

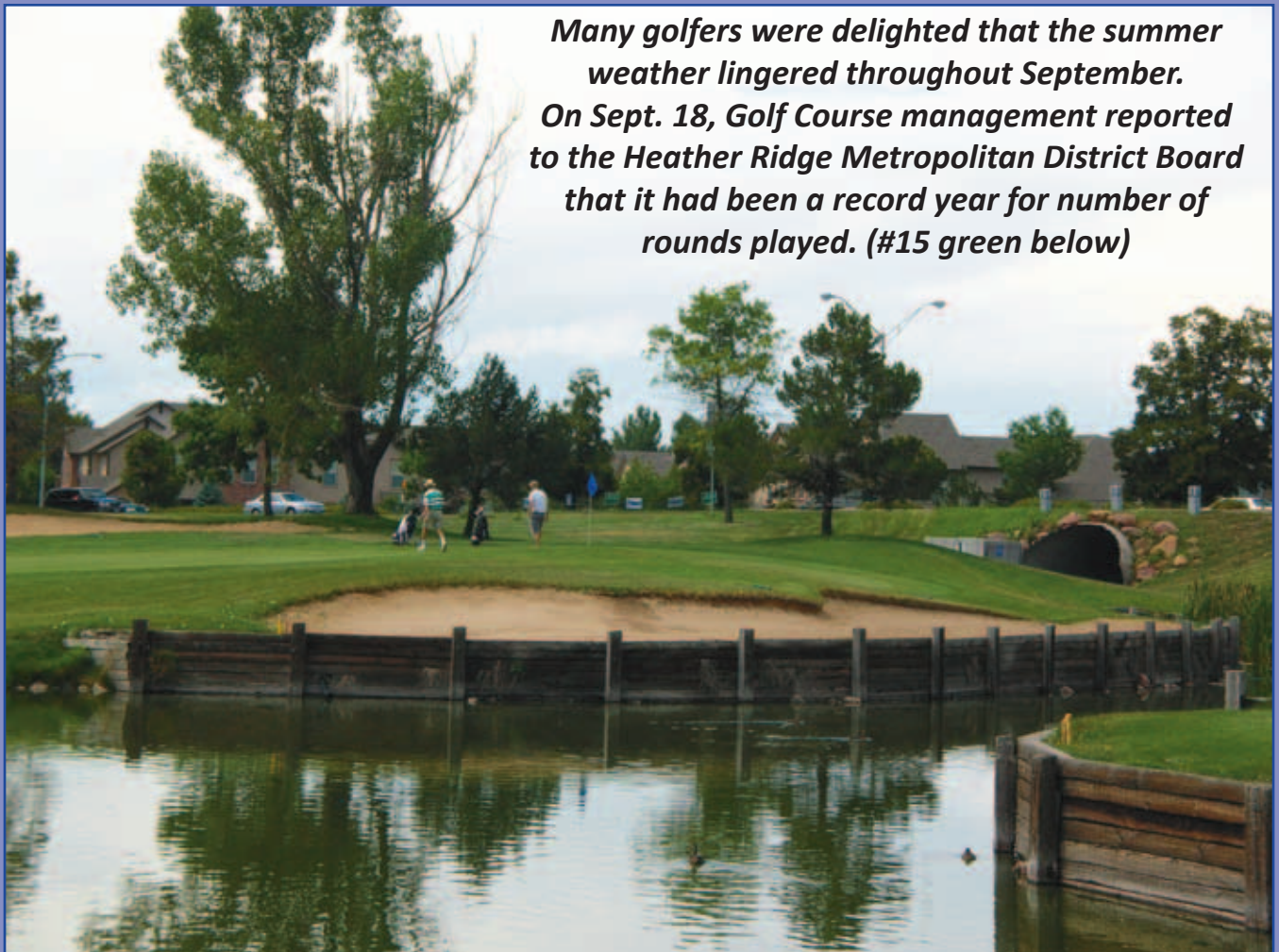
# Heather Ridge Metro Matters

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*Many golfers were delighted that the summer weather lingered throughout September. On Sept. 18, Golf Course management reported to the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District Board that it had been a record year for number of rounds played. (#15 green below)*



**Mark Your Calendar: Heather Ridge Metropolitan District's 1st Year Birthday Bash is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 3. Join friends and neighbors in celebrating this annual event for the first time at Dumitri's Restaurant!**

# **Fraud Alert!**

## **What happens in Vegas is not really happening**

Some Adams County residents are receiving phone calls from a person alleging to be from the Las Vegas Police Department. The caller claims that the individual being called is entitled to money police confiscated in a recently resolved fraud case involving Bank of America. The caller continues to say that for security purposes, the money needs to be directly deposited into a checking or savings account and requests all account information. **This is a scam!**

To avoid telephone scams remember these tips:

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- Never, under any circumstances, give any portion of your credit card, bank account, or Social Security num-

**2011 Annual passes and  
2011 Premium cards for the  
Golf Course are on sale now.  
Available after Oct. 15.**

**Heather Ridge Metro Matters** is published monthly for the residents of Heather Ridge.

### **HOAs in the United Association of Heather Ridge:**

Burgundy, [burghoa.com](http://burghoa.com)  
Chimney Hill  
Cobblestone  
Cobblestone Crossing  
Country Club Ridge  
Double Tree  
Fairway 16, [homesteadmgmt.com/fairway16](http://homesteadmgmt.com/fairway16)  
Heather Ridge South, [Heatherridgesouth.com](http://Heatherridgesouth.com)  
Sausalito, [sausalitohoa.com](http://sausalitohoa.com)  
Strawberry, [strawberryhoa.com](http://strawberryhoa.com)

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bers to a caller.

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# Heather Ridge Metro District Property Tax for 2009 — Why wasn't it prorated?

Based on personal real estate experiences, some residents have asked why the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) property tax for 2009 wasn't prorated to reflect only one month of ownership and bond obligation in 2009? The answer lies in how taxing entities determine, compute and apply for property taxes.

Colorado property taxes are determined at the end of each year FOR THAT YEAR based upon the most recent assessed values AND mill levies per taxing entities (schools, police, metro districts, etc). Those entities must file mill levy imposition certificates to their county by Dec. 15 in order to collect taxes for that year IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR. Remember, property taxes are paid in arrears!

Property taxes paid to governmental taxing entities like HRMD No. 1 are for an entire tax year. They are not prorated. Because taxes are collected in arrears, there needs to be sufficient money on hand when bond obligations come due THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

If HRMD No. 1 had collected only one month of taxes for 2009 (i.e. 1/12th of the year), it would have insufficient funds to pay a full year's worth of debt service to bond holders in 2010. The HRMD's bond debt service is paid from debt service mill levy taxes only, so if not enough debt service tax money is collected, HRMD would go into bond default.

By contrast, when private parties buy/sell real property in any given year, property taxes are not finalized until after Dec. 15 of that year. Parties to a sale usually prorate tax obligations based on "estimated taxes" per their sales agreement.

A seller may credit a buyer at closing for the seller's portion of taxes for that year. The buyer (or new owner) pays the total property tax bill when due — the next year! Remember that private real property owners are tax payers, while governments like HRMD No. 1 are not. Governments collect taxes — a distinction with a great difference!

Public taxing entities impose/collect property taxes for the entire year — they do not prorate property taxes. Private parties may prorate or not when taxable property is bought and sold. For example, a seller wanting to protest a new property assessment value for that year can defer final settlement for taxes until it's resolved. Also, if mill levy amounts are expected to be less than the current ones, deferring final tax settlement might be advantageous.

Please refer to Arapahoe County's website, under County Assessor, for more details.

— Van Lewis  
HRMD Board Director

## FAQs from HR Metro District

**Q:** *Why am I receiving my tax bill now in July instead of the first of the year?*

**A:** The Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) directors found a discrepancy between the district records and Arapahoe County Assessor's records in January 2010. Two HOAs (Burgundy and Sausalito) were not listed as part of the district. Arapahoe County made the corrections, and new tax bills were sent to these homeowners in July 2010.

**Q:** *Why did the district impose a tax for all of 2009 when it didn't own the golf course until December*

*2009? (Thank you Lue Ford & Sharry Swanson — Cobblestone Crossing — for this question.)*

**A:** As you know, when a person buys a home, the real estate taxes are prorated for the year as of the closing date.

HOWEVER, when a governmental entity imposes real estate taxes on properties within its boundaries, it is for the full year. There is no prorating applied.

When a person buys a home, he/she becomes a tax payer who doesn't have to pay taxes on that property until ownership is transferred at closing.

A district, on the other hand, is not a tax payer. (Government doesn't pay taxes on property it owns.) It is instead a tax imposer. This is an important distinction.

Furthermore, terms of the bond repayment were that HRMD No. 1 had to begin making scheduled debt repayments starting in 2010. The district therefore had to impose a 2009 tax (for the whole year) to have tax revenues available to start making the required bond repayments starting in 2010. Governments impose taxes on annual basis — there is no prorating.

**Photos of Heather Ridge:** *The HR Metro District is planning a slide presentation for its first Birthday Celebration on Dec. 3. Anyone wishing to share past or recent photos of the community may contact Bette Secord, 303-695-9582; bettesecord@gmail.com. Hard copy photos will be scanned and returned.*





## Selling Your Home with Pete and Van

Sales of existing homes for September 2010 dropped 23 percent from 2009, and for the third month in a row, sales are down 20–30 percent. For-sale inventory in September rose 18 percent from 2009. Overall, metro Denver home sales are down 4 percent from 2009. Home sales below

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\$200,000 are active, but those above \$400,000 are slow. Homes priced in between have mixed results.

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**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 Sept. 1– Oct. 5

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Baths	Beds	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$105,000	2667	S Xanadu Way E	2	3	1,315	None	2 Story
Burgundy	\$115,999	2631	S Xanadu Way C	2	2	1,162	Garage, Det	1.5 Story
Burgundy	\$125,000	2625	S Xanadu Way E	2	2	1,315	None	2 Story
Burgundy	\$134,900	2625	S Xanadu Way F	2	2	1,315	Garage, Det	2 Story
Burgundy	\$135,000	2693	S Xanadu Way B	2	2	1,315	Garage, Off St	2 Story
Burgundy	\$139,900	2635	S Xanadu Way D	2	2	1,162	Garage,	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$137,000	2023	S Worchester St	2	2	1,344	Garage, Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$139,000	2021	S Worchester St	3	3	1,344	Garage, Att	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$116,900	2132	S Victor St C	2	2	1,392	Off Street, Resv	1.5 Story
Cobblestone	\$119,000	2192	S Victor St D	2	2	1,208	None, Resv	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$119,500	13254	E Asbury Dr	2	2	1,392	Reserved	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$97,500	1913	S Xanadu Way	2	2	1,208	Garage, Det	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$119,900	2172	S Victor St C	2	2	1,208	Off Street, Resv	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$119,900	1999	S Xanadu Way	2	2	1,392	Off Street, Resv	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$134,900	13404	E Asbury Dr	2	2	1,392	Garage, Resv	1.5 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$134,900	13488	E Asbury Dr	2	2	1,344	Garage, Det	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$220,000	2260	S Vaughn Way	4	2	1,680	Garage, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$167,500	2426	S Vaughn Way A	4	3	1,650	Garage, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$169,900	2548	S Vaughn Way	3	3	1,650	Garage, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$169,900	2548	S Vaughn Way	3	3	1,650	Garage, Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$100,000	2720	S Xanadu Way	4	3	1,633	Garage, Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$191,400	2764	S Xanadu Way	4	3	1,633	Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$143,900	2501	S Victor St E	2	3	1,282	Garage, Att	1.5 Story
Sausalito	\$155,000	2512	S Worchester St	2	3	1,282	Garage, Att	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$42,500	13605	E. Yale Ave A	1	1	856	Reserved	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$44,900	2608	S Xanadu Way	1	1	856	Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$58,900	2471	S Xanadu Way	2	2	1,091	None	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$61,200	2614	S Xanadu Way B	1	1	856	Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$64,000	13647	E. Yale Ave B	1	1	847	Off Street	Ranch
Strawberry I	\$65,000	13657	E. Yale Ave C	1	1	856	Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$65,900	2694	S Xanadu Way C	1	1	856	Carport, Det	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$68,000	13655	E. Yale Ave B	1	1	856	Carport, Det	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$69,900	2461	S Xanadu Way A	2	2	1,091	Carport	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$71,900	2463	S Xanadu Way C	2	2	1,091	Off Street	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$99,950	2461	S Xanadu Way D	2	2	1,091	Off Street	2 Story

## Homes under Contract in Heather Ridge

HOA	List Price	No.	Street	Baths	Beds	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$104,900	2629	S Xanadu Way B	2	2	1,162	None	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$149,900	2084	S Worchester St	3	3	1,457	Garage, Att	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$124,900	2161	S Victor St B	2	2	1,392	Garage, Att	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$125,000	1957	S Xanadu Way	2	2	1,392	Off Street, Det	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$194,900	2210	S Vaughn Way	2	2	1,806	Garage	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$132,900	2416	S Vaughn Way	2	2	1,365	Garage, Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$161,900	2588	S Vaughn Way C	3	3	1,536	Garage, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$187,000	2558	S Vaughn Way A	4	3	1,650	Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$105,000	2408	S Victor St F	2	3	1,273	Garage, Att	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$74,900	2614	S Xanadu Way A	2	2	1,098	None	Ranch
Strawberry I	\$75,000	13613	E Yale Ave C	2	2	1,170	Carport	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$70,000	2469	S Xanadu Way D	2	2	1,091	None	Ranch

## Homes Sold in Heather Ridge, Closed in August, September

HOA	Sold Price	No.	Street	Baths	Beds	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Chimney Hill	\$125,000	13612	E Evans Ave	2	2	1,512	Garage, Att	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$109,000	13286	E Asbury Dr	2	2	1,208	Off Street, Resv	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$177,000	2698	S Vaughn Way F	4	4	1,650	Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$146,999	2522	S Worchester St	2	3	1,230	Garage, Att	Ranch

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# Homeowners' Association News

## Heather Ridge South by Victoria Braun

Let's be blunt — summer's over! No more fun at the pool. Our long days will begin to shorten. The flowers and green grass will quickly disappear.

Now that I have your attention, unless you've crawled off somewhere in a deep depression, here's the great news! Fall is one of the most beautiful seasons in Denver (I believe there are three others, but don't quote me).

The Aspen trees make Colorado famous, adorning calendars and canvases, inspiring not only the artists, but those of us who wake to enjoy the crisp mornings with a cup of coffee before heading to the mountains to absorb the incredible colors of fall.

**Winterize:** For those snowbirds flying south to escape the cold Colorado seasons, remember to winterize your home by turning off your water at the water main (typically located in the basement for two-story units), insulating any outside water spouts (this is the owner's responsibility, not the HOAs), and making sure you leave your emergency contact information with Westwind Management. For full details on winterizing your condo, Westwind Management is a great resource.

**Parking:** If you experience parking issues affecting your ability to enter and exit your garage, please put your comments in writing and contact Jan at Westwind Management.

**Trash:** On another note, the board was asked about trash pick-up on holidays. There are no holidays that fall on a Tuesday for the remainder of this year, so there are no changes to this schedule. Please remember that trash

may not be set out prior to 6 pm the day before trash pickup. It should not block sidewalks or be stored on the lawn. Pick up any trash the wind picks up and carries off. Make sure your own trash makes it to your trash can!

**Snow Removal:** If it snows and your car is parked in front of your garage, the snow plows will not be able to plow your driveway, as they will not plow around parked cars if there is a risk of an accident. Based on where you're parked, you may have just caused your neighbor's drive to not be plowed either. Additionally, once vehicles are removed, a special plowing trip will not be scheduled. Plowing will be done per normal procedures.

You'll get some great exercise shoveling the snow from your courtyard. However, if you truly are unable to take care of your courtyard during a snowstorm, submit your request in writing, including the reason why you need help, to Jan at Westwind Management for review. There may be a way to get some help cleaning your walkway. Your reason better be good, because I've already tried telling them I don't like shoveling snow. But then, I don't like to cook, either! If you see me shoveling snow, I'm on my way to the restaurant!

Hard to even think about it, but I imagine we'll be talking about the December holiday party in the next newsletter. Don't hang those holiday bulbs just yet!



## Sausalito by Carol McCormick

**Landscaping.** The last of our lava rock beds will be redone and replaced with the river rock you see throughout the community. Please contact Tony, 720-535-9705, with any landscaping issues.

**Parking Issues.** Please remember that Visitor Parking is for visitors only, not for residents who have a garage in which cars can be parked. Business vehicles are also not allowed to use visitor parking overnight. Act like a security company and abide by the parking rules of our community.

**Trash Removal Days.** Our regular trash removal days are every Tuesday. Recycling days are every other Tuesday for those homeowners participating in the program.

**Monthly Meetings.** The board meets at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Heather Ridge Golf Club. You can find copies of these monthly meetings at [www.sausalito.com](http://www.sausalito.com).

Please cast your vote in the upcoming election.

Sausalito Board:

President Vinny Roith

Vice President/Landscaping Tony Carniglia  
Treasurer Pat Horton  
Secretary Carol McCormick

Members at large:

Debbie Martinez,  
Tom Scally and Alan Stewart.  
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Vinny Roith emailed this article to me for sharing. Whether or not you are a pet owner, this is a worthwhile cause.

### ***Shelter dogs just want to have fun... and run***

"Dogs need to run, exercise and play to keep them happy, well-adjusted and — most of all — adoptable. The Aurora Animal Shelter is asking the public for donations to build an outdoor dog play and exercise run. It is impor-

*See facing page*



tant for dogs to exercise and socialize on a daily basis.

"Recently, the shelter was awarded a grant for \$5,000 from the Animal Assistance Foundation to kick off the capital campaign for the outdoor dog exercise/play/visitation area. The estimated costs are approximately \$80,000 to build an exercise run with appropriate drainage and individual runs. But because no city funding exists to build a run area, the shelter is launching this fund-raising initiative to cover the \$75,000 difference remaining for construction.

"The shelter's existing dog runs are all indoors and are not large enough to provide room for a dog to run or expend excess energy. Benefitting from exercise and sunshine reduces stress and improves the physical and mental health of shelter dogs which results in a calmer dog with less frantic behavior in its kennel. This improves

a dog's adoptability.

The new area will also be used for visitation, where a potential adopter can see how well the dog interacts with people without distraction from other barking dogs kenneled nearby. Since owners can get a better feel for a dog's personality by playing with it in the proposed outdoor area, the shelter anticipates a lower rate of adopted dogs returned because of incompatibility.

"Please send tax-deductible donations to: Aurora Animal Shelter, c/o Dog Exercise Run donation, 15750 E. 32nd Ave., Aurora, CO 80011

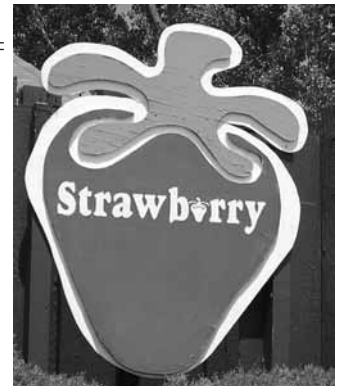
"The Aurora Animal Shelter also accepts donations of pet food, blankets, laundry detergent and other supplies. For more information on donations, adoptions and licensing, call 303-326-8280."

## Strawberry by Jan Lucas

Did you know that rebates are available for Aurora residents from the city of Aurora for improvements that conserve energy? Strawberry has invited Diana Denwood, Aurora's Energy Rebates Administration to speak at the HOA meeting at 7 pm Monday, Oct. 18, at the Strawberry Clubhouse, 2638 S. Xanadu Way.

There are lots of exciting ways to make your home

more efficient. With the city rebate added to Xcel and federal rebates, remodeling for energy efficiency is even more attractive. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please join us.



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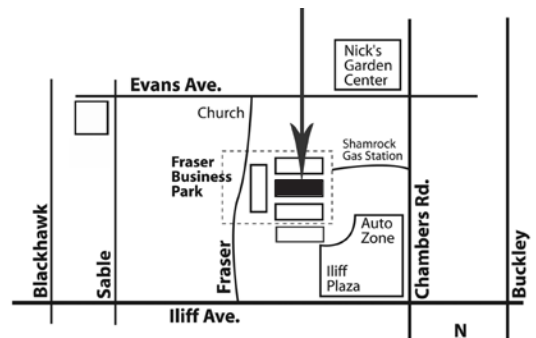
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# Heather Ridge

Last month, Metro Matters showed the Grand Prize winner in the "Friends of the Fairway" contest. The landscaped gardens of the homes on these two pages show the winners in other

HOAs that are part of the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District. These winners were awarded a \$50 gift certificate to Dumitri's Restaurant.

From top: Monique Boehm in Heather Ridge South; Ray and Kay Griffiths in Cobblestone; Monica Kazi of Burgundy; and Pat and Larry Horton of Sausalito.



Reminder: Liz and Greg Van Dell of Chimney Hill were the overall winners of the contest. A photo of their garden appeared on the cover of the September–October issue of Metro Matters.





# Photo Album

Photos of more homes that were selected as winners in the "Friends of the Fairway" contest. Jake Wolf, Master Horticulturist from Nick's Garden Center & Farm Market, judged the landscaping around homes that were entered in the contest.

From top: Lori Samuelson in Strawberry; Sharry and Steve Mitchell in Cobblestone Crossing; and Tom and Terry Benz in Chimney Hill.



# Golf Club at Heather Ridge Monthly Update



September has been a month of wonderful weather and rounds at the course exceeded our expectations! We had 4,150 rounds in a month where golfers are often more caught up in back to school chores and Broncos fever, and we hope the great fall weather continues on into October.

The big news at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge is that we are purchasing deluxe cart covers for our cart fleet to help us attract golfers during the winter months. These covers should make us the talk (and the toast) of the Metro golf community, providing a comfortable round on chilly days. This should be particularly attractive to senior golfers throughout the golf community, and seniors love Heather Ridge. These covers are both a value-added service and a great marketing tool for the course. With

any kind of cooperation from Mother Nature, they should pay for themselves in the first season and help spread the word about the extraordinary experience that Heather Ridge provides to the golfing public.

Our 2011 Annual passes and 2011 Premium cards will go on sale by October 15. Both have special discounts for Homeowners within the Metro District, and early-bird bonuses if purchased by December 31st! Please visit our website at [GolfClubAtHeatherRidge.com](http://GolfClubAtHeatherRidge.com) for more info or call Audrey Romero at 720-246-0303 if you have questions about our 2011 packages.

Covered carts for the winter, great packages for 2011 – we are looking forward to a tremendous second year at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge!

– Mike Ritter

## 9-Hole Ladies News

The 9-hole ladies club champion awards were given out at the Oct 5th luncheon. The results were as follows:

**Club Champion** - Sally Simon

*A Flight*

Low Gross: Joyce Scott

Low Net: Stacy Visentin

*B Flight*

Low Gross: Joann Oswald

Low Net: Becky Kinzer

*C Flight*

Low Gross: Ruth Bell

Low Net: Gloria Shelton

Our luncheon was held Oct. 5 in Dumitri's Restaurant. The tables looked very pretty, because JoAnn Oswald designed lovely fall center pieces that were given as a door prize to one lucky lady at each table.

President Judy Straayer announced the new board members for 2011:

President Pat Schultz

Vice President Marj Copeland

Treasurer Donna Brothis

Secretary Sandy Finny  
Directory Ruth Bell  
Director Sonja Mathews  
Director Judy Straayer

–Edie Reidel  
Vice President

## DALE KRAUSE, 1930–2010

We are saddened that we lost our dear friend and colleague Dale Krause on Tuesday, September 21

Dale worked at the Golf Course and club house for decades after retirement. Dale was always ready to extend a smile, give a helping hand and provide a joke to get you going through your day.

Dale's mission to come back to where he loved his work and friends was relentless after a recent heart attack. He could not stop talking to his family about what work needed to be done here at the club house in his absence. We will cherish his passion and support to our golf course and club house over the years.

We will miss Dale gracing us with his smile and presence. We will celebrate him and his contributions to the Golf Course at Heather Ridge forever.

– Audrey Romero and all Heather Ridge Golf Employees

## Not too late for Free Days at Denver Zoo

At Denver Zoo, conservation is a part of everything! They are proud to be the greenest zoo in the country and work hard to make all aspects of daily operations sustainable — from waste reduction to alternative transportation for employees. The zoo works with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) to manage zoo populations through voluntary programs like Species Survival Plan, a breeding program that facilitates the survival of many species by keeping zoo populations healthy and abundant. Additionally, Denver Zoo participates in conservation and research projects at the zoo. To learn more, please click the links on the left.

As an active member of the World Association of

Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), Denver Zoo is working with other zoos and aquariums to promote awareness about threats to biodiversity. The United Nations has declared 2010 the Year of Biodiversity. To find out more visit the official site.

ECO-FACT: Biodiversity is the variety of life on Earth. It encompasses the totality of species, their habitats and their genetic differences. ECO-QUOTE: "When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world."

—John Muir

**Free Days at Denver Zoo**  
Thursday, Oct. 21, 9 am–5 pm  
Sunday, Nov. 7, 10 am–4 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 am–4 pm



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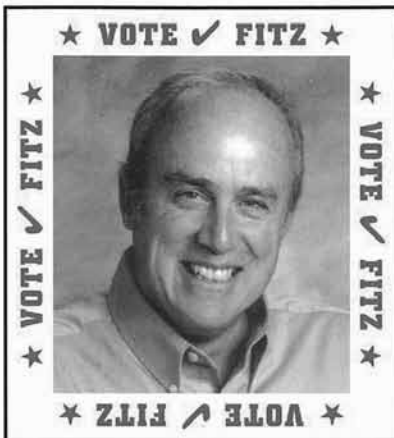
# BOB FitzGerald

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**Elect  
Bob FitzGerald  
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### **Community Leadership:**

**Aurora City Councilman At-Large  
2004-Present**

**Mayor Pro Tem 2009**

- Past Chair - Economic Development Committee
- Chair Water Policy Committee
- Past Chair - Management Finance Committee
- Past Chair - Aurora Judicial Performance Commission
- Commissioner Cherry Creek Water Basin Quality Authority
- Volunteer Firefighter

### **Entrepreneur**

- Small Business Owner - Health Information Publisher

### **Family Values**

- Wife, Maria; Children, Nic and Lauren

### **Education**

- Master of Public Administration
- Masters of Social Work - Denver University
- Law Degree - Creighton University

### **Friends,**

Arapahoe County is facing many of the same challenges we addressed in the Aurora City Council.

Maria and I have called Aurora our home for 23 years and my late parents were long-time residents of Heather Gardens. We're here for the duration and I want to see the Arapahoe County Commission continue to have responsible leadership. This means job creation, A transparent return of the dollars to the district and an immediate address of noise and traffic issues.

I appreciate your time and would be honored to have your vote.

Sincerely,

*Bob*



# Octoberfest

The weather was not very “fall-like” — it still felt like summer on Oct. 1. The Octoberfest event for Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) residents was decidedly festive. At right, Dumitri helped serve some of the German sausages and other treats he had available for diners to John Hartnett and Dean Weber.

Bottom: Sharon and Jim Gunderson, sitting with John Kytke, enjoyed their drinks and food.



## “OUT-TO-LUNCH-BUNCH” SURVEY

Any HR Metro District resident who would be interested in participating in a monthly lunch gathering at Dumitri’s, to meet old and new friends, please contact:  
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## October Calendar at Heather Ridge

Wed 20	Dumitri's Trivia Night	6:30 pm
Thu 21	HRMD Board Meeting, Clubhouse	4 pm
Fri 22	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Fri 29	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Thu 28	Ward IV Meeting – Dumitri's	6:30–8:30 pm
Fri 29	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sat 30	HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!! Halloween Party at Dumitri's featuring Hot Toddy	

## November Calendar at Heather Ridge

Tue 2	REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!	
Wed 3	Dumitri's Trivia Night	6:30 pm
Fri 5	Dumitri's – Hot Toddy	
Sat 6	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Fri 12	Dumitri's – Hot Toddy	
Sat 13	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Tue 16	Neighborhood Watch Meeting	6:30 pm
Wed 17	Dumitri's Trivia Night	6:30 pm
Thu 18	HRMD Board Meeting, Clubhouse	4 pm
	Ward IV Meeting - Fire Station 11	6:30 pm
	(2291 S. Joliet St. at E. Iliff Ave. )	
Fri 19	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sat 20	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Fri 26	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sat 27	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	

## Snow Busters

The City of Aurora receives numerous requests for assistance from Aurora residents who are not capable of shoveling their sidewalk after a snowfall. In order to provide support to those in need, the city has implemented a volunteer program called Snow Busters. In this program, volunteers will be matched with residents who are elderly or have disabilities, have limited financial resources and are not capable of shoveling their sidewalk.

The volunteer is matched by the Aurora Volunteer Center with a resident who meets program guidelines and lives close to them.

Please consider helping your neighbor this winter. Volunteers may register online to help, [tinyurl.com/SnowBusters](http://tinyurl.com/SnowBusters), call 303-739-7759, or email [severett@auroragove.org](mailto:severett@auroragove.org) for more information.



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## HRMD No. 1 Pool Survey : Open the Indoor Pool?

### Results of the September Pool Survey

✓ 32 people would pay to use the pool on a consistent basis

✓ 9 were opposed to opening the pool

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**Neighborhood Watch Informational Meeting: 6:30 pm**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 16 at Dumitri's Restaurant**

**Have a magical and safe Halloween!**



## Historic Aurora structures now eligible for new Cultural Heritage Sites Program

The city of Aurora's Historic Preservation Commission has launched a Cultural Heritage Sites Program to recognize historically significant sites, buildings or structures that are not eligible for local, state or national historic registers.

The program is designed to build community awareness of the cultural heritage value of important places across Aurora, and ensure that residents and visitors gain a better understanding and richer appreciation of Aurora and its history.

Identifying and recognizing these resources underscores their historic value, enriches an understanding of the present and helps educate future generations.

A residential or commercial building and/or site may qualify for recognition as an "Aurora Cultural Heritage Site" if it:

- has contributed to Aurora's cultural, political or social history;
- is associated with a person or group significant in Aurora history;
- was designed by a prominent architect;
- or is an example of a particular architectural style or has the poten-

tial to provide archaeological evidence of the area's history.

The property should be historic (more than 50 years old), but those that are less than 50 years old with exceptional significance to the community may also be considered.

A property may not qualify for historic landmark status if it has been altered significantly over time, has lost its character-defining features (new windows put in, for example), or is not in its original location. However, those properties could still be considered for the Cultural Sites program provided they still contribute to Aurora's history.

Upon designation, the owner of the nominated property will receive a bronze plaque with the historic name of the property for mounting on the building or premises.

Local residents and groups or organizations may submit nomination applications for the Cultural Heritage Sites Program at any time. For information, contact Jeanne Ramsay, the Aurora History Museum's historic sites and preservation coordinator, at 303-739-6661 or [jramsay@aurora.gov.org](mailto:jramsay@aurora.gov.org).

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