision, but they took a vote anyway, with all members approving except for Armchambault, who abstained.



HGA Board Meeting: Focus on Poolside Fun, Communications and Technology

Special Touches Around the Outdoor Pool

2026 Directory

Google Fiber Optics

EV Charging Station

New Management Agreement

Colorado's severe drought has not put a damper on the summer fun at the beautiful Heather Gardens outdoor pool, with residents enjoying poolside lunch and beverage service from Rendezvous Restaurant and getting together outside in the sun and water.

In support of the City of Aurora's water restrictions and the Heather Gardens Water Conservation Committee efforts, a special new touch to the outdoor pool area is the hanging baskets of flowers in bright yellow, fuchsia, purple and white—all in durable silk that will require no watering no matter how high the summer temperatures soar.

As Jon Rea, Heather Gardens General Manager, noted at the Tuesday, June 23 Board Meeting, the silk flowers are just one of the additions making the pool area more vibrant and inviting.

Additionally, some of the wrought iron tables and chairs have been repainted, and HG's custodial staff has deep cleaned all the chairs and chaise lounges. The grounds around the pool have been carefully manicured by Roads and Grounds.

For the ever-popular indoor pool, Rea noted improvements in water conservation and overall appearance with the new treatment and filtration system. This upgrade is garnering compliments from residents with comments that the indoor pool, which already is consistently well maintained, has never been so clean and clear as it is now.

Water Conservation: Board President Sue McBeth presented an update on the program she announced last month from the City of Aurora which lends itself to a spread sheet tracking water usage based on Heather Gardens water bills. It is showing water usage by month and by building, how much of our water allocation is left and is a good preventive tool for avoiding additional fees. McBeth noted that since HG is not watering outdoors as much as last year, that is making a positive difference.

2026 Directory: Progress was reported on the 2026 Digital Directory, with posting to the HG website just about ready. Discussion continued on the Printed Directory, with plans to survey residents as to how many will want the print version. For 2026, the print version will be no charge, with a fee proposed for the 2027 printed piece to be determined by factors such as printing quantity.

Advantage of the Digital Directory is that it can be updated on the website throughout the year, whereas once printed, the Printed Directory will not be updated until the next year's printing.

Google Fiber Optics: A motion was brought to approve a proposal from Google Fiber to conduct an engineering study over the next 12 months in determining how and if Google will then propose a contract for Fiber Optics. After much discussion and an amendment to the proposal for the engineering study, requiring the contract to include in writing requirements from the Board and its legal counsel, the motion carried.

Digital Signage Boards: John Guise, who heads the Technology Task Force, reported on the Digital Boards that can be installed in each building, depending on the interest from building residents. Guise recommended people take a look at the Digital Board outside the door of Rendezvous to see how they work and the information they provide. He also will be presenting information at the next meeting of the Area Representatives.

EV Charging Station: Board discussion continued on the somewhat controversial topic of having an EV Charging Station on the Heather Gardens property. The topic will be part of a security survey that will be sent to residents. It was noted that the location most likely would be on the HG parking lot, near the outside doors of the Clubhouse Auditorium.

Management Agreement: A copy of the newly completed Management Agreement between Heather Gardens Association and Heather Gardens Metro District is available to residents, as noted in a recent Pilera message. Board discussion was on creating two meetings where residents can hear jointly from both boards as to the contents and benefits of the Management Agreement.

Insurance Meeting: Director Mike Pula reported that HG's insurance vendor recently provided an analysis of the current insurance market and where that may be going for 2027. He noted that the vendor is projecting at this time that the market is looking positive, and moving forward to HG insurance for 2027, it may mean that insurance premiums stay the same as current or with only a small increase.

Heather Gardens Association Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is slated for Tuesday, July 28, at the Clubhouse Board Room. Residents are encouraged to attend by Zoom or in person. A packet of materials is posted to the website under Meetings a day prior to the meeting. It includes agenda, minutes of the last meeting, committee reports and upcoming motions. Visit HeatherGardens.org.

Rendezvous Restaurant

Driving What's Next!

Thank you to the 750 residents who completed the recent Rendezvous Restaurant survey. Your feedback provides a clear picture of how the restaurant is being used today and what improvements would make it a more appealing dining option for the community.

Many residents reported dining never, rarely, or only occasionally. The most common reasons were pricing, limited menu variety, or dietary needs that aren't clearly accommodated. Requests included vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, low sodium, and diabetic friendly options, along with interest in a set of rotating healthier dishes.

Communication emerged as a key theme. While residents hear about the restaurant through *Heather 'n Yon*, Piler emails, ARs, flyers, and lobby digital boards, many said they still do not hear enough about current offerings.

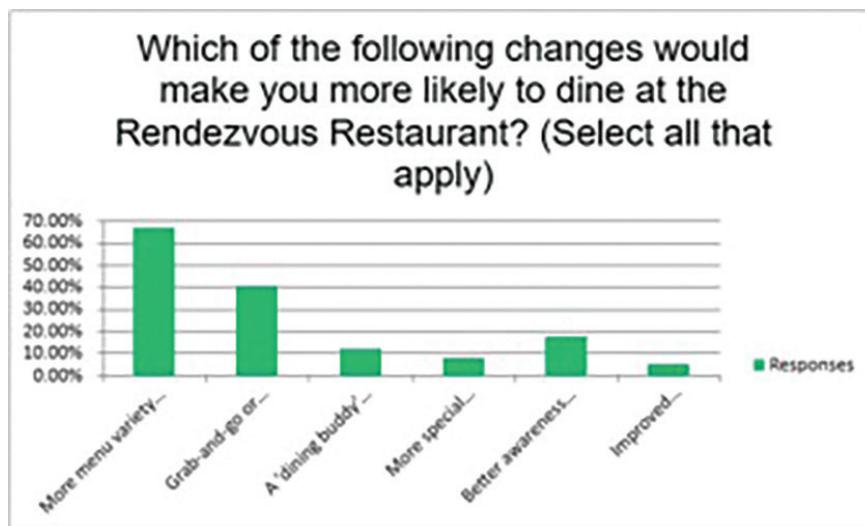
Transportation is not a barrier for most, though a few residents noted distance or mobility challenges.



Residents expressed interest in grab and go or takeout, meal delivery at a reasonable price of \$8–\$12 per meal, themed dinners, and a “dining buddy” program for solo diners. Open ended comments also highlighted the desire for clearer menus and hours, lower cost options, daily happy hour food specials, healthier dishes, and improved accessibility.

These insights will guide the Restaurant Committee and the new Restaurant Manager as they plan future improvements.

The full survey results have been added to our HG News YouTube channel which you can find by using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT4xQo9Jp04> or scan the QR Code



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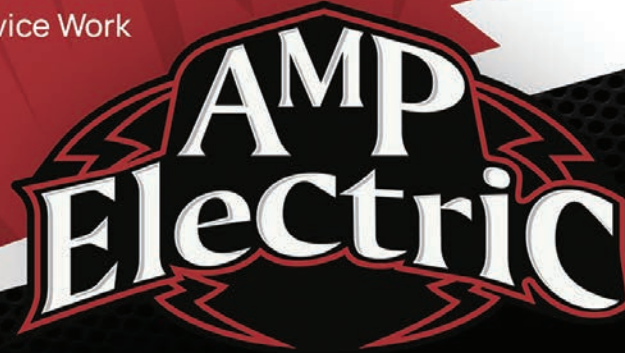
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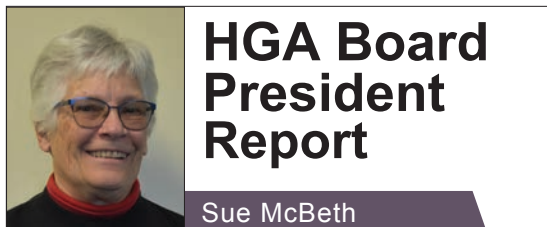
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anniversary is a meaningful moment to come together, honor our history, celebrate what makes Colorado unique, and look ahead as we continue building stronger, more connected communities. If that isn't enough, Heather Gardens recently celebrated 50 years as a Community.

During all of these historic times, commitment to help build the future is a key component. With respect to that commitment, I am asking all Heather Gardens residents to strongly consider running for the HGA Board. This is NOT a full-time job, it is a few hours a month. If you aren't ready for the board yet, then please consider joining a committee. Committee work is the mainstay of the Board. Heather Gardens needs the experience, ability, and insights that only you can bring. Please help us to keep moving forward to make our community the best place to live!

Leadership Meeting Notes:

1. Matt Martella started as the Operations Manager on June 1. His main focus will be coordinating the efforts of Maintenance, Golf & Landscape, Contracts, and Custodial Services. A new organization chart is on the website.
2. A new Security Manager, Christopher Villones, joined our team on June 22.
3. Interviews for a new Restaurant Manager were scheduled.
4. A discussion of Google Fiber pros and cons took place.

Town Hall Meeting

Greg Kohr, our Golf Pro, gave a very informative presentation about the Golf Course operations. He discussed increased usage and increased revenue.

Other items discussed at the meeting:

- The Water Conservation Committee (WCC) has developed a tagline – “Water Conservation, join the 20% Club”; let's all make sure we reduce our water consumption by 20% this summer to help during drought conditions!
- Work is being done to fix the retention pond and repair the brown fence structure that was damaged by a tree falling on it.

Please submit any topics you would like to have discussed/presented at these meetings. Send ideas to the Town Hall email: management@heathergardensmail.com; subject line: Town Hall Topic

Board Meeting Actions

- Two new Board Members were appointed: Chuck Cram and Bill Wixted. They replace Sid Vollema and Linda Hileman.
- The 2027 Budget meeting schedule was approved.
- The name of the Community Engagement and Communication Committee (CECC) was changed to Communications Committee.
- Publishing printed copies of the Directory for 2026 was discussed. The number of copies to be printed will be determined by using a pre-order process.

Until next time, I leave you with this quote from the Colorado 150th Celebration Group: “Happy 150th to the only state where we playfully celebrate a twin anniversary just so we can force everyone to say sesquicentennial!”

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A Note from the Editor

Hello, Heather Gardens!

This summer brings plenty to celebrate. Communities across the country are marking America's 250th birthday, while here in Colorado we're looking ahead to our state's 150th anniversary this August. Add in the excitement of the FIFA World Cup, and it's a season filled with opportunities to celebrate history, community, and the connections that bring us together.

Every issue of *Heather 'n Yon* is created with one goal in mind: to keep the HG community informed, engaged, and entertained. We strive to share the stories, events, accomplishments, and people that make Heather Gardens such a wonderful place to call home.

Thank you for allowing us to bring these stories to your doorstep each month. As you turn the pages of this issue, I hope you discover something that makes you smile, teaches you something new, or inspires you to get involved.

Enjoy the summer, celebrate the little joys, and as always, thank you for reading *Heather 'n Yon*.

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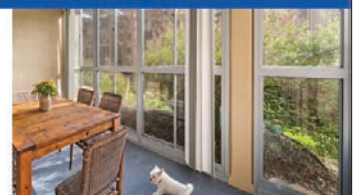


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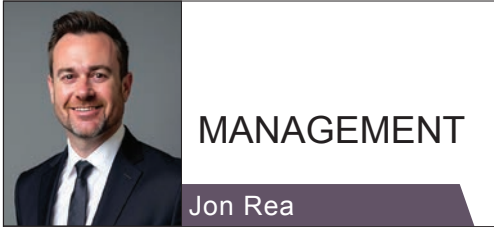

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Choosing Civility Every Day

One of the things I appreciate most about Heather Gardens is the people.

Every day, I have the privilege of interacting with residents, employees, volunteers, committee members, and guests throughout our community. In those interactions, I see countless examples of kindness, patience, generosity, and people genuinely looking out for one another. I see neighbors helping neighbors, volunteers dedicating their time to improving our community, and employees working hard to provide service and support.

Those moments often happen quietly, but they are what make Heather Gardens special.

As a community of 3,000 residents, we bring together people with different backgrounds, experiences, opinions, and perspectives. That diversity is one of our strengths. It also means that from time to time, disagreements, frustrations, and misunderstandings are inevitable.

What matters most is how we choose to respond.

Over the past several months, I have had the opportunity to observe hundreds of interactions throughout Heather Gardens. The overwhelming majority are positive. But I have also seen situations where a little more patience, a different tone, or a willingness to listen could have completely changed the outcome of a conversation.

In many cases, the difference between conflict and resolution is not the issue itself. It is how we engage with one another.

Since returning as General Manager, I have often encouraged our team to choose conversation over confrontation. Most concerns can be resolved more effectively when people feel heard and when we focus on solutions rather than escalation. We do not always have to agree, but we can always choose to be respectful and constructive.

It is also worth remembering that we rarely know the full story of what another person may be carrying. A resident may be facing health challenges, caring for a loved one, or dealing with personal loss. An employee may be managing responsibilities both at work and at home. Sometimes people are simply having a difficult day.

A little grace can go a long way.

Civility Is a Shared Responsibility

Civility is not the responsibility of the Board. It is not the responsibility of management. It is not the responsibility of "someone else." It belongs to all of us.

Every interaction is an opportunity to either strengthen our community or diminish it. Every conversation is a chance to build trust, understanding, and respect.

Being civil does not mean avoiding difficult conversations or lowering standards. It does not mean agreeing with everyone or remaining silent when concerns need to be addressed.

Healthy communities depend on respectful disagreement. We can ask questions, raise concerns, express different opinions, and hold one another accountable while still treating each other with dignity and respect.

Civility is not about whether we engage. It is about how we engage.

Simple Ways We Can All Contribute

- Listen first. Seek to understand before responding.
- Assume positive intent. Most people are trying to do the right thing.
- Practice patience. Whether in a meeting, at the restaurant, with Maintenance, or in everyday conversations, patience changes the tone.
- Respect differences. We will not always agree, and that is okay.
- Bring concerns forward constructively. Calm, respectful communication leads to better outcomes.
- Show appreciation. A simple thank you can have a lasting impact.
- Be a good neighbor. Small acts of kindness strengthen our community.

Heather Gardens has never been defined solely by its buildings, amenities, programs, or activities. It is defined by the people who call it home and by how we choose to treat one another.

As we move into July and celebrate Independence Day with friends, family, and neighbors, I encourage all of us to reflect on the role we each play in shaping the culture of our community.

One simple principle has guided me throughout my life: *Treat people the way you want to be treated.*

If we lead with patience instead of reaction, understanding instead of assumption, and respect instead of hostility, we will continue to preserve and strengthen what makes Heather Gardens such a special place to live.

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Bit Parts and Stunts: an HG Resident's Fond Memories of Hollywood

"There are no small parts, only small actors."

— *Konstantin Stanislavski, Russian stage actor and director, who developed the "Stanislavski Method," or method acting.*

We've all been there: you're in the produce section of the grocery store, checking the firmness of apples. You take little notice of other shoppers. Suddenly, though, a face stands out. You can't put a name to the face, but you just know you've seen it before! You struggle to place it, but you can't remember where or when you saw it.

You might get that feeling if you see Charles ("Chuck") Martinez.

Chuck and wife Colleen are Heather Gardens residents, but for years the couple lived in the Los Angeles area, where both held "regular" jobs—but where Chuck also made his mark in Hollywood. Chuck's roles as actor and stuntman never made him a household name, but his performances made him a valued member of the cast.



Chuck Martinez at home in Heather Gardens.

Getting his start in Hollywood.

Martinez's journey to Hollywood was not straightforward. After graduating from high school in Pueblo, Colorado, he took some college classes and worked on the railroad. He studied martial arts, earning black belts—and national recognition—in judo and in Tae Kwon Do. While working at the Denver Central YMCA, he met Colleen, who worked as a lifeguard. They quickly hit it off. Not long afterward, they married. Chuck applied for regional YMCA director positions that opened up, but was passed over (in his view, unfairly). He and Colleen decided a change of setting was in order. They moved to Westchester, a Los Angeles-area community near the airport.

The change of setting worked. "I got a job as the youth program director for the Westchester YMCA," Martinez says. After a year, he got work as a security officer—and later, supervisor—for the famous Playboy Mansion, located near Beverly Hills (for a time Colleen worked there too, as an accountant).

Martinez knew some "karate guys" who had done some acting, so he joined the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and got an agent. "Production companies send out a list of [acting] jobs and descriptions of characters to licensed agents," he explains. "The agents read them over, then figure out which of their actors might be able to get [the role]." Auditions are scheduled—and because multiple agents send multiple actors, auditions are usually packed with aspiring stars, all of them vying for a single role. Martinez's ethnic good looks limited the types of roles he would read for, but he dutifully competed with "30 guys who looked like me" to get one.

Getting his start. His first paid role came in 1984, as a maintenance guy in an episode of General Hospital. He laughs as he recites his lines from that episode: "Just now fixing the vent, everything's fine."



Martinez is a defendant on trial in a 1989 episode of Matlock

Martinez earned roles in many other TV series. In a Matlock episode titled "The Captain" he appeared as the defendant in a trial.

He played a prison camp guard in the "Thief of Budapest" episode of MacGyver. He also appeared in the TV series Roswell (as a school custodian), Renegade (as a Mexican cop), House of Frankenstein (as a shoe store manager), 7th Heaven (as a judge), and Philly (as jury foreman).



Martinez (holding rifle) in an episode of MacGyver.

Martinez also appears on the big screen in a number of movies. In 1986 the movie Vendetta came out. In it, a woman commits a crime so that she will go to prison—where she can avenge the death of her sister, who was killed by fellow inmates. At one point in the film, the avenging sister is assaulted in her cell by Martinez's character. She fights back.

"I play a sleazy prison guard named Willis," Martinez recounts.



In Vendetta, Martinez played a sleazy prison guard

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"The 'bad girl' had sent me to her cell to kill her. I was kind of searching her, and she brings her foot up and kicks me in the back. I fell hard ... then we're fighting. I throw a big punch, and she grabs me by the crotch ... " Chuck and his wife Colleen attended the film premiere at a rundown theater in Hollywood, and he says that during that scene, an old woman behind them yelled "Tear his balls off!" Chuck whispered to Colleen, "I think we better move!" He laughs.

On set with Hollywood heavyweights. No famous actors appeared in Vendetta, but Martinez landed bit roles in films that featured Hollywood heavyweights. The 1996 film "Up Close and Personal" starred Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer (Martinez played a "focus group member"). The 1997 comedy "8 Heads in a Duffel Bag" featured Joe Pesci, George Hamilton, and

Dyan Cannon (Martinez played a customs officer). Martinez also had a small role as a "Panamanian banker" in the 2001 movie "Blow," starring Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz.



In 8 Heads in a Duffel Bag, Martinez played a perplexed customs officer.

One of Martinez's most distinctive roles was in the 1991 movie Nothing But Trouble. The dark comedy's cast included Chevy Chase, John Candy, and Demi Moore. Martinez played a "mutant baby from hell," which required him to wear a 60-pound, full-body suit that was cooled by circulated water.

Martinez remembers an encounter with Demi Moore that he had while he and another actor were encased in their hot, cumbersome suits:



Martinez (to reader's left, Demi Moore's right) donned a full-body suit to play a mutant baby in the 1991 film Nothing But Trouble.

"We were finishing up the night shoot. They called it a wrap, and we were waiting for the bus to take us to a base camp. We were second in line [for the first bus] and Demi and her friends were ahead of us. She turned around and looked at us and said 'Oh, for God's sake, you guys take this bus.' I said, 'No, Miss Moore, you better take it, you're the star.' [She said] 'Oh, get on the bus, we'll take the second one.'"

"What a nice lady," Martinez declares. "I never forgot that."

Martinez remembers other actors who were professionals on the set, and nice people away from it: David Carradine, Johnny Depp, George Hamilton, and the late John Candy ("one of the nicest men I ever met"). Martinez also recounts a couple "famous actor encounters" on TV and movie sets that weren't so pleasant—on Nothing But Trouble, and as a stuntman on a shoot in Hawaii for the TV series The Raven. But I won't name names.



In a 1999 episode of the TV series Roswell, Martinez (left) played a school custodian.

Looking back. It's been years since Chuck and Colleen Martinez moved back to the Denver area. It's been years since Chuck had an acting or stunt role on a TV or movie set. "Would you say you were really bitten by the acting bug?" I ask him of his time in The City of Angels.

"I'd give anything to go back," Martinez says wistfully. "I had such a wonderful time. The other actors bitched and cried but I loved every minute of it. I never left the set. I sat there, and I watched everybody. They never had to look for Charles Martinez. I was right there."

To see a partial list of Chuck Martinez's TV and film roles, go to IMDB.com and search "Charles Martiniz" ("the California DMV misspelled my name," Martinez explains). Certain of the TV series and movies listed are available on different streaming services.

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Wed 1	Tennis Club (every Wed) Ladies Golf Cribbage (every Wed) Duplicate Bridge/ACBL (every Wed) Men's Poker (every Wed) Woodshop Club Rummikub (every Wed) CP1 Square Dance (1st & 3rd Wed)	Tennis Courts Golf Course Sunburst Cafe Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Skyview Room Lodgepole Lounge Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	8am 8:30am 12:30-3pm 1pm 12:30-5pm 1pm 1-3pm 5:30pm 7-9pm
Thu 2	Tai Chi (every Thurs) Optimist Club (1st & 3rd Thurs) TOPS (every Thurs) Fun Gals Golf (every Thurs) The Green Team Pickleball - Advanced (every Thurs) Writers Club Bunco (1st & 3rd Thurs) Social Bridge (every Thurs) Ping Pong (every Thurs) Tennis Club (every Thurs) Samba (every Thurs) Kiwanis Club of Aurora (1st & 3rd Thurs) Men's Billiards (every Thurs)	Tennis Courts Rendezvous Blue Spruce Room Golf Course Clubhouse Tennis Courts Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Game Room Tennis Courts Skyview Room Skyview Room Billiards Room	8-11am 8:30am 8:30-9:30am 9am 10am-12pm 8am-12pm 1-3pm 1-3:30pm 1-3:30pm 2pm 5-7pm 5-9pm 6pm 6pm
Fri 3	Men's Golf Tennis Club (every Fri) Pickleball - Intermediate (every Friday) Men with Purpose (1st & 3rd Fri) Texas Hold'em (every Fri)	Golf Course Tennis Courts Tennis Courts Skyview Room Mountain View Room	7:30am 8am 8am-12pm 10-11am 12:30-5pm
Sat 4	Pickleball - Open Play (1st & 3rd Sat) Mexican Train Dominoes (every Sat) Ping Pong (every Sat) Karaoke Club	Tennis Courts Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	8am-12pm 12-3pm 2pm 3-5pm
Sun 5	Pickleball - Open Play (1st & 3rd Sun)	Tennis Courts	8am-12pm
Mon 6	Tennis Club (every Mon) Men's Bridge (every Mon) Book Club Spanish Club (every Mon) Texas Hold'em (every Mon) Mah Jongg (every Mon) Game Changers (every Mon)	Tennis Courts Skyview Room Mountain View Room & Library Library Mountain View Room Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room	8am 10am-12pm 10:30am & 1pm 11am-12pm 12:30-5pm 1-4pm 3-5pm



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Wed 8	Red Hattitudes Personal Protection for Seniors Aviation Club	Rendezvous Game Room Aspen Room	12:30pm 3pm 7pm
Fri 10	Indivisible HG	HG Library	11:30am-12:50pm
Sat 11	The Breakfast Club Voice of Residents	Rendezvous Mountain View Room	8:30am 3-4:30pm
Mon 13	Aging Strong in HG	Aspen Room	2:30pm
Tue 14	CP2 Sevillians Torah Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Columbine Room TBD	5-8pm 5pm 6:30-8pm
Wed 15	Introduction to MahJongg class	Skyview Room	1-3pm
Thur 16	Social Justice Discussion Music Video Bingo HG Republicans	Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Arts & Crafts Room	10am-12pm 3pm 3-4:30pm
Fri 17	Bingo	Arts & Crafts Room	1-3pm
Sat 18	Wine and Cheese Social	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3-5pm
Tue 21	Caregivers Support Group Frolics: "Surfs Up, Mic's On."	Aspen Room Rendezvous	2-4pm 4pm
Thu 23	Heather Gardens Pub Crawl	Sandberg Auditorium	1:30pm
Sat 25	National Federation of the Blind The Sounds of Jazz	Mountain View Room Sandberg Auditorium	10:30am-12:30pm 5:30pm
Mon 27	SRA Board Low Vision Support Group Garden Club	TBD Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room	1pm 1:30pm 6pm
Tue 28	HG Democrats	Sandberg Auditorium	4-5:30pm

See pages 22, 30 & 34 for more information on Events, Clubs and Recreation

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AUGUST CALENDAR: CLUBS, RECREATION & EVENTS

Sat 1	Pickleball - Open Play (1st & 3rd Sat) Mexican Train Dominoes (every Sat) Ping Pong (every Sat) Karaoke Club	Tennis Courts Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	8am-12pm 12-3pm 2pm 3-5pm
Sun 2	Pickleball - Open Play (1st & 3rd Sun)	Tennis Courts	8am-12pm
Mon 3	Tennis Club (every Mon) Men's Bridge (every Mon) Book Club Spanish Club (every Mon) Texas Hold'em (every Mon) Mah Jongg (every Mon) Game Changers (every Mon)	Tennis Courts Skyview Room Mountain View Room & Library Library Mountain View Room Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room	8am 10am-12pm 10:30am & 1pm 11am-12pm 12:30-5pm 1-4pm 3-5pm
Tue 4	Pickleball - Open Play (every Tues) Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tues) Mah Jongg (every Tues) Ping Pong (every Tues) Tennis Club (every Tues) Billiard Club (every Tues)	Tennis Courts Mountain View Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Tennis Courts Billiards Room	8am-12pm 12-4pm 1-4pm 2pm 5-7pm 6:30pm
Wed 5	Tennis Club (every Wed) Ladies Golf Cribbage (every Wed) Duplicate Bridge/ACBL (every Wed) Men's Poker (every Wed) Woodshop Club Rummikub (every Wed) CP1 Square Dance (1st & 3rd Wed)	Tennis Courts Golf Course Sunburst Cafe Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Skyview Room Lodgepole Lounge Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	8am 8:30am 12:30-3pm 1pm 12:30-5pm 1pm 1-3pm 5:30pm 7-9pm
Thu 6	Tai Chi (every Thurs) Optimist Club (1st & 3rd Thurs) TOPS (every Thurs) Fun Gals Golf (every Thurs) The Green Team Pickleball - Advanced (every Thurs) Bunco (1st & 3rd Thurs) Social Bridge (every Thurs) Ping Pong (every Thurs) Tennis Club (every Thurs) Samba (every Thurs) Kiwanis Club of Aurora (1st & 3rd Thurs) Men's Billiards (every Thurs)	Tennis Courts Rendezvous Blue Spruce Room Golf Course Clubhouse Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Game Room Tennis Courts Skyview Room Skyview Room Billiards Room	8-11am 8:30am 8:30-9:30am 9am 10am-12pm 8am-12pm 1-3:30pm 1-3:30pm 2pm 5-7pm 5-9pm 6pm 6pm
Fri 7	Men's Golf Tennis Club (every Fri) Pickleball - Intermediate (every Friday) Men with Purpose (1st & 3rd Fri) Texas Hold'em (every Fri)	Golf Course Tennis Courts Tennis Courts Skyview Room Mountain View Room	7:30am 8am 8am-12pm 10-11am 12:30-5pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, July 6: Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday by appt.), Arts & Crafts Room, 9am-12pm (see ad p. 47)
 Fri & Sat, July 10 & 11: HG Flea Market & Book Sale, HG Clubhouse, 9am-3pm (see ad. p. 4)
 Sat, July 25: Antique Appraisal event, HG Library, 10am-2pm (see ad p. 9)

Letters

Heather 'n Yon,

Heather Gardens is a wonderful place to live for many reasons, but the most significant is the quality of our residents and the abundance of our volunteers.

Our volunteers are a remarkable group. By sharing your skills, expertise, and talents through countless hours of labor and dedication, you make Heather Gardens the enjoyable, comfortable, resort-style home that it is.

Your impact is felt throughout the entire community—from our residential buildings and clubhouse to our grounds. We truly value how you support both the residents and our staff.

Thank you for your outstanding contributions and for making Heather Gardens such an exceptional place to spend our "golden years."

Best regards,
-Donna Morin Bld. 203

Heather 'n Yon,

I want to express my approval of the summer family pool hours which are 10-12 Monday-Friday for the outdoor pool and 2-4 on the weekends for the indoor pool. It is such a relief to be able to visit the outdoor pool with no kids, only residents.

On the warm weather days, the outdoor pool is packed with residents. I spoke to several residents at the pool, and they are in total agreement of the new family pool hours.

It is about time that the hours reflect the needs of the residents who pay HOA dues to maintain the pools and allow them to enjoy the pool without any distractions. I also really appreciate the ability to order food and drink from Rendezvous to enjoy pool side.

This is one of the perks of being 55+ and living in HG to enjoy the peace and quiet of the pool in the summer and purchase food to enjoy at the pool. I really hope these hours continue throughout

the summer months. We only have about 4 months to enjoy the outdoor pool and I am glad that we are catering to the needs of the residents and not to visiting grandchildren. There are several pools in the Aurora area that cater to families with children like Meadow Hills, Del Mar Pool, Hampden Heights and Aviator Pool where families can go and spend all day for one small fee. Thank you to the Club house manager that set these hours.

-Colleen Bergner, B223

Heather 'n Yon,

As a resident of Heather Gardens for the past seven years, I have been encouraged to see so many neighbors making a conscious effort to conserve water, both at home and through our HG Garden Club.

Aurora's reservoir system is currently about 55% full, significantly below the 10-year average of 74%. Those numbers serve as a reminder that water is a precious resource and that conservation remains important. In our own home, we have installed water-efficient toilets, replaced showerheads with low-flow models, and shortened our showers. We also collect the water that runs while waiting for it to warm and use it to water our plants, most of which are vegetables grown on our lanai. Small actions may seem insignificant on their own, but collectively they can make a

meaningful difference.

I would especially like to recognize our HG Garden Club President Nancy Linsenbiger for her leadership and dedication. She has worked diligently to ensure that our gardens remain productive while embracing responsible water-use practices. Her efforts exemplify the thoughtful stewardship that makes our community special.

Heather Gardens itself deserves recognition as well for its ongoing commitment to reducing water consumption while preserving the beauty of our grounds. By working together and doing our part, we can continue to enjoy the natural beauty of our community while helping to safeguard this vital resource for the future.

Karen Dovel Parker, B218

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

Word Limit: 300

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Thank you!



Garden Club Open House

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Aging Strong in Heather Gardens

Aging Strong meets 2nd Monday of the month, 2:30 pm in the Aspen Room. Contact the club leaders by email at agingstronghg@gmail.com. Website: AgingStrongHG.wixsite.com/agingstrong. If you have any questions, please call 720-772-9018. We're here to help! -Carla Wilson, Publicity Team Lead

Aviation Club

The HG Aviation Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Aspen Room in the clubhouse. All you need to join is an interest in aviation ... you do not have to be a veteran, or a pilot or aircrew or any military, just have a keen interest in aviation. We cover civil aviation as well as military. --Rudy Morris, 720-995-0484, rudymorris4@gmail.com

Book Club

The Heather Gardens Women's Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month to discuss the chosen book of the Month. Book Club No.1 meets in the Library at 1:00 p.m. Book Club No 2 meets in the Mountain View Room at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to see which books each Club will be reading in 2026, a list of Clubs No. 1 and 2 Titles is in the Book Club mail slot in the clubhouse. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, call Janet Arce at (720) 774-3368 for the 10:30 a.m. group, or Joanne Urias at (251) 518-5781 for the 1:00 p.m. group.

The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus meets at 8:30 am on the second Saturday in Rendezvous Restaurant for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is

\$20. TBC has grown in the past 20 years — it has three other chapters along the Front Range. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour. Each month, there are also different activities planned, such as museums, sports events, plays, concerts, and day trips, to name a few. Come see! — Suzanne Harnes

CP1

We have Happy Hours on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms, where you are encouraged to bring your own drink and shareable snack. -Susan Osman, susanosman21@gmail.com.

CP2

We meet the second Tuesday of the month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce rooms from 5 - 8 pm in February and October. These are BYO drinks and a dish to share events. In April, August and December, we will be meeting in the Rendezvous from 4:30 – 7 pm. Drinks and food as well as tax and tip are at your own expense. In June, we meet in the Picnic Pavilion. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Koscove, AR Representative for CP-2, at 720-314-1584.

CP4

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

Caregivers Support Group

The HG Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Aspen Room, from 2 - 4 pm. All caregivers are welcome. We will have a special guest

speaker at our July 21 meeting: Karen Waanders with Volunteers in Action. Questions? Call Nancy Fuhr at 303-337-4890.

Democrats/HG

The Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, usually in the auditorium, from 4 - 5:30 pm. The club stands for the Constitution, the rule of law, and GOOD GOVERNMENT. You don't have to be registered as a Democrat nor live in Heather Gardens. Our meetings are free and open to the public. Our July meeting will be a discussion of the issues that will be on the ballot in November, and perhaps some candidates. In August, we will have our annual potluck picnic in the picnic pavilion. In September, we will host a bi-partisan candidate forum. Please join us for the meeting and for a lively discussion over dinner in the Rendezvous after the meeting.- Marty Karnopp, Chair. 303-353-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com.

Frolics

Members and guests are welcome to attend "All Shook Up - Elvis Tribute Show" at the Parker Arts Culture Center on Saturday, July 18, 2 pm. Tickets - \$45. Contact Arlene Krell, 720-284-9774. Interested in auditioning on Sunday, July 19, for the 2026 Summer Production "Soaring Again"? Contact Bernie Hupperts, 715-617-9468. Make reservations to see the Frolics Traveling Troupe perform at the Rendezvous on Tuesday, July 21, 4 pm - "Surfs Up, Mic's On." Interested in becoming a member? Only one requirement - you MUST want to have FUN! Contact Frolics Ambassador Tina McLaughlin, 720-280-1947.

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Garden Club

The Garden Club's summer Open House at the HG garden plots on Marina Drive June 20 was a show of growing vegetables and flowering plants with less water. Visitors who came to the open house event were surprised at the variety of healthy plants in so many diverse plots, as well as the table full of delicious food for their early-morning snacks. The Garden Club members support Heather Gardens' 20 Percent Club and are dedicated to reducing water usage through mindful gardening. Members have minimized water usage by installing drip lines to water only plants and not their entire plot, are not watering from 10 am to 6 pm to avoid water loss through evaporation, using mulch to help maintain soil moisture, and more. Club volunteers are setting an example with a new demonstration garden plot and a special plot that provides fresh herbs to Rendezvous Restaurant. The Open House event was the June meeting of the Club and the July meeting will be back on the schedule of the last Monday of each month. All interested gardeners are invited to join us at 6 pm in the Blue Spruce Room on July 27. For more information or to join the Garden Club email list, contact Nancy Linsenbigler, President, at cell/text 720-9332-6990.

The Green Team

Did you know our HG Maintenance Dept. will take all used light bulbs? Fluorescent, incandescent, and L.E.D. bulbs can be taken to door #1 of the Maintenance building from Monday to Friday between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm. Please DO NOT THROW them in the trash. Think about our trash collectors getting cut or injured by broken glass before you toss them out. We meet monthly from 10:00 to Noon on the first Thursday, in the clubhouse. Call (303) 587-9797 for information. W. Pfaffhausen

Heather Gardens Singers

Do you enjoy singing? Come join the HG Singers chorus where all skill levels are welcome. We

rehearse in the Skyview room from 1-2:30 pm on Tuesdays. We are nearing the end of our season. We will be taking a summer break starting June 23 and we will resume on September 9. Now is a great time to let us know you are interested by calling the number listed below. For more details call Tom Kappel 720-377-5756.

High Twelve Club #11 Masonic Club/HG

High Twelve Club #11, a Masonic Club at Heather Gardens, meets every 4th Wednesday (3rd Wednesday in November and December) at Rendezvous Restaurant at 11 am. The club invites all Masons and friends to these open luncheons where there is usually a guest speaker. The club is "dark" June, July, and August. High Twelve International supports students at George Washington University in a Master's program so as to serve in public service. Members include a retired attorney, retired teachers, retired police officer, retired Air Force and Army gentlemen, and many more! The contact is Walter Martin at 303-810-6189 for more information.

Indivisible/HG/Aurora

Heather Gardens / Aurora Indivisible meets the 2nd Friday of each month, 11:30 am – 12:50 pm, in the HG Library (Media Room). You are welcome to join us for lunch afterward at Rendezvous. Connected to over 1,200 groups nationwide, Heather Gardens Indivisible is a community of neighbors who choose to make a difference in the world, addressing the many problems we see with positive, forward-thinking actions. We address issues that concern us, such as wealth inequality, racial injustice, environmental threats, women's reproductive rights, gun safety, etc., with both education and action. Although people of any political affiliation are welcome, our approach is progressive. Whether you can regularly attend the meetings or not, you are welcome to also sign up for our newsletter of information and action items. For more information, please contact Colleen Cussick at redhdcoll@gmail.com

Karaoke Club

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

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

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

Lifelong Learners

Lifelong Learners are taking the summer off. We will be back in the fall with new classes including more legal and medical experts visiting Heather Gardens. Look for the Classes and Activities publication for the Fall term.

Low Vision Support Group

Low Vision Support Group meets on the fourth Monday of the month (July 27) in the Aspen Room, 1:30 pm. Questions? Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224

Meet & Schmooze

HG Meet & Schmooze is a group of Jewish residents that meet at least quarterly. Other events are planned on an ad hoc basis. The group is primarily social and meets either in the Aspen/Blue Spruce rooms or the Rendezvous. We bring snacks, have speakers, celebrate holidays or just enjoy the company. Anyone can plan an event. For information contact Myra Lansky, myralansky@gmail.com.

Men with Purpose

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

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National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter

Meet other blind and low vision at the monthly meeting held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Mountain View room from 10:30-12:30 pm. We discuss changes in legislation and government programs such as transportation, insurance, and more that affect us and how to effect change. Contact Peggy Chong, B220, 303-745-0473.

Optimist Club

The club meets on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous Restaurant. Continental Breakfast 8:30 am / Meeting at 9 am. A continental breakfast buffet is \$10 per person. Optimist Clubs are dedicated to "bringing out the best in kids" through various service projects. We welcome anyone interested in finding out more. Contact Sue Brandreth, 248-701-9263 with questions.

Personal Protection for Seniors

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 3 pm in the Game (or Ping Pong) Room, unless otherwise specified. We discuss, share, learn and practice ways to avoid attacks at our age. We are lucky to have a highly qualified martial arts instructor who is very aware of our limitations. No big kicks, punches, breaking things, or throws to the ground. Don't be intimidated, be empowered! See what you can learn. Melissa 303-332-3180 and Ditto 720-495-2067.

Red Hattitudes

The Red Hattitudes continue to meet at the Rendezvous for lunch on the second Wednesday of each month, but have gone back to the old time of 12:30 p.m. The Red Hat Society is a non-political, non-sectarian, group of ladies who like to wear purple outfits with a Red Hat or Fascinator, but remember, when it is your birthday month you reverse the color (red clothing and a purple hat). Please email Janet Arce at: arcej1946@gmail.com or call (720) 774-3368.

Republican / We the People Club

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." ~ Ronald Reagan, March 30, 1961 ~ We are conservative-minded individuals who believe in the US Constitution, practical governance, Biblical values, and the protection of life and liberty. We provide reliable resources and timely information to keep informed about events and topics affecting our community, state, and nation. We meet on the third Thursday monthly in the Arts and Crafts room from 3 - 4:30 pm. All are welcome to attend our Guest Speaker events and meetings.

UPCOMING DATES

July 16: Lori Gimelshteyn is the executive director of the Colorado Parent Advocacy Network (CPAN), which supports families in education, health care, and government systems. Lori will be providing an update about the recent federal investigation into Cherry Creek School District's discriminatory practices.
August 20: Regular Meeting 3 - 4:30 pm, Arts and Crafts Room. For more information contact Wendy Hollister at whmar90@gmail.com or text at 720-446-7778.

Sevillians

Sevillians Dinner, Buildings 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, and 236. The Sevillians dinner has changed to the second Tuesday of the month in the Columbine Room of the Rendezvous Restaurant at 5 pm. Please email Janet Arce at: arcej1946@gmail.com or call (720) 774-3368 if you would like to be placed on the invitation list.

Singles Club/OPOCS

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

Social Justice Discussion

You are invited to participate in "Unpacking the Society in Which We Live" roundtable discussion on Thursday, July 16, 10 am - 12

noon in the Blue Spruce Room. Our purpose is to effect change in behaviors through understanding, increasing our awareness, expanding our knowledge, fostering reconciliation, and sharing stories of equity or inequity; inclusion or exclusion. Our speaker will be Thomas Entzminger, President of the Black Genealogy Search Group of Denver. His topic is: "Tracing Our Heritage: African American Genealogy: Discovering Family, Reclaiming History." Free Equal Justice Initiative Calendars will be available. Your presence is valued. Co-facilitators: Diane Pritchard dianekpritchard@gmail.com: Myria Giles @gmail.com: Renee Gillis gillisreneej@hotmail.com

Spanish Club (Club en Español)

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

SRA Board

The Seville Recreational Association Board meets the fourth Monday of every month at 1 pm in a different Seville building's library. We welcome all Seville residents to attend with questions or thoughts. For time and location, please contact your AR or Seville building representative. — Questions? Call Vickie Wolfe, president, 360-589-9502.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS Club international has helped people release, and keep off, unwanted pounds. We're all about healthy living from the inside, out. It's a holistic approach to wellness. No fad diets. No gimmicks. No shortcuts. With us, it all comes down to accountability, unwavering support and top-tier resources. In-person meetings are at the core of what we do, and who we are, as an organization. TOPS was built on peer-to-peer gatherings. Every Thursday morning, our weight recorders are available with the scale for weigh-ins at 7:45 am, then we meet from 8:30-9:30, Blue Spruce Room. Our club members rotate to present

programs, which are usually health related. Included in our club are several members who have achieved the status of KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) members who have met their weight loss goals. While all our current members are women, men are welcome. Guests are always welcome to visit our meetings. For further information, contact Lisa Jackson 469-323-5434 or Mljackson81@gmail.com.

Torah Club

We meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the clubhouse in a room TBD. The club is for Jewish and Christian women to discuss the five books of Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. We will follow the weekly Parashat (portions) that Jewish people use all over the world. Please contact Trish Patterson at 301-802-7390.

Voice For Residents Forum

Fostering community engagement, education, and communications

on current issues involving Heather Gardens residents, leadership and management. Saturday, July 11, 3 - 4:30 pm, in the Clubhouse Mountain View Room. Questions, comments, please contact Marilyn Macdonald at thevoiceforresidentsforum@gmail.com

Wine and Cheese Social

Held every 3rd Saturday at 3-5 pm in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Enjoy LIVE music with Shel and Lynn. They play your favorite tunes while you munch on goodies and have a beverage of choice. FREE FUN event with friends and neighbors on a nice Saturday afternoon!

Woodshop Club

The Woodshop Club promotes use of the woodshop and better care of the equipment, focuses on safety within the woodshop, and helps develop new woodworking classes, fellowship, and training. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 1 pm, Skyview Room. Member experience varies from beginner

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level to experienced woodworking individuals. You are invited to join this great energetic club, and have an opportunity to share your ideas and initiatives relating to woodworking. Come learn why the members all love working with wood — from designing writing pens to wall hangings and furniture. Direct questions to President John Sinning at heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com.

Writers Club

Do you want to write your memoirs? Have you put poems or prose to paper? Have you thought of writing a book, but didn't think you could? Come meet with other writers at the HG Writers Club. Join us on Thursdays, 1-3 pm, Skyview Room. The club meets irregularly June-August, then back to weekly in September. Summer dates are: July 2, July 30, Aug 13, Aug 27. Club contact: Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608.

Beautiful Spaces and Smart Savings

Are you thinking of adding a splash of color to your lanai, patio, or indoor spaces this season? It's possible to have vibrant pots of color that can withstand the summer heat, and still conserve water.

Do what many of our neighbors have already discovered: using indoor/outdoor UV-protected, fade-resistant faux flowers instead of real ones.

Today's faux plants have an incredibly life-like look, but they are engineered specifically to withstand intense Colorado sunlight and outdoor conditions without losing their vibrant colors. It's a simple switch that eliminates the need for watering entirely—proof that we can have stunning pots and gardens while doing our part to conserve water.

If you want to try this out, you can find a wide variety of affordable high-quality, weather-resistant faux plants at most major retailers, including Amazon, Hobby Lobby,



An elegant arrangement outside building 243.



Building 212 welcomes visitors with a pop of color.

Walmart, and Wayfair.

Every little bit of water we save helps Heather Gardens meet our goal of reducing our water consumption by 20%. Thank you for helping keep our community beautiful and water-smart!

Remember: If you have live plants in outdoor pots, current water restrictions do not permit residents to use hoses for any purpose. Watering your plants must be done using watering cans only. Because hand-watering can be time-consuming, faux plants are a great alternative. Give them a try!

-Water Conservation Committee

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Billiard Club

The Billiards Club meets for Co-Ed 8 Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in BEFORE 6:10 in order to play. Men's 9 Ball is at 6 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12.00 are payable on Jan.1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns 303-695-0766 or Shannon Boyd 719-428-9354.

5/19 - 6/4

Co-Ed 8 Ball

5/19

1. Mark Lawson, Shannon Boyd
 2. Otis Lawson, Louise Lucero
 3. Bob Woods, Judy Brehmer
- 5/26

1. Otis Lawson, Judy Brehmer
 2. Jack Doherty, Linda Boshinski
 3. Mark Lawson, Steve Olson
- 6/2

1. Mark Lawson, Shannon Boyd
 2. Ditto Schultz, Linda Gonzalez
 3. Otis Lawson, Melodie Blume
- 6/9

1. Mark Lawson, Judy Brehmer
2. Goldstein Team
3. Jack Doherty, Linda Boshinski

Men's 9 Ball

5/14

1. Ditto Schultz
 2. John Manzanares
 3. Brian Bucenec
- 5/21

1. Ditto Schultz
2. Scott Crawl
3. Brian Bucenec

5/29

1. Mark Scheuneman
2. Jack Doherty
3. Brian Bucenec

6/4

1. Greg Martens
2. Mark Scheuneman

Bocce Ball Club

There is one bocce court for those folks who need instruction about the game of bocce and the other court for those who want to play a game to sharpen up their bocce skills. It should be a great time to meet fellow bocce enthusiasts and make new friends. If you have any questions, please call Jake Flint (303-845-0541) or Sharon Weiss (303-263-3820).

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Bowling League

The Heather Gardens Coed Bowling League is Thursday mornings at 10 at Arapahoe Bowling Center. We look forward to seeing everyone back in September. For information, call Mary Jo Prichard 303-929-1241.

Bridge/Men's Monday

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

Bridge/Social

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

Bunco

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

Cribbage/Afternoon

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

Duplicate Bridge/ACBL

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

Game Changers

Game Changers (Game night) is held in the Skyview room from 3-5 pm every Monday. - For information: contact Lynneal Woodard, kennwood.lw@gmail.com.

Golf Club/Ladies

Two months of golf are officially in the books for the Heather Gardens Ladies Golf Club. During May, the unpredictable weather

caused several cancellations, but June gave us better conditions, albeit some rather hot days. Nevertheless, turnout has been strong, and the monthly shotgun starts remain popular, helping to get everyone off the course before the midday heat.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 10 – Annual Bake Sale Supporting Junior Golf
 - August 19 – Annual Club Elections
 - September 2 and 9 – Club Championship
 - October 21 – Year-End Banquet and Awards
- Additional club activities and outside tournament dates will be announced in Heather n' Yon and posted on the club website as they are scheduled.

CLUB WEBSITE

Be sure to visit the club's Golf Genius website for helpful information, including weekly tee times and handicaps. The site also features board meeting minutes and the member handbook. Check it regularly to stay current on club news. In addition, weekly results and birdie information are posted on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop. The next HGLGC board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

Tournament Results May 27, 2026 Flight 1

- 1st Nancy Bonniwell
- 2nd Nancy Wilson
- 3rd Charlane Pluchek
- 4th Debbie Conlon

Flight 2

- 1st Maureen Wayne
- 2nd Bonnie Soman
- 3rd Marilyn Kaub
- 4th Rosalie Einspahr

Flight 3

- 1st Linda Gonzalez
- 2nd Ann Agee
- 3rd Kathy Stebbins
- 4th Lisa Matthews

Flight 4

- 1st Linda Boshinski
- 2nd Jane Colvin
- 3rd Connie Burns
- 4th Susan Craig

Low Gross Awards

Flight 1—Glenda Pitts
 Flight 2 – Debra Lipsey
 Flight 3 – Flo Madonna
 Flight 4 –Sandy Costello

Tournament Results June 3, 2026**Flight 1**

1st JoAnn Fitch, Charlane Pluchek
 2nd Nancy Bonniwell
 3rd Glenda Pitts

Flight 2

1st Lisa Teague
 2nd Maureen Wayne
 3rd Marilyn Kaub
 4th Debra Lipsey

Flight 3

1st Flo Madonna
 2nd Lisa Matthews
 3rd Linda Hileman
 4th Linda Savage

Flight 4

1st Ellie Allie
 2nd Suzi Stolte
 3rd Myra Lansky
 4th Susan Craig

Low Gross Awards

Flight 1—Colleen Kreft
 Flight 2 – Judy Phillips
 Flight 3 – Kathy Stebbins
 Flight 4 –Sandy Costello

Tournament Results June 10, 2026**Flight 1**

1st Nancy Reid
 2nd Nancy Wilson
 3rd Mary Kay Rohrer
 4th Colleen Kreft

Flight 2

1st Lisa Teague
 2nd Karin Bentley
 3rd Debra Lipsey
 4th Gina Studer

Flight 3

1st Debbie Smith
 2nd Dee Moore
 3rd Linda Hileman
 4th Flo Madonna

Flight 4

1st Jeanine Kilde
 2nd Susan Craig
 3rd Suzi Stolte
 4th Lisa Matthews
 Low Gross Awards
 Flight 1—Debbie Conlon
 Flight 2 – Maureen Wayne
 Flight 3 – Marsha Swink
 Flight 4 –Connie Burns

Tournament Results June 17, 2026

- *Step Aside Team Scramble*
 1st Place: Debbie Schmeisser,

Marsha Swink, Gina Studer, Liz Sanchez
 2nd Place: Linda Boshinski, Bonnie Soman, Maureen Wayne, Mary Kay Prichard

3rd Place: Debbie White, Myra Lansky, Judy Nelson Suzi Stolte
 4th Place: Margie Francone, Sue Robertson, Bev Nelson, Beulah Gould
 5th Place: Debra Lipsey, Deb Madril, Linda Gonzalez

On June 15 the Annual Men's and Women's Mixer was held with 18 club members participating.

Congratulations to the following participants for their strong performances.

1st Place – Karin Bently and Vern Thompson
 2nd Place: Mary Kay Rohrer and Don Daly

3rd Place: Lisa Matthews and George Goodell

4th Place: Bev Nelson and Steve Rumbough

5th Place: Deb Madril and Thomas Smith

-Communications Chair, Suzi Stolte

Golf/Men's

We play every Friday. We'll close the season with a Fall Banquet in October. Pick up your application at the Golf Pro Shop. You may also download the application from Golf League Tracker (GLT) at www.golfeaguetracker.com/glthome/league. Send an email to jdf.hgmgl@gmail.com for login instructions.

The application fee is \$50 and all applications must be turned into the Golf Pro Shop. If you have any questions, please contact the Golf Pro Shop, (303) 751-2390. - Jon Freyer, Tournament Director

May 29 Results**E Flight**

Kenny Duncan
 Glenn Riggs
 John Guise, Jonnie Lee Thomas

D Flight

Tony Schierbeck
 Joe Rook, John Borton
 Todd Reid, Tom Merges, Rob Luevano, Bob McElfresh

C Flight

Don Schultz, Paul Zipps, Vern Thompson
 Wally Armistead
 Raj Agrawal

B Flight

Jake Flint
 Rob Ledford, John Good
 Russ Smith, Ray Goshorn

A Flight

Dave Rose
 Dave Schmit
 Chris Hughes, Steve Rumbaugh,
 Fred Lowe
Closest to the Hole
 #6 - Larry Hill
 #8 - Jon Freyer

June 5 Results**E Flight**

Mark Giarratano, Joe Robinson
 George Goodell
 Bob Woods, Bill Pence

D Flight

Charlie Cooper
 Jeff Nelson
 Joe DeCristofaro

C Flight

Steve Webb
 Wally Armistead
 John Good

B Flight

Craig Shockency
 Jeff Green, Jake Flint
 Raj Agrawal

A Flight

Dave Rose
 Steve Rumbaugh
 Steve Gilbert
Closest to the Hole
 #6 - Dan Foster
 \$8 - Dave Bartch

June 12 Results**E Flight**

Bill Pence
 Jonnie Lee Thomas
 Mike Guise

D Flight

Cliff Creswell
 John Borton
 Mike Corcoran

C Flight

Wally Armistead
 John Good
 Tony Schierbeck

B Flight

Mike Benowitz
 Matt Dunne
 Craig Olson

A Flight

Dave Schmit
 Fred Lowe, Dave Rose, Richard Barg
 Steve Rumbaugh

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Closest to the Hole

#6 - Lou Sillstrop

#8 - Chris Hughes

June 19 Results

E Flight

John Guise, Neil Miller

Jon Erion

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D Flight

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C Flight

Wally Armistead

Jim Pardikes

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Jeff Green, Raj Agrawal

Cal Green

A Flight

Fred Lowe, Phil Hughes

Dave Rose, Dave Schmit, Steve

Gilbert, Ruan Copeland

Richard Barg

Closest to the Hole

#6 - Jonnie Lee Thomas

#8 - Gene Barth

Hand (Knee) and Foot

Also known as Tripleplay, this is a variation of Canasta. Fun and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, noon – 4 pm (starts 12:15 pm), Mountain View Room. Call Linda Serio, 303-396-2218, or just show up.

Mah Jongg/Monday

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

Mah Jongg/Tuesday

We meet 1 – 4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room. All players are welcome. Please have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game: we do not play for money, only glory. Never played Mah

Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to learn. Free lessons can be arranged. Call Laurie, 720-210-8033, or Bobbie, 520-743-6849, for information.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon – 3 or 4 pm, every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. It's a game for everyone. –Mara Goskirk 510-333-9951.

Pickleball

Pickleball is fast, fun, and social. It hooks you with quick rallies, steady improvement, and exercise that feels like play. In addition to weekly play grouped by skill level, the HG Pickleball Club holds ladder or round robin events on 2 weekends each month that end with socializing over drinks and/or a meal — because pickleball is as much about people as it is about the play. Watch your weekly PB Updates emails for event details. What we provide:

- portable nets for eight painted courts
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- West Courts: Advanced

LESSONS – Friday starting at 10:30 – beginners are welcome to join. Wear court shoes and comfortable clothing that you can move in; we'll provide the rest.

MEMBERSHIP & CONTACT

- 2026 club dues are discounted: \$10 for residents / \$20 for nonresidents

- Visit <https://www.hgpickle.org>

- Jan Belt, President: 303 514 8526

Ready to rally? Join us on the courts – your new favorite hobby

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Ping Pong

Fun and great exercise. Come join us in playing doubles, 2 pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in the Game Room. You can also play by contacting the Activities Desk in the clubhouse. If you have questions, call June Brigandi, 720-495-0273

Poker/Men's & Texas Hold 'em

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

Rummikub

A rummy-like tile game that is played in tables of four. Easy to learn, fun to play. Lodgepole Lounge on Wednesdays, 1 - 3 pm. -Rosemarie Kessler, 303-337-7005.

Samba

Samba is a variation of Canasta. We play Thursdays from 5:00 to 8:45 pm in the Skyview room. All residents are welcome to join our fun weekly Samba night, where we begin exactly at 5:00 and play four full rounds. Please be sure you can commit to the entire 3 ¾ hour session of rule heavy card play. To join the Samba Club, sign up to play, get the rules and a video link, please email: Ishileman1958@gmail.com

Square Dance

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

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and get your exercise. Any questions call Beverly Nelson at 303-750-6632.

Tai Chi

Experience the ancient art of Tai Chi, a graceful form of exercise that integrates mind, body, and spirit. With slow, controlled movements, Tai Chi promotes relaxation, balance, and flexibility, while reducing stress and improving overall well-being. One of the best ways to learn Tai Chi is the step-by-step approach used by the Heather Gardens Tai Chi Club.

The club meets on Thursday mornings on the clubhouse tennis courts. The club is a residents only club. Although the calendar listing in *Heather 'n Yon* indicates a three-hour period (from 8-11am), we usually only meet for 80 - 90 minutes per session. The three-hour window allows us to adjust our starting time to account for the weather and temperature. Please contact Dean Uyeno via e-mail at dean.uyeno@live.com at least three days prior to your first meeting for that week's starting time and for information that will help make your first experience enjoyable and productive.

Tennis Club

WOW! It certainly has gotten warmer. The summer schedule is set and posted on the gate. If you want to play but just can't make it to the courts by 8 am on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, we are now playing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7:00 pm. Since it's cooler but still sunny, be sure to slather on sunscreen, wear a brimmed hat, and bring your water bottle. Our next monthly meeting is on Tuesday, July 14, in the Rendezvous at 5:00 pm. All are welcome! For more information, call (303)587-9797. W. Pfaffhausen

Boards and Committees Monthly Meetings

July 2026

Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, July 1
Communications (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Thurs, July 2
SEC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, July 6
Maintenance (Zoom) – 8:30am, Tues, July 7
Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, July 7
Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) - 11am, Wed, July 8
Foundation (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Wed, July 8
Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3pm, Thurs, July 9
Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Fri, July 10
Nominating Committee (BR/Zoom) - 11:30am, Fri, July 10
RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 11am, Mon, July 13
Capital Program (BR/Zoom) 1pm - Mon, July 13
Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, July 14
Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, July 15
ACC (Zoom) – 10am Thu, July 16
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Mon, July 20
Water Conservation (BR/Zoom) - 10am, Tues, July 21
Tech Taskforce (BR/Zoom) – 2pm, Tues, July 21
New Resident Orientation (BR) – 10am, Wed, July 22
HGMD Board Meeting (BR/Zoom), 1pm, Thu, July 23
HGA Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, July 28

August 2026

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, Aug 3
Maintenance (Zoom) – 8:30am, Tues, Aug 4
Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, Aug 4
Communications (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Thurs, Aug 6

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

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Wednesday, August 12, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Found on every continent except Antarctica, bees are vital pollinators, making possible much of the food humans eat. In recent years, however, crucial bee species have experienced significant loss. Since the 1990s, the bumblebee population has plunged. Additionally, since 2006, a malady called Colony Collapse Disorder has afflicted honeybee populations. Join Active Minds as we dive into the world of bees and examine the factors that are affecting these important species. No charge, however, reservations are encouraged. Register online or stop by the Activities Desk

The Sounds of Jazz

Saturday, August 22, 5:30pm

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Ticket cost is \$10.

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Ecumenical Bible Study. (Formerly Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study), All Christian traditions: Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Other. Theme: Trust Jesus. We will begin by studying early Church history. Last bible study class was this past week and they will resume September 8, 2026. Drop in for a visit! Led by Eric Cline, D. Min., MA Biblical Exposition, 720-839-4289 or clinecellars57@gmail.com; also <https://www.godtalkshop.com/>

HG Women's Bible Study. We meet together every Thursday at 10 am on Zoom. If you would like to join us or have questions, contact Carolyn Morris at 303-885-7807 or motoringmorris@gmail.com. I can arrange help with Zoom if you need it.

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

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

- Sunday Bible Study: 10 am, Mountain View Room.
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Overheard @ HG
When shopping
was a sport

Mary Hafka

When people wax nostalgic for The Good Olde Days, I often don't share their feelings. But one part of my past life I miss dates back about 20 years.

Those were the days when I could call up a friend or three, and head out for a marathon shopping excursion. The type of shopping didn't matter – retail, thrifting, antiquing, garage sale-ing. What mattered was the sport.

I guess I can blame Amazon and the COVID quarantining for changing the face of shopping, to one where we buy stuff online, then sit impatiently, waiting for it to hit our doorsteps. The order-and-delivery method is in many ways more practical. It just isn't as much fun.

Amazon, they tell us, was created by some smart-aleck guy operating out of a garage. Today, he is a billionaire bro, but I bet – with all of his advantages – he still doesn't understand the joy of shopping, which is the hunt.

He's probably never experienced the thrill of going toe-to-toe with another shopper who is playing tug-of-war, snarling and yanking on the last article of clothing (in that size), which is 80 percent off.

Poor guy. I pity him.

Another reality that changed the aspects of shopping is the fact that we're all 20 years older. Shopping required so much exertion, we actually had to train for it. Then we'd sink into a booth at The Cheesecake Factory, for lunch and to recover.

Today, we're mostly just too tired. There's a certain irony that, presently, I probably have more discretionary income to fritter away than I once did. But who has the energy?

The shopping in Dallas – where I participated in marathon excursions

– was especially exhilarating. Those gals in Dallas could shop! Some weeks, they did it day after day.

The thrifting in Dallas was better, too. I believe this is because women were so dedicated to shopping, they used to promptly send their barely unwrapped purchases to Goodwill, so they could go out and buy more. In Texas, this is known as being a philanthropist. Wa-hoo!

It seemed that people in Dallas updated their home decor more often, as well. This meant there were oodles of juicy items donated to thrift stores, which we scavenger types promptly pounced upon. Giving these slightly used items a second life seemed like the least that we recycling-minded folks could do. It was positively ecological!

Pursuing the most golden of bargains is an activity that has lost some of its attraction for me. In the old days, I watched my pennies carefully, to ensure I would have enough money for my retirement.

Now I'm fully immersed in retirement pool. I can readily see how much money comes in and goes out every month. Squeezing every nickel until it squeaks is no longer the Olympic sport for me it once was. Now – gasp – I occasionally even pay retail.

But old habits die hard, and I still enjoy the periodic unnecessary shopping hunt. I just have to take more breaks, per trip, to get through one. And find a hearty shopping buddy who is at least as able bodied as I am to join the adventure.

The whole endeavor just takes work. Once upon a time, it could be organized on the spur of the moment. Now, it takes some planning.

Who will drive? Who will carry the heavy stuff? Who will push the wheelchair? Can we obtain the services of a sherpa?

Balancing the other side of the impulse-buying scale is the getting-rid-of-stuff equation. I admit I'm not as good at this part.

I used to make a rule with myself that, every time I purchased a new item, I needed to get rid of an item

already gathering dust in my closet, to keep things copacetic.

Unfortunately, the official in charge of enforcing this rule is me. I am a very lenient referee, and so the decluttering clause in the deal was rarely adhered to.

Decluttering just isn't as much fun as "adding to," and anyone who says otherwise isn't a true shopping aficionado. But decluttering – though not glamorous – is necessary, and so I take a feeble swing, from time to time, at this fat baseball.

I used to participate in garage sales and eBay selling. I was a regular table-holder at the annual HG Flea Market. The bad news is, the stuff I sold was often paraphernalia that I acquired or made specifically to be sold at the flea market.

There were some items that I bought at the thrift store and marked up, to resell on eBay, hoping to make a modest profit. I usually did, and it was sort of entertaining, but – at the end of the day – the activity didn't really contribute much to the decluttering goal in my life.

These days, I handle decluttering through a method called the tile-floor-and-cat equation. I get rid of a breakable item by waiting for a cat to knock it on the floor, then sweeping up the shards.

While lamenting those thrilling days of yesteryear, I cast my mind back to my favorite cartoon character of old, Wilma Flintstone. I remember Wilma and her neighbor, Betty, storming off on a shopping trip, trumpeting their favorite battle cry:
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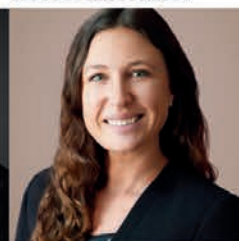
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