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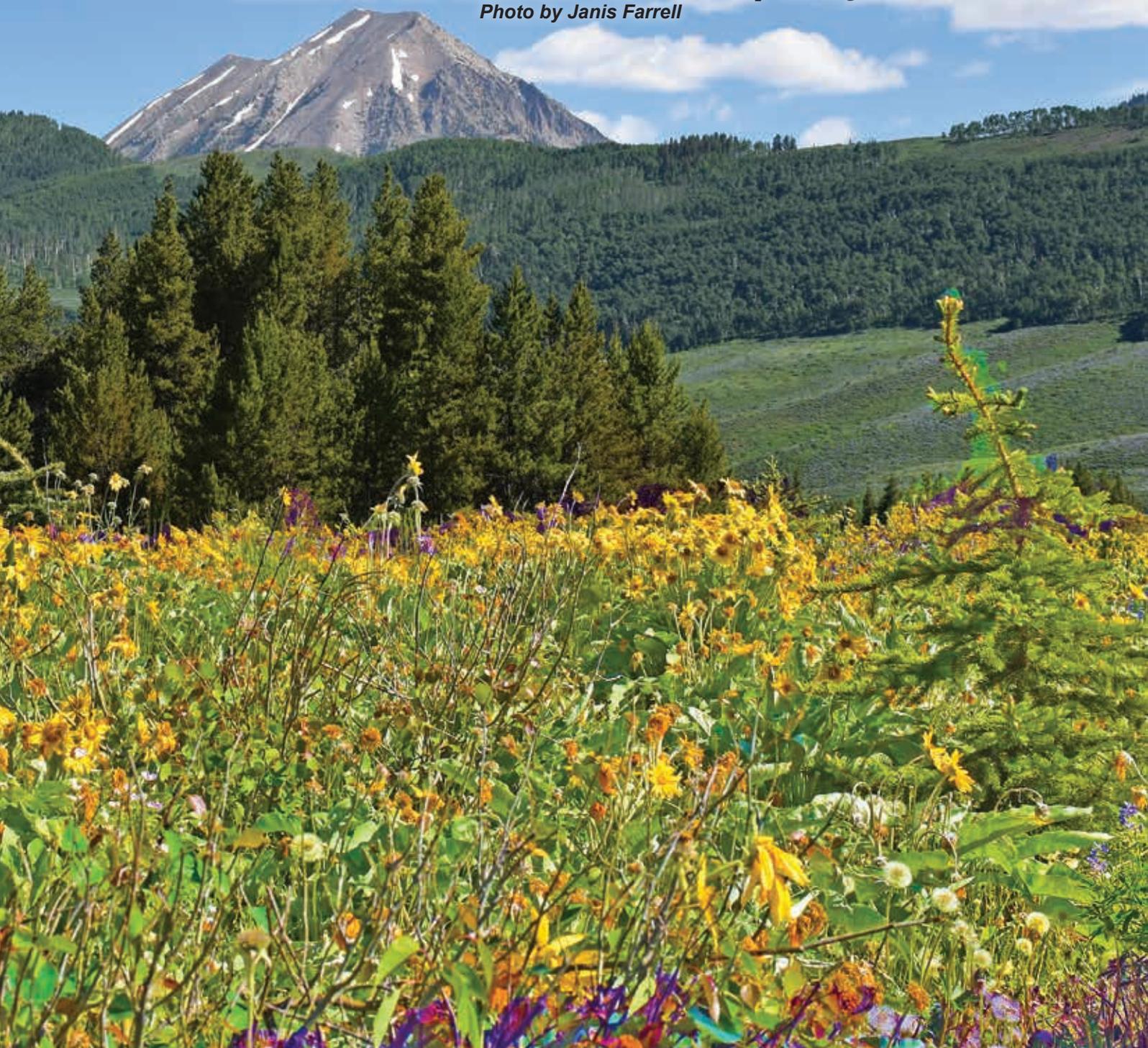
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and colorful this year —  
thanks to the unusual rain in May and June.**

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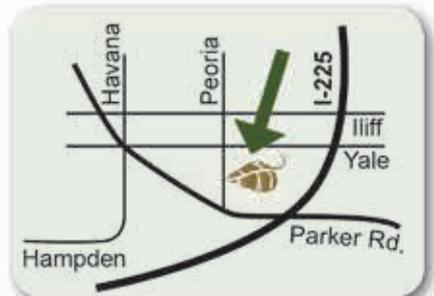
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# PS1 and PS3 repairs approved, re-plumbing in 4-stories to be assessed

Seven directors were present when the July 18 HGA Board Meeting convened. Civic Affairs Committee Chair Bill Gold was absent from the meeting, and Vice President Larry Dávila joined the meeting late.

The board approved a contract with Restruction Corp. to perform maintenance on Parking Structures (PS) 1 and 3, for a maintenance plan using the design/repair recommendations from BC&E engineering. The motion included a 30-percent change-order-reserve amount, because additional repair needs often are discovered when work begins on the concrete, and metal rebars are exposed. The total approved amount was \$982,142: \$755,494 plus a change order reserve of \$226,648. This total is less than \$1,004,392, which was budgeted for 2023.

After years of discussing and exploring options with an ad hoc Parking Structure Committee, this approved plan expects to extend the life of the PS. Repair work includes waterproofing, replacing metal framing on exterior columns and concrete, repairing post-tension cables, installing 46 rubber parking stops, and replacing the existing perimeter metal railing. The work is projected to start in October.

Maintenance Committee Chair Mike Pula commented, “We hope to extend the life of the PS by 15–20 years.” [The day before, at the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee Meeting, the figure 10 years was mentioned; however, both figures are estimates.]

In his motion, Pula recommended that HGA not include a performance and payment bond in the contract. Collecting on such an insurance policy would be difficult if any trouble did arise, and the costs connected with collecting on the bond might outweigh its benefits. The board agreed.

Between now and October, said Contracts Manager Don O’Gorman, HG will devise a plan for residents to remove all items from their garages. Directors Pula, Gold and ACC Chair David Baxter are forming an ad hoc committee, “to work on how to approach being sure unapproved items don’t get moved back into” the garages, Pula said.

A resident asked if the Maintenance Department had noticed deteriorating concrete on drain pan and flash back on the side of PS4 that occurred this past year? O’Gorman explained, “the engineer was not concerned by [it], as it wasn’t a structural matter.” He added, “No danger.”

The board approved a contract with The Bergman Group (\$66,180) for pre-construction management and advisory services regarding plumbing infrastructure in B201. The cost is under the budgeted amount of \$150,000.

B201 pipes have deteriorated drastically, and require leak repairs frequently. The Bergman Group will develop designs, strategies and specifications to replace drain, water and vent pipes, which could later be applied to redoing the water pipes in other four-story buildings, Pula

explained.

The board ratified the emergency repair of a leak in the fire main of B243. Integrity Fire Safety performed the work, at a cost of \$43,194. The work had already been completed; however, an inspection by the city of Aurora was required. During a pressure test, on July 17, the city found that a valve “further out in the line” needed to be replaced, Pula said. Spending an additional \$31,000 for the valve might be required. The city would re-test pressure after the valve was replaced.

The board approved replacing two Toro Workman utility vehicles, at a cost of \$88,619 (\$44,310 each). Pula explained that supply-chain issues made it prudent to buy the vehicles now, as the supplier, LL Johnson, was expecting to receive two vehicles soon, but didn’t expect any more in the foreseeable future.

The board approved purchasing two patrol cars for Security. A new four-wheel-drive vehicle (Toyota RAV4 or Honda CVR) would replace an aging 2016 Toyota Camry (\$36,225). A used vehicle, of the same description, would replace a 2018 RAV4 patrol car that was totaled in an accident (\$19,713).

## Security cars

The board approved an amended motion to increase HGA property value and earthquake insurance, for the 2023-24 coverage period. Coverage on HGA’s property will be increased by 10 percent, and insurers will be asked to provide quotes on continuing HG’s \$100 million earthquake coverage, plus a second quote if the earthquake coverage is increased to \$200 million.

## Insurance

Director Linda Hileman pointed out that the B&F recommendation in favor of this motion — to increase earthquake coverage to \$200 million — was not unanimous. The motion was amended to seek quotes at both levels of earthquake coverage. Hileman commented she had concerns that more study was needed before increasing the earthquake amount.

The Insurance Subcommittee had no quotes on how much the increases would cost, as insurance companies normally don’t offer quotes “until you give them what [values] you want [insured],” said Pula. The subcommittee was in flux, as Chair Randy Lane offered his recommendations, then resigned, as he is moving out of state. Subcommittee Member Steve Villano is expected to assume the chairmanship.

The board approved the B&F recommendation to implement an insured cash sweep (ICS) through Key Bank. One-hundred percent of HG’s deposits would be FDIC insured — which money market funds are not.

## Key Bank offer

Because the accounts sweep, and go to a zero balance daily, they are expected to earn enough interest to equal “the 4.7 percent interest we get elsewhere” [on un-insured accounts].

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# Extra! Extra! Information for you –

## Remaining 50th Anniversary activities

The HG 50th Anniversary festivities continue in August with a Family and Friends Country Western Golf Tournament, Monday, Aug. 7. Check-In 7 am; Shot-gun start 8 am. The \$35 Registration Fee per player includes BBQ Lunch, awards, and a donation.

Aug. 4 is the deadline for registering. Registration forms are available at the HG Pro Shop or HG Activities Desk at the Clubhouse.

The tournament format will be four-person scramble best ball. Contests for longest drive, closest to the pin, and a putting contest

are planned. Mulligans can be purchased. A Bake Sale is planned.

Put on your finest Western golf clothes and join in the fun on the links. Call Connie Burns, for more information, 720-210-3483.

Mark your calendars for the HG 50TH Anniversary “Final Big Event” on Friday, Sept. 15, that promises, “Here’s to the next 50 years!”

There will be a variety of activities: a ribbon cutting, burying a time capsule, and a review of the first 50 years in a slide and video presentation. There will be cake and beverage



es. A special dinner at Rendezvous and culminating with a big dance in Sandberg Auditorium.

– Nancy Linsenbigler, B243

## HGMD Treasurer's Report

### Highlights of HGMD Operations:

#### For month ended June 2023

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (Loss)	(\$56,142)	(\$40,998)
Clubhouse Revenue	\$16,194	\$16,569
Golf Profit (Loss)	(\$2,418)	\$7,215
Golf Revenue	\$73,798	\$68,829
Restaurant Profit (Loss)	(\$5,275)	(\$4,672)
Restaurant Revenue	\$60,130	\$57,807

#### Year to date through June 2023

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (Loss)	(\$336,092)	(\$291,789)
Golf Profit (Loss)	(\$158,059)	(\$117,194)
Restaurant Profit (Loss)	(\$57,136)	(\$52,431)

**Clubhouse:** The Clubhouse is losing less than what was budgeted, about \$7,000 per month in revenue. Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony has cut expenses so that HG dues are less impacted. I like to see more revenue producing activities that better utilize all the amenities in the Clubhouse. Some individual clubs are organizing events. These do not contribute to HGMD revenue. Hopefully, some activities and events can be scheduled that do. Non-residents reportedly are active participants that needs a solution like paying user fees unavoidable. The Clubhouse Committee expects to add pop-up classes, activities and events that you have requested. The Clubhouse is the most highly subsidized enterprise in HGMD. Utilizing it to the fullest is mandatory.

**Golf:** I don't know if this is the first time in history this has happened. The Golf Course was in the “green” (play on words) by showing a profit for June, even though

revenue was not as high as budgeted. Recent staffing changes created an \$8,000 reduction in wages, benefits and labor costs by moving Golf Course staff to the Roads and Landscaping Department.

An old saying, “make hay while the sun shines,” fits here. For those of you not from farming country — hay must be cut when weather is going to be dry and hot so that the grass can dry without getting moldy. HG can take advantage of good golfing weather and get those dudes playing! Rendezvous is enticing golfers into the restaurant with some deals! Golf Course manager and Rendezvous manager are working together to create business for both.

**Restaurant:** Revenue for June was \$5,000 less than May and \$2,000 under budget. The loss was not as much as budgeted. Increasing revenue, without exponentially increasing costs, is a must. May had four times more guests, including Mothers' Day, but lost more than the losses in June.

The Restaurant Committee will be organizing soon to help develop a plan to increase revenue and profitability. The cost of food sold doesn't appear to be out of the ordinary. Other expenses are the culprit. A new freezer has been ordered. Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan hopes that cost of goods sold can be decreased because he can buy in better quantities and have less spoilage. Ask about the new specials for pickleball players and golfers!

**Enterprise Fund:** Good news — receipts were \$74,609 more than what was spent in June. However, the new freezer has not been posted in the accounts yet.

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# HGMD has met frequently: added RV lot committee, rescinded freezer vote

The HGMD Board held a special meeting on June 30, to approve some unfinished business left from its regular June meeting. All directors were present.

There was extensive discussion by directors and members of the RV Club regarding damage to the gate at HG's RV lot. The lot has been unsecured since the gate was destroyed when it was rammed by a vehicle.

The board approved a contract with AJI Fence to replace and install a 7-foot tall ornamental cantilever gate with automation, including all applicable sensors, switches and sirens (\$33,809), to operate the gate and keep the RV lot secure. Insurance will pay some of the cost.

The board also approved a three-month contract with Sensor Systems (\$2,985), for rental of a SiteWatch Pro 3 camera, with software, to provide temporary security by SiteCloud Service for the lot. The board next approved procuring an interim gate from Home Depot that afternoon, to block off the RV lot, until the permanent gate from AJI can be installed. AJI estimated a 10-week manufacturing turnaround for the new gate.

The board approved purchasing and installing a new, larger Arctic Industries BL812-CF-R outdoor freezer from Shamrock Foods for the Rendezvous Restaurant (\$34,959). Updating electrical (increasing amps) for the larger freezer (Positively Charged, vendor) and extending the concrete pad (Sunny Day Concrete, vendor) were included in the approved price, as was disposing of the old freezer, which had been repaired a number of times.

Director Craig Baldwin commented that the Budget & Finance Committee had voted for HGMD to pay for part of the asphalt repairs needed within HG.

"Maybe HGA should pay for the asphalt," he remarked, noting that only a small portion of repairs pertained to the Maintenance Building.

President Daniel Taylor promised to get suggestions for changes to the management agreement between HGMD and HGA to HGMD directors at least one week in advance of voting.

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## Restricted Funds

- **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery)** has a current balance of \$155,043. Keep buying those Lottery tickets. "Funding can be used for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites or for capital improvements or maintenance for recreational purposes on any public site." Colorado defines a "public site" as a publicly owned site, or a site in which a public entity/local government holds an interest in land or water.

- **Debt Service Fund**, at the end of June, was \$397,942 after making an interest payment of \$154,146 on the bonds used to build the new Clubhouse. Your property tax includes a mill levy for this purpose.

- **Foundation Fund** at the end of June was \$186,906.

— Rita Effler, Treasurer

On Saturday, July 15, the HGMD Board held a special meeting, to create HGMD committees, and establish committee chairs. (See President Reports column for details on this meeting, page 11.)

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HGMD held its regular board meeting on Thursday, July 20. All directors and HGMD's attorney were in attendance.

President Daniel Taylor announced he would "set aside" approving the minutes of earlier meetings, because many corrections were needed. He also thought that some board packets were too long for anyone to read; he would consider options for reducing packet size.

Taylor also promised to try and organize meetings, so that employees could give their reports and return to work — not wasting their valuable time. Treasurer Rita Effler suggested making board motions have priority over reports.

CEO Jon Rea noted that he and his managers were deep into the budget process. He said he hoped to deliver a draft budget to both boards by Sept. 8. Budget workshops open on Sept. 25, and last four days.

Taylor asked about carving out some time for HGMD committees to offer input on the budget before it is set in stone. Rea responded he thought some time could be found between Sept. 8 and Sept. 25 to incorporate the committees' input.

Director Craig Baldwin commented, "We want committees to have something to say before Sept. 1."

Taylor replied, "Let me make a formal request for what we're asking." He added that the issue could be put on the August board-meeting agenda.

Attorney Jennifer Ivey told the board that a Colorado law, Proposition HH, was moving through the legislature. "All deadlines become contingent," she said, as Prop. HH could affect HGMD's debt service and mill levy.

The board discussed at length the misunderstandings about installing the larger restaurant outdoor freezer, which was approved for purchase June 30. Subsequent conversations with the vendor, Shamrock Foods, revealed the price did not include installation and disposal of the old freezer, as had been believed.

Ivey reminded the board she had provided a District Contract template for use on all HGMD transactions.

"I think using the contract I provided would help with such misunderstandings."

Baldwin added, "If we have a proper request for proposal (RFP), and they know they have to bid off that, it might help." He offered to work with Rea and Contracts Manager Don O'Gorman — and "I think we start over."

Vice President Eloise Laubach moved that HGMD withdraw its bid acceptance of a freezer from Shamrock — as no proper contract actually existed — and look at new vendors. Her motion passed.

Noting that "the bidding process was a mess,"

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## HGA Board President Reports

*By Jill Bacon*

Greetings everyone, I hope that you are enjoying your summer.

I began my tenure on the board 5.5 years ago. I have enjoyed working with Jon Rea and his team and appreciate the new culture that he has developed. In particular, I like the teamwork he has established. It has been exciting to see the changes that have been made.

I was concerned recently when allegations were made that this team had tampered with tapes of meetings that had taken place in the board room on July 1 and July 12. It was stated that the management team had removed some of the verbiage that had been in those tapes.

This was concerning to me. I set out to see if there was some way that I could find out what really happened on those tapes. A resident told me that there is a company in Denver who can examine tapes and determine whether they have, in fact, been changed in any way. I found the company, Telideo Productions, and had the tapes sent to them. This is what they sent back. I will quote them directly from the letter that they returned.

"This letter is to inform you that we, Telideo Productions, have reviewed your video and it is in our professional opinion, as video producers, that the video file provided to us (GMT20230601-183555-Recording-1920x1080(5).mp4) has not been altered based on several factors.

"First the meta data of the video clearly shows that the content was first digitized on June 01, 2023 and was then modified on July 10, 2023. That modification was made by us, today, on 7/10/23 when we downloaded the video from Google Drive and then uploaded to our Wistia staging site, to be downloaded again for review."

They go on to say, "In addition, the likelihood of altering a video and uploading it to the Zoom Cloud for viewing is extremely unlikely. We would consider this type of activity to be impossible unless you had internal employee access to Zoom's servers or are working with a highly sophisticated hacker, which is even more unlikely given the content that is in question."

Further on they state, "We did however, detect two large audio gaps, but neither of these occurred during the times in question (2:42:00–2:49:00). It is also important to keep in mind that the "Computers" local clock didn't fluctuate at any time during the entire recording. In our opinion it would be rather difficult to edit this timer and have it seamlessly sync with the participants camera views.

"In conclusion, we are fairly confident that no modifications have been made to the video file provided to us by you."

So there you have it, my friends. Your management team consists of the same people who have been working on your behalf for the past three plus years.

They are honest, loyal, people with integrity who care about each one of you and want Heather Gardens to remain the great community that it is and has been for the last 50 years. So do I.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer. Enjoy the 50th Anniversary activities that the committee has planned for you. I hope to see you at many of them too.

### HGA Board Election – Fall 2023

Heather Gardens is accepting nominations for 2024. *Applications are due on Friday, Aug. 4.* The elections are planned for Oct. 18.

The HGA Board qualifications are as follows:

- You must be a resident and owner of a home in Heather Gardens. By resident — you must physically live here.
  - You must have been a resident and owner for at least 12 months by the August meeting of the HGA Board of Directors.
  - You must be current on dues and assessment.
- As expressed by current Board members, being a Board member provides some of these rewards:
- Serving the needs of your community
  - Getting to know new people and making new friends
  - Using your knowledge and experience to make this a better place to live
  - Communicate our residents' needs to other members of the board and the community

**Janet C. Arce. B232**  
**HGA Nominating Committee**  
**720-774-3368**

### IN MEMORIAM

Carol Czomak (219)  
 Lisa Gagliardi (201)  
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 Milton (Bimp) Larry (234)  
 Russell McDaniel (219)  
 Shirley Searuggs (218)  
 Carol Swift (232)  
 Larry Thurston (201)  
 Steve Wolther (232)



*Above: On June 28, the Fused Glass artists of HG dedicated a Chanticleer Pear tree in honor of Annelies Rahbany, a former resident of B233, who passed away Oct. 4, 2022. Our lives are richer and more beautiful because of her. The tree is planted near her former home in Seville. – Judi Nicholes, B216*



# HGMD Board President Reports

By Daniel Taylor

The Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) held a special meeting on Saturday, July 15, to celebrate re-establishing several committees and approving committee chairs for each.

Approximately 40+ residents participated as committee chairs were approved.

Briefly skipping several steps where directors discussed the motion, then allowing public comments before the vote, everyone, including the audience, chose to vote with an enthusiastic and unanimous “aye!”

A new **Clubs and Activities Committee**, (CAC) was formed to allow clubs access to HGMD. According to Craig Baldwin, Chair, HG has a total of 55 clubs, activities and sports groups! Director Rita Effler commented that clubs may also work with other relevant committees to present actions to the board that will help to improve their club activities.

**Compliance Committee** was established to make sure that HGMD documents, actions and meetings are in compliance with Colorado state law. It will monitor when new legislation that impacts special districts like HGMD, is passed. The Chair is Daniel Taylor, B217.

An **RV Lot Committee** was established to meet the very specific needs of that HGMD property, which is also a cost center. The Chair is Forrest McClure, CP2.

Existing committees and their chair are:

- **Audit/Finance** ..... Rita Effler, B232
- **Foundation** ..... Eloise Laubach, B209
- **Clubhouse**..... Rita Effler, B232
- **Golf** ..... Beulah Gould, B215
- **Restaurant** ..... Robin O’Meara, CP3

During the meeting, committee chairs announced their members and gave a brief update on any actions taken already. Most committees have already met or are scheduled to meet soon.

There is a limit of nine members on each committee. However, even if the committee is “full,” all interested residents may attend meetings and share ideas, questions, and concerns.

The date, time, and location of all committee meetings are posted on the HG online calendar. Notices are also communicated via Pitera. There you will find the committee’s agenda and link to Zoom information, if available.

Some committees need more members, such as Audit/Finance, Clubhouse and Compliance. Please apply by

completing HGMD’s Committee Application, available at the Management Office or any HGMD Director.

I then updated the HG residents on recent actions taken by the board:

- Replaced the freezer located outside Rendezvous Restaurant.
- Secured the RV lot after the gate was destroyed by a car crashing into it on June 15.
- Changed the passcodes on the entry doors to the indoor pool, workout room, and woodshop.

During the open forum, the following questions were answered:

**Q:** How is HGMD planning to communicate information to residents?

**A:** The board continues to work with the HG Management Office on this process. The goal is to have the meeting documents and information online one week prior to the regular monthly board meetings. HGMD Board meetings are held the third Thursday of every month, 1 pm. Residents may participate in person or join the meeting via Zoom.

**Q:** Accessing the Zoom meeting recordings has been difficult. What is being done to improve this?

**A:** The Zoom recordings are public records. We are negotiating with HG to improve when these recordings are posted on the website and increasing the digital storage on the website to ensure the Zoom meeting recordings are available for a longer period of time. Public records are kept indefinitely and must be made available upon request pursuant to Colorado’s Open Record Act.

**Q:** Will you have today’s information about the committees ready for the *Heather ’n Yon*?

**A:** Yes, we can get the information submitted in time for the August issue of the *Heather ’n Yon*.

**Q:** What is your opinion regarding the relationship between the HGA and HGMD?

**A:** I read the following prepared statement, “As you are aware, the district has a contract with HGA for the management of the district’s properties and businesses. Under the terms of that management agreement, when the HGA Board and the HGMD Board disagree as to whether the contracted duties are being properly performed, there is a specific protocol that the Boards are to follow.

“After notification of the issues and a request for a joint meeting, the parties agree to meet and negotiate in good faith as early as practicable. And, that during the dispute resolution process ‘confidentiality will be maintained and no public statement shall be issued.’

“We have honored that requirement and have not issued any public statements concerning the disagreement and will not do so during the dispute resolution process.”

A special thank you to Rudy Morris for running the Zoom meeting on July 15. With the coffee pot empty and tasty treats almost gone, the meeting was adjourned.

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## Publisher's Corner

### A look back to the 1970s for Heather Gardens

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

In reviewing some older issues of *Heather 'n Yon* magazines, I found several articles from 2013 that highlighted the history at HG. In 2013, HG was having its 40th Anniversary — but no major event was scheduled. The following stories are from the March 2013 issue.

#### Pat Fadely, STH, recalls working for EDI in 1970s:

Environmental Developers, Inc. (EDI) positioned their sales office directly north of the community center. It was built on the footprint of another planned 4-story building when Heather Gardens (HG) was completed.

Country Place patio homes comprised about 40 percent of HG and were popular. EDI built more of them, taking up part of the land that would have been the parking structure for a 4-story building. The Omega building was built as the only 3-story structure with under-building parking for its residents. (The community center needed all its designated parking spaces and still does.)

The north end of the sales office was the HG management office. It was moved to the community center. The south end had beautifully decorated models. At that time, during real estate's heyday, there was a firm that specialized in decorating model homes. EDI sent them floor plans. They returned paint swatches, wallpaper, etc. Talented EDI employees prepared the models. A couple of semi-tractor trailers pulled up, unloaded and placed the furnishings in

the appropriate models. In a couple days they were done, right down to small items on tables! (Just as an aside, thievery was alive and well. In November, some employees picked up the candlesticks, vases, etc. and put them aside, leaving badly scarred old books on the tables. We joked that some people did their Christmas shopping in the HG models!)

The models were so pretty that residents brought their friends to see them and this generated good sales. The offices were open until 9 pm. EDI hired students (it was quiet and a good time to study) to keep the models open in the evenings.

The residents loved the furnishings and always wanted to purchase them, but EDI employees got first chance. (I have two beautiful Italianate cane chairs, purchased from EDI for \$15 each!)

#### Gerard Rosenthal, B250, makes corrections:

B207 was occupied in June 1975 by my wife Marie, our son Richard and I, not 1973. We were the first residents in a building that was not entirely finished. A few days later I came home from the grocery store (after work) and buzzed Marie to let me in the front door. On the other side of the door was a rattlesnake. I asked Marie to call security. An officer appeared quickly and dispatched the snake with a sharp shovel. He told us that he worked in Arizona before, and killed a lot of snakes that way in restrooms, etc.

B208, whose foundation was poured, was not occupied until two years later because EDI was not able to secure financing until 1976 or 1977.

At the time we bought, we were told by the Realtor that the land west of us would be a park — never to be built upon!

I-225 was only open to Parker Road and was not completed until months later.

{Editor's Note: Both Pat Fadely and Gerard Rosenthal have passed on.

In 2013, Al Lindemann met with residents who shared information on the history of HG. The following represents some of his findings. If there is any interest in reviving the History Club, I have the set of Heather 'n Yon magazines that he collected.}

#### A couple notes from HG History Club:

Early on, a disgruntled ex-employee dumped fuel on two golf course greens and set fires at either end of the community center in an attempt to burn it down.

Construction was halted for a while when construction workers went on strike. EDI eventually formed its own construction company named Yale Properties. You may see that name imprinted on some sidewalks along East Marina Drive.

After Parking Structure 1 was built, the City of Aurora decided that it did not provide enough parking. Consequently, Parking Structure 2 (PS2) is twice as large. However, enlarging PS2 required changing the location of B203, B204, and B205, and relocating the 8th green and 9th tee on the golf course. Because parking was limited, residents wanting an additional parking space had to buy it for \$1,500.

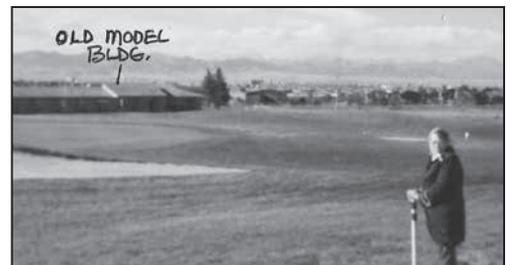
— Al Lindeman, CP5



Above: Photo of three Alpha buildings looking east, B202, B204 and B205 with Parking Structure 2, in 1975. I-225 is in the foreground with a car going north.

Photos by Bill Miller, B204

Right: Looking west from the future location of Som-



erset buildings on East Marina Drive, the model/sales office for EDI is marked on the west side of HG Golf Course (1976).



## Management

### Budget process at HG; 2024 budget in development

By Jon Rea  
Chief Executive Officer

It is nearly time to present the budget draft to the Budget & Finance Committee and to both boards. Simultaneously, it will be posted to the website. The Managers Budget Draft is set to be delivered on Friday, Sept. 8, 2023.

Based on previous year, in July, the department managers assembled their proposed operations expense budgets for the next fiscal year. This portion of the budget reflects expected day-to-day operational items and materials that the departments require to conduct their work in the coming year. Materials may include hardware, tools, uniforms, and general supplies.

Once completed, the managers review what they had compiled with me. During this review, we discuss changes, map a proposed timeline when expenses would occur, discuss current impacts on their work given the current business climate, and identify future considerations. My goal, just as it is every year, is to ensure that the managers are involved with their budgets and provide their unique insights and feedback about work in their area. I expect the managers to run their departments as if it is their own business. This process adds accountability and ownership by the managers.

The next step will be to submit this proposed budget to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) so that he can incorporate these estimates into the overall budget. Once this is completed, the CFO, department managers, and I sit down in August with the completed budget and review it further. We scrutinize each department, make changes and suggest updates prior to submitting it to the community. This is an extensive process to ensure we meet the goal of developing an objective and realistic budget draft for 2024.

At all stages of building the budget, the same factors apply. We review goals and priorities, specific projects, the economic climate, inflation predictions and expected cost of goods, etc. These many factors form the budget that becomes a working draft budget. I and my staff are excited to work through the process.

After the draft is complete and issued to the community, the Joint Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) schedules budget workshops. This year, these begin on Monday, Sept. 25 and continue daily through Thursday, Sept. 28. During these workshops, the volunteer members of the B&F, interested residents and directors from HGA and HGMD Boards conduct a deep dive into fine details of the budget, reviewing each department's operations expense budget, wages/benefits, capital reserve projections and the projects slated for 2024. These workshops provide an opportunity for owners and residents to ask questions and gain an in-depth understanding of the specifics that have produced the proposed 2024 budget.

If you are available during these days to attend the budget workshops, I would highly encourage it. A wealth of information is reviewed. It is a benefit for owners/residents to understand all the decisions that influenced the draft budget under consideration.

## HGA...from page 5

Dávila asked why Key Bank was offering this now? At the B&F meeting the day before, CFO Jerry Counts had related, "Key Bank called and said, 'we want your deposits back.'"

CEO John Rea told the board that a new Security Manager had been hired, Dave Marris. Rea added, "a new compliance officer is joining us later this week."

Other actions approved by the board:

...extended the term of John Harvey into a fifth year, on the Architectural Control Committee (ACC).

...new ACC Indemnity Agreement with new wording for residents who fail to get ACC approval before making changes in their condo.

...updated the terminology on the ACC rules regarding barbecue grills and outdoor cooking to match Aurora's current fire codes, which prohibit open-flame cooking devices near apartments or condos, including pellets and wood burning.

...a resident's ACC application to cut a hole in the wall of B209, unit 301, to install a room air conditioner.

## HGMD...from page 7

Baldwin also recommended no action on an agenda item, Asphalt Repairs at Maintenance Facility.

"I think we should send it back to Budget & Finance," he said, and the board did.

After regular business, the board adjourned into executive session, to discuss legal questions, position and strategies regarding negotiations on the management agreement with HGA.

Other actions by the board:

...approved \$1,556, to purchase four rolling, portable nets for pickleball, using lottery funds.

...approved a bulletin board within the garden area, at no cost to HGMD, as gardeners had raised the funds and would choose the location.

...approved procedure memorandum for the RV Lot — a new HGMD committee.

...took no action on adding EV charging stations on HGMD property after noting the five-year history of this discussion in HG. With only nine owners of EV in HG, all options for an EV charging station are not feasible yet.

...reviewed the new trash-removal contract, but took no action, as HGA had already approved the agreement.



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# A conversation with Selby Myers, general manager 1983–1990

It was Christmas morning 1983. Snow covered three quarters of North America. Official records show Denver got an epic 33 inches. Some have called it the “Great Freeze of ‘83.”

Few attempted to drive around that morning. It was my daughter’s birthday, and her grandmother in Heather Gardens (HG) had planned dinner, gifts and a party. So we stuck the kids into a toboggan, put on our cross-country skis, skied up to Yale Avenue and into HG — to find that all of it had been plowed, while the rest of the city was buried in snow!

Selby Myers, my longtime friend and HG’s general manager (GM) from 1983 to 1990, told me, “The guy who did that plowing on Christmas day always did a tremendous amount of work for us. He had a front end loader. It was a big rig, and whenever we had heavy snows, he took good care of Heather Gardens.”

Selby was GM when I started working with my father Nick Nicholas in 1986. Back when our community was first being developed in the mid-1970s, my dad founded the real estate company of Nicholas Agency, Inc. and sold HG property.

Environment Developers Inc. (EDI) had turned over control of the Heather Gardens Association (HGA) to the homeowners on Jan. 23, 1983.

“Residents had problems with EDI,” Selby said.

A nine-member board of directors took over. As the first HGA president, Nick Jones and his board hired Selby to be GM.

“Nick Jones was a former corporate official for a chain store,” Selby recalled. “He had a private business background. Nick was a person of few words. But he was a leader who was really good at planning and execution.”

Before HG, Selby had worked as a city manager. “That work history

helped me head up a fledgling organization with all its disparate functions. I had to know a little bit about a lot of things.”

Selby holds a master’s in public administration from the University of Missouri. After a career that included working for HG and similar organizations — such as the California for Pine Mountain Club Property Owners Association — Selby, and his wife Patricia, at last returned in 2006 to HG as owners (B204). They still reside here, and their grown children live in the area as well.



*Above: Pat and Selby Myers, B204, photographed by their daughter Meredith Myers, Christmas 2018.*

Selby and I enjoy reminiscing together. He remembers George Sayre as another exemplary HGA board president. I would have to agree, because I also knew George. He bought a patio home in CP1. My dad was friends with him.

“George was a graduate of University of Pennsylvania and managed a dairy in Pueblo for many years,” Selby said. “When he retired from dairy, he went to Grand Junction and bought an interest in a fruit farm. But a freeze ruined the crop, so he sold out and came to live at HG. George’s knowledge and experience proved valuable.”

Selby remembers other key personnel from those early years who were instrumental to HG’s success. One of them was Facilities Manager Phil Madden.

“Phil was a super guy, retired Air Force. He drove [to work at HG] from Colorado Springs every day. But Phil liked to drive. He had a sports

car. His background was terrific, and he helped me develop the new organization. Phil was a real pro. We consolidated the Golf Course, building maintenance, and roads and grounds.”

Selby said he was also impressed with the know-how of Don Bivins, who was HG Security Chief.

“Don was also a retired Air Force officer. He worked at HG for more than 20 years.”

Selby mentioned another member of the board of directors at HG who made a huge impression on everyone: “Al Frantz,” who was an associate justice of the Colorado Supreme Court from 1957 to 1967. Before Frantz died in 1985 at age 81, he gave Selby an autographed copy of a book he’d authored.

“Our legal committee on the board was a group of attorneys who lived here and helped us with legal matters,” Selby said.

Selby went on, “I hired Jim Alexander, a former YMCA director, as Clubhouse Manager. I couldn’t believe the extent of the guy’s knowledge. He was

an expert at maintaining HG’s indoor and outdoor pools. Jim was a big help when we remodeled the old community center, too.”

According to Selby, “We hired Paula Bennett Design Studio to help remodel and redecorate the old community center, which had been built in 1973. It hadn’t been well maintained. People were really unhappy with it. Jim caught lots of problems with the remodel. I was proud of what we did. Among other things, we soundproofed the auditorium. It was bouncing sound all over the place — driving people with hearing aids nuts.”

Not only did Selby manage the remodel of the old community center, and sustain and build HG staff, but he was also involved in developing a \$1.2 million bond issue that paid for re-drilling the Golf Course well, repairing the storm drainage system, relining the ponds, and upgrading the maintenance facility.

*See Myers...page 26*

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# Risks of heat stroke possible in August

There was a heat-stroke issue in the HG garden plots this past month when some nearby gardeners recognized the symptoms. They were able to assist the victim and called for medical assistance.

At our last Garden Club meeting, we had an educational talk about what heat does to plants, and how to assist them. The discussion naturally expanded to what to do when a gardener succumbs to hot temperatures in an exposed area.

August is Colorado's hottest month historically. Any kind of outdoor activity during the heat of the day may give you a headache, dizziness, muscle cramps, confusion, slurred speech, nausea, extreme perspiring, and/or very high body temperature. If you experience any of these symptoms, you are probably in the grip of a heat stroke. Call out for help from anyone who is nearby, or phone 911.

If you are not the one having a

heat stroke, you could respond by helping in the following ways:

- First, call 911.
- Remove unnecessary clothing.
- Wet the skin with a garden hose or sponge, and fan all over the person (do not use ice packs on an older person — defined as over 50).
- Give them cold water to drink (no ice cubes), in small sips. If they feel nauseous or are throwing up liquids, be cautious here.
- Do not give them a soda, other caffeine-type beverage, sweetened drink, or alcohol.
- If there is an available drink with electrolytes, offer that.
- If the person is having a seizure, roll them over on a side, and keep airways open, but don't put anything in their mouth.

Most people who die of heat-related illness are over 65. This may be because they cannot perspire sufficiently to naturally control their temperature. Some prescription and

over-the-counter drugs also interfere with this ability. People over 65 should check the weather forecast, and plan their day accordingly. Hydrate yourself by drinking more liquids than usual, and avoid alcohol.

If it is sunny and hot, plan to be outside in the early morning and evening — avoid the middle of the day. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothes in light colors and a wide sun hat. Don't overdo strenuous activity. Take frequent breaks. Move slowly. Use sunscreen of 30 SPF or higher and reapply every two hours.

If overheated, go to a cool place, rest, and drink plenty of water. Cool your body in a cool bath or with cool compresses, not ice, on your back, neck, groin, and/or air armpits to cool your blood system. If it doesn't go away, get medical advice as soon as possible.

– Gwen Alexander  
B215

## Caught in the act

The residents in B236 had high praise for the paint crew that completed the chair rail project in their building, especially for Ed Koschik. Ed was unfailingly polite, answered questions, and assisted when asked.

When the old lights were removed to make way for the new LED lights, so too was the source of power for the lighted Christmas wreaths displayed in the windows on each floor for the holidays. Ed made sure that a new outlet was created under each floor's window.

Having workers around for over a month isn't easy for the residents or the workers, but Ed and the paint crew made it as painless as possible. They ensured that the equipment was put away each weekend and the work space was tidied to keep the areas looking as normal as possible for the weekend.

The consideration they showed to the residents was much appreciat-

ed. The extra tasks undertaken show what exemplary employees we have at HG.

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HG residents are helping to make the 50th Anniversary of HG a true celebration! Many have answered the calls for donations, to take part in fundraising events, and to show their appreciation for all that HG has to offer.

One couple went above and beyond — Blaine and Marsha Shirley, B207. Blaine paints tiles. He created a tile for the 50th Anniversary, then he and Marsha donated it to the Clubhouse. The tile is on display with the HG trivia information (see right photo).

Thank you, Blaine and Marsha, for the unexpected and much welcome gift.

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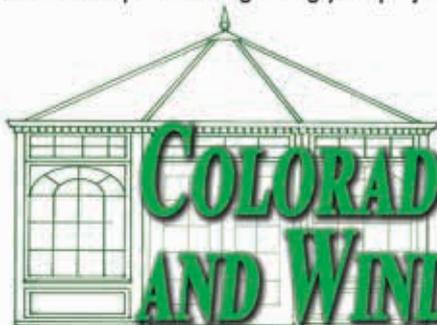


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# The Month (July)



On July 1, the six Seville buildings had their annual 4th of July Picnic. This year, they had a parade around the



inner circle to the buildings. Various modes of transportation were exhibited (like the Segway in right photo) as young and old paraders donned their patriotic gear and joined the fun.

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The resignation of HG's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Jerry Counts, has been rescinded. Counts has signaled his intention to continue as CFO, and shepherd HG through its 2024 budget process, which had already



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# That Was...

begun at the staff level.

At the July 17 Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee Meeting, Counts reported that HGMD entities generated net revenue that was \$80,000 over budget. He noted the Golf Course had done especially well — despite many days of closure in June, due to rain. Restructuring golf-course labor was part of the reason why, as HG recently folded its golf-grounds crew into the Roads & Grounds Department, yielding significant cost savings.

Three days later, at the HGMD Board Meeting, Treasurer Rita Effler had a less positive take, reporting, “Revenue is down for each entity. But the subsidy is down,” as well.

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At the July 20 HGMD Board meeting, CEO Jon Rea reported on the status of the RV lot gate, which was destroyed when a car drove through it. A temporary gate has been erected, he said, with a temporary security camera installed to monitor the lot, and a truck parked across the entrance to block access. Those wishing to enter the lot should call Security for an appointment.

There is a six-to-eight-week lead time on manufacturing the permanent gate.

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Two residents photographed and shared their photos of a bright rainbow on July 17. Carol Anne Mayne, B217, saw the unusual occurrence of two rainbows (below right). Evan Morris, STH, said, “After 100 degrees that day, then in the early evening a ha-boob-like wind came across HG. The rainbow appeared in our front yard. It ends just beyond the chain link



fence. We are never treated to such a spectacle so close. I’m still looking for that pot of gold.”

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**On June 23 and 24, HG had its annual Flea Market.** For buyers, including the young boy (below right), it was time to acquire a new treasure using his own money.



Above photos by Janis Farrell

**On June 30, it was a Resource Fair** with various vendors who help seniors that filled Sandberg Auditorium. Many were Heather 'n Yon advertisers like Melissa Clifford, ReMax, Renewal by Andersen and Dun-Rite Home Improvement.



Photos by Anita Huddleston

**The 50th Anniversary Committee hosted The Legendary Ladies on July 19.**

This non-profit, educational women's performance organization focuses on presenting historical vignettes. Each cast member has researched and written scripts for several different Colorado women from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s. Four unconventional women from Colorado's history were presented at HG as Captain Jack told her story (from left in right photo):

**Lady Catherine Moon**

(1864/65–1926) aka Cussin' Kate was a spunky washer-woman-rancher who married into British royalty and settled in the Ft. Collins area.

**Mary Elitch Long** (1856-1936), Business-woman, was the original owner of Elitch Gardens in Denver. She was the first female manager of a zoo at a time when women held no political or financial power.

**Captain Jack** (1842–1921), Lady Miner, was a rough and tumble woman. This female prospector, miner and entrepreneur in Colorado fought discrimination against women.

**Announcer Cheri Enterline**

**Emily Griffith** (1868–1947), Pioneer educator who believed that everyone deserved an education regardless of age, race, gender, or background. Created Emily Griffith Opportunity School.

Of special note: Mary Elitch Long (below, second from left) was portrayed by Judie Hinton, B243. Judie has been a Legendary Lady for several years. She portrays four historical characters, including Polly Pry (female reporter) and Josie Bassett (rustler and rancher). Residents in her building see her carrying her elaborate costumes as she travels within the city educating audiences on these fascinating characters!

Many attendees (right) got into the spirit with their finest or funniest hats! Ginger Mogorit, B243, remarked, "Hats are fun, and they do a great job of hiding a bad hair day! Everyone looks so pretty and elegant."

– Nancy Linsenbigler, B243



Above: HG winners of the Hat Contest were  
1) Dee White, CP3;  
2) Richard Price, aka 3 Rivers, CP5; and  
3) Fran Lukaszewski, B243.

Right and below: Residents who wore hats to the event could have their photograph taken in an open frame.



Photos by Janis Farrell

## Myers...from page 17

"When I first came in 1983," Selby said, "we were experiencing too much turnover. We couldn't keep people in various positions long enough to be effective. We had to establish a decent personnel system with policies, standards, health insurance and a retirement plan. It took time, but we were able to reduce turnover from more than 35 percent to a reasonable 10 percent."

Sometime in the 1990s, Robert Macaluso became HG's Golf Pro, and teaching pro. He stayed for more than 25 years. However, Selby remembers interacting more with the greens keeper than the golf pro.

"Golf courses and grounds are two different functions," Selby explained. "If you don't have a greens keeper who knows what he's doing, you're in trouble."

Selby hired a golfer with previous maintenance experience to be greens keeper and to upgrade the Golf Course.

"He worked at HG for about three years and left before I did, but he did

a great job. He understood technical concerns about ground water. I thought we hired folks who did a good job."

During Selby's stint as GM, Business Manager Pat Ross was HG's acting controller. I remember Pat knowing just about everything going on at HG. She knew what properties were going into foreclosure. She would clue me in, so my real estate company could possibly step in to help people out.

Selby agreed, "Pat Ross was extremely competent. She was from EDI, and she'd managed all sorts of associations. Dennis Palmer was our maintenance manager. He worked here at least 10 years. His wife Rachel worked for Pat as an assistant controller. It was a two-person office."

After retiring at HG, Selby has continued to serve in other ways. In 2014, he volunteered as ARO vice president for the remainder of the year and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Since there were none, Selby was appointed to the position.

Selby likes to help out other residents with assorted tasks, such as

grocery shopping. Eventually one such resident ended up in an assisted living facility that didn't work out for him at all. Selby connected him with Melissa Clifford, who found the perfect place for that resident.

"Pat Ross is the one who brought Melissa to HG," Selby recalled. "Melissa is a senior living placement specialist who advertises in *Heather 'n Yon* to this day."

Selby added, "I look at myself today, and say that I learned a lot about living and growing older through my work at HG. In the past, people who moved here had maintained careers in Denver. Most stayed in town after they retired. People with real knowledge, real experience were on the board. We learned from them."

I could not agree more with Selby. We have benefited from a rich treasure trove of amazing people with such a varied set of skills who have had such a positive effect over the years at HG, making our community the successful and welcoming place it is today.

– Nancy Henson  
STH

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# Recycling do's and don'ts

In the March issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, HGA President Jill Bacon asked, what can each resident do to help save water? I hope everyone has given it some thought, and then worked to conserve a little every day. The Green Team has a question, "How can we do better at recycling?"

If you choose to recycle, how can it be done correctly, and how can you do better? At HG, residents are given the opportunity to recycle. It's used by many residents. If it is done incorrectly, the whole recycle bin can be added to the landfill — it becomes a spoiled load.

When the Green Team reviews items found in recycle bins, we have found plastic bags, plastic wrap from cases of water, soda or food packs, and bubble wrap. These items clog the recycling equipment, causing a shutdown. They *cannot* go in the recycle bins. *NO* plastic bags or wrapping.

We have found boxes or bags full

of trash and recyclable items. Put the trash in the trash dumpster. Empty your recyclable items in the proper bin. Load the items loosely; break down boxes.

Other items found include plastic hubcaps, milk jugs, boxes with the original packing (Styrofoam, plastic bags, zip ties and even leftover unused assembly parts), and food containers with food and milk still in them. (Please rinse those out).

Once a fuel pump with gasoline in it was found. Yes...really! Surgical gloves, masks, and foam egg cartons. Clothing, rugs, slippers, and shoes. (Donate those items).

I believe we can do better. There are many websites to help you learn what to recycle. If you are unsure if it goes in the recycle bin, then throw it out.



*Items that can be recycled:*

- Clean, empty plastic bottles and containers (1-7 smashed)

- Clean, empty glass bottles and jars
- Clean, empty food and beverage cans
- Magazines, paper, newspaper, flattened cardboard, paperboard
- Clean foil
- Aluminum cans (no liquid)



*Items you should not recycle:*

- Dryer sheets, face masks or surgical gloves
- Shredded paper (save this for the shred event on May 6)
- Gift wrap, tissue paper, paper towels, napkins or Kleenex
- Pizza boxes with food or grease
- Plastic bags, bubble wrap, baggies or wrappers from cases of water or soda
- Styrofoam of any kind
- Liquids

*Make a commitment to recycle right.*

– Debi Villano

B224

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# AUGUST CALENDAR

<b>Tue 1</b>	Guys Fun Golf	Golf Course	9 am	
	Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountain View Room	12:30–4 pm	
	Heather Gardens Singers (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	1–2:30 pm	
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm	
	Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–3 pm	
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Mountain Man Fruit and Nut Co.</b>	Clubhouse Lobby	2:15–3:15 pm	
	CP2 Meeting	Picnic Pavilion	4–8:30 pm	
	Tennis Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm	
	Men' Book Club	Mountain View Room	6–8:30 pm	
	Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Billiard Room	6:30 pm	
	<b>Wed 2</b>	HG Ladies' Golf Scoring (every Wednesday)	Game Room	7:30 am–1 pm
		Cribbage (every Wednesday)	Sunburst Café	12:30–3 pm
		Men's Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–5 pm
Rummikub (every Wednesday)		Lodgepole Lounge	1–3 pm	
HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)		Blue Spruce Room	1–4:45 pm	
Pinochle (every Wednesday)		Mountain View Room	1:30–4 pm	
Men's Poker		Game Room	3:30 pm	
Woodshop Club		Blue Spruce Room	5 pm	
CP1 Social		CP1 cul-de-sacs	5:30 pm	
HG Men's Golf Club		Mountain View Room	6:30–8:30 pm	
Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)		Sandberg Auditorium	7–9 pm	
<b>Thu 3</b>		Tai Chi (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8–11 am
		TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	Fun Gals Golf (every Thursday)	Golf Course	9 am	
	HG Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	9 am	
	Time4Tap Dance Group (every Thursday)	Sandberg Auditorium	11 am–noon	
	Bunko (1st and 3rd Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm	
	Social Bridge (every Thursday, Joanne Turner)	Skyview Room	1–3:30 pm	
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountain View Room	1–4 pm	
	Ping Pong (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–3 pm	
	Meditation Club (1st & 3rd Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	4–5 pm	
	CP4 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm	
	Men's Poker (2nd & 4th Thursday)	Game Room	5:30–9 pm	
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora Business Meeting	Skyview Room	6 pm	
9-Ball Men's Billiards (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9 pm		
<b>Fri 4</b>	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	10–11 am	
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Friday)	Mountain View Room	12:30–7 pm	
	Friday Afternoon Bridge (every Friday)	Skyview Room	1–5 pm	
<b>Sat 5</b>	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–4 pm	

## Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Aug. 7 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)  
 Tue, Aug. 15 Master Class on Retirement and Taxes, EdgeRock Wealth, HG Clubhouse, 5–6 pm (see ad, p. 12)

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<b>Sat 5</b> (cont'd)	Ping Pong (every Saturday) Karaoke Club	Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	2-3 pm 3-5 pm
<b>Sun 6</b>	Fruit Shak (every Sunday) Social Bridge (every Sunday, Joanne Turner)	Clubhouse Parking lot Skyview Room	9 am-3 pm 1-3:30 pm
<b>Mon 7</b>	<b>50th Anniversary Country/Western Golf Tournament</b> VNA Senior Wellness Clinics (1st & 3rd Mondays) Men's Bridge (every Monday) HG Women's Book Club (Arce) Spanish Club (every Monday) Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (1st Monday) Time4Tap Dance Novice Group (every Monday) HG Women's Book Club (Urias) Mah Jongg (every Monday) East Bates Game Night (Karen Gold; every Monday)	Golf Course/Picnic Pavilion Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Mountain View Room Aspen Room Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium Mountain View Room Blue Spruce Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	7 am-2 pm 8:30 am-1 pm 10 am-2 pm 10:30 am-12:30 pm 11 am-noon 12:30-5 pm 1-2 pm 1-3 pm 1-4 pm 4-6 pm
<b>Tue 8</b>	<b>Clubhouse Trip: Bally's Blackhawk Casino</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Steady CBD Seminar</b> Tuesday Evening Bridge (2nd & 4th Tuesday) Men's Book Club	B243/B244 Parking lot Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room	7:45 am 9-11 am 5:30 pm 6-8:30 pm
<b>Wed 9</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: France (Active Minds)</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
<b>Thu 10</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry</b> The Green Team Men's Poker (Jess Deal; 2nd and 4th Thursday) RV Lot Club	B243/B244 Parking Lot Blue Spruce Room Game Room Aspen Room	10 am noon-2 pm 3:30-7:30 pm 5-6 pm
<b>Fri 11</b>	Birding and Nature Club HG Indivisible	Lodgepole Lounge Skyview Room	11:30 am 11:45 am
<b>Sat 12</b>	The Breakfast Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8:30 am
<b>Sun 13</b>	B208 Meeting B203 Picnic	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Picnic Pavilion	2-7 pm 2-6 pm
<b>Mon 14</b>	B242 Breakfast Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (2nd-4th Monday)	Picnic Pavilion Mountain View Room	9-11 am 12:30-5 pm
<b>Tue 15</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Consumer Fraud Protection</b> Caregiver's Support Group B201 and B202 Monthly Social	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	1:30 pm 2-4 pm 4:30 pm
<b>Wed 16</b>	Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7-9 pm
<b>Thu 17</b>	HG Optimist Club <b>Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries</b> Social Justice Discussion TOPS Picnic <b>Clubhouse Event: A Generation Rises Up</b> Bunko <i>ARO Dinner</i> Kiwanis Club of Aurora – Guest Speaker	Rendezvous Restaurant Sunburst Café Skyview Room Picnic Pavilion Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Skyview Room	9 am 9 am-1 pm 10 am-noon 11:30 am-2 pm 1-2 pm 1-3:30 pm 3:30-6:30 pm 6 pm
<b>Fri 18</b>	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday) <b>Clubhouse Event: Bingo</b>	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1-3 pm



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<b>Sat 19</b>	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
<b>Sun 20</b>	B211 Picnic Frolics Club Acting Workshop	Picnic Pavilion Sandberg Auditorium	1–3 pm 2–4 pm
<b>Mon 21</b>	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics (1st & 3rd Mondays) HG Photo Club Optimist Zone Meeting	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Mountain View Room	8:30 am–1 pm 3 pm 6:30–7:30 pm
<b>Tue 22</b>	National Federation of the Blind Game Event B204 Meeting Sevillians Monthly Dinner Tuesday Evening Bridge (2nd & 4th Tuesday) <b>Ward V Town Hall Meeting with Alison Coombs</b>	Rendezvous Restaurant Picnic Pavilion Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm 4–9 pm 4:30–6 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm
<b>Fri 25</b>	Fourth Friday Bridge Green Team Doggie Bags <b>Clubhouse Movie: Book Club: The Next Chapter</b>	Skyview Room Lodge Pole Lounge Sandberg Auditorium	8:30 am–12:30 pm 9 am–noon 2 pm
<b>Sat 26</b>	HG Republican Club National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter Hippie Party	Sandberg Auditorium Mountain View Room Sandberg Auditorium	9–11:30 am 10:30 am–12:30 pm 5:30–9 pm
<b>Sun 27</b>	Frolics Club: Annual Member Mixer B218 Picnic	Aspen Room Picnic Pavilion	1–6 pm 4:30–7:30 pm
<b>Mon 28</b>	Low Vision Support Group HG Garden Club	Aspen Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	1:30–3 pm 6 pm
<b>Tue 29</b>	HG Democratic Club	Picnic Pavilion	4–5:30 pm
<b>Wed 30</b>	Resident Orientation HG Ladies' Golf Club Picnic and Officer Election	Board Room/Zoom Picnic Pavilion	10 am 11–1 pm

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

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**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 at 10–11:30 am, in the Mountain View Room and on Zoom. All other Thursdays are via Zoom only. Contact Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, or [motoringmorris@gmail.com](mailto:motoringmorris@gmail.com) for more information. I can arrange help with Zoom if you need it.

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

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

- **Sunday Bible Study:** 10 am, Mountain View Room. Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.

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

## Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 8/17

### • Monthly Meetings •

### Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room or Zoom.

- CECC (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 1
- Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Aug. 2
- Clubs & Activities (BR/Zoom) – 2:30 pm Fri, Aug. 4
- SEC (Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Aug. 7
- Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Aug. 8
- Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 8
- Foundation (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Aug. 9
- Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Aug. 11
- Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) – 2:30 pm Fri, Aug. 11
- Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Aug. 14
- RV Committee (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Aug. 14
- HGMD Audit/Finance (BR/Zoom) – Mon, Aug. 14
- HGA Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 15**
- Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Aug. 16
- Resident Open Forum (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, Aug. 16
- ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Aug. 17
- HGMD Board (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Aug. 20**
- Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 22
- Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Aug. 23
- Capital Program (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Aug. 23

# FYI

### VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$60 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$55 (returning

client); Fingernail trim \$15. If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5. Have exact cash amount, credit

See FYI...page 51

# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

Paula and I wish to express our appreciation to Cormac Ronan and his Rendezvous hospitality team for the wonderful experience we had at our 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration in June. The food was excellent; the service was impeccable. We had a great time. Our guests — even the children — expressed their appreciation for the restaurant's accommodations. Thanks again, Cormac.

**Joe Moore  
B236**

## Heather 'n Yon

*Important:* If you like the friendly, helpful staff that currently makes things run well at HG, please encourage the four new directors of the HGMD Board to treat these staff members with the respect they deserve.

If you value the good guidance that the HGA Board has given us in countless hours of time they volunteer each week to ensure our community runs smoothly, please encourage the new HGMD directors to stop engaging the staff and HGA Board in constant interference, unnecessary micromanagement, and unfounded verbal and written accusations.

The new directors of HGMD promised transparency. One week after taking over, they indicated the need for new bylaws. Without explaining changes they considered necessary, they held a vote two weeks later to ratify these changes. As it now stands, the majority of people in HG don't know what the changes are, why they were considered necessary, and how much disruption they may potentially cause.

*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 four letters per year, but not in consecutive months.*

This does not feel like transparency.

HG management is doing a good job. Things are not perfect, but if the new HGMD directors will support the current staff, rather than harass them, it will bolster services and civility. I encourage the HGMD Board to reach out to staff and offer positive support. We do not want to lose staff members who are valued by our community!

**Estelle Matus  
B216**

## Heather 'n Yon

To residents, both boards of directors and management:

Can we stop creating a contentious atmosphere at HG, stop the accusations, stop being so disruptive, and stop slamming the new HGMD Board into the dirt?

We should all encourage open, non-defensive communication. The outgoing HGMD board did not perform to the community's expectations, or they would have been retained. Live with the results you created and bring a little harmony to the table. The antics we read and hear are tasteless. I'm confident we are above this kind of behavior. Stop dividing our community.

**Evan Morris  
STH**

## Heather 'n Yon

Last year was a mosquito nightmare. Mosquitoes were on my townhouse patio and in the community garden. I lost count of the number of mosquito bites I received. So I was excited to hear about the bat houses that our community would be erecting. Bats are mosquito-killing machines. They are so beneficial to our environment, especially now with occurrences of malaria appearing in Texas and Florida from mosquitoes.

However, my excitement was diminished after reading July's issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. HGMD approved and appeared to take credit for the bat houses. But, according to the article, it is the Green Team that

funds, monitors and maintains the bat houses. (*See photo below of second bat house being installed.*) No money or donation has been given to the Green Team to support this effort.

Looking at the one bat house that was installed, it is an elaborate bat house. It just isn't some small wooden house similar to a bird house. I am disheartened and disappointed that with the larger HOA fees we are paying that HGMD doesn't support the bat houses monetarily.

**Kathi Zurn  
STH**

## Heather 'n Yon

Lifelong Learning Committee?

I am a new resident of HG. I have enjoyed a couple of one-hour educational talks at the Clubhouse and would like to see more of that! I can't speak for everyone but I, for one, am not done learning! Advanced years simply gives me more time to exercise my brain.

I love these two quotes: "Exercising your brain is as important as exercising your body," and "Curiosity never retires."

Lifelong learning is a vital part of living life to the fullest. As much as I enjoyed the two talks, I wonder, if in addition to the fitness classes, we also had some more learning classes with more depth, at HG? We have so many people with interesting backgrounds and/or compelling hobbies. If the learning classes are largely resident led, they can be done at very minimal expense. The primary ingredient is folks who would like to share

their knowledge, experiences, and passions with their neighbors. At HG we have a vast reservoir of people to draw on.

I am interested in spearheading a drive to discuss, plan, and build a learning program in our community. Since it is more than a one person job, I am seeking other residents who share my passion and would like to help.

The first step is to form a committee to plan a program. There  
*See Letters...page 33*



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# HGMD Foundation

The Foundation Committee did not meet in June and July because committee members were on vacation and there was no quorum to conduct business. The committee will meet 1 pm Wednesday, Aug. 9. We will begin working with management on future projects to be considered.

Recent Foundation expenditures totaled \$626.15 to

purchase a tree and fund other enhancements on HG properties.

## Recent Donations to the General Fund:

- B215 in memory of Maggie Hofford and Art Vego
- B218 in memory of Lynn Replinger and Shirley Searuggs

– **Eloise Laubach, HGMD Vice President  
Chair, Foundation Committee**

## Letters...from page 31

are many issues to be worked out. How many classes? How often? How many rooms would we need? How long would the classes be? Do we need A/V assistance, etc?

Then there are the issues of publicity and registration. You don't have to have been an educator to participate, you simply have to love learning. If you would like to participate in a lifelong learning committee, please contact me: Paul Mauro, 303-419-9847, or by email, [paulmn42@comcast.net](mailto:paulmn42@comcast.net).

**Paul Mauro  
B217**

### Heather 'n Yon

In 2018, HG owners were given the right by statute to veto an approved budget for the homeowners' association. Since that time, the language on the ballot has been confusing residents and is difficult to understand. In May of this year, the Joint Budget and Finance Committee (B&F) recommended that the HGA board simplify the ballot language.

At subsequent HGA board meetings, residents have asked when the board will vote to approve this recommendation? They were told it has been referred to legal counsel. It appears this has fallen into a black hole. More than two months later and we are still waiting for a response. The budget process is starting. We should not wait until HGA says it's too late to change the wording of the ballot. The time to settle on the ballot language is now while there is time for public comment.

If you agree, please consider writing and speaking to the HGA board to let them know you support the May 15, 2023, B&F recommendation that the 2024 Budget Ballot be reworded. Furthermore, tell HGA you need clear and simple language in budget explanation meetings to

make an informed decision.

Think about how HGA management is going to spend your money next year.

**Carol Anne Mayne  
B217**

### Heather 'n Yon

I would like to see increased transparency in our community and specifically the HGA Board. I offer some ways to increase transparency by covering more issues in open meetings (not executive sessions):

1. Negotiations with HGMD Board regarding the management agreement should be done in open sessions and NOT behind closed doors. I thought that HGMD is required to have such negotiations open to the public.

I believe our community has the right to know why the HGA Board does not allow HGMD to speak with persons directly involved in carrying out the business of HGMD. Why is HGMD's access for sending notices via Pitera so delayed?

2. On covenant violations, I believe reviewing these in open meetings will allow residents to see if and where the board chooses to enforce its volumes of rules and policies. Which ones are being ignored or treated in an uneven manner? I also believe it will encourage residents to act reasonably if they risk being exposed to their neighbors. It would help educate residents on policies.

3. Not everything discussed with HG's attorneys need to be confidential. The community pays for these consults. Everyone should be able to view these discussions unless there is a specific issue that warrants confidentiality.

I do not understand the Confidentiality Agreement as currently written. It seems to say that ALL board and committee business is confidential and that members of these groups cannot disclose anything they learn while conducting

business. An example of confidential subjects includes consultant reports regarding the condition of community facilities.

Please feel free to call or email me if you would like to discuss this subject, 303.220.2800 (no texts) [JohnRecob@ResolvRealEstate.com](mailto:JohnRecob@ResolvRealEstate.com).

I would also like to see that when rules or policies are changed, it is published in both the *Heather 'n Yon* and via Pitera.

**John Recob  
B236**

### Heather 'n Yon

In the June issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, HG Management announced a massive increase in laundry fees from 75¢ per wash load to \$2, and an increase from 75¢ to \$2 per dryer load. The rationale was that this is in line with what commercial laundromats are charging.

The rationale is complete nonsense because:

- 1) Residents already pay the water and energy costs used by the laundry facilities. These costs are included in HG's annual budget. (Commercial laundromats include these costs in their fees.)

- 2) Commercial laundromats include the cost of an attendant in their fees. This is not a cost in HG laundry rooms.

- 3) The rent that commercial laundromats pay for the building or room within a building must impact fees to users greatly. This is not a factor in HG laundry rooms.

In a recently published HG budget, it stated that HG's laundry rooms are already providing a profit for the community. This contract is not fair. It is not in sync with management's duty to provide just and proper service to our community.

**Donna Morin  
B203**

# Clubs and Organizations

## Heather Gardens Singers

The group meets every Tuesday, 1–2:30 pm, Skyview Room. Everyone welcome to come in, to sing for fun. For information: Tom Kappel, 720-377-5756.

## CP2

In August, we meet in the Picnic Pavilion on the first Tuesday, Aug. 1. It's potluck and BYOB.

We also meet on the first Tuesday in October, December, April, and June. In June and December, we meet in the Rendezvous Restaurant.

The rest of the months (April and October), we will meet in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. The months that we are not meeting in Rendezvous Restaurant will be potluck and BYOB. Please mark your calendars!

– Jake Flint

## Woodshop Club

A new Woodshop Club is forming to promote use of the Woodshop, better care of the equipment, new classes, fellowship and training. We meet at 5 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. The August and September meetings will be in the Blue Spruce Room. For information, email [heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com](mailto:heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com). - Dave Woods

## CP1

We've begun our outdoor cul-de-sac gatherings, at 5:30 pm. Generally, happy hours are on the first Wednesday of the month. Watch your emails for details. – Tammi, 303-618-5345; Carolyn, 720-290-9908.

## TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday, 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.

TOPS Chapter 0366 in HG Clubhouse has celebrated 45 years of providing members with information and support in making healthy eating choices. TOPS is an International diet club. We have many success stories to share. Please visit us during one of our meetings to see what we are about. Guests are always welcome. Real People. Real Weight Loss.

Men and women are welcome. For information, contact Bonnie Meerkatz, 970-667-4839.

## Optimist Club

The club meets on first and third Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous Restaurant, 9 am. A continental breakfast buffet is served, \$10 per person. Optimist Clubs are dedicated to “bringing out the best in kids” through various service projects. We welcome anyone interested in finding out more. Contact Darlene Park, 303-798-5088, or Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205.

## HG Writers Club

Do you want to write your memoirs? Have you put poems or prose to paper? Have you thought of writing a book, but didn't think you could? Come meet with other writers at HG. Join us on Thursdays, 1–4 pm, Mountain View Room. Club contact: Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608.

## CP4

We have our monthly get-together at 5 pm in Rendezvous on the first Thursday of each month. Call David Crum 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 at [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 information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

## Karaoke Club

The club meets on the first Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. BYOB and snacks. We have a huge inventory of great songs from which to choose and sing. Sing solo or with

a group. For information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877.

## HG Women's Book Club

The club meets on the first Monday of each month at in the Mountain View Room, to discuss the chosen book of the month. There are two sessions: at 10:30 am and 1 pm. Call Janet Arce, 720-774-3368, for the 10:30 am group; or Joanne Urias, 251-518-5781, for the 1 pm group.

## Spanish Club (Club en Español)

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

## Aviation Club

There will be no meeting again in August, due to summer vacations and travel. We will start up again on Sept. 13. Check this notice in the August *Heather 'n Yon*, for the program and start time.

The club meets the second Wednesday of each month, 7 pm, Aspen Room. You do not have to be a veteran, a pilot, or a mechanic — just have an interest in airplanes and aviation in general. – Rudy Morris

## The Green Team

Are we going batty about bats? Now that we have a bat house on HG grounds, all sorts of comments are flying around.

So, let's discuss the basics. The most common species in HG is Little Brown Bats. These diminutive creatures weigh just seven grams, and are more than 3.5 inches in length. They cover about 50 miles a night, at speeds up to 19 miles per hour.

Their diet consists largely of aquatic insects, mostly mosquitoes and moths. Bats can consume 1,200 of these pests in one night.

Since we can't post a vacancy sign on the bat houses, we must patiently wait for them to notice the lovely new domicile waiting for them. It may take several months before new residents move from Cherry Creek State Park to HG. Wouldn't it be wonderful not to deal with bug bites or pesticides as you are strolling our lovely grounds?

Want to learn more? Come to our monthly meeting every second Thursday at noon, or call (303) 587-9797. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

## RV Lot Club

Our club is open to all who RV,

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

We meet the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, Aspen Room. Happy trails and safe travels!

### **Birding and Nature Club**

The club meets at 11:30 am, on the second Friday of each month, Lodgepole Lounge.

### **HG Indivisible**

The HG Indivisible group meets on the second Friday of the month (Aug. 11), 11:45 am–12:45 pm, Skyview Room. After the meeting, we go to lunch at 1 pm, Rendezvous.

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, growing wealth inequality, racial injustice, and the escalating impacts of the climate crisis. The group also sends out a newsletter several times a month with events and action items relating to local and national issues. Contact me if you want to receive the newsletter.

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 to participate. – Linda Champ, 720-252-7324, [lindachamp91@gmail.com](mailto:lindachamp91@gmail.com).

### **The Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus meets at 8:30 am on the second Saturday in Rendezvous Restaurant for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is \$20.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. TBC has grown in the past 20 years — it is larger with three other chapters along the Front Range. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour.

Each month, there are also different activities planned, such as museums, sports events, plays, concerts, and day trips, to name a few. Come see! – Suzanne Harnes

### **Game Night**

Games galore! Join us for a night of gaming, as we open game night to all of HG residents and friends. We've got the space, so bring your own games, drinks and snacks. Every Monday, 4–6 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms.

### **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.

### **B201 and B202**

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

### **Social Justice Discussion**

You are invited to participate in a Social Justice Roundtable Discussion Group that meets every third Thursday of the month, 10 am–noon, Skyview Room.

On Aug. 17, we will watch a documentary and Zoom with director and producer Joanne Williams. The film explores changes in a small town and metropolitan race relations through productions of Martin Duberman's play "In White America." Facilitators are Diane Pritchard, [dianek-pritchard@gmail.com](mailto:dianek-pritchard@gmail.com), and Bernie Hupperts, [marlynber@gmail.com](mailto:marlynber@gmail.com).

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

We meet on the third Saturday of every month, 3–5 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. We always have live music by the Final Approach Band! For information, call the Clubhouse Activity Desk, 303-751-1811, ext. 5.

### **Frolics Club**

Two successful acting workshops have been given by Morris Burns. The third and last workshop will be on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2–4 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. You must be a member of the Frolics Club to participate, but you can still register and join the Frolics. Contact Susie Hayes, [susiehayesnow@gmail.com](mailto:susiehayesnow@gmail.com).

Our Membership Meeting will be 2 pm Sunday, Aug. 27, Aspen Room. We will vote on new board officers. You must be a member in order to vote. Slate for the 2023-24 year:

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### **NFBCO Aurora Chapter**

On Tuesday, Aug. 22, the Aurora Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado will host an accessible game event in the Banquet Room, 1–4 pm. If your limited vision has kept you from playing games, drop in and learn how to get back into the fun.

NFBCO Aurora regularly meets once a month, on the fourth Saturday, 10:30 am–12:30 pm, in the Mountain View Room. Our chapter is open to all blind and low-vision persons interested in learning more about living the life you want with limited vision. For more information, contact Dale Holden, chapter president, B213, 303-905-9738.

### **Sevillians**

Mark your calendar for 4:30–6 pm, the fourth Tuesday of the month, for the Sevillian dinner at Rendezvous. This is a wonderful way to connect with fellow residents of Seville, make new acquaintances, and find out about important happenings within the Seville. Sign-up sheets will be provided in the mailroom of your building. – Patt Clark, B235.

### **HG Republican Club**

HGRC will not meet on Tuesday, Aug. 22. Instead, there will be a rally held for candidates running for office in the 2023 Election of Aurora City Council, and Aurora and Cherry Creek School Boards, at 9–11:30 am Saturday, August 26, Sandberg Auditorium. Refreshments will be provided.

Candidates who attend will be introduced, and each will have time to share their platforms, answer questions from the members, and socialize. Guests are always welcome. Friends and family may join us for a cup of coffee and a donut!

Looking forward to cheering our candidates on to victory! – Robin O'Meara, President

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-Michael, June 2023



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To register, call Jake Flint, 303-845-0541, by noon the day before, to reserve your slot each week. We will meet on the Rendezvous Patio, after golf, for those who are thirsty or hungry, or both, to cuss and/or discuss our rounds of golf, and other worldly issues. – Jake Flint

## Hand (Knee) and Foot

Also known as Tripleplay, is a variation of Canasta. Fun and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountain View Room. Call Kevin Keator 303-699-4641, or just show up.

## 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.

## Ping Pong

Fun and great exercise. Come join us in playing doubles, 2 pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in the Game Room. You can also play by contacting the Activities Desk in the Clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205 – B. Schlageter

## Tennis Club

Our play times in August are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8–10 am; and Tuesday and Thursday, 4–6 pm. Please consider dusting off your racquet and playing with this friendly group. Instruction and brush-up play is available.

We have monthly business/social meetings at the Rendezvous Restau-

rant. Our next scheduled meeting is 5 pm Tuesday, Aug. 1. If you have questions, call Mark Merrill, 941-350-8455. – Jill Taylor

## Billiard Club

The club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in before 6:15 pm to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays.

Annual dues of \$12 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns, 303-693-0766, or Judy Brehmer, 303-369-6258.

## 8-Ball Results June 20

- 1st Dee Moore, Lindy Davenport
- 2nd Tammy Beeman, Chuck Toner
- 3rd Brian Bucenec, Shannon Boyd

## June 27

- 1st Jack Doherty, Judy Brehmer
- 2nd Brian Bucenec,  
Don Gunnarson
- 3rd Mark Bonsell, Bob Schlageter

## July 11

- 1st Tammy Beeman,  
Don Gunnarson
- 2nd Mark Bonsell, Shannon Boyd
- 3rd Scott Crowl, Connie Burns

## 9-Ball Results June 15

- 1st Brian Bucenec
- 2nd John Manzanares
- 3rd Jack Doherty

## June 22

- 1st Brian Bucenec
- 2nd Roger Goldstein
- 3rd Lindy Davenport

## June 29

- 1st John Manzanares
- 2nd Ed Biren
- 3rd Brian Bucenec

## July 6

- 1st Ed Biren
- 2nd John Manzanares
- 3rd Brian Bucenec

## July 13

- 1st Roger Goldstein
- 2nd John Manzanares

## Afternoon Cribbage

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

## Rummikub

A rummy-like tile game that is played in tables of four. Easy to learn, fun to play. Aspen Room on Wednesdays 1–3 pm. Joanne Turner, 719 641-3644.

## HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

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

## Pinochle

We play for fun and friendship. We start at 1:30 pm, and end at 4 pm, every Wednesday in the Mountain View Room. 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.

## HG Ladies Golf Club

June and early July were busy months. An average of 57 members played each week, and the club hosted another shotgun start, which was well-received by members. Eight birdies were recorded June 14–July 5.

- August 30: Annual elections and club picnic

All women who are interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Membership applications are available at the Pro Shop and [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com).

The next HGLGC Board meeting is 1 pm Aug. 30, Board Room. All members are welcome to attend. Minutes from board meetings are posted on the club's website following each meeting.

On June 19, club members participated in the annual Men/Women Mixer. The Longest Drive for women was won by Sara Stone, and Betty Parko took the honors for Closest to the Pin – Women.

The winning teams were:

### Flight A

- 1st Jeanine Kilde, Frank Leyden
- 2nd Laura Thompson,  
Vern Thompson

### Flight B

- 1st Miquela Luna, Jake Flint
- 2nd Betty Parko, Tom Parko

### Flight C

- 1st Joan Murphy, Russ Gates
- 2nd Susan Brennan,  
George Madonna

### Flight D

- 1st Bev, Nelson, Thomas Smith
- 2nd Sue Robertson, Fred Skirde

## Tournament Results June 14

### Flight A

- 1st Joyce Laffea
- 2nd Margie Francone, Barb Tucker

4th Colleen Kreft, Judy Phillips  
**Flight B**  
1st Susan Brennan, Rosalie Einspahr, Florence Madonna, Judy Nelson, Pat Taylor

**Flight C**  
1st Mary Lou Corliss  
2nd Adele Grasse  
3rd Ann Agee, Dee Moore, Suzi Stolte

**Flight D**  
1st Ellen Allie  
2nd Pam Acosta-Watson, Jan Eller, Joan McGary

## June 21

**Flight A**  
1st Barb Tucker  
2nd Joyce Laffea  
3rd Sara Stoner  
4th Judy Phillips, Nancy Wilson, Charlane Plucheck,

**Flight B**  
1st Bonnie Soman  
2nd Lucy Adler  
3rd Judy Nelson, Laura Thompson

**Flight C**  
1st Suzi Stolte  
2nd Sally Kopek  
3rd Adele Grasse, Bev Nelson

**Flight D**  
1st Lisa Matthews  
2nd Susan Craig, Miquela Luna  
4th Sandy Costello

## June 28

**Flight A**  
1st Colleen Kreft  
2nd Nancy Bonniwell, JoAnn Fitch  
4th Margie Francone, Glenda Pitts, Charlane Plucheck

**Flight B**  
1st Judy Nelson  
2nd Jan Belt, Mary Kay Mauro, Laura Thompson

**Flight C**  
1st Jeanine Kilde  
2nd Gini Klein, Pat Profera  
4th Sally Koepke, Sue Robertson

**Flight D**  
1st Linda Fondacaro  
2nd Susan Craig  
3rd Ellen Allie, Lisa Matthews  
4th Kathy Liss

## July 5

**Flight A**  
1st Nancy Bonniwell  
2nd Colleen Kreft  
3rd JoAnn Fitch, Debbie Madril, Nancy Wilson

**Flight B**  
1st Rosalie Einspahr  
2nd Jan Belt  
3rd Carol Gilbert

4th Mary Kay Mauro, Judy Nelson, Linda Savage

**Flight C**  
1st Anne Gillis  
2nd Ann Agee  
3rd Bev Nelson  
4th Sally Koepke

**Flight D**  
1st Susan Craig  
2nd Joan McGary  
3rd Sandy Costello, Sharon Weiss – Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

## Square Dance

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

## Tai Chi

The tai chi 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 for stress reduction and improved posture, flexibility, and balance.

Tai chi consists of deliberate, flowing movements that are grouped into forms. It has been described as “meditation in motion.” Because we meet outside, the start time is weather dependent. Interested? For information about or to sign up, contact Dean Uyeno, [dean.uyeno@live.com](mailto:dean.uyeno@live.com), before attending.

## Fun Gals Golf

Enjoy Fun Gals Golf on Thursday mornings, with the first tee time starting at 9 am. To participate, call the HG Pro Shop, 303-751-2390. When the message starts — press 1; when they answer, specify you want to play “Fun Gals Golf.”

Fun Gals Golf is for women who are interested in some casual, non-competitive golf. It is not a league, and has no dues, no handicaps, no pressure, and no judgment.

For even more fun and socializing, we will hold Game Days on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Participation is optional.

Everyone golfing on Game Days (participating or not) will need to meet

at the Pro Shop by 8:45 am, to get organized and learn about the day’s game/challenge. Those who participate will pay \$1, getting a chance to win cash and/or prizes. These games don’t require keeping full-round individual scores. We go to Rendezvous, after playing, to distribute winnings and socialize, maybe enjoying a drink or a bite of lunch.

For more information, text Linda Hileman, 303-514-5379, or email, [Lshileman1958@gmail.com](mailto:Lshileman1958@gmail.com).

## Time4Tap Dance Group

If you’ve ever wanted to learn how to tap dance, or you’d like to renew your tap skills, Time4Tap Group (Beginning) is for you. We meet on Mondays, 1 pm, 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 (Intermediate/Advanced) at 11 am Thursdays, Sandberg Auditorium. Make Time4Tap!

## 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, and start play at 1 pm. Information: Carli Williams, [carliwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:carliwilliams@hotmail.com), 303-518-7337.

## Social Bridge

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

## Pickleball

We have expanded to the west tennis court for an improved playing experience and are now friendlier than ever to new players. Come out and try the fastest growing sport in the country! We have loaner paddles and “wiffle” balls for you. Show up any time we are playing. Last year we had more than 90 club members. We are a fun group that welcomes novices.

Club play will be 8–11 am, or later, on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday on the courts by the HG Clubhouse, weather permitting. On

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# HG Clubhouse Events

## Clubhouse Hours

Monday–Saturday 6 am–9 pm; Sunday 7 am–7 pm  
Phone 303-751-1811, x5

Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony

Assistant Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich

Make reservations for any event by calling the number above or stop by the Clubhouse Activities Desk

### Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co.

Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2:15–3:15 pm, Clubhouse Lobby  
Selling nuts, seeds, snacks, candies, dried fruits and trail mix.

### Steady CBD Seminar

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 9–11 am, Aspen Room  
Learn how Steady CBD products will help relieve pain. Steady CBD also has products that will help relieve anxiety and help you sleep. Steady CBD representatives will recommend the right product for your specific needs. Coffee and donuts will be served. Enter for a door prize. No need to sign up, just come on in.

### Active Minds: France

Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.  
With Europe's second largest economy and population, France is a key player in the region and the world. As a member of both the European Union and NATO, France's power and influence shapes policies far beyond its borders. Join Active Minds to explore the rich history of France, both politically and culturally, and place it within an evolving Europe with global concerns.

### Mobile Food Market

Thursday, Aug. 10, 10–11:30 am (or until food runs out), Parking Lot B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive  
FREE

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. For safety, stay within the boundaries of the cones set up. If you have reusable bags, please bring them to shop!

**Consumer Fraud Protection** by Jamie Sorrells, Office of the District Attorney, 18th Judicial District  
Aug. 15, 1:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Fraud does not discriminate. Data breaches are real. ID theft can take years to resolve. The damage impacts everyone, young and old. At times, the outcomes are unavoidable. Recovery is possible. Most of the time, prevention and protection are controlled by you and your actions. Come learn simple steps you can take to position yourself towards safety and empowerment. There will be

time for your questions directed to James Sorrells, Director of Consumer Fraud Protection. Sign up early for this important event.

**A Generation Rises Up** with Kathleen Arnold  
Thursday, Aug. 17, 1–2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5

The 1960s remain a controversial decade defined by its many movements. It was a time for a new generation to rise up and a new direction in our country. In effect a new America was created. Sponsored by Cherry Creek Retirement Village & Garden Plaza of Aurora.

### Watch Batteries Replaced

Thursday, Aug. 17, 9 am–1 pm, Sunburst Café  
Cost: \$8 per battery

Bring in your watches, car remotes or hearing aids for new batteries while you wait.

### Bingo!

Friday, Aug. 18, 1–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Snacks will be provided. Register early, this event fills up fast!

### Movie Matinee: *Book Club: The Next Chapter*

Friday, Aug. 25, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Cost: \$5 pre-register; \$6 on the day of the event.  
Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

Follows the new journey of four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. Jane Fonda, Diane Keaton, Mary Steenburgen, Candice Bergen, Don Johnson, Andy Garcia.

### Flu Shots

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 8 am–noon  
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 8 am–noon  
Arts & Crafts Room

Registration required, please call the Clubhouse Activities Desk, 303-751-1811 ext 5, or stop by the Activities Desk to register.

David Zazhitskiy PharmD, Pharmacy Manager of Sam's Club, will have a team available to administer shots for: Flu, Covid, Pneumonia and Shingles. Members of Kaiser — please confirm with your healthcare provider if you need to have shots at a Kaiser facility. Everyone must have their insurance cards to receive these shots.

## Heather Gardens Trips

### Bally's Blackhawk Casino

Tuesday, Aug. 8, bus leaves at 7:45 am  
Fee: \$20, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5 or register at Activities Desk.  
Deadline: Friday, Aug. 4. No cancellations or refunds after this date. Next trip to Bally's in November.

- Fruit Shak will be in the Clubhouse parking lot every Sunday in August, 9 am–3 pm. The farmers market Fruit Shak is back in the clubhouse parking lot this next Sunday August 6 from 9 am -3 pm. Get your fresh fruit and vegetables from local farmers.
- Join HG's Facebook page for updated information on events: *Heather Gardens Association*

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.)

Meet at 7:45 am between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. The bus will leave the casino at 2 pm, arriving back to HG around 3 pm. The casino requires all registrants to provide birthdays. Please provide this information to the Activities Desk when registering.

### **Day with the Rockies!**

Colorado Rockies versus Chicago Cubs

Wednesday, Sept. 13, bus leaves at 11:15 am

Fee: \$43, please let the Activities Desk know if you require wheelchair accessible seating.

HG special charter trip. Sign up at the Activities Desk, online, or call 303-751-1811, ext 5.

Deadline: Wednesday, Aug. 30. Reservations required.

Join this special trip to a Rockies game! A charter coach will take you to the game and back! Seats are along the 1st baseline. Cost includes coach fare and game ticket. Meet in Atrium parking lots B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive at 11:15 am. Game Time 1:10 pm. Return to HG around 5:30 pm.

### **Cripple Creek Fall Colors/Casino**

Wednesday, Sept. 20

*Sold out, but you can get on the wait list.*

### **Beautiful The Carole King Musical**

Wednesday, Sept. 27, Arvada Center

*Sold out, but you can get on the wait list.*

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### **Trips for the Fall/Winter are now available**

*You may think it's way too soon to be thinking about the holidays, but these tickets will go fast. Make your plans and register soon. All cancellation dates are firm.*

#### **Dreamgirls**

Wednesday, Oct. 25, Lone Tree Arts Center

Fee: \$75. Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

Deadline: Monday, Oct. 9. No refunds or cancellations after this date.

HG chartered bus will load 12:30 pm, between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 6:30 pm.

With dazzling storytelling and iconic musical numbers, *Dreamgirls* is a musical about the allure of fame and how it transforms the relationships of stars with their friends, lovers, and families. A sweeping and inspirational journey with an unforgettable soundtrack filled with pop, R&B, gospel, disco, and more. The Lone Tree Arts Center's triumphant return to producing theatrical events will bring audiences to their feet.

#### **Murder for Two**

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2 pm, Parker Arts Center Schoolhouse

Fee: \$56. Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

Deadline: Friday, Oct. 6. No refunds or cancellations after this date.

HG chartered bus will load at 1 pm between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 6:30 pm.

Officer Marcus Moscovicz is a small-town policeman with dreams of making it to detective. One fateful night, shots ring out at the surprise birthday party of great

American novelist Arthur Whitney and the writer is killed fatally. With the nearest detective an hour away, Marcus jumps at the chance to prove his sleuthing skills — with the help of his silent partner, Lou. But whodunit? Did Dahlia Whitney, Arthur's scene-stealing wife, give him a big finish? Is Barrette Lewis, the prima ballerina, the prime suspect? Did Dr. Griff, the overly friendly psychiatrist, make a frenemy? Marcus has only a short amount of time to find the killer and make his name before the real detective arrives...and the ice cream melts!

*Murder for Two* is the perfect blend of music, mayhem and murder! In this hilarious 90-minute show, two performers play 13 roles (and the piano) in a witty and winking homage to old-fashioned murder mysteries. You won't want to miss this killer musical comedy!

### **Bally's Blackhawk Casino. Last trip for 2023!**

Tuesday, Nov. 14, bus leaves at 7:45 am

Fee: \$20, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

Deadline: Friday, Nov. 10. No cancellations or refunds after this date.

#### **Cinderella**

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1 pm, Arvada Center

Fee: \$74, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

Deadline: Friday, Oct. 27. No refunds, or cancellations after this date.

HG Chartered bus will load at 11:45 am between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 6:15 pm.

Music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. New Book by Douglas Carter Beane. When a young woman is forced to be a servant by her evil stepmother, it takes knowing her worth, some wonderful friends, and a little magic to help her get out. Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* takes a whimsical turn in the Arvada Center's production this holiday season, creating a mysterious but playful world where magic is real and dreams come true. This stylish, contemporary take on the fairy tale classic promises fantastical costumes, hilarious dialogue, romantic lyrics, and unforgettable music for a truly magical experience.

#### **Holiday Light Seeing Tour**

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 5–9 pm

No cancellations after Friday, Dec. 1

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 5–9 pm

No cancellations after Friday, Dec. 8

Fee: \$23 pre-register, \$25 on day of event

Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

HG Chartered bus will load at 5 pm between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 9:45 pm.

The bus will take residents downtown to see the holiday lights — viewing Union Station, Zoo, Denver Civic Center, Denver Botanic Gardens, 16th Street Mall, and more — all from the comfort of the bus. We have added another bus this year because this trip always fills up quickly. Register early — limited seats.

#### **Home for the Holidays**

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1:30 pm, Lone Tree Arts Center

Fee: \$67, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5.

No cancellations after Monday, Dec. 4.

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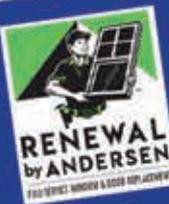
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## Low Vision Support

The Low Vision Support Group meets on the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30–3 pm, Aspen Room. Questions, call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224.

### SRA

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month in a different Seville building. For time and location, please contact your AR or Seville building representative.

### HG Garden Club

All gardeners are welcome to come to the next club meeting, 6 pm Mon-

day, August 28, Aspen/BlueSpruce Rooms. Learn more about the garden club, share gardening tips with others, and learn about collecting and preserving seeds.

Membership in the club is not required. Gardeners who are interested in joining the club's mail notification list, contact Nancy Linsenbigler, [nancy@nancylinsenbigler.com](mailto:nancy@nancylinsenbigler.com).

### HG Democratic Club

The August meeting of the HG Democratic Club will be 4–5:30 pm Tuesday, Aug. 29. (Note this is the *fifth* Tuesday of the month.) It will be our annual potluck picnic in the Picnic Pavilion, north of the tennis courts. Please email me at [hgdemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:hgdemocrats@gmail.com) to let me know what you will be bringing. Bring enough to feed 10–12 people from your dish. I will bring baked and fried chicken from King Soopers. There will be candi-

dates and elected officials joining us.

Please come for the fun!

Our meetings are free. There is no requirement that you be registered as a Democrat or live in HG. Please join us after the meeting for dinner in Rendezvous, for fellowship and political conversation. – Marty Karnopp, chair.

### OPOCS Singles Club

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

### HG Grief Support

Grief Support has two-hour weekly meetings that convene twice yearly, for eight-week sessions. Contact Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608, [bcreswell6@gmail.com](mailto:bcreswell6@gmail.com), for information.

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday, we play from 10 am–noon. We often play on Monday and Wednesday, 4–6 pm. On Thursdays we share the west court with Tai Chi; on Saturdays with the Tennis Club.

Visit our club's website [www.hgpickle.org/](http://www.hgpickle.org/). On most web browsers, just type [hgpickle.org](http://hgpickle.org).

Contact Phil Hughes, 303-503-7633, [phdenver@comcast.net](mailto:phdenver@comcast.net), or Ron Hileman, 720-256-7477, [ronhileman@gmail.com](mailto:ronhileman@gmail.com) with questions or to schedule a private, free orientation.

### HG Men's Golf

#### Tournament Results June 23:

##### E flight

- 1st Blair Kittleson
- 2nd Richard Apt
- 3rd Mike Corcoran, Larry Maitland, Mike Guise

##### D flight

- 1st Joe Cristofaro
- 2nd Joe Robinson
- 3rd McMullen, Zipps, Corliss, Green, Richardson

##### C flight

- 1st David Croak
- 2nd Mark Blagen, Henry Ulibarri, Tim Bessey
- 3rd Neil Buck

##### B flight

- 1st Eric Neel
- 2nd Mike Steffens
- 3rd Jess Deal

4th Brian Bucenec

##### A flight

- 1st Jake Flint
- 2nd Casey Williams
- 3rd Marquis, Bender, Profera, Barth

#### June 30:

##### E flight

- 1st Mike Corcoran, Richard Ferguson
- 2nd Phil Haas
- 3rd Mike Connolly

##### D flight

- 1st John McMullen
- 2nd Joe Robinson
- 3rd Dave Walstrom, Joe Cristofaro

##### C flight

- 1st Mike Benowitz
- 2nd Henry Ulibarri
- 3rd Nick Streno, Tim Bessey

##### B flight

- 1st Mike Steffens
- 2nd Gary Kessler
- 3rd Eric Neel
- 4th Rob Ledford

##### A flight

- 1st Gene Barth
- 2nd Steve Gilbert
- 3rd John Bender, James Mathews

#### July 7

##### E flight

- 1st Terry Jackson
- 2nd Bob Bamford, Ray Binder
- 3rd Larry Maitland, Neil Miller

##### D flight

- 1st Paul Zipps
- 2nd Paul Spoutz
- 3rd Bob Streno

4th Dave Walstrom

##### C flight

- 1st Henry Ulibarri
- 2nd Mark Blagen
- 3rd Tom Fitzgerald, Nick Streno

##### B flight

- 1st Mike Meagher
- 2nd Eric Neel, John Good, Mark Ruhl
- 3rd Randy White, Augustus Craigo

##### A flight

- 1st Gene Barth, Bob Bengen, Steve Gilbert
- 2nd Bill Schmit, Jon Freyer, Eli Henrie, Don Daily, Charles Marlow, John Bender

#### July 14

##### E flight

- 1st David McCollum
- 2nd Ray Binder, George Madonna
- 3rd Mike Connolly, Neil Miller, Steve Galambos,

##### D flight

- 1st Calvin Green
- 2nd Bill DeSonier
- 3rd Tim Bessey, Bob Streno, Joe Robinson

##### C flight

- 1st Fred Skirde, Jim Jensen, Paul Zipps
- 2nd Tom Fitzgerald
- 3rd Vern Thompson, Tom Merges, John McMullen

##### B flight

- 1st Mike Steffens
- 2nd Frank Leydens
- 3rd Dave Bushman
- 4th Jim Pardikes

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## A flight

- 1st Chris Hughes, Tom Parko
- 2nd Bob Bengen, Bill Schmit,  
Eli Henrie, Don Daily,  
Dave Schmit, Jake Flint

## Mexican Train Dominoes

We play 1–4 pm, every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. It's a game for everyone. – Bernadette (Bee) Hass, 303-923-3877.

## Men's Monday Bridge

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

## Monday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the Activities Desk for our location. We play for a maximum of \$3, so bring your coins.

All players are welcome, but you must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. If you are just curious

about the game, feel free to drop by to observe. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 720-708-6738.

## Men's Poker & Texas Hold 'em

On Mondays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room, except on the first Monday of the month, when we play in the Aspen Room. On Wednesdays, we play Men's Poker (12:30–5 pm) in the Skyview Room. On Fridays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room.

Our Texas Hold 'em games are open to the ladies. Our men-only poker games consist of a variety of dealers' choice games. For information please call Paul Reddy, 303-750-0442, or Larry Hill, 720-272-7765.

## Evening Tuesday Bridge

This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 5:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room. Questions? Contact DJ Vrooman, 303-204-4105.

## HG Bowling

It may not seem like it, but the new bowling season is just around the corner. We are a mixed senior league (50 years of age or older). We bowl Thursday mornings, 9:50 am, Arapahoe Lanes, 6850 S. Dayton. We are a fun league first and foremost. All skill levels are welcome. We use a 100-percent-handicap system, so everyone can enjoy.

### Key dates:

- Thursday, Aug. 31, 9:50 am: organizational meeting, to discuss any rule changes, fees, team size, and start forming teams.

- Thursday, Sept. 6, 9:50 am: season officially begins. If you do not have a team, no problem. We will get you set up with some of your friendly fun-loving neighbors.

Tell your friends. Carpooling can be arranged, if needed. Please leave a text or voice mail for Glenn Riggs, 303-956-6688, with your contact information. I will add you to our future email communications.

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HG Chartered bus will load at 12:30 pm between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 6:30 pm.

There's something for everyone in this holiday spectacular: dancers, singers, holiday songs, and of course, a celebrity appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus. With an updated storyline for 2023, and a few spectacular surprises, Home for the Holidays is sure to delight and put you in the holiday spirit. After 10 years, Home for the Holidays will be going on a break — don't miss your last chance to see this beloved holiday tradition.

## National Western Stock Show and Rodeo

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024

Fee: \$51, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

No refunds or cancellations after Friday, Dec. 1.

HG Chartered bus will load at 12:30 pm between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 6:30 pm.

HG has secured tickets to the National Western Stock Show Rodeo matinee at 1:30 pm. Enjoy watching world champion bulls and broncs, cowboys and cowgirls for the first major pro rodeo competition of the season. Your

ticket includes the rodeo and admission to the grounds where you can stroll through the Coors Western Art Gallery, catch a horse show, witness a stock dog competition, meander through the newly developed yards on the historic ground, or shop "til you drop" at the hundreds of western vendors with unique gifts and delicious food.

## Breckenridge International Snow Sculpture Championships

Monday, Jan. 29, 2024

Fee: \$34, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5. Deadline: Friday, Jan. 19. No cancellations, or refunds after this date.

This world-renowned snow sculpting competition is an annual event. Teams from around the world descend on Breckenridge to hand-carve 25-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 are allowed! Teams sculpt countless hours across five days (totaling around 94 hours), resulting in a temporary outdoor art gallery in historic downtown Breckenridge. Lunch will be on your own. Visit local restaurants or bring your own. HG charter will leave HG at 8:45 am, returning around 4 pm. Bus will pick up between buildings B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive.

# 50th Anniversary trivia contest

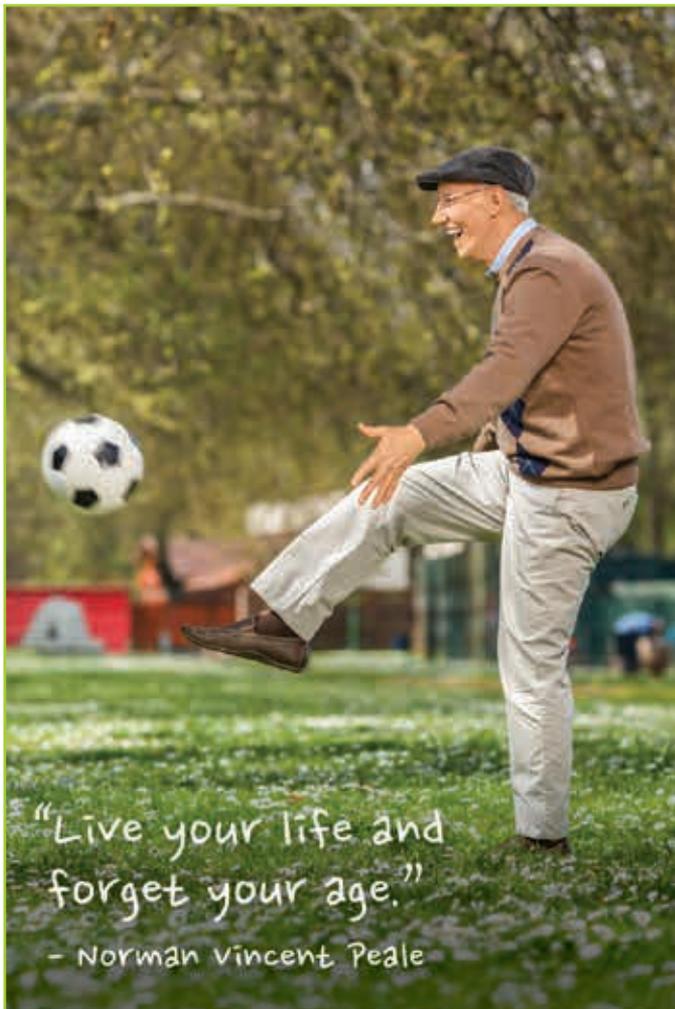
HG 50th Anniversary Trivia contest is going strong, with weekly trivia questions and answers sent to residents via Piler and posted in the Clubhouse.

Winners of the Trivia contests are treated to a drink or dessert of their

choice at Rendezvous Restaurant. Be sure to enter the contest every week, submitting your entry to Nancy via email, [SoldSisterNancy@gmail.com](mailto:SoldSisterNancy@gmail.com) or placing it in the purple plastic box in the Clubhouse Lobby.

### Congratulations to winners:

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|----------------|-------------------|
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## Overheard @ HG

### One resident's trash...

by Mary Hafka

When I appointed myself the Area Representative (AR) for CP6 in January, it was largely because nobody else wanted the job. Falling and dislocating my shoulder in early May turned out to be a clever strategic move. It freed me from performing some AR tasks, for a while.

But I recovered in time to assume the Great Trashcan Substitution Project for CP6. HG is in the process of replacing our longtime trash collector, Waste Management, with a new vendor, 5280 Waste Solutions.

If I understand this correctly — and I probably don't — Waste Management is going to spirit away all their trash containers one of these days, and 5280 will sneak theirs in. When and how this is going to happen remains a mystery.

There was a 90-day transition period, beginning July 1, to shuffle 5280 in and shuffle Waste Management out. The HG employee overseeing this transition admitted the maneuver was likely to be "challenging."

After one-half year of my shirking some AR duties, the piper came to be paid in July. I got asked to inventory all CP6 households, and determine what size trash and recycling containers each wanted.

It was just over a year ago that CPs and THs underwent the total replacement of trash and recycling containers from Waste Management. It would be fair to say that this exchange did not go smoothly. Virtually every household received a 64-gallon trash container and a 64-gallon recycling container.

Each container was equipped with a metal bar on the side, to mechanically hoist the container into the truck for emptying, without requiring human lifting. I figured this was the main reason Waste Management gave us new containers.

Almost immediately, the discord began. Waste Management probably missed some houses, and when they

returned, all they could offer was 96-gallon containers. They ran out of the smaller ones.

Some folks didn't want Waste Management containers at all, despite their nifty, metal side bars. Many people were happy to keep their old trash containers, or just use plastic garbage bags.

Homeowners who have two cars in their garages found the 64-gallon containers too big to fit inside. (Those of us with only one car had less of a problem.) The 96-gallon containers were even worse.

Homeowners were offered the option of calling Waste Management, and requesting slimmer 32-gallon bins, but they had to face the Waste Management On-Hold Hell experience. A few did this. Others found permanent locations for the too-big bins outside their garages.

It was against this backdrop that CP6 residents were told, we're doing this all again. (Everyone actually was very nice about it. If anyone looked as though they were going to give me a hard time, I clutched my dislocated shoulder, and groaned.)

The HG Management Office helpfully provided a checklist of all CP6 houses to inventory residents' choices. Trouble was, about one-third of the addresses were missing from the list as the roster was based on names and addresses included in the last HG directory, which deleted those who didn't want to be listed. This made the directory slimmer, and less expensive.

But it made the check list inaccurate. I spent some time drawing extra lines, using a ruler, to insert addresses that I could see, right before my eyes, but the checklist refused to acknowledge.

Going door to door, trying to identify unlisted addresses, is a great way to meet your neighbors. It's also a great way to annoy your neighbors, if you happen to ring their doorbell at nap time.

Still, I made the acquaintance of

some people. I also learned that one neighbor, who'd been talking about moving from HG, actually had done so. Comfortably ensconced in Cherry Creek Retirement Village, she didn't care what size trash bin I ordered for her old house. I marked that address as "vacant," and journeyed on.

The question I was charged with asking CP6 residents — do you want a 32- 64- or 96-gallon trash container? And what size recycle bin? It sounded like an easy assignment.

But it got a little complicated when the response came back, "The same size I have now." A surprising number of people didn't know what size they have now.

I made the assumption almost everyone had the 64-gallon size for both bins. This turned out to be incorrect. I cost myself some time assuring people they probably had a 64-gallon bin, then learning they actually didn't, and having to regroup.

One neighbor sagely predicted I was never going to get everyone exactly what they wanted, so don't sweat it. Another pointed out that each bin actually was stamped with its gallon size. The type was raised, and the same color as the bin, so it was hard to read. But the gallon size was unmistakably marked on every container, once an inventory taker knew where to look. Life got easier after this.

Precisely on deadline day — in my business, I understand deadlines — I handed in my inventory sheet, complete with best guesses, phantom addresses, and the one vacant unit. Scurrying across the finish line, I contemplated what a useful exercise it had been to try and touch base with every home in my neighborhood.

I used the task as a project to refine my CP6 email list, which I've been trying to compile since the year began. I learned a few interesting things about nearby individuals with whom I'd never spoken.

I learned that if you bring up the fact that somebody else could be AR next year, people will scatter, claiming something on their stove is burning, or they hear their car alarm going off. Funny. That's the same thing that happened six months ago.

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