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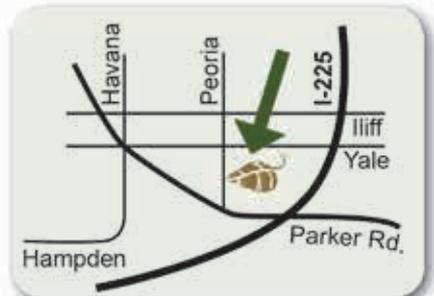
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# 2022 officers elected; ARO will meet in-person in January

Eight directors attended the Dec. 21 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors: President Jill Bacon, David Baxter, Larry Dávila, Mark Nading and Bev Havens were in the Board Room, while Mike Pula, Terry Hostetler and Peter Cukale attended via Zoom. Outgoing director Neel Levy did not attend. Directors-elect for 2022 attended, as they voted on board officers for 2022: David Kennedy was in the Board Room, and Linda Hileman attended via Zoom.

Nading announced the results of the November HGA election of directors. He stated that Pula, Kennedy and Hileman would begin three-year terms on the board in January. (See page 7 for results in the board election and the vote to veto the 2022 budget.)

The election of officers for the coming year resulted in all 2021 officers retaining their seats. Bacon was re-elected president. Dávila was re-elected vice president. Baxter will remain as secretary. Hostetler will continue as treasurer.

Area Representative Organization (ARO) President Betty Bergeron announced the ARO would meet Jan. 13. Kennedy noted he would resign his seat as B202 AR, when he joins the board. He asked Bergeron to ensure that his successor would be invited to the quarterly meeting in January.

Bergeron asked the board to consider adding money to the budget for 2023 to help defray costs incurred by ARs who currently are printing emails for themselves, for posting in their building or for other ARs who don't have computers. She also asked the board to consider ways in

which they might better recognize the work of ARs, which is considerable, she said.

SEC Chair Havens reported HG had lost a security officer to a better-paying job. The loss created a hardship, she said, because it is difficult for HG Security to meet its policy of having two security officers onsite at all times. CEO Jon Rea added that Security Chief Mike Martinez had begun interviewing applicants, to fill the position.

Havens noted the speed cushions, which had been installed by the city of Aurora along South Heather Gardens Way. These cushions (or bumps in the road) had elicited comments, good and bad. Some had complained the signs warning about the bumps were not nearly visible enough. Havens remarked that HG is pursuing adding speed cushions to East Marina Dr. The city must agree to perform this work.

The board approved two SEC proposals: Safety Policy and Life Safety Procedures for HG employees, and an Emergency Action Plan, primarily for residents. The safety policy outlines who are the life-saving active team members. They are charged with finding employees throughout the HG property, in the event of an emergency. The action plan updates emergency procedures for multi-story buildings, and added evacuation plans for CPs and THs, which formerly were not addressed.

The board approved cost-overrun funds for two projects that exceeded the amount of money the board approved earlier. An additional \$58,720 was needed to complete the replacement of elevator jacks in B235 and

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*Left: The Clubhouse was decorated for the holidays, including a new tree purchased using HG Foundation funds. Photo by Janis Farrell.*

*Below: The traditional Hannukah display was in the lobby. The candles were lit as the eight days passed after Nov. 29.*

*Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis*



# Extra! Extra! Information for you –

## **Ballot problems in HGA Board Election**

A total of 1,316 ballots were cast in the Nov. 23, HGA Board of Director election. Unfortunately, 56 of those ballots did not meet the basic requirements of eligibility and, therefore, could not be counted [4.3 percent].

Dave Woods, B215, who chaired the committee of volunteers who counted the ballots wanted residents to know what requirements were not met by the rejected ballots.

Most importantly, the voter must be “a member in good standing.” That means the person has to be current on monthly dues to the Heather Gardens Association (HGA). Forty of the ballots were ineligible for that reason.

“We double-checked this rule with management, assisted by Board Assistant Evelyn Ybarra, Board Assistant, who was our liaison with the office,” Woods noted. “I had not been aware of this requirement until I saw it in the bylaws. Apparently, some voters were unaware, also.”

Evelyn went the extra mile by doing a double-check in the office to determine if dues had been brought current by any of those 40.

Woods and the team followed a strict protocol from HGA for handling all materials. Ballots were required to be inside the envelope issued with each ballot, with the person’s name and unit on the outside. The team counting sorted the envelopes to put the names in alphabetical order. The unopened envelopes were placed aside and returned to the Management Office.

Nine of the ballots were loose, without envelopes. Others had been placed in different envelopes without name and unit, not the regulation one.

“Some people put their ballots in the right envelope, but they marked out their name and unit number,” Woods added. He wondered if these residents wanted to protect their privacy. “Envelopes without the proper identification on the outside were not eligible.”

A total of 16 ballots, plus the 40 from residents not in good standing, were set aside. All rejected material was returned to the Management Office. These rejected ballots included two where units had sold recently. It was not clear if it was the old or new owner voting.

One envelope was received in the mail after the deadline. Another retrieved from the HGA election ballot box had been intended for the Arapahoe County election.

“After we had gone through this process, we were left with a stack of valid, approved envelopes. We then opened the envelopes and pulled out the ballots. At no time did we connect a voter name with a specific ballot. Votes were completely private.

“When it came to actually counting Board of Director votes, there were an additional four ballots that had to be discarded, as people voted for four or more candidates. Instructions clearly directed voters to select three out of the five candidates on the ballot.”

Another factor the team addressed was that the Seville area was having its own election. Some of those ballots were put into the HGA ballot box.

“The Seville [buildings] were holding its election at a later date. Their envelopes looked distinctly different. We did deliver those ballots to the Seville election officials in time for their election,” Woods said.

The team met in a conference room in the Clubhouse from 8 am–3:30 pm to get the job done. To assure transparency, all counting activity could be viewed on Zoom at any time of the day.

“We had five or six people tuning in on Zoom throughout the day,” Woods noted.

“As a team, we were disappointed that some votes were ineligible, since people clearly had attempted to take a responsible action and make their voices heard as members of the Heather Gardens community,” Woods added.

“In summary, it’s critical to use the right envelope that includes your name and unit number, place it in the correct ballot box by the deadline, and be aware that you have to be in good standing in order to vote.”

Woods and his wife, Jan, have lived at HG about five years where he has served as the building’s Area Representative for three years. He is a U.S. military veteran.

Woods thanked the team of volunteers who helped: Betty Bergeron, B236; John and Joan Harvey, B219; Anita Huddleston, B223; Normand and Pat Langlaise, B232; Joe and Paula Moore, B236; Mike and Linda Worthey, B250; Ron and Norma Wright, B232.

**– Patricia McLaughlin  
B215**

## **Roads & Grounds demonstrates good stewardship**

The Heather Gardens Roads and Grounds Department (R&G) accomplishes many different tasks on the 200-acre property, allowing a maintenance free community for residents (see R&G Year At a Glance, page 10). R&G manages over 54 acres of turf. Activities include mowing, trimming, aerating, fertilizing, mitigating fungus/pests/weeds, irrigating, etc. The department oversees

approximately 3,700 trees and somewhere in the range of approximately 30,000 shrubs and decorative plants.

The most important assignment — in terms of safety — is snow removal and ice melt applications. We remove snow, using a priority list that was drafted and approved by the HGA Board. Many factors dictate how we work

*See Roads & Grounds...page 10*

# 2022 budget vote will not veto approved budget; HGA Board election results

In his report to the HGA Board, Election Committee Chair David Woods gave the following results.

- Votes to veto the 2022 budget (“Yes” votes) **550**
- Votes to approve the 2022 budget (“No”) **738**

With this result, the budget approved by both boards on Oct. 14 will proceed unchanged for the next fiscal year, 2022. The budget increased 10.4 percent over the 2021 budget, an increase that was explained during the public meetings held in early November for HG members. The total combined budget for Heather Gardens Association (HGA) and Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) is \$15,365,283. The portion of this allotted to HGMD is \$1,496,739; HGA is \$13,868,544.

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Results in the HGA Board of Directors election were tabulated on Nov. 23 (with the separate ballots for the budget veto vote) by a committee of volunteers. Five candidates had run for three positions to begin a three-year term on the HGA Board, beginning January 2022.

Vote tally was:

Mike Pula	734
Linda Hileman	652
David Kennedy	630
Peter Cukale	549
Neel Levy	477

The top three candidates were selected by HG residents. Mike Pula has been on the board, elected to a one year term in 2020. The other two are newcomers on the board. It was a surprising result after Peter Cukale and Neel Levy were appointed by the HGA Board at their August 2021 meeting to complete two terms by directors who had resigned, leaving vacancies on the board (Al Lindeman and Pat Spratt).

Election Chair David Woods, B215, was joined by the following committee members who volunteered their time two days before Thanksgiving to assist: Betty Bergeron, B236; John and Joan Harvey, B219; Anita Huddleston, B223; Normand and Pat Langlaise, B232; Joe and Paula Moore, B236; Mike and Linda Worthey, B250; Ron and Norma Wright, B232.

Woods noted that the work began shortly after 8 am on Nov. 23; ended about 3:40 pm. He told the board that 26 ballots returned to HG ballot collection box were blank — no votes indicated on the HGA Board candidates; four ballots had too many candidates selected (more than three). Other problems with ballots were detailed in a report he gave a fellow resident, Patricia McLaughlin (see page 6).

## Parking structures update

Restruction, a firm that specializes in concrete structural repairs, completed repairs in early November on many post-tension tendons (cables) in Parking Structure (PS) 3. The firm then made exploratory cuts into select locations within other PS slabs.

Building & Civil Engineering (BC&E), a firm that has done previous evaluations on HG PS, utilized the cuts from the top and underside of the slabs to investigate and evaluate the current condition of all four PS.

Restruction then backfilled and fixed the exploratory cuts. BC&E plans to submit their report on the current condition of the PS to HG during the week of Dec. 20. This report should contain a prioritized list of all work required to save the PS, along with estimated costs. This report will be scrutinized by the Parking Structure Advisory Committee (PSAC) and HG management by the time you read this article.

Members of the PSAC and HG management had a kick-off meeting with key members of The Ivins Design Group (Ivins) in early December. Ivins has been contracted to provide architectural drawings (or plot plans)

and take HG through the pre-application meeting with the Planning Department for the City of Aurora. HG gave Ivins a status report on all PS and listed design features for any new PS that are desired. Ivins can use this information to develop architectural drawings that incorporate desires and constraints while complying with city requirements. The pre-application meeting will be the end of Phase I for considering the option to replace a PS.

The 2022 Budget passed with funds earmarked toward the failing PS4. These funds will allow the Board to pursue a solution for the PS, not just emergency fixes. The PSAC continues to gather data to advise the board on what course of action to take that will best serve HG for the long-term: save, repair and then replace, or replace.

To request a PS Presentation for your building/area, or send the PSAC questions or suggestions, please email: [HGCommunityInvolvement@gmail.com](mailto:HGCommunityInvolvement@gmail.com).

– **Linda Hileman, CP1 and Ray Nash, CP2**  
**Parking Structure Advisory Committee**



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# Roads & Grounds...from page 6

through the list, including: snow depth, storm duration, available equipment, and immediate future weather forecasts. On average, the department applies approximately 2,000 pounds of ice melt and approximately 6,000 pounds of ice slicer to the property after each snowstorm.

The ice melt used at building entrances, stairs, and sidewalks is pet friendly. Nevertheless, use caution when walking pets on the ice melt. The ice slicer that R&G started using recently on roadways and parking structures is a natural product that is mined in Utah then shipped directly to the vendor with very little processing. The slicer is less destructive to concrete and metal, compared to the salt and sand mixture that was used in years past.

Other advantages to the slicer are there is no clean-up after it has been applied. It acts as a pre-treatment for the next storm. Previously, it was necessary to sweep roadways and parking structures after the salt and sand mix was applied to avoid any potential injury to person or property. That process is no longer necessary with the slicer.

One main focus in R&G is to be good stewards to the community by applying a commercial landscaping approach that can achieve economies of scale. The department strives to be fiscally responsible with its budget, saving money for HG where possible. One example is the mowing and turf care services. Even the most basic of turf care would cost the community hundreds of

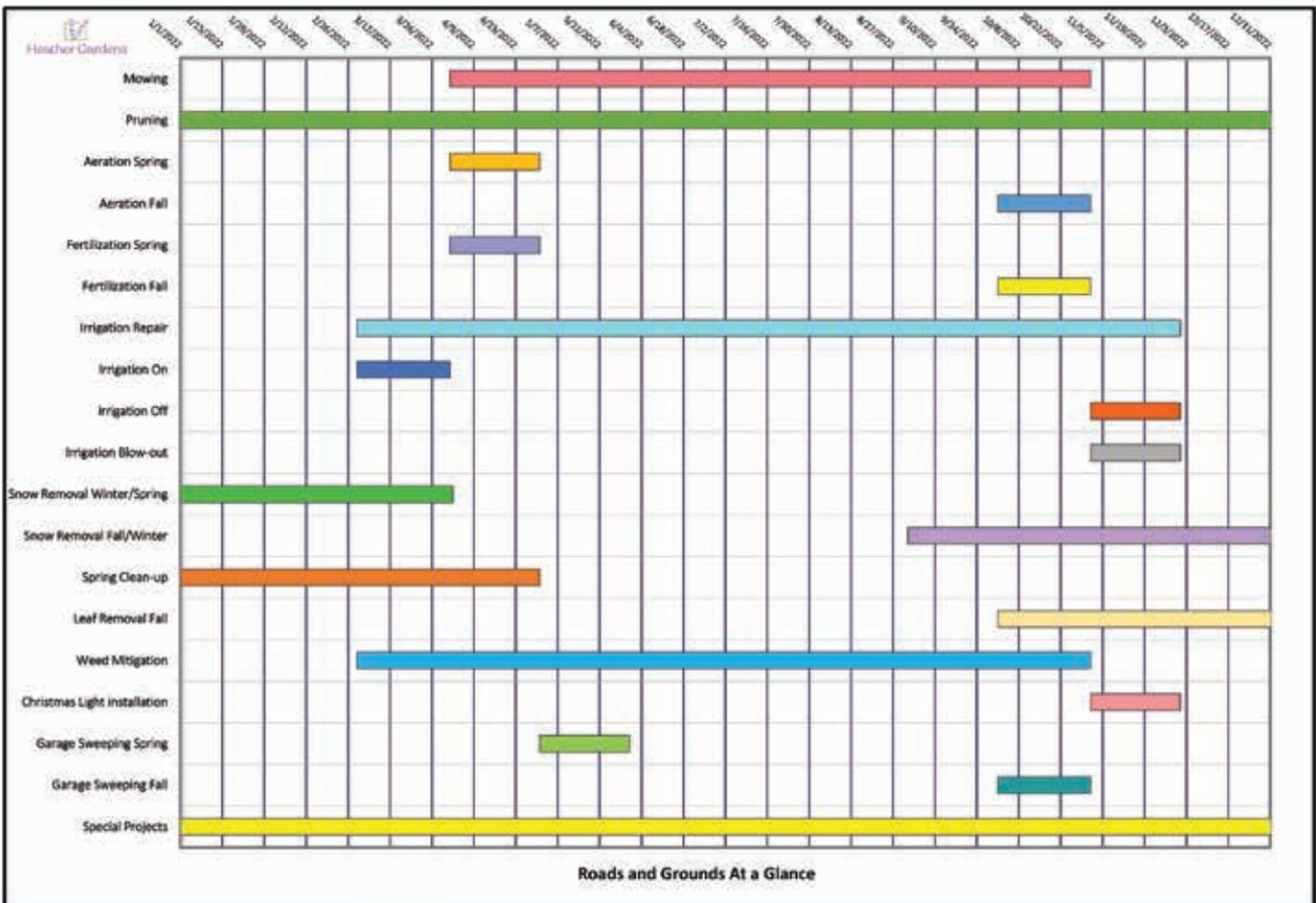
thousands of dollars each year if it was outsourced to a contractor.

- **Mowing** 6-person crew x \$60/hour = \$360  
 $\$360/\text{hr} \times \text{an average of } 36 \text{ hours/week} = \$12,960$   
 $\$12,960 \times 28 \text{ weeks} = \mathbf{\$362,880 \text{ total mowing cost}}$
  - **Fertilizing** 3-person crew x \$60/hour = \$180  
 $\$180/\text{hr} \times 40 \text{ hours} = \$7,200$   
 $\$7,200 \times 2 \text{ applications} = \$14,400 \text{ total labor cost}$   
 $200 \times 50\text{-pound bags at } \$36/\text{bag} = \$7,200$   
 $\$7,200 \times 2 \text{ applications} = \$14,400 \text{ total supply cost}$   
 $\$14,400 + \$14,400 = \mathbf{\$28,800 \text{ total cost to fertilize}}$
  - **Aerating** 4-person crew x \$60/hr = \$240  
 $\$240/\text{hr} \times 40 \text{ hours} = \$9,600$   
**Spring/Fall aeration:  $\$9,600 \times 2 = \mathbf{\$19,200}$**
- Total Basic Turf Maintenance Cost =**  
 $\$362,880 + \$28,800 + \$19,200 = \mathbf{\$410,880}$

As the above calculations show, it could cost HGA approximately \$410,880 per year. The R&G mow crew, by comparison, costs approximately \$200,000 (labor/benefits and equipment maintenance) to operate. By having the services (mowing, trimming, edging, blowing, fertilizing and aerating) provided by R&G in-house, the community saves. Many large commercial landscaping companies will charge around \$100/hour, enabling them to be profitable (after taxes, equipment, and maintenance costs). With an average hourly rate of \$100/hour, HGA could expect to pay \$675,200 annually.

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## HGA...from page 5

B242, bringing the project cost to \$233,620. Unexpected quantities of rock and soil were found in the jackshafts, which had to be removed to complete the work. Chief Operating Officer Jason Altshuler, in response to a question by Director Peter Cukale, said that not all elevator shafts have the excess material to remove, which is why the expense was not budgeted in advance. Altshuler said there were only three more elevator shafts scheduled for replacement in 2022.

An additional \$54,886.50 was approved for work on Parking Structure (PS) 3, bringing the total project cost to \$142,606.50. Contractor Restruction Corp. needed to repair four additional post-tension cables and remove a staircase that was structurally unsound. Removing the staircase had not been budgeted; the new staircase at PS 3 was budgeted for 2022.

The board approved revisions to the procedure memorandum governing the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). ACC Chair Nading presented the document with changes that updated such areas as provisions for electric-car charging stations, rules on security cameras in common areas, and a/c units. The document added solar panels to the rules for installing skylights in units, and flagged that no ACC approval would be needed to add RING security systems, as those cameras are placed for use of the unit resident, not for common areas.

Rea told the board HG's addendum to the Comcast agreement has gone to HG's attorney for feedback. Comcast will review the document next. Work isn't likely

to resume on HG property until spring.

Rea also told the board, in response to a question from Director Pula that the CP1 retaining walls had not been done because the costs originally estimated at \$5,000 had increased to almost \$15,000. It seemed prudent to postpone, waiting for material costs or supply chains issues to subside.

Director David Baxter noted that the annual walk-around to all buildings and areas had been canceled for two years now. He wondered if it was going to be scheduled in 2022. Rea responded that walking through the buildings was inadvisable when COVID cases were increasing, but thought that later in the year it could be done again. This formerly annual event allowed ARs to meet with board directors and management staff to identify problem areas in their building or area.

After reviewing a draft document under consideration by the Public Relations (PR) Committee, ARO President Betty Bergeron said that two ARs were reviewing it. The PR Committee has called it, "HG Bill of Rights," or more recently, "Code of Conduct for HG." Bergeron suggested that the ARs had suggested it be called, "Commitment to Civility and Caring in HG." The PR Committee has a committee set to review the draft document before its next meeting in January.

Other board actions:

...the Structure Maintenance Committee will not meet again until January 28. Meeting on a Friday is for January only, to accommodate a scheduling conflict for Chair Pula.

...extended the term of Greg Winslow on the SEC Committee into a fifth year.

## Roads & Grounds...from page 10

Aside from saving the community money, another advantage to having R&G services in-house is that resident concerns are addressed. The department strives to have eyes on each work order received within 24-48 hours. Utilizing their experience, R&G Manager Matt Martella and Assistant R&G Supervisor Harold Borquez (combined 50 years of turf and landscape maintenance experience) decide on the depth and scope of work needed. There are instances when a decision is made that does not fit with the desires of the resident (usually pruning, installing or removing plants).

Remembering to be good stewards, we want to install "the right plant in the right place" based on different factors (soil condition, amount of irrigation needed, sunlight, etc.). We also want to prune properly in a way that is best for the plant.

If a resident has requested a honeysuckle that is 8 feet tall be pruned down to 18 inches, for example, we decline to prune it that low. Cutting off more than 30 percent of the canopy would kill the plant. We also would not prune a honeysuckle in June, when it is flowering because it would likely not flower again for nearly two years.

R&G will not remove any living plant material unless it poses an immediate threat to a structure or individual. Changing plant material year after year to accommodate

varying individual tastes is not an effective use of budgeted funds.

R&G is also looking at creative and efficient ways to reduce its labor and other costs to HG. This could be things such as selecting the right plants for Colorado's weather, saving water through hardware and methodology, and processing activities to enhance overall efficiencies.

Overall, the Roads and Grounds Department offers a proactive, commercial style approach to the maintenance of HG landscape. We pride ourselves in being good stewards to the community and work to make HG a property every resident is proud to call home.

– R&G Manager Matt Martella



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## Publisher's Corner

### Imagine domesticating and breeding the modern horse

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Ludovic Orlando, a molecular archaeologist at University Paul Sabatier in Toulouse, France, calls it “the first experiment of globalization. The world became smaller, simply because we had the horse.”

Orlando made that comment to Rebecca Dzombak, in her *National Geographic* article, “Domestic horses’ mysterious origins may finally be revealed,” Oct. 20, 2021. Orlando was the study leader for colleagues who took samples from ancient horse skeletons, found in museums from Portugal to Mongolia, then tested the DNA. From these samples, they reconstructed the horse genomes.

This collaboration between more than 100 scientists produced the answer: the domestic horse originated in southern Russia. There were three main locations considered: Anatolia, Iberia and western Eurasian steppes. Modern domestic horses, *Equus caballus*, were birthed in the Eurasian steppes (see graphic below). The Great Steppe of Europe and Asia is the temperate grasslands, savannas and shrublands biome.

Orlando and other investigators have pinpointed the origins of today’s domestic horse in southern Russia, near the intersection of the Volga and Don Rivers. The DNA research shows that equines lived there between 4,700 and 4,200 years ago. People living there bred the previously wild horse for domestic use, then

migrated to new places. In fact, it was the training and breeding of the horse that led to its widespread expansion from western Europe to eastern Asia.

“As they expanded, they replaced all the previous lineages that were roaming around Eurasia,” Orlando said. The migration “was almost overnight,” according to his report in the Oct. 20 issue of *Nature* magazine.

He hypothesized that horseback riding and horse-drawn chariots, which became common a few 100 years after the equines’ domestication, changed the power dynamics between societies, probably spurring further spread of the horse.

From the DNA analysis, *E. caballus* evolved from short, horse-like grazers that roamed North American grassland and crossed over the Bering land bridge during the last ice age.

Archaeological and historical records suggest that horse populations increased across Eurasia about 4,200 years ago. Several questions arise. Did climate change then provide more habitat for horses with expanding grasslands? Did people breed the animal simultaneously in different regions? Or, was there a single source? (“Only in the last decade or so has the technology to test ancient DNA from preserved materials such as bones and hair become

finely honed enough to investigate these broad questions.”)

The genetic maps became less diverse, according to Orlando’s results, as humans selectively bred the animals for endurance, docility and ability to bear human weight. After the Bronze Age, humans traveled farther than ever before, leading to increased trade and transfer of knowledge between societies. Orlando noted that “when people moved, they brought their horses with them.”

•••

With the National Western Stock Show opening this month (see page 19), I was interested in this topic — just when did humans domesticate horses? There are multiple uses for horses today (pulling carriages, assisting farmers, jumping and showing competitions — dressage, and racing thoroughbreds). It is fairly impressive that the animal was domesticated so long ago.

I don’t suppose that anyone anticipated bronco riding, steer roping or barrel racing when the horse was domesticated. In fact, the animal assisted the expansion of people into the Western United States where they found Native Americans already using horses for hunting and transport. Only completing the transcontinental railway in 1869, and later the invention of the automobile, supplanted horses as a primary source of transportation in this country.

A couple other advances were the invention of saddles (used by Assyrian cavalry about 700 BC) and stirrups (about 500 BC), which when combined made a mounted warrior more formidable — he was less prone to fall off his horse in combat. A mounted rider could deliver a stronger blow to a walking fighter (infantry adversary). ([wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org))



Left: Eurasia is the largest continental area on Earth. It encompasses 21 million square miles and about 93 countries.

Right: the Steppe region of Eurasia is shown in turquoise. It is the temperate grasslands, savannas and shrublands that stretches through Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Western Russia, Siberia, Kazakhstan, Xinjiang, Mongolia and Manchuria.

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# Management

## Current core goals and strategic plan set

By Jon Rea  
Chief Executive Officer

2022 and the New Year are here! I want to kick off January by providing an update to exciting things occurring within the Heather Gardens Association (HGA) Team! A few months ago, I described how my staff was diligently working on goals for HG and a strategic plan. In addition, managers were developing department goals. We have solidified what I call the overarching HGA goals and an associated strategic plan. Over the course of 2022 and 2023, HG staff will be working on the objectives.

*Overarching Core Goals Include:*

- 1. Safety.** Safety is a #1 Priority! We want to ensure that an environment conducive to safety is provided for the well-being of employees, residents, and community. Each department has specific goals to continue to raise the bar regarding safety.
- 2. Exemplary Customer Service.** We want to provide the best service to all members within HGA — employees, residents and community. The goal is to be both sympathetic and empathetic to others. This may require changing one’s perspective to “walk a mile in another’s

shoes.” Remembering to do this during various interactions will heighten understanding. In addition, “treat others as you would want to be treated.”

**3. Budget/Cost Saving Opportunities.** We want to identify areas where HG can save money by doing things better — plain and simple. Whether it be changing a process to enhance efficiencies, reviewing operating hours or different equipment/technology. Each department and manager is committed to identifying these opportunities.

**4. High-Level of Communication.** This is imperative to success throughout the entire business and support of the community. It helps all members understand each other, build relationships, identify issues, solve problems, and create an opportunity for ideas and feedback to flourish. I am committed to raising the bar in timely, efficient, and effective communication.

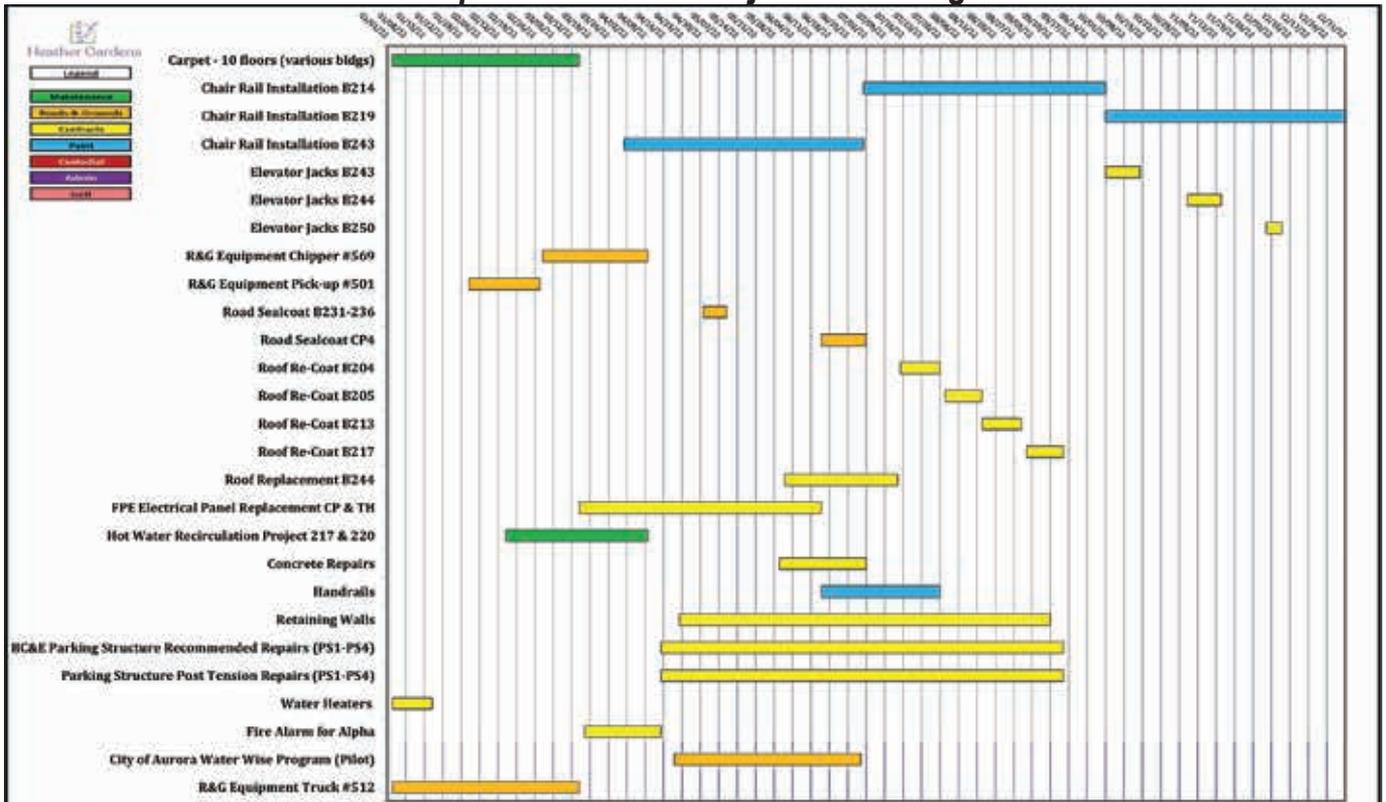
**5. Succession Planning and Development.** Cultivating and mentoring the next leader is a key element. We want to identify, train, and grow the “bench” strength within all departments. The goal is to have seamless transitions within departments when transitions happen. An employee may move to another department, get promoted, retire, or pursue an opportunity elsewhere. We want to be ready!

*Other Overarching Core Goals:*

- Promoting a Positive Culture
- Brand Awareness
- Process Knowledge/Documentation
- Strategic/Critical Path Goals

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# Lois Pepper, B217, retires after nearly 50 years as HG accompanist

We like to say that Lois Pepper has been playing the piano at the Heather Gardens Chapel for 47 years. The Chapel's first service was February 10, 1974, under the direction of the staff from the Windsor Gardens Chapel. At that time, Lois had played the piano for many years at Windsor Gardens, beside her mother, Veneita Westblade, at the organ.

She is listed in the history of the HG Chapel as being the pianist in August 1975, along with the pastor's wife. Lois remained the pianist at Windsor Gardens while sharing her talents as needed for services and

accompaniment for soloists at the HG Chapel.

In 1980, HG Chapel reached out to start a Sunday service at Canterbury Gardens that continued until 1987 with Lois at the piano. She started full time with the HG Chapel 11 am service around 1989, while continuing to play for the Windsor Chapel at 9:30 am. When they changed their chapel time to 11 am, probably about 11 years ago, she had to decrease her work to one service.

Always ready and available, Lois has graciously practiced and played for soloists or groups singing for the

HG Chapel and for Memorial services.

She has been an integral part of the Roadshow ensemble for many years as an accompanist. *{Editor's Note: The Roadshow originated as part of the Frolics Club, but was spun off. The group can be booked to present a musical program at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.}*

We will miss her dearly at the Heather Gardens Chapel.

**– Pastor Bill and Charlene Cheyne**

*Below: several members of HG Chapel attended the retirement party on Dec. 5 when Lois Pepper, B217,*

*ended her piano support to weekly services with one final performance. Her family was on hand (far left) to enjoy the laudatory remarks and remembrances offered to Lois.*



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# National Western Stock Show is back for 2022: bigger and better

Colorado's favorite Western tradition, the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) is back for 2022, offering experiences for HG residents that are new, bigger and even better than ever before, Jan. 8–Jan. 23.

The \$1.3 billion expansion of the National Western complex continues to transform and revitalize the historic grounds. The show is attended by more than 700,000 people each year, attracting exhibitors and competitors from around the nation.

For seniors and the grandkids, it's going to be a blockbuster with all the old-time favorites returning. Exciting new things to see and do are planned.

More than 30 events a day are scheduled. Overall, that includes 28 professional rodeos and 14 horse shows. Among the horse world's elite competitors the NWSS is dubbed "the best 16 days in January."

A favorite event is the Pro Rodeo and PBR Bull Riding that is slated for the unusual time of 10:30 am Thursday, Jan. 20, according to Paul Andrews, NWSS President and CEO.

"It is the only morning rodeo in the nation," noted Andrews. Other popular rodeos at NWSS are matinee

performances, 1:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 19 and Thursday, Jan. 20. Andrews has an affinity for HG residents and their preferences since his grandfather and grandmother were long-time residents. His father was a resident until just recently.

"It's a lovely development. The Andrews family and Heather Gardens go back about 50 years," he explained.

From rodeos and horse shows to family events, livestock exhibits, trade show, restaurants and food stands, and educational exhibits — the NWSS has something for everyone.

For 2022, the pony rides are back to the delight of future cowboys and cowgirls, as is the NWSS Stick Horse Grand Prix. More than 25 breeds of cattle, bison, yaks, longhorn and others are on display.

Fun-loving and educational animal shows are on the agenda, with goats, sheep and llamas performing. The infamous, trouble-making donkey, Fiona-No-No, from the Great American Petting Farm will entertain. Another fan favorite is the opportunity to witness a live sheep shearing by one of the best professionals in the

industry who demonstrates the process effortlessly.

Wild West Shows recall the days of the Old West with reenactments of the original Buffalo Bill Wild West Show. For dog lovers, there is a variety of events showing off the high-spirited talents of man's best friend, including Stock Dogs, Dog Pull, and Xtreme Dogs — the latter slated for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 17.

Popular horse shows are back, including the Ram Invitational Freestyle Reining, with many of the nation's top reiners competing; the NWSS Grand Prix, the "wine and roses" show jumping event with more than \$40,000 in prize money; Monarch Casino's Gambler's Choice — show jumping with a rock 'n roll atmosphere; an Evening of Dancing Horses — bringing together various equine disciplines; Ranch Horse Rodeos with teams of cowboys and cowgirls competing against each other; and Draft Horse & Mule & Donkey Shows — spirited competitions capped off by awe-inspiring 16 team draft competitions by the "gentle giants" of the equine world.

And shopping? With acres of shopping space, you can shop until you drop. The 2022 NWSS has 30 percent new vendors and exhibitors. When you need a break, try the new Wine Bar in the Expo Hall, offering 16 different wines by glass or bottle.

When you're in the mood for a good place to sit down and enjoy lunch or dinner, the historic National Western Bar & Grill Steakhouse is open, as is the Smokehouse BBQ, Cattleman's Grill and Dew Country Roadhouse.

Or to eat on the go, there are snack stands, inside and outside throughout the complex, with lemonade, beer, ice cream, cotton candy, hot dogs and more decadent options such as fried pickles and fried Twinkies. Wherever you are on the grounds, you are only a few feet away from food and beverage.

New for 2022 is the grand opening of the 46,000 sq. ft. H. W.

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Left: On the agenda for NWSS 2022 are 28 rodeos.

Above: A variety of high-spirited dog shows are scheduled. Photographed by NWSS Volunteer Photographers

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# The Month (December)

On Dec. 8, Beulah Gould, B215, had a hole-in-one on HG Golf course hole #6, using a Callaway hybrid #6 club when playing with JoAnn Fitch, B215, and Dee Moore, B216. Fitch reported that, "With this beautiful weather, we've been continuing to play golf every week."



Above: Beulah Gould, B215, retrieves her ball on #6. Left: JoAnn Fitch, B215, retrieves hers on hole #2.

Not to be overshadowed, on Dec. 14, JoAnn had a hole-in-one on the HG Golf Course hole #2, using her driver and a Srixon ball, Beulah reported to *Heather 'n Yon*. She sent the photo of JoAnn celebrating (right).



JoAnn sent photos of Beulah retrieving her golf ball from the hole and noted that they gladly celebrated their



"Christmas golf" experience that produced two aces on



different rounds by different golfers. Joining the celebration (above) were Gwen Alexander, B215 (left) and Dee Moore, B216 (second from right). Right: Beulah and JoAnn were photographed behind a brightly decorated bench with Gwen in the middle.

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Public Relations Committee Co-chair David Baxter told the committee on Dec. 7 that five Realtors who market condo sales in HG have agreed to sponsor printing the updated brochure that the committee is preparing.

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At the Dec. 20 meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee, a motion to renew HGMD's 2022 insurance coverage for \$50,935 was approved. HGMD participates in the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool for its property and liability insurance. This source of

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Speed cushions (bumps) were installed on South Heather Gardens Way — likely surprising some frequent drivers on that road.



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HG has had 60 residents with verified COVID-19 disease in 2021, according to a Pitera report dated Dec. 8. This number may be fewer than the real total because these are the cases reported to Area Representatives (ARs) or the Management Office.

A year ago, HG published that 49 residents had reported they had contracted COVID-19.

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Colorado's Department of Public Health reported 10,214 deaths due to COVID-19 as of Dec. 20. There had been 870,433 cases identified since tracking began. Johns Hopkins University on its COVID tracker website says that Coloradans are 67.33 percent fully vaccinated. (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/region/us/colorado>)

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Listed below are United States deaths in past conflicts or pandemics, compared to COVID-19 (as of Dec. 20, 2021). There was no vaccine developed for the 1918 pandemic, which reportedly lasted for three years.

No. Died	Year	Event	Source
807,732	2020-21	COVID-19	Johns Hopkins U.
675,000	1918	H1N1 virus	<a href="http://cdc.gov">cdc.gov</a>
~655,000	1865	Civil War	<a href="http://wikipedia.org">wikipedia.org</a>
419,400	1945	WW2	<a href="http://wikipedia.org">wikipedia.org</a>

{Editor's note: These numbers represent the total deaths during the conflict: combat deaths and other causes.}

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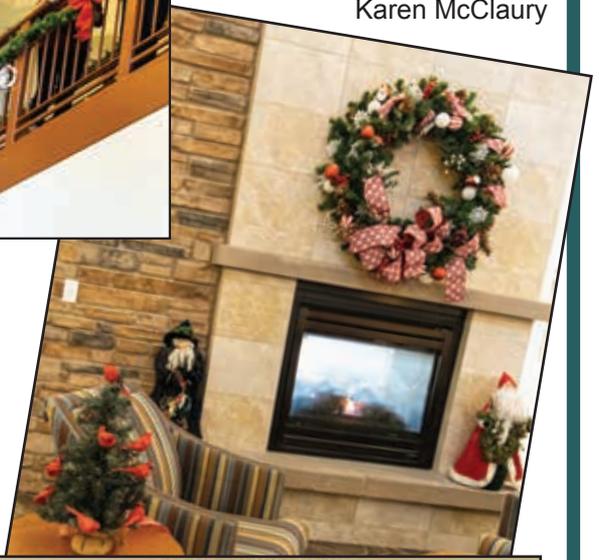


*For several HG residents, helping to decorate the HG Clubhouse on Dec. 1 was a joyful endeavor. The holiday lights and decoration throughout HG were quite festive this year. It did not hurt that the weather was rather warm between Thanksgiving and Christmas.*

*Right: HG's new Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony climbed the ladder to place the angel on the tree outside Sandberg Auditorium.*



Above photo by Karen McClaury



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



**HG is adorned with festive “yard art” that glows at night**



Even the Seville tennis court got decorated. This year, the decorations that showed best in daylight (after the one brief snowstorm) are contrasted with the colorful decorations when brightly lit at night.



Photos by Janis Farrell



Note the two photos of the dog with packages at night (left) and day (directly above).





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# Doggonit! Winter again

Every year when we must turn our clocks back to accommodate the time mandate of this country for ending Daylight Savings Time, I am not happy. I am not in favor of this old rule of turning the clocks forward or backward to keep up with daylight.

We set the clocks back in the Fall to gain an extra hour of daylight and that does change my attitude, but not for the better. There are a few states that make their own rules and do not follow this rule.

I don't know about you, but it is a real imposition for those of us who have dogs. My dog, Woody, is a champion when it comes to holding his urine all night but he needs to go out about 6:30 am at the latest. He goes to bed around 8 pm. I follow about an hour later. This means he is good for 10 hours. Even so, I do not like getting up at 6 am. I want to sleep to 7 am, then leisurely get up. I don't need to be dressed completely when I let him out for his first leg-lift. Afterward he gets his breakfast and then about an hour later we are out for our walk.

In winter this is a real chore, due to the weather and preparing my dog for his outdoor walk. He needs his coat most of the winter. Before we go out I need to know if it's too cold for an extended walk. If so, I can dress him out a little lighter, and we won't go as far. He is good about following my commands, going as far as he needs to for delivery of his bodily waste. In the coldest days, he is ready to stop and deliver in about 1 to 2 blocks. This is good for me now that I am more senior and do not like the cold.

If it wasn't for this animal, I could be a groundhog and get up when I wanted, not when I must. I will not fault or complain to Woody who is my close companion and alert

dog. He is only 14.5 pounds. He knows he is the boss of all dogs in the neighborhood. He is 11 years old and was born in Colorado Springs. He is what they call a Shorky. His mother was a Shitzu. His father is a Yorkshire Terrier. This breed turns out to be a great combo for owners who want or need companionship. They are smart dogs and can be trained.

Putting on his harness is easy, for instance; he knows how to step into it before I click it closed. This saves me from bending over and taking the time to get the harness adjusted.

Well, I know what you are thinking. Why is this guy griping about the weather being cold, and how it is difficult to get out in the dark to walk his dog? He knew it was going to be that way from the beginning when he acquired the animal.

You know, there are times when this would be a good argument. However, when working with adult children, it can be tricky. My son and his wife were adamant that we take this dog home since he was the brother to the dog they had ordered. They wanted the brothers to be friends. Now my son and his wife have retired, moved out of town. I am the caretaker of Woody. I will certainly miss him when he is gone to glory — but then I will be able to sleep to noon.

Isn't it about time for someone to get on board and talk with the lawmakers of Colorado? You can explain how the state should stay with daylight savings time throughout the year. It makes sense, don't you think?

— Bill Wilson  
B210

## Rendezvous sponsored two Annual Holiday Parties

*It may not have been the first annual party, but it did attract a full house of diners on two Fridays: Dec. 10 and Dec. 17. There was music, singing (along with wassail) and dancing,*



*ing, including HG's Uke Crew (below) and a welcoming wait staff (left). The dinner buffet included salad bar, roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, cranberry sauce, stroganoff meatballs, scalloped potatoes, vegetables and a holiday dessert and punch for \$20.*



Photos by  
Janis Farrell

# JANUARY CALENDAR

Sat 1	<b>New Year's Day January 2022: Clubhouse closed</b>		
Mon 3	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics Pickleball (every day, weather permitting) Spanish Club (every Monday) Women's Book Club (Arce) Men's Bridge (every Monday) Time4Tap4Dance Novice Group (every Monday) Women's Book Club (Urias) Mah Jongg (every Monday) Men's Texas Hold 'em Poker (every Monday) Pinochle (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room Tennis Courts Aspen Room Mountainview Room Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room	9 am–noon 10 am 10 am–noon 10:30 am–12:30 pm 10 am–3 pm 1–2 pm 1–3 pm 1–4 pm 5–9 pm 6–8 pm
Tue 4	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday) NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday) Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) Ping Pong (every Tuesday) Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Billiard Room	12:30–4 pm 1–3 pm 1–4 pm 2–3 pm 5–7:30 pm
Wed 5	<b>Meet &amp; Greet with Chief Executive Officer Jon Rea</b> Cribbage (every Wednesday) HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday) Pinochle (every Wednesday) Men's Poker (every Wednesday) Square Dancing Club (1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Zoom Clubhouse Lobby Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	8 am 12:30–3 pm 1–4:45 pm 1:30–4 pm 4–9:15 pm 7–9 pm
Thu 6	Tai Chi (every Thursday) TOPS (every Thursday) HG Optimist Club Time4Tap4Dance Group (every Thursday) Bunko (1st and 3rd Wednesday) HG Writers Club (every Thursday) Open Bridge (every Thursday) Ping Pong (every Thursday) CP4 Social Kiwanis Club of Aurora Business Meeting 9-Ball Billiards (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Skyview Room Game Room Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room Billiards Room	8–10 am 8:30–9:30 am 9:30 am 11 am–noon 1–3:30 pm 1–4 pm 1–4 pm 2–3 pm 5–7 pm 6 pm 7–9:30 pm
Fri 7	Men with Purpose HG Indivisible	Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant	10–11 am 1–2 pm

## Advertised Activities and Seminars

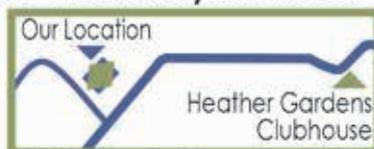
- Mon, Jan. 3 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Rm, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)
- Wed, Jan. 5 Parkinson's Boxing Classes, St. Andrews Village, 1:30 pm, RSVP (see ad, p. 49)
- Sat, Jan. 8 Love Your Internet, Starry, Sandberg Auditorium, 10 am–noon, (see ad, p. 18)
- Tue, Jan. 25 Legendary Ladies of the West, Cherry Creek RV, 2–3:30 pm, RSVP (see ad, p. 13)

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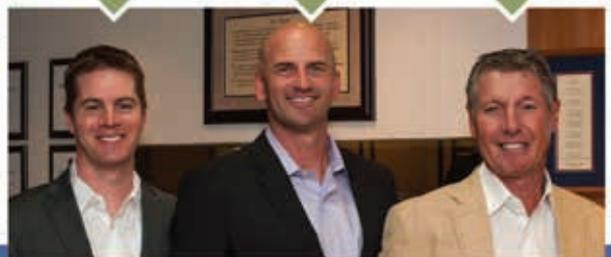
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Fri 7 (cont'd)	500 Club (every Friday) Men's Poker (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room Skyview Room	1-4 pm 4-9:15 pm
Sat 8	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room	noon-4 pm 2-3 pm
Sun 9	HG Frolics Club Auditions	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Mon 10	Bridge (second Monday)	Mountainview Room	noon-4 pm
Tue 11	<b>Clubhouse Trip: Blackhawk Casino</b> B201 and B202 Monthly Social Bridge (Stebbins, 2nd Tuesday)	B243-B244 Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room	7:45 am-3 pm 4:30 pm 4:45-7:45 pm
Wed 12	<b>Clubhouse Event: Water in Colorado</b> Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	2 pm 6 pm
Thu 13	<b>Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry</b> Green Team Men's Poker RV Lot Club B219 Meeting ARO Meeting	B250 Parking lot Blue Spruce Room Game Room Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium Board Room; Zoom	10 am-noon noon-2 pm 3:30-7:30 pm 5-6 pm 5-7 pm 6-7:30 pm
Fri 14	Birding and Nature Club HG Indivisible <b>Clubhouse Movie: Cry Macho</b> CP1 Party <b>Clubhouse Movie: Cry Macho</b>	Lodgepole Lounge Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	10 am-12:30 pm 1-2 pm 1 pm 4:30-8 pm 6 pm
Sat 15	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	3-5 pm
Sun 16	<b>Clubhouse Event: Retro Music Group</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	4-6 pm
Mon 17	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics HG Photo Club	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	9 am-noon 3 pm
Tue 18	Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room	2-4 pm
Wed 19	Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7-9 pm
Thu 20	<b>Clubhouse Trip: National Western Stock Show</b> Bunko <b>Clubhouse Event: Voices of Civil Rights Era</b> HG Optimists Club Tennis Club Kiwanis Club of Aurora – Guest Speaker	B243-B244 Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Arts & Crafts Room Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room	9 am-2 pm 1-3:30 pm 1 pm 3:30-5 pm 4 pm 6 pm
Fri 21	Men with a Purpose HG Indivisible	Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant	10 am 1 pm
Sat 22	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3-5 pm
Mon 24	Low Vision Support Group Seville Recreation Association Board	Free Conference Call Seville Building	1:30-2:30 pm 10 am
Tue 25	Bridge (4th Tuesday) Republican Club	Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	9 am-12:30 pm 1 pm

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Wed 26	<b>Clubhouse Trip: Breckenridge Snow Sculptures</b> Resident Orientation	B243–B244 Board Room; Zoom	8:25 am–4 pm 10 am
Thu 27	Democratic Club B223 Winterfest Party	Aspen Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	4–5:30 pm 4:30–7 pm
Fri 28	<b>Clubhouse Movie: Jungle Cruise</b> HG Indivisible <b>Clubhouse Movie: Jungle Cruise</b>	Sandberg Auditorium Zoom Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm 1 pm 6 pm
Mon 31	Garden Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	6–7:30 pm

**Bible Study** (Interdenominational) on every Wednesday, 9–10 am, Blue Spruce Room (women); Aspen Room (men).

Join a lovely group of caring women dedicated to the study of the word of God. Enjoy fellowship with like-minded ladies. We welcome everyone. No sign up required, just show up. For information, call Joyce Smith, 918-586-2954. Hope to see you soon.

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

**Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study.** For information, call Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email [clinecellars57@yahoo.com](mailto:clinecellars57@yahoo.com).

**HG Women's Bible Study** meets the first Thursday, Mountainview Room, 10–11:30 am. On the other Thursdays of each month, join us on Zoom, 9:30 am–11 am. On Jan. 6, we begin with *The Chosen*. The first series has 8 episodes and a study guide to enable discussion about the characters and scriptures. Even if you have watched the episodes, much is gained on a second or third viewing of the videos, especially when you engage in a discussion afterwards. Contact Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, or [motoringmorris@gmail.com](mailto:motoringmorris@gmail.com) to join.

**Catholic Mass** St Michael's Catholic Mass, held weekly, will resume 1 pm Saturday, Sept. 11 at HG.

**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, Mountainview Room. Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.

- **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

# FYI

## Looking for Scrabble Players

Anyone addicted to Scrabble? Words with Friends? Or, would you like to be? If you are a Scrabble aficionado and/or would like to learn and play, please call Charlene, 303-695-8022. Perhaps we could get a group started. These games are great for the mind. Just think of all those new words you can learn! - Charlene Spiegelman, B242

## VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$40 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15. If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel

## Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 1/17

### • Monthly Meetings •

### Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room unless Zoom is noted. In some cases, both in-person meetings and Zoom are available.

Property Policy (Zoom) – 9:30 am Mon, Jan. 3

~~SEC (Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Jan. 3~~

Public Relations (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Jan. 4

Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Jan. 7

ad hoc PSAC (Zoom) – 3 pm Fri, Jan. 7

~~Golf (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Jan. 11~~

Clubhouse/Restaurant (Zoom) – 3 pm Tue, Jan. 11

Foundation (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Jan. 12

Budget & Finance (Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Jan. 17

**HGA Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Jan. 18**

Resident Open Forum (Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, Jan. 19

**HGMD Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Jan. 20**

Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Jan. 26

Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Jan. 28

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or you will be charged \$5. Have exact cash amount or checks, made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change. Call VNA, 845-418-4006

- Monday, Jan. 3, 9 am–noon, Blue Spruce Rm
- Monday, Jan. 17, 9 am–noon, Blue Spruce Rm

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## E-cycling Events

The City of Aurora's next opportunities for e-cycling for Aurora residents and nonresidents are Dec. 27–31 and Jan. 3–8.

The city's e-cycling events are happening at Techno Rescue — the city's e-cycling partner — to better serve the community and provide access to as many residents as possible. The facility at 3251 Lewiston St., Suite 10, will be open from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and from 10 am to 2 pm, Saturday (closed Sundays and Jan. 1 for New Year's

See FYI...page 51

# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

Thank you HG residents for your wonderful support of The Salvation Army Angel Tree. Your generosity is appreciated. Many children in Aurora will be blessed by your support of this program.

May you all have a very Merry Christmas.

**Ronda Bollwahn  
B218**

## Heather 'n Yon

Thank you to the HG community for your support of the HG Optimist Club's holiday cookie sale. Once again, we sold out. Proceeds benefit the students at 6th Avenue Elementary. See you next year!

**Paula Moore  
B236**

## Heather 'n Yon

Each year HGA tells us to impact the budget, participate in the budget workshops. That's where all the work is done. This year, the budget was presented and explained. Not one cost-saving suggestion was considered. Some items were increased. When passed, President Jill Bacon said it could still be changed. Owners could speak at the annual meeting. Never has the budget been changed after it was passed. In 2019, employees received a 15% raise, President Kay Sawyer said that just because the raises were in the budget, it didn't mean the money would be spent. But, it was.

When faced with daunting capital improvement costs, the Board should reduce administrative costs to compensate for the additional funds needed. Balance the budget like we do. Medical expenses this year? We

don't go on vacation. When can you remember HGA increasing owner rights, services or benefits? Tasks are farmed out, yet the staff is never reduced. Why are employees increased when services are reduced? A resident in our building couldn't even get a receipt for dues paid that she needed for the probate court.

Clubhouse parking has been a problem. PSAC was considering a design to increase spaces, yet HGA took two of the few handicap spaces for security. Maybe we should hire employees who can walk to the end of the building. We spent \$30,000 for a crosswalk for employees that's still not in use.

I'm afraid that we will need to veto a budget before HGA takes cost cutting seriously. We have roofs that are less than 5 years old to be replaced at \$500,000 each. Why aren't they pursuing the manufacturer warranty? The roofer is out of business. When the issue is raised they stall. They're looking into it. It's easier to increase our dues.

**Kay Anderson  
B217**

*Heather 'n Yon welcomes letters concerned with community issues. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number. Letters may be edited for clarity. The HGA Board requires that letters do not exceed 300 words. Letters will not be run from the same individual in successive months. Writers may publish only 4 letters per year, but not in consecutive months.*

## John Robert Wigle, B213, 1935-2021

John Robert Wigle, born on Jan. 18, 1935, was the fourth son born to Doug A. Wigle, Sr., and Mary Jane (Miller) Wigle in Greeley, Colorado. John was raised by his mother, maternal grandmother (Nora Rice Miller), and his three older brothers (Edwin Charles, Douglas Jr, and Richmond). The four brothers had a loyal lifelong bond. They enjoyed fishing together and family gatherings.

His mother was a school music teacher, which took her all over the country. John attended multiple schools in Colorado, California, Washington, New Mexico. At the end of 10th grade, in 1952, at the age of 17, John enlisted in the United States Navy. He returned to Colorado to marry his high school sweetheart, Wilma, on Dec. 16, 1956.

John's Navy career spanned from the end of the Korean War through the Vietnam conflict. He obtained the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8). He moved through the ranks by taking advantage of the various training opportunities and schools. He served three tours of duty in Vietnam. He ended his career serving on a specialized Navy Technical Team detached to work with Lockheed Aircraft to develop several different types of systems being pioneered and placed in the S-3A Viking aircraft.

Wigle retired from the Navy in 1974. He shifted to the civilian side of aerospace development that included working with Lockheed, Texas Instruments, Lockheed-Martin in California, Texas, New Mexico, and eventually, in Colorado where he retired in 1992.

John was a Freemason, active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and several local community organizations including holding various leadership roles. He was known for generously giving of his time and talents to these organizations besides monetary donations.

John and Wilma had three children. Terri, eldest, arrived in 1959. A second child, John was still-born in 1961 and the youngest, Matt, was born in 1963. Adding to their legacy — there are now seven adult grandchildren and one great grandchild.

John passed away peacefully on Nov. 27, 2021 from Alzheimer's disease.

John was the last of his generation. He was preceded in death by his wife, infant son, parents, siblings and many friends. John was laid to rest next to Wilma, in a graveside memorial service on Dec. 10 in Grandview Cemetery, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

The family encourages you to give in his honor to one of the following organizations: Porter Hospice Foundation, [www.rmahf.org/hospice](http://www.rmahf.org/hospice) or Alzheimer's Association, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

– Terri Woodard and Matt Wigle, [terri@hillsideamarin.org](mailto:terri@hillsideamarin.org) or [mattwigle@gmail.com](mailto:mattwigle@gmail.com)

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**SOLD-Top \$\$ TH Over Looks 2<sup>nd</sup> Fairway \$475,000**  
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**SOLD- TOP \$\$ Golf Course Patio Home \$499,900**  
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**SOLD- TOP \$\$ Somerset A GC View \$277,900**  
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**SOLD- Top \$\$ Atrium Exec 3 Bed/3 Bath \$395,000**  
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## HGMD Foundation

The beautiful Christmas tree in the Clubhouse lobby was purchased with Foundation funds. This purchase was made possible by the generous donations by HG residents. Thank you so much for making this possible.

As of Dec. 13 The Foundation has received no new donations; however, the next article will list donations received from mid December through the rest of the year, as well as a financial summary for 2021.

The Foundation committee wishes everyone a happy and healthy 2022. Thank you for your continued support.

– **Eloise Laubach, HGMD Board Director  
Chair, Foundation Committee**

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## Rea...from page 15

The next step is to provide and post a high-level view of each department's goals and the estimated time to complete. *Please Note:* Each department has specific goals that are subsidiary and support the overarching goals in the top level strategic plan.

To see an example of one department's communication goals — see the Roads & Grounds "Year at a Glance Calendar" on page 10 of this issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. I want to provide a yearly calendar by department for events, labor, and other categories for the year to come so that the community is aware of when services will be occurring.

Another item that I will be introducing to the community will be the Capital Reserve Project Tracking. This will take the form of a Gantt chart that displays estimates for when the capital project will start and finish. The responsible department will be identified for completing the project.

The Strategic Plan and Goals will be my staff's guideline as HG moves forward to continually improve, develop experienced personnel, complete projects, and capitalize on opportunities.



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# Clubs and Organizations

## Karaoke Club

Due to the holiday and the Clubhouse being closed, the club will meet on Jan. 22, 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 information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877.

## The Green Team

The city of Aurora's next opportunity for e-cycling is Monday–Friday, Jan. 3–8. The city's e-cycling events happen at Techno Rescue, 3251 Lewiston St., Suite 10, 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and 10 am–2 pm, Saturday. Most electronic items — desktop computers, laptops, cellphones, tablets, gaming equipment, consumer electronics, and similar, are accepted.

A fee of \$5 will be charged per household/vehicle. Techno Rescue, which is certified for electronics recycling and data destruction, wipes and physically destroys all data-storage media, to protect the identities of those who are recycling responsibly. As a reminder, electronics tossed in the trash not only cause serious environmental problems, but also are banned from landfills in Colorado.

The next Green Team meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 13, noon–2 pm, Blue Spruce Room. All environmentally concerned residents are welcome. Call Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-306-0066, with questions.

## HG Book Club

The HG Women's Book Clubs are gathering again. Book Club No. 1 meets on the first Monday of each month at 1 pm. Book Club No. 2 meets on the first Monday of each month at 10:30 am. Both meet in the Mountainview Room to discuss the chosen book of the month.

If interested in joining the 1 pm group, please call Joanne Urias, 251-518-5781, or the 10:30 am group, call Janet Arce, 720-774-3368.

## The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

Join us in the Skyview Room on Tuesdays, 1–3 pm. Every week, our mixed chorus practices. All you need is a desire to sing, and a willingness

to learn songs. We are a friendly group that loves to sing.

If you have questions, call Chairman Thomas Kappel, 720-377-5756. Make sure to leave a voice message, so he can call you back.

We operate on donations and dues. All newcomers are welcome. — Valery Van Matre, Secretary

## CP1

Watch your mailbox for information about our upcoming winter plans.

## TOPS

Coronavirus 19, have you heard of it? It is the weight gain during the shutdown. Maybe you decided to put away those comfortable clothes, and get ready to fit into those dress-up clothes again. Thinking of saving pajamas for bedtime only? Or just want a new beginning of healthy eating and losing weight.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday morning, 8:30–9:30 am, Blue Spruce Room. With a sense of teamwork, we encourage each other to eat healthy, lose the unwanted pounds, and have fun along the way. Both men and women are welcome. For information, contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388.

## Optimist Club

Join us at 9:30 am on the first Thursday of each month, as we re-ignite our breakfast meetings at the Rendezvous. Current, prior, and new, potential members are welcome.

We will also host a social meeting, to include games, work projects, music, and more, 3:30–5 pm, on the third Thursday of each month, Arts & Crafts Room. This meeting is open to everyone.

Our mission is to make our community better with many fun and worthwhile projects for this upcoming year. Contact Darlene Park, 303-798-5088, with questions.

## CP4

We have our monthly get-together at Rendezvous, 5 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Call Beverly Nelson if you plan to attend.

## Kiwanis Club of Aurora

Kiwanis meets on the first Thursday, 6 pm, for a business meeting,

and on the third Thursday, 6 pm, with a guest speaker, both in the Skyview Room. If interested in participating, contact the club, [jwmkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:jwmkiwanis@gmail.com) – James Martin, President

## Men with Purpose

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

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

## Heather Gardens Indivisible

The HG Indivisible group is an informal network of citizens concerned about the increasing role of anonymous big-money groups infusing elections with dark money and disinformation. We are concerned about the interlocking catastrophes of a rigged democracy, global pandemic, unimaginable and growing wealth inequality, racial injustice, and the escalating impacts of the climate crisis. Please join us if you share our concerns or are just curious about how we can preserve our Democracy. We are all-inclusive, and there is never a fee or any other obligation.

We meet on the first and third Friday of the month, 1 pm, Rendezvous, to discuss issues, books, ideas. You don't have to be a resident of HG and you don't have to order lunch.

A Zoom meeting is held on the fourth Friday of the month at 1 pm. At this meeting in January, we will discuss starting in-person meetings at the Clubhouse. Be sure you are on my email list to receive the meeting agenda, which will include the link to the meeting. Information: Linda Champ, 720-252-7324, [linda-champ91@gmail.com](mailto:linda-champ91@gmail.com).

## Frolics

HG Frolics Club is back! Join us for our first "post COVID" meeting. We are recommitted to the show we were rehearsing last year. The premier of "Step in Time" will be in May 2022 (Easter, Good Friday and prior Clubhouse commitments made April unavailable.)

Join us in the Clubhouse at 2 pm Sunday, Jan. 9. We will present what

has been cast so far. We will hold auditions to expand the cast. There are numerous roles available. Director Cynthia Weber is creative in adding performers. Bring your music and whatever else you need to perform.

We will finally be able to strut our stuff! – Joyce Laman and Frolics Board of Directors

### **B201 and B202**

B201 and B202 meet at 4:30 pm on the second Tuesday, in Rendezvous. For information, please call Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

### **Aviation Club**

The club will resume its monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, Jan. 12, 6 pm, in the Aspen Room. Programs are free, and visitors are welcome — you do not have to be a member to attend.

The January program is a documentary called *BarnStorming*. It is the story of some antique-airplane owners who landed in a farmer's field to take photos. They met the farmer and his family, took the farmer's children for free rides in their planes, and were invited back the next summer for a BBQ dinner. A tradition began that has lasted more than 10 years, with many happy stories to tell. A really neat film about "old" guys with "old" planes and little kids — don't miss it. – Rudy Morris

### **RV Lot Club**

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

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

### **Birding and Nature Club**

The club will meet in person on the second Friday of each month in the Lodgepole Lounge at 10 am.

Outings will be planned that incorporate not only bird watching but also those interested in Geocaching, jogging, hiking, and biking.

If you are interested in any of these hobbies/activities, please con-

tact Karen Gold [ksb5x5@hotmail.com](mailto:ksb5x5@hotmail.com) or 712-301-2284, to be added to the email group and join outings.

### **Wine & Cheese Social Club**

We meet on the third Saturday of every month, 3–5 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For more information, Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

### **Photo Club**

Ready or not, photographers, our next meeting is just around the corner: on the third Monday of the month, 3 pm, Jan. 17, Aspen Room. Let's share what you've been capturing these last couple of months.

Think about the direction you would like to see the club go in 2022. See you then. – Anne Gillis, [Anne@hummelgillis898.com](mailto:Anne@hummelgillis898.com), 303-751-3030.

### **Caregivers Support Group**

The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 2–4 pm, Aspen Room. All caregivers are welcome. For information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

### **SRA**

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building. For information: Byron Macdonald, B232, 303-745-2521.

### **HG Republican Club**

Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1–2:30 pm  
Topic: Then, Now and Our Future — Why We Have Hope!

Location: Sandberg Auditorium

RSVP by phone or email to let us know if you will attend. The general meeting will recap 2021, then look at 2022.

We are selling T-shirts, which will fund our causes. For \$25, own a shirt with the message, "I want to control my own life, not yours." Also, watch for an email with a member questionnaire. We ask all members to complete this form, and return it.

You can join for only \$15/year (cash or check). We encourage dues for 2022 to be paid by Feb. 28. This allows us to have funds to support candidates and our 2022 goals.

If you want to attend and are not a member, we welcome you. A \$5 donation is appreciated. For more information, send email to: [hgrclub@gmail.com](mailto:hgrclub@gmail.com), or call 720-500-4047 – Janet Yoder.

### **HG Democratic Club**

The club meets the fourth Thursday of each month, 4–5:30 pm, Aspen Room. Our meetings are free and open to all, whether or not you are a resident of HG.

As 2022 will be an election year for U.S. Congress, state officers, legislative representatives, and county commissioners, I will strive to have a representative from each level of government (federal, state and local) speak at each of our meetings. We appreciate your attendance and questions, as well as your support of Democratic candidates.

Join us for dinner at the Rendezvous after the meeting for fellowship. Bring a friend or two. Give me your email address for my monthly newsletter, sent shortly before each meeting. Marty Karnopp, Chair. [mjkarnopp@gmail.com](mailto:mjkarnopp@gmail.com), 303-353-9640.

### **Low Vision Support Group**

We will meet using Free Conference Call on the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30–2:30 pm. To call in, dial 978-990-5049. When asked for the access code, dial 4518070#. You will be connected to our meeting. Questions, call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224. We hope to resume in-person meetings in April.

### **Garden Club**

Farewell 2021, welcome 2022 — the HG Garden Club is planning meetings and gardening-information presentations for members and guests during the cold winter months. Watch for information about meetings, held the last Monday of each month, 6–7:30 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room, beginning Jan. 31. All gardeners, whether you have an HG garden plot or not, are welcome to club meetings.

Club members who have HG garden plots have received annual-lease forms for 2022 and information on paying. Remember they are due Jan. 1. If unpaid by May 1, any lessor who has not signed the annual lease or paid the \$35 annual fee will lose the plot, which will be assigned to a gardener on the wait list.

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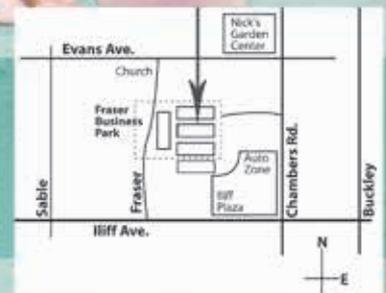
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# Sports and Recreation

## Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 10 am–3 pm, in the Skyview Room. Questions: Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

## Time4Tap4Dance Group

If you've ever wanted to learn how to tap dance, or you'd like to renew your tap dance skills, Time4Tap Beginning Dance Group is for you. Starting on Jan. 3, we'll meet on Mondays from 1–2 pm in the Sandberg Auditorium. With questions, call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985; email [jwhalen97@comcast.net](mailto:jwhalen97@comcast.net). Or just drop in on a Monday.

If you are a seasoned tap dancer, you might want to join Time4Tap Dance Group on Thursdays, 11 am–noon, Sandberg Auditorium. Make Time4Tap!

## Monday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the Reception 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.

## Tennis Club

We play Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1–3 pm. We welcome all levels of players, and offer three free lessons to brush up your game.

We meet the third Wednesday of the month, 4 pm, in Rendezvous, for social time. With questions: Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-587-9797. Hope to see you on the courts.

## Men's Poker and Texas Hold 'em

On Mondays, 5–9 pm, Blue Spruce Room, we play Texas Hold 'em. On Wednesdays and Fridays, 4–9:15 pm, Skyview Room, we play a variety of Dealer's Choice poker games. Events, times and places continue throughout 2022.

We welcome all interested men poker players. Please call Larry Hill, 720-272-7765, or Milt Merrick at 303-829-7188 or [miltmerrick@hotmail.com](mailto:miltmerrick@hotmail.com), for more information.

## Evening Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6–8 pm Monday nights, Mountainview Room. For information: Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

## 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 Registration Desk in the Clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205 – B. Schlageter

## Hand and Foot

Hand and Foot is a card game that is fun, and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. Call Kevin Keator, 303-699-4641.

## Pickleball

It's a little like tennis, ping-pong, racquetball, and badminton — all mixed together. It's a lot of fun, and great exercise. We welcome pickleball players at all skill levels.

Beginner? We are happy to help you learn to play this game. We play pickleball daily from 10 am until about noon, weather permitting. On days when it's sunny with little to no wind,

we will start play when the temperature is 35 degrees or warmer. If that does not occur until after 10, play will be delayed. On Tuesday and Thursday, we are still struggling to find enough players for a good afternoon session starting at 1 pm.

Phil Hughes, [phdenver@comcast.net](mailto:phdenver@comcast.net), occasionally sends out emails to the Pickleball list of players regarding changes, and to make sure there are enough people planning to play. For more info on Pickleball, visit: <https://plaidflannel.com/pickleball>. If you want to learn more about Pickleball at HG, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226. To get on the Pickleball roster and get notices, email Phil Hughes: [phdenver@comcast.net](mailto:phdenver@comcast.net), or call him at 303-503-7633.

## Tuesday Mah Jongg

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.

## Billiard Club

The club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 7 pm Tuesdays, and Men's 9-Ball at 7 pm Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new HG-resident players are welcome. Questions? Call Rita Cusack, 720-535-8637, or Connie Burns, 303-693-0766.

## 8-Ball Results November 16

1st Dee Moore, Chuck Toner  
2nd Roger Goldstein Team  
3rd Bob Schlageter,  
Brian Bucenec

## November 23

1st Tammy Beeman,  
Don Gunnarson

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If you have any questions about the lease, fee, or to place your name on the waitlist for a garden plot, contact Michelle Audet, [Michelle.Audet@HeatherGardensMail.com](mailto:Michelle.Audet@HeatherGardensMail.com) – Gwen Alexander

## OPOCS Singles Club

Pinochle and bridge groups are meeting again. We are working on

getting social gatherings going. Get your shots! For reservations, call Jackie Clements, 303-988-3555. – Bernice Lucero

## HG Grief Support

Our grief support helps those who have lost a loved one. We have a structured eight-week program, combining an educational and supportive approach in how to cope and live with your loss. You must register in advance. For information and reg-

istration, please call Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722. Please leave a message if no answer – or call again.

## Free Tech Sessions

Karen Gold (HG resident) and Tech Hope are offering one-on-one sessions to HG residents. Call Karen Gold, 712-301-2284, for an appointment.

2nd Brian Bucenec, Rita Cusack  
3rd Chuck Toner, Gil Lochhead

#### **November 30**

1st Dee Moore, Lindy Davenport  
2nd Brian Bucenec, Rita Cusack  
3rd Judy Brehmer, John Rech

#### **December 7**

1st Don Gunnarson,  
Gil Lochhead  
2nd Brian Bucenec, Rita Cusack  
3rd Lindy Davenport,  
Judy Brehmer

#### **December 14**

1st Don Gunnarson,  
Judy Brehmer  
2nd Brian Bucenec, Rita Cusack  
3rd Dee Moore, Roger Goldstein

#### **9-Ball Results November 18**

1st Tammy Beeman,  
Brian Bucenec (tie)  
2nd Roger Goldstein

#### **December 2**

1st Brian Bucenec  
2nd Kenny Diaz  
3rd Tom Stolzenberger

#### **December 9**

1st Brian Bucenec  
2nd Roger Goldstein  
3rd Greg Kachadoorian

#### **Ladies Golf Club**

The launch of the 2022 golf season is April. Formal league play commencing on Wednesday, May 4. All women who are interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Detailed information and membership applications are available at the Pro Shop and on our website, [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com).

Several 2022 dates include:

- January 26: The first Board Meeting, 1 pm, in the Board Room. All members are welcome.

- February 15: Non-resident dues of \$55 must be paid. Those on the waiting list can be added if spots become available. League rules allow for 30 non-residents.

- March 3: First membership meeting. Time and location TBD.

- March 30: Resident dues of \$45 must be paid for the golfer to be included in the league's directory. Payment can be dropped off in the pro shop. Please mark the envelope "Attention: Mary Jo Prichard." If any of your information has changed, please download a membership application from the HGLGC website, and include it with your payment.

Golf Trivia: The longest golf

course in the world is the par-72, 8,548-yard Jade Dragon Snow Mountain Golf Club, Lijiang, China. The longest hole on the course is a 711 yard, par 5.

The longest golf course in the United States is The Pines Course at The International Golf Club in Bolton, Massachusetts. The par-73 course measures 8,325 yards. – Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

#### **Afternoon Cribbage**

We meet 12:30–3 pm Wednesdays, in the Clubhouse lobby, near the fireplace. For information: Dean Lux, 303-353-4267.

#### **HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge**

We play at 1 pm in the Blue Spruce Room each Wednesday. Pre-registration is required, by email, to [merrilyv@sonic.net](mailto:merrilyv@sonic.net), or call me, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032. – Merrily Van Zevern, Director

#### **Pinochle**

We play for fun and friendship. We start at 1:30 pm, and end at 4 pm, every Wednesday in the Mountainview Room. Please join us if you'd like to play, learn, or just sharpen your skills. Call Diane, 707-799-6449 or 6446. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **Square Dance**

We will be having dances the first and third Wednesdays of January, 7–9 pm. Masks are required at this time. The cost is \$7. We hope you can join us at Sandberg Auditorium. If you have any questions, please call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632.

#### **Tai Chi**

The club practices on the tennis courts Thursday mornings. Although tai chi was originally developed for self-defense, it has evolved into a slow form of exercise used to reduce stress and improve posture, flexibility, and balance. Tai chi has deliberate, flowing movements, which are grouped into forms. It has been described as "meditation in motion."

Because we meet outside, the start time is weather dependent. New? Interested? For information or to sign up, contact Dean Uyeno, [dean.uyeno@live.com](mailto:dean.uyeno@live.com), before attending.

#### **HG Bowling**

Our bowling leaders, through

December 10:

- 1st Place Team, still clinging to a slim lead: Two Birds and a Duck (Pat Bilbia, Brenda Turner, Clifford Cresswell)
- Scratch Series Men: George Madonna, 603
- Scratch Series Women: Flo Madonna, 528
- Scratch Game Men: Maury Smith, 226
- Scratch Game Women –Sue McBeth, 174
- Handicap Series Men – Jim Wessels, 702
- Handicap Series Women – Peggy Lux, 692
- Handicap Game Men – Dick Apt, 248
- Handicap Game Women –Lee Borland, 253
- Most Improved Men –Wayne Berly
- Most Improved Women –Carol Strickland

We bowl Thursday mornings, 10 am at Arapahoe Lanes, 6850 S Dayton. Please contact Glenn Riggs, [gvriggs@yahoo.com](mailto:gvriggs@yahoo.com), if you might be interested in joining as a substitute, put on a waitlist for future openings, or added to a contact list for next year. – Glenn Riggs

#### **Bunko**

Bunko meets the first and third Thursdays each month, 1–3:30 pm. We gather in the Blue Spruce Room at 12:45 pm. For information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

#### **Thursday Open Bridge Club**

We play every Thursday, 1–4 pm, Skyview Room. No need for reservations: all bridge players welcome for casual, social play. Information: Joanne Turner, 719-641-3644.

#### **500 Club**

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

#### **Mexican Train Dominoes**

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



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NWSS begins at noon on Thursday, Jan. 6 with the Stock Show Parade, featuring 30 Longhorn steers being herded down 17th Street from Union Station to 17th and Glenarm Place. The 2022 Parade Grand Marshals are first responders — healthcare workers, firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement.

Senior citizen tickets are just \$17



*Above: National Western Stock Show is all about kids and fun. NWSS Volunteer Photographers*

for all day grounds admission. Kids over two are only \$5. If you are attending a ticketed event, such as a rodeo or horse show, grounds admission is included in your ticket.

For ticket information, contact <https://nationalwestern.com/tickets/>, or call 303-297-1849. Group tickets 303-295-6124. Free Grounds Admission Day is Tuesday, Jan. 11.

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## Clubhouse Hours

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 — closed all day

Monday–Saturday 6 am–10 pm

Sunday 7 am–7 pm

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## Bally's Blackhawk Casino

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7:45 am–3 pm

Fee: \$26, no cancellations/refunds after Jan. 2

MUST have a minimum of 25 residents for this trip to go.

Players will receive 50 points or 1 hour of tracked table play and receive a \$15 food coupon. \$10 free slot play. (Guests will need to set up a pin number and update account information upon arrival.) Register at the Clubhouse or call 303-751-1811 ext. 5. No cancellations or refunds after Jan. 2. This bus is an ADA/lift accessible bus. Meet at 7:45 am between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. Bus will leave casino at 2 pm, arriving back at Heather Gardens around 3 pm.

## Active Minds: Water in Colorado

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Water may well become the most disputed natural resource of the 21st century. Population growth, climate change, urbanization and other factors have put increasing pressure on a finite resource. Competing water interests have affected Colorado's history for 100 years. The legal right to divert and use water in Colorado has been debated, legislated and litigated since before statehood in 1876. Join Active Minds as we seek to understand water history in Colorado, the current challenges and what the future holds for using this precious resource. Sponsored by Cherry Creek Retirement Village.

## Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, Jan. 13, 10 am–noon (or until food runs out), FREE, Parking Lot B250

In response to COVID-19, the city of Aurora, in partnership with SECORCares, is bringing a mobile food pantry for seniors. No cost for the food. Sample food may include but is not limited to: rice, beans or pasta, cereal/oatmeal, various canned items, fresh produce, dairy, eggs, and protein. \*Food will be modified to accommodate senior needs as best as possible, i.e., low sodium, low fat, softer foods. Questions? Call 303-739-7281. Please do not line up before 9:45 am. If you have reusable bags, please bring them to shop!

## Movie Matinee and Night: *Cry Macho*

Friday, Jan. 14, 1 pm and 6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$5 pre-register; \$6 on the day of the event

*Cry Macho* is a 2021 American neo-Western drama film directed and produced by Clint Eastwood. The screenplay by Nick Schenk and the late N. Richard Nash

is based on Nash's 1975 novel of the same name. The plot follows a former rodeo star (Eastwood) who is hired to reunite a young boy (Eduardo Minetti) in Mexico with his father (Dwight Yoakam) in the United States.

## Retro Music Group

Sunday, Jan 16, 4–6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Deadline: Jan 12

Fee: \$10 pre-register or \$12 on the day of event

Retro is one of Denver's premier acoustic performance groups that plays various music in the folk/rock/country/blues genre. Twelve string guitars, appropriate percussion, soaring harmonies and strong vocals, offer a full-bodied performance that will have you tapping your feet and singing along. The group performs songs that are well known and loved from the 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s. You will be amazed at how well you remember these songs, some that you may not have heard in decades!

## Voices of Civil Rights Era with Kathleen Arnold

Thursday, Jan. 20, 1–2:45 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811 ext. 5

Kathleen will tell you about the many voices leading the march for civil rights by African Americans. None as distinguishable or as eloquent as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. There were millions of people, who raised their voices — speaking out and singing for equality.

## Breckenridge Ice Sculptures

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 8:25 am–4 pm

Fee: \$28 per person

Deadline: Wed, Jan. 19

Breckenridge's International Snow Sculpture Championships is a world-renowned competition where 12 teams from around the world descend on Breckenridge to hand carve 20-ton blocks of snow into enormous, intricate works of art. Artists are only allowed to use hand tools, creativity and inspiration to bring their ideas to life. No power tools allowed! The result — a temporary outdoor art gallery in historic downtown Breckenridge! HG has chartered a bus to take residents to Breckenridge. This is a self-guided tour of sculptures in the snow and may not be accessible with walkers or wheel-chairs. We will leave HG from the bus stop between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive at 8:25 am. Lunch will be on your own. Bus will leave Breckenridge at 2 pm to return to HG at 4 pm. No refunds or cancellations after Jan 19.

## Movie Matinee and Night: *Jungle Cruise*

Friday, Jan. 28, 1 pm and 6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$5 pre-register; \$6 on the day of the event

Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt have the adventure of a lifetime on Disney's *Jungle Cruise*, a rollicking thrill-ride down the Amazon with wisecracking skipper Frank Wolff and intrepid researcher Dr. Lily Houghton. Lily travels from London, England, to the Amazon jungle and enlists Frank's questionable services to guide her downriver on La Quila — his ramshackle boat. Lily is determined to uncover an ancient tree with healing abilities — it could change the future of medicine. Thrust on this epic quest together, the unlikely duo encounters innumerable dangers and supernatural forces, all lurking in the deceptive beauty of the lush rainforest. As the secrets of the lost tree unfold, the stakes reach even higher for Lily and Frank.

# Welcome Assistant Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich!

Please welcome new Assistant Club Manager Julie Racich to the Heather Gardens team! HG is fortunate to have Julie with the expertise she brings to the community. She has worked in administration, management, and organization across multiple fields.

Originally from San Diego, Julie moved here to be closer to her younger sister in 2002. She absolutely loves Colorado! Her hobbies include painting and spending time with her two children. She has an 8-year-old son and a daughter who is 6-years-old. Her experience at HG so far has been terrific! She has enjoyed getting to know fellow employees and all residents. Stop by, say hello, and welcome Julie to the team!

– Judy Kim, Communications Coordinator



Assistant Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich



Left: The Smithsonian Handbell group is a favorite holiday concert for HG residents. On Dec. 10, this unique group played a concert of holiday music and other favorites that entertained and was challenging to the players. The audience was delighted that they made HG a place that this group from Littleton, Colorado, schedules annually.

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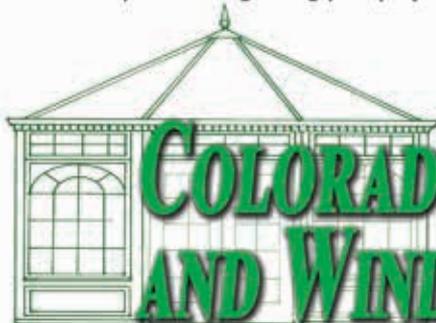


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Techno Rescue, which is certified for electronics recycling and data destruction, wipes and physically destroys all data storage media to protect the identities of those who are recycling responsibly.

Additional e-cycling event dates for 2022 are scheduled as follows: March 14–19, May 6–11, Sept. 26–Oct. 1 and Dec. 27–30, with the additional event of Jan. 2–7 already scheduled for 2023. Pricing may change starting in 2022.

As a reminder, electronics tossed in the trash not only cause serious environmental problems but also are banned from land-

fills in Colorado. The city of Aurora's e-cycling events are supported by Environment Aurora, a citywide effort to think green.

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**Medals of Honor**

With three new soldiers being awarded the Medal of Honor by President Joe Biden for actions in the Iraq/Afghanistan Wars on Dec. 18, a summary of the medals is of interest. (These new awardees may not be included in the listing below, published by *The American Legion Magazine*, December 2021).

- **3,527** Total Medals of Honor awarded
  - 66 Living recipients
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- **2,458** Medals awarded to Army soldiers
- **749** Medals awarded to Navy sailors
- **300** Medals awarded to Marine Corps

- 19 Medals awarded to Air Force
- 1 Medal awarded to Coast Guard

**Cowboy Gathering**

This year's Colorado Cowboy Poetry Gathering will celebrate 33 years of cowboy heritage Saturday, Jan. 15; Sunday, Jan. 16. The two-day roundup includes one evening performance (Saturday, 7:30 pm), one daytime four-part themed session (Saturday, 10 am–4 pm), and a Sunday matinee (1 pm). Sunday Harmonica Class, Jan. 16, 10 am.

The all-star cast and award-winning cowboy poets and musicians have, over the years, come from all over the world. Enjoy a weekend that captures the true spirit and lifestyle of the cowboy through poetry, song and verse.

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**Sound of the Rockies**

The harmony chorus, Sound of the Rockies (SOR), has presented a Christmas concert for decades. Fresh from appearing in Hawaii, at the 80th anniversary commemorating the bombing of Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7), they returned to Colorado to perform a "Holiday Harmony Reunion" that was canceled due to a COVID exposure at the Newman Center.

Undeterred, SOR scheduled a makeup concert ("Holiday Harmony Reunion, Take 2") on Dec. 20, at the Cherry Creek High School Fine Arts Center. Longtime SOR booster and former KEZW-radio personality Rick Crandall emceed the event.

Singing full-throated harmony through masks was challenging for SOR but bravely met. Guest artists plus one substitution from those scheduled on Dec. 11 entertained a crowd of about 400.

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## Overheard @ HG

### Who thought this was a good idea?

by Mary Hafka

It's time for another edition of my long-awaited, much-anticipated column, "Who thought this was a good idea?"

This reprise was triggered by some recent excitement around my place. Earlier in the year, I had a clear-crystal square pedestal sink installed atop the granite counter in my renovated master bathroom. It was stately, classic looking, and ethereal.

I sat in my bathroom, in all its glory, for eight months or so. Worked fine. Until it didn't.

One day, the sink apparently decided life was no longer worth living. (Beauty can be a burden.) It spontaneously blew up into thousands of pieces.

I was in the basement at the time, and heard a noise that sounded like a piece of furniture had fallen over upstairs. My immediate thought was: the pergola fell down. This addition to my non-enclosed lanai had been the most recent new thing installed as part of my home renovations, so I thought it the likely culprit. Luckily, the pergola wasn't the source of the sound, which was good, as re-erecting it would have been a more labor-intensive project. After thundering up the stairs, I saw immediately, through my glass sliding doors, that the pergola still was standing.

I explored the rest of the house, and found no source for the noise. All seemed as it should be, until I entered that bathroom, and felt something crunchy under foot.

I turned on the light, and discovered glass everywhere. The drain was still where it should have been, but the sink was conspicuously absent.

So here's my burning question: who thought this was a good idea? That is, making sinks out of tempered glass that — my subsequent excursion throughout the internet demonstrated to me — has a pro-

pensity to explode for no reason.

Others who had experienced exploding bathroom accessories, including sinks, cabinet-glass doors and glass shelves, were too happy to vent about their harrowing experiences online. Some demanded to know, what if my children had been standing in front of the sink (or doors or shelves) when they blew up?

Since a woman needs a sink in her bathroom, I quickly bought another one, made of copper, this time. It's not as graceful as the glass one, but I'm fairly certain it isn't going to explode into little pieces.

Now I'm in negotiations with the store from which I purchased the tempered-glass sink for a refund of my money. Chain stores, these days, engage in a practice of retaining third-party companies to handle their liability issues. Since no people, pets or property were actually injured during the event, I'm thinking this practice is not going to work to my advantage.

What also was shattered was my peace of mind. A day later, the ice maker in my refrigerator made a cracking noise. I jumped a foot.

In the meantime, I continue to find pieces of glass on the floor that blew all the way into the adjacent bedroom. Shoes will be worn within my house for the foreseeable future.

And another thing. . . who thought it was a good idea to put tennis balls into the same kind of canister as potato chips? Suffice it to say, getting a mouthful of tennis balls, instead of a bunch of Pringles, can be an unsettling experience. And not particularly nutritious — not that Pringles are, either. This could be a real hazard to folks who continually misplace their glasses.

This next nit is an HG oldie, but a goodie, so it bears repeating: who thought it was a good idea to cover the neighborhood with short, lane-marking posts, just low enough so that absolutely no one can see

them over the side of a car? A person can always tell when someone new moves into HG. Within a week, a wooden post will be broken and lying on its side in their driveway, because they haven't yet grown accustomed to the fact that these little posts are everywhere, lying in wait for unwitting motorists to bash into them.

I often wonder, what is the annual budget for short, minimally effective posts? From the second they're installed, they're fated to have a short life. Not unlike my fabulous exploding sink.

Who thought it was a good idea to do the following? From the feature section, *The Denver Post*, "Granny panties reinvented for a new customer." It seems that some imaginative company concocted the brilliant idea of making baggy, high-waisted underwear, now designed for a younger of market of women who might once have cared about style, but now value comfort over fashion.

Curse you, COVID-19! The sweatpants epidemic and its associated manifestations strike again.

To celebrate this "reinvention," the company raised the price on this much-desired item, so it currently costs more than fashionable lingerie. The lingerie sets, which come in such desirable colors as mustard and red-plaid fabric, are strictly for those who have the means to afford them. Rarely have so many spent so much on something so ugly.

From *AARP The Magazine* (October/November): Cold weather is coming. But you don't need to abandon your backyard. Keep the party going with today's hot home accessory, a patio heater.

Now there's a good idea. Let's all buy a big space heater, and try to heat up Colorado's outdoors in the winter. I'd like to get more use out of my lanai as much as the next guy — particularly since I just spent an arm and a leg improving it — but this one's a reach, even for me.

My dear, departed mother used to say, "A fool and his money are soon parted." Now, if you'll excuse me, I'll be busy planning a granny-pants lingerie party on my open-air lanai, for February. Attendees are urged to dress warmly (sweatpants would be good), and watch out for flying glass.

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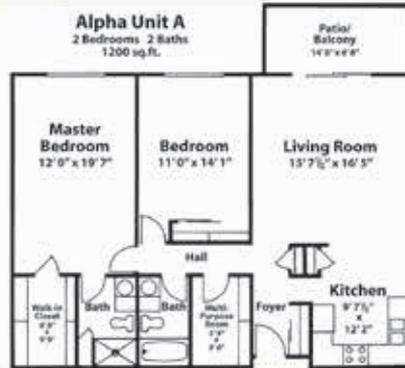
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