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Preserving the Heather Ridge open space –

- **Maintained best as a Golf Course**
- **Protecting real estate values**
- **Promoting a positive way of life**



**When Mother Nature gives you snow –
some residents, with cabin fever, make
snow sculptures!**



These imaginative snow bunnies were located in Strawberry I, on Yale Avenue between I-225 and South Xanadu Way. Created by Amy Jones and Jolie Larsen, the bunnies made good use of the 18 inches of snow in Aurora on Feb. 3. Are they competing with Breckinridge? Doesn't it make you smile?

Photo by Amy Jones

Neighborhood Watch

The first Social (Pow Wow) for Area Coordinators and Block Captains from Burgundy, Cobblestone, Sausalito and Strawberry was held last month. A good time was had by all. It was a chance for everyone to get to know each other and chat about their experiences with their neighborhoods.

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be 6:30 pm Wednesday, March 21 at the Strawberry Clubhouse (2638 S. Xanadu Way). Please mark your calendars and come, even if you have to be late.

All communities in UAHR are welcome to participate. Find someone to take the initiative and just get the community started! An active Neighborhood Watch group keeps your home safe, even if you work all day. Make Heather Ridge "The Place" to live!

Bev Brown

Head Area Coordinator for UAHR

Beware Before You Pay That Bill

Beware of:

- Fake bill scams circulating in Colorado. After the holidays, many consumers expect additional bills, but not for goods or services you never requested. Pro forma invoicing can also look like a bill, but it's actually an ad, trying to sell a product.

- A bill from a familiar company, but the amount due is not the usual payment you typically make.
- Bills for a product you ordered, such as a magazine, in which the time has been extended without your consent.
- A company threatening to send you to a false debt-collection agency if you do not pay immediately.
- Additions to your bill from third parties on accounts you already have established, such as your cable and telephone bills.

Before you pay that bill make sure you:

- Check the address, telephone number and account number listed on the bill.
- If you have an existing account with the company and feel you've already made a payment, check with the company and verify. Use the telephone number from your records, not the fraudulent bill.
- Ask for proof of your agreement. No proof, no payment.
- Keep records on conversations.
- Obtain proof of the company's registration with the Secretary of State, and;
- Inform the company in writing that you did not agree to purchase the product.

Recognize, Refuse, Report.

AARP Elderwatch can help. Call 1-800-222-4444, Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm.

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Heather Ridge Metro Matters welcomes letters and other articles concerned with community issues. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's phone number. Letters may be edited for reasons of space and clarity. Send to LynnNeu@comcast.net

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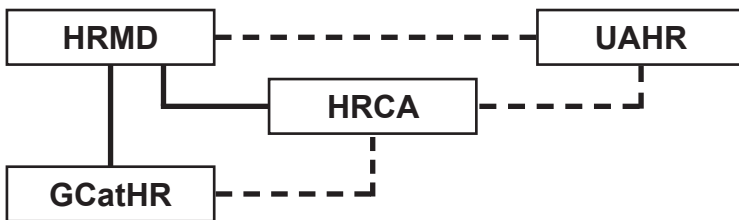
HRMD organizations

One question frequently asked: "Why so many organizations in Heather Ridge (HR) and what do they do?"

The main reason for multiple organizations, like HRMD, UAHR and HRCA, is to keep residents involved and to disperse the tasks among several resident volunteers. Those who wish to participate can have a part in the management, administration and operations of HR's open space. There are four organizations each interacting with the others. No one person serves as a director on more than one organization. The organizational chart is depicted below. (Details can be viewed on the HRMDco.org website)

This article will discuss two of these organizations: the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) and the UAHR (United Associations of Heather Ridge, Inc.). Next month, I will describe the functions of the Golf Club at Heather Ridge, Inc. (GCatHR) and Heather Ridge Community Affairs (HRCA).

Heather Ridge Organizations



HRMD Election Notice

Proposed May 2012 Election for Heather Ridge Metro District No. 1

A **Call for Director Nominations** notice was published in the *Aurora Sentinel's* Legal Notice section on Feb. 16. Those seeking self-nomination must contact and submit to HRMD's designated election official (see below) a self-nomination application by March 2.

Thereafter, but not later than March 5, interested candidates can submit a write-in affidavit to the designated election official as well.

The election in May has three board seats under contention. If no more than three qualified electors submit applications, the election will not be necessary and can be cancelled. If there are four or more applications, an election must be held unless candidates voluntarily withdraw and the number of candidates become three or less. The estimated cost for a full HRMD Election is approximately \$20,000.

Please contact Sean Allen (HRMD legal counsel and Designated Election Official) of White-Bear-Ankele (WBA), Attorneys at Law, for self-nomination applications as follows: sallen@wbapc.com or 303-858-1800.



Errol Rowland
HRMD President

HRMD, parent entity (government), was formed when approved by residents and directors elected in the November 2006 general election when 80 percent of the HR community approved. Every two years (the even years), at least three director seats are open for election.

According to WBA (HRMD Legal Council), an election costs HRMD in excess of \$20,000. To date, no other election has occurred, as there have been an equal number of candidates to the positions to be filled. Elections are expensive to HRMD. Providing there is no more than one person seeking a director position, the expense of an election can be eliminated.

The seven HRMD volunteer, unpaid directors are elected every two years, staggered in four-year terms. The makeup of the current directors is balanced, diverse and represents the HRMD community. Each is listed on the Arapahoe County Assessor website as an HRMD property owner who resides in the district. No two directors are from the same HOA. There are three from communities north of Iliff Avenue and four from south communities.

Incidentally, two are regular golfers at Heather Ridge Golf Course and five are not. The board has both men and women.

Since the last election in 2010, two directors have been replaced by board appointment, using established appointment criteria. One died in 2009 and one resigned in 2010.

Make note, Heather Ridge property taxes have not changed since the community agreed to buy the open space on Aug. 15, 2010.

HRMD holds a regular scheduled meeting at 4 pm, the third Thursday each month at the HR Clubhouse, providing there is business to conduct. The meeting is open to the public. All meeting minutes and finances are available for viewing on the HRMDco.org website.

United Associations of Heather Ridge, Inc. (UAHR) represents owners of 1,127 homes; it is the taxpayer advocacy "watch dog" group of HRMD. Each of the 10 HOAs appoints one representative to be one of the 10 directors on this group.

This group is independent and has no contractual or other official ties to HRMD, GCatHR or HRCA. The purpose for this group is to be the HOA liaison to HRMD. As the taxpayer "watch dog," UAHR assures there are no "foxes in the hen house." Individuals with suggestions, recommendations, opinions, etc., may present these issues to UAHR.

UAHR recommendations influence HRMD choices. Conversely, HRMD may ask UAHR for input on vari-

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Pete Traynor

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Changing Markets – are you ready?

Not all real estate markets are equal, but the Heather Ridge area is improving better than similar or adjacent areas. In fact, the Heather Ridge Metro District was one of few communities in Arapahoe County where 2011 tax value assessments increased — albeit slightly! Correspondingly, market demand is strong for its range of home values — \$100,000 to \$235,000.

If you are considering the sale of your Heather Ridge property this year, please call Pete or Van for the latest market data and trends. Historically, real estate methodology places strong emphasis on past sales, especially six months or less. This approach is effective in stable markets, but not in rapidly contracting or expanding ones. Today's improving Heather Ridge market needs a positive vision because values are increasing!

In the past six years, metro Denver values have declined 15–

25 percent. Today, market values have stabilized with homes below \$200,000 selling quickly (higher priced homes over \$400,000 are still troubled). To learn the potential of your Heather Ridge home, call Pete or Van for fast action.

Pete, Van, and their families have lived in Heather Ridge for decades. They have been active with their homeowners association boards and participated in forming the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District, saving the open space from development. Heather Ridge is their home and community of choice, so please call the *Home Team* that cares the most.



Van Lewis

Heather Ridge South

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(The Following Properties May Have Been Listed or Sold by Other Companies)

Homes for Sale in Heather Ridge, New Listings Jan. 1– Feb. 10

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$94,950	2623	S Xanadu Way F	2 - 2	1,315	2-Garage,Det,Resv	2-Story
Chimney Hill	\$126,900	13500	E Evans Ave	2 - 2	1,344	1-Garage,Att	Ranch
Chimney Hill	\$135,000	2052	S Worchester Ct	3 - 2	1,337	2-Garage,Att,Oversize	2-Story
Cobblestone	\$110,000	2121	S Victor St	2 - 2	1,208	None	Ranch
Cobblestone	\$129,900	2161	S Victor St B	2 - 2	1,392	2-Garage,Det,Resv	2-Story
Country Club Ridge	\$210,000	2230	S Vaughn Way 203	2 - 3	1,709	2-Garage,Att,Oversize	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$223,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 202	2 - 3	1,806	2-Garage,Att,Oversize	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$159,900	2610	S Vaughn Way	4 - 4	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2-Story
Strawberry I	\$58,500	2658	S Xanadu Way D	1 - 1	856	1-Carport	2-Story
Strawberry I	\$69,900	2491	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,091	1-Off Street	2-Story

Sold in Heather Ridge Dec. 14, 2011–Jan. 31, 2012

HOA	Sold \$	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Chimney Hill	\$117,000	13645	E Evans Ave	3 - 2	1,344	1-Garage,Att	2-Story
Cobblestone	\$87,000	2142	S Victor St A	2 - 2	1,208	1-Reserved	2-Story
Cobblestone	\$129,900	2121	S Victor St A	2 - 3	1,401	2-Garage,Resv	2-Story
Cobblestone Cross'g	\$81,900	13274	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,208	2-Garage,Det,Resv	2-Story
Fairway 16	\$152,000	2690	S Vaughn Way D	3 - 3	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2-Story
Heather Ridge South	\$155,500	2777	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,365	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Sausalito	\$100,970	2417	S Victor St C	2 - 3	1,300	2-Garage,Att	2-Story
Strawberry I	\$32,000	13651	E Yale Ave A	1 - 1	896	1-Reserved	2-Story
Strawberry I	\$41,000	2694	S Xanadu Way C	1 - 1	856	None	2-Story

Homes Under Contract in January

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Bed/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$114,500	2667	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,315	Off Street, None	2-Story
Chimney Hill	\$129,500	2021	S Worchester Ct	3 - 2	1,344	1-Garage, Att	2-Story
Cobblestone	\$80,000	2101	S Victor St A	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage, Det	2-Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$82,900	13384	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,392	1-Reserved	2-Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$119,900	13446	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,208	2-Garage, Det, Resv	2-Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$139,000	13314	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage, Det, Off St	2-Story
Fairway 16	\$169,800	2568	S Vaughn Way C	4 - 4	1,650	2-Garage	2-Story
Heather Ridge South	\$173,000	2810	S Wheeling Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage, Att	2-Story
Strawberry I	\$59,000	2664	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,144	1-Reserved	2-Story
Strawberry I	\$60,000	2622	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,144	Off Street	2-Story
Strawberry I	\$59,900	13657	E Yale Ave C	1 - 1	856	1-Carport	2-Story
Strawberry I	\$80,000	13631	E Yale Ave C	2 - 2	1,098	1-Carport	Ranch

For more information, call Pete or Van!

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Heather Ridge Community Affairs: Real estate — a favorite topic

Starting in this issue of *Metro Matters* will be monthly articles discussing Homeowner Associations (HOAs), home values, real estate topics, and the Heather Ridge Metro District (HRMD). In 2011, a HRMD resolution created Heather Ridge Community Affairs (HRCA) to manage publication of *Metro Matters* — its communications magazine of record. It also included a directive to promote real estate information and knowledge to help the community.

This month's publication includes a chart outlining the 10 HOAs in the HRMD. Published quarterly, this chart will provide current contact information for HOA management companies. It will assist owners and buyers working with realtors, appraisers and lenders.

One developer, (EDI, Inc), created the initial Heather Ridge community long before the HRMD existed. Furthermore, each HOA has its own unique governing documents

(Declarations) that can be confusing to realtors, appraisers and lenders working here.

Included in each monthly publication will be general real estate information concerning foreclosures, real estate topics and events, and anything else that furthers the goal of making the greater Heather Ridge community a better place to live.

For further information, please contact Bette Secord at bettesecord@gmail.com.

Community	Mgmt Co.	#Units	HOA Fee	Transfer Fee	Capital Contribution	Website Email
Heather Ridge South	Westwind Mgmt Co. Sue Daigle, 303-369-1800	176	\$262–267	\$175	\$228	westwindmanagement.com www.heatherridgesouth.com sue@westwindmanagement.com
Burgundy	McKinney Realty Bill or Cheryl, 303-783-0394	120	\$145–245	\$200	\$200–360	burghoa.com
Strawberry I & II	Capital Management Co. John, 303-832-2971 x316	328	\$190–220	\$295		capmanagement.com
Fairway 16	Hammersmith Kathy, 303-980-0700	116	\$240–260	\$265		e.hammersmith.com
Double Tree	Alethia, 303-337-6510	24	\$225	\$150	\$1,200	alethaz@comcast.net
Sausalito	McKinney Realty Bill or Cheryl, 303-783-0394	159	\$204–255	\$200	\$372–557	sausalitohoa.com
Country Club Ridge	Custom Mgmt 303-752-9644	64	\$210	\$100		none
Cobblestone	REL Management	74	\$186–204	\$150		relmanagement.com
Cobblestone Crossing	Accord Property Management	150	\$220	\$275		accordhoa.com
Chimney Hill	ACCU Tom, 303-733-1121	116	\$227–255	\$200		accuinc.com

Note: This chart is a guide to property management companies.

ALL information must be verified by contacting them!

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ous topics. HRMD may ask the UAHR to establish task groups to assist on researching issues and preparing recommendations.

UAHR meets at 6 pm, the first Tuesday of each month at the HR Clubhouse, providing there is business to conduct. The meeting is open to the public. A detailed

history of the UAHR can be found on UAHR.org or HRMDco.org website.

The mission of HRMD is to preserve the open space, property values, and safeguard the way of life — best maintained as a golf course.

**– Errol Rowland
HRMD President**

Homeowners' Association News

Sausalito by Carol McCormick

Landscaping/snow removal. During and after a snow storm, please do not park your cars in visitor parking or around the mail boxes. The snow removal crew needs to pile the excess snow in these areas. The landscaping crew has been doing their best to keep up with all the snow. Pray for some warm weather to melt our ice and snow piles .

Security. Sausalito rules state that if you have a visitor/guest who will be parking overnight in visitor parking, you must call security in advance so the patrol can be notified.

A new security company has been hired. Covenant did not live up to expectations. This new security company is Brownstone Services LLC, which also patrols Strawberry, among other communities. Randy Brown and his team WALK...YES, YOU HEARD CORRECTLY... walk the property.

The board has asked them to stagger their patrol hours in order to be thorough. They wear badges. So if you see one of the security team at night, you will recognize them. As always, the major objective is to have Brownstone consistently follow and enforce community rules, especially enforcing illegal parking in visitor parking areas. Remember, the three (3) strike rule — be ticketed twice and the third time your car will be towed. Count on it!

Another reason that Brownstone was hired is that they are an active participant in the UAHR Neighborhood Watch program. Everyone will benefit from their first hand knowledge about what is happening in other communities in the Neighborhood Watch program.

Neighborhood Watch.

Your help is needed. Sausalito is still looking for more Block Captains, especially in Phase Two. Homeowners and/or renters can volunteer. Please contact Carol McCormick, the Sausalito Area Coordinator, carol_mccormick@com-cast.net, if you are interested or to find out more about the program. It will not take much of your volunteer time. Your services will help keep the community safe.

Animal Control. This is another problem in Sausalito. Dogs are running off their leashes, and pet owners are not picking up the dog poop. It is against the law for dogs to be off leash. Dog poop is a health hazard.

Aurora Animal Control has been notified. Please help out and report such situations to 303-326-8288, which is the number for Aurora Animal Control. They will enforce Aurora animal regulations without you having to confront a neighbor. Dogs will be picked up and fines enforced. If you want to let your dogs run free, please take them to a designated animal park.

Trash Removal Days. The regular trash removal days are every Tuesday. Recycling days are every other Tuesday. If you have large items or boxes for trash, please call the trash company or a hauling company to pick them up. Remember, you must pay for the removal of large items and boxes. The regular trash pick up crew will not take them without notification first.

For those who have replaced your damaged/broken garage doors, Sausalito is waiting for warmer, dryer weather to paint the doors. Thanks for being patient.



Heather Ridge South by Van Lewis

Snow season extraordinaire! It's a good thing springtime is marked on the calendar, otherwise it might be missed. It's also a good thing that the snow budget for 2011–2012 was adequately funded to contend with all the plowing, scrapings, and chipping.

A special thanks to JBK, Inc, landscape-snow removal contractor. Working with Wayne, HRS's onsite maintenance man, this season's snow removal has been the best yet. Thanks!

Parking and traffic management! Thanks to all who park in their garages versus in front of them. That has made snow removal more effective and reduced interior traffic congestion. The security company, Covenant Control Services, has been posting parking violators with good results. In particular, parking problems include

abandoned vehicles in community parking lots, expired license plates, and commercial vehicles. Please contact Sue Daigle at Westwind with any questions, 303-369-1800 or sue@westwindmanagement.com.

Vehicles driven within HRS are required to meet all state registration and license requirements, and be maintained in good working order and appearance. Petroleum products severely deteriorate and damage asphalt and concrete surfaces. Because of this problem, vehicle owners who consistently leak petroleum products onto



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Heather Ridge



Left: Samson under the snow-filled chair on Jan Lucas' patio. Such a small dog could get lost in the drifts from the first big snow of the year (Feb. 3) on the front range of Colorado.



Right: While Aurora was digging out of snow, about 20 members of Heather Ridge Men's Golf Club enjoyed six days of golfing in Palm Springs, California.

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Photo Album

Did You Know...

Left: Footprints going across the 13/16 pond. There were several of them. Danger! The ponds on the golf course are deep. The ice is thin. For your own preservation, stay off the ponds.

Below: Ski tracks across the 13th green. Skiing across greens is a definite "no, no". It ruins the turf that Heather Ridge is trying to nurture. Please stay on pathways.



Skijoring ("skē-jör-in, below) is a winter sport where a person on skis is pulled by a horse, a dog (or dogs) or a motor vehicle. It is derived from the Norwegian word *skikjøring* meaning ski driving.

One to three dogs are commonly used. The cross-country skier provides power with skis and poles, and the dog adds additional power by running and pulling. The skier wears a skijoring harness, the dog wears a sled dog harness, and the two are connected by a length of rope. There are no reins or other signaling devices to control the dog: The dog must be motivated by its own desire to run, and respond to the owner's voice for direction.

Many breeds of dog participate in skijoring. The only prerequisite is a desire to run down a trail and pull, which is innate in many dogs. Athletic dogs such as Pointers, Setters and herding breeds take to skijoring with glee, as do the northern breeds, such as Siberian and Alaskan



Huskies, Malamutes, Samoyeds, and Inuit dogs; however, any energetic dog is capable of enjoying this sport. Golden Retrievers, Giant Schnauzers, Labs, and many cross-breeds are seen in harness. Pulling breeds work well also, such as American Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Terriers, American bull dogs, and mastiffs.

The sport is practiced recreationally, and competitively, both for long distance travel and for short (sprint) distances. [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skijoring]

Skijoring was a demonstration sport at the 1928 Winter Olympics, held in St. Moritz, Switzerland.



March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Deadline for HRMD Director Nominations	3
4	5 Deadline for HRMD Director Nominations, Write-In	6 6 pm UAHR Board Meeting – 19th Hole GC at HR	7	8	9 Return mem- bership forms for 18-Hole Ladies Golf	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13	14	15 Lunch Bunch at Olive Garden 4 pm HRMD Board Meeting – GC at HR	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Annual High Line Canal Clean Up, 8 am–noon
18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21 6:30 pm Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Straberry Clubhouse	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

**HRMD, UAHR and HRCA
meetings are open to residents!**



**Out To Lunch
Bunch**
The next gathering
will be Thursday
**March 15, noon @
The Olive Garden,
12191 East Iliff
Avenue. Please con-
tact Ginny Lewis**
**to RSVP — ginni-
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or
303-337-6118



18-Hole Ladies League

Be on the lookout for the 2012 application form for both ladies club membership and handicap. If you don't receive it by email, copies will be available in the 19th Hole and on the website. (Applications for membership must be received by Irene Young before March 9 for your information to be included in the roster book.)

Save These Dates:

- Spring Luncheon – April 7 at 12:30 (Golf before luncheon – weather permitting)
- Member/Guest – June 18 (This date is tentative as I write this – confirmation later)
- Club Championship – Aug. 18 and 19
- Fall Banquet – Sept. 29 at 12:30 (Golf before luncheon – weather permitting)

– Teresa Anderson
Vice President/Publicity

How to be truly great at what you do best

About to punch off my TV remote, and retire for the night, I heard Charlie Rose's guest announce "what it takes to become truly great pursuing one's job, profession or calling." I hastily scribbled some notes after the one-minute colloquy before Rose's guest abruptly segued into another topic.

Realizing the tremendous importance of this information, I sat, with my brain buzzing me to high alert, searching for additional insights on this supremely important subject. For an active half-hour or so I added my thoughts to the quickly growing list.

It soon dawned on me, this list is apropos to any means of income production, whether janitor or entrepreneur, homemaker or student, athlete or tech nerd, or any job that is beneficial or detrimental to society.

I wish I had this precious list before me 60 years earlier! Now you have your priceless future blueprint before you! The list is not exhaustive and in no hierarchy of importance. All items are supremely significant.

I suggest readers, including your children and grand children, memorize this list. It's the interstate highway connection to a smashingly successful future! Strive to apply them all — not just a few, hoping nobody will notice what was deleted! They will. You'll be amazed at what you can achieve!

- Know deep within your heart and soul you reside on the Good Earth for a purpose;
- Believe you are an important person sharing your worth with the world;
- Vibrating heartstrings of your soul tell you that your endeavor is the best for you — nothing else;
- Have an edge — knowing you can do something better than most others;
- Cultivate and develop your extreme, unique natural gifts, talents, skills and abilities;
- Have a passion for what you do best;
- Know you are "extremely well qualified" and becoming "best" in your field — no cockiness;
- Luck being at the right place at the right time helps;

- Pay your dues by starting at the bottom and earning your way, your reputation;
- Daring dreams morph into exciting goals;
- Acquire the best education and background knowledge regarding your field of choice;
- Continuing education — forever updating, improving and honing your skills;
- Be bold regardless of obstacles;
- Focus all your efforts and energy;
- Endurance, energy — never give up;
- Have the discipline to stay the course regardless of distractions;
- Clearly understand what must be done and how to do it superbly;
- Know how the system you operate in really works, not just the way it is supposed to work;
- Respect intuition — it's your best friend;
- Be flexible.
- Be in the forefront of change, be willing to change when necessary;
- INTEGRITY! Others can bank your word;
- Be prepared at all times for anything that could or will happen;
- Do your best, no shortcuts, subterfuge or cheating;
- Develop a loyal support group, family, friends, colleagues, network;
- Seek help from professionals;
- Leverage your efforts via prudent loans, employees, and automation;
- Excellent health;
- Never waste time;
- Always actively pursuing your goals;
- Conquer fear;
- BE NICE, CONSIDERATE! People will help you succeed!
- ACT! Never procrastinate. Just do it—NOW!

— L. Grant Shideler

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Heather Ridge South

Heather Ridge South...from page 7

HRS asphalt driveways and roadways will be charged for costs to clean, remove and replace damaged asphalt and concrete (surfaces). Vehicle owners will also be required to promptly fix the leak so further damage does not occur.

Mechanical workings of windows and doors. All maintenance and repairs, including screens, are the responsibility of the unit owners.

Clubhouse repairs. Under the steady eyes of Linda Hull and Ronni Jones, the clubhouse kitchen is

being updated. The cabinets were refaced along with fresh paint. The old counter tops replaced with new and expanded surfaces. Now the serving bar counter is a third longer and more functional. In 2011, the clubhouse had new window coverings and flagstone front steps installed. The dining tables got new tabletops. Yes, Linda and Ronni have been busy. Thanks to them and others for their volunteer efforts.



Daylight Savings
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Heather Ridge Community Affairs: News you can use!

Foreclosures!! The *Denver Business Journal* reported on Feb. 16 that "Colorado's urban counties' foreclosure filings and sales were both down in January from a year earlier, hitting their lowest January totals in five years, according to a report Thursday, Feb. 16, from the Colorado Division of Housing.

"New foreclosure filings in the state's metropolitan counties fell year-over-year in January, dropping 28.2 percent to 1,939 filings from 2,699 in January 2011.

"Foreclosure auction sales were down 23.3 percent in January from a year earlier, dropping to 1,150 from 1,499."

HOA Complaints. Citizens and industry professional groups are asking Colorado to consider regulation of homeowner association (HOA) managers. Under consideration are criminal-background checks, training, and licensing.

On Feb 13, 2012, the *Denver Post* ran an article outlining the issue, with examples, and possible solutions to this problem. It also highlighted personal responsibility by property owners to get involved in their HOAs, to read pertinent controlling documents, and interact with their HOA boards.

HOA complaints

Of the complaints the state received about homeowners associations last year, these were the most common. (Sources: Colorado Division of Real Estate, HOA Information Office and Resource Center)

Complaint	No.
Manager	157
Failure to produce records	78
Transparency	76
Not following governing documents	64
HOA not listening to homeowner concerns	57
Lack of maintenance	53
Harassment, retaliation, discrimination	50
Improper or selective enforcement of covenants	38

– HRCA Staff



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Colorado House District 41



I had my first Town Hall meeting last week on Feb. 3. Despite the heavy snowfall, I met with a few hardy Aurora residents at 7 am.

Lt. Chuck DeShazer, Traffic Section Commanding Officer from the Aurora Police Department, shared information about the "Red Light Traffic Control Program." I will try to schedule a repeat of his presentation due to weather concerns that many of you had on the first Friday of February.

Here are a few highlights from Feb. 3 presentation:

- The camera/red light program began in 2004–5 with four intersections. Today, there are currently 14 approaches installed.
- Cameras capture images with a 10 megapixel, digital video that has a wide shot, capturing six lanes of traffic at one time.
- There are three reviews before approval to administer a ticket is sent to the driver of the vehicle with the key question to the police officer, "if you witnessed this in person, would you give a violation ticket to the driver?"
- Because you see the camera flash, it is not always a violation — the cameras run on a 24-hour loop.
- Sensors are placed in the asphalt of the streets to record timing.
- Violations are not reported to the DMV or points charged against this traffic violation for insurance purposes

poses

- There have been 23 fatal accidents due to red light violations in Aurora.
- Severity of accidents has decreased.
- The fine is set at \$75 (\$29 surcharge goes to support five funds (Comitis, DARE, Gateway Battered Women's Shelter, etc.).
- One-third payment goes to the vendors to operate the cameras, and one-third payment to the staff (three officers and two contract employees). The approximate \$10 revenue goes to pay for this program.

I also had a presentation about Aurora's Neighborhood Fence Replacement Program from Marsha Osborn of the Neighborhood Services Department for the City of Aurora. To get more information on this unique program for our city, go to www.auroragov.org/liaisons.

– Representative Nancy Todd

{Editor's Note: Senator Suzanne Williams co-hosted and attended this first Friday at Panera Bread, Iliff and Peoria. Todd and Williams hold these monthly meetings on the first Friday of the month while the Colorado legislature is in session.



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Letters

Metro Matters

Re: Capital Transportation and Infrastructure — why Aurora City Council is looking to extend municipal bonds

Roughly \$5.8 million a year could be generated from extending bond payments that would otherwise expire. This would allow the expiring bonds to be re-issued for other projects. Taxes would remain the same rather than being reduced. There is no additional tax involved.

The decision has already been made by City Council that funds would have to be spent on capital transportation and infrastructure projects that don't include any operating or staff costs.

Attached is a listing of capital transportation and infrastructure projects for consideration as part of

the tax extension ballot question this fall. [Send email to Molly Markert, mmarkert@auroragov.org, for the nine page document. It is too complicated to publish here.]

Pages 1 and 2 of the listing provide a summary of the projects, and pages 3 through 9 a brief description of each project.

Please send me an email by Feb. 12, listing any one-time capitol building projects included in the list that you would support. Please put "ballot suggestion" in the subject line.

Thank you for participating in local government.

Life is complicated with its "if's, and's and but's."

"It is all right to be crazy, just don't let it drive you nuts." – Jimmy Buffett

Molly Markert
Ward IV Councilperson
303-739-7516

Metro Matters

I live in Kiowa, Colorado, and will be moving back to Aurora this summer. I recently came across your magazine, *Metro Matters*, which peaked my interest in Heather Ridge.

Since then, I have investigated the Aurora south area, finding nothing I like better than your community.

I have contacted a local Realtor, who advertises in *Metro Matters*, to learn more about the Heather Ridge Metro District, the 10 HOAs, and local services.

When the time is right for me, I will buy in Heather Ridge because it has its act together. Congratulations to its citizens.

Dean from Kiowa

Letters to the Editor:
Send or deliver your letters for *Metro Matters* to *Bette Secord*, Fairway 16, bettesecord@gmail.com; or *Publisher Lynn Donaldson*, 13731 E Hamilton Dr, Aurora, CO 80014; LynnNeu@comcast.net by the fifth of each month. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number. Letters may be edited for clarity or space.

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Timeline for I-225: 9-mile to Iliff Avenue

This project will widen I-225 from four to six lanes from Parker Road to Mississippi Avenue, thus completing the widening of I-225 from I-25 to I-70.

This project also extends the Light Rail line from 9-Mile Station to Iliff, adding 600 parking spaces and helping to reduce congestion at the Parker / Peoria intersection.

The project is fully funded and moving forward for completion in 2014.

- Completed: Joint construction procurement package was developed with CDOT to complete the I-225 highway widening from Parker Road to Mississippi and extend the RTD Light Rail from the Nine Mile Station to Iliff. FasTracks team finalized a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) process for Segment 1 with the signing of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) by the Federal Transit Administration. Civil construction package was

advertised for bids.

- Winter/Spring 2012: Notice to proceed with construction of the CDOT highway and light rail envelope.
- Summer 2012: Begin light rail construction including the Iliff Station Area and Park-n-Ride.
- Spring 2014: I-225 highway widening completed from Parker Road to Mississippi Ave.
- Summer 2014: Light Rail open for service from Nine Mile to Iliff.

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This year's annual High Line Canal clean up will be 8 am–noon Saturday March 17.

– **Bob Roth**
CM Ward V
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 100 W 14th Ave Parkway
- Denver Children's Museum** Tuesday, March 6
 303-433-7444, www.mychildsmuseum.org 4–8 pm
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- Denver Botanic Gardens** Tuesday, March 27
 720-865-3500, 9 am–5 pm
 1005 York St., www.botanicgardens.org
- Mizel Museum** Friday, March 30
 303-394-9993 9 am–4:30 pm
 400 S Kearney St mizelmuseum.org
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