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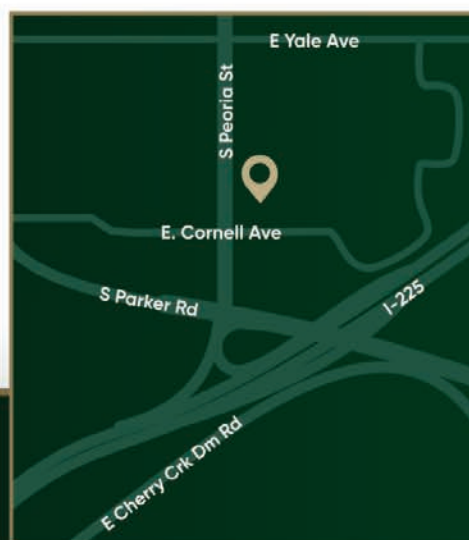
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# HGA Board Plans Ahead for Aurora Watering Restrictions & Other Drought Concerns

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## City of Aurora Water Restrictions Technology Task Force 2026 Census

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Drought conditions in Colorado are continuing, causing the Heather Gardens Association (HGA) Board to vigorously stay on top of City of Aurora water restrictions and other conditions related to a lack of snow and rain.

At the Tuesday, March 24, HGA Board meeting at the Heather Gardens Clubhouse, directors discussed recent meetings they have attended held by the Aurora City Council as the City nears announcement of specific watering restrictions.

Residents attending the March 24 Board meeting noted that in a recent Aurora City Council meeting, Marshall Brown, General Manager of Aurora Water, outlined likely restrictions coming in early April. Restrictions may include outside watering restricted to two days a week between specific hours only. Fines for violators are expected to be steep for commercial properties and residential neighborhoods.

HG residents have voiced concerns about when and how much water they can use in their flower beds and big flower pots at the entries of many HG buildings.

With the Water Conservation Committee at HG over the past several months studying the development's use of water, how and where to conserve usage, water is an important issue at Heather Gardens among the management team and departments such as maintenance, roads and grounds, as well as residents. Irrigation of the golf course also will be a consideration at HG as the water restrictions are announced.

Additionally, the HG Board is on point as to the possibility of wildfires near the community, with dry brush and lack of moisture already sparking wildfires in March to the west of Aurora.

Directors at the March 24 meeting discussed safety concerns and keeping residents informed of best practices in case of wildfires if they might spring up in Aurora and summer storms such as tornadoes.

With an eye to safety of the HG residents and properties, the Board plans to present information from sources such as the Aurora Fire Department at an upcoming monthly Town Hall meeting. Another Town Hall may outline emergency response procedures, with information by experts from the City of Aurora.

**Comcast Clean Up:** General Manager Jon Rea noted that Comcast is expecting to be finished within just a few days in fulfilling its previous contract with HG to upgrade old cabling. This work is separate from the fiber

optics project for HG. Rea noted that HG is taking bids from several fiber optics vendors and doing careful due diligence.

**Technology Task Force:** What had been known as the Technology Subcommittee under the Community Engagement & Communications Committee (CECC), was reclassified as the Technology Task Force by a motion which passed unanimously at the Board meeting.

Board President Sue McBeth noted that John Guise, who heads the task force, and his team will have more flexibility in responding to needs from managers without being tied up in the red tape of frequent committee meetings. Currently, Guise and team are working on improving sound in the Rendezvous, helping the Clubhouse get set up to show movies, and working on getting screens set up in residential buildings for showing upcoming HG news and events.

Board members thanked Guise, B17, for his volunteer effort in taking the task force forward. Larry Davila, Board Vice President & Chair of the Personnel Committee, emphasized his appreciation in that someone needed to take this by the horns and do it, and Guise stepped up.

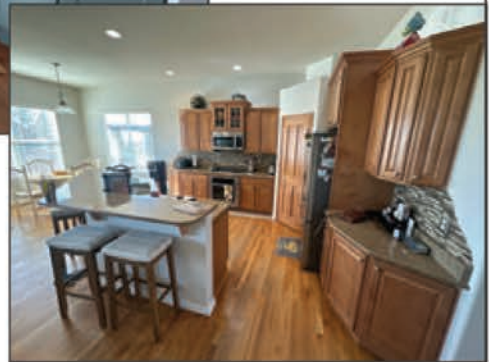
**2026 Census:** As of the March 24 meeting, about 83% of HG residents had completed the Census form. Despite initial reluctance from some residents to completing the forms digitally, this has been a success. Director David Baxter, Security/Emergency Preparedness Committee (SEC) Chair, reflected that in previous years approximately 45% would be completed by now. The digital approach was new for 2026.

**Parking Structure #1:** A motion was made to accept the recommendation by HG Maintenance staff to seek only one bid for the proposed 2026 Parking Structure work on Parking Structure #1. Rationale is that the bid should go to the contractor who had been responsible for the successful work on Parking Structures 3 & 4. While the request is an exception to the normal bidding process, this will represent cost savings and efficiency. Motion carried.

**Stump Grinder & Aerator:** Motion carried to purchase a stump grinder, at a project cost of \$29,775, which will represent cost savings over having contractors come out and do that work. Another motion carried to buy a Stand-On Aerator, which offers better operation and long-term cost savings relating to turf management. It was explained that aeration is arguably the fourth most important factor for maintaining healthy turf. Purchase cost is \$14,471.

Heather Gardens Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is slated for Tuesday, April 28, 1 pm at the Clubhouse. Residents are encouraged to attend in person or by Zoom. The agenda, minutes and committee reports are posted the day prior to the meeting. Visit [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org).

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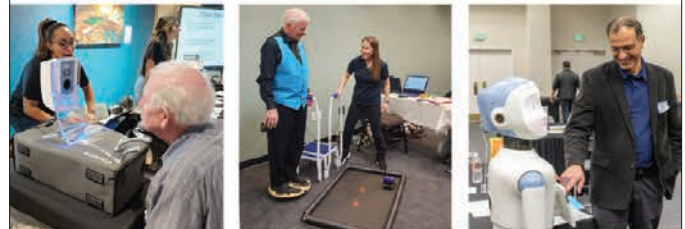
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## HGA Board President Report

Sue McBeth

## Spring is Here

Spring is usually such a lovely time of year; flowers are blooming and song birds are back in full voice. Hopefully we will have a Spring season this year as the 80-degree temps make me concerned that we will shoot right into Summer! No matter what, we will still have flowers blooming and new life happening all around us, and as such, I'd like to share Advice from a Butterfly with you:

Let your true colors show, Take yourself lightly  
Look for the sweetness in life, Take time to smell the flowers  
Catch a breeze, Treat yourself like a Monarch

### Leadership Meetings

1. All the managers have received a set of goals that will help them align with the Mission and Goals of our general manager.
2. The controller and the Accounting Department will be focusing on the HGMD 2025 Audit due in June.
3. Staff-wide performance reviews have been completed allowing the managers to focus full time on their goals for the rest of the year.

### Town Hall Meeting

Linda Hileman, HGA Board Director and Chair of the Community Engagement and Communication Committee, presented slides depicting the process that would be used in taking the 2026 Census. The digital census input was completed throughout March. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

Other items discussed at the meeting:

- In case you haven't noticed, our Security Team has a new uniform: the blue-gray shirts and vests are easily recognized as they move throughout the community.
- Due to the warm weather and the minimal snow pack, we are anticipating watering restrictions from the City of Aurora. Stay tuned for details of these restrictions once they are established.

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

### Board Meeting Actions

- The 2026 Census and Directory form was approved for use. It mirrors the information contained in the SurveyMonkey digital form.
- After a deep and thoughtful discussion, the Board decided not to approve funding additional electrical outlets in the multi-story buildings. This was seen more as a want than a need.


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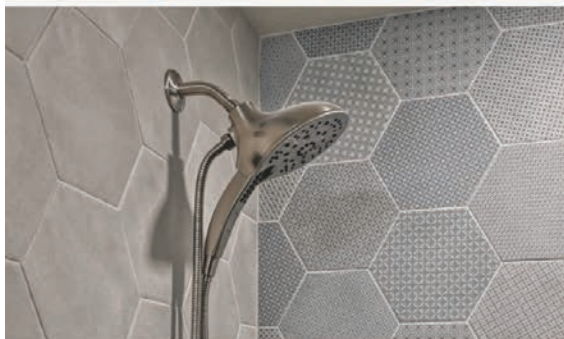
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*Hello, Heather Gardens!*

As I sit on my patio in shorts and a t-shirt, writing this on a balmy March evening, my phone reads 76 degrees—the high hit 87 today. While I'm enjoying the birds chirping and the lovely breeze, this summer-like weather feels a bit bizarre.

The question is on all of our minds...where is the snow?

Looking for answers, I found a ray of hope: weather patterns associated with El Niño are predicted to bring more precipitation later this summer. Fingers crossed!

While we may not be able to control the weather, we can be mindful of our water usage:

- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth
- Take shorter (five-minute) showers
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, patios, and sidewalks
- Fix leaky faucets

As Earth Day approaches (April 22), it's the perfect time to celebrate, reflect, and find simple ways we can each help conserve our precious resources.

Happy April—and Happy Earth Day!

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



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## MANAGEMENT

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As mentioned during the recent town hall and in several committee and board meetings, I wanted to provide some additional information regarding HO-6 insurance. Our insurance carrier has shared resources and information to help residents better understand what HO-6 insurance is, why it is important, and how it can provide protection for your unit and personal property. This information is intended to give you a clearer picture of coverage options and the role HO-6 insurance plays in safeguarding your investment as a Heather Gardens resident.

### **Understanding Your Condo Insurance: What Every Heather Gardens Resident Should Know**

Living at Heather Gardens offers many benefits, including the peace of mind that comes with shared community protections. However, one important area that sometimes causes confusion is insurance coverage — specifically, what is covered by the Association and what responsibilities belong to individual unit owners.

A key part of protecting your home and personal belongings is understanding the **HO-6 insurance policy**, commonly known as condominium insurance.

#### **What Is an HO-6 Policy?**

An HO-6 policy is a type of insurance designed specifically for condominium owners. Unlike a traditional homeowner's policy, which covers an entire house and the land it sits on, an HO-6 policy focuses on protecting the interior of your unit, your personal belongings, and your personal liability.

While the Heather Gardens Association maintains a master insurance policy for the community, that coverage works together with — not in place of — an owner's individual policy.

#### **What the Association Policy Covers**

The Association's master insurance policy generally covers:

- Common areas throughout the community
- The exterior building structure
- Flooring and certain built-in features inside units

However, the master policy **does not cover personal property or personal liability within individual units**. That is where an HO-6 policy becomes essential.

#### **Why an HO-6 Policy Is Important**

An HO-6 policy helps protect you financially by covering items and risks that fall outside the Association's insurance coverage. This includes protection for your belongings, liability exposure, and certain living expenses if your home becomes temporarily uninhabitable due to a covered loss.

Simply put, the HO-6 policy fills the gap between the Association's coverage and your personal responsibility as a unit owner.

#### **What an HO-6 Policy Typically Covers**

##### **Interior Structural Coverage**

This coverage under the policy may include improvements, renovations, or upgrades made within your unit. While the master policy provides coverage for the common elements of the unit as defined in the bylaws, owners have the option to obtain additional protection for betterments or custom upgrades as a coverage feature of the HO-6 policy.

##### **Personal Property**

Furniture, electronics, clothing, and other belongings are typically covered against risks such as fire, theft, or certain types of water damage. High-value items — such as jewelry or fine art — may require separate scheduling or additional coverage through your insurance agent.

##### **Liability Protection**

If someone is injured inside your unit, or if damage originating from your unit affects another residence or common area, liability coverage can help with legal or medical expenses.

##### **Additional Living Expenses**

If a covered event makes your unit temporarily uninhabitable, your policy may help pay for temporary housing and related costs.

##### **Loss Assessment Coverage**

This important feature helps protect owners if the Association must issue a special assessment related to insured losses affecting the community. Loss assessment coverage can help pay your share of costs such as repairs, legal expenses, or liability claims.

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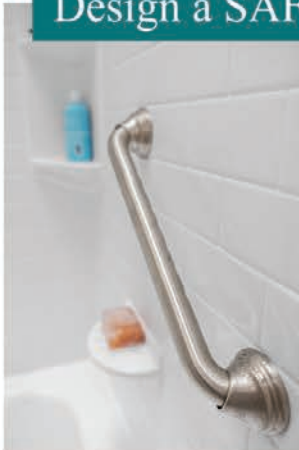
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# Age Stronger at Home

**Do you need a ride to your doctor appointments?**

**What about a resource to get rid of clutter, like old TVs and used furniture?**

**Or what about a service for cleaning and cooking—but you don't know where to look or who to trust?**

In 2025, needs like these and others sparked the creation of the “Aging Strong at Heather Gardens Club.”

It's designed to help you age stronger—at home—in Heather Gardens. Launched by David Baxter, HGA Board member, with input from Dave Marris, HG Security Manager, it's a FREE service.

Of the 4,000+ people who live at Heather Gardens, it's estimated that about 20% could use some help to continue enjoying a vibrant life in this independent living community.

Dave Marris enthusiastically supports the work of Aging Strong at Heather Gardens, and noted, “This new initiative provides important information on services that residents need for making their lives better. Our Security team views it very positively, and we refer residents to the Aging Strong call line for various needs.

“We're hoping more people will become aware of Aging Strong and what a great resource it provides.”

After months of work, including intensive time to plan and organize, define the scope, and research resources to give to residents, Aging Strong is proving itself a most valuable service.

An important guideline is that if a resident believes they need help, the resident must call the Aging Strong phone line, 720-772-9018 and leave their name and phone number.

Aging Strong is made up solely of people who live here at HG. “We respond to the phone call, usually in a day or two. We then visit the resident as a pair, usually a retired or semi-retired nurse or someone in the social work profession, plus another volunteer,” explained Tricia Patterson, who heads the visitor team. “It's a one hour visit in which we talk with the resident and help assess what is needed. We then go back for one more hour to deliver a print out of resources and phone numbers. We help people make phone calls if needed,” she added.

“That finishes our contact with the resident. Just two one-hour visits.” Tricia emphasized, “We

don't keep records of our visits, we don't maintain any on-going contact, and everything is confidential. That protects the volunteer and assures the resident we won't become a nuisance checking on them.”

There are three groups within Aging Strong: publicity, outreach and visitors. Aging Strong President is David Woods, who additionally heads the Area Representative Organization (ARO). Sandy McCurdy heads the outreach group, which spent hundreds of hours in vetting possible resources and compiling information to give to residents, and Tricia heads the visitor teams.

“We provide resources, but we certainly aren't going in where we aren't wanted,” noted Tricia, a semi-retired nurse.

Tricia recalls a situation where the Area Representative (AR) in one of the buildings called to say that people were worried about one of their neighbors. “We gave the AR resource

information, but the resident didn't invite us, so we didn't go.”

**Protecting volunteers & residents from liability:** “We put some measures in place to protect the volunteers. Some people were leery of being sued for malpractice if information was misunderstood or misused.

“The way we are set up now protects the volunteer and the resident.”

**Low vision case history:** A resident with low vision reached out to Aging Strong recently. The Aging Strong volunteers visited the person, taking information on transportation resources, services to help with housework, and a connection to Heather Gardens' Low Vision Club.

**Woman coming home from surgery rehab:** In another recent case history, an HG couple, who



Tricia Patterson



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always have enjoyed a very independent life, realized they needed help when the wife was coming home after rehab for hip surgery. Her husband connected with Aging Strong in regards to help with cooking and cleaning. Our volunteers supplied information on carefully vetted housework services and transportation sources. From there, the discharge planner at the rehab facility set up appointments for her with home physical therapy, home occupational therapy, and home nursing care that would be supplied at no charge by Medicare.

**A resident considering moving:** It's most likely that many residents can relate to the third case history. A woman felt uncomfortable with the pushing she was receiving from her son to move to assisted living. They had visited some places, but those weren't a fit for her and she really wasn't thinking she needed assisted living anyway.

When our Aging Strong volunteers visited, they shared information from some other carefully vetted choices that offer help. They encouraged the resident to talk about what she felt she needed, and in fleshing that out, she became attracted to a place she would like. Aging Strong connected her with people and resources, and the resident was able to find the place that would be perfect for everything she needed. It became a happy experience for her. It was her choice and something she felt excited about.

**FREE Aurora Rides:** Aging Strong also provides information on Aurora Rides. A two-year test program serving the Heather Gardens community, Aurora Rides is a FREE service. Tips are not allowed. There are four vehicles, two of them wheel chair and walker accessible. Service times are 7 am to 3:30 pm weekdays, except for Friday, which is 7 am to 5 pm. No service on weekends.

"It isn't like a bus with specific set schedules. You can call them and ask them to pick you up and take you to the Clubhouse or take you to your friend's house in Heather Gardens and then take you back home. Additionally, Aurora Rides will take you to the Aurora Medical Center area for hospital and doctor visits. The Aurora Mall is out of the service area."

**Resource Fair coming:** Some of the resources that Aging Strong has vetted will be exhibitors at the upcoming Resource Fair this summer at the Clubhouse. Exhibitors include UC Health and Anschutz Medical Center, among many others.

"We hope that families of residents will come check out the vendors we have vetted. Aging Strong is very

family oriented, and we love to see family come and find services available to their mom or dad to help them stay strong at home in Heather Gardens," Tricia added.

Noted David Woods, Aging Strong President, "I see problems that people here deal with, and neighbors can help each other. Aging Strong offers a unique solution. It's such a great feeling when the service team comes back and says they were able to help someone. I feel proud to be a minor part of that."



The Aging Strong volunteers are dedicated to helping you age strong—at home.

He added that Aging Strong has a need for someone with technology skills to help with tasks such as the website and clerical assistance for taking meeting minutes. Additionally, more volunteers to visit residents are needed.

For more information, call the Aging Strong phone line at 720-772-9018. Or visit the

website at [AgingStrongHG.wixsite.com/agingstrong](http://AgingStrongHG.wixsite.com/agingstrong)

-Patricia McLaughlin, B215

**Aging Strong Resources  
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- Skilled Home Health Care Agencies
- Home Care Hourly Care Resources, hospital, transportation
- Homemaker/Home Health Aide
- Respite Care
- Wound care at home
- Relocation and downsizing help
- Apply for CO Medicaid and other benefits
- Military Community Health Care
- Palliative Care and Hospice Resources
- City of Aurora Senior Resources
- Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA)
- Arapahoe County Colorado Senior Services
- Check in Phone Program-Safety Plans
- Helping the person with dementia live well
- Miscellaneous such as:
  - o Alzheimer's Association 24-hour hotline
  - o Durable Medical Equipment
  - o Meals on Wheels
  - o Pet Care
  - o Phone assistance for hearing impaired
  - o Aurora Rides
  - o Veterans Resources

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# HG Clubhouse Events

## Clubhouse Hours

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

Phone 303-751-1811, x5

Clubhouse Manager: Juanita Dominguez

Clubhouse Lead: Donna Stein (Clubhouse Sponsored Activities and Events)

### Active Minds – India

Wednesday, April 8, 2:00 pm

Sandberg Auditorium

In the aftermath of the 2024 general elections in India, “the world’s largest democracy” finds itself at an inflection point. The country has been led since 2014 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a controversial but widely popular leader from the BJP, a Hindu Nationalist party. His policies have alienated the Muslim minority within India.

Join Active Minds as we explore the current situation in India as well as the political and historical backdrop against which it is set. Although there is no charge to you for this Active Minds program, registration is encouraged. Reserve your spot online or at the Activities desk.

### FBI Presentation on Fraudulent Targeting of Older Coloradans

Tuesday, April 21, 3:00pm

Sandberg Auditorium

In 2024, The FBI reported there were \$4.9 Billion reported losses due to Elder Fraud through a variety of targeted scams. Join us for an important discussion on how to recognize, prevent, and report scams targeting older Americans.

Experts from the FBI will share the latest information on:

- Common scams affecting seniors today
- Warning signs to look out for
- Steps to protect yourself and loved ones
- How to report fraud and get help

There is no charge for this program. Please RSVP online or at the Activities desk.

### Bally’s Blackhawk Bus Trips

Two trips are scheduled for this spring.

Wednesday, April 22 (no refunds after April 15) and

Wednesday, May 27 (no refunds after May 20)

Depart Heather Gardens 8:00am

Return Heather Gardens approx. 3:00pm

Depart and return from parking lot between Bldgs 243 and 244. Trip cost: \$27. Includes transportation and \$10 free slot play at Bally’s. Bus driver gratuity is not included. Register online or at the Activities desk.

### Music and Storytelling featuring Mary Ellen Armbruster

Saturday, April 25,  
11:00am

Aspen/Blue Spruce

Mary Ellen, along with her guitar, has entertained us over the past months.

Her voice is exquisite and her storytelling is inspiring. Her shows are so entertaining.

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Ticket cost for each show is \$5.00.

### Afternoon at the Movies!

Sandberg Auditorium

Wednesday, May 6, 3pm

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

Wednesday, June 3, 3pm

Movie TBD

Cost is \$5.00

Preshow starts at 2:30pm in the Lobby. Register for Door Prizes and other fun activities based on the movie theme. Movie refreshments will be served. Purchase your ticket in advance online or at the Activities desk. Door prizes and refreshments furnished by St. Andrews Village.

### Take Me Out to The Ballgame!

#### Colorado Rockies vs. Texas Rangers

Wednesday, May 20

Depart Heather Gardens 11:15am

Return Heather Gardens approx.. 4:00pm

Depart and Return from parking lot between Bldgs.

243 and 244. Cost is \$42.00 and includes ticket in section 116, and transportation. Driver gratuity is not included. Register online or at the Activities desk. No refunds after May 6

### Heather Gardens 2026 Flea Market

Friday & Saturday, July 10 & 11, 9am-3pm

HG Clubhouse

If you would like to be added to the Vendor Interest List for this Market, please email [lisa.pond@heathergardensmail.com](mailto:lisa.pond@heathergardensmail.com). Applications and vendor information will be emailed late May to all on the Interest List.



## FREE Days in April

### Denver Art Museum

*Sunday, April 26*

720-865-5000

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[www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

### Denver Museum of Nature and Science

*Monday, April 13 & Sunday, April 26*

9am-5pm

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### Denver Botanic Gardens

*Wednesday, April 22 (Earth Day)*

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### Drug Take Back Locations 2026

The police department does a National Drug Takeback with the DEA every year.

### Saturday, April 25

10am - 2pm

### DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

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### Rendezvous Restaurant Events

#### Easter Brunch

April 5, 10am -2pm, \$30  
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#### Mother's Day Brunch-Sun May 10

10am -2pm, \$35

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### Tuesday Entertainment

**April 21-** 4 pm-Frolics-Senior Superstars!

**April 28** - 6 pm-Wine Dinner - 4th Tues each month (4-course dinner and with wine pours to match!)

**May 5** - 5:30 pm - Jeopardy w Jordan! So much fun!

**Weds Music** (5-8pm) - Dancing & Easy Listening Combined!

**April 8, May 13** - Mike Dixon-One Man Band

**April 15, May 20** - Steve Clement -Yacht Rock & Margaritaville

**April 22** - NEW! Lee & Company-Country and Pop!

**April 29** - Biff Gore-Jazz and Soul

**May 6** - Maverick Mike

**May 27** - Young Heart Band - Country Rock

**Trivia-** Every Thurs Night (5:30-7:30pm) -Bring a Team!!

**Friday Dances-** (6-9pm)

**April 10, May 1** - Tripwire

**April 17** - Sazon-(Best Jazz Band Ever!!)

**April 24, May 22** - Cindy & Bryce

**May 8** - Young Heart Band

**May 15** - Old Man Rock RETURNS!!

**May 29** - Yesterday's Bacon returns to the restaurant!

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# COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

## Insight into our Capital Reserve Expenditures

### “Holding It All Up: How the Retaining Wall Budget Rolled Forward”

#### Understanding the CarryForward Decision

During the February meeting, the HGA Board approved carrying forward nearly \$1.7 million from the 2025 capital budget into 2026. Among these items were two retaining-wall projects totaling about \$54,000:

- Replacing three deteriorated wooden retaining walls in Country Place3 (CP3), estimated at \$21,540
- Beginning work on the retaining wall at the Atrium Building 242’s underground parking entrance, starting with a \$15,300 engineering study due to the project’s complexity

These projects were included in the Board’s “CarryForward Capital Projects to 2026 approval.”

#### Why Projects Are Carried Forward

In December and early January, HG staff, the Maintenance Committee, and the Budget & Finance Committee met several times to determine which projects should move into 2026. Delays can occur for many practical reasons:

- Contractor availability
- Bids coming in higher than expected
- The need for engineering studies or additional design work
- Permit and insurance requirements
- Scheduling constraints with trusted vendors

Sometimes postponing a project is the most responsible choice. Rebidding overpriced work, securing qualified contractors, or allowing time for proper planning can lead to better outcomes and long-lasting repairs. While delays can increase costs if not monitored, HG staff and the Maintenance Committee track each project closely and adjust schedules to ensure essential infrastructure is maintained and community safety is protected. Carryforwards are part of a deliberate, longterm approach to caring for our buildings and grounds.

#### Replacing Wooden Retaining Walls in Country Place3

Three small retaining walls in CP3 have deteriorated and now require replacement. Though modest in size, these walls play an important role:

- Preventing rocks and soil from washing into drain pans
  - Directing water away from buildings
  - Supporting landscaping and improving appearance
- The selected contractor, Longoria, has successfully completed several retainingwall projects at Heather Gardens, including work in CP1, CP2, and CP3. The

plan is to replace the aging wooden structures with durable prefab concrete (Allan) blocks that offer better longevity and reduced maintenance.

This project was postponed in 2025 primarily because few contractors met HG’s insurance requirements, and additional coordination time was needed. The delay ultimately allowed staff to secure qualified vendors who understand HG’s standards and site conditions.



Deteriorated Wooden retaining wall in CP-3

#### Building 242 Retaining Wall

The large retaining wall at the Atrium Building 242, built in the 1980s, has reached the end of its useful life. Erosion, settling, and recurring maintenance

needs have made this a priority project. Other nearby walls show similar aging, but the wall at Building 242 is in the most advanced state of deterioration. The main reason for the delay has been the challenge of finding engineers and contractors who both meet HG’s insurance requirements and have the specialized expertise needed for this type of structural work. Taking the time to secure the right professionals ensures the project is completed safely, responsibly, and with longterm stability in mind. The engineering study approved for 2026 will guide the design, scope, and sequencing of the full replacement and can partly be used for other similar retaining walls.

#### How You Can Get Involved

Decisions about capital reserves and major infrastructure projects benefit from broad community participation. Three committees play key roles in evaluating needs, reviewing bids, and planning longterm investments:

- **Capital Program**

**Subcommittee** – Discuss major projects and help shape longrange planning.

- **Maintenance Committee** – Learn about current conditions, upcoming repairs, and infrastructure priorities.

- **Budget & Finance Committee** – Review how funds are allocated and help ensure financial stewardship.

Project name	2025 Budget	Carry forward to 2026
Elevator Cab Renovation	\$247,542	\$36,584
Concrete Repairs/Railing Repair	\$267,806	\$38,444
Water Heater Replacement	\$282,800	\$189,670
Boiler Renovation	\$395,991	\$360,216
Bldg 243 Air-Handler	\$62,100	\$62,100
Electrical Panel Upgrade	\$33,264	\$29,264
CP Pillar Fencing	\$53,561	\$37,081
Tree Removal and Asphalt Repair	\$25,875	\$25,875
Engineering & Specialized Contractors	\$55,436	\$23,326
Parking Structure Maint #2 & #4	\$2,847,193	\$443,304
Plumbing Infrastructure Inspection	\$240,329	\$102,325
Atrium Waterproofing Project	\$77,610	\$4,100
Access Control Project	\$48,893	\$35,425
Retaining Walls	\$53,085	\$53,085
Water Wise	\$27,718	\$25,394
10,000# Dump Trailer	\$18,000	\$10,000
Emergency Stair Replacement B234	\$189,611	\$189,611
		<b>\$1,665,804</b>

Carry Forward Capital Projects to 2026 approved by HGA-BOD

Residents with backgrounds in engineering, construction, property management, or finance are especially encouraged to join, but all interested residents are welcome. You can also stay engaged by attending monthly meetings, announced in *Pilera*, on the HGA website, and in *Heather ‘n Yon*. Your involvement strengthens decisionmaking and supports the continued care of our community.



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## APRIL CALENDAR: CLUBS, RECREATION & EVENTS

<b>Wed 1</b>	Ladies Golf Cribbage (every Wed) Men's Poker (every Wed) Duplicate Bridge/ACBL (every Wed) Woodshop Club Tennis Club (every Wed) Rummikub (every Wed) CP1 Square Dance (1st & 3rd Wed)	Golf Course Sunburst Cafe Mountain View Room Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Tennis Courts Lodgepole Lounge Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	9am 12:30-3pm 12:30-5pm 1pm 1pm 1pm 1-3pm 5:30pm 7-9pm
<b>Thu 2</b>	Tai Chi (every Thurs) Optimist Club (1st & 3rd Thurs) TOPS (every Thurs) Bowling League (every Thurs) The Green Team Pickleball - Advanced (every Thurs) Writers Club (every Thurs) Bunco (1st & 3rd Thurs) Social Bridge (every Thurs) Ping Pong (every Thurs) Kiwanis Club of Aurora (1st & 3rd Thurs) Men's Billiards (every Thurs)	Tennis Courts Rendezvous Bar & Grill Blue Spruce Room Arapahoe Bowl Skyview Room Tennis Courts Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Game Room Skyview Room Billiards Room	8-11am 8:30am 8:30-9:30am 10am 10am-12pm 9am-1pm 1-3pm 1-3:30pm 1-3:30pm 2pm 6pm 7pm
<b>Fri 3</b>	Men with Purpose (1st & 3rd Fri) Pickleball - Intermediate (every Friday) Texas Hold'em (every Fri) Tennis Club (every Fri)	Skyview Room Tennis Courts Mountain View Room Tennis Courts	10-11am 9am-1pm 12:30-5pm 1pm
<b>Sat 4</b>	Pickleball - Open Play (every Sat) Mexican Train Dominoes Ping Pong (every Sat) Tennis Club (every Sat) Karaoke Club	Tennis Courts Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Tennis Courts Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	9am-1pm 12-3pm 2pm 2pm 3-5pm
<b>Sun 5</b>	Pickleball - Open Play (every Sun)	Tennis Courts	9am-1pm
<b>Mon 6</b>	Men's Bridge (every Mon) Book Club Spanish Club (every Mon) Texas Hold'em (every Mon) Tennis Club (every Mon) Mah Jongg (every Mon) Aging Strong in HG Game Changers (every Mon)	Skyview Room Mountain View Room & Library Library Mountain View Room Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Skyview Room	10am-2pm 10:30am & 1pm 11am-12pm 12:30-5pm 1pm 1-4pm 2:30pm 3-5pm
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<b>Wed 8</b>	Red Hattitudes <b>Active Minds – India</b> Personal Protection for Seniors (2nd & 4th Wed) Aviation Club	Rendezvous Bar & Grill <b>Sandberg Auditorium</b> Game Room Aspen Room	12pm <b>2pm</b> 3pm 7pm
<b>Thu 9</b>	Fun Gals Golf (every Thur)	Golf Course	9am
<b>Fri 10</b>	HG Indivisible	Library	11:30am-12:50pm

Sat 11	The Breakfast Club Voice for Residents	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Library	8:30am 3-4:30pm
Mon 13	Aging Strong in HG	Aspen Room	2:30pm
Tue 14	CP2 Torah Club (2nd & 4th Tues)	Rendezvous Bar & Grill TBD	4:30-7pm 6-8pm
Wed 15	Ladies Golf Spring Luncheon	Rendezvous Bar & Grill	1pm
Thu 16	Social Justice Club We the People Club	Blue Spruce Room Arts & Crafts Room	10am-12pm 3-4:30pm
Sat 18	Bocce Ball Club Saturday Afternoon LIVE Social	Arts & Crafts Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	10-11am 3-5pm
Tue 21	Caregivers Support Group <b>FBI Presentation on Fraudulent Targeting of Older Coloradans</b> Frolics "Senior Superstars"	Aspen Room <b>Sandberg Auditorium</b> Rendezvous Bar & Grill	2-4pm <b>2pm</b> 4pm
Wed 22	<b>Bally's Blackhawk Bus Trip</b> High Twelve #11 Masonic Club	<b>Black Hawk</b> Rendezvous Bar & Grill	<b>8am-3pm</b> 11am
Sat 25	National Federation of the Blind <b>Music and Storytelling</b> featuring <b>Mary Ellen Armbruster</b> Tennis Club: Game, Set and Snack Event	Mountain View Room <b>Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms</b> Picnic Pavilion	10:30am-12:30pm <b>11:00am</b> 2-4pm
Mon 27	SRA Board Low Vision Support Group Garden Club	TBD Aspen Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	1pm 1:30pm 6-7:30pm
Tue 28	HG Democrats	Sandberg Auditorium	4-5:30pm

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### Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, April 6: Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday by appt.), Arts & Crafts Room, 9am-12pm (see ad p. 55)  
 Wed, April 8: EmGoKits Event, Skyview Room, 2-4pm (see ad p. 9)  
 Sat, May 2: The Green Team Paper Shred Event, Golf Parking Lot, 9-11am (see ad p. 7)  
 Wed, May 27: Pre-planning with Fairmount Cemetary, Skyview Room, 1pm (see ad p. 45)  
 Fri, June 26: Live Well, Age Strong Event, HG Clubhouse, 10am-2pm (see ad p. 9)

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# Letters

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

We are dog owners in Building 218 who want to convey our heart-felt thanks to the HG Green Team for the Puppy Poop Composting Program (“PPP”). It’s a program with many benefits—not just dog owners, but for Heather Gardens as a whole. (You can find more information in the HG Resident Handbook folder under the Resource tab on the Heather Gardens website.)

Unfortunately, we’ve noticed that someone has been vandalizing the PPP collection bins, especially those along Linvale Place where our building is located. Almost daily we find aluminum cans systematically deposited in the compostable-bags-only bins. On multiple days, someone smeared feces on bin handles, making it impossible for anyone to open the bin. Even more alarming, items harmful to dogs—crackers, candy and nuts—have been left several times on the ground beside one of the bins, creating a safety hazard for our pets.

It’s hard to view these incidents as anything but deliberate acts, and we don’t want to believe that a Heather Gardens resident would be responsible for such behavior. But we think the Green Team shouldn’t have to face these malicious setbacks alone. It’s up to all of us to ensure their hard work isn’t undone by the actions of one individual.

All HG residents can help the Green Team by keeping our eyes open for any suspicious activity around the black PPP bins and notifying Security if we see anything out of the ordinary.

All HG dog owners can help by checking the bins ourselves when we use them, and removing any items that don’t belong there. Remember: the only items that should be in these bins are black bags marked “BioBag” in white print.

With grateful thanks for all the

Green Team does for us,  
-Ruthie Snell & Nancy Starts, B218

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

A number of residents are questioning the safety and liability of an EV parked in the garage. There is a history of these vehicles catching on fire.

If that were to happen the whole building could be affected. Residents would be displaced. Residents could be stuck with the cost of repairing the units if proper insurance coverage was not in place.

Heather Gardens residents need to be advised and aware.

-D Ziarek, B223

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

In January, I wrote a letter regarding correct use of the compostable poop bins around Heather Gardens and the difficulty Green Team members have in distinguishing dark colored/black non-compostable bags from our own black compostable BioBags that Heather Gardens, via the Green Team, distribute for free monthly.

In light of the Green Team’s mission to make our planet better, we partnered with a company that composts dog waste and turns it into lawn and garden compost rather than send it to the landfill along with mountains of trash. It’s a small piece of the recycling pie, but one that is doable and of interest to many in Heather Gardens.

Here’s the problem. The people who have recently been stuffing the bag dispensers on many stations with dark colored/black bags, though a very generous idea, are creating confusion as to where those bags should be deposited. Even with a small homemade sign attached to the dispenser, those bags are STILL finding their way into the large, clearly labeled compostable bin.

The Green Team and grounds crews spend a sizable amount of time each week trying to keep the Puppy Poop Project a viable

endeavor. It would be much simpler to stop the composting arm of the dog waste operation resulting in NO checking 26 bins weekly, NO monthly free bag distribution, NO keeping the trash liners and bin liners separate. We’d simply use both receptacles for ALL trash and poop bags. The sad thing is, this is where we’re headed.

The Green Team wants the opportunity to talk to those stuffing the black bags. Come to our meeting or call 720-774-3368. We can work towards a better understanding of how to keep Heather Gardens clean in a green and repurposed way.

-Cathy Mullin, B214

## **Heather 'n Yon,**

Did you know that the airlines prohibit motorized suitcases and smart bags that use lithium-ion batteries to be checked OR as carry-on items unless the battery can be removed (that battery must be carried on)? Vape pens must be Carried on and never put in checked baggage due to risks associated with lithium-ion batteries. Hover boards have been Permanently banned by the airlines because of the danger of fire hazards related to faulty lithium-ion batteries.

TSA strongly discourages laptops with lithium-ion batteries be placed in checked baggage but instead carried onto the aircraft.

And yet, we allow EV cars to be parked inside our garages. Those lithium batteries are much larger. EV cars present unique safety risks, primarily driven by their heavy lithium-ion battery packs which can cause severe, hard to extinguish fires if damaged. If a fire occurred in our garage from an EV car, it would be a huge undertaking for the fire department to attach a hose to an outside hydrant and get into the garage before fire and smoke would cause extensive damage.

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Then there is the amount of water needed to extinguish the EV fire. I for one do not think having EV cars parked in our garages is worth the risk. Who will pay for the damage if a fire occurs? I think all EV cars should be parked on the outside of our buildings where fire damage would be minimal and less of a risk to our condos and other vehicles parked in our garages.

-Colleen Bergner, B223

HGA President response to Letter to Editor from Frank Bergner in March 2026 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*:

Hello Frank,

Here are some answers to your questions in last month's issue.

1/2. The resident is responsible for the installation of the charger and is signing an indemnity agreement protecting Heather Gardens and the residents. If there is a fire, the resident is responsible for all damages.

3. No. The majority of lithium battery fires have been where the vehicle has been in an accident damaging the battery. Aurora Fire has stated that they are prepared for lithium battery emergencies and have specialists and the equipment to handle them.

4. It would be more appropriate for this conversation to be given to the residents of HG and potentially anyone purchasing an EV. Just like solar power, HG cannot prohibit EVs or having a resident pay to install a charging station.

I appreciate you submitting me these questions. They are timely and important to our residents. If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Sue McBeth,  
HGA Board President

*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.

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*Thank you!*



St. Patrick's Day fun at Rendezvous Bar & Grill

-Wendy Pfaffhausen, NTH

# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## **Aging Strong in Heather Gardens**

Aging Strong meets 2nd Monday of the month, 2:30 pm in the Aspen Room. The Club exists for the following reasons: 1. Assist Heather Gardens residents in finding services to help them thrive in Heather Gardens. 2. Provide a common voice in advocating for the elderly population in Heather Gardens. Contact the club leaders by email at [agingstronghg@gmail.com](mailto:agingstronghg@gmail.com). Website: [AgingStrongHG.wixsite.com/agingstrong](http://AgingStrongHG.wixsite.com/agingstrong)

## **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](mailto: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 Bar & Grill for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is \$20. TBC has grown in the past 20 years — it has three other chapters

along the Front Range. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour. Each month, there are also different activities planned, such as museums, sports events, plays, concerts, and day trips, to name a few. Come see! – Suzanne Harmes

## **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](mailto: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 Bar and Grill 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. Questions? Call Nancy Fuhr at 303-337-4890.

## **Democrats/HG**

The Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, except December. We normally meet in the Sandberg Auditorium from 4 - 5:30 pm. The Democratic Club supports the Constitution, the rule of law, and GOOD GOVERNMENT. We work

to inform our elected officials, ourselves and others, and work on campaigns to get our candidates elected. 2026 is a “midterm” election year. Our meetings this year will primarily focus on Democratic candidates. Please join us April 28 for our meeting. Some of us go to the Rendezvous for dinner and socializing after the meeting. All are welcome. You don't have to live in Heather Gardens and you don't have to be registered as a Democrat. Our meetings are free and open to all. -Marty Karnopp, Chair. 303-353-9640, [mjkarnopp@gmail.com](mailto:mjkarnopp@gmail.com).

## **Frolics**

Our next Traveling Troupe performance at the Rendezvous will be Tuesday, April 21, 4 pm – “Senior Superstars.” No charge, just purchase a drink, some munchies, or dinner and enjoy the show. Our upcoming 2026 Annual Spring Production, “Dueling Divas” will be Friday, May 1, at 4 pm; Saturday, May 2, at 6 pm; Sunday, May 3, at 3 pm. Tickets are now on sale Monday-Friday, 10 am – noon, in the Clubhouse Lobby. Premium Tickets - \$15 - General Admission - \$10. For additional information, contact our Frolics Business Manager, Wayne Wharton, at 303.995.9246.

## **Garden Club**

Meetings are generally held the last Monday of every month, March through October, in Aspen/Blue Spruce Room, from 6 pm - 7:30 pm. There are some garden plots ready for new tenants now so if you have been wanting to garden and aren't yet on the wait list, now is the time. Please contact President Nancy Linsenbiger at 720-932-6990 about being put on the wait list or to receive Club emails. In Colorado, it's usually smart to wait until Mother's Day has passed before you plant vegetables and/or flowers from the seeds you started inside or purchased at the many nearby botanical businesses. However, this year we had an unusually warm and moisture-

less winter that has us wondering how to proceed. Perennial plants missed the water they usually get from snow and rain but have also been surprised by much higher heat early in the year. The Aurora Water Department has issued watering restrictions that allow watering only 10 am to 6 pm and no more than three days per week May 1 to September 30, and that applies to all gardeners. The water for the Heather Gardens plots has been turned off all winter and will be turned on again later this spring. Everyone is welcome to join the 6 - 7:30 pm April 27 meeting in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room for information about moving forward into the expected hot spring and summer while dealing with water conservation. Fortunately, we have many garden Club members who have tips to share. - Gwen Alexander (infocoach@yahoo.com) "Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." -Robert Frost

### **The Green Team**

The Annual Paper Shred Event is coming! Circle May 2 on your calendar. Start collecting all those 10-year-old tax statements and files inherited from your parents. They no longer need to take up space and gather dust. It's time to make a clean sweep. Please remember this is paper shredding only. Remove plastic, large paper clips, and metal clamps. If you decide to throw papers into a box hiding in your closet, carefully check the box first. We have found jewelry, keys, and glasses, which we were unable to return. The shred truck will start operating at 9:00 am and continue till 11:00 in the Golf Parking Lot. You can choose to stay and watch the shredding or drop the boxes and leave. For every 2 standard-size file boxes, the cost is only \$5. For more information, call (303)587-9797. -Wendy Pfaffhausen

### **Heather Gardens Singers**

We rehearse in the Skyview room from 1 - 2:30 pm on Tuesdays. Do you enjoy singing? Come join the HG Singers chorus where all skill

levels are welcome. One chorister said, "We have professional directing and excellent accompanying with amateur fun." Another said, "There is a strong atmosphere of camaraderie amongst the singers." Sounds like something you'd like to try? Here are a few more details: the dues are minimal and attendance is heartily recommended but we don't keep an attendance chart. 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 Bar & Grill 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**

As we approach spring term we are reflecting on the two years of lifelong learning at HG. Yes, it has only been two years since our inaugural term. We have grown from 3 classes in the initial term to 8 classes. 350 people have taken a class and we are registering 200 each term. We have hosted nearly 40 classes, and (not counting outside speakers) have 34 residents serving as facilitators. It's been a slow but steady growth which we are proud of and we thank HG for making it happen. Also thanks to the steering committee for making it happen (Jill Bacon, Mike Boyd, Karen Buchanan, Sue Johnson, Helen Kern, Eloise Laubach, Cathy Martino, Paul, Mauro, Shirley Stafford). If you have a friend or neighbor who has not yet attended a class, tell them what they are missing.

### **Low Vision Support Group**

Low Vision Support Group meets on April 27 (fourth Monday of the month) 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.

**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 Bar & Grill. 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 changed the time to 12:00 noon. 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 call Janet Arce if you would like to join our fun group of ladies (720) 774-3368. - Janet C. Arce

**Republican / We the People Club**

We support the US Constitution, practical governance, and the protection of life and liberty. Our goal is to provide reliable resources and timely information to keep informed about events and topics affecting our community, state, and nation. We meet the third Thursday monthly in the Arts and Crafts room from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm and often head to the Rendezvous Restaurant after. All are welcome to attend for our guest speakers and events. IMPORTANT DATE: APRIL 11. STATE ASSEMBLY. We The People Republican Club welcomes members' family, friends, and neighbors to all events and scheduled meetings. Annual Dues are \$20. We fund club events, make donations to select organizations and candidates who support America First Values. For more information contact Wendy Hollister at whmar90@gmail.com or text at 720.446.7778.

**RV Lot Club**

Our club is open to all who RV, not just those who rent space in the HG RV Storage Lot. At our meetings, we share information and experience about RV-ing. We lobby to improve conditions in the storage lot. We also anticipate having social, travel and camping activities. Contact: Lee Nicholson at 720-949-2032.

**Saturday Afternoon LIVE Social**

Meets every 3rd Saturday in Aspen/Blue Spruce Room from 3 to 5 pm. Listen and or dance to the sounds of our wonderful Final Approach Band while enjoying your own beverage of choice and everyone can bring a snack to share. Free fun event. Bring your friends and make new ones! Any questions call Mary, 303-909-3988.

**Sevillians**

All Residents of Buildings 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, and 236: We have had a very successful year as we continue to hold the Sevillians Dinner on the first Tuesday of each month in the Banquet Room of the Rendezvous Bar & Grill at 5:00 p.m. A combination Invitation & SignUp Sheet is placed in your building each month, or you can rsvp to Janet Arce at: arcej1946@gmail.com or (720) 774-3368. Bring a friend or a neighbor.

**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, April 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. Wendy Bledsoe, resident of Heather Gardens and a participant in our group will speak about "The Making of a Slave." Free Equal Justice Initiative Calendars will be available. Your presence is valued. Also, a special tour of “The Black American West Museum and Heritage Center” has been arranged for Tuesday morning, April 28. The cost is \$15. If you are interested in visiting this unique Denver museum please contact Diane Pritchard, dianekpritchard@gmail.com

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### 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. The April Forum will provide updates on Committees and on the "Agreement between HGA and HGMD management. Please join us Saturday, April 11, 3-4:30 pm, in the Clubhouse Library. Questions, comments, please contact Marilyn Macdonald at thevoiceforresidentsforum@gmail.com.

### Woodshop Club

The Woodshop Club promotes use of the woodshop and better care of the equipment, focuses on safety within the woodshop, and helps develop new woodworking classes, fellowship, and training. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 1 pm, Skyview Room. Member experience varies from beginner level to experienced woodworking individuals. You are invited to join this great energetic club, and have an opportunity to share your ideas and initiatives relating to woodworking. Come learn why the members all love working with wood — from designing writing pens to wall hangings and furniture. Direct questions to President 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. Club contact: Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608.

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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 7 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12.00 are payable on Jan. 1st of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns 303-695-0766 or Shannon Boyd 719-428-9354.

8 BALL WINNERS 2/17 – 3/10  
*Feb. 17*

1. Mark Lawson/Miquela Luna
2. Otis Lawson/Linda Gonzalez
3. Dee Moore Team

*Feb. 24*

1. Greg Martens/Sharon Weiss
2. Rita Cusack/Otis Lawson
3. Thea Hutcheson/Louise Lucero

*March 3*

1. Ditto Schultz/Melodie Blume
2. Otis Lawson/Sharon Weiss
3. Mark Lawson/Rita Cusack

*March 10*

1. Mark Lawson/Judy Hein
2. Otis Lawson/Sharon Weiss
3. Brian Bucenec/Rita Cusack

9 BALL WINNERS 2/19 – 3/12  
*Feb. 19*

1. Otis Lawson
2. Jack Doherty
3. Steve Hesser

*Feb. 26*

1. Greg Martens
2. Jack Doherty
3. Mark Lawson

*March 5*

1. John Manzanaras
2. Steve Hesser
3. Mark Lawson

*March 12*

1. Mark Lawson
2. Greg Martens
3. Otis Lawson

## Bocce Ball Club

The next Bocce Club meeting will be April 18 in the HG Clubhouse, Arts & Crafts room from 10:00 - 11:00 am. After the meeting there will be 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. Then we will meet at the Rendezvous for a late lunch. It

should be a great time to meet fellow bocce enthusiasts and make new friends. If you have any questions before hand, please call Jake Flint (303-845-0541) or Sharon Weiss (303-263-3820).

## Bowling League

The Heather Gardens Coed Bowling League is Thursday mornings at 10 at Arapahoe Bowling Center. 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

## Fun Gals Golf

Casual & Positive. Thursday at 9 & 9:12 am beginning April 9. Call the Pro Shop to sign up each week. On April 9, arrive at 8:30 am for refreshments and meet up. No Group Fees \* No Handicaps \* No Group Scoring. For more information: Sharon

Westmoreland, 303.882.2929 or sharonwestmoreland@me.com.

## 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

For some, April 1 says practical jokes and hoaxes in honor of April Fools' Day. But for members of the Heather Gardens Ladies Golf Club, there will be no joking, just celebrating, because the 2026 season gets underway that day. April is considered the club's "preseason." There are no payouts, and everyone has an opportunity to sharpen their game and establish handicaps if needed. May 6 will be the first day of flighted tournament play with payouts awarded each week. The club begins the season with 78 members, including 12 who are new this year. On March 18 club members gathered to kick off the season and hear from leadership about the new handicapping process through GHIN as well as the club's new communication hub, Golf Genius.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 1 - Preseason play commences; starting tee times for April are 9 a.m. No payouts during April.
- April 15 - Spring Luncheon 1:00 p.m. Rendezvous. Sign up at the Pro Shop.
- May 6 - League play begins. May's starting tee times are 8:30 a.m.
- September 2 & 9 - Club championship

In June, July and August starting tee times are 6:30 a.m. As dates for other activities as well as any outside tournaments are added, they will be published in Heather n' Yon and available on the league's Golf Genius site. If you missed the meeting, check Golf Genius for the handout.

### MEMBERSHIP

All women, regardless of skill

level, who are interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC. Learn more about the club and get a membership application at the Heather Gardens Pro Shop or contact Membership Chair Suzi Stolte at [dakota121994@outlook.com](mailto:dakota121994@outlook.com). The next HGLGC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room. All members are welcome. - Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

### **Golf/Men's**

Fellow Golfers, our season has started, but we're still accepting applications to play in the upcoming season. We play every Friday. In addition to regular tournaments, we also have fun events like Blue, White, Red days, Best Ball, 2-man and 4-man scrambles, and concluding the season with "3 Clubs and a Putter." We will have the occasional shotgun start and we'll even provide food every now and then. 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.golfleaguetracker.com/glthome/league](http://www.golfleaguetracker.com/glthome/league). Send an email to [jdf.hgmgl@gmail.com](mailto: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

### **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**

The once underutilized and quiet rectangle of concrete is now home to quick rallies, easy laughs, and friendships that form faster than you can say "dink shot." Pickleball is exercise disguised as play and stress relief wrapped in joy, which explains why so many of us keep coming back with big grins and bigger stories. Whether you're brand new, returning after a break, or just curious what all the chatter is about, come join us on the Clubhouse courts. You'll find instant fun, welcoming faces, and maybe even your new favorite hobby. Pickleball isn't just a sport — it's a lifestyle we celebrate. We love it so much, we shovel the courts and layer up for winter play. Yes, it's that fun. From 9 am – 1 pm, Club play offers something for every level:

- OPEN Play (all levels) - Tuesdays, Saturdays & Sundays: drop in, mix in, enjoy
- INTERMEDIATE Play - Fridays: lively, social games
- ADVANCED Play - Thursdays: faster rallies, sharper strategy, competitive fun

Dues are \$20 for residents and \$30 for non residents. To keep our free use of HG meeting and social spaces, the Pickleball Club, like any club at Heather Gardens, must maintain 75% HG residents. Because we've reached that threshold, we cannot accept any non residents at this time. If you're a new or re joining Heather Gardens resident, please pay your 2026 Pickleball Club dues asap — you'll help the Pickleball Club thrive

and keep the fun rolling. See any Club officer to ante up. For more information, visit [hgpickle.org](http://hgpickle.org) or call Jan Belt at 303 514 8526.

### **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.

### **Square Dance**

Heather Twirlers invites all square dancers to join us every first and third Wednesday 7-9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. The cost is \$7. If you are an experienced dancer, a newer dancer or feeling a little rusty in your dancing, it is an excellent chance to both experience the joy of dancing and improve your skills, while meeting new and old friends. You meet other dancers, have a lot of fun and get your exercise. Any questions call Beverly Nelson at 303-750-6632.

### **Tai Chi**

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,

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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. Although you can join and start learning at any time during the year, starting at the beginning of the spring season, usually mid to late March, facilitates this step-by-step learning method. The club meets on Thursday mornings from 8 - 11 am on the clubhouse tennis courts. The club is a residents only club. Please contact Dean Uyeno via e-mail at dean.uyeno@live.com prior to your first meeting for information that will help make your first experience enjoyable and productive.

### Tennis Club

Game, Set, and Snack is a new event! Everyone is welcome on April 25 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Picnic Pavilion and Tennis Courts. If you played in high school or college, or never walked on a court, you are invited to join us. Rackets and a ball machine will be available for practice. Coaching tips will be given for free. Enjoy meeting members while munching on some delicious goodies. Looking forward to seeing you! Call (303)587-9797 for more information. - Wendy Pfaffhausen

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## Technology Tips

### AT&T Rewards Phishing Scam

Phishing attacks are growing increasingly sophisticated, likely with help from AI. They're getting better at mimicking major brands—not just in look, but in behavior. Recently, A rewards scam was uncovered; it was a well-executed phishing campaign targeting AT&T customers that combines realistic branding, clever social engineering, and layered data theft tactics. The initial text is this:

**AT&T Rewards Expiration Notice Dear Customer,**

**Your AT&T account currently holds 11,430 reward points scheduled to expire on January 26, 2026.**

**Recommended redemption methods:**

- AT&T Rewards Center: <https://shorturl.at/5nsez>
- AT&T Mobile App: Rewards section

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All branding, headers, and menus were realistic and the page was full of real links out to att.com. But the downfall was the URL link. After “verifying” their account with a phone number, the victim is shown a warning that their AT&T points are due to expire in two days. This short window uses a common tactic that exploits urgency:

### Your Points Will Expire

We respectfully inform you that, in accordance with our terms and conditions, 11,430 of your Points will expire on 1/29/2026.

After that date expired points can no longer be extended or redeemed for rewards within our loyalty program. We urge you to use your remaining points promptly to avoid disappointment.

- **View the number of points that will expire.**
- **Explore the various exchange reward options available.**

### Redeem Gifts

Available Points 12,805      Expiring Points 11,430

The target is prompted to fill out a “Delivery Information” form requesting sensitive personal information, including name, address, phone number, email, and more. That is where the actual theft takes place.

**Here are a few ways to stay safe when confronted with scams such as this:**

- Make sure you have an account with this company.
- Only access your accounts by typing the official website (att.com) directly in your browser, not through the links.
- Enable multi-factor authentication for your critical accounts.
- Use an up to date anti-malware solution

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## Game, Set, Snack Tennis Event coming April 25



HG Tennis Club members with the club ball machine, which is available for use free of charge. From left are: Kathy Kuss, Chuck Leaverton, Julia Morrill, Brad Kuss, Carol Naff, Jerry Plybon, Dean Adams, George Bodley, Rich Parker, Miquela Luna and Steve Freeman.

Are you interested in playing one of the healthiest sports at Heather Gardens? A sport that gives you a chance to exercise with friends while playing a game you might have played before, or not, and is popular all over the world? Then tennis at Heather Gardens is for you.

To try your hand at tennis and meet members of the HG Tennis Club, you are invited to join us for a free event starting at the picnic pavilion and continuing onto the courts on Saturday, April 25, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Come and enjoy free finger food and liquid refreshments in the pavilion. Then get some tennis action on the courts. The ball machine will offer you practice in swinging the racket. Coach Dean Adams will be on hand to give you tips, or you can play round robin games with members.

The tennis club provides you one of the best sports bargains around. HG residents pay just \$20 a year, which includes attendance at several annual social gatherings and monthly meetings, as well as free use of the courts and ball machine. The fee for non-residents is only \$25 a year.

In addition to being a bargain, tennis is one of the healthiest sports. Studies have shown that playing tennis can increase your life span by over 9 years, plus reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease; promote social interaction that enhances well-being and happiness; increase fitness; reduce stress; and improve coordination, agility and balance, according to studies cited by the Tennis Industry United website.

Hope to see you on the courts April 25!

-Kathy Kuss, B220  
Tennis Club Secretary



HG Tennis Club President Steve Freeman goes for the ball during recent club play.

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

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

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

- Sunday Bible Study: 10 am, Mountain View Room.  
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Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, Apr 1  
Capital Program Subcommittee (BR/Zoom) 1pm - Wed, Apr 1  
SEC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, Apr 6  
Maintenance (Zoom) – 8:30am, Tuesday, Apr 7  
~~CECC (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Tues, Apr 7~~ **cancelled**  
Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, Apr 7  
Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) - 11am, Wed Apr 8  
Foundation Committee (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Wed, Apr 8  
Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3pm, Thurs, Apr 9  
Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Fri, Apr 10  
RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 11am, Mon, Apr 13  
Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Apr 14  
Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, Apr 15  
Water Conservation - 1pm, Wed, Apr 15  
ACC (Zoom) – 10am Thu, Apr 16  
ARO (TBD/Zoom) - 6pm - Thurs, Apr 16  
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Mon, Apr 20  
Technology (BR/Zoom) - 2pm, Tues, Apr 21  
New Resident Orientation (BR) – 10am, Wed, Apr 22  
**HGMD Board Meeting (BR/Zoom), 1pm, Thu, Apr 23**  
**HGA Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, Apr 28**

### **May 2026**

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, May 4  
Maintenance (Zoom) – 8:30am, Tuesday, May 5  
CECC (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Tues, May 5  
Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, May 5  
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Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Fri, May 8

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I recently attended a musical at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts – or, as I jokingly call it, the Trump Center for the Performing Arts – featuring a couple of guys singing the songs of and telling stories about Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. Some of these songs I hadn't heard in 40 years or more, back when I had a functioning turntable and owned every early Simon & Garfunkel LP ever issued.

I zeroed in on one song, Old Friends, in which composer Paul Simon asked, "Can you imagine us, years from today? Sharing our park bench quietly? How terribly strange to be 70."

It must be even stranger for Simon now, as he turns 85 this autumn. He's scheduled to perform at Red Rocks this summer.

Keeping up with old friends has taken on an interesting dynamic, I've found, as I grow older. I recently rekindled communication with one, who lives in Nebraska. We never lost touch so much as couldn't align our connection styles.

My friend is a telephone yakker. She doesn't much like texting or emailing.

I've never been fond of talking on the phone. I hate playing telephone tag, finding the whole process of trying and failing to establish contact exhausting.

But I have several old friends who are telephone yakkers, so every now and then I bow to the inevitable, and go along. I struggle to keep track of the conversation, while my dog barks loudly in my ear, informing me that another dog is strolling by the sacred space framed by one of our windows.

My cats fall back on the Divine Rights of Felines, insisting that, if I'm going to do something as senseless as sitting on the couch, saying, "Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Oh,

really?" I might as well get up and do something useful, such as rustle them up some treats.

(My friends who are telephone yakkers don't require much from me to keep the conversation going. They handle most of it themselves.)

Aligning communication styles gets trickier and trickier, as more and more options exist for keep in touch. Friends and family now can Zoom, to get together.

I remember a bygone HG board meeting, in which a speaker, who asked a question, was told to unblock the command keeping her image hidden on Zoom. She refused, implying that she was still in her nightgown.

I had great sympathy for this situation. If a person wants to avail themselves of not having to attend a meeting in person, the obvious advantage to Zooming is not having to put oneself together, dressing-up-wise. I've saved a fortune on laundry and makeup since Zooming came into practice.

Similarly, some forms of communication have fallen out of favor as electronics fill the gap. I watch a lot of Masterpiece Theatre-type shows on television. The period characters are often shown reading revealing letters from one another, or reading a letter meant for someone else, which throws the entire fabric of someone's existence into chaos.

Letters? What is this letter-writing of which you speak?

Speaking of letters, I'm a faithful reader of the "Dear Eric" column in *The Denver Post*. (He'll never replace Dear Abby, but it is what it is.) Many of Eric's columns consist of people writing in for advice on long-time friends who have let them down, in some way, over the years. They ask Eric for permission to dump these friends, once and for all.

I've maintained some of my long-time friendships by adhering to one simple rule: the secret to happiness in life is to have low expectations. Don't erect arbitrary barriers for others to knock over.

But that's just me. I experience lots of stuff getting knocked over, anyway, in my daily life. I live with two cats.

I once joined Facebook for about a month. I ended up deleting that account – never saw the point of it. Contradicting this opinion was the fact that my best friend from high school found me on Facebook, and re-established contact. I quickly discerned that we had little to say to each other.

I felt as though I'd reconnected with some old friends a few years ago, when the first hockey team I loved, the Saint Louis Blues, sprang up on my horizon. Back in the 1967-68 season, St. Louis got a brand new expansion team. After attending one game, I was hooked.

Made up of older players, whom other teams didn't protect during the expansion draft, and a young coach no one had ever heard of, Scottie Bowman, the Blues went to the Stanley Cup Finals the first and second years of their existence. Impressive, but they didn't win the cup.

But I'd moved to Colorado, and shifted my loyalty to the Denver Pioneers and the Colorado Avalanche. In 2019, however, the Blues were in the finals again, playing the Boston Bruins.

A guy from Boston and I bet each other – my first sports bet! – on the series, and I walked away smiling, with my winnings. Sometimes old friends are just the best! But who knew it would take the Blues 50 years to claim their first Stanley Cup.

So Simon & Garfunkel broke up their musical partnership, and probably their friendship, as one – apparently – wanted to focus, laser-like, on music, and the other wanted to pursue a variety of artistic endeavors.

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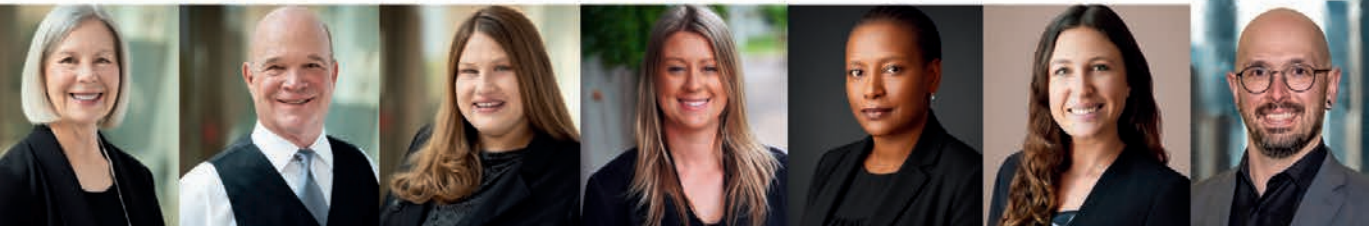
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Remodeled, luxury vinyl plank throughout & designer paint colors. Open-concept kitchen with large island, stainless steel appliances, updated baths. tastefully furnished. **\$250,000**



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