

Heather Ridge Metro Matters

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HRCA News

Four Important HOA Bills Signed into Law

Governor Hickenlooper signed four bills in the HOA Reform Package on May 28, 2013. The bills are aimed at providing consumer protection for owners and residents in HOAs. House Bill 1276 (HB 1276) addresses HOA debt collection, and HB 1277 concerns licensing of managers and management companies. Here is a brief outline of each bill:

HB 1276: Goes into effect January 1, 2014, defining HOA collection policy, foreclosure, and payment plans. It outlines a step-by-step due process of enforcement for greater transparency between HOAs and its owners. Debt collection must be a defined process by HOAs beginning with giving notice to seeking judgments and recording liens. Concerning foreclosures, the HOA board must vote "on the record" versus directing a management company to initiate foreclosure. A foreclosure can begin only after a total of six-months worth of HOA fees is compiled. Lastly, delinquent parties owing funds to the HOA must have a one-time option for a repayment plan versus demand in full. (Only for the section of the statute that discusses the repayment plan does the term "assessments" include fees, charges, late charges, attorney fees, fines and interest on common expense assessments.)

HB 1277: Goes into effect January 1, 2015, with a compliance date of July 1, 2015. It defines and enforces licensure of community association managers and management company executives. The Colorado Division of Real Estate will have rule-making authority and enforcement powers.

HB 1134 was originally introduced to expand the powers of the HOA Information Office and the HOA Information and Resources Center both housed with Colorado Division of Real Estate. This bill proposed to further regulate controlling documents and procedures of HOAs and their property owners. It looks to include complaints, mediation, dispute resolutions, hearings specific to complaints, HOA elections, regulatory oversight over declarant-controlled boards for compliance, and protection for boards, director, homeowners, and residents from threats or defamatory conduct arising from HOA matters. In addition to requiring all HOAs (including pre-Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act communities) to register and simplify the registration requirements, the bill requires the Division of Real Estate to conduct a study that will assess options, costs and the need for the Division to have expanded authority. The study must be completed by December 31, 2013, and will result in legislation next year. The bill will go into effect August 7, 2013.

Senate Bill 183 (SB 183) was signed by Governor Hickenlooper on May 10, 2013, and was effective immediately. It proposes to address drought and water issues concerning HOA landscaping requirements. Emphasis is on saving water by limiting water-guzzling turf, and defining turf by design and types of grass. HOAs cannot require installing any turf grass in a homeowner's landscape request, resolving HOA covenants that conflict with city or other watering authorities, and permitting HOAs to adopt xeriscape type designs and enforce design or aesthetic guidelines. HOAs may not levy fines against owners for failure to adequately water when water restrictions are in place and watering is in compliance with those restrictions.

— Van Lewis



Happy July 4th



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CRIME TIP: Summer Safety Tips

Here are some summer tips to make the time you spend outdoors safe and enjoyable.

Be Observant In Public

When you load the family into the car and head out to a fun-filled destination, always keep in mind that criminals may be sharing your day with you. By following a few simple outdoor safety tips, you can do everything possible to avoid being victimized by predators who might be watching. Law breakers are always on the lookout for an easy target, so make sure you don't give them one.

Always lock your doors and roll up the windows when you leave your car. Car thieves regularly patrol parking lots and try door handles to see if they will open. They are hoping for an unlocked vehicle that they can get into quickly and take anything that was left inside. You should always store valuable items in the trunk, so that a criminal does not see them and become tempted to break in.



While enjoying your day, keep a close eye on your entire family — and everyone around you. Look for strangers who seem to be watching you or getting too close. They may be trying to determine if you have something they can take. Protect your loved ones and personal items carefully. Make sure no predator has a chance to steal from you.

Summer Safety At Home

All summer long, people are outdoors working on projects such as lawn care, hosting barbecues or relaxing by a pool. It can be easy to forget to close a door or window, but if they are left open, it creates an easy opportunity for a burglar. Garage doors, in particular, are regularly used by criminals to gain access to a home during the warmer months. People go outside to do yard work and forget to close the garage door. Criminals may steal items from the garage itself, which usually contains tools and other valuable belongings, or use it as an easy way to get into your home. Once inside, the law breaker can grab an armful of things quickly, and run off without ever being noticed.

Some criminals will work together during the summer months. One will come to your door and distract you, while the other sneaks into your garage, backyard or home to take whatever they can grab. Be wary of anyone who approaches your front door and don't let them take too much of your time. Every year, thousands of burglaries occur all over the United States. Teach your family how to guard themselves and their property, and do what you can to ensure a safe and happy summer for everyone.

— Mark Lowisz
PAR Officer

Neighborhood Watch

The regular Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18 starting at 6:30 pm at Heather Ridge South Clubhouse, 2811 S. Xanadu Way (South of Yale). You will not want to miss this meeting. NW will have a guest speaker from dispatch, who is eager to answer all of your questions about this interesting area of the Aurora Police Department.

A Reminder:

National Night Out, will be held 6–8 pm August 6, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 11500 E. Iliff Ave. This event is open to all residents in Areas 9, 10 and 11. It is for the entire family. Bring your children to see squad cars and fire trucks.



There will also be activities for the children. Food, donations and gift certificates will also be available for all attendees and most of all, a lot of fun!

Bev Brown
Head Area Coordinator for UAHR
and Area 10



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Back to the Future – 2007!

It's been five long years, but the general consensus is metro Denver is back to 2007 average home values. Recent sales in Heather Ridge have equaled top prices from then, after dropping 25 percent on average. The recovery has been long and painful, but Heather Ridge is back and ready for the next price run-up.

“Metro Denver had the highest share of homes selling within seven days or fewer in April among the U.S.’s major metro areas,” according to realty data company ZipRealty. “Nearly 40 percent of homes listed in April sold within seven days,” a rate that was twice the national average for April.



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For sale inventory is up 22 percent from April–May, with 8,200 homes for sale as of June 14. This is good news, because demand has

been pushing prices up beyond normal appraisal standards. So far for 2013, home appreciation is tracking at 10-11 percent, a rate too strong and unhealthy for a “normal” market growth. Homes in Heather Ridge are selling faster than metro rates, and it’s not unusual for “clean, updated, and correctly priced homes” to sell within days, not weeks.

Outdated homes are selling too, but at prices reflecting needed work. Today’s buyer in Heather Ridge wants a “move-in finished” home not needing repairs or remodeling. Simply stated, most buyers don’t have the cash or skills to do that. If your home needs help, Pete and Van can give you the marketing edge and insights for an optimum sale. They are showing and seeing almost every home for sale in Heather Ridge, giving them an insight and knowledge that other agents might not have.

Comparing Heather Ridge Neighborhoods

Except for Country Club Ridge, all Heather Ridge neighborhoods were built by EDI, Inc. from 1973 to 1981. They used

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similar designs with different features to vary their products throughout Heather Ridge, a fact not readily known. For example, Cobblestone Crossing, Cobblestone, and Burgundy are almost identical neighborhoods. In Chimney Hill, EDI used the same model, but put a basement and garage under the units for more value. Sausalito neighborhood is a mix of Chimney Hill models with detached units and 2-car attached garages (no basements). Heather Ridge South and Fairway 16 are twins with identical models. Double Tree's homes are similar, but larger than HRS or Fairway 16's units. Lastly, Strawberry I units are stacked two-level buildings, whereas Strawberry II's units are smaller versions of Burgundy and other similar neighborhoods.

Please call your neighborhood experts Pete and Van to evaluate your home. Their creed is "Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care." So remember, please don't leave home without them!

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

Homes Sold as of June 13, 2013

HOA	Sold \$	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$59,995	13645	E Yale Ave A	1 - 1	856	1-Cprt,OS,Resv	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$161,500	2280	S Vaughn Way 101	2 - 2	1,196	1-Garage,Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$163,225	2670	S Vaughn Way C	4 - 3	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$165,000	2172	S Victor St D	2 - 2	1,208	2-Grg, Det,Resv	2 Story

MLS For Sale as of June 14, 2013

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry II	\$102,000	2419	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,091	1-Reserved	2 Story
Burgundy	\$114,900	2697	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,162	1-Garage, Det	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$150,000	1959	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,392	1-Reserved	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$164,900	13640	E Evans Ave	3 - 2	1,344	1-Garage,Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$165,000	2496	S Vaughn Way D	4 - 3	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$174,900	2210	S Vaughn Way 204	2 - 2	1,124	1-Garage,Att,Ovs	Loft
Fairway 16	\$225,900	2518	S Vaughn Way B	3 - 4	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story

Homes Under Contract as of June 14, 2013

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Bed/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Space	Style
Strawberry I	\$83,900	2626	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,098	1-Carport,Det	Ranch
Strawberry I	\$87,000	13613	E Yale Ave B	2 - 2	1,144	1-Carport,Resv	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$89,900	1963	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,208	2-Garage,Resv	1.5 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$105,000	2842	S Wheeling Way	2 - 2	1,462	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$109,900	2459	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,091	2-Off Street,Resv	1.5 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$130,000	2822	S Wheeling Way	3 - 2	1,462	2-Garage,Ovs	2 Story
Burgundy	\$150,000	2625	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,315	1-Garage,Det,Resv	2 Story
Sausalito	\$150,000	2259	S Worcester Ct D	2 - 3	1,230	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Cobblestone Crossing	\$154,000	13266	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,392	1-Off Street,Resv	2 Story
Sausalito	\$155,000	2468	S Victor St B	2 - 3	1,282	2-Garage Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$159,900	2737	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,462	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$197,000	2739	S Xanadu Way	4 - 4	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$214,000	2698	S Vaughn Way B	4 - 3	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story

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Golf Club at Heather Ridge Monthly Update

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Ladies' and Men's Clubs Mixer Tournament Winners

1st Flight

1st Place Winning Team: Mike Coppens, Wendy Traynor, Tom Knaub, and Dan Brothis

2nd: Joyce Scott, Bob Ore, and Kim Larson

3rd: Mike Geppner, Russ Barrett, Art Scott, and JoAnn Oswald

2nd Flight

1st: Bruce Larson, Karen Johnston, Chris Watts, and Dianne Barnes

2nd: Dan Markovich, Mike Harden, Marj Copeland, and Vonda Peecher

3rd: Kirk Jamison, Loren Janulewicz, Peggy Coppens, and Sue Smith

Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club Tournament

Sucker in the Bucket, May 14

1st Place Team: Ginny Lewis, M.C. Riaski, Judy Straayer, Marge Sumberg

2nd: Liz Clancy, Mabel Jordan, Stacey Visentin, Sharon Warembourg

3rd (tie): Cathy Carter, Sandy Finney, Marilyn May, Alberta Sulzer

3rd (tie): Sharon Gunderson, Sonya Mathews, Sally Simon, Nancy Simpson

JINX, May 21

A Flight

1st: Stacey Visentin
2nd: Marilyn May
3rd: JoAnn Oswald

B Flight

1st: Sharon Gunderson
2nd: Alberta Sulzer
3rd: M.C. Riaski

C Flight

1st: Sonya Mathews
2nd: Sandy Melton
3rd: Sharon Warembourg

Odd Holes, May 28

A Flight

1st: Suzy Koch
2nd: JoAnn Oswald
3rd: Liz Clancy

B Flight

1st: Sharon Gunderson
2nd: Sandra Pierce
3rd: Ginny Lewis

C Flight

1st: Sandy Finney
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HR Ladies 18-Hole Golf Club

The Heather Ridge Ladies 18-Hole Golf Club added a couple of new members since last month. We welcome them! From all reports, everyone who participated in the Men's and Women's Club Mixer on June 1 had a great time. Everyone hopes the two clubs can arrange another tournament this fall. (See photos from the June 1 Mixer Tournament on pages 10 and 11.)

**Teresa Anderson
President**

HR Men's Golf Club Tournament

Individual Net, June 15

First Flight

1st: Benny Barns, net 63
2nd: Mike Coppens, net 67
3rd: Dean Weber, net 69

Second Flight

1st: Tom Knaub, net 61
2nd: Jack Geminhart, net 66
3rd: Don Blosser, net 66
(card play off)

Third Flight

1st: Morris Hoole, net 66
2nd: Dumitri Palea, net 68
3rd: Hohn Wright, net 71

Closest to the Pin

Hole #5: Mike Geppner

Hole #8: Andy Schmidt

Hole #10: Benny Barns

Hole #14: Ed Wrinmer

Update/Meeting on New HRMD Logo

Back in February, the article repeated below appeared in *Heather Ridge Metro Matters* magazine, asking readers, golfers, residents, and others to submit their ideas for a Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) logo.

Since that original article was published, a few new creative ideas and concepts have been sketched, revised, and discussed but not yet finalized. Representatives from the golf course, the HRMD, and the 10 Homeowner Associations (HOAs) that make up the metropolitan district are encouraged to submit their ideas to *Metro Matters*.

Two professional graphic artists from the Heather Ridge community have graciously volunteered their time to work with the concepts and ideas that are generated.

A meeting of all interested parties interested in review the various ideas will be scheduled later this summer.

As this activity moves forward, the Heather Ridge community and golf course will both benefit from a marketing effort that is built around a consistent brand identity, and message. A logo that solidifies the connection between the golf course and the community is a great first step in that process.

Please e-mail your ideas to the editor at bmconn202@aol.com or mail them to the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District office, 13521 E Iliff Ave. Aurora, CO 80014.

— Barry McConnell

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Metro Matters Needs a "LOGO"

The *Metro Matters* magazine was originally created to communicate news about the newly formed Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) to the members of the 10 neighborhoods that make up the Heather Ridge community. These 10 architecturally distinct communities — Strawberry I, Sausalito, Country Club Ridge, Burgundy, Double Tree, Chimney Hill, Cobblestone, Cobblestone Crossing, Fairway 16, and Heather Ridge South — all share many things in common. Most importantly, they share the name Heather Ridge and the rich heritage that goes with it.

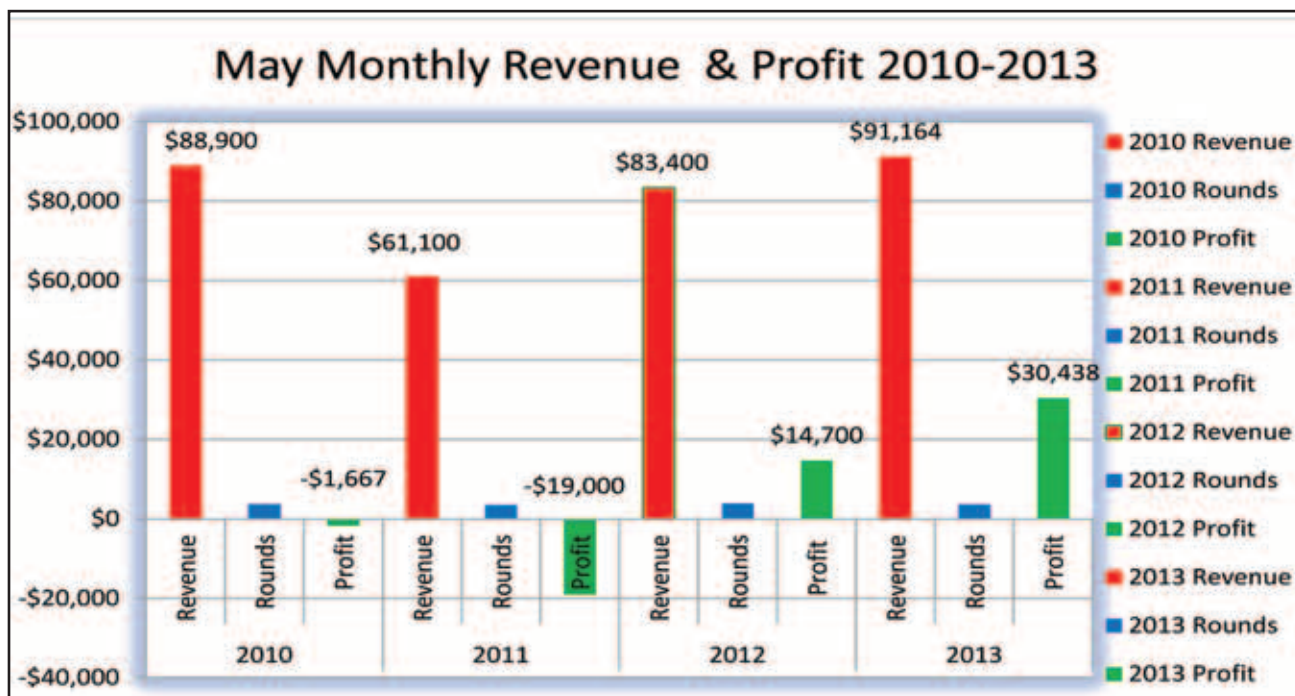
To help solidify that common identity, *Metro Matters* is actively seeking input from anyone within the Heather Ridge neighborhoods to develop a logo for our community and our *Metro Matters* magazine. Concepts that this logo might embrace are: 1) The love of the Heather Ridge way of life; 2) A commitment to preserving the open space; 3) A rich Country Club and golf course heritage; 4) A unique status as a metropolitan district made up of 10 unique neighborhoods. If you are a graphic artist, or just a professional doodler, *Metro Matters* would love to consider your ideas. Please forward logo concepts to Cheryl Greenman, cheryl.greenman@gmail.com or Barry McConnell, bmconn202@aol.com.

— Barry McConnell

**"God bless America, Land that I love...
...God bless America, My home, sweet home."**



Golf Course Operations Continues Positive Financial Trend



Thanks to tight management control of wages and other expenses, the golf course operations success story continues. Although revenue increased by only 2.55 percent from May 2010 to May 2013, operating profit grew 1,920 % from -\$1,667 to +\$30,438 during the same May time period. The next challenge for the course management is to increase the number of rounds being played. The number of actual rounds played has remained relatively unchanged for the last four years. Unfortunately, some of that is controlled by Mother Nature.

— Barry McConnell

Letters

Metro Matters

Do you or someone you know have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes? If you've answered yes, I am asking that you support me in my ride in the Tour de Cure. It is a series of fundraising cycling events held in 44 states to benefit the American Diabetes Association. My ride is August 17 in Longmont.

Why am I asking you to support me? I have been a homeowner in the Strawberry community for 14 years and am a Type 2 diabetic. I plan on riding the 50k this year! So you may see me wearing my Red Rider jersey in the neighborhood while I am training. (See photo of me at the 2012 ride, far right.) Please give a shout if you do — "Go Red Rider!" is the phrase that pays! Please consider donating to me at the following: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/mobrien> or if you would like to write a check, you may contact me at meem22us@yahoo.com and I will be respond with the specifics.

Also, if you would like to do more by holding a fundraising event, please contact me at meem22us@yahoo.com I can also provide a container for your club house for spare change. Your change will make a difference!

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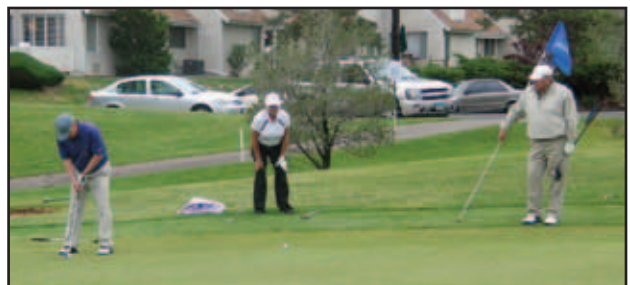
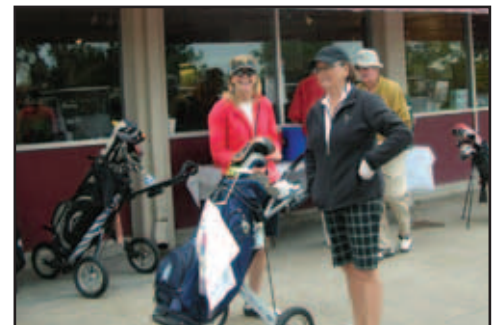
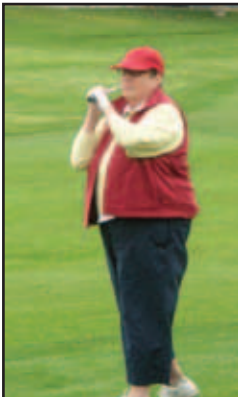
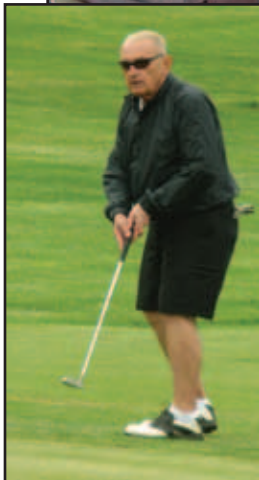
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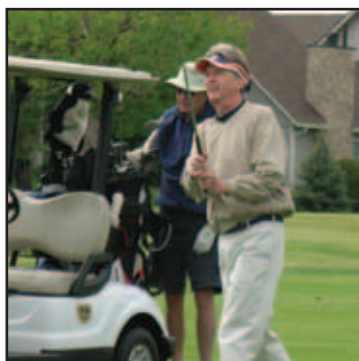
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Heather Ridge Ladies' and Men's Golf Club Mixer Tournament





July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 	5	6
7	8 <i>July 8 (and 22) 7:30 pm City Council Mtg 1515 E. Alameda Pkwy</i>	9	10 <i>6:30 pm Sausalito Board Mtg Heather Ridge Golf Club</i>	11 <i>6 pm Fairway 16 Board Mtg, Clubhouse 7 pm Burgundy Board Mtg Burgundy Clubhouse</i>	12 Metro Matters Deadline	13
14	15 <i>7 pm Country Club Ridge Board Mtg 2950 S Jamaica Court</i>	16 <i>6 pm Strawberry Board Mtg Strawberry Clubhouse</i>	17	18 <i>6 pm Chimney Hill Board Mtg Card Rm HRGC 6:30 pm Neighborhood Watch HR South Clubhouse</i>	19	20 <i>Day of Remembrance 7:30 am Aurora Municipal Center Lawn</i>



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Please call or email Alia with any questions you may have regarding starting the new service or issues with your existing service. Alia is excited to be working with Heather Ridge customers. Contact her and let her explain her new assignment to you.

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Water Restrictions and Outdoor Pools *From a Ward IV constituent to me:*

I fully understand the drought situation. I have my sprinklers set 2 times a week and have also greatly reduced the times it will run, beginning at 3 am each day. **HOWEVER**, I almost wonder if Aurora Water fully gets the message to conserve related to all the swimming pool openings. I have no problem with Utah or other covered pools. I do not see the need of running all the "open" pools full bore. Certainly that is NOT conservation!

From Aurora Water Manager to constituent and me:
Thank you for the inquiry. First, we have some great information on our website to help you set your irrigation clock and maintain a healthy lawn this summer. Check out our watering information at <http://tinyurl.com/WateringInformation>

As for pools, you are absolutely correct that pool evaporation in Colorado is very large. Our Water Management Plan, which sets the implementation measures for each drought stage, includes a Best Management section for pools. We do highly recommend that all pools be covered when not in use, since up to 95% of water loss from evaporation can be saved through the use of a pool cover. We work with HOAs and the city's Parks, Recreation and Open Space department on many conservation efforts. Pools are included in this discussion. For your reference, the Aurora Water Management Plan can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/WaterManagementPlan>.

Feel free to contact me directly if you have any other questions. Greg Baker, Manager of Aurora Water Public Relations, gbaker@auroragov.org



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Homeowners' Association News

Country Club Ridge *by Judie Maurelli*

New Board Member: Country Club Ridge Board of Directors has a new member: Don Furnish will fulfill the remaining term vacated last month. Don and his wife Mary came to Country Club Ridge in October 2008, after seven years of retirement travelling in their RV. Colorado Springs was their home during Don's career as a Maintenance Supervisor for R. E. Monks Construction. He was responsible for the purchase and maintenance of the entire fleet of trucks and heavy equipment his company used for road construction.

The Furnishes moved to the Denver area because of their love for square dancing, but they have lived in the West since 1957, when Don accepted a job in Wyoming, and moved his family from the St Louis area. Don brings his astute eye for troubleshooting to his position on the Board of Directors. Everyone is happy to have his insight and help here at CCR.

Parking Reminder: Several months ago "Visitors Only" parking was instituted in each on-site parking area for the convenience of CCR guests. These spots are for short-term guest parking and are never available for residents. The board has recently recorded several violations of this policy, wherein residents are regularly parking in visitor parking spots. A warning letter will be posted on the vehicle the first time it is seen in a Visitor Only spot. If the resident continues to park in those designated parking places, the vehicle will be towed. Also, parking in front of your garage is not allowed. Since residents live in close proximity to one another, please be courteous to your neighbors by complying with these policies.



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Heather Ridge South by Van Lewis



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Janelle Maninger, Janelle@westwindmanagement.com

Westwind Telephone:

303-369-1800, Janelle's extension: 115

Westwind Website: www.westwindmanagement.com

HRS Website: www.heatherridgesouth.com

HRS Security Firm:

Covenant Security Services: 303-552-9027

HRS Plumber of Record:

AAA Plumbing and Jetting, Chris: 303-435-4952 cell

Aurora Police non-emergency main number:

303-627-3100

Heather Ridge Metro District Website:

www.heatherridgecolorado.org

HRMD general, clubhouse, golf, and Noonan's:

303-755-3660

Summertime Fun at HRS Pool: The use and enjoyment of the community pool has grown over the years, so please bring your family and friends for a safe 2013 season. Please remember it is a "community pool" and respect others by following the posted rules. There are gas BBQs for cooking along with various pool toys, chairs and tables and awnings. There is a dedicated smoking area, so please use it. Please leave the area better than you found it — a Golden Rule worth remembering.

The new Rules and Regulations, as well as the old Rules and Regulations, contain valuable information on pool etiquette and operations. Important rules are posted at the pool, in particular regarding under-aged people requiring adult supervision. Also, guests must follow the rules, too. HRS's security company "walks and talks" with pool residents multiple times daily, doing their job by asking, "Where do you live, age, or guests or not." Please be courteous and answer their questions.

Annual Luau Pool Party July 20: Each year the HOA throws two parties – December and July. The summer

party is Polynesian with a whole smoked pig (the guest of honor), complimentary beer, wine, and soft drinks. Attendees are asked to bring side dishes, so look for a flier outlining time, date, dishes, and dollars.

Who May Post Fliers in HRS: Only the HOA may post fliers, so if you receive one without HRS's name or contact information on it, please report it. Recently, an owner took it upon himself to complain to neighbors about parking, resulting in angry calls to the HOA. If anyone has an issue or complaint, please contact Janelle at Westwind Management first.

Trees, Bushes, Gardens, Etc: Summer is for growing things, so remember to contact Janelle first before planting outside of a unit's limited common area. The HOA is flexible on gardens and such, but control needs to be exercised about planting or landscaping to prevent future problems. Many gardens start with good intentions; however, over time people move or lose interest and the HOA must take over.

Concerning trees, each year they are inspected for health, happiness, and safety. Older cottonwoods are a concern due to their shorter life-span. Also, blue spruce trees, along with pines in general, are dying off in great numbers throughout metro Denver. As these trees die or are removed, HRS may not replace them. Each tree is individually evaluated for safety, root problems, suitability, ease of care and disease resistance. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle at Westwind.

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Burgundy by Jaynie Basch

Burgundy Pool Parties: It was good to see so many of you at the Burgundy Pool Party on Memorial Day! There are a couple more parties to follow, celebrating those “hot and lazy” days and nights of summer. Flyers announcing the events will be posted on the mailboxes at each drive. Plan to come out, meet your neighbors, and share a wonderful picnic lunch — and you might even play in the water! New keys have been given to homeowners. If you still need a key, contact Paul at Hammersmith Management, 303-980-0700. Residents and your guests are welcome during pool hours. (Guests under 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.) In Burgundy’s continuing efforts to update the clubhouse, pool and community areas, they are seeking donations of pool furniture especially: tables, chairs, umbrellas and stands, and anything else to improve the comforts of this great area. Contact board members, <http://www.burghoa.com/>.

Sign and Planter: Burgundy is still reviewing plans for the Xanadu and Yale sign and planter. Due to the cost of rebuilding and working in a xeriscaping project, this project will be completed in phases. Unfortunately, there have been several unexpected expenses involving sewer repair and maintenance, and replacing copper valves for the sprinkler system. These copper backflow valves were ripped out of the ground last month, causing extensive damage to the sprinkler system. This could have been prevented if only those who heard the noise had called the police. (*Does **Neighborhood Watch** sound familiar?*)

Parking Spaces: Curb blocks on parking spaces have all been checked against original records and painted to agree with your assigned parking place. Please verify

that your vehicle is in the correct space. Call Hammersmith Management if you have any questions.



Rules and Regula-

tions: Several months have been spent in revising the Burgundy Rules and Regulations (more than 10 years old) and they are just about ready. Copies will soon be available to all homeowners with extra copies for renting residents. Other paperwork being discussed include: documents clarifying specific responsibilities of homeowners and the HOA during emergency situations, a system to streamline home projects by giving the property manager more leeway to approve the everyday stuff (window replacement, screen door, outside lighting, etc.) so you won't need to wait until the next HOA meeting, and forms outlining rights and responsibilities as homeowners in completing these improvements.

HOA Meeting: Your HOA meets in the clubhouse on the second Thursday of every month at 7 pm. Board members can be reached at <http://www.burghoa.com> or you can just knock on the door, since we are all neighbors. Every homeowner is welcomed. Just let us know so another chair can be added to the table. There is always room for caring residents. Renters are also welcome to come with the owner of their home.

If you see a group of Burgundy board members working on some project, please grab a shovel or something and join them!

Chimney Hill by Rob Tengler

Chimney Hill hopes that all residents are enjoying the summer. It looks like it will be hotter than average this year.

The pool has been very nice this year and is a great way to cool off. But please remember to watch the little ones very carefully as it only takes a moment for an accident/tragedy to happen. And if your child cannot swim across the pool, please do not let them in the deep end.

As you all know, everyone is on watering restrictions, so please do what you can to save water. Remember if you are going to water outside, you must water by hand. CH is continuing to adjust, cap and fix sprinklers. If you see any areas that are drying out or getting too much water, please call the management company and let Alec know so he can schedule sprinkler maintenance.

Parking continues to be a concern for all. The board needs all residents to be responsible for their cars and their guest's cars. No parking in the fire lanes, and a vehicle can only be parked in the visitor's spaces for 72 hours. After that, it will be towed. If you plan to have a lot of people over, please be aware of your neighbors.

Perhaps you could have a few of your guests park on Xanadu and walk. CH has several residents who need to have close-in visitor parking for people to check on them. Please remember everyone must share the limited spaces available.

It is wonderful to see everyone getting out and walking around or playing on the grass; that is, until someone steps in something that was left by a four-legged family member. Please pick up after your pet. If you see some “stuff” lying on the ground, please pick it up. And remember that all dogs must be on a leash and attended at all times while outside. Your dog looks to you for companionship and does not always want to be left alone.

There will be some concrete repair of some steps coming up soon, so please excuse the dust. Notices will be passed out before the construction begins.



Aurora *FREE* Family Activities in July

4th of July Spectacular

Date/Time: Thursday, July 4
Festivities begin at 6:30 pm
Fireworks at 9:30 pm
Location: Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E.
Alameda Parkway
Patriotic music simulcast on Studio 1430 KEZW radio.

Centennial House Open House

Date/Time: Saturday, July 6, 1–4 pm
Location: Centennial House
1671 Galena Street
Summer Open House at Centennial House, with staff and volunteers on hand to answer questions. Special open house activities will include children's crafts and self-guided tours. Free

Bird Walk at Ponderosa Preserve

Date/Time: Saturday, July 13, 7:30 am
Location: Ponderosa Preserve
8150 S. Coolidge Way
Enjoy a morning bird walk at this beautiful Aurora open space area. Ages 10 and older welcome. Reservations are required for this FREE event. For more information, call 303-739-2428. To register for this nature event call 303-326-8650 or go online www.auroragov.org/guides

DeLaney Farm Open Day

Date/Time: Saturday, July 13, 1–4 pm
Location: DeLaney Farm
170 S. Chambers
Tour the historic DeLaney Round Barn and the Gully Homestead House and learn about Aurora's early agricultural history and the people who lived here 100 years ago. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. Admission is free.

Nature at Night

Date/Time: Friday, July 19, 8:15 pm
Location: Morrison Nature Center
16002 E. Smith Road
Explore nature after the sun goes down. Free program for all ages. Nature at Night in July highlights coyotes. All ages welcome; reservations required for this FREE program. For more information, call 303-739-2428. To register for this nature program call 303-326-8650 or go online www.auroragov.org/guide

7/20 Day of Remembrance

Date/Time: Saturday, July 20, 7:30 am–2 pm
Location: Aurora Municipal Center Lawn
15151 E. Alameda Parkway
A Day of Remembrance will be a multifaceted day of meaningful remembrance, continued healing and positive community actions.
7:30 am A community gathering and morning ceremony to honor and remember those whose lives were

lost, survivors and their loved ones.
9 am–2 pm Healing Activities
9 am–2 pm Community Service Projects to be held at various locations in Aurora. For additional information, visit www.auroragov.org or For additional information, visit www.auroragov.org or www.720recovery.org, call 303-739-1580.

Banks in Harmony Concert Series

Date/Time: Every Thursday, 6:30–8 pm
Locations: Utah Park, 1800 S. Peoria Street
Meadowood Park, 3054 S. Laredo Street
Bring a blanket and find a spot on the lawn for the city of Aurora's 27th Annual Banks in Harmony Concert Series featuring a variety of music. Admission is free, and food is available for sale on site.

July 11 Buckstein – Country Rock (Utah Park)
July 18 Chris Daniels & the Kings – Roots Rock and Roll with Horns (Utah Park)
July 25 Hazel Miller – Blues, Jazz, R&B (Meadowood Park)
August 1 Phat Daddy – High energy R&B, Rock and Contemporary Hits (Meadowood Park)

Free Days for July/August

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www.mychildsmuseum.org
2121 Children's Museum Dr.

Denver Art Museum Saturday, July 6
720-865-5000, 10 am–5 pm Saturday, Aug. 3
www.denverartmuseum.org
100 W 14th Ave Parkway

**Denver Museum of Miniatures,
Dolls and Toys** Sunday, July 7
303-322-1053, www.dmmtdt.org, 1–4 pm Sunday, Aug. 4
1880 Gaylord Street, Denver

Denver Museum of Nature and Science
303-322-7009, www.dmns.org Sunday, July 21
2001 Colorado Blvd, 9 am–5 pm Sunday, Aug 11
(Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium)

Denver Botanic Gardens @Chatfield
303-973-3705, 9 am–5 pm Friday, Aug. 2
www.botanicgardens.org
8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton

Denver Botanic Gardens Tuesday, July 9
720-865-3500, 9 am–5 pm Tuesday, Aug. 27
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1005 York St., Denver

Fairway 16 by Susan Bruce

Water Aerobics: The times have changed slightly. Tuesdays will be at 1 pm and Thursdays will be at 2 pm. Come join the fun and get a great workout.



Happy Birthday: Rena Rae Birks celebrated her 85th birthday with a party on June 15, given by her three children at the Fairway 16 clubhouse. She is an original owner who participates in water aerobics.

New Pool Deck: It was not mentioned last month that board members Harold Eagen and Pinky

Gonzales refinished the pool deck with an epoxy material with sprinkled black and white anti-skid flecks on it. **"Thanks, Guys!"**

Good News: At the June 13 RTD public hearing, it was confirmed that one of the proposed August 2013 service changes will be:

Route 131: It is proposed to remove service from Vaughn Way between Iliff and Yale to Abilene Street, which would better serve the future Iliff light rail station.

YEA! Your complaints have been heard.

Water Audit: The city of Aurora will conduct a water audit of Fairway 16 property on July 9. This is the first step in improving the landscaping to include xeriscaping and water savings.



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2.5 million: In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.

316.2 million: The nation's estimated population on this July Fourth.

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Patriotic-Sounding Place Names

Fifty-nine places contain the word "liberty" in the name. Pennsylvania, with 11, has more of these places than any other state. Of the 59 places nationwide containing "liberty" in the name, four are counties: Liberty County, Ga. (65,471), Liberty County, Fla. (8,276), Liberty County, Mont. (2,392) and Liberty County, Texas (76,571).

One place has "patriot" in its name. Patriot, Ind., has an estimated population of 209.

The most common patriotic-sounding word used within place names is "union" with 136. Pennsylvania,

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Other words most commonly used in place names are Washington (127), Franklin (118), Jackson (96) and Lincoln (95).

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Fourth of July Cookouts

65.9 million: Number of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2013. Chances are that the pork hot dogs and sausages consumed on the Fourth of July originated in Iowa. The Hawkeye State was home to 20.3 million hogs and pigs. North Carolina (8.9 million) and Minnesota (7.8 million) were also homes to large numbers of pigs.

6.3 billion pounds: Total estimated production of cattle and calves in Texas in 2012. Chances are good that the beef hot dogs, steaks and burgers on your backyard grill came from the Lone Star State, which accounted for nearly one-sixth of the nation's total production. And if the beef did not come from Texas, it very well may have come from Nebraska (estimated at 5.1 billion pounds) or Kansas (estimated at 3.8 billion pounds).

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Heather Ridge *Metro Matters* will keep readers updated as this proposal works its way through the approval process. So far it is only a proposal, but it has merit pending design and impact studies. It's a compliment to the HRMD that the developers came to them first before going through the city approval process. Ward

representative Molly Markert will be overseeing and helping HRMD learn more about this proposal.

— Van Lewis



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