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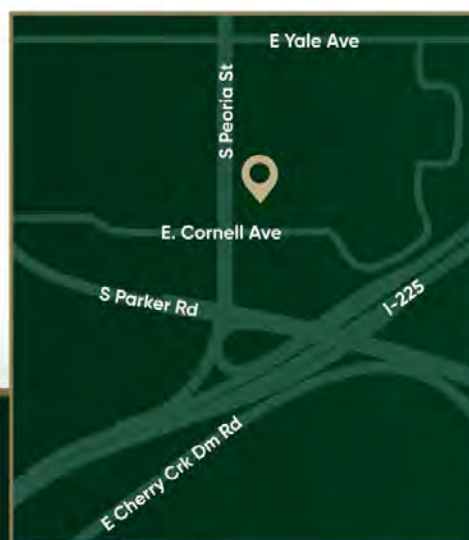
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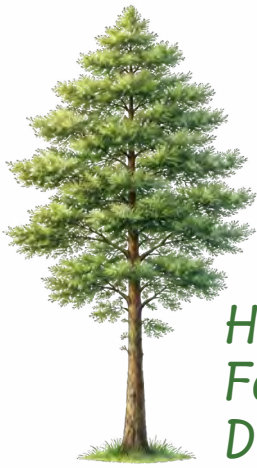
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HGA Board Moves Forward with Safety, Conservation & Technology; Appoints Two New Directors

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The Heather Gardens Association Board approved two new appointees to the Board at their Tuesday, May 26 meeting in the Clubhouse Board Room.

With the recent vacancy left by Sid Vollema, Maintenance and Water Conservation, and the announcement that Linda Hileman, Chair, Communications Committee, is ending her term, the Board appointed Bill Wixted and Chuck Cram to the Board until yearend 2026. Both Wixted and Cram expressed intent to join the board as appointees now and subsequently to run for positions for the 2027 Board in the Fall elections.

Safety & Security with Controlled Access to Buildings: General Manager Jon Rea provided an update on the report coming from the security analyst Heather Gardens has contracted with on Controlled Access to the buildings. Additionally, Rea noted that Controlled Access is being considered for the Clubhouse, primarily at the main entrance doors at the front and back of the facility.

As part of ensuring security and safety for the Heather Gardens property, easy access for the Aurora Fire Department to fire zones, adherence to no parking zones and other key access areas is being evaluated.

Technology/Fiber Optics Vendor Evaluations: With the previous contract completed with Comcast/Xfinity to upgrade cabling at Heather Gardens, the focus on internet continues to be on serious evaluation of fiber optics providers. The Technology Task Force has reviewed vendors and has sent recommendations for further evaluation to the HGA Board. Several vendors are under consideration.

General Manager Jon Rea emphasized the careful and in-depth study the Board is devoting to contracting for fiber optics. Emphasizing that this is a "long game" decision, meaning an action that Heather Gardens will have to live with a long time, "we want to make sure we're taking the time necessary to thoroughly evaluate vendors and bids before awarding the contract."

Water Conservation: Board President Sue McBeth noted that the City of Aurora offers a program called Eye on Water, which can augment the diligent efforts currently in progress with the Water Conservation Committee at Heather Gardens. The City of Aurora program can provide a streamlined report which tracks the water usage by water meter, which typically is by

specific building, and comparing that to the building's water usage now and over the past five years.

With a goal of reducing water usage at HG by 20%, the report is eye opening. "We should be able to get information to residents to show them exactly where we are on water usage and where we're incurring overage charges from the City of Aurora," McBeth added.

Considering the extreme drought throughout our area this year, the issue of water conservation at Heather Gardens will be an on-going topic of prime concern to the Board and to residents for years to come.

Maintenance/Owner's Representative Services:

A motion was approved by the Board from the Joint Budget & Finance Committee, awarding a contract to Holland Development & Consulting to perform Owner's Representative Services for the Parking Structure #1 Repair Project. Contract is \$20,000 plus a change order of \$2,000 for a total \$22,000. This is a budgeted item.

Jon Rea explained the importance of the Owner's Representative Services is in making sure that vendors are held accountable throughout the entire project. He noted that Holland Development & Consulting has represented Heather Gardens on other large projects and that Holland has been instrumental in assuring vendor accountability, especially in the area of change orders and requiring vendors to justify charges.

Heather Gardens Directory Pre-Ordering Option: A topic of extended Board discussion is the HG Directory, with a recommendation by Director Linda Hileman suggesting that residents who prefer a printed directory be offered the option to pre-order the next publication.

Concerns were raised about the lack of accuracy on recent HG directories and the advantages of having the publication posted on the Heather Gardens website. A primary plus of the online directory is that it can be updated monthly.

Considering that residents recently entered their own information into the Heather Gardens 2026 Census forms, the accuracy of information is expected to be significantly higher than before. David Woods, who heads the Area Representative Organization, noted that each of the Area Representatives is working with residents in their specific buildings to ask each individual to doublecheck all their information before it goes into the directory.

Heather Gardens Association Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Clubhouse Board Room. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 23, 1 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend in person or by Zoom. The Board packet of materials, including agenda, minutes from the last month, committee reports and motions to be presented are posted on the website a day prior to the meeting. For information, visit heathergardens.org and click on Meetings in the green bar at the top.

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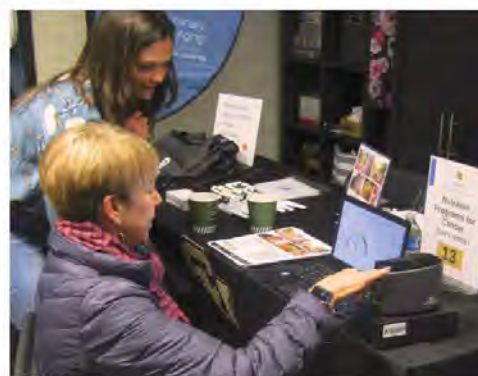


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HGA Board President Report

Sue McBeth

Welcome to June and Summertime

This month it is my pleasure to wish all Fathers, Fathers-in-law, and Grandfathers who reside here in Heather Gardens a Happy Father's Day! Thank you for the commitment, perseverance, and love that you share with your families. I hope you have many joyful celebrations on June 21.

Leadership Meeting Discussions:

1. How Board members want to receive communication of serious incidents in the Community. Initial communication will be by text message, followed by email.
2. Paving and restriping of the RV lot to accommodate the most vehicles.
3. Upgrading the camera system for better identification of perpetrators when issues take place in the RV lot.

Town Hall Meeting

City of Aurora Water Conservation representative, Diana Denwood, gave a very informative presentation on the drought and the Stage 1 water restrictions that are in effect. These restrictions include:

- 20% reduction in water use
- Only watering two times per week
- Not watering between the hours of 10am and 6pm

Heather Gardens Administration has communicated its plans for complying with these restrictions by way of Pileria messages and AR communication documents. Hopefully we will receive more moisture to help alleviate some of the drought conditions.

Other items discussed at the meeting:

The process for issuing violation notices for actions not in keeping with our Declaration, Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedure Memorandums was reviewed

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; subject line: Town Hall Topic

Board Meeting Actions

- As of March 31, the completion rate for the Census was 91.63%. Non-compliance violation notices will be sent to residents who did not participate in the mandatory survey.
- Two roof replacement projects for four multi-story buildings were approved.
- The exterior paint project for Building 244 was approved.
- The proposed Security Survey was approved with modifications. The survey will be sent out as soon as it is converted to an online survey tool.
- The General Manager job description, goals for 2026, and the employment agreement were approved.

In closing, I want to encourage everyone to incorporate into your daily living, the water saving tips that have been published in Pileria. We are in for a hot, dry summer and we need everyone to help with water conservation. Until next time, stay cool, and embrace a love of cacti!



HGMD Board President Report

David Kennedy

Heather Gardens volunteers delivered measurable value in 2026, contributing 484 hours across 84 opportunities and generating an estimated \$16,866 in economic impact for the community.

Building on the momentum of the 2023 Heather Gardens 50th Anniversary, the volunteer program formally launched in 2024 and has continued to grow into a strong, community-focused network of residents serving across the organization.

2026 Volunteer Impact Summary

These contributions expanded resident programming, strengthened day-to-day operations, and reduced costs by extending the community's capacity to serve members effectively.

With 72% of registered volunteers actively participating, they supported 84 opportunities and completed 286 commitments. Together, they contributed 484 hours, generating an estimated \$16,866 in economic impact for our community. Their dedication continues to strengthen our programs and enrich the experience of our residents.

2026 Community & Volunteer Highlights

Volunteer support was concentrated across operations, resident engagement, and special events, with representative examples below.

- **Envelope Stuffing & Administrative Support.** Assisted with large scale mailings and community communications.
- **Census Support.** Helped with census training, completion clinics, and resident outreach.
- **Bingo & Music Video Bingo.** Provided setup, hosting support, and member engagement for these popular social events.
- **Clubhouse Complex Tours.** Guided residents and guests through the facilities, helping highlight community amenities.
- **Holiday Decorating.** Transformed the clubhouse for Christmas and New Year's Eve, creating a festive and welcoming atmosphere.
- **Community Fair & Flea Market.** Supported vendor coordination, setup, hospitality, and event flow.
- **Fitness Walk.** Encouraged wellness and participation by assisting with route support and event planning.
- **Children's Veterans Day Tribute.** Helped honor veterans through a meaningful youth centered tribute event.
- **Dances and various special events at Rendezvous.** Assisted with setup, decorations, and guest support for community dance and activity nights.
- **Town Hall Support.** Provided logistical and hospitality assistance for resident information sessions.
- **Library Assistance.** Supported organization, upkeep, and community engagement activities.

Volunteer service also includes the essential work of committees, task forces, and boards, whose time and judgment sustain community operations and long-term governance. With six HGA board vacancies to fill this cycle, residents with relevant experience and a commitment to Heather Gardens are strongly encouraged to consider serving.

Volunteer recruitment will begin in May and June, followed by a June training program, with additional details to be shared via Piler. Residents who want to contribute, build connections, and support the community's success are encouraged to apply.

Contact Nancy Linsenbigler at 720-932-6990 or Connie Burns at 720-210-3483. Volunteer applications are available at the Activity Desk in the Clubhouse.

Switching gears... We have had many conversations and appeal to the community for civility and empathy for our fellow residents. *Moi Faux Pas!* Or: My bad! Recently in a meeting I was chairing, I lost my temper with some of my committee members. Losing one's temper in itself is not necessarily a bad thing, but when it is in a meeting meant to be constructive and congenial it is a bad thing! I did apologize personally to the one person to whom I targeted and also to the group present in the room and those watching on Zoom. There really is no excuse for my behavior and I cannot say it won't happen again because as my wife can attest I am getting old and the older I get the crankier I get. But I will try my darndest to behave better in the future.

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A Note from the Editor

Hello, Heather Gardens!

In early May, I checked off a bucket-list dream that has been with me since my 20s — I traveled to Italy for the first time.

It was absolutely worth the wait. From the beauty of the countryside to the history, food, and culture, every moment reminded me how rewarding it is to experience new places and perspectives.

The trip only deepened my desire to continue exploring this amazing country — and many more in the years ahead.

Most of all, I'm grateful. Grateful for the opportunity to spend time with a dear friend who lives there, and for the wonderful friend who shared the adventure with me. Traveling together created memories I know I'll cherish for a lifetime.

As summer begins, I hope you also find time for experiences that bring you joy, connection, and inspiration — whether close to home or somewhere far away.



Venice, Italy

Happy June and Happy Summer!

-Susan Harman, Editor
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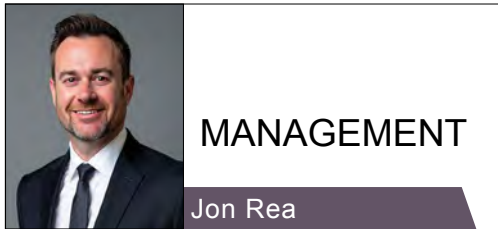
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The Role of the General Manager at Heather Gardens

One of the things I have learned during my time serving Heather Gardens is that many people understandably view the role of a general manager through the lens of what they see day to day, maintenance projects, operations, staffing, resident concerns, meetings, communication, and enforcement of community standards.

Those things are certainly part of the position; however, the responsibility of a general manager goes much deeper than simply overseeing operations. At its core, my role is to help protect the community, operationally, financially, legally, and strategically while serving as a professional advisor to the HG Board of Directors.

The HG Board governs the HG Association and establishes direction and policy on behalf of the community. My responsibility is to help execute that direction while also providing perspective, operational insight, institutional knowledge, and professional recommendations that help ensure decisions are made thoughtfully and with consideration for both short-term, mid-term, and long-term impacts.

One of the most important parts of this role, and one of the least visible, is mitigating risk and liability for the Association.

That responsibility touches nearly every aspect of community operations:

- Vendor and contract oversight
- Safety and security concerns
- Insurance matters
- Employee management
- Financial controls
- Legal compliance
- Governance and policy implementation
- Protection of Association assets
- Long-term maintenance planning

In many situations, the general manager must evaluate not only whether something can be done, but whether it should be done, what risks may exist, and what unintended consequences could follow.

There are also times when residents understandably want more information or greater transparency regarding a situation occurring within the community. Transparency is important, and I firmly believe residents deserve communication whenever possible. However, there are circumstances where protecting the Association and mitigating liability must take precedence over full public disclosure.

There are legal, ethical, and operational boundaries that management and the Board must respect. Some examples include:

- Personnel and employment matters
- HR complaints or investigations
- Resident privacy concerns
- Pending legal matters
- Contract negotiations
- Security-related issues
- Attorney-client privileged communications
- Proprietary or confidential business information
- Insurance claims and investigations

In these situations, providing incomplete, premature, or confidential information publicly can expose the Association to significant legal liability, compromise due process, violate privacy protections, damage reputations, or negatively impact the community as a whole.

One of the more difficult aspects of leadership in community management is understanding that doing the responsible thing is not always the same as doing the popular thing. There are times when management must operate with restraint, discretion, and patience, even when there is pressure to communicate more broadly or react immediately.

That does not mean concerns are being ignored or dismissed. In many cases, it means the exact opposite: that issues are being handled carefully, professionally, and in a manner intended to protect all parties involved as well as the Association itself.

I also believe an important part of my role is serving as a steady and objective voice for the community and the Board. Boards are made up of volunteer residents who dedicate significant time and energy to serving Heather Gardens. My responsibility is to provide them with operational insight, professional recommendations, and awareness of risks or consequences that may not always be immediately visible.

Ultimately, strong communities function best when there is trust between residents, the Board, and management. While not every decision or circumstance can be fully discussed publicly, residents should know that decisions are made with careful consideration toward protecting the integrity, stability, and long-term success of Heather Gardens.

Community management is not simply about managing buildings, projects, or policies. It is about protecting a community, supporting its residents, preserving its assets, and helping ensure Heather Gardens continues to remain a place our residents are all proud to call home.



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FOR SALE – 14050 E. Linvale Pl. #209 - \$275,000

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So, now in your 50s, 60s, 70s—even your late 70s—you feel it's too late and you're too old to try?

Carol Anne Williams, AR for B214, has always led a full life. But, in her 50s, she shifted into high gear and let those hidden talents for painting, singing, dancing and swimming come out from inside and flourish.

People at Heather Gardens know her for her energetic performances as one of the “divas” in the recent Frolics production of “Dueling Divas,” a rousing musical comedy where she sang six songs and brought out her inner diva.

They also know her for her beautiful paintings.

Painting was “one of those things” that Carol was drawn to as a child, but just didn't feel she was any good at it. Today, she is an accomplished artist, with her primary medium being acrylics and as she says, “It's acrylic, so if it isn't good, I can always paint right over it and keep on going to try it again.”

While she doesn't market her art work, people do ask, “How much is this? I want it.” She also gifts paintings to friends and colleagues, some of them boldly hinting that they would love a certain one of her works of art.

Self-doubt does still rear its ugly head at times. “In the middle of a painting, I will say to myself, ‘I can't do this.’ And then I remind myself that I say that about every painting I do, so I tell myself to just keep on working on it and get through it. It works out fine.”

In addition to her paintings, she is on the Social Committee for Frolics and the Traveling Troupe where she has played the ukulele, guitar

and piano in the show.

When she joined Frolics and got the part for the “Dueling Divas” cast, she decided to take voice lessons and actually found some excellent courses on YouTube. She practiced every day.

“Maybe I didn't have time to practice when I was younger, but frankly, I think I just didn't have the confidence to go ahead and pursue my artistic interests.”

Carol has taught classes for the Lifelong Learners Series at Heather Gardens, such as “Where Did

I Lose My Calm,” a course on reducing anxiety, and a class on communications. Currently, she is creating a course on happiness.

“I was fortunate to grow up in a loving home,” Carol recalls. She was born in South Carolina, with four siblings, to a dad who was a pastor and mom who was a full time homemaker and church pianist. Mom had a degree in music, and both parents had a love for art and painting. Carol felt she just didn't measure up—so she put her artistic interests aside.

The family lived in Dayton, Ohio from the time she was 4 to 16, and then moved to West Columbia, South Carolina. In 1977, she graduated from the University of South Carolina with a master's degree in teaching. She and Bill, a pharmacist and now her ex-husband, married on graduation day. “I obviously didn't attend my graduation,” she chuckles.

She taught Physical Education to handicapped children for four years, followed by more than 20 years, where she and Bill served as missionaries in 17 different countries in South America. After 29 years of marriage, and a son and daughter who now reside in the Denver area, she decided it was time to move on.

At that time, Carol entered into therapy sessions for herself, intent on finding and healing her hurting “inner child.” The therapy was so transformative for her that she felt called to help others through counselling.

“You can hide those most cherished dreams away all throughout your

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Carol Anne Williams, AR of B214



Carol Anne Williams, left, and Cecilia Ponder-Williams

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life.” But, Carol wouldn’t settle for that.

Now a community counseling therapist for the past 20 years, she notes that those thoughts and judgments we place on our ourselves at those tender moments before age 7 tend to stay with us and shape our self-esteem. “Who amongst us doesn’t come into adulthood with feelings of ‘being ‘not good enough,’ ‘not talented enough,’ and just ‘not enough.’”

Carol has now helped hundreds of people in the Denver area as a therapist, graduating with a Master’s Degree in Community Counseling from the University of Northern Colorado in 2005.

She did her residency at Aurora Mental Health and stayed on as a therapist there until 2020. “It was through COVID that I learned I could do telehealth, meaning counseling by phone or Zoom.” Since then she has contracted with several health providers around the metro area to continue to do counseling.

“I’m leaning into retirement, but still have a few clients. I don’t think these talents make me a great person. I’ve come to the conclusion that being loving and kind is the most important thing in life.”

She and her long-time partner, Cecilia Ponder Williams, moved to Heather Gardens about four years ago, with the idea in mind that as they age, they need to be sure they have a strong community around them. Cecilia is active in the Heather Gardens community, contributing her business skills to being a board member of the Heather Gardens Metro District.

“We’ve wanted to establish a network of friends and neighbors, and Heather Gardens is fabulous for that. When we moved in, our realtor actually created a house warming for us, and we invited folks in our building. It gave us a good kick start in building this neighborhood of friends that we were seeking.”

Carol encourages residents here to explore those dreams of the past. “There are so many things to do here. You can select from exercise classes, aqua classes in the indoor pool, golf, billiards, woodworking and about a hundred clubs.

“My philosophy is that it really isn’t how well you sing or dance or perform in whatever activity you like. If you just look confident and people can see that you are having fun, they will enjoy it and have fun right along with you.

“And don’t forget. There’s always a YouTube course that will help you.”

-Patricia McLaughlin, B215



A few of the sought after paintings by Carol Anne Williams.

IN MEMORIAM

Run Dunn, B210
Shirley McCauley, formerly B234
Doris Park, B222
Beverly Sanchez, B210
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Frolics - Dueling Divas



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Some donations are designated for specific projects, while others are given in memory of current or former residents, creating meaningful tributes that continue to benefit the community for years to come.

Over the years, the Heather Gardens Foundation has funded many projects that residents enjoy every day, including:

- The Veterans Memorial in front of the Clubhouse
- Trees planted on the golf course and throughout HGMD property
- Benches along community walkways
- Fountains in the ponds
- The Clubhouse Christmas tree

As we look toward the future, the Foundation is seeking additional sources of funding to continue supporting projects that enhance our community. These efforts include fundraising campaigns and applying for grant opportunities.

To help achieve these goals, we are currently looking for volunteers with experience in grant writing, marketing, project management, or anyone simply interested in making a positive difference in our home community. Whether you can help long-term or short-term, we would welcome you as part of our team.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact our Chairperson: Cecilia Williams, cecilia.williams@HeatherGardensmail.com, 303-356-6519

In Memoriam:

For:	From:	Amount:
Janet Young	Heather Gardens Somerset VI Association	\$30.00
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Shred Event



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HG Clubhouse Events

Clubhouse Hours

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Clubhouse Manager: Juanita Dominguez

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Music Video Bingo

Thursday, June 11, 3:00pm

Sandberg Auditorium

Cost: \$10

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Live Well, Age Strong – A CU Anschutz Research Roadshow coming to you!

Friday, June 26, 2026, 10am-2pm

Heather Gardens Clubhouse

We are fortunate to host this Research Roadshow event which will showcase the latest breakthroughs in healthy aging. Learn about research shaping health advancements as we age, for example, in healthy brain aging and cancer prevention.

Join leading health researchers at the "Live well, Age Strong" Research Roadshow, a free and interactive event for older adults on June 26th. CU Anschutz Multidisciplinary Center on Aging, together with CU Cancer Center, and Heather Garden's Aging Strong committee, will present this educational, interactive event.

Pre-registration is highly encouraged. Register by emailing mcoaging@cuanschutz.edu, or calling 303-724-9229.

Complimentary lunch will be provided for those registered attendees.

Heather Gardens Flea Market and Book Sale

Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11

9:00am – 3:00pm

Heather Gardens Clubhouse

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

Save the Date! Annual Holiday Craft Market

Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24

9:00am – 3:00pm

Heather Gardens Clubhouse.

Should you be interested in being added to the Vendor Interest List for the Annual Craft Market, please email your interest to lisa.pond@heathergardensmail.com.



Heather Gardens

Heather Gardens Family Swim

Effective May 11, 2026

Outdoor Pool: Mon - Fri, 10am - 12pm

Indoor Pool: Sat and Sun only 2pm - 4pm

- Residents must sign in at the Activities Desk
- Each unit may bring four guests free of charge. Each additional guest is \$8.00 per day. Resident must be present and are responsible for guests at all times.
- During Family Swim on Indoor Pool days, the two lap lanes closest to the windows are reserved for lap swimmers.
- There is no lifeguard on duty.
- A soap shower is required before entering the pool.
- Diaper-dependent individuals must wear waterproof pants when in pool.
- No running or horseplay permitted in the pool area.
- Children (16 years and younger) are not permitted in Hot Tub or Sauna.
- Drinks and snacks are allowed at the outdoor pool deck only. No glass allowed.

Resident must ensure children are always within their sight and actively engaged in safe swimming practices.

Please be safe and enjoy your swim!



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Aurora Fest

Saturday, June 13, 3-10 p.m.
Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn
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The family-friendly, one-day event includes two stages of vibrant musical and dance performances, a variety of local food trucks, an international marketplace, the Parade of Nations, a Fashion Show, art displays, creative activities for children, and much more.

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Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Friday, June 19

303-370-6000, 9am-5pm
2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, 80205
www.dmns.org

Denver Botanic Gardens York St. and Chatfield Farms

Wednesday, July 1

www.botanicgardens.org

York St:

1007 York St., Denver, 80206
720-865-3500
9am-7pm

Chatfield:

8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Rd., Littleton, 80128
720-865-3500
9am-4pm

Plains Conservation Center

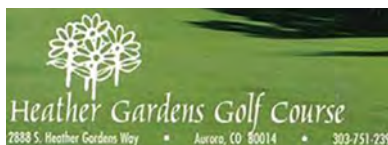
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Tuesday Entertainment

June 16 - 4 pm-Frolics Entertainment at its finest!!

June 23-6 pm-Wine Dinner-4 course dinner and with wine pours to match! Must make reservations

July 7-5:30 pm-Jeopardy w Jordan! So much fun!
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June 17- Steve Clement-Easy Listening

June 24 - Mike Dixon - Variety of Classic Rock and Roll

July 1 - Lee and Company-Country and Pop

July 8 - Maverick Mike

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Fri Dances- 6-9 pm

June 12 - Sazon- (Best Jazz Band Ever!!)

June 26 - Barncasters! NEW! Country and Rock

July 3 - Cindy and Bryce Juke Box Live Dance the Night!!

July 10- Tripwire

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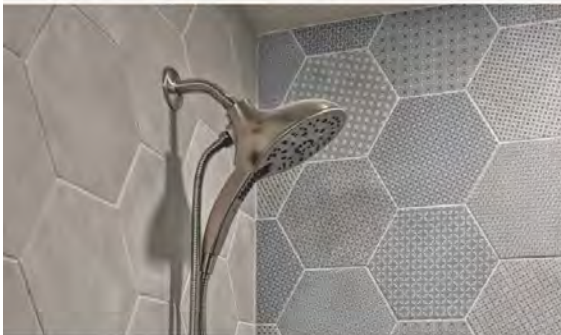
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Tue 2	Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tues) Pickleball - Open Play (every Tues) HG Singers (every Tues) Mah Jongg (every Tues) Ping Pong (every Tues) Tennis Club (every Tues) Billiard Club (every Tues)	Mountain View Room Tennis Courts Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Tennis Courts Billard Room	12-4pm 8am-12pm 1-2:30pm 1-4pm 2pm 5-7pm 6:30pm
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Fri 5	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 8-10am 8am-12pm 10-11am 12:30-5pm

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Sun 7	Pickleball - All Levels (every Sun) Tennis Club (every Sun)	Tennis Courts Tennis Courts	8am-12pm 8-10am & 5-7pm
Mon 8	Aging Strong in HG	Aspen Room	2:30pm
Tue 9	CP2 Sevillians Tennis Club Torah Club (2nd & 4th Tues)	Picnic Pavillion Columbine Room Rendezvous TBD	4:30pm 5pm 5pm 6:30-8pm
Wed 10	Red Hattitudes Personal Protection for Seniors (2nd & 4th Wed) Aviation Club	Rendezvous Game Room Aspen Room	12:30pm 3pm 7pm
Thur 11	Music Video Bingo	Sandberg Auditorium	3pm
Fri 12	HG Indivisible	Library	11:30am-12:50pm
Sat 13	The Breakfast Club Voice for Residents Forum	Rendezvous Mountain View Room	8:30am 3-4:30pm
Tue 16	Caregivers Support Group Frolics "Strut Your Stuff"	Aspen Room Rendezvous	2-4pm 4pm
Thu 18	Social Justice Discussion We the People Club	Blue Spruce Room Arts & Crafts Room	10am-12pm 3-4:30pm
Sat 20	Spring Garden Open House Wine and Cheese Social	13230 E. Marina Dr. Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	8am 3-5pm
Mon 22	SRA Board Low Vision Support Group	Seville Library Aspen Room	1pm 1:30pm
Tue 23	HG Democrats	Sandberg Auditorium	4-5:30pm
Fri 26	Live Well, Age Strong – A CU Anschutz Research Fair	Clubhouse	10am-2pm
Sat 27	National Federation of the Blind	Mountain View Room	10:30am-12:30pm
Mon 29	Garden Club	Blue Spruce Room	6pm

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Heather 'n Yon Deadline*: 6/22

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Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Jun 1: Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday by appt.), Arts & Crafts Room, 9am-12pm (see ad p. 55)
Sat, Jun 6: Sounds of the Rockies, (see ad p. 6)
Fri, Jun 26, Research Fair, HG Clubhouse, 10am-2pm (see ad p. 7)
Sun, Jun 28: HG Chapel Service, 11am (see ad p. 4)

Letters

Heather 'n Yon,

We are looking for a few good people to form an Audio/Video club. Technology is growing at a fast pace, and we need to try to catch up. If you have a background in Audio as an AV Technician, Recording/ Studio Work, Audiobook Services or other AV experience that might fit with this club please contact us. If you have a Video background or experience with television, video creation with YouTube (or other platforms), photography or theater work with projection please contact us. Email me with a short list of your background and experience and depending on the response, I will set up a meeting, and we can discuss a plan of action to provide A/V Services to our community in the future. We know you are out there just waiting for someone to seek out you and your experience. Come on, help form the new Heather Gardens Audio/ Video Club. Also, we have been asked to re-post the Link and QR Code for the Heather Gardens News YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/@HGAdmin-p7n
-John Guise, B217

Heather 'n Yon,

Kudos to the able plumbers on the HG Maintenance Team! Bob, Dan and Enrique all turned out for a repair needed in a "closing next week" condo we had in Seville. Communication, timeliness, courtesy and professionalism all came together for a quick and good result. This is one of the "hidden benefits" we all enjoy as residents is that all the team members in the several departments keep our spaces clean, warm or cool, freshly painted and in good, safe operating condition.

With appreciation,
Bruce Henson, STH

Heather 'n Yon,

Much appreciation to a Heather Gardens employee, Dave Marris! I truly appreciate Dave Marris' confidentiality and professionalism in advising me in a private, personal

security matter -- during his lunch break last week!

It is very clear to me that Dave Marris truly cares about Heather Gardens Residents -- and in advising me, he utilized his many years of experience in national and international security situations.

Thanks also to you for employing such fine employees at Heather Gardens,
-Roxanne Smith, B242

Heather 'n Yon,

Why is it when bad weather comes either: wind, rain or snow we have to RESCAN our TVs?

Several weeks ago we lost all three of Channel 6. I got them on one older tv so I didn't mind; however several days ago we lost channel #9, BASKETBALL PLAY OFFS!

This happened to a friend on second floor and she's constantly losing many channels. Rescans, maybe get a few back but NOT ALL OF THEM.
-T Lee Keene, B223

Heather 'n Yon,

This letter is a huge "Thank You!" from the HG Green Team to the Heather Gardens community, who attended our Paper Shred Event on May 2 and to all residents of Building 250 and to the early bird golfers at our beautiful golf course that day. We thank you for your participation and your patience. Building 250 residents put up with the noise of the truck and the confusion in their parking lot. Thank you. Golfers put up with a new parking routine. Thank you. And to all who came and supported us, thank you for your long wait this year. We had record turnout and shredded 3 TONS of paper that day!! The Green Team is grateful to you all.

-Pat Nugent, B221
(for the entire Green Team)

Heather 'n Yon,

As fairly recent residents of Heather Gardens, my wife and I were pleased to read all of the references to water conservation in the May edition of *Heather 'n Yon*.

(Our former home on the Western Slope will have less than half the irrigation water than last year and possibly none at all by the end of this summer.)

We are happy to see the city of Aurora (and other nearby municipalities) tackling this issue proactively and recommending a 20% reduction in water usage throughout the community.

This issue has inspired us to rethink every drop of water we use in our condo. One easy solution: we put a bucket under the kitchen faucet while waiting for hot water. There's a gallon to a gallon and a half to water plants or a pet!

The 20% Club idea is a great start. I know Cheryl and I will do our level best to reduce our water consumption! We hope that every member of the Heather Gardens community will give a conscious effort to saving water in their own homes.

-Steve Jennings & Cheryl Lucas, B243

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

Letters are due at 12pm (noon) by deadline (see p. 30)

Please submit letters to:
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Thank you!

Correction from May 2026 Letters to the Editor:

Regarding forming a model railroading club. Contact information: art@abington.us -Art Abington, B218

FOR SALE

14000 E Linvale Pl #109: 2b/2b - 1,200 SF - \$347,000

HOA FEE: \$669 per month

Beautifully reimagined with upscale finishes throughout, this move-in-ready Heather Gardens home features a designer kitchen with a large island, custom soft-close cabinetry, Silestone countertops, and updated appliances. Additional highlights include updated bathrooms, modern flooring, smooth ceilings, and an enclosed lanai with acacia wood flooring—creating the perfect year-round retreat.

13991 E Marina Dr. #501: 1b/1b - 838 SF - \$207,000

HOA FEE: \$537 per month

Enjoy mountain views from your private balcony in this extensively updated, move-in-ready condo located in one of Aurora's most desirable active adult communities. Offering low-maintenance living and modern finishes throughout, this beautifully maintained home is ready for immediate enjoyment.

13961 E Marina Dr. #104: 1b/1b - 810 SF - \$207,000

HOA FEE: \$517 per month

This beautifully renovated first-floor residence offers modern updates and exceptional convenience in a quiet, well-maintained setting. Featuring new flooring, fresh paint, updated cabinetry, granite countertops, and stylish finishes throughout, this move-in-ready home combines comfort and value in the heart of Heather Gardens.



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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.

MEET AGING STRONG IN HEATHER GARDENS. By now we hope everyone has at least heard about the newest club in Heather Gardens: Aging Strong in Heather Gardens. The club was organized in the fall of 2025 because we became aware of a growing need for residents to be connected with resources that would help them continue to age in their homes. The club has proven to be successful in its mission of assisting residents. (See the article on page 17 in the April issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.) You will have an opportunity to meet with Aging Strong volunteers, learn more about our purpose, and explore what kind of resources we have available to help Heather Gardens residents.

On June 26, 2026, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center and Cancer Research Center will host a Research Fair at the Heather Gardens clubhouse. (You can read more about it on page 7 of this issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.) Aging Strong will have a table set up in the lobby staffed by volunteers from the club to answer your questions and provide more information about the club and the kinds of concerns we can help residents with. We will also have several of our resource providers available to provide information and answer questions. So bring your neighbors and your family members. Just look for the Aging Strong banner in the lobby and come over and say hello. 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 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.

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. Questions? Call Nancy Fuhr at 303-337-4890.

Democrats/HG

Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December). Our purpose is to educate ourselves, our elected officials and the community about current political issues and candidates. We stand for the Constitution, the rule of law, and GOOD GOVERNMENT. On June 23, our meeting will feature Democratic candidates who will appear on the primary ballot on June 30. (Ballots will be mailed June 6.) Don't miss this one. We meet in the Sandberg Auditorium at 4-5:30 pm. Please join us in the Rendezvous after the meeting for more good conversations. You don't have to live in Heather Gardens or be registered as a Democrat. Our meetings are free. -Marty Karnopp, Chair. 303-353-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com

Frolics

Mark your calendar for our Traveling Troupe show at the Rendezvous – “Strut Your Stuff: Golden Years, Golden Talent,” Tuesday, June 16, at 4 pm. Reservations highly recommended. Watch for upcoming information on our 2026 Summer Production, “Soaring Again.” If you’re interested in joining the Frolics, contact our new Frolics Ambassador, Tina McLaughlin - 720.280.1947.

Garden Club

Residents who lease plots at the Heather Gardens community gardens behind the white fence on East Marina Drive are beginning the 2026 growing season with gusto. Members of the Garden Club who gathered at the May meeting learned of the Aurora County and Heather Gardens restrictions on water usage this summer and how to grow plants with less. The new Demonstration Garden is underway and the Herb Garden will again provide cooking herbs for the Rendezvous Restaurant.

All Heather Gardens residents are invited to celebrate the beginning of summer at the annual Spring Garden Open House beginning at 8 am, Saturday, June 20, at 13230 E. Marina Drive. The Open House will include presentations about growing plants with limited water, gardeners who will be guides for walks and questions, the many changes that have been made recently, refreshments, information on how to rent a lot for the season, and more.

The Club meets the last Monday from each month, 6 pm in the Blue Spruce Room, and welcomes all interested gardeners. For more information or to join the Garden Club email list, contact Nancy Linsensbigler, Garden Club President, at cell/text 720-932-6990.

The Green Team

Our club meets on the first Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon in the Skyview Room. We are an active, environmentally concerned group. If you are

motivated regarding water conservation, air quality, and recycling in Heather Gardens, then you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to meeting you. For more information, call (303) 587-9797. -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 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 (June 22) 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. 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 support 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 the third Thursday monthly in the Arts and Crafts room from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm. All are welcome to attend our Guest Speaker events. We often continue in the Rendezvous afterward.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 8, 6:30 pm – 9 pm, Arapahoe First Patriotic Picnic Dinner, JJ's Place indoor pavilion, 2340 S Chambers Rd, Aurora 80014

- \$16.00 tax and tip included
- Beverage extra
- Purchase beverages separately
- Meet and talk with invited conservative candidates and like-minded neighbors

June 18, 3 pm – 4:30 pm, We the People Club in Arts and Crafts Room, Discussion on Primary Ballot Candidates and what to know before you vote your ballot.

June 30, 7 am – 7 pm Primary Voting Day. ~You are encouraged

to consider participating in the election process by applying to be an election judge or poll watcher. Arapahoe County and your designated party website has links to information.

July 16, 3 pm – 4:30 pm We the People Club in Arts and Crafts Room. Speaker: TBA via email and discussion on Primary Results. We The People Republican Club welcomes 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.

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 5:00 p.m. 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, June 18, 10 am - 12 noon in the Blue Spruce Room. Our purpose is to effect change in behaviors through understanding,

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increasing our awareness, expanding our knowledge, fostering reconciliation, and sharing stories of equity or inequity; inclusion or exclusion. We will hear short presentations: Judy Dumas will speak about her family's connection to Fredrick Douglass. Sue Shenk will speak about her connection with "Legendary Ladies" Theater Group. We also will continue exploring meaningful ways to connect our group with young people in the Aurora and Cherry Creek public school districts. 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. The June Forum may, subject to availability, review the NEW contract between HGA and HGMD, outlining the guidelines for operations for the Heather Gardens community. Please bring your own concerns and questions. Saturday, June 13, 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 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: May 28, July 2, July 30, Aug 13, Aug 27. 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 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.

8-BALL WINNERS 4/14-5/12

April 14

1. Mark Lawson/Melissa Sugar
2. Jack Doherty/Shannon Boyd
3. Ditto Schultz/Dee Moore

April 21

1. Mark Lawson/Shannon Boyd
2. Doug Miller/Linda Gonzalez
3. Otis Lawson/Melissa Sugar

April 28

1. Brian Bucenec/Linda Gonzalez
2. Otis Lawson/Rita Cusack
3. Mark Lawson/Melissa Sugar

May 5: No Play

May 12

1. Brian Bucenec/Judy Brehmer
2. Bob Woods/Linda Boshinski
3. Roger Goldstein/Judy Hein

9 BALL WINNERS 4/16-5/7

April 16

1. Ditto Schultz
2. Thea Hutcheson
3. Brian Bucenec

April 23

1. Brian Bucenec
2. Steve Hesser
3. Scott Crowl

April 30

1. Jack Doherty
2. Ditto Schultz
3. Brian Bucenec

May 7

1. John Manzanares
2. Roger Goldstein
3. Brian Bucenec

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

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(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. The 2025/2026 Bowling winners are:

Individual Awards

High Avg

M: Alan Erickson - 200

F: Flo Madonna - 150

Handicap Series

1st

M: Glenn Riggs - 786

F: Beulah Gould - 752

2nd

M: Rick Riggs - 769

F: Rita Effler - 734

Handicap Game

1st

M: Bill Peters - 293

F: Ann Agee - 279

2nd

M: John Patterson - 287

F: Betsy Adams - 273

Scatch Series

1st

M: Don Schultz - 692

F: Flo Madonna - 540

2nd

M: Maury Smith - 598

F: Colleen Kreft - 519

Scatch Game

1st

M: Alan Erickson - 264

F: Barb Gierscher - 219

2nd

M: Les Groshans - 227

F: Connie Burns - 186

Team Awards

Handicap Series

1st: The Rockers - 2073

(C. Pansini, J. Gittleman, R. Effler)

2nd; Three Blind Mice - 2069

(D. Hunter, S. Warmbold)

Handicap Game

1st: Riggs R Mortis - 750

(L. Riggs, R. Riggs, G. Riggs)

2nd: Easy Rollers - 739

(L. Schneller, C. Strickland, Tony Ormsby)

Scatch Series

1st: Clean Game- 1722

(B. Singer, B. Peters, D. Schultz)

2nd: Bowlers R Us - 1508

(J. Patterson, D. Walstrom, Les Grosshans)

Scatch Game

1st: Bow Wows - 548

(C. Kreft, D. Apt, K. Tipton)

2nd: Fire Flies - 540

(F. Madonna, B. Gierscher, G. Madonna)

League Champions

1st: The Flamingos

(Marla Cole, Larry Hill, Scott Cole)

2nd: Born to Be Wild

(A. Erickson, C. Erickson, B. Gould)

3rd: Clean Game

(B. Singer, B. Peters, D. Schultz)

Final Week - 9/Pin No Tap Results Game 1

1st:

M: Glenn Riggs - 293

F: Barb Gierscher - 296

2nd:

M: Steve Hesser - 292

F: Marla Cole - 290

3rd:

M: Les Grosshans - 286

F: Colleen Kreft - 280

Game 2

1st:

M: Dick Apt - 311

F: Beulah Gould - 315

2nd:

M: Bill Singer - 305

F: Connie Burns - 277

3rd:

M: Scott Cole - 300

F: Ann Agee - 272

Game 3

1st:

M: John Patterson - 313

F: Mary Jo Prichard - 301

2nd:

M: Alan Erickson - 310

F: Betsy Adams - 271

3rd:

M: Maury Smith - 292

F: Flo Madonna - 270

Congratulations on another great season. 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

Colorado's wide range of spring weather conditions were on display in May as the Heather Gardens Ladies Golf Club attempted to launch its 2026 season. The first scheduled day of play, Wednesday, May 6, began with 4 inches of snow on the ground—far from ideal golf weather. A week later, on May 13, summer arrived early, with temperatures in the 80s by the time the last foursome finished. Then, on May 20, cold and windy conditions forced another cancellation. As June

begins, everyone is hoping for more consistent weather and uninterrupted weekly play.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 15 – Men's and Ladies Mixer
- July 14 and 21 – Battle of the Gardens
- 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. The next HGLGC board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room. All members are encouraged to attend. -Communications Chair, Suzi Stolte

Tournament Results May 13**Flight 1**

- 1st: Phyllis Joslin
- 2nd: Susan Brennan
- 3rd: Colleen Kreft
- 4th: JoAnn Fitch

Flight 2

- 1st: Judy Phillips
- 2nd: Jan Belt
- 3rd: Lisa Teague
- 4th: Debbie White

Flight 3

- 1st: Flo Madonna
- 2nd: Linda Hileman
- 3rd: Kathy Stebbins
- 4th: Dee Moore

Flight 4

- 1st: Sandy Costello
- 2nd: Jane Colvin
- 3rd: Sharon Weiss
- 4th: Eileen Umhoefer

Low Gross Awards

- Flight 1: Teri Bradbury
- Flight 2: Debbie Madril
- Flight 3: Cindy Koch
- Flight 4: Betsy Adams

Golf/Men's

Fellow Golfers, our season has started, but we're still accepting applications to play. 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. 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 1 Results**E Flight**

Cliff Creswell, Glenn Riggs, George Goodell

D Flight

Tom Kappell, Phil Corliss, Mike Corcoran

C Flight

Lou Sillstrop, Wally Armistead, Steve Webb, Mike Benowitz

B Flight

Mark Blagen, Tom Parko, Sam Thiessen, Jake Flint, Jim Mathews

A Flight

Don Foster, Fred Lowe, Steve Hesser, Jack Doherty

Closest to the Hole

#6 Wally Armistead

#8 Dave Croak

May 15 Results**E Flight**

Cliff Creswell, Glenn Riggs, Neil Miller, Dick Apt

D Flight

Bob Streno, Mike Corcoran, Tony Schierbeck, John Borton

C Flight

Eric Neel, Henry Ulibarri, Ty Hutton

SPORTS & RECREATION

B Flight

Jake Flint
Ruan Copeland, Russ Smith
Jess Deal, Jon Freyer, Jim
Stebbins, Sam Thiessen

A Flight

Dan Hebble, Butch Harper
Chris Hughes, Steve Rumbaugh,
Fred Lowe, Phil Marquis, Casey
Williams

Closest to the Hole

#6 Dave Bartch
#8 Gavin Copeland

May 22 Results

E Flight

Mike Guise, Kenny Duncan,
Cliff Creswell, George Goodell,
Mark Giarratano, Steve Miedema

D Flight

Dave Bartch, Tom Kappel,
Bob Streno, John Borton, Mike
Meagher

C Flight

Pat Greer, Henry Ulibarri,
Cal Green, Lou Sillstrop

B Flight

Jake Flint, Sam Thiessen, Jim
Mathews, Steve Gilbert, Jeff Green

A Flight

Dave Schmit, Dan Foster, Dave
Warmbold

Closest to the Hole

#6 Pat Greer
#8 Jeff Green

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.

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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 roundrobin 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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- 36 members + 6 guests played regular and funky challenge games
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- JUNE HOURS – (8:00 AM-12:00 PM)

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Sundays

East Courts: Tennis until 10, then Beginner–Intermediate+
West Courts: ALL levels until 10, then 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: \$20 for residents / \$30 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 might be waiting.

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 5:30 to 9:00 pm in the Skyview room. All residents are welcome to join our fun weekly Samba night, where we begin exactly at 5:30 and four full rounds. Please be sure you can commit to the entire 3½ hour session of rule heavy card play. To join the Samba Club email: Ishileman1958@gmail.com

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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, 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 - 11 am), 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

We now meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm in the Rendezvous. Come prepared to join us for dinner and robust conversation. Our time on the courts has changed to the morning since the weather has gotten warmer. You will see balls flying early on most days. For exact times, check the new schedule posted on the front gate. You are welcome to join in round-robin games or practice with the ball machine. If you have questions, please call (303)587-9797. W. Pfaffhausen



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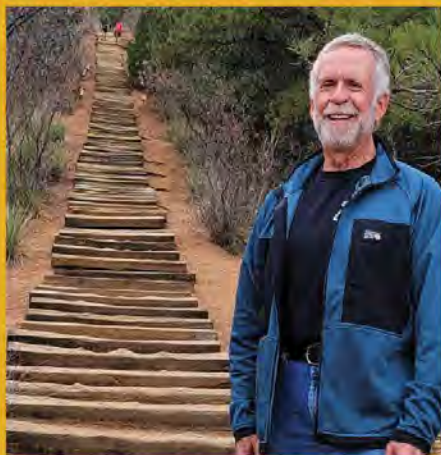
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What is a VPN?

A VPN is software that establishes a secure, encrypted connection—often called a “tunnel”—between your device and a VPN server located elsewhere in the world. This tunnel hides your IP address, masking your true location. Consequently, websites, advertisers, and even your internet service provider cannot track your online activity.

Saving Money with Different VPN Server Locations

Many online services use regional pricing or dynamic pricing, charging different amounts based on your perceived location or browsing history. By connecting to VPN servers in different countries, you can take advantage of lower prices in regions where goods or subscriptions are cheaper.

Common Savings Opportunities

1. Streaming Services: Platforms like Netflix, Spotify, or Apple Music often charge less in lower-income countries. For example, Spotify Premium may cost \$10.99 in the U.S. but only \$1.66 in Pakistan. Connecting via a VPN can allow you to subscribe at the lower regional rate.
2. Flight and Hotel Bookings: Airline and hotel pricing can fluctuate based on the country from which you're browsing. Using a VPN, you can compare rates from multiple regions, making it possible to book tickets or accommodations at a lower cost.
3. Video Games and Software: Prices on Steam, Microsoft Office 365, or Adobe subscriptions can vary by country. By selecting a VPN server in a region with cheaper rates, you can purchase digital products at a discount.

4. Online Shopping: E-commerce sites like Amazon may display region-specific prices. A VPN allows you to “appear” in another country where the same item could cost significantly less.

Practical Tips for Using a VPN to Save

Clear your browser cookies and cache before switching VPN locations to avoid location-based price tracking. Test multiple server locations to find where the lowest prices appear. Use reputable, paid VPN services like NordVPN, ExpressVPN, or Surf shark, which offer fast, global server networks and stronger privacy protections.

Check service terms to ensure compliance with subscription providers' rules when using VPNs to access lower regional prices.

Conclusion

A VPN is more than just a privacy tool; it's a versatile way to optimize your online spending. By swapping server locations, you can unlock savings on subscriptions, travel, software, and digital goods. With careful use, a VPN allows you to enjoy international pricing benefits safely and effectively, turning your online presence into a cost-saving advantage.

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

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.

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Boards and Committees *Monthly Meetings*

June 2026

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, June 1

Maintenance (Zoom) – 8:30am, Tuesday, June 2

Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, June 2

Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, June 3

HGMD Special Board Meeting (BR/Zoom), 1pm, Wed, June 3

Communications (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Thurs, June 4

RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 11am, Mon, June 8

HGA/HGMD Study Session (BR/Zoom) – 2:30 pm, Mon., Jun 8

Insurance (BR/Zoom) - 11 am, Tues, Jun 9

~~Capital Program (BR/Zoom) 1pm - Mon, June 8~~ *cancelled*

Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, June 9

Foundation (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Wed, June 10

Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3pm, Thurs, June 11

Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Fri, June 12

~~Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Mon, June 15~~ *cancelled*

Water Conservation - 1pm, Tues, June 16

Tech Taskforce (BR/Zoom) – 2pm, Tues, June 16

~~Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, June 17~~ *cancelled*

ACC (Zoom) – 10am Thu, June 18

HGA Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, June 23

New Resident Orientation (BR) – 10am, Wed, June 24

HGMD Board Meeting (BR/Zoom), 1pm, Thu, June 25

July 2026

CECC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Thurs, July 2

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, July 6

Maintenance (Zoom) – 8:30am, Tuesday, July 7

Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, July 7

*For the most current information, please check
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If you attended the May 5 Town Hall with Diana Denwood from Aurora Water, you probably remember the startlingly low snowpack number for this year: 18 percent of normal. Additionally, Aurora's 12 reservoirs are overall only 57 percent full.

As a result of these numbers and other considerations, on April 6, Aurora City Council declared Stage 1 drought restrictions for the city and all its residents, including the Heather Gardens community. (For more information visit www.Auroragov.org/drought)

Double the Price

We also learned Aurora Water has reduced the yearly allocation of water by 20 percent for Heather Gardens and all other multi-family accounts. This means we will pay our usual Tier I price rate if we keep our water usage at or below our new allocated amount; however, if we go over the new allocated amount, the rate we pay will double under Tier II pricing. We will also be subject to fines for over usage. While HG residents don't directly pay the monthly Aurora Water bills, the amount paid is reflected in our monthly HOA fee.

The twice a week irrigation schedule that Heather Gardens has adopted will go a long way in reducing overall water use by 20 percent, but Aurora Water also recommends reductions in personal use.

Personal use is the water in our buildings that we use for flushing toilets, taking showers, doing dishes, washing clothes and other daily tasks of cooking and cleaning.

Join 20 Percent Club

The ad hoc Water Conservation Committee is asking all those at Heather Gardens —residents, staff and visitors—to join the 20 Percent Club. The Committee suggests that each person at HG find a way, or several ways, to reduce the amount of water they use.

Here are some things to try:

- Turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth
- Run only full loads of laundry
- Run full dishwashers instead of washing by hand
- Take shorter showers instead of baths; aim for 5 minutes

Leaking Toilets are the Worst

But the number one task every resident should do every year is check toilets for leaks.

Aurora Water says toilet flushing accounts for 27 percent of indoor water use, but toilet leaks account for an additional 14 percent of the water used, they said. It's easy to check your toilet for leaks; add several drops of food coloring to the water in your tank. Wait 15 minutes and if the color shows up in the bowl, it means you have a leak. The quicker the color shows up, the bigger the leak.

Watch for updates and more information from the Water Conservation Committee on ways the Heather Gardens community is working to save our water.

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Overheard @ HG

**Hitchcock
warned us**

Mary Hafka

When I completed and filed my column for last month's issue, I never imagined I'd be writing a sequel. How much can a person write about birds?

It's turned out that the local birdlife in HG has achieved a dominance never envisioned – at least, by me. Specifically, a notorious street gang of wild turkeys has seized control of our lanes and byways.

On a memorable day this spring, a looming large tom turkey staked out some territory in the middle of East Maine Drive (EMD), during the busiest time of the day. It was instructive to watch cars traveling in both directions timidly skirt around him as he stared them down from the center double-yellow line.

His dominance clearly established, he finally strutted majestically to the sidewalk, sneering all the way. We human onlookers breathed a sigh of relief.

(Why did the turkey cross the road? To prove he wasn't a chicken.*)

The full complement of the feathery gang has exhibited an unnerving interest in my house in particular. I didn't know why these Aurora avians find hanging around my place so appealing. It's true that my front-lawn area is covered in wood shreds, and I've found several depressions in it, looking as though something was trying to fashion a nest.

But they congregate behind my home, too, and that area is covered with a combination of rocks and blue grass. It was obvious to me that more was going on here than a misguided turkey hen looking for a spot to drop her eggs.

My suspicions deepened when I went online, and visited Turke-Zillow. Imagine my concern when I found my home address listed here, accompanied by an expansive description of the

pleasures of senior living for the Galliformic house hunter.

A group of turkeys is called a rafter. Personally, I want to know what my local rafter is after.

It's an unnerving experience to rise from one's bed, each morning, stumble to the window – to assess the weather – and find a beady-eyed turkey staring back, while scribbling copious notes about my habits. In the world of spies, I believe this is called intelligence gathering.

(On another note, I'd like to know why my faithful watch dog, who barks at every butterfly that flits by and raises the roof if another neighborhood pooch wanders past our window, doesn't seem at all bothered by these peeking-tom turkeys. I suspect the molting mafia bribed her with Pup-peronis.)

We haven't yet advanced to the stage where I awaken, and find a surveillance Meleagris gallopavo dangling over my bed, like the hero from Mission Impossible. But I have a feeling this event is to come.

My CP6 neighbors appear to concur with me that the turkeys like my house best. And they mostly agree it's pretty creepy.

One helpful neighbor suggested that a reason my resident rafter congregates around my place could be that a broody turkey has built her nest among my bushes. This seemed an enlightened suggestion, and would have explained a great deal.

Unfortunately, I can't find any evidence of a nest amid my surroundings. In the absence of such a reasonable, domestic solution, I'm forced to assume the worst; i.e., that the turkeys intend to drive me out of HG, and set up Turkey Central in my patio home.

(What did the angry turkey say to the other turkey? Go pluck yourself.*)

It was only the other night, while I was lounging on my lanai, that I heard a chorus of turkeys gobbling the melody to, "So Long, It's Been Good To Know You," in four-part harmony. I think they were outside my fence. Perhaps under the slab. Or on the roof?

Whichever it was, I had the impression they had me surrounded. They're good at gaslighting.

But the worst was the evening when I looked out the window, and espied three hag turkeys grouped around a caldron, chanting and swaying in the moonlight. I'm not sure what they were chanting, as I don't speak turkey.

(I'm not sure where they got the caldron, either. I better not find out that they stole it from my garage. Not that I have a caldron. Not that I use the caldron – I don't have to make magic potions.)

If that weren't enough, a couple of ducks have been scoping out my place lately. Why Mr. and Mrs. Duck are by my abode, rather than paddling in the nearby lake – as they should be – is anybody's guess. One of my cul-de-sac mates complained to me, the other day, "Your duck was in my driveway."

I have a feeling those gangster turkeys have sublet the ducks my homestead, and are collecting illegal rents. That EMD-occupying turkey, specifically, bears a striking resemblance to Tony Soprano.

And why the ducks are in league with the turkeys is anyone's guess. At the end of the day, I guess all those birds of a feather flock together.

For those who scoff at my contentions that turkeys are trying to turn me out of my house, be advised that bands of renegade marauders have been seen crossing the HG Golf Course, pulling a wagon full of surveying equipment. I think they're planning a takeover of the golf course next.

I don't in the end know why the turkey crossed the road. But I observed that his crossing was poultry in motion.*

*With apologies to Bad Dad Jokes.

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