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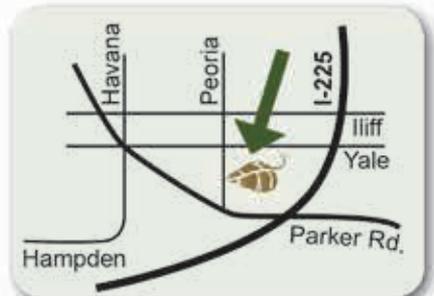
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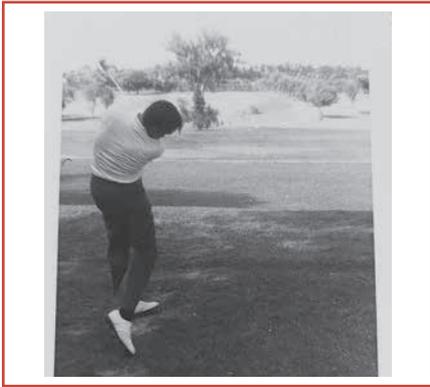
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Revising HGMD Bylaws put on fast track — approved on June 15

On June 1, the HGMD Board of Directors had the first of a series of special meetings to make changes to the bylaws. All five directors were at the meeting in the board room, which had a nearly full house plus there were 59 people on Zoom.

Using comments received by HG residents for two weeks since the new draft bylaws were posted on the HG website, www.heathergardens.org, President Daniel Taylor proceeded through the bylaws, identifying changes he had made.

Director Eloise Laubach opposed changing the bylaws as drafted. She noted that there could be three enterprise committees, each covering the current HGMD profit centers: Restaurant, Clubhouse and Golf. She claimed that the new document, “took the teeth out of the existing Management Agreement” between HGMD and HGA. Her motion to stop the workshop on the new bylaws died for lack of second.

For many attendees not having a version of the bylaws that red-lined the changes made was difficult. Despite that, Taylor said many comments sent by residents had been incorporated in the revised version.

As the different articles of the bylaws were reviewed, one resident asked, “would the HGA employees be evicted from the Clubhouse, an HGMD property?” A resounding “No!” was the answer.

When asked whether the board intended to do a separate budget from HGA’s, Taylor noted that HGMD wanted input well before the department managers and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) developed the next year’s budget (an activity that usually begins in May-June of each year). Treasurer Rita Effler said she wanted to talk to residents in the Woodshop, garden plots and RV lot before a budget is developed.

After two hours, four of the eight articles had been discussed and changes identified. Two articles: #2 Definitions and #4 Election of Directors were incomplete (and remained so through all the reviews). After a break, two more articles — 7 Standing and Special Committees and 8 Administration — were reviewed.

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There were two additional meetings on the bylaws in the first two weeks of June: June 8 (which was an executive session only with the HGMD Lawyer Jennifer Ivey) and June 12. The only attendee to that last meeting was Ray Nash, CP2. His review of that meeting and other issues with the HGMD board can be read on page 19.

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The HGMD Board held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 15, with four directors present. Eloise Laubach was absent. HGMD’s attorney, Jennifer Ivey, attended the meeting; HG’s CEO and CFO did not.

The board approved a motion from Robin O’Meara to open each HGMD board meeting by pledging allegiance to the U.S. flag. O’Meara stated her rationale as, “to recognize our status as a government entity,” as well as

highlighting HGMD’s dedication to the U.S. Constitution.

The board again approved installing bat houses on its property — to be funded, monitored and maintained by the HG Green Team — while dropping the requirement from an earlier board approval that a licensing agreement be provided prior to installation. President Taylor remarked it had been determined that the liability to HGMD from having the bat houses was minimal. The goal is to rely on bats to help suppress the mosquito population.

Bat Houses

The board approved installing cameras on the exterior of the Golf Shop, to monitor conditions on the tennis/pickleball courts. The project will be funded by the Pickleball Club, and the activity will not be recorded; rather, the cameras will provide a live-feed transmission, so that weather and playability of the courts can be assessed remotely.

Pickleball cameras

The board approved authorizing the CFO to reinvest funds from a Treasury bill that expired June 30. The exact rate of interest would not be known until the bill actually is purchased; however, the CFO was directed to maximize the interest rate, at his discretion.

The board approved revisions to its bylaws, which had been refined over the past month during several special meetings, and offered for public comment to residents. Taylor remarked that one item — establishing a committee for the RV lot — hadn’t been part of the sections available for comment. The RV lot was added at the last minute, he said.

Director Craig Baldwin moved that HGMD contribute \$1,500 of its 2023 marketing budget to help fund HG’s 50th Anniversary Celebration. That motion received no second, and died.

Two items were removed from the day’s agenda, because they had not yet been reviewed by the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee, which met the following day. These items were: replacing the restaurant outdoor freezer, and repairing damaged asphalt in the Maintenance Building parking lot. Both are capital expenditures. A third item about electric-vehicle charging stations also was removed from the agenda.

Three items that Baldwin tried to add to the agenda failed, for lack of a second. Taylor remarked it was undesirable to add agenda items at the last minute, unless they truly were emergency situations, since the public would not know those issues would be discussed before the meeting.

“We’re trying to get the agenda out, giving the public seven days notice of what’s on the agenda,” Taylor explained.

Candice Compton, B220, asked Ivey about when the management agreement with HGA expired, and when could it be amended? Ivey responded that the agreement was annually renewing, and could be amended by either

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Extra! Extra! Information for you –

Financing the 50th — a team effort

As a subcommittee of HG Community Engagement and Communications Committee (CECC), the HG 50th Anniversary Team was provided with only \$2,500 in the 2023 budget. This self-sustaining committee and its generous HG resident volunteers are funding year-long celebrations through additional donations of time and money, fundraising and volunteerism.

A big *shout-out* of thanks to all these unpaid workers! From the sales of T-shirts, candy, baked goods, donated baskets and many auction items, volunteers have raised more than \$2,500. These efforts are making the 50th year a huge success.

CECC Chair Linda Hileman and committee members Nancy Linsenbigler, Debbie Recob, Madeline Hughes, Bruce and Nancy Henson, Gloria Leshner, Connie Burns, Betty Bergeron, and Sandy McCurdy have organized all the 50th events so far.

The team is planning a big 50th Anniversary event, “Here’s to the Next 50,” to be held Sept. 15. The goal is to hold a community celebration and tell the HG story to current and prospective residents, stakeholders and to those in the public and private sectors whose financial and political support are important to sustaining the future for all HG residents.



Save the Date: Monday, Aug. 7
**HG 50th Anniversary Golf
Tournament**

More details coming soon via Pitera.
Don't delay, sign up once registration opens!

– Nancy Linsenbigler

HGMD Treasurer's Report

Highlights of HGMD Operations:

For month ended May 2023

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (Loss)	(\$53,841)	(\$49,927)
Clubhouse Revenue	\$15,702	\$13,590
Golf Profit (Loss)	(\$19,790)	(\$2,840)
Golf Revenue	\$56,614	\$58,864
Restaurant Profit (Loss)	(\$7,616)	(\$11,246)
Restaurant Revenue	\$49,663	\$62,461

Year to date through May 2023

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (Loss)	(\$279,951)	(\$250,797)
Golf Profit (Loss)	(\$155,642)	(\$124,408)
Restaurant Profit (Loss)	(\$51,862)	(\$47,753)

Clubhouse: Through May, the Clubhouse loss is less than budgeted. Revenue is down, which precipitated a conscious effort to cut expenses. HGMD will be exploring ways to increase revenue without exponentially increasing expenses.

Golf: Revenue exceeded expectations through May. Expenses have been reduced substantially. Golf now utilizes personnel with the HGA Roads and Grounds Department for turf and pond maintenance. Golf is under budget by \$31,236. Kudos to Greg Kohr and his staff.

Restaurant: Though the loss sustained by Rendezvous is only \$4,109 more than what was budgeted, the board is hoping that some changes might decrease that loss to nothing. A going-away party for Assistant Man-

ager Courtney Haynes filled the bar and restaurant on June 12. Rendezvous Manager Cormac Ronan said he expected “maybe 30 people, then over a 100 showed up” to say goodbye and wish Courtney well. Sales topped \$5,000 that day.

Enterprise Fund: All the recreation fees collected by HGA, as well as all monies earned from the Clubhouse, restaurant, Golf Course, recreational vehicle lot and garden plots accumulate in this fund to be used for operations of HGMD. Our net subsidy to date, 31 May 2023, is less than anticipated because expenditures were about \$100,000 less than budgeted.

Restricted Funds

- **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery)** has a balance of \$149,863. This is money received from Colorado's lottery sales and distributed to qualified entities, including recreation districts. This money is used as HGMD determines for recreation-related projects.

- **Debt Service Fund** receives all its revenue from specific ownership tax, real property tax and interest. These monies are expended for interest and a large principal payment each year to retire the bonds that paid for the new Clubhouse and other improvements on HGMD property. The balance as of the end of May is \$496,120.

- **Foundation Fund** has a balance of \$189,187. These monies come from donations and are used for projects that benefit all residents of HG, as determined by the Foundation Committee from its written policy.

– Rita Effler, Treasurer

HGA attorney responds, HOA dumps Waste Management

All directors attended the June 20 of the HGA Board of Directors. At the request of President Jill Bacon, Vice President Larry Dávila read into the record a statement from HGA's attorney (see page 11).

The board approved establishing an ad hoc advisory committee, comprised of Dávila, Secretary David Baxter, and Structure Maintenance Chair Mike Pula, set up in concert with HGA's attorney, to work on legal matters. When asked if HG has more legal matters than usual, Bacon replied, "Yes."

The board approved signing a contract with a new trash-removal company, 5280 Waste Solutions, to provide HG with trash and recycling pickup and disposal, from HG's Clubhouse, residential buildings, CPs and THs, restaurant and maintenance building, as well as port-o-let service on the property's perimeter and on the Golf Course. HG's longtime vendor, Waste Management is being terminated.

5280 Waste Solutions' contract duration is July 1, 2023–June 30, 2025, at a monthly cost of \$15,146 (\$181,752 per year, for two years). A 90-day transition period between 5280 and Waste Management is expected, with Waste Management continuing to provide services on a month-to-month basis.

The motion's rationale noted that service and communication from Waste Management have been poor.

Pula noted that Waste Management's costs in the bid submitted for continuing service at HG increased 80 percent. Waste Management will be given notice to remove their dumpsters, as 5280 becomes ready to introduce their dumpsters, which require modifying. The neighborhood-wide transition to a different trash vendor is expected to be "a challenging task."

CEO Jon Rea reported that HG's Security Manager, T. J. Jones, has resigned. Rea said he is conducting interviews to fill the position.

The board approved instructing management to obtain a revised proposal from Bergeman Group, for a plumbing-infrastructure study of B201. Some refinement of the company's design bid is needed, Pula explained.

The board approved changes to its parking-enforcement rules, to conform to recent changes in state law. The provision that towing would only occur after a reasonable attempt was made to inform the [vehicle] operator was added, although there was agreement that "reasonable attempt" needed to be more clearly defined. Another change was that utility and flatbed trailers could park on HG property for 48 hours, for the purpose of loading and unloading.

Installing a 100-gallon Rheem Ruud water heater in B216 gained board approval (\$34,100). The replacement

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HGA and HGMD Budget Development Schedule for 2024

(All dates are 2023)

- Friday, Sept. 8** Manager's Budget Draft and summary delivered to B&F Committee Members and the Board of Directors of both HGA and HGMD. The budget draft and summary are made available on the website.
- Monday, Sept. 25 through Thursday, Sept. 28** B&F Committee conducts budget workshops beginning at 9 am. Directors of HGA and HGMD are strongly urged to attend. During the budget workshops, the Joint Budget and Finance Committee encourages and will take questions from owners/residents after each section of the budget is reviewed. B&F Committee recommends 2024 budgets to both boards.
- Thursday, Oct. 12** **10 am.** At a **Special** HGMD Board Meeting, the Board accepts the 2024 proposed budget and conducts a Public Hearing on it. After hearing comments, the Board may modify the budget and adopts its 2024 budget. Owners/residents are encouraged to ask questions regarding the budget at this meeting. Colorado statutes provide that for governmental agencies, the Board of Directors (the Legislative body) sets the final budget. **ONCE APPROVED AND SENT TO THE STATE. THE FINAL BUDGET CANNOT BE CHANGED!**
- Thursday, Oct. 12** **1 pm.** At a **Special** HGA Board meeting. *Owners/residents are encouraged to ask questions regarding the budget at this meeting.* After hearing comments, HGA Board may make changes to the HGA 2024 Budget. When the 2024 budget is approved, the board sets the date for the membership to vote to veto the budget or not (between 15 and 50 days after notice).
- Wednesday, Oct. 18** HGA and HGMD Budget summaries are available on the website and emailed to the membership. Ballots are mailed to the membership for mail-in voting. Full copies of both budgets are available in the HG Management Office.

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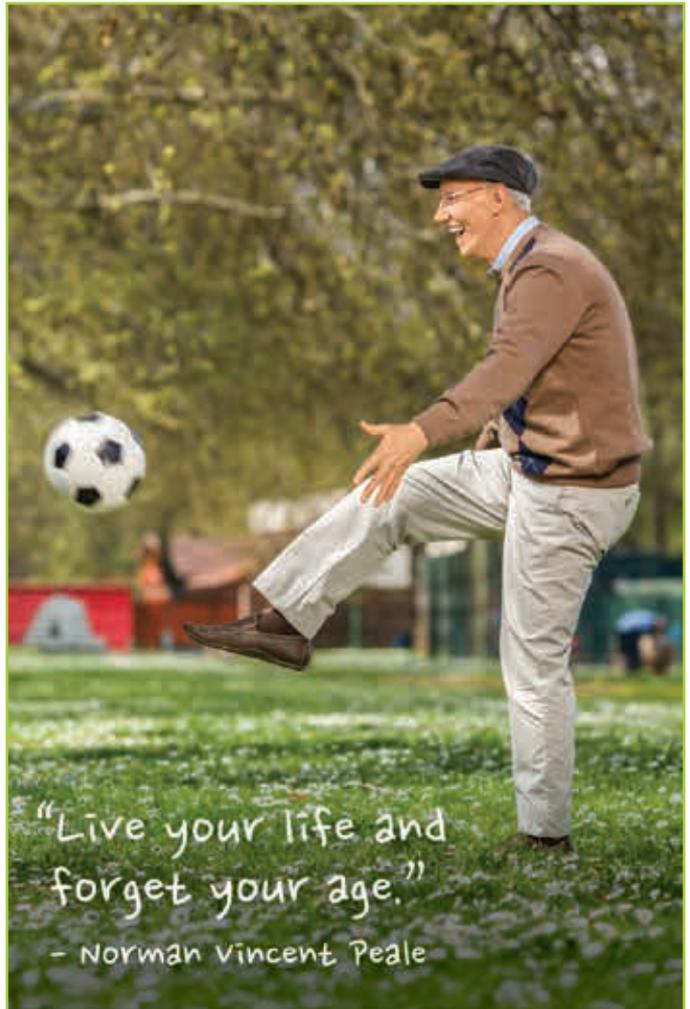
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party at any time. "It's ongoing," she stated.

John Recob, B236, asked about HGMD withdrawing from the management agreement. Taylor answered, "We never said that, and I am not responding to rumors."

Several times during the meeting, Treasurer Rita Effler remarked she was not allowed to speak to HG's CFO. Ivey explained, "HGA's attorney has asked that, until HGA and HGMD meet, and establish some protocols," that it "be strictly maintained" that the HGMD president serve as liaison between the two boards. She added that no timeline for such a meeting existed.

[All employees work for HGA, and perform work for HGMD under the management agreement. In recent years, HGMD directors have been asked to filter requests

and questions through the HGMD president, rather than give instructions and make demands directly to employees.]

Tom Seaman, B219, noted that HG's CFO Jerry Counts, had resigned. Noting the full meeting had proceeded without anyone commenting on the event, Seaman asked if HGMD would be allowed to "weigh in on the new hire"?

Seaman said that the recording of the June 1 Special HGMD Board Meeting, which was posted on the website, had been edited, deleting an exchange between Counts and the board.

"That shouldn't have happened," Seaman remarked.

Following the regular meeting, the board adjourned into executive session, to get legal advice on operating HGMD properties.

HG trivia contest

Are you learning just a bit more about Heather Gardens (HG)? One contestant stated "What fun, trying to find the answers. I am learning so many new factoids about HG!"

Be sure to watch Pitera every Friday for the current questions, with answers due by the following Wednesday.

Congratulations to the winners from the June 2 and June 9 contests: "Little Squirrel," Nancy Davidson, Joyce VonVett, Joann Fitch, Rose Falsetto, and Howard.

Questions posed on June 2 came from page 10 of the 2023 Community Directory.

1. Q: A Declaration of Condominium was filed by EDI with the Colorado Secretary of State, and this is considered to be Heather Gardens "Birth Date."

A: January 23, 1973

2. Q: EDI was the early planner, developer and manager of HG. What does the initial "D" stand for in EDI?

A: Developers (Environment(al) Developers Inc.)

3. Q: How many units are in Heather Gardens?
A. 2,426

June 9 questions and answers were found on the home page of www.HeatherGardens.org.

1. Q: Which of the following is *not* highlighted with a photo on the home page?

A: Indoor pool and hot tub

2. Q: According to the home page how many park-like acres comprise the HG campus?

A: 200

3. Q: What "blooms" at Heather Gardens?

A: Our "lifestyle"

– Nancy Linsenbigler

HGA Board Election – Fall 2023

Do you have questions or concerns about the future of Heather Gardens (HG)?

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Janet C. Arce. B232

HGA Nominating Committee

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HGA Board statement in support of HGA staff

We know that many of you attend Heather Gardens Association (HGA) and Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Board (HGMD) meetings and follow along on business matters in the community. The HGA Board of Directors is aware of recent discussions and comments at certain public meetings that may raise questions and concerns for Heather Gardens residents and employees. We want to take a few moments today to address the most concerning comments related to HGA employees. But, first, we want to give a brief overview of the relationship of HGA and HGMD to employees who serve the community.

The HGA Board serves as the governing body of Heather Gardens Association and oversees employment matters on behalf of HGA, including hiring and firing of key personnel. In addition to carrying out obligations under the HGA governing documents, HGA employs staff that provide services to Heather Gardens Metropolitan District through a contractual Management Agreement. HGMD does not have its own employees or act as an employer.

Recent comments about HGA staff made during public meetings warrant response. In particular, certain statements have suggested that HGA staff members have tampered with recordings of HGMD meetings. These statements lack any evidence and are simply not true.

These serious allegations about HGA staff actions have harmed relationships with HGA employees and have resulted in a valued employee tendering resignation. HGA wants to foster a positive workplace and seeks to promote that through support of personnel in performing their job duties without having to field adverse comments and accusations.

This HGA Board does not condone and will not tolerate statements made by Heather Gardens residents or other third parties about possible criminal activity by HGA staff. The HGA Board recognizes the committed service and ethical standards of HGA staff. The HGA Board appreciates all HGA staff, including, specifically, executive and administrative staff members Jon Rea, Jerry Counts, Holly Shearer, and Evelyn Ybarra, who assist with meetings and business operations of HGA and HGMD.

Unless and until some proof of wrongdoing is presented, HGA will not entertain ongoing comments that suggest HGA personnel have done anything to tamper with recordings of meetings or engage in criminal activity.

HGA, through the Board and executive staff, has sought legal counsel on these issues for the past several weeks to help protect HGA and its employees from harm due to the accusations repeatedly directed at key personnel without any evidence of wrongdoing. HGA has communicated concerns to those who have made these

offending statements and expects that the comments will stop. If necessary, HGA will take action to protect staff members from harm to their reputations and HGA from liability.

In the future, if HGA Board members witness potential defamatory comments about HGA staff members during open meetings, HGA Board members will work to call out such inappropriate comments, request evidence of any alleged behaviors, and report the comments to legal counsel for action as necessary.

The HGA Board is separately committed to continuing to work with HGMD under the Management Agreement and looks forward to meeting with HGMD in the near future to discuss that ongoing relationship.

If any of you have specific concerns about HGA personnel, there are protocols that exist for addressing employment matters. Please meet with Chief of Human Resources Holly Shearer, or CEO Jon Rea, to discuss your concerns. If you have concerns about either of them, you may meet with Jill Bacon as HGA Board President.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Heather Gardens community. We appreciate your assistance in making Heather Gardens a safe and welcoming place to live and work.

– HGA Board

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{Editor's Note: This statement was read by Vice President Larry Dávila at the beginning of the HGA Board meeting on Tuesday, June 20.}

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Publisher's Corner

Lessons from history: It's time for serious thoughts!

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

My first thought for a column this month was to describe historical events at HG from an August 1998 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. The cover had a architectural drawing of the Parker Road flyover at I-225 (that was not yet built).

Then I looked at the HGA Board report about a meeting that took place in the Auditorium with about 275 residents attending — it was a heated exchange. At issue was an across-the-board wage increase for HG's 50-plus employees, a recently renewed 5-year contract with Golf Pro Bob Macaluso, and an "inquiry" committee to examine how the community was governed and managed. The board and General Manager Keith Schmaus sat on the stage. HGA Board President Irv Ruppel and HGMD President Jacquie Noland led boards that disagreed on the timing of the golf pro contract and the "inquiry" committee.

Disagreements between the two HG boards have been a frequent occurrence throughout my tenure with *Heather 'n Yon*.

Without describing these disagreements further, I have chosen to run my father's column that month. Entitled "It's time for serious thoughts!" Bob Donaldson wrote:

"It is time to get serious about what we think and what we say, or write. It is time for this editor to dig within his books and files and to publish once again what others have written about relationships in which humankind are involved.

"How's that for getting serious?"

"I have picked two. The first is a favorite of mine written by the English poet and essayist, John Donne, who lived in the years 1571 to 1631. The second is an editorial written by the late William Allen White, editor and publisher of *The Emporia Gazette* in Kansas."

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From John Dunne:

No man is an island, entire of itself

Every man is a piece of the Continent;
A part of the Main;

If a clod is washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less, as well as if a
promontory were, as well as if a
manor of thy friends or of thine own
were;

Any man's death diminishes me, be-
cause I am involved in Mankind;
And, therefore, never send to know
for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for
thee.

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"Then, from William Allen White this editorial, printed on the front page of *The Gazette* on July 27, 1922, three months before I [Bob Donaldson] was born...91 years after John Donne's death:

To An Anxious Friend

"You tell me that law is above freedom of utterance. And I reply that you can have no wise laws nor free enforcement of wise laws unless there is a free expression of the wisdom of the people — and, alas, their folly with it. But if there is freedom, folly will die of its own poison, and the wisdom will survive. That is the history of the race. It is proof of man's kinship with GOD. You say that freedom of utterance is not for time of stress, and I reply with the sad truth that only in time of stress is freedom of utterance in danger. No one questions it in calm days, because it is not needed. And the reverse is true also; only when free utterance is suppressed is it needed, and when it is needed, it is most vital to justice.

"Peace is good. But if you are interested in peace through force and without free discussion — that is to say, for utterance decently and in order — your interest in justice is slight. And peace without justice is tyranny, no matter how you may sugar-coat it with expedience. This state today is in more danger from suppression than from violence, because, in the end, suppression leads to violence. Violence, indeed, is the child of suppression. Whoever pleads for justice

helps to keep the peace; and whoever tramples on the plea for justice temperately made in the name of peace only outrages peace and kills something fine in the heart of man which God put there when we got our manhood. When that is killed, brute meets brute on each side of the line.

"So, dear friend, put fear out of your heart. This nation will survive, this state will prosper, the orderly business of life will go forward if only men can speak in whatever way given them to utter what their hearts hold — by voice, by posted card, by letter, or by press. Reason has never failed man. Only force and repression have made the wrecks of the world."

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"Ernest Hemingway (1899–1961), identified as one of the great American writers of the 20th Century, borrowed from John Donne the words "...for whom the bell tolls" as the title for his novel about the Spanish Civil War and later for the 1943 movie starring Gary Cooper and Ingrid Bergman.

"William Allen White's editorial was first a letter that he sent to a friend in Kansas. He then decided to publish it on page one of his newspaper. At the time, he and Governor Henry Allen were on opposite sides in a bitter labor dispute in their state.

"During the dispute and strike, placards were printed and distributed among merchants that said 'We are for the strikers 100 percent.'

"Gov. Allen was offended by the placards and issued an order demanding the merchants remove them. White believed the governor's order was 'unfair and unconstitutional.' He wanted the order tested in the courts.

"[White] described the reaction to his editorial in these words: 'It went over the country like wildfire.' Later he received the Pulitzer Prize for the 'best editorial of the year.'"

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Dad's first job in journalism was on *The Emporia Gazette*, working for William Allen White during his years as a student at Emporia State Teacher's College (now Emporia State University). He admired White and often wrote about the editor in many columns that were written throughout his life in journalism.



HGMD Board President Reports

By Daniel Taylor

I want to thank everyone for the support the Candidates 4 Change received with your votes, your participation in the HGMD meetings, emails and calls. Your new HGMD board took office on May 18. In our first month, we revised the HGMD Bylaws to restore the committee structure and add a few new committees.

We still have a lot of work to do, but we are moving forward. Two articles of the bylaws are still to be revised: 1) establishes the election procedure and 2) definitions. The board is also working on a Code of Conduct, similar to HGA's, but taking into account HGMD rules.

I am grateful for the response from volunteers for committee membership. Applications are still being ac-

cepted. Now that the committee structure is in place, the board is reviewing applications.

The board will select the committee chairs, who will then select their committee members. We are working on this phase as quickly as possible. The new committees are: The Audit/Finance Committee, the Clubs and Activities Committee, the Compliance Committee, and the Recreational Vehicle Lot or RV Committee. Restored committees include Golf, Clubhouse and Restaurant Committees.

If you have an interest in volunteering, please apply for committee membership. All it takes is a willingness to participate. Applications are in the Management Office, second floor of the Clubhouse. The board intends to promote and empower the impact of HGMD's committees.

All directors on the board are committed to improving the services provided to residents while minimizing the costs. In that light, HGA has offered to revise the management agreement it currently has with HGMD. I am pleased about this opportunity and am anxious to take a more active role in the operation and management of the HGMD properties.

Again, I appreciate your support and your help to achieve these goals.



HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

Here it is July already. Time for July 4th and fireworks, once again. This year, I would like to express my thanks to all the wonderful veterans who live in Heather Gardens. You have done more than your fair share to provide the freedom that we all enjoy every day and which we often take for granted. And, more often than not, your fellow countrymen do not take the time to say "Thank you." My thanks to one and all for the dedicated time and effort that

you took out of your lives to give to the country that you love. On behalf of everyone who forgets to say it often enough — thank you for your service.

I sit here in a "free country," noticing what is going on in the world around. Then I think of the sacrifices that so many U.S. men and women have made on behalf of their fellow countrymen. I am thankful for every one of you who served to keep our country safe and beautiful. I want you to know that you are all greatly appreciated and valued always.

When you see the fireworks on the fourth of July this year — please remember that there are many to remember and appreciate. Many have completed their service. Many continue to serve this country now. You can quietly say over and over again, "Thank you," for all that you do, and have done, to keep our country safe and free for now.

We want you to know that you are very much honored.

Happy fourth of July everyone!

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was deemed a "quasi emergency," as one of the two boilers in the building died, and residents had to rely fully on the functioning one.

The board approved a contract with Building Envelope Consultants, for waterproofing the underground garage of B244 (\$26,151). Water penetration on the northwest side of the garage will require the contractor to assess if the problem can be "spot" repaired, or if the job will require a broader approach.

Pula also reported that repairs to the roof on B215 had been delayed due to rainy weather. The contractor continues to push ahead on the project, Pula said, whenever conditions allow.

Following the regular meeting, the board adjourned into executive session, to discuss collections and personnel issues.

Other actions by the board:

...revised the ACC indemnity agreement and fees for jobs that were completed without prior approval, saying the unapproved jobs must be discovered within six months.

...extended the term on the SEC committee for member Vicki Wolfe, into a fifth year.

...Rea reported that a new and a used Security vehicle will need to be purchased, the used car as a replacement for one that was totaled.



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HG first golf pro: Dick Hartman

Golf Professional Richard “Dick” Hartman was the first pro at Heather Gardens (HG). His widow, Helen Hartman, recalls the day her proud husband gave her an early tour through the muddy area destined to become the Heather Ridge (HR) Golf and Country Club course.

It was 1971, and their daughter, Nicole, was only two days old. Helen had just given birth, yet here she was, riding around in a vehicle with a husband so enthusiastic about his new job, he could hardly contain himself!

Laughing at the memory, Helen said she’d accepted the excursion to please Dick, while the truth was, all she could think about was getting back to the hospital to their newborn. But she understood that Dick’s love for golf was intense — as was his love for people.

Stan Washburn, B205, a friend of the Hartmans since 1978, agreed that “Dick was a real people person.”

Sitting at a table in the HG Clubhouse, Stan and Helen reminisced with each other about Dick’s extraordinary career. Dick passed away at age 89 at home in Castle Rock last year, after serving and teaching as golf pro, not only at HG and HR during the 1970s, but also at many other courses.

Dick had come to the Denver area in 1964. He was the assistant pro at Green Gables Country Club before becoming head pro there in 1967.

“I married Dick in Lakewood in 1965,” Helen said. “At the time, I worked in the oil business in Denver. A friend introduced us at a club called The Embers. I remember Dick took my hand and wouldn’t let go!”

She laughs again as she recalls thinking that Dick was “too good-looking and cocky.” But he asked her out on a date to the circus, of all things! Six weeks later, they were married.

“Everybody was shocked,” Helen said.

As it turned out, she and Dick were extraordinarily well-matched.

“To start with, we lived above the tennis shop at Green Gables,” Helen said. The glittery lifestyle of being a golf pro’s wife awed her at first. She saw herself as “a timid coal miner’s daughter from Pennsylvania,” rubbing shoulders with the rich and famous.

On opening day, Memorial Day 1973, Dick headed both the HG and HR golf courses. After accepting a PGA-sanctioned contract with Environment Developers Inc. (EDI), which was the early developer of both HR

never taught in a critical way.”

Stan said that he and his late wife, Gloria, often golfed with Helen and Dick.

“When I played with Dick, I did better,” Stan remarked.

From its opening day on a Saturday in May 1987, Dick served as head pro at The Links. He played, taught and worked at The Links seven days a week. Helen also helped out at The Links clubhouse.

“We opened golf courses,” Helen said, describing their joint expertise.

Born to Alfred and Adella Hartman in Waverly, Iowa in 1932, Dick had started as a caddie at the age of 12. Golf became his profession, and he was a Life Member of the PGA.

Golfing became Helen’s life as well. The couple even took vacations to play golf. One of their most memorable trips was a pilgrimage to Scotland, the birthplace of the



Above: Helen and Dick Hartman, circa 1970s when Hartman was HG’s first golf pro.

Right: Helen with Stan Washburn, B205, in the HG Clubhouse where she shared her photo album of life with a golf pro.



and HG, Dick and his new bride lived at HR until their house in Mission Viejo was built. Helen helped Dick run the pro shop and club storage.

During the early years at HG and HR, Dick’s individual lessons were priced at \$6 per half hour for members of the HR Country Club (private until 2010). By 1989, Dick charged \$22 for a 30-minute private lesson at The Links in Highlands Ranch.

“It was at The Links where Dick gave me my first golf lessons,” Stan said. “He was always upbeat and

sport. There Dick played in 70-mile-per-hour winds and driving rains on a 900-year-old course east of Edinburgh, according to a 1989 feature story in the *Douglas County News-Press*.

“I played in Scotland, too,” Helen said. “I wore stocking caps and had on so many clothes, I could hardly swing a golf club!”

The feature story quoted Dick as saying, “The game is 90 percent

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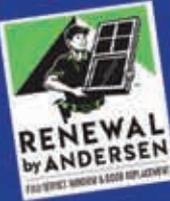
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Concerns about developing financial issues and proposed changes at HG – June 12, 2023

{Editor's Note: The following story was submitted by Ray Nash, CP2, in which he uses contributions by John-Recob, B232. It describes emails between the two men and new directors of the HGMD Board.}

Ray Nash writes: "The following comments and observations concern the HGMD relationship with HGA and the residents of our community. I am summarizing the status of several issues that have been the point of contention recently."

Commingling of Funds

- CFO Jerry Counts has explained the procedures followed to track all receipts and disbursements so as to ensure that they are properly identified as to source and/or use. He further explained the balancing of all intercompany due to and due from accounts, including how such accounts are reconciled and settled no less often than monthly. He commented that the payment of all bills and other payments are made through a single common disbursement account that is reconciled daily. This process identifies all funds and where they may belong.

- [New HGMD Board directors] have stated that state law does not permit commingling of funds, which you consider this to be. In your opinion, the common disbursement account represents such a commingling and that it must be discontinued. You want all HGMD expenses to be paid through an HGMD account and further you do not want any money paid from such account until the treasurer has signed off and/or approved all such disbursements.

- I spoke to the audit partner from HG's CPA firm about his views on this issue. He stated that the use of "pooled cash accounts" (his term for common disbursement accounts) was widespread and common throughout Colorado among governmental organizations of all kinds. He said that it is favored because of the efficiency in reconciling both the bank statements and the due to and due from accounts, and it costs less. He said that if what we were doing violated state statute, we would have received a letter from the state au-

ditor informing us of such violation. He suggested that we ask what state statute specifically prohibited our use of a common disbursement account.

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Misrepresentations and allegations

- The ability to hear the proceedings of meetings held in the board room is not uniformly good. However, I noted that using Zoom, the voices came through clearly and could easily be heard and understood. In a meeting of the HGMD board this morning [June 12], Jerry Counts disputed Daniel Taylor's contention in an email that on June 1, 2023, "Jerry Counts' rant during the board meeting was insubordinate. He refused to yield the floor when I repeatedly told him to stop, and after Director Robin O'Meara told him he was out of order. We were forced to wait until he finished as he yelled over the top of us:"

I was at the June 1 meeting in the board room. Since then I have also listened to the Zoom recording of that meeting multiple times. I did not hear either Daniel or Robin say what the email alleges they said. I was, therefore, very surprised and astounded that Daniel immediately said to Jerry: "You altered that recording. That's a crime."

I went and talked to Evelyn Ybarra who maintains the Zoom records and asked her if she had altered the recording. She was shocked that I asked and said she had no idea how to alter a recording. I find Daniel's allegation preposterous and incredible.

- In an email sent to Daniel dated June 11, 2023, John Recob raised a number of important questions. With his permission I am copying that message below. I look forward to seeing [HGMD Board] responses to John's questions. They really should be answered publicly.

John Recob wrote, "As you may be aware, I am a member of the HGA/HGMD Joint Budget and Finance Committee. I am also the chair of the Joint Capital Programs Subcommittee. I find several of the statements you continue to repeat confusing, uninformed, and inflammatory.

"I am confused by the numbers you quoted at your June 1 bylaws

meeting regarding Budget increases. Please provide me with the actual numbers you are using to calculate your increases in our annual assessments and recreation fees. Is the 78.3 percent you quote for HGMD, HGA or both? I am hopeful your numbers addressed HGMD since that is your current area of responsibility. Please provide a breakdown of the 2011 starting budget figures you used. Please include the breakdown for HG insurance, gas, electric, water and Clubhouse costs. It seems you have taken your numbers grossly out of context and are comparing apples and rocks.

"It is my understanding that in 2011 we were collecting almost nothing for Capital Reserves that are 27 percent of the HGA budget and 32 percent of the HGMD budget for 2023. Are you suggesting it was a mistake to plan for our Capital Reserve needs, just because prior management had not? Are you aware that HG's gas cost is about to double (100 percent increase), only affecting two months of 2023? Most of this increase will show up in the 2024 budget for HGA.

"You made a statement that our 2023 capital budget decreased by \$400,000 even though capital reserves was one of the reasons listed for an assessment increase for 2023. Where did you get that information because it is *wrong*? Our 2023 HGA Capital Reserve budget went up from 2022 by \$846,864, which was a 25 percent increase. The HGMD Capital Reserve Budget went up from 2022 by \$159,243, which was a 40 percent increase. Without these increases, HG's Capital Reserve account was projected to be negative for HGA in 2026 and negative for HGMD in 2027. I believe it is important for you to get your facts correct before making grossly misleading and inflammatory statements in public meetings.

"You appear to be trying to alienate the HGMD managing agent and our professional staff! At what benefit or cost to our community? I support our need for change but alienating HGA and Management staff

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The Month (June)

The standard at HG for years has been that each \$30,000 in the community budget translates to \$1 per condo per month. The \$2,500 identified in the 2023 budget to support 50th Anniversary events therefore equates to 8.3¢/condo/month. The 2023 budget did not increase to support the anniversary activities. A few dedicated volunteers have held fundraisers and sought sponsors to support all events (see page 6).

The Comcast fiber project was on hold, said CEO Jon Rea, in response to a question at the June 20 HGA Board meeting. Comcast had been hitting roadblocks, in the form of units to which they could not gain access, to install boxes.

“There was a good work session,” Rea said, during which Comcast brainstormed other options, such as installing boxes on walls outside the unit.

“We want fiber throughout the property,” Rea stressed.

HGA Treasurer Terry Hostetler reported to the board that HG’s insurance costs for the coming year could increase as much as 35 percent. He added that, when actual

negotiations ensue, he hoped HG’s agent could obtain a more favorable premium. In addition to the insurance premium, the cost for gas to heat multi-story buildings and trash pickup in HG (approved contract is 25 percent above current pricing) is expected to increase.

CFO Jerry Counts told the Budget & Finance Committee that investment income (mostly interest earned on accounts) totaled \$253,000 at the end of May. This amount was more than interest income earned in all of 2022.

On June 21, residents gathered to hear stories about the “History of Aurora,” a 50th Anniversary event. Bruce Henson, STH, reported, “Kevin Snow of Treasure Box Tours spoke to a rapt and engaged crowd of about 100 HG residents on the history of Aurora, which began life as the town of Fletcher!” (Photo by Bruce Henson)

Normally, the draft HG Budget Development schedule is approved by both



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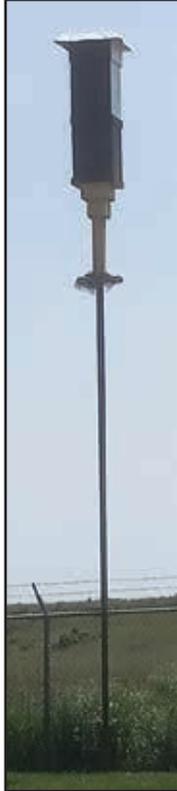
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boards at their June meeting. This year, even the Budget & Finance Committee balked at finalizing the schedule, then recommending it to the boards. At issue was whether the HGMD Board would be ready by July to publish a schedule in *Heather 'n Yon* and Pitera. HGMD Treasurer Rita Effler was unable to say what her board will do. She commented that the whole purpose was to cut HGMD's portion of the budget by increasing revenue.

Despite the uncertainty, a draft schedule is published in this issue (see page 7). Approval of this proposed schedule is expected in July. It may not include HGMD's schedule.

The first Bat House was erected along East Marina Drive, near the fence to the Cherry Creek Spillway (right). The HG Green Team installed the house and will maintain the area around it. Because bats eat mosquitoes, it is hoped that having bat neighbors will help control the mosquito problem in HG. (Photo by Janis Farrell)



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After 47 years with a professional basketball franchise in Denver, the Denver Nuggets won the National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship on June 12 after dispatching the Miami Heat in the best of 7 games, winning 4 of 5. Prior to that the Nuggets beat the Los Angeles Lakers, Phoenix Suns and Minnesota Timberwolves in the playoffs. Center Nikola Jokic was MVP of the Finals, recording multiple triple doubles through the 20-game playoffs (more than 30 points, more than 10 rebounds and assists), placing him in the top 10 all time for the feat. Point guard Jamal Murray averaged 26.1 points in the four rounds. It was a team effort — other players were instrumental in different games: Aaron Gordon, Michael J Porter, Jr, Bruce Brown and rookie Christian Braun. It was Coach Michael Malone's first championship trophy. Owner Stan Kroenke and son Josh had never before raised the NBA trophy either.

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Nancy Hoffmaster
B233



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For Father's Day, B223 had a display of the favorite activities or possessions of Fathers. Right: Bill Anderson, Jim Mathews and Bill Reddick surrounded the items used in fishing. Golf, cards, power tools, travel items and favorite sports team gear were also displayed. Designer was Carol Wasenaar. Photos by Janis Farrell.



A popular annual event returned this year on May 20 as one of the 50th Anniversary events — Fitness Walk and Showcase of HG Clubs and Classes.

*Right: Nancy Linsenbigler, chair of the 50th Anniversary group shows the tote bag with logo to a potential buyer
Bottom right: The Muu-Muu Hula Club gave a demo of the dances they have learned during lunch in Rendezvous.*



There were walkers all around HG!



Right: Reportedly the youngest walker!

Above and below: Showcase participants Cherry Creek State Park ranger; Tennis and Pickleball Clubs.



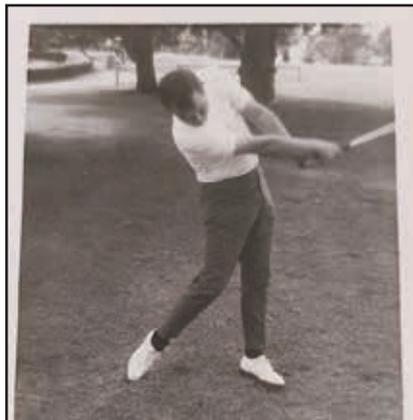
Photos by Janis Farrell

Hartman...from page 17

mental, eight percent physical and two percent mechanical.”

He enjoyed competition and played in the first Frontier Airlines Invitational at Hiwan Golf Club in August 1973. This club in Evergreen was the site of the annual Colorado Open for many years and a fund-raiser for Craig Hospital. In September 1976, Dick competed in the Vail Fall Invitational (pro), when his five-man team combined to shoot an “amazing two best ball score of 29 under par,” according to the *Vail Trail* newspaper.

In his exemplary career, Dick also operated and taught at Southridge in Fort Collins (a long commute), and



Above: Golf Pro Dick Hartman's golf swing was photographed.

the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. In addition, he taught golf for 25 years

to handicapped players at what is now the Broken Tee Englewood Golf Course.

“Dick had positive expectations of whoever he taught,” Stan said, “including the handicapped.”

Dick last taught at the Denver Country Club. Not only a good golfer, “Dick had an unusual ability to remember faces and names,” Helen said. She described an incident in Heidelberg, Germany, when her husband spied and recognized an old classmate from across the biergarten — instantly remembering the man's name.

“Everybody loved him,” Helen said.

— Gloria Lesher

HGMD financial issues...from page 19

before you understand the details of our expenses or have any specific suggestions for expense and revenue improvement seems very irresponsible to our community.

“Please help me understand the numbers you are quoting and how this rhetoric will benefit [HG].”

— John A Recob, B236

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[Ray Nash continues] *Possible engagement of different auditors*

• On July 18, 2022, Rita Effler wrote to [Ray Nash]: “Please think again about your recommendation to keep the same auditors. Your argument holds merit. However, the personnel within the firm changes and new individuals are employed who have no experience with HGA, just as our personnel changes.”

• On July 22, 2022, I responded: “Thanks for your comments. As you know, I am of like mind to you in regards to the [Paycheck Protection Program] PPP issue.

“I take it rather seriously when I comment on this matter since I have direct experience as a CPA in the auditing section of a large firm for many years, as the CFO of a bank, as the audit committee chair of a public company and as an active participant in the process of replacing audit firms.

“I have talked on numerous occasions to Russell White, partner on the audit team over five plus years and I am impressed with him and the

service they performed. We were in rather dire straits relative to our procedures and controls after the multiple turnovers of [HG] controllers. I believe the help and insights of our outside auditors were beneficial in helping Jerry get things back in order. The reality of turnover is something all CPA firms experience and plan for, but the turnover we have had at key positions has greatly exceeded that at our audit firm. While I disagree with the directions HGA took with the support of our auditors and others (on the PPP issue), I do not consider their actions to be an “impeachable offense.”

“Hopefully this serves to somewhat respond to your concerns.”

• On July 24, 2022, Rita Effler wrote to me again:

“Ray: This does not have as much to do with the PPP loan as it does with the lack of reconciliation between the two entities, lack of control transferring money between two entities: one the manager, one the client. There is no auditing of the payroll, reconciliation of the number of employees, pension contributions, that kind of thing....What staff member, let alone a board member, makes sure each of those employees is accounted for and receiving the correct wage and benefit.

[Nash comments: *There is a reconciliation between the two entities and controls manage the transfers of money. Such reconciliations and*

controls were subjected to audit procedures by HG outside auditors.]

Effler continued: “As you are aware — and if you aren't, you should be.... I think that there should be a separate auditor for each entity. I cannot believe there was not a deep audit when Calvin left after 10 years, and we turned over three controllers in as many years...Thank you for your insight.”

Nash responded: Relative to a “deep audit” that Effler suggested should have been done, I confirmed with Russel White that they did indeed do a “deep audit” in which they significantly expanded the audit procedures and sample sizes as well as analytic procedures following the controller turnover and the exit of Calvin White as general manager. The result of their auditing was that there had been much “sloppy book-keeping” but no malfeasance or other such actions that they could identify. Their findings were reported in the auditor's exit meetings. They also credited Jerry Counts specifically for directing the clean-up of the records following his arrival.

• On Oct. 6, 2022, Effler sent me the following message: “I know you discourage getting a different auditing firm. But the fact that the current firm never acknowledged only quasi government entities make payments in lieu of taxes, not homeowner associations, bothers me. Years of it. ... No real audit has been conducted in decades. Maybe they did find something “proprietary and confidential.”

See HG Financial...page 46



Management

Update on rain-flooded basements; other projects

By Jon Rea
Chief Executive Officer

We are over halfway through year 2023, and we are finally having summer weather. June 21 marked the first official day of summer. I am certainly glad summer is here. It's been hectic the last couple of months. I wanted to highlight a few current happenings throughout the community.

HG maintenance crews worked diligently throughout the many rain storms within the Townhomes and Country Places to help mitigate flooding to the best of their ability. The maintenance teams were able to review and evaluate basements impacted by rain water flooding the lower level. The information was supplied to the insurance companies. They were able to extend downspouts with corrugated piping in certain areas to displace water away from homes. Dehumidifiers and fans were placed within units to dry them out, based on the severity of dampness. I was extremely pleased with the maintenance team's response and the entire effort to react to the flooding.

HG has filed a claim with its insurance company. Representatives from the company have toured and evaluated the affected units. HG insurance company is currently working through the details. As more information becomes available and the process evolves, I will communicate the outcome to these owners.

I wanted to provide a quick update on the things we've capitalized on so far.

As mentioned previously, I have moved the Golf

Maintenance Department into the Roads & Grounds Department, creating a Golf & Landscape Department. We have already seen savings on this change. Just recently the department was able to combine the separate irrigation system controls together for one central communication hub. Doing so saved about \$10,000 to integrate the systems using help from the vendors. We are also seeing immediate soft cost savings with payroll and staffing, which is outstanding. The Golf & Landscape team have received many praises recently for playability and general upkeep of the course.

The HG uniform program has been fully implemented. It's been a long time coming — now a completed initiative. HG staff should be easily identifiable with their gear that has the HG logo. All maintenance service teams are now wearing their Ansi/Reflective clothing too. They are easy to spot throughout the property. The teams have a mix of rain, summer, and cold weather apparel. Employees will always be in uniform and recognizable throughout the property. (Photos of employees in uniforms was issued in Pilerá on June 20.)

There have been quite a few questions about the Comcast Fiber Project. The HGA Board held a work session on Monday, June 12, with Comcast to discuss prospective changes to the project to circumvent unit access. (Not all residents are allowing Comcast access to their homes.) The Comcast Fiber Project is currently on hold as additional ideas, conditions, and conversations are assessing the best course of action. Postponing the project isn't ideal. However, this will enable HG and Comcast to make an informed decision on how best to proceed with the project.

We have even started our initial budget process for 2024.

A few projects and initiatives remain for 2023. I am delighted to see the number of items that are in progress and several are completed. From here, HG employees still have quite a long way to go to finish out the year.....

Budget Calendar ...from page 7

Auditorium

- Monday, Oct. 30** 10 am. Daytime membership meeting to present and discuss the budget
- Tuesday, Oct. 31** 6 pm. Evening membership meeting to present and discuss the budget
- Wednesday, Nov. 1** 1 pm. Afternoon membership meeting to present and discuss the budget
- Friday, Nov. 17** **Veto Ballots** are due by close of business (Friday before Thanksgiving). A special committee of volunteers will be assembled to count the ballots. Majority of the membership is required to veto the Board approved budget.
- Wednesday, Nov. 22** Announce **Veto** vote results to the community (day before Thanksgiving)
- Friday, Dec. 15** HGMD **MUST** have 2024 property tax mill levy to Arapahoe County by this date.



JULY CALENDAR

Sat 1	B202 Picnic Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong (every Saturday) Karaoke Club	Picnic Pavilion Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	11 am–3 pm 1–4 pm 2–3 pm 3–5 pm
Sun 2	Social Bridge (every Sunday, Joanne Turner)	Skyview Room	1–3:30 pm
Mon 3	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)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Mountain View Room Aspen Room Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium Mountain View Room Blue Spruce Room	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
Tue 4	4th of July Holiday — Management Offices closed Clubhouse closes at 4 pm		
Wed 5	HG Ladies' Golf Scoring (every Wednesday) Cribbage (every Wednesday) Men's Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Wednesday) Rummikub (every Wednesday) HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday) Pinochle (every Wednesday) Men's Poker CP1 Social HG Men's Golf Club Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Game Room Sunburst Café Skyview Room Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Game Room CP1 cul-de-sacs Mountain View Room Sandberg Auditorium	7:30 am–1 pm 12:30–3 pm 12:30–5 pm 1–3 pm 1–4:45 pm 1:30–4 pm 3:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30–8:30 pm 7–9 pm
Thu 6	Tai Chi (every Thursday) TOPS (every Thursday) Fun Gals Golf (every Thursday) HG Optimist Club Time4Tap Dance Group (every Thursday) Clubhouse Event: AARP Driver's Safety Course Bunko (1st and 3rd Thursday) Social Bridge (every Thursday, Joanne Turner) HG Writers Club (every Thursday) Ping Pong (every Thursday) Meditation Club (1st & 3rd Thursday) CP4 Social Men's Poker (2nd & 4th Thursday)	Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Golf Course Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Arts & Crafts Room Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Mountain View Room Game Room Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Game Room	8–11 am 8:30–9:30 am 9 am 9 am 11 am–noon 12:45–5 pm 1–3:30 pm 1–3:30 pm 1–4 pm 2–3 pm 4–5 pm 5 pm 5:30–9 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Sun, July 2	HG Chapel Service, Sandberg Auditorium, 11 am (see ad, p. 4)
Mon, July 3	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)



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Thu 6 (cont'd)	Kiwanis Club of Aurora Business Meeting 9-Ball Men's Billiards (every Thursday)	Skyview Room Billiards Room	6 pm 7-9 pm
Fri 7	HG Optimists Root Beer Floats & Bake Sale Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday) Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Friday)	Golf Pro Shop Patio Skyview Room Mountain View Room	9-11 am 10-11 am 12:30-7 pm
Sat 8	The Breakfast Club Denver Metro Association of the Deaf	Rendezvous Restaurant Picnic Pavilion	8:30 am 9-4 pm
Mon 10	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (2nd-4th Monday) East Bates Game Night (Karen Gold)	Mountain View Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	12:30-5 pm 4-6 pm
Tue 11	Guys Fun Golf Clubhouse Event: Steady CBD Seminar Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tuesday) Heather Gardens Singers (every Tuesday) Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) Ping Pong (every Tuesday) Tennis Club Tuesday Evening Bridge (2nd & 4th Tuesday) Men' Book Club Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Golf Course Aspen Room Mountain View Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Billiard Room	9 am 9-11 am 12:30-4 pm 1-2:30 pm 1-4 pm 2-3 pm 5 pm 5:30 pm 6-8:30 pm 6:30 pm
Wed 12	Clubhouse Event: Iran (Active Minds)	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Thu 13	Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry The Green Team Men's Poker (Jess Deal; 2nd and 4th Thursday) RV Lot Club B201 Picnic	B243/B244 Parking Lot Blue Spruce Room Game Room Aspen Room Picnic Pavilion	10 am noon-2 pm 3:30-7:30 pm 5-6 pm 6:30-8:30 pm
Fri 14	Birding and Nature Club HG Indivisible	Lodgepole Lounge Skyview Room	11:30 am 11:45 am
Sat 15	B213 Picnic Wine and Cheese Social Club	Picnic Pavilion Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	12-4 pm 3-5 pm
Mon 17	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics (1st & 3rd Mondays) HG Photo Club Game Night (Karen McClaury)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	8:30 am-1 pm 3 pm 4-6 pm
Tue 18	Caregiver's Support Group B201 and B202 Monthly Social	Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	2-4 pm 4:30 pm
Wed 19	Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7-9 pm
Thu 20	HG Optimist Club Clubhouse Trip: Pike's Peak Cog Rail Trip Social Justice Discussion Clubhouse Event: The Land of Disney Bunko Kiwanis Club of Aurora - Guest Speaker	Rendezvous Restaurant B243/B244 Parking lot Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room	9 am 9:30 am 10 am-noon 1-2 pm 1-3:30 pm 6 pm
Fri 21	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday) Clubhouse Event: Bingo	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1-3 pm

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Sat 22	National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter	Mountain View Room	10:30 am–12 pm
Mon 24	Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30–3 pm
Tue 25	HG Republican Club HG Democratic Club Sevillians Monthly Dinner Tuesday Evening Bridge (2nd & 4th Tuesday)	Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room	1–2:30 pm 4–5:30 pm 4:30–6 pm 5:30 pm
Wed 26	Clubhouse Trip: Rocky Mountain National Park Resident Orientation CP3 Picnic	B243/B244 Parking lot Board Room/Zoom Picnic Pavilion	8 am 10 am 4:30–7 pm
Fri 28	Fourth Friday Bridget Green Team Doggie Bags Clubhouse Movie: A Man Called Otto	Skyview Room Lodge Pole Lounge Sandberg Auditorium	8:30 am–12:30 pm 9 am–noon 2 pm
Sat 29	Clubhouse Event: Tim Dalton Gang Dance	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30–8:30 pm
Sun 30	B250 Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	11 am–4 pm
Mon 31	HG Garden Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	6 pm

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

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

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

Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study. For information, call Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email clinecellars57@yahoo.com.

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 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.

- **Sunday Bible Study:** 10 am, Mountain View Room. Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.
- **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

FYI

VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$60 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$55 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$25. If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5. Have exact cash amount, credit card, or checks made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change. Call VNA, 845-418-4006

- Monday, July 3, 8:30 am–1 pm, Blue Spruce Rm
- Monday, July 17, 8:30 am–1 pm, Blue Spruce Rm

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 7/17

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room or Zoom.

- SEC (Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, July 3
- Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, July 5
- CEO Meet & Greet (BR/Zoom) – 8 am Thu, July 6
- Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, July 7
- CECC (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, July 11
- Foundation (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, July 12
- ARO Meeting (BR/Zoom) – 6 pm Thu, July 13
- Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, July 14
- Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) – 2:30 pm Fri, July 14
- Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Mon, July 17
- HGA Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, July 18**
- Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, July 19
- Resident Open Forum (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, July 19
- ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, July 20
- HGMD Board (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, July 20**
- Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, July 26

Senator Michael Bennet offers assistance

Do you need help dealing with the Department of Veterans Affairs, IRS, Social Security Administration, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, or another federal agency? Do you have a suggestion for Congress that will help your family or community?

Contact Constituent Services Director [Hannah Mullen@bennet.senate.gov](mailto:Hannah_Mullen@bennet.senate.gov), or call 303-455-7600.

Please include your name, address, phone number, and a brief description of the issue you want to address, as this will help her assist you. If you are already working with someone in our office, please include that information in your email, as well.

You do not need to wait for office hours to reach out to any of our offices for help. Please call our offices at any time to share your opinions or ask for assistance.

Thanks, **Michael Bennet**

Letters

Heather 'n Yon

CommUniTEAM

Are you passionate about improving communication and engagement within the HG community? Do you have skills and experience in writing, editing, social media, or graphic design? Or maybe just really great ideas for improved HG communications? If so, we want you to join our task force subcommittee on HG community communications!

The communications task force sub-committee is a volunteer group that will work to create a distribution plan with easy to locate informative and engaging content and notices for the HG community.

The group will cover newsletters (*Heather 'n Yon* and *Pilera*), flyers, video displays, meeting information, financial reports, and more. We also will have input for the HG website and social media accounts. You will collaborate with other creative and motivated volunteers. Contribute to the planning and execution of communication strategies. Make a positive impact on our community.

To apply, please fill out an "Application for HGA Committees" found in the Forms folder under the Resources tab, on the HG website, and then return the completed form to the HGA Management Office.

Don't miss this chance to be part of a fun and meaningful project. Join the CommUniTEAM today to help create and then share up-to-date, relevant and easy to find content for our

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.

community. We need your passion!

– **Linda Hileman**
Chair, Community Engagement and Communication Committee (CECC)

Heather 'n Yon

I have just one question: We have a new HGMD Board of Directors. Why are they being denied access to Pileria to give information to the residents at HG?

OK, maybe two questions: What is it that the Management Team (CEO, CFO, etc.) fear we might find out?

The board works for us. The Management team works for us. Pileria is how they both should communicate with residents.

Comments, CEO Jon Rea?

– **Kevin Keator**
B217

Heather 'n Yon

I would like to thank you all for your votes and support during my run for the HGMD Board.

I feel the C4C will do a great job representing our values here at Heather Gardens. I am supporting them 110 percent so please join me!

– **Dave Bushman**
B209

Heather 'n Yon

The HG Green Team would like to publicly thank all residents of the Omega Building for their patience and generosity when allowing us to use their parking lot for our Annual Shred Event. We acknowledge that this creates an inconvenience in parking, inhibiting easy drive-in and out from your garage, and increased noise for two hours while the truck is shredding away!

We also want to thank the golfers for your understanding that parking for the Golf Course needs to be up by the Picnic Pavilion.

This annual event is highly valued by HG. We appreciate the Omega building's residents and all the golfers' participation in making it a continued success every year.

– **Ginny Anthony, B204**
– **Janet Arce, B232**
Co-Presidents HG Green Team

Heather 'n Yon

Thank you to patrons of the HG Library for your hardback book donations! The response has been wonderful. When you can, please continue donating.

Paperbacks donated are evaluated according to condition, readability (print size — if the paperback is a thick one, the print is usually smaller than regular paperback print) and subject.

Please be sure all books donated are in good condition.

Short story collections are books that we are unable to accept, unless it is LARGE PRINT.

LARGE PRINT books are also needed for the library.

HG Writers: the library would love to showcase any books written by residents of Heather Gardens.

Thank you again for your continuing support to the library's request! Continue your wonderful donations!

Happy Reading!!

Debbie Recob
Your Library Volunteers



Above: Betty Evans, CP5, photographed these deer near the west pond on East Marina Drive on June 12. After all the rain in May and June — it is a puzzle why these three chose to escape the wildlife area of Cherry Creek Spillway, which is blissfully green currently.



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Residents gathered on June 10 to wish Assistant Restaurant Manager **Courtney Haynes**, "Good luck in her move to Colorado Springs." Karen McClaury wrote, "The place was packed. A lot of hugs, tears, and well wishes. She will be missed."



Below: **B220 had a social on May 27** to cut the ribbons on new benches outside the building and hold a quarterly meeting. Famous Dave's BBQ brought the food. There were door prizes and music. For Memorial Day weekend, the building set out American flags. It was an awesome turnout, even the weather cooperated.
 – Barbara Worden, Social Chair.
 (Photos by Dave Worden)



Photos by Karen McClaury, CP3



Above: During the **NTH Memorial Day Picnic**, those who served our country gathered for a photo. They surrounded WW2 veteran, Bob Rae (center).
 Photo by Wendy Pfaffhausen

Clubs and Organizations

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 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.

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.

CP1

We began our outdoor cul-de-sac gatherings in June, meeting at 5:30 pm. Generally, our 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.

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, with questions.

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 – 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.

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 chap-

ters 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

Aviation Club

The club will not meet in July due to the July 4th Holiday and summer vacations. Thanks to all who have attended this year, I have some ideas for programs in the coming months. Enjoy your summer plans and travel safely. I will notify you in *Heather 'n Yon* and email prior to August(?) or September, – Rudy Morris

The Green Team

Wanted: All plastic bags — bread bags, newspaper bags, shopping bags. Wait a minute, you are thinking, why is The Green Team asking for these? Ever since the ban on non-compostable plastic bags became law, HG residents stopped filling the bag holders at the waste stations on HG property. To help Roads & Grounds, we are asking you to stash your bags in those containers located above the small green metal cylindrical waste receptacles on the 26 posts scattered around HG.

By promoting this, we are hoping plastic bags will not wind up in our large PPP bins at each site. Maybe this shortage will encourage every dog owner to join PPP, to obtain free compostable bags for their pooch.

The Green Team meets monthly, noon–2 pm, on the second Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. Call Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-587-9797.

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 will meet on July 14, the second Friday of the month, in the Skyview Room, 11:45 am–12:45 pm. After the meeting, for those wishing to join us, we will go to lunch at 1 pm in Rendezvous Restaurant.

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.

Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday of every month. Join us at 3–5 pm Saturday, July 15, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For more information, Debbie Brooks, 303-691-2715.

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, please 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 July 20, we will continue watching the documentary “Race and the Power of an Illusion.” Also, please bring an article or something of interest to you about the accomplishments of a person of color. We

will share our awareness as we “Unpack the Society In Which We Live.” The facilitators are Bernie Hupperts, marlynber@gmail.com, and Diane Pritchard, dianekpritchard@gmail.com. – Diane Pritchard

NFBCO Aurora Chapter

The Aurora Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado meets once a month, 10:30 am–12:30 pm, in the Mountain View Room on the fourth Saturday.

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

SRA

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

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.

HG Republican Club

General Meeting: 1–2:30 pm Tuesday, July 25, Sandberg Auditorium. “Salute to the U.S. Constitution.”

Former Club President Janet Yoder has taught classes on the Constitution at HG. On July 25, she will present “A Tale of Two Documents: Abuses Declared and Principles Constituted.” Guests are welcome.

*Movie Matinee and Early Dinner
Friday, July 7*

Sound of Freedom is a true story of a former federal agent who quits his job to rescue hundreds of children from “...the fastest growing international crime network the world has ever seen.” Starring Jim Caviezel and Mira Sorvino. Join us.

12:30: AMC Theater at Arapahoe Crossing 16, located at 6696 S. Parker Rd.

3:45: Dinner at Cheddars Scratch Kitchen, located near Target

on Arapahoe Road, 15775 E. Briarwood Circle.

Annual membership dues are \$15/person. Guests are always welcome. For information regarding paying dues, email hgrclub@gmail.com. – Robin O’Meara, President

HG Democratic Club

The club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4–5:30 pm in Sandberg Auditorium. The purpose of the club is to support Democratic candidates, and to educate members, candidates, elected officials, and the public about current issues. We support the Constitution, the rule of law, and good government.

Our topic for the July 25 meeting will be poverty in America. We will discuss the best-selling book, *Poverty, by America*, by Matthew Desmond. He says “Poverty in America persists because the rest of us benefit from it.” If you can read this powerful book before the meeting (not required), it will enrich the discussion.

The meeting is free. You don’t have to be registered as a Democrat or be a resident of HG. You are invited to join us for dinner at the Rendezvous for good conversation, – Marty Karnopp, chair.

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 Garden Club

All gardeners are welcome to come to the next club meeting, 6 pm, Monday, July 31, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Learn more about the club, share gardening tips with others, and discover the latest efforts to deal with the beetles that feed off roses and other summer plants.

Membership in the club is not required. Gardeners who are interested in joining the Club’s email notification list may contact Nancy Linsenbigler, Nancy@nancylinsenbigler.com.

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Sports and Recreation

HG Bowling

Another fun and successful bowling season has come to an end. And the winners are:

- **League Champions:** Fire Flies (George Madonna, Flo Madonna and Sharon Weiss)
- **2nd Place:** Les Miserabowls (Liz Lewis-Riggs, Rick Riggs, Glenn Riggs)

Team Awards

- **1st High Handicap Game:** Mary Jo Prichard, Barb Miller, Eric Miller; 2nd: Ann Gagliardi, Cliff Cresswell, Larry Hill, Dee Klaus
- **1st High Handicap Series:** Liz Lewis-Riggs, Rick Riggs, Glenn Riggs; 2nd: Colleen Kreft, Dick Apt, Jim Wessels
- **1st High Scratch Game:** Sue McBeth, Ann Agee, Maury Smith; 2nd: Pat Bilbia, Brenda Turner, John Manske
- **1st High Scratch Series:** Bill Peters, Charlane Pluchek, Bill Singer; 2nd: George Madonna, Flo Madonna and Sharon Weiss

Individual Awards

- **1st High Handicap Game Women:** Pat Bilbia, 285; 2nd: Peggy Lux, 255
- **1st High Handicap Game Men:** Jim Wessels, 284; 2nd: Rick Riggs, 276
- **1st High Handicap Series Women:** Mary Jo Prichard, 761; 2nd: Liz Lewis Riggs, 697
- **1st High Handicap Series Men:** John Patterson, 738; 2nd: Eric Miller, 714
- **1st High Scratch Game Women:** Sue McBeth, 215; 2nd Colleen Kreft, 199
- **1st/2nd (Tie) High Scratch Game Men:** Maury Smith and Glenn Riggs, 254
- **1st High Scratch Series Women:** Flo Madonna, 549; 2nd: Charlane Pluchek, 507
- **1st High Scratch Series Men:** George Madonna, 671; 2nd: Bill Singer, 619
- **Women's High Average:** Sue McBeth, 154
- **Men's High Average:** George Madonna, 179
- **Women's Most Improved:** Liz Lewis-Riggs, +17 pins
- **Men's Most Improved:** John Patterson, +15 pins

Our final week was a no-tap 300 Fun Bowl Week. Special congratulations go to Bill Singer, who did actually bowl a no-tap 300! Winners including handicaps were:

- **Game 1:** Dick Apt, 284, and Flo Madonna, 273
- **Game 2:** George Madonna, 285, and Barb Miller, 242
- **Game 3:** Bill Singer, 334, and a tie — Colleen Kreft and Pat Bilbia, 261.

Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all for making this a great season. Our next season begins in September. Watch *Heather 'n Yon* through the summer for details. If you are interested in joining us next season, please email Glenn Riggs, gvriggs@yahoo.com, so we can add you to our communications.

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. Questions: Tom Melton, 303-570-6584.

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

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. 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!

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 and 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.

Tennis Club

Our play times in June 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. If you have questions, call Mark Merrill, 941-350-8455. — Jill Taylor

Guy's Fun Golf

Here's your chance to get a round of golf in on a weekly basis with no fuss, no muss and no pressure. We will have three tee times (more, if needed) reserved, starting at 9 am each Tuesday morning. Just let me know if you want to play on a weekly basis, to free up tee times, if not needed. We will use a blind-draw system to decide the tee time to which you will be assigned.

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.

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 meeek045@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.

Games Galore!

Join us for a night of gaming for all HG residents and friends. We've got the space. Bring your own games, drinks and snacks! Second Monday of each month 4–6 pm in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. For information, Karen Gold, 712-301-2284.

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.

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, 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."

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 for that day's play and learn about the day's game/challenge. Those who choose to participate will pay \$1 to take part, 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.

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, 303-518-7337.

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 "whiffle" balls for you. Show up any time we are playing. Last year we grew to over 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 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/. On most web browsers, you may type hgpickle.org. Contact Phil Hughes, 303-503-7633, phdenver@comcast.net, or Ron Hileman, 720-256-7477, ronhileman@gmail.com, with questions or to schedule a private, free orientation.

Ping Pong

Fun and great exercise. Come join us in playing doubles, 2 pm 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

Billiard Club

The club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm Tuesdays. Check in before 6:15 pm to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm 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 May 16

- 1st Jack Doherty, Sharon Weiss
- 2nd Dee Moore, Mark Bonsell
- 3rd Brian Bucenec, Judy Hein

May 23

- 1st Mark Bonsell, Shannon Boyd
- 2nd Scott Crawl, Tammy Beeman
- 3rd Connie Burns, Bob Schlageter

May 30

- 1st Jack Doherty, Shannon Boyd
- 2nd Sean Kelliher, Chuck Toner
- 3rd Ed Harvey, Dee Moore

June 6

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Don Gunnarson
- 2nd Scott Crawl, Shannon Boyd
- 3rd Mark Bonsell, Sharon Weiss

June 13

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Judy Hein
- 2nd Jack Doherty, Steve Olsen
- 3rd Ed Harvey, Rita Cusack

9-Ball Results My 18

- 1st John Manzanares
- 2nd Ed Harvey

May 25

- 1st Brian Bucenec
- 2nd Steve Hesser

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HG Clubhouse Events

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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

AARP Driver's Safety Course

Thursday, July 6, 12:45–5 pm, Arts & Crafts Room
Fee: \$20 AARP members, \$25 non-members (cash or
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If so, then consider attending the AARP Driver Safety
Class at the HG Clubhouse. The class is four hours long.
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Steady CBD Seminar

Tuesday, July 11, 9–11 am, Aspen Room

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Active Minds: Iran

Wednesday, July 12, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Join Active Minds for an in-depth look at the country of
Iran. We will discuss the thorny issue of Iran's nuclear
program, the relationship between Iran's religious and
political leadership, and challenges presented by regional
turmoil. In particular, we will discuss how the rest of the
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Mobile Food Market

Thursday, July 13, 10–11:30 am (or until food runs out),
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a mobile food pantry for seniors. No cost for the food.
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or pasta, cereal/oatmeal, various canned items, fresh
produce, dairy, eggs, and protein. *Food will be modified
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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!

The Land of Disney with Kathleen Arnold

Thursday, July 20, 1–2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5

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Bingo!

Friday, July 21, 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: A Man Called Otto

Friday, July 28, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Cost: \$5 pre-register; \$6 on the day of the event.

Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

A Man Called Otto is a 2022 American comedy-drama
film directed by Marc Forster from a screenplay by
David Magee. It describes a bitter old man who reluctantly
gets involved in the lives of his neighbors. It stars Tom
Hanks, with Mariana Treviño, Rachel Keller, and Manuel
Garcia-Rulfo in supporting roles. It is a remake of the
2015 Swedish film *A Man Called Ove*, which was based
on the 2012 novel by Fredrik Backman.

Dance: Tim Dalton Gang

Saturday, July 29, 6:30–8:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Cost: \$10 pre-register; \$12 at the door

Doors open at 6 pm. Reservations required, call 303-
751-1811 ext. 5.

This band is a jazz combo, playing standards, Latin
and popular music.

Heather Gardens Trips

Dixie's Cherry Bombs & Bottle Rockets

Saturday, July 8, 7:30 pm, Ellie Caulkins Opera House

~~Canceled~~

Pikes Peak Cog Rail Trip

Thursday, July 20, Manitou Springs

Deadline: Thursday, July 6. No cancellations or refunds
after this date.

Charter bus leaves HG at 9:30 am

Cost: \$93 per person, includes bus and Cog Railway
Train; register at the Activities Desk or call 303-751-1811,
ext 5. This is a HG chartered trip. We took this trip last
year and tickets sold out fast!

Pikes Peak, known as America's Mountain, is the
star attraction, but the journey along the way is full of
show-stopping moments. You will never forget this 3.5
hour round trip journey and your first glimpse of the Sum-
mit. Pikes Peak Visitor's Center offers snacks and water/
beverages for sale, purchased items are allowed on cog
railway. No outside food is allowed on the train.

We will stop at McDonalds for lunch, before going to
the Cog Rail Station. Lunch will be on your own or you
may bring a lunch. Please remember to bring a jacket.
It gets cold at 14,000 feet. If you wish to sit beside your
friend/friends please tell the Clubhouse when registering.

- Reminder: There are door codes to the locker rooms and gym. Did you know we will be changing the code soon? Watch for a Piler message to note when this will take place. After the codes change, the Clubhouse staff will ask everyone to check in at the Activities Desk. We will add new residents, update the database, and check to make sure all residents who use these facilities are in the system. Please be patient as this is for your security and protection. Don't share the codes. Visitors must be accompanied by a resident; you may bring up to four visitors for free. After that, it costs \$8 to drop-in each time. Non-residents must check in at the Activities Desk to pay and get the new codes.
- Join HG's Facebook page for updated information on events: *Heather Gardens Association*
- The clubhouse will close at 4 pm on July 4.

A charter bus will pick up residents at 9:30 am at the parking lot between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. No refunds or cancellations after Thursday, July 6.

Rocky Mountain National Park

Wednesday, July 26

Fee: \$45. Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5 or register at the Activities Desk.

If you have a Senior Park Pass please let the person registering know — we will need 13 passes so the bus can enter the Park.

Deadline: Friday, July 21. No refunds or cancellations after this date.

This is a great trip; we had several sign-up last summer!! Enjoy a leisurely trip up through the Rocky Mountain National Park on Trail Ridge Road. Afterwards we are going to stop in Estes Park for shopping and lunch (on your own) in downtown Estes.

This is a chartered HG bus trip — pickup location will be between the parking lots of B243 and B244 (13901 and 13931 E Marina Drive). Pickup time: 8 am, returning to HG around 4 pm.

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.

We are heading to Blackhawk's Bally's Casino. 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.

Flying W Ranch

Chuckwagon Dinner and Original Western Musical Show Wednesday, Aug. 16. Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5 or register at the Activities Desk.

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

Day with the Rockies!

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 us to the game and back! Our seats are along the 1st baseline! The Rockies will be playing the Chicago Cubs. 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. Register early, limited seats. Return to HG around 5:30 pm.

Cripple Creek Fall Colors/Casino

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Fee: \$36. Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5 or register at the Activities Desk.

Deadline: Friday, Sept. 15. No cancellations or refunds after this date.

View the beautiful fall colors as you travel to Cripple Creek, then visit Cripple Creek's historic casinos: Brass Ass Casino — the oldest casino in Cripple Creek; Midnight Rose — three-floor Victoria-era surrounding casino; and Cripple Creek's only Irish-themed casino — McGill's. All players will receive Rewards Back Coupon: 160 points equals a \$25 return; 220 points equals a \$30 return; 280 points equals a \$35 return. The casino requires all registrants to provide birthdays. Please provide this information to the Activities Desk when registering.

A chartered ADA bus from Triple Crown Casinos will pick up residents between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive at 8 am; leave Cripple Creek around 3 pm.

Beautiful The Carole King Musical

Wednesday, Sept. 27

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

Deadline: Friday, July 28. No cancellations or refunds after this date.

HG will provide a chartered bus to the Arvada Center to enjoy *Beautiful the Carole King Musical*. Beautiful tells of the story of one of the 20th century's most beloved songwriters, Carole King, through 25 of the hit songs she penned for herself and others. This collection of easy piano arrangements from the musical includes 14 songs: "Beautiful" • "I Feel the Earth Move" • "It's Too Late" • "(You Make Me Feel Like) a Natural Woman" • "So Far Away" • "Take Good Care of My Baby" • "You've Got a Friend" and more.

The bus will pick up residents between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive at 11:15 am, returning to HG around 6:15 pm.

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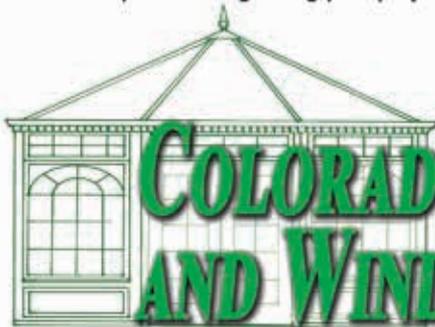
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HG financial issues...from page 26

Nash responded as follows: "Rita, You say that it bothers you that the auditors did not seem to know about payment in lieu of taxes and how it relates to quasi governmental entities and HOA's. I must respond that it doesn't bother me at all. My personal experience includes nine years as an auditor for what is now the largest auditing firm in the world — Deloitte. While working with them I became somewhat of an expert in audits of governmental entities. I supervised, among others, the audits of Alameda County, Town of Tiburon, Standing Rock Sioux Indian Tribe, University of California at Davis and participated in State of Wyoming auditing. In all those assignments I never heard of "payment in lieu of taxes." Of all the issues HGA is dealing with, I consider the issue of payment in lieu of taxes to be near the bottom in importance.

"The important things for auditors are to assist management in the preparation of meaningful financial statements and to complete sufficient audit procedures for them to opine as to the correctness of such statements in all material respects. They are not specifically looking for fraud and other such matters, but the scope of their testing and procedures are such that they will most likely find it if it is occurring and is material.

"It would be, in my opinion, reckless for you to state that 'No real audit has been conducted in decades.' That is just not the case. Your idea of what an audit consists of and what it is intended to accomplish seems to differ from what I understand it to be. You also question what else they

may have overlooked. I believe the answer to that is 'nothing material.'

"Continuity of people, controls and procedures is important in ensuring that we can rely on the systems in place to provide the desired results. If we had been switching audit firms every few years recently as many not for profit and governmental entities do, I greatly fear that the turnover in our controller/CFO position would have left us in a mess that would have been much more difficult to clean up than it has been.

"If you suspect some particular malfeasance and/or errors in our financial reporting or operations, I would like to review the details and documentation of your concerns with you. [Nash notes that Rita has never provided any substantiation to support her allegations.]

"I do trust that you want to do what you consider in the best interest of our community."

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Rubin Brown Certified Public Accountants audits HG annually

Rubin Brown has been HG certified public accountant and has conducted an annual audit. It is among the top 50 CPA firms in the U.S. with offices in seven cities and ranks 10th largest in Denver.

As an element of quality control, it submits to a peer review examination. This is a process in which a firm engages another CPA firm to examine their operations thoroughly to determine if they are operating in accordance with legal and professional standards. As part of such a review, the peer review firm selects several of the firm's audit examinations and

reviews in detail the files and working papers and documents related to such audit. In the last peer review of Rubin Brown, the HGA audit was selected for review. The result of the review was "NO COMMENTS," which is the desired result since it means nothing was found out of order or lacking. As a firm, Rubin Brown received the desired rating which was "NO AUDIT FAILURES."

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Importance of key staff

I have publicly stated my high regard for Jerry Counts as one of the highest quality individuals to join the Heather Gardens staff probably ever. Our financial records needed much clean up and procedures needed to be strengthened. He accomplished that and more.

Now, I have just learned that he has resigned. I attribute his resignation directly to the way he has been treated by the new HGMD board in recent days, particularly by Daniel and Rita. I witnessed some of your actions. I found them to be unprofessional, demeaning, and often rude. For you to run off a high-quality employee such as Jerry just because you think you are correct in everything you do and say and that you can mistreat others as you have done repeatedly is a travesty. I don't know how HG can find a replacement if you continue in your current modus operandi.

In the meeting yesterday Rita said, "something must be done." I agree. I suggest you carefully consider your ways.

— Ray Nash
CP2



The goslings that populate HG in the spring fascinate HG photographers. Above: Janis Farrell photographed the offspring at 1-day old. Right: Bonnie Williams, B232, photographed an older set of goslings and parents on May 7 during her daily walk around HG.



Sports...from page 39

June 1

- 1st Jack Doherty
- 2nd Steve Hesser

June 8

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

HG Ladies Golf Club

At the Halfway Point: three months of golf are officially in the books for the HG Ladies Golf Club. During May, the League averaged 54 players per week, which was good considering the unpredictable weather. That number should increase as the weather warms and members return to Colorado.

A big thank you to Birdies/Bulletin Board Chair Gwen Alexander for updating the board with new paint and a clever "Birdie Tree."

All women who are interested in league play may join, regardless of skill level. Detailed information and membership applications are available at the HG Pro Shop and on our website, www.heathergardensladies-golfclub.com.

The next Board meeting is 1 pm Wednesday, July 26, Board Room.

Meet a Member. Lil Pickrel has lived at HG since 1986. The 98-year-old did not play golf when she moved to HG, and she can't say for certain when she started playing in the League. She admitted to being intimidated when she first began. But, she said, she kept with it, learned the game and became an integral part, serving on many social committees over the years. When asked about changes in the League, she said: "They used to have geranium plants for tee boxes. They mowed the lawn by hand. Golf dues were \$3."

Tournament Results May 17

Flight A

- 1st Kathy Stebbins
- 2nd Colleen Krefit
- 3rd Debbie Madril, Sara Stoner

Flight B

- 1st Linda Savage
- 2nd Gina Studer
- 3rd Barb Gierscher
- 4th Lucy Adler

Flight C

- 1st Jeanine Kilde
- 2nd Sally Koepke, Myra Lansky
- 4th Joan Murphy

Flight D

- 1st Adele Grasse
- 2nd Pam Acosta-Watson, Sandy Costello, Linda Fondarcaro

May 24

Flight A

- 1st Nancy Bonniwell, Colleen Krefit
- 3rd Debbie Madril
- 4th Joyce Laffea

Flight B

- 1st Betty Parko
- 2nd Debbie Smith
- 3rd Karin Bently, Linda Savage, Barb McShane

Flight C

- 1st Joan Murphy
- 2nd Gini Klein, Dee Moore
- 4th Connie Burns, Sharla Sheets

Flight D

- 1st Suzi Stolte
- 2nd Adele Grasse
- 3rd Sandy Costello
- 4th Lisa Matthews

Tournament Results May 31

Flight A

- 1st Sara Stoner
- 2nd JoAnn Fitch, Joyce Laffea
- 4th Nancy Bonniwell, Judy Phillips

Flight B

- 1st Cindy Koch, Gina Stude
- 3rd Jan Belt, Flo Madonna, Carol Strickland

Flight C

- 1st Laure Thompson
- 2nd Beverly Nelson
- 3rd Connie Burns, Pat Profera

Flight D

- 1st Adele Grasse
- 2nd Miquela Luna
- 3rd Suzi Stolte
- 4th Kathy Liss

June 7

Flight A

- 1st Nancy Wilson
- 2nd Sara Stoner
- 3rd JoAnn Fitch
- 4th Nancy Bonniwell

Flight B

- 1st Lucy Adler
- 2nd Mary Kay Mauro, Bonnie McMullen
- 4th Karin Bently

Flight C

- 1st Beverly Nelson
- 2nd Jeanine Kilde, Carol Strickland
- 4th Anne Gillis

Flight D

- 1st Gwen Alexander
- 2nd Susan Craig, Kathy Liss
- 4th Pam Acosta-Watson, Joan McGary

- 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 experience the joy of dancing and improve your skills, while meeting new and old friends. You meet other dancers, have a lot of fun, and get your exercise. Any questions, call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632.

HG Men's Golf

Tournament Results May 19

E flight

- 1st Wayne Wharton
- 2nd David McCollom, Steve Galambos, Bob Bamford
- 3rd Sam Loranzo

D flight

- 1st Henry Ulibarri
- 2nd Paul Zipps
- 3rd George Brown, Vinny Rozankas

C flight

- 1st Jess Deal
- 2nd Tom Kappel
- 3rd Jim Stebbins, Tim Bessey

B flight

- 1st Don Daily
- 2nd Matt Dunne, Russ Gates
- 3rd Eric Neel

A flight

- 1st Rick Richardson
- 2nd Steve Gilbert
- 3rd Casey Williams, Charles Marlow

May 26

E flight

- 1st Terry Jackson
- 2nd Larry Maitland, Steve Galambos
- 3rd Bob Bell

D flight

- 1st Paul Zipps
- 2nd Bob Streno
- 3rd Phil Corliss, Cliff Cresswell, Ben Chavez

C flight

- 1st Tom Kappel
- 2nd Vern Thompson
- 3rd Tom Smith

B flight

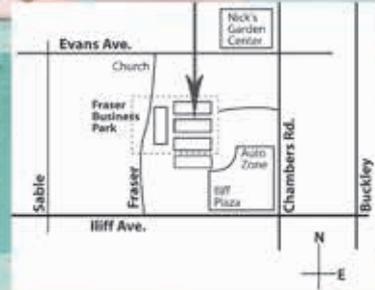
- 1st Russ Gates
- 2nd Matt Dunne, Eric Neel
- 3rd Brian Bucenec, Mike Meagher, Frank Leydens, Rob Ledford, Don Daily

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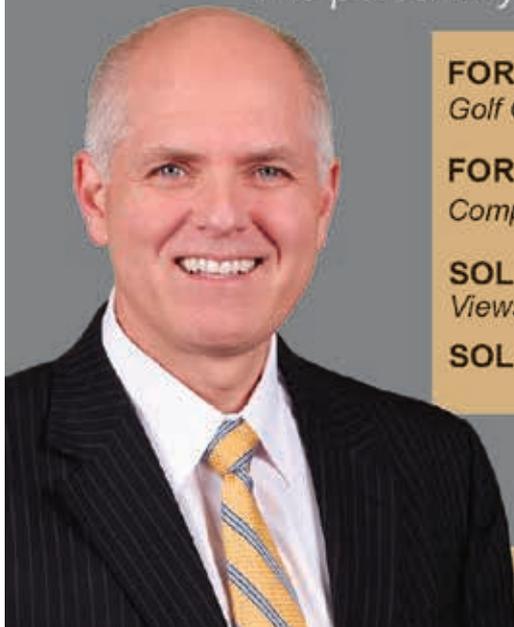
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Left: B224 has had its rock garden decorated by Debi Villano and Janey Wall. They created a "flower garden among the rocks that a statue of Cupid watches."

One close-up of a painted rock (left) shows the whimsy of the design. Photos by Dan Andrews.



Clubs...from page 35

tion of "Bridgette Goes to Broadway." With 2024 just around the corner (well not quite yet), the club would like to see how many scripts we can get for the 2024 Frolics Show. This is a great opportunity to get involved in writing a show. The first draft of a completed script must be submitted by August 31. It can be placed in the Frolics Club mailbox across from the HG Clubhouse Activities Desk.

Perhaps, you have directing experience and would like to help direct the show for 2024? You don't have to write the script to direct the production. We are also looking for a few

people to be on the script committee to review the scripts that are submitted. If you are interested in getting involved and want to help select the new show for 2024, please contact Barb Schneller, 303-923-3992 or e-mail, fischsegal@aol.com. —Barb Schneller

CP2

We will meet on the first Tuesday in August, October, December, April, and June. In August, we meet in the Picnic Pavilion, and 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 pot-luck and BYOB. Please mark your calendars! — Jake Flint

OPOCS Singles Club

Pinochle and bridge groups are meeting again, and social gatherings are ongoing. 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, for information.

Sports...from page 47

A flight

- 1st Pete Profera
- 2nd John Bender, Phil Marquis, Bob Bengen
- 3rd Gene Barth, Bill Schmit

June 2

E flight

- 1st Neil Miller
- 2nd Larry Maitland, Mike Guise
- 3rd Phil Haas

D flight

- 1st Vinny Rozankas
- 2nd Paul Spoutz
- 3rd Joe Cristofaro

C flight

- 1st Mark Ethridge
- 2nd Henry Ulibarri
- 3rd Vern Thompson, Jim Jensen, Mike Benowitz

B flight

- 1st Jim Pardikes
- 2nd Jess Deal
- 3rd Randy White

A flight

- 1st Jake Flint
- 2nd Casey Williams
- 3rd Gene Barth, Steve Gilbert, Dick Baker

June 9

E flight

- 1st Bob Bamford
- 2nd John Guise
- 3rd Kenny Duncan

D flight

- 1st Cliff Cresswell
- 2nd Bob Streno
- 3rd John McMullen, Bob Mcelfresh

C flight

- 1st Jim Jensen
- 2nd Steve Smith, Tim Bessey
- 3rd Neil Buck

B flight

- 1st Matt Dunne
- 2nd Rob Riley, Brian Bucenec, Rob Robertson
- 3rd John Good, Eric Neel, Russ Gates

A flight

- 1st Rick Richardson
- 2nd Steve Gilbert, Charles Marlow
- 3rd Pete Profera, Dave Schmit, Jake Flint

June 16

E flight

- 1st Terry Jackson
- 2nd Richard Apt
- 3rd Mike Corcoran

D flight

- 1st Paul Zipps
- 2nd Calvin Green, Vinny Rozankas
- 3rd Bob Streno

C flight

- 1st Tom Fitzgerald
- 2nd Henry Ulibarri, Jim Jensen
- 3rd Doug Miller, David Croak

B flight

- 1st Bob Riley, Frank Leydens
- 2nd Gary Kessler
- 3rd Mike Steffens

A flight

- 1st John Bender
- 2nd Chris Hughes
- 3rd Phil Marquis, Jake Flint



Left: The June Garden Club Grilling Social was rained out in the garden. A quick change of venue took everyone to the Clubhouse. Pete VonVett, CP1, grill master, was well prepared for any pesky mosquitoes that might have followed him into the room. Happily, the mosquito netting worked. Pete emerged safe and sound — ready to bite into a delicious grilled hot dog.



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Overheard @ HG

Dances with Mosquitoes

by Mary Hafka

We've hit one of my favorite times of the year, which is when the weather grows warm enough for me to spend mornings breakfasting and otherwise lounging on my lanai. This lanai time is pure pleasure. I read the newspaper, do crosswords, drink coffee, and otherwise engage in non-productive endeavors.

It's a genuine de-stressing experience to rock in my patio chair, gazing southeasterly across the lake, with its gurgling fountain. Waterfowl skim across the water. Air-surfing birds float, twitter and tweet. Bees buzz and butterflies flutter. Mosquitoes chew on my arms, my neck and my ankles.

Okay, that last entry isn't such an ideal de-stressing experience. Every garden of Eden has its serpent, I guess. When the lanai weather arrives, so do mosquitoes. My lanai is near water, so my proximity to mosquito country is greater.

Mosquitoes lay their eggs on the water, and these quickly advance to the larva, pupa and adult stages of life. This means that if a person spends the larger part of the morning swatting mosquitoes, that person can rest assured a new generation of mosquitoes will appear, to avenge their ancestors, by noon.

I'm one of those people that mosquitoes particularly seem to enjoy noshing on. One stroll around my neighborhood while walking the dog, I can count on adding six to eight new mosquito bites. I've found slapping at mosquitoes to be quite aerobic; however, a few of them always get me in the end.

In self-defense, I've equipped myself with a staggering array of mosquito-warding-off paraphernalia. My collection includes anti-mosquito candles, both large and small; a pair of citronella plants that I nursed through the winter — indoors — hoping they would release their insect-discouraging scent through another season; anti-mosquito incense sticks; solar mosquito

zappers, and a variety of bottles of insect repellent.

One of the more interesting Christmas gifts I got last year is an anti-mosquito shawl, treated with something that is guaranteed to send the vicious flying beasts packing. Since there were no mosquitoes around in December, I've had to wait until now to test the efficacy of this item.

I always get very excited whenever I spy a dragonfly, or two, flitting around my lanai. One dragonfly consumes hundreds of mosquitoes per day, I understand. I've hopped on the bandwagon of planting garden boxes designed to hang out the welcome mat for dragonflies.

A few years ago, I filled a planter on my lanai with some Colorado native-plant seeds, which are guaranteed to attract beneficial insects. When autumn rolls around, and these plants drop their seeds, I carefully direct the seeds back into the planter, so a new crop will emerge the following spring. For several seasons, I've managed to make this greenery re-seed itself and come back.

Waging war on mosquitoes has taken on the mantle of a second career. There's no commercial device or home remedy so wacky that I won't try it.

I experienced great joy, therefore, when I heard a proposal was approved, in October 2022, to install a friendly community of bat houses on land that is owned by Heather Garden's Metropolitan District (HGMD). Bats are reputed to be effective, non-polluting (mostly) means of mosquito extermination.

The website *knockoutmosquito.com* calls bats "mosquito-killing machines." The website reports "a bat can eat up to 1,200 mosquito-sized insects every hour, and each bat usually eats 6,000 to 8,000 insects each night." As an added bonus, bats pollinate plants, at night, when the bees are snugly tucked in their apiary

beds.

At its June meeting this year, the HGMD again approved installing bat houses, near the wilderness preserve, after dropping a requirement for a licensing agreement that had slowed progress after the first approval. This newest consent has paved the way for HG's Green Team to become landlords to an expanded community of house-seeking bats, just salivating to sample HG's extensive mosquito buffet.

Bat houses, apparently, are easy to build. They should be warm (for the babies), and dark, approximating the interior of a cave, or the space between bark and a tree. They should be unfinished, inside, so the bats have a surface from which to hang. Houses should be off the ground, to be safe from predators, and near a water source, so the mother bat doesn't have to leave her young for long (The National Wildlife Federation).

A Green Team member reported that one bat house had already been installed, and a single bat had been observed moving in. (I suspect he's a lonely bachelor, hoping to soon make the acquaintance of a group of cute-chick bats. Hang in there, buddy.)

I wondered how there could be a bat house already open for business, if HGMD only approved the land use in June, but don't intend to make an issue of the timing. Since I'd welcome bats, or dragonflies, or marauding bears, if they'd keep down the mosquito population, I wasn't about to look this gift horse too deeply in the mouth.

Instead, I plan to be standing near the construction site, waving pom-poms, to ensure that the bats feel welcome to the neighborhood. I trust each bat house will be constructed to the standards of Better Bat Homes and Gardens. Although I understand a number of bats already call HG home — nesting in attics, garages and other cozy nooks — dedicated bat houses are reputed to offer a better living experience for winged exterminators.

So let's all consider forming a Batty Welcome Wagon, to greet these beneficial mammals as they take up residence in their newly constructed housing. Wonder if they'd enjoy a batch of brownies, with crunchy mosquitoes baked inside?

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