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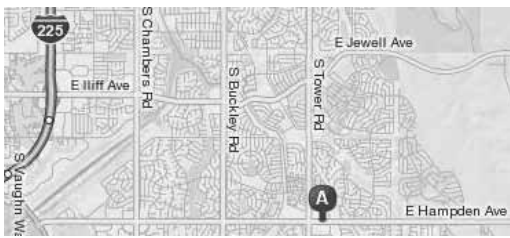
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Golf Club Report: General Financial Review

In the Heather Ridge Metro District's (HRMD) first four months of ownership (December 2009 through March 2010), the golf course was under budget in all categories, especially income! Golf play represents 95 percent of our income which was budgeted accordingly for each season — especially winter. Due to unusually bad weather this past season, the first four months produced almost no revenue!

Historically, Front Range winter golf is December through February with up to 60 days of play. This year there was no play. Weather problems continued through March and April, too. By the end of March 2010, HRMD was \$125,000 under budgeted income. Ouch!

All Front Range courses suffered from last winter's wrath. No one escaped it. Income was less than anticipated. Along with lost revenue, another concern was marketing a once private club now open to public play: "If we build it, will they come?"

With good weather and a strong marketing campaign, golfers have flocked to our beautiful course. (Thank you Bob Knutson, grounds supervisor.) Revenue exceeded what had been budgeted for April–May–June, with the best months yet to come: July, August and September.

The golf club is solvent and prospering from a good business plan, dedicated workers and volunteers and golfers knowing a good deal when they play it. The HRMD, through recent success of the golf course, has been able to replenish "borrowed" golf course operational reserves. It is now possible to save for winter operations.

The golf course's operating expenses are 2-fold: fixed and seasonal. To date these operating expenses are un-

der budget. Planned capital improvements (new wells, heating/cooling for club house, maintenance building, etc) were allocated from a portion of the HRMD \$5.195 million bond purchase agreement. No operational funds were used.

Our golf marketing campaign has three elements: annual golf players (former club members and others), public play and tournaments.

The Celebrity Golf Tournament in May helped spread the word that Heather Ridge is open to the public! It also raised \$8,500 for the American Red Cross, making it a financial and marketing success.

A special thanks to former golf club members who have kept the faith. Their annual play fees total approximately \$220,000, a welcome portion of \$850,000 that was budgeted for income. Next season's golf plans will offer greater variety and flexibility in costs, benefits and commitment.

If you want detailed information about financial statements, visit UAHR.org and select the sixth button down labeled "HR Metro District." Warning: these reports are required by state law, and thus difficult to read and understand. HRMD is working on "user friendly" formats for general display. The HRMD accountant is Simmons and Wheeler, specialists in metropolitan district accounting and reports.

Lastly, a hearty thanks to the three on-site managers: Vinny Roith, Ray Griffiths and Ed Oswald. They got HRMD to where it is today by learning why and how the golf club operates.

Some residents have wondered why a professional manager wasn't

hired when the golf course and club were bought. HRMD Board members felt they had to learn how the facility operates before anyone could interview applicants for the job. Now, seven months later as planned by HRMD, a five person committee is being formed to select a new general manager. The goal is to have a new manager by December.

– Heather Ridge Metropolitan Board



HRMD on-site managers (from left): Ed Oswald, Ray Griffiths and Vinny Roith.



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Market Activity

In general, home sales have slowed down since the tax credit expired. This was expected, especially since many buyers “bought early” to take advantage of it. Similar to the “new car” tax credit, it will take time for the real estate market to return to normal. The good news is homes under \$250000 are selling well, which benefits Heather Ridge owners.

Marketing homes for sale in Heather Ridge is more complex than owners may realize. With 10 different HOAs under the Metro District roof, each one has different rules, customs and fees. Some HOAs call themselves townhomes, but are actually condos. This is especially important to buyers using FHA financing.

If you want to sell and have a high mortgage balance, sales costs are important. Pete and Van offer competitive commissions, especially if you sell and buy through them. As residents here, they know each HOA, how to find and present



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important information, and how values can be improved with cost-effective ideas.

Because we all pay an additional property tax for bonds used to buy the golf club open space, Pete and Van know how to turn that into a positive for buyers. Everyone living here benefits from the open space versus development. When selling or buying here, the open space will always be open.

Working with Pete and Van gives you thousands of Re/max agents working for you. Properties listed as sold below from the Multiple Listing Service may have been listed by other agents, and not exclusively listed by Pete Traynor and Van Lewis.

Homes Sold in Heather Ridge

HOA	List Price	Sale Price	No.	Street	Baths	Beds	SqFt	Gar/ Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$117,000	\$110,000	2659	Xanadu E	2	2	1,162	G,D-1	2 Story
Burgundy	\$108,000	\$120,000	2675	Xanadu D	2	2	1,121	G,D-1	2 Story
Burgundy	\$129,000	\$123,000	2667	Xanadu C	2	2	1,250	G, D-1	2 Story
Burgundy	\$135,000	\$136,000	2787	Xanadu	3	3	1,633	G,A-2	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$98,900	\$91,000	2084	Worcester	3	2	1,457	G,A-2	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$136,000	\$134,000	13684	Evans	3	2	1,344	G,A-1	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$132,000	\$135,000	13637	Evans	3	4	1,344	G,A-1	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$149,900	\$147,000	13676	Evans	3	3	1,344	G,A-1	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$148,750	\$148,750	13691	Evans	3	3	1,512	G,A-1	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$159,900	\$156,500	13664	Evans	3	3	1,512	G,A-1	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$120,000	\$118,500	1993	Xanadu	2	2	1,392	G,D-1	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$125,000	\$122,000	13474	Asbury	2	2	1,392	Res	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$124,900	\$124,900	13276	Asbury	2	2	1,208	Res	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$145,000	\$134,000	2172	Victor D	2	2	1,208	G,D-1	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$144,900	\$140,000	13562	Asbury	2	3	1,400	G,D-2	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$149,900	\$146,000	13246	Asbury	2	3	1,392	G,A-1	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$190,000	\$186,000	2250	Vaughn 203	2	3	1,693	G,A-1	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$191,900	\$191,900	2280	Vaughn 104	2	3	1,680	G,A-2	2 Story
DoubleTree	\$195,000	\$190,000	2693	Vaughn	4	3	1,919	G,A-2	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$138,000	\$131,400	2730	Xanadu	2	2	1,462	G,A-2	2 Story

Heather Ridge South	\$139,500	\$139,500	2838	Wheeling	3	3	1,633	G,A-2	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$149,900	\$156,500	2895	Xanadu	3	3	1,633	G,A-2	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$159,900	\$163,000	2841	Xanadu	3	4	1,633	G,A-2	2 Story
Sausalito	\$105,000	\$95,255	2409	Worchester B	2	3	1,285	G,A-1	2 Story
Sausalito	\$99,900	\$98,000	2501	Victor E	2	3	1,282	G,A-2	Story & 1/2
Sausalito	\$101,900	\$101,900	2522	Worchester E	2	3	1,282	G,A-2	2 Story
Sausalito	\$129,900	\$129,000	2467	Victor F	2	3	1,273	G,A-2	2 Story
Sausalito	\$144,999	\$142,500	2487	Victor B	2	3	1,282	G,A-2	2 Story
Sausalito	\$149,500	\$145,000	2457	Victor E	2	3	1,282	G,A-2	2 Story
Strawberry	\$59,999	\$58,000	13611	Yale C	1	1	856	CP-1	2 Story
Strawberry	\$64,900	\$69,050	2461	Xanadu D	2	2	1,091	Res-1	2 Story
Strawberry	\$81,000	\$75,011	2664	Xanadu B	2	2	1,153	CP-1	2 Story
Strawberry	\$75,000	\$75,500	2499	Xanadu C	2	2	1,091	None	2 Story
Strawberry	\$81,900	\$77,000	2630	Xanadu B	1	1	856	CP-1	2 Story
Strawberry 1	\$72,000	\$69,000	2608	Xanadu C	1	1	856	CP-1	2 Story
Strawberry 1	\$85,000	\$87,500	2415	Xanadu D	2	2	1,091	CP-2	2 Story
Strawberry 1	\$69,900	\$62,000	13659	Yale	2	2	1,098	CP-1	Ranch
Strawberry 1	\$81,900	\$81,900	2489	Xanadu A	2	1	1,091	Res	2 Story

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Answers to your questions about Heather Ridge Metropolitan District

Q: Please explain how Metro Matters is paid for?

A: The purpose of the magazine is to promote community identity and communications — a Heather Ridge Metro District function and expense. Each issue costs \$2,500, less advertising income. In comparison, previous newsletters (one page, front and back, full color) cost \$1,500. *Metro Matters* is a bargain! HOAs have free space (meaning no cost to them) to publish info about their communities.

Q: Who pays for golf ball damages?

A: Like the City of Aurora's policy, Heather Ridge Metro District (HRMD) doesn't pay for damage caused by golfers. Golfers themselves are responsible for all damage they cause. Contact your HOA and insurance company for further information.

Q: Is the golf course going to survive?

A: Yes it will survive! Once past last winter, golfers are flocking to the best golf course in town! Revenue is way up and expenses are stable.

Q: Where can I review HR Metro District reports about meetings and financial operations?

A: Go to www.uahr.org and look for the sixth icon button down, named HR Metro District.

After the district purchased the golf course on Dec. 1, 2009, the first four months of ownership saw little

financial activity. The most current reports are posted.

Q: The financial reports posted on the web are very difficult to read and understand. Can you make them "user friendly?"

A: The web reports are formatted per governmental practices, and yes, they are difficult to understand. Your board is working with HRMD accounts to simplify these reports.

Q: Is every ad in Metro Matters paid for?

A: Yes. No one gets a free or discounted ad despite how cute or nice they are!

Q: Were there any real estate brokerage fees paid when the HR Metropolitan District bought the golf course?

A: No. The real estate purchase contract is available upon written request, limited to a specific question or concern.

Q: Is the HRMD looking into security services for the entire area?

A: Yes. The board plans to hold a first meeting in July with those HOAs wanting to participate.

Q: Is our new well doing okay? How much did it cost?

A: The new well is doing great. Now pumping 175 gallons per minute (gpm), it meets all present needs. (The old well pumped 100 gpm). The new well is 1,590 feet deep; the old well was 1,000 feet. The well cost

\$503,000. It was paid for in HRMD \$917,000 well budget under Sources and Uses of Bond Funds. This is a capital improvement.

Q: I'm confused about the United Associations of Heather Ridge (UAHR) and the Heather Ridge Metro District (HRMD): are they the same; why do they exist?

A: The UAHR, Inc, a not-for-profit corporation, was organized in 2005 by 10 HOAs confronting golf course development. In November 2007, UAHR asked residents to create a metropolitan district for greater economic and political power against developers. It passed with an 86 percent plurality. A metro district is a public form of government with taxing powers used for specific purposes — such as saving open space. Today, HRMD employs UAHR, Inc to oversee all golf course and club operations.

Q: May I walk my dog on the golf course without a leash?

A: No. The HRMD is in Aurora and the city's rules are followed. All dogs must be on a leash. Please observe the posted warning signs that golfers have priority over walkers. The golf course is a business! Walk on it at your own risk. Please remove pet waste. Don't walk over the golf greens! Thanks.

— Van Lewis

Below: Aurora City Councilwoman Molly Markert (left) with Juliana Fritschel and her father Dumitri Palea.

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Xeriscaping examined by residents for Chimney Hills

{Editor's Note: The following report was compiled by a committee of residents in Chimney Hill Homeowners Association who wanted to decrease water usage in their community. Members of the committee included Pam Akiri, Melissa Miller and Scott Schaeffer. Use this report to stimulate ideas you might wish to share.}

1. Water Issues

Water resources are being depleted and prices are going up.

According to a March 9–11, 2009, Symposium of five top water experts, which included the CEOs of Hydropoint and OASYS Water Inc., the Central Manager of GE Water Technologies, and the Head of Water Resource Development in Israel, water rates in the U.S. have gone up 27 percent in the past five years (2004–2009) and in Canada have gone up by 58 percent. Thirty-four U.S. states will be in serious water trouble in 4–5 years. Colorado is #1 on that list.

Parker is quickly running out of water (PWSD February/2010) because their sole source is the non-renewable depleting Denver Basin Aquifer System. Parker will require a reservoir (Reuter-Hess) and 88 new wells just to survive to 2050 (40 years). Watch out for decreasing

Parker home values! They will have to ban outdoor watering by 2020.

The annual rainfall in this area is 16 inches per year. Water source is primarily snowmelt. Predicted increases in temperatures are calculated to reduce water supply by 10 percent (in 5280, April 2010) through reduced snow and increased evaporation. Aurora's first line of response is to restrict outdoor watering.

Analysis of Chimney Hill water use from 2005 to present (data from Aurora Water Board) shows an average summer water use of 1,131,200 gallons per month and a winter average of 565,000 gallons per month, totaling an average of 10,181,200 gallons per year.

Total water use has gone down 11 percent, but surprisingly, summer water use went up even in the wet summer of 2009, despite putting a stop to irrigation use early. The community is using 35–50 percent on irrigation and the pool. According to water experts, 40–50 percent of that water is WASTED. (Most Colorado lawns are over-watered).

Our water rates have gone up from \$3.60 per 1,000 gallons (2005) to \$5.34 per 1,000 gal (2009), which is a 67 percent increase. (Base charges were \$36.39 per month in 2005 and went up to \$106.17 per month in 2009).

Each house in Chimney Hill uses an average of about 5,000 gallons per month, which presently costs us \$27 per month. During the six summer months, an additional \$26.10 per residence increases the monthly cost to \$53.10 or an \$318.57 extra cost above the annual \$324 per house. It nearly doubles each owner's cost for water.

The 2010 water rate has increased to \$5.60 per 1,000 gallons. If Chimney Hills has the same water consumption in 2010 as it had in 2009, the water bill will be \$2,443.48 more.

2. Irrigation and Xeriscape

Fifty-four percent of Colorado homeowners use water for landscaping (5280, April 2010). Therefore xeriscape is the first priority to cut water costs.

Skip Cunningham, who has been the man on the spot for Heather Ridge South and Aurora Water, advises that Smitty Sprinklers and Rainbird's most recent system in conjunction with xeriscaping reduces water costs by half. Skip says "the key to success is your contractors." He is willing to relate his experience at HR South, which is now in its third year and doing great.

3. 2010 Xeriscape Prospects

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Golfer Somin Lee shows her winning form at the Heather Ridge Driving Range. A member of the Heather Ridge Golf Club, Lee will begin her senior year at Overland High School in August, where she hopes to continue her winning ways. She won the Colorado Class 5A girls golf championship in May, a title she will defend in 2011. Her proud father (below) is also a golfer.



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Golf Club at Heather Ridge Monthly Update



{Editor's Note: The following letter was originally sent to Heather Ridge Golf Club members and is reprinted here with permission.}

Dear Valued Golf Members and Friends

I want to personally thank you for your continued support since the Heather Ridge community purchased the golf course on Dec. 1. It has been only seven months with only 2 months of golf weather. As you know this year was unusual. Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) depends on the weather for revenue. Normally the Denver Metro area will see around 30 days when the golf courses are closed. This year there was over 150 days of snow on the ground and no golf. Your financial support early in the year was critical and the entire community thanks you for that.

The golf course must have revenue from the public to survive. Most metro golfers did not know Heather Ridge Golf Course existed and if they did, it was considered private. This view had to be changed if we were to attain revenue projections. My hat goes off to Vinny Roith, Ed Oswald and Ray Griffiths as these gentlemen introduced Heather Ridge to the metro golfing community in an unprecedented marketing campaign. The Heather Ridge booth at the Denver Golf Expo in February was one of the most popular booths. Close to 5,000 golfers stop by and half of them have been here since to play golf. I'm sure you have seen other marketing efforts: the website (*GCatHR.com*), radio and various advertising.

During the first few months, efforts were concentrated on attracting new golfers in order to create more revenue. As an annual golfer and Men's Club member, I acknowledge and appreciate your many contribu-

tions, suggestions and support to date. I also acknowledge and take responsibility for the need to improve our communications with you.

The management group hosted a meeting on June 17 with seven annual golfers and district representatives (see footnote*). The group discussed club finances, management, future plans and golf operations (pace of play, scheduling, dress code, coupons, tournaments, etc). We came to mutual agreements on many issues with some changes already implemented.

The change from private to public golf has been a challenge and we appreciate your understanding as efforts continue to address the annual golfer's issues. Noteworthy changes include this new newsletter for Heather Ridge, *Metro Matters*. Van Lewis and Bette Secord started this news publication for the residents and the annual golfers. This is a wonderful communication medium.

Starting in July, all golf clubs at Heather Ridge will have an area in *Metro Matters*, our new golf club community magazine. Each edition will list golf club events, tournaments, and timely news for each club. Your voice and needs will be heard. It will be mailed to each annual golfer as well as available at the club house. Other suggestions we are implementing include, "Hole in One – Hall of Fame," Sponsor/Memorial benches for Tee Boxes and more.

At the meeting in June, it was announced that a new general manager (GM) will be hired this year. The GM will oversee all club and golf operations, employees, and leases. HRMD has met with national and state PGA representatives to help in our search process — a free service by them to match our needs to their professionals. The search group will consist of the current management and a representative from the Men's Club and

the Women's Club.

The GM search will begin in September. This important selection will affect the club for years to come, thus it is important that you participate. In addition, it is necessary for the annual golfers to have a voice in operations now that continues after the new GM is hired. The door is open for three representatives selected by the men's, women's and ladies 9-hole clubs to meet with the management team with specific issues and recommendations. I look forward to this interaction with the annual golfers as frequently as needed.

Preserving the golf course has not been easy. Without Heather Ridge residents voting to buy the open space, bulldozers would be slicing the fairways, not golfers.

Also, much credit and thanks to our three on-site managers. Please join me in expressing appreciation to Ray, Ed and Vinny. Their dedication and perseverance got things done and are nothing short of remarkable. Operational reserves had to be used by mid May to cover shortages. These have now been replenished with excess reserves. HRMD is now financially solvent and is concentrating on smoothing out the details.

Lastly, annual golfers, you have given us financial and morale support to go forward. We've come a long way since EDI, foreclosure, American Golf, Dick Jorgenson, and foreclosure. The future is clear; the Golf Club at Heather Ridge is here to stay.

Thank you, now let's have fun. Life is too short not to play golf.

**Errol Rowland, President
HR Metropolitan District**

**In attendance at the June 17 [meeting] were Pete Traynor, Loren Janulewicz, Van Lewis, Larry Ricketts, Errol Rowland, Vinny Roith, Dean Weber, Ed Oswald, Audrey Romero, Ray Griffiths, Ed Kay, Dave Barela, Ann Murlin, Pat Schultz.*

The Carpenter Tournament

The Golf Club at Heather Ridge proudly hosts the Carpenter Golf Tournament which runs every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The tournament format and scoring is point par (Stableford) based on a quota established by your handicap. Payouts include horse race, skins, teams and birdie 18. There is one combined championship tournament at the end of the year.

Currently there are over 80 players that play every week. This is the first time that the tournament has been open to the public. Everyone who plays in the tournament loves it. The design makes it a very fair tournament and anyone can win on a given day.

Anyone is welcome to play with the following caveats:

1. Every player must have an established handicap through the USGA GHIN system. The Pro Shop can get you a GHIN number if you don't already have one. GHIN membership cost is \$35.
2. A new player must play at least twice on a Saturday or Sunday tournament before they are eligible to play on Friday. (See #3 about Saturday and Sunday play).
3. A new player must play with another player in the Carpenter Tournament when they play on Saturday or Sunday.

Call the Pro Shop at 303-755-3550 or send an e-mail to carpenter@gcathr.com to sign up or learn more about the tournament.

The Golf Club at Heather Ridge has active Men's, Woman's and Senior's Clubs. Openings are available now! Call 303-755-3550 today for information.

Men's Golf Association: Heather Ridge Men's Golf Association (MGA) was formed to promote Sportsmanship, competition and comradely among the men at Heather Ridge Country Club. Click here to get an application.

Women's Golf Associations

Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association: This organization is open to women golfers who enjoy playing an 18-hole round of golf and the camaraderie of their fellow women golfers. Members are being recruited now!

Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club: We play on Tuesday mornings from April through October.

Senior's Golf Association

Senior's Golf Club: The Senior's Golf Club is for any member who is 50 years of age or older.

There are 2 different memberships for the Senior's golf group — In-House and Interclub.

The In-House group has members who want to compete in fun events at Heather Ridge Golf Club. The season consists 10-12 tourna-

**Sign up for the ladies golf clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Call 303-755-3550 for details.**

Ladies Golf Game Clinics

Tuesdays or Thursdays
One hour sessions (5 weeks)
\$125 for 5-Session Clinic
Instructors: Greg Burghart,
Marcus Dunning

Tuesday Sessions – 6 pm

Thursday Sessions – 3 pm

July 13 – Putting
July 15 – Putting
July 20 – Pitching and Chipping
July 22 – Pitching and Chipping
July 27 – Iron play
July 29 – Iron Play
Aug. 3 – Driver / Fairway Woods
Aug. 5 – Driver / Fairway Woods
Aug. 10 – 18 holes with instructor
Aug. 12 – 18 holes with instructor

Contact Greg or Marcus, 303-755-3550 with questions or to enroll.

ments. Like the MGA there is a variety of individual and team events. Cost for the In-house group is \$25.

Membership information

The Golf Club at Heather Ridge offers the best golf value in the Denver Metro area. Conveniently located at Iliff and I-225 it is easily accessible from any where in the metro area, 13521 E. Iliff Avenue, Aurora.

Membership privileges and benefits:

- No green fee charges for members
- Unlimited golf privileges
- No monthly dues
- Range balls, access to indoor training and workout facilities
- Club storage
- Lockers (limited number)

For information call Audrey Romero, 720-246-0303, or send an email to AudreyR@gcathr.com

Men's Golf Club

Upcoming Tournaments:

July 10-11 Member / Member
July 17 Individual Net
July 24 Point Par

Tournament Results:

June 19 Individual Net
First Flight
Low Gross B Barnes \$100
1st Place Net T Hymans \$100
2nd Place Net M Koches \$ 37
3rd Place Net M Coppens \$ 27
Second Flight
Low Gross B Hornstra \$115
1st Place Net L Ricketts \$115
2nd Place Net M Geppner \$ 43
3rd Place Net T Bade \$ 31
Third Flight
Low Gross D Blosser \$ 82
1st Place Net J Kytle \$ 82
2nd Place Net M Koches \$ 41
Fourth Flight
1st Place Net J Gunderson \$110
2nd Place Net M Hoole \$ 73
3rd Place Net D Schroeder \$ 34
4th Place Net J Schell \$ 25

The Interclub group is for those members who wish to compete against other golf clubs in the metro area.

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just rocks and mulch. (Xeriscaping is landscaping with plants adapted to the climate of the area and it was developed right here in Denver. Xeric means dry. It is not zeroscaping (no plants).) Some ideas are:

- Recommend to any homeowner interested — attend Craig Miller's seminars on Xeriscape at Tagawa. There are three this summer, starting July 18. He is an excellent teacher and can answer any of your questions!

- My husband and I have replaced a side strip of turf (13657 E Evans) with a xeriscape layout suggested by Craig Miller. This represents our first demo of an xeriscape plot for homeowners to see and ask about.

- Get in touch with Aurora Water (Mark Cassalia) for classes on xeriscape and guidance on your present, and projected, water use with xeriscape.

- Get permission from residences with conspicuous side strips or problem turf areas (e.g., #13667) to use their location as a xeriscape example.

- Take advantage of the Aurora Water rebates and grants that are still in effect for this year.

- Invite Skip Cunningham of Heather Ridge South to relay his experience with xeriscaping.

I suggested to the Chimney Hills Board that it should make decisions about long-term goals, map a landscape plan, develop the specific steps along the way

and then negotiate with contractors to implement our goals. It should not be left to a contractor to decide what to do. The contractor does not pay the water bill. Here are some specific suggestions to consider:

1. The Xeriscape Committee, any other interested board member, and the landscape company, do a walk-through. Produce a workable irrigation plan, possibly with the assistance of Aurora Water. Make needed changes in sprinkler head orientation and aperture, and even sprinkler type (especially for trees). Smitty's Sprinklers at Smoky Hill and Chambers is recommended, 303-690-3886.

2. Xeriscape two or three areas such as #13667. Submit costs to Aurora Water for rebate.

3. Resubmit a bid for the Xanadu Xeriscape Project grant.

4. Tell residents at the annual meeting about what is being done and why.

5. Put information in the next newsletter on the community's increased water costs and the outside water audit by the CRC. Also tell residents that free indoor water audits may be scheduled by anyone interested. Rebates up to \$100 are available for installing water-efficient toilets and washing machines. If there is

a reasonable response, a discount on multi-home installations, similar to what occurred with the garage door repairs, may be available.

One homeowner has had the indoor water audit. She was so enthusiastic about the outcome that she came to the board meeting with the auditors to let us hear from them first hand!

6. Select an area of turf to convert to Buffalo grass 5-inch sod and/or Blue Grama (bunch grass/seed), both of which re-

quire no mowing.

7. Find any xeriscaping done this year and include xeriscaping work in the Perfect contract.

8. Lay down a grid to stop damage from snow piles.

I hope this will be helpful in reducing costs, preparing Chimney Hills for the future and maintaining or even increasing property values.

**Pamela Akiri
Chimney Hills**

{Chimney Hills Xeriscape Committee: Pam Akiri, Melissa Miller, Scott Schaeffer}

Contact for more information:

- Mark Cassalia, water conservation specialist, man in the field; mcassalia@auroragov.org

- Amy Schreiber, head of water conservation division and xeriscape grant program; aschreib@auroragov.org

- Skip Cunningham, spearheaded Heather Ridge South xeriscape program, now 3 yrs old with 30 percent savings on water bill, and xeriscape consultant to the HR Metro Board

- Craig Miller, Water Conservation Specialist to the Parker Water Board. Superb presenter of xeriscape workshops at Tagawa nursery, 7711 S. Parker Rd. Forty years experience. Go to www.pwsd.org and click "conservation" and then "annual class schedule" and "class hand-outs and outlines."

- Smitty's Sprinklers, Smitty is the owner of a long-standing family business, experienced in conserving water and water efficiency through precise sprinkler applications. Recommended by Heather Ridge South. Located at Smoky Hill and Chambers. 303-690-3886

- Nick's Garden Center has several people who are experienced in xeriscape plants. Center has reasonable prices on plants. 2001 S. Chambers Rd. 303-696-6657

- JBK Landscape (Eric Plouffe) have experienced landscapers and have been operating since the 1970s. Reasonable rates. Recommended by Heather Ridge South. 1250 S. Chambers Rd. 303-751-0192



Xeriscape landscapes can be interesting and varied.

Homeowners' Association News

Chimney Hill by Tom Westing

Chimney Hill Installs WeatherTrak Sprinkler Controller

In the interest of saving water, the Chimney Hill Board has installed a state of the art sprinkler controller in May. The product name is WeatherTrak ETplus and you can find out more about it at www.weathertrak.com. The system delivers local weather-based ET updates via a wireless communication network (ne2rk) everyday. It automatically adjusts irrigation in accordance with changing weather. Data is collected from 14,000+ weather stations across the U.S. through satellite technology. Proven scientific modeling techniques validate local weather down to one square kilometer before ET updates are transmitted to the controllers onsite. Over 2,800 of these systems have been installed in Colorado.

The system can be customized to particular plant set-

tings taking into account soil, slope and soak times.

The benefits are:

- Eliminates reliance on historical data
- Triggers dynamic irrigation adjustments based on the local, daily weather
- Accounts for all the variables that affect ET, including humidity, solar radiation, temperature and wind
- Removes hassle, risk and cost of single local sensors

The board expects to save between 30 to 40 percent on irrigation this summer, with an expected payback of the original \$5,000 investment in about 2 to 3 years. We will report back to you at the end of the summer with how well this system did.



Double Tree by Pete Traynor

Doubletree in Heather Ridge is an assemblage of 24 units, 12 duplex style townhouses. This quiet community has soothing surroundings of mature trees, flowers and grass in a park-like appearance. Annually a summer picnic, open to all residents, allows neighbors to mingle and catch up on conversation.

While not a senior community per se, the majority of residents have been here for years. The pace is leisurely. Several of our residents are ardent golfers and very pleased with recent results of the Heather Golf Course acquisition.

A self-governed community. All units are of similar size. However, the 15–16 participants in a progressive party 2 years ago showed just how varied the inside dec-

orations and modifications of the townhouses could be.

Residents enjoy the pleasant surroundings and new-found friends — who do watch out for each other.

Last year all the buildings were outfitted with a fresh coat of paint. Helpful suggestions by residents versed in areas of needed improvements not only make for better participation within the homeowners association (HOA), but can result in a more professional job and work accomplished at a cost savings.



Burgundy by Lori Rust

Water: It is important that we all participate in conserving water for several reasons. One being – it continues to be the community's largest expense. The sprinkler system is old. It continuously needs repairs and modifications to reduce water usage. From time to time, a valve or head will break, creating excessive water usage that must be paid for.

If you notice the sprinkler running for an extended period of time PLEASE call McKinney Management and let them know immediately, 303-783-0394.

Driveways and Parking: Several residents have voiced concern about the use of driveways and parking

areas. PLEASE make sure that you follow ALL HOA rules. The parking guidelines can be found on Burgundy's website, www.burghoa.com.

No playing or games are allowed in driveway areas! (An exception would be a block party when the area is roped off.)

Driveways are not playgrounds! Make sure that your children are safe and do not allow them to play in driveways unsupervised. If there are any concerns or viola-

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tions PLEASE call or email McKinney Management.

All HOA Documents are now on the Burgundy website,
www.BURGHOA.com

With the Pool now open here is a reminder of the
Swimming Pool Rules:

Residents of Burgundy and their guests may use the pool facilities. All persons using the pool and/or pool are do so at their own risk and sole responsibility. The management and owners assume no responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with such use.

A few key points to remember:

- Hours: 8 am–10 pm
- *Do Not Swim Alone* — there is no life guard on duty
- Guests must be accompanied by an adult RESIDENT of Burgundy.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult RESIDENT.
- NO running, rough play or excessive noise is allowed. No radios or stereos.
- Please leave the pool area and restrooms clean and orderly for other residents to enjoy.
- Please turn off lights and make sure water is off in the

restroom area, please keep this area clean!

- NO diapered children as per Aurora health code. All City of Aurora regulations apply.

All rules can be found on the website. We hope you enjoy the pool, it is a great benefit!

IT IS PARTY TIME!

Burgundy has a great clubhouse, wonderful for hosting an event or party. Call Karen Berg, 303-695-9630, and reserve your party day and time now! Bookings are being made for the Fall and Holidays.

Rates per event (Special reduced rates will apply for multiple scheduled rentals.)

Burgundy Resident	\$45	Damage Deposit	\$150
Metro District Resident	\$75	Damage Deposit	\$150
Non-Resident	\$100	Damage Deposit	\$250

Burgundy Homes for Sale:

2667 S. Xanadu Way E	2 Bdrm + loft / 2 BA	\$104,000
2645 S. Xanadu Way B	2 Bdrm + loft / 2 BA, Garage	\$130,000
2693 S. Xanadu Way B	2 Bdrm + loft / 2 Bth + Garage	\$148,000

Sausalito

by Carol McCormick

Sausalito, located between South Vaughn Way and South Worchester, was built in 1977 and has 159 patio homes, many of which face the golf course. McKinney Management Company, Inc. manages our property.

Similar to other communities, Sausalito has ongoing maintenance costs. In late summer 2009 the large project of repaving the streets and auto courts of our entire community was completed. Current landscaping projects include removing/replacing 16 old bollards, maintaining an older irrigation system and managing the replacement of dying trees and bushes. Please call Tony, 720-535-9705, with any landscaping issues.

Sausalito Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 7 pm Monday Aug. 9. It will be held in the Heather Ridge Clubhouse Ballroom. Please try to be there!!!!

Water Usage Policy and Issues. If you are considering going green with your washing machine, toilets, water heater, dishwasher, etc, please visit www.auroragov.org for information regarding rebate programs.

Swimming Pools. The Victor pool and Worchester pool opened Memorial Day. Everyone enjoys the pools and appreciate adherence to our pool rules.

Garage Doors. Sausalito Board would like to thank to those of you who replaced your garage doors within the required time frame. The new garage doors will be painted during the next month or so. The garage door replacement policy is now in effect for those who still need to replace their garage doors.

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. Our board meets at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of every month at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge.

Some Fun Information. Get daily deals on the best in Denver at www.groupon.com.

July 1–31 National Recreation and Parks Month
The official purpose of National Recreation and Parks Month is to showcase and invite community participation in quality leisure activities for all segments of the population. In other words, it is a time for you and your family to get outside and enjoy the sunshine by visiting this nation's beautiful National Parks!

Colorado is fortunate to have four National Parks within its borders:

- Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park near Montrose
- Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve near Mosca
- Mesa Verde National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site near Cortez
- Rocky Mountain National Park near Estes Park and Grand Lake

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Check out the golf specials at <http://golfclubatheatheridge.com/>

Cobblestone

by Kay Griffiths

Pool Party: Our 10th annual pool party was held on June 26. It was a great turn out — about 40 residents attended. As usual, it rained. Everyone hung in there until it really started to pouring down. Cobblestone association provided brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, trimmings and soft drinks. Residents brought appetizers, salads or desserts. It was a great variety of delicious food. The kids swim and the adults get some time to visit with each other.

Paint: If you need to paint anything on the outside of your unit, such as the main color or trim, there is extra paint in the pool house. Call Kay Griffiths, 303-337-6357. She will help you get it.

Recycle: One of the trash bins has now been placed with a recycle bin so that there are 2. If you got discouraged because the recycle bin was always overflowing, give it another try.

Cars: Please *don't park your car in the "no parking zones."* At least one car has been towed. The community plans to hire a towing company to drive through randomly, checking to see if there are any cars that need to be towed.

Please *observe the speed limit of 10 mph.* No matter how far up the road you live, driving fast through the community isn't going to save you anything but a few seconds.

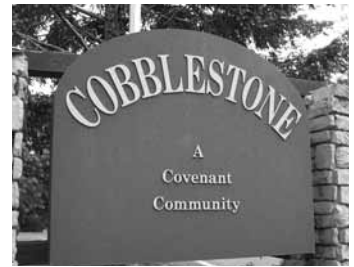
Slowing down may save a life.

Please **do not wash your car** here in the complex. The water bill is huge each month and if everyone washed their car using Cobblestone spigot, this bill would become astronomical.

Pool: Thanks to those who are using the pool for the responsible way you are taking care of it. The toys are always put away. The umbrellas are usually put down in the evening. No food or cigarette butts are left behind. It is great that so many people use it so often and leave it in good shape for the next user. Thank also to our pool service that has done such a wonderful job for us all these years.

Hope you had a great 4th of July!

Below: The pool party before it started raining.



Strawberry

by Denise McCammon

HOA Meeting Night Change

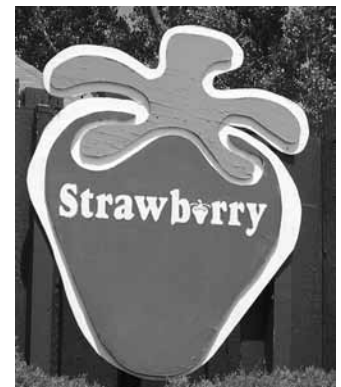
HOA meetings will take place the third MONDAY of each month starting July 19. The meeting will begin at 7 pm at the clubhouse, 2638 S. Xanadu Way. See you at the next meeting, July 19!

Show Off That Green Thumb. Our community sure looks like summer! Take a stroll and enjoy the colors of pansies, petunias, daisies, roses and more that everyone displays in pots and well-kept flower beds. Well Done! Kudos to you all!

Recycle Boxes. There are 2 bins, one in phase I and one in phase II. PLEASE use them to dispose of recyclable items such as aluminum and tin cans, glass

bottles, newspapers, cardboard boxes (broken down, please), plastic bottles and containers, but NO plastic bags or garbage, please! It really doesn't take but just a little more effort to walk a bit further to put your things in the bin and not in the dumpster. If you are not sure where yours is located, call 303-751-5513, and check with Ed.

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controlled community, here are a few excerpts from Rules and Regulations, dated Aug. 1, 2008.

“• Animals (includes dogs, cats and other animals) shall be leashed at all times when on the General Common Elements. Owners shall comply with all City of Aurora ordinances pertaining to animals.

“• The feeding of pigeons and squirrels is not permitted.

“• No sign, art piece, decoration, fixture, advertisement, notice or other lettering shall be exhibited, inscribed, painted or affixed by residents on any part of the outside units or on the General Common Elements without written approval from the Association.

“• Nothing shall be done in or about a building that will interfere with the rights, comforts or conveniences of the Owners. No musical instruments, radios, televisions, phonographs or cars shall be operated in a manner that is disturbing to other Owners.

“• No television or radio antennas, SATELLITE DISH ANTENNAS, hot tubs, storage units, exterior decorations or shelving may be placed on patios, porches, sun decks or other Limited Common Elements, including roofs, without written approval of the Association.”

These items are being violated frequently. The Architectural Control Committee will be alerted to problems that arise and will contact individuals in violation. If you are interesting in obtaining a copy of the Rules and Regulations, please call CAP Management, 303-832-2971.

Ward IV meetings. If you have never attended a Ward IV meeting, you might just get hooked after going. Strawberry lies within Ward IV, bounded roughly by Dayton on the west, Mississippi on the north, Parker Road to the south and Buckley on the east. Molly Markert is our Aurora City Council representative. Meetings are held once a month — with the next one 7–9 am Thursday July 22, at Aurora Fire Station 11, 2291 S. Joliet St. It is at the corner of East Iliff and Joliet. Get up early and bring your questions, comments and concerns. Oh yes, Molly provides cookies, too!

Garage Sale Last Month. The garage sale was a blowout — literally! The wind blew items off the tables then blew the tables away. Another sale is planned for later on in the summer, hopefully for a calmer day. Date

will be announced later.

Pool Problems. There have been reports of children under the age of 18 being in the adult pool at the clubhouse. This is an adult pool only. There are to be no exceptions to this rule AT ANY TIME, day or night. Pets are NOT permitted in the pool areas AT ANY TIME. The board is looking into implementing a key card system for both adult and family pool gates. It may be done this summer and should be a big improvement over the current key system. Hopefully, it will cut down on unauthorized people gaining access to our pools.

Security Service. Negotiations are currently in the works to contract with a new security service for Strawberry. By the time you read this, the contract will have been issued and you will begin seeing officers patrolling the community. The name of the company is BRT Protective Services Inc. The contact number will be provided as soon as an officer is assigned. Please contact CAP management or the Board of Directors if you have any questions.

Privacy or Safety. In our cozy settings, everyone loves our privacy, don't we? Aurora Police and Fire Departments want you to be aware of the following: that big shrub that provides privacy for your patio and/or windows may also provide cover for criminals to watch and wait for an opportunity. That big shrub should have a limited trim and be cleaned at the bottom to allow visibility.

Walks must be clear to allow passage by emergency personnel, equipment and gurneys. Drives must be clear for patrol cars, ambulances, and fire trucks. Some addresses are hard to locate because the unit numbers are hidden by overgrown trees or bushes. The landscapers know what the city has asked. They are doing their best to honor the requests while preserving as much of your privacy as possible.

Strawberry Board: President Jan Lucas, Vice President Victoria Torok, Treasurer Bev Earley, Secretary Denise McCammon, Director Erik Gose; BOD Email: strawberryhoa@yahoo.com; Website: www.strawberryhoa.com

Important phone numbers:

Property Manager – CAP 303-832-2971
Ed Koschik – Maintenance 303-751-5513
Animal Control (after hours) 303-627-3100

Heather Ridge South

by Van Lewis

Change of managers: Jan Rider is the community's new manager at Westwind (her direct phone is 303-302-5951; jan@westwindmanagement.com). Previous manager Janelle Maninger has worked with HRS for five years doing a superior job — she will be missed. But worry not, Jan Rider has been Janelle's assistant for years and has nicely taken over all duties. Westwind Management has served HRS for almost 25 years, and every manager has been superior. Thank you Tim Larson for running a pro-

fessional company.

Change of Security Company: Effective July 1, Covenant Community Services will be the new security company for HRS (303-552-9027 dispatch, office, admin), not Advanced Security. A new magnetic pad will be mailed to residents with updated emergency numbers.

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Please join your Heather Gardens neighbors for a special event!

**Candidate for County Commissioner
Bruce Peterson**



with special guest

**JOHN SUTHERS
COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**7 pm Tuesday, July 27
Auditorium, Community Center**

2888 South Heather Gardens Way

This is a complimentary event. There is no charge for the AG's presentation.
(Blossoms Restaurant opens for social time at 5:30. Dinner buffet at 6 pm, \$6.75)

Primary Topics:

**Attorney General Suther's lawsuit joining 19 other states against
the Federal healthcare legislation (Obamacare)**

Immigration Reform

There will be time for your questions following the presentation.

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Primary Election August 10

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Summer Luau Party on July 17: HRS has 2 annual community parties, Christmas and summer. This year's luau includes a whole BBQ pig, roasted chicken, corn on the cob, and cold beer. Residents will be asked to bring side dishes, so look for fliers.

Water Usage Policy and Issues: With summer here, please remember the following:

- No car washing: Even an innocent bucket and spray hose is not permitted because others could perceive it as open season for car washing. Please use local car wash facilities that recycle the water.
- Flower beds, grassy areas: hand water only, no unattended hose sprinklers.
- Saving water: If you haven't gone green with your toilets, clothes washer, water heater, etc., please visit Aurora's website for rebate programs.

Parking Issues: Parking is permitted in front of garages, but doing so might make the area crowded, hinder emergency vehicles and hurt real estate values. It might hinder your neighbor's access. Please use your garage as intended. To report complaints, call Jan Rider at Westwind.

Roofing Project in Progress: Roofing repairs started in June, but was stopped for additional hail inspections. Three patio buildings have been completed costing \$114,000. Once the inspection is done and the revised claim submitted, work will begin again. If the claim is successful, the project can be completed faster.

Skylights: The HOA maintains only original sky-

lights, mechanical vents and covers installed by the builder/developer. Anything else is the owner's responsibility for leaks, maintenance, or damages. The HOA is responsible for leaks due to flashing or roof materials.

Personal Landscaping: Flowers and plants make HRS look great, but please don't plant outside of your limited common areas without written permission. Flower beds can be fun, but abandoned ones are an eyesore and an HOA maintenance problem. Flower pots are preferred especially in front of garages, patios and walkways. Power to the flower!

Replacing/installing Central Air Conditioning



*Residents or HRS enjoy a monthly get-together at the pool in June.
Photo by Van Lewis*

Units: If you need a new AC pad or holes to run condensation lines to your furnace, then you need HOA written approval. Also, HOA permission is needed when replacing circuit breaker boxes. If you rebuild the old box, approval is not required. Owners are responsible for all maintenance and repair costs.

Farmers Markets

Aurora Farmers Market I
Buckingham Square Shopping Ctr
Tuesday, 11 am–sellout
Saturday, 7 am–sellout
•••

Aurora Farmers Market II
9750 East Colfax Avenue
Tuesday, 11 am–sellout
Saturday, 7 am–sellout
•••

Aurora South Farmers Market II
15324 East Hampden Circle
Wednesday, 7 am–sellout
•••

Southlands Farmers Market
Smoky Hill Rd and E470
Saturdays, 9 am–2 pm
Thursday, 10 am–2 pm
•••

Tamarac Square Farmers Market
Tamarac & Hampden, Denver
Monday, 11 am–3 pm
•••

Cherry Creek Farmers Market
Bed, Bath & Beyond
parking lot
1st Avenue & University
Wednesday, 9 am–1 pm
Saturday, 7:30 am–12:30
•••

Bellevue Promenade Farmers Market
8000 E Bellevue Ave, Cherry Creek
Tuesday, 10 am–sellout

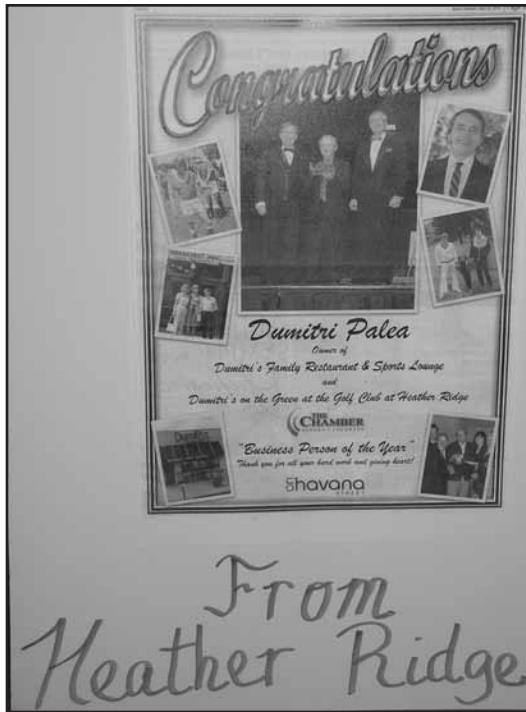
Dumitri Palea, owner of Dumitri's Restaurant at Heather Ridge Golf Club, was named **Business Person of the Year** by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce in April 2010. Poster photographed at left was a congratulatory "card" to Dumitri from HRMD. Besides the restaurant, Palea also owns Dumitri's Family Restaurant and Sports Lounge on South Havana Ave at Jewell.

The awards, given out during the Chamber's annual awards banquet included man and woman of the year, business of the year, small businessperson of the year and six other categories.

Kevin Hougen, president of the Chamber, said the annual awards are important because they recognize people who have contributed a great deal to the community.

"We have so many not only individual companies large and small but individuals who are out there doing so much for the community so often," he said. "It has to be somebody who has done something to really shine and should be rewarded, or at least acknowledged." (Aurora Sentinel, April 22 issue)

When restaurant critic Warren Byrne reviewed Dumitri's at Heather Ridge, he concluded, "At a time when more and more people are looking for a casual evening of dining out with surprisingly good food at an affordable price, Dumitri's at Heather Ridge would seem to be the right place at the right time."



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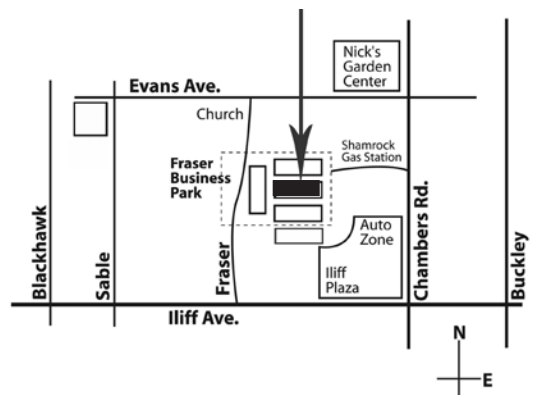
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2004-Present**

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

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For Your Information

Aurora Municipal Court

Volunteers needed. Call Helen Damaskos, Executive Assistant to the Court Administrator, 303-739-6440.

Information Officers staff the Information Desk at the Aurora Municipal Court Justice Center. Individuals will be trained to answer commonly asked questions, as well as provide directions to the visiting public. These goodwill ambassadors will be one of the main points of contact the public has with the court system.

Training: Volunteers do not need experience, just enthusiasm.

Time Required: Hours are 7:30 am–11 am once a week or more frequently, if available.

First Appearance Center Clerical Assistant assists in processing high volume cases in the First Appearance Center. This fact-paced position requires volunteers to greet citizens summoned to Traffic Court, pull relevant files, disseminate appropriate paperwork and respond to questions regarding procedures. Volunteers may be required to assist clerks by answering phones and maintaining proper order of files.

Training: Experience is not necessary.

Time Required: Hours are 8

am–11 am once a week or more frequently, if available.

Aurora City Council

Volunteers are needed for vacancies on civic committees. Applications are available at all Aurora Public Libraries, the city clerk's office on the first floor in the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy, on the city's web page under Boards and Commissions or by Calling 303-739-7120.

...1 volunteer on the Commission for Seniors.

...7 volunteers on the Aurora Fox Arts Center Board.

...1 volunteer on the Art in Public Places Commission.

...Multiple openings (Adult and Youth) on the Aurora Youth Commission.

...Multiple openings on the Business Advisory Board.

...2 volunteers on the Building Code and Contractors Appeals and Standards Board.

...2 volunteers on the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development.

...1 volunteer on the Golf Course Advisory Committee.

...3 volunteers (1 youth, 1 adult alternate and 1 youth alternate) on the

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...1 volunteer on the Judicial Performance Commission.

...1 volunteer on the Open Space Board.

Banks in Harmony

Bring a blanket and find a spot on the lawn for the City of Aurora's 24th annual summer concert series featuring a variety of music from pop to big band swing.

Concerts run 6:30–8 pm Thursdays. Admission is free, and food is available for sale on site (Helga's Restaurant, Jim 'N Nick's BBQ and Cold Stone Creamery). For information, 303-344-1500.

Concerts at Utah Park, 1800 S.

Peoria St

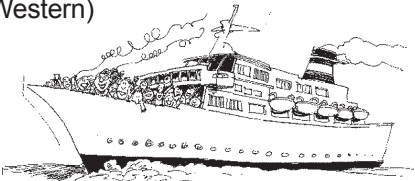
• July 15, Hot Tomatoes (Big Band Swing)

• July 22, Chris Daniels and the Kings (Rock 'n Roll with horns)

Meadowood Park, 3054 S Laredo St

• July 29, Pan Jumbies (Calypso/Caribbean)

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Letters

Metro Matters

If you would like to list your book, card, walking, mahjong clubs etc., please contact Bette Secord at bettesecord@gmail.com.

Bette Secord
Fairway 16

Metro Matters

Please print the following in your next *Metro Matters*:

Ladies Club Championship is Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday, Aug. 15. You must have played at least four rounds to qualify.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Any questions, please call or e-mail a board member."

Thanks,

Dianne Wallen

Metro Matters

All that we have on the calendar for August is the following:

1:30 pm Aug. 9 Shotgun Scramble Golf Tournament

Aug. 17 Ladies 9-hole Club Championship

Aug. 24 Ladies 9-hole Club Championship

Audrey Romero

Metro Matters

I sent you the xeriscape report and you said the communities would be interested in that...I didn't know you wanted more. I know we are painting one of every five community houses. We do 20 percent every year and thus every townhouse gets

painted and carpentry repairs every five years. This avoids a big assessment. We are using Certa Pro.

Our pool is now open and is already had good use.

We have not had any increase in the HOA dues for three years. We may have to this year unless we save enough money on watering costs.

Another issue that concerns us is the rental rate, which has gone up in these hard times to 22 percent.

We also made available to residents the option to choose a date for a community tag sale.

Like all the other Golf Club communities, we are delighted with the increasing popularity of the golf course. It seems to be packed to capacity every morning. I personally would like to recognize Dumitri for making the place a real social "place to go." I think he has done a fabulous job of attracting people: golfers, dancers, people with events to celebrate, all by creating a home-like familial feel generated by his whole staff.

Pam Akiri
Chimney Hills

Metro Matters

I Am a Proud Owner of a Golf Course!

I never could have imagined this. Of course, everyone who lives in Heather Ridge Metro District No. 1 owns the Golf Course with me. We will be able to enjoy this open space as long as we live in this area. That is why I would like to encourage everyone to help our community by getting involved.

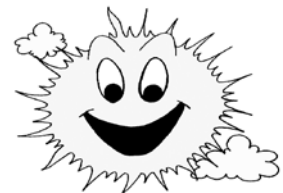
I joined Heather Ridge Social and Marketing committee last year. This committee is responsible for coordinating meetings to inform the United Association of Homeowners about current events. We are now planning fundraisers, and other events that people of all ages will be able to enjoy.

There will be community events on the golf course, so more people can get acquainted. I ask everyone to help keep the area clean. I welcome any suggestions you have and ask for your support towards getting more people involved.

Lana Gutnik

Letters to the Editor

Send or deliver your letters for *Metro Matters* to Editor Bette Secord, Fairway 16, bettesecord@gmail.com; or Publisher Lynn Donaldson, 13731 E Hamilton Dr, Aurora, CO 80014; LynnNeu@comcast.net by the first 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. This space in your monthly newsletter will afford persons with varying and differing views an opportunity to air responsible opinions on matters of community interest. It should promote community and enjoyable life pursuits.



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Dumitri's Restaurant at Heather Ridge

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- Open Daily for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- For a quick bite to eat and enjoy our patio, join us at Dumitri's on the Green (next to the Pro Shop).
- Every Tuesday is Ladies Night! Drink Specials and Karaoke!
- Every Thursday: 2 for 1 Lunch or Dinner with the Purchase of 2 beverages



- Every Friday and Saturday: Live Music in the Evening.
- Every Saturday: 2 for 1 Lunch or Dinner with the Purchase of 2 Beverages for Metro District and Golf Club Members ONLY!

Please Visit Our Website,
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 Updated Music Schedules, Special Events.

July Calendar at Heather Ridge

Sun 18	Night Shift Saloon Shotgun Golf Tournament	10 am
Tue 20	Ladies 9 Hole Member Guest Tournament	8 am
	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Wed 21	Dumitri's Trivia Night	7 pm
Thu 22	Dumitri's - Tom Allen Duo	6-9 pm
Fri 23	Dumitri's - Michael Sangster	
Sat 24	Men's Golf Club Point Par	7:30 am
	A Day at the Races-Arapahoe Park Racetrack	
	Dumitri's - Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Tue 27	9-Hole Ladies Golf	
	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Thu 29	Dumitri's - Tom Allen Duo	6-9 pm
Fri 30	Dumitri's - Magic Moments	
Sat 31	Suncor Energy Shotgun Golf Tournament	8 am
	Dumitri's - Magic Moments	

August Calendar at Heather Ridge

Tue 3	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Wed 4	Dumitri's Trivia Night	7 pm
Thu 5	Dumitri's - Tom Allen Duo	

Sat 7	Men' Golf Club - 2 Man Modify Foursomes (Alternate Shot) Pick your Team	9 am
	Dumitri's - Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Tue 10	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Thu 12	Dumitri's - Tom Allen Duo	
Fri 13	Dumitri's - Elvis Memorial Music with Hot Toddy	
Sat 14	Ladies 18 Hole Club Championship	
	Dumitri's - Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sun 15	Ladies 18 Hole Club Championship	
Tue 17	9 Hole Ladies Club Championship	
	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Wed 18	Dumitri's Trivia Night	7 pm
Thu 19	Dumitri's - Tom Allen Duo	
Fri 20	Dumitri's - Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sat 21	Men's Club Championship	8 am
	Dumitri's - Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sun 22	Men's Club Championship	8 am
Tue 24	9-Hole Ladies Club Championship	
	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Thu 26	Dumitri's - Tom Allen Duo	
Fri 27	Dumitri's - Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sat 28	Men's Club Tournament of Champions	8 am
	Dumitri's - Magic Moments	
Tue 31	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm