

Heather Ridge Metro Matters

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Preserving the Heather Ridge open space –

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



The Heather Ridge Golf Course is
spectacular in summer!



Photo by Sharon Berkowitz

Celebrate Your
Independence

Neighborhood Watch

Please plan on attending the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Wednesday, July 18, at the Strawberry Clubhouse, 2638 S. Xanadu Way, 6:30 pm. Officer JD Wykstra, a great speaker, is the Senior Resource officer for Aurora Police. Come with questions. JD will be happy to answer them.

Also, it gives me great pleasure to announce two communities have joined Neighborhood Watch: Fairway 16 and Country Club Ridge. There is less than a handful who have not committed!

Let's go for 100 percent!

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Here is a message from a car thief: "47 SECONDS IS ALL I NEED..."

Your car is mine. Actually any car in your lot is mine. Throw in your garage door opener, home address, maybe your credit cards — who knows where my next stop will be.

It's not that I am that good. People make it that easy for me!

- Never leave your car unattended.
- Never leave any keys in your car, even a spare set
- Never leave valuables in plain sight
- Never leave windows rolled down, and always lock your car

- Always park in well-lit, high traffic areas at night
- Never leave personal information or documents in your car
- Only leave the ignition key with a valet, attendant or mechanic

The above are just a few things on how to completely ruin a car thief's day!

— Bev Brown

Head Area Coordinator for UAHR

Fwy 16, Cobblestone Crossing, Chimney Hill and Burgundy have teamed up to host the First Annual Heather Ridge Community Yard Sale. Saturday, Aug. 4, 8 am–3 pm

All HOAs are welcome to participate as their rules permit. ARC will be by on Sunday to pick up donations.

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

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It is the intent of the editor and HRMD to provide information of interest to its readers, to afford persons with varying and differing views opportunity to air responsible opinions on matters of community interest, and to promote community and enjoyable life pursuits.

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

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Update on the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District Activities

The Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) Board of Directors has established a five-person committee to investigate cost saving measures for its *Metro Matters* magazine. The committee is composed of two HRMD board members, two United Associations of Heather Ridge members, and one representative from the *Metro Matters* staff. Members of the committee are: Bette Secord (chair), Joan Beldock, Jim Bruce, Barry McConnell, and Josie Spencer.

The first meeting was held on June 7 with the following agenda: review its mission statement, short and long terms goals, costs to publish and mail, and alternatives to direct mailing.

The publisher of *Metro Matters*, Lynn Donaldson, addressed technical questions concerning printing, mailing costs and ad revenue. Donaldson helped steer the committee to focus on two key issues — distribution methods and advertising.

Mailing distribution is *Metro Matters* largest expense. The group discussed alternatives to mailing; keeping in mind that off site owners

have limited options for getting the magazine (mail, email or internet web page). Another problem was that some HOAs do not allow hand delivery of fliers or magazines. These alternatives are being investigated and the findings will be presented at the next meeting.

Revenue from advertising needs to increase as a means to decrease the cost to HRMD. Several *Metro Matters* advertisers experienced a minimal response from Heather Ridge homeowners, and have consequently discontinued marketing in the magazine. New advertisers have been acquired, but need the support of the community to justify the cost of running their ads

The following are ways in which homeowners can help in the goal to reduce the expense of *Metro Matters*:

- Request electronic delivery of *Metro Matters*. Contact Lynn Donaldson at metro.matters@comcast.net.
- Support *Metro Matters* advertisers.
- Recommend advertising in the magazine to other providers you may

know. Refer them to Cindy Crockett at cindycrockett5@gmail.com, or 303-690-7702.

• Write a brief paragraph to “Letters to the Editor” if you are pleased with one of *Metro Matters* service providers.

Contact Publisher Lynn Donaldson, 13731 E Hamilton Dr, Aurora, CO 80014; LynnNeu@comcast.net by the tenth of each month. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer’s address (email or home address) and phone number.

– Bette Secord



**Independence Day
Wednesday,
July 4
Federal Holiday**

Senior Property Tax Exemption

As Arapahoe County Treasurer, I am pleased to report that following a three-year suspension, Colorado’s senior citizens will soon be able to take advantage of the voter approved Senior Property Tax Homestead Exemption program. For 2012 property taxes, payable in 2013, qualifying seniors will have 50 percent of the first \$200,000 of actual value of their primary residence exempted from property tax.

To qualify for next year’s tax payment, a property owner must be age 65 or older as of January 1, 2012 and must have owned and occupied the property as their primary residence for at least 10 consecutive years prior to January 1, 2012. If the property is owned by more than one person, only one owner must meet the requirements. A married couple can qualify for the exemption on only one property.

Special rules apply for the surviving spouse of a senior who previously qualified, for a residence held in

trust and for those seniors in health care facilities who would otherwise qualify.

To receive the exemption, an application must be completed and forwarded to the County Assessor’s office. If you had an approved application in place for a prior year and there has been no change in the property’s ownership or occupancy, a new application does not have to be submitted.

Additional information and applications are available on the Arapahoe County website at www.co.arapahoe.co.us. Click on “Departments,” then “Assessor,” and then “Senior Property Tax and Disabled Veterans Exemption.” To request an application by mail or for more information, contact the Treasurer’s office at 303-795-4550. Applications must be received by July 15 in the first year for which the taxpayer is seeking an application.

– Sue Sandstrom
Arapahoe County Treasurer



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How Can We Help You?

Specializing in Heather Ridge: Pete and Van know Heather Ridge! Having lived and worked here with their families for over 30 years, they understand its strengths, weaknesses and potential. Pete and Van are the local experts in whom others rely.

Knowing Heather Ridge condo associations and the Heather Ridge Metro District: Pete and Van have served on various Heather Ridge HOA's boards and the HRMD Board. This experience is critically important when helping buyers and sellers. Today's buyers and lenders are demanding more information about HOAs: financial records, meeting minutes, rental versus owner occupancy ratios, pending assessments-litigation-fee adjustments, etc. New lending requirements are changing today's real estate market.

Changes in the real estate industry: Practicing real estate today is different from past years. Significant changes are happening each year, if not monthly, so staying on top of them is paramount. Changes by lenders (especially HUD/FHA), new Colorado legisla-

tive acts, and court decisions are all influencing real estate.

Knowing the mood and tempo of our local market: Pete and Van are two busy agents — showing homes, listing properties, attending classes and socially active. All this activity helps promote Heather Ridge for its best features — community golf course, Cherry Creek Schools, I-225 and light rail, hospitals, recreation, shopping, etc.

Pete and Van believe and live the following: "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." Please call the local professionals who care — Pete and Van. Remember, this isn't their first rodeo!

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

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

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$149,900	2645	S Xanadu Way C	3 - 2	1,315	Off Street	Ranch
Cobblestone	\$142,500	2500	S Victor St F	2 - 3	1,273	2-Gar,Att,Oversz	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$110,000	2101	S Victor St C	2 - 2	1,208	1-Reserved	2 Story
Cobblestone Cross'g	\$135,000	13256	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$150,000	2280	S Vaughn Way 203	2 - 3	1,693	Garage	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$185,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 201	2 - 2	1,476	1-Garage,Att	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$194,900	2280	S Vaughn Way 104	3 - 3	1,680	2-Garage	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$211,900	2220	S Vaughn Way 202	2 - 2	1,806	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$144,950	2598	S Vaughn Way A	2 - 2	1,462	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$174,000	2518	S Vaughn Way A	4 - 4	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$144,900	2725	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,365	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Heather Ridge South	\$164,900	2882	S Wheeling Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$168,000	2722	S Xanadu Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$57,900	13651	E Yale Ave D	1 - 1	856	1-Carport,Det	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$79,900	2664	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,144	None	2 Story

Sold in Heather Ridge April 15–May 31

HOA	Sold \$	No.	Street	Bed/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Chimney Hill	\$118,000	2054	S Worcester Ct	3 - 3	1,457	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$153,200	2610	S Vaughn Way	4 - 4	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$132,000	2870	S Wheeling Way	4 - 3	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$164,850	2728	S Xanadu Way	3 - 2	1,462	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$111,000	2468	S Victor St E	2 - 2	1,025	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Sausalito	\$149,400	2457	S Victor St C	2 - 3	1,230	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Sausalito	\$162,500	2458	S Victor St F	2 - 3	1,273	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$50,000	13619	E Yale Ave D	2 - 2	1,098	2-Off Street	Ranch



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Homes Under Contract in May–June

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Bed/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$64,900	2491	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,091	1-Off Street	2 Story
Burgundy	\$88,000	2623	S Xanadu Way F	2 - 2	1,315	2-Gar,Det,Resv	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$137,000	2052	S Worchester Ct	3 - 2	1,337	2-Gar,Att,Oversz	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$90,000	2101	S Victor A	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$102,200	2152	S Victor St E	2 - 2	1,392	1-Off Street,Resv	2 Story
Cobblestone Cross'g	\$80,000	13346	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,392	Reserved	2 Story
Cobblestone Cross'g	\$129,900	13384	Asbury	2 - 2	1,392	1-Reserved	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$187,500	2240	S Vaughn Way 101	2 - 2	1,096	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$199,900	2270	S Vaughn Way 102	2 - 2	1,722	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Heather Ridge South	\$169,000	2792	S Wheeling Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Gar,Att,Oversz	2 Story
Sausalito	\$149,950	2511	S Worchester Ct A	2 - 2	1,273	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$39,000	2602	S Xanadu Way A	1 - 1	856	Off Street	Loft

For more information, call Pete or Van!

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Community	Mgmt Co.	#Units	HOA Fee	Transfer Fee	Capital Contribution	Website Email	Board Meets	Condo or Townhouse	FHA Cert	Renewal Date	# on Board	# Filled	Annual Meeting	Capital Reserve
Heather Ridge South	Westwind Mgmt Co. Sue Daigle, 303-369-1800	176	\$262-267	\$175	\$228	westwindmanagement.com www.heatheridgesouth.com	4th Tuesday 6:30 pm 2811 SXW	condo	No	expired 2/2012	9	8	Dec. 1st Tuesday 7 pm	\$678,455 (April 2012)
Burgundy	McKinney Realty Bill or Cheryl, 303-783-0394	120	\$145-245	\$200	\$200-360	burghoa.com BCMMC@aol.com	2nd Thursday 7 pm Clubhouse	TH	n/a	n/a	9	9	Oct. 2nd Tuesday 7 pm	\$310,311 (June 2012)
Strawberry I & II	Capital Management Co. John, 303-832-2971 x316	328	\$190-220	\$295		capmanagement.com johnk@capmanagement.com	3rd Monday 7 pm Strawberry Clubhouse	condo	Yes	10/17/13	5	4	April, 3rd Monday Strawberry Clubhouse	
Fairway 16	Hammersmith Cassie Thomas, 303-980-0700	116	\$239-258	\$265		www.ehammersmith.com www.fairway16.com	3rd Thurs 6 pm Fairway 16 Clubhouse	condo	Yes	6/17/13	5	5	April, 3rd Thur, 7 pm Clubhouse	
Double Tree	Alethia, 303-337-6510	24	\$225	\$150	\$1,200	no website alethaz@comcast.net	1st Monday bi-monthly	TH	n/a	n/a	5	5	Nov. 2nd or 3rd Sun	
Sausalito	McKinney Realty Bill or Cheryl, 303-783-0394	159	\$204-255	\$200	\$372-557	sausalitohoa.com BCMMC@aol.com	2nd Wednesday 6:30 pm Heather Ridge Clubhouse	TH	n/a	n/a	7	7	Aug. 2nd Monday, 7 pm, HR Clubhouse	\$557,031 (June 2012)
Country Club Ridge	Custom Mgmt 303-752-9644	64	\$210 +/-	\$100		customGRP1@msn.com	?	condo	no	expired 9/30/2011	?	?	?	
Cobblestone	Capital Mgmt John, 303-752-9644	74	\$186-204	\$150		capmanagement.com johnk@capmanagement.com	4th Tuesday, 6 pm, Heather Ridge Clubhouse	TH	n/a	n/a	5	5	Heather Ridge CC	
Cobblestone Crossing	Accord Property Mgmt, 303-358-5568	150	\$220 +/-	\$275		accordhoa.com info@accordhoa.com	2nd Monday 6:30 pm 3033 S Parker Rd #320	TH	n/a	n/a	5	5	2nd Monday Aug? TBD HRCC	
Chimney Hill	ACCU, 303-733-1121 Mary Parsons, 303-339-9704	116	\$227-255	\$200	est \$1,410 6 mos x ave \$235	accuinc.com maryparsons@accuinc.com	3rd Tuesday 6 pm Heather Ridge Clubhouse	TH	n/a	n/a	9	5	Nov. 3rd Tuesday, 6 pm HRCC	

Note: This chart is a guide to property management companies. ALL information must be verified by contacting them!

Service Contractors for HRMD Homeowners' Associations:

- Most HOAs use Neptune, 303-759-9960 for servicing swimming pools; one used Alligator.
- Two contractors are used for trash and recycling: Alpine Waste, 303-744-9881, or Waste Management, 303-797-1600.
- Several different contractors provide landscaping and lawn care. Many of these also do snow removal: A-Perfect, 720-851-3034; Aqua Green, 303-249-4561; Arrowhead; CW Contractors, 720-271-8617; JBK, 303-751-0192; MetroMCM, 303-887-0219.
- Only two HOAs have dedicated, onsite maintenance worker(s), (as reported by 6-15-12).
- Insurance carriers include: Allied (Pelton), 303-771-1800; American Family, 303-447-1110; First Insurance Funding, 1-800-837-2511; Van Gilder.
- Legal counsel: HindmanSanchez, 303-432-9999; James Ham; Lansky Weigler, 303-279-1900; Moeller-Graf, 720-279-2568.
- Plumbing contractors include: A-1 Plumbing, 303-629-0722; AAA Jetting, 303-914-9551; Complete Plumbing, 303-428-5300.

Homeowners' Association News

Chimney Hill by Lana Gutnik

Board and Management. Please remember that the new manager from ACCU is Mary Parsons, *maryparsons@accuinc.com*. Mary can be reached at 303-339-9704.

Architectural Approval and Common Area Improvements. On July 19, 2011, Chimney Hill HOA Board approved an endorsement to its landscape policy: *Any resident wishing to make major changes in the landscape near their townhouse (for example, removing junipers, trees, turf, etc.) must submit a request with a diagram and/or clear description of the changes to be made to the HOA Board for its written approval. The board must reply within 30 days or the request is considered approved. Failure to get approval may result in the board revising the new landscape at the owner's expense.*

Minor changes to aprons, side strips, small areas adjacent to the steps and patio of townhomes do not need approval.

The Architectural Approval form can be found on the ACCU website, *www.accuinc.com*, select Resident Services > Online Forms heading, or contact Mary Parsons.

As always, Chimney Hill Board welcomes all initiatives and suggestions for area improvement, especially plantings that could save water.

Home owners are encouraged to register and update their contact information, including their telephone number and email address. The community's annual budget and upcoming community events are also posted on the website.

Please attend monthly board meeting, or call/email Mary Parsons with your suggestions.

Parking. There are only a few parking spots by the pool. Please walk to the pool if you are able.

Security Reminders. The board is still looking for someone who could represent Chimney Hill at the Heather Ridge Neighborhood Watch. Being one of the few com-

munities that is not represented does not help the effort to increase safety for all. Please contact Bev Brown, *brownbe_nwatch@comcast.net*, if you are interested.

New UAHR Representative. Chimney Hill still does not have a representative to attend the United Association of Heather Ridge (UAHR) meetings. This is an important organization that acts as a watchdog for HRMD. A representative from Chimney Hill will learn and share important news about the golf course operations in which all residents are invested.

Anyone interested in becoming the new representative, please contact Josie Spenser, *AmiPep@aol.com*. UAHR board meets the first Tuesday of every month at the 19th Hole room, Heather Ridge Country Club.

Capital Projects 2012. A cement drain pan was installed at the main entrance in May. Additional minor concrete repairs are also on the way.

Annual Heather Ridge Community Garage Sale. This year's garage sale is planned for *Saturday, Aug. 4, 8 am–3 pm*. It will be the first community-wide sales event with multiple HOAs participating. There will be banners and signs posted throughout Heather Ridge communities on both sides of Iliff.

Annual Pool Party. This year's party is planned for *Saturday, Aug. 25*, from 5 pm to closing. Don't forget to bring a side dish to compliment the hot dogs and hamburgers, provided by the board.

2012 Monthly Meeting Location. Chimney Hill HOA monthly board meetings are held at the 19th Hole in the basement at the Heather Ridge Country Club on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. All CH residents are welcome to attend.



Fairway 16 by Susan Bruce

Board Meeting, June 7. Loretta Eggleston was elected Vice-President with her term ending 2013. Adrian Gonzalez will serve as an At-Large member until 2014. A new law firm was selected to represent Fairway 16. It is Moeller & Graf. They have represented Heather Ridge South for 11 years. The board decided that this firm would be a good fit for the community's legal work. Please route any legal questions to Cassie Thomas, Hammersmith. She will work with the lawyers to solve the problem.

Call Hammersmith First! They have reputable

firms with contracted rates for sewer, gate, fence, tree, or other problems. They will respond quickly.

The new meeting date for the board will be each **FIRST THURSDAY** of the month at the clubhouse at 6 pm. Signs will continue to be posted on the mailboxes as reminders. Homeowners are always welcome. You get to speak to



See Fairway 16...page 12

Fairway 16's elder statesman had a varied and colorful career

Bill Lancaster is an original homeowner in Fairway 16. Unless I am mistaken, he is not only the oldest resident of his HOA, but the oldest resident in the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD). Born on April 13, 1914, Bill is 98 years old.

Lancaster enjoys driving the convertible that he purchased a few years ago. He plays golf every Wednesday with the men's club at Fitzsimons. (It seems they have many members who are WW2 veterans.) He also attends Church of The Risen Christ every Sunday to "start a new week."

One of seven children, he grew up in Detroit, Michigan, where his father managed a golf course. At seven years old, Bill began to caddie for the members and was allowed to practice his own game after 5 pm.

Lancaster proudly remembers his family had the first radio (with vacuum tubes) in his neighborhood!

After high school, in 1933, he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps, doing forest fire duty during the years now known as the "Dust Bowl."

The following year, Bill enrolled in night school at the University of Detroit, majoring in Business Administration and Law. Six years later, his junior year was interrupted by WW2. The college degree had to be put aside.

It was during this time that he met Anne, his future wife, at the Sophomore Prom.

Guy Lombardo was playing and they were having a "Robber's Dance." This meant that every third dance, a man could tap a woman on the shoulder for a spin on the dance floor. Everyone wanted to dance with Anne!

But, as fate would have it, Bill was only making \$8 a week, and couldn't afford to ask Anne for a date. In those days, the telephone was only used for emergencies, so he couldn't call "just to talk." The relationship continued this way for the next seven years.

During those years, Bill had 35 different jobs during the Great Depression. In 1937, his father became ill. Bill had to take over the family's responsibilities at the golf course. His father passed away four years later.

In April 1941, Lancaster entered the Army as a "Flying Cadet." He graduated from flight school in November as a Bombardier/Navigator and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

After a long courtship, Bill and Anne married on Dec. 6, 1941. The next day, Pearl Harbor was attacked, and Bill shipped out for his first assignment at Elmendorf Army Air Corps Base in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Japanese landed an expeditionary force, occupying the port of Kiska in the Aleutian Islands in May 1942. For the next few months, Bill's work consisted of trying to locate the Japanese fleet under atrocious weather conditions.

En route to a rest leave in Elmendorf, Bill's B-26 bomber, along with six others, attempted an emergency landing due to weather conditions. Lack of visibility made it impossible to use the full airstrip. As a result, four of the seven planes piled up at the end of the runway in a small river.

There were, fortunately, no casualties. However, Bill suffered a compound fracture of his left femur. This took him out of war activities for the next 15 months.

Bill spent 2.5 months in traction in Elmendorf, then transferred to Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Aurora, Colorado.

In August 1943, Lancaster was transferred to the Air Training Command where he spent the remainder of the war training recruits and other soldiers at various bases.

Bill took leave of the Army, with a rank of Captain, in 1946, but continued his military career as a Reserve Air Force Officer. In 1961, he was dropped from the Army as being "too old in grade."

After his service in the military, Bill went to work for Gates Rubber Company in Denver, Colorado, as a salesman. Over the years, his initial territory of Denver expanded to include sales to major oil companies located from coast to coast. Bill retired in 1976, after 30 years with Gates.

Bill and Anne were married for 68 years. Anne passed away in 2010. They have 5 children, 25 grandchildren and great grandchildren, and 2 great, great grandchildren.

– Bette Secord



*Bill Lancaster
Fairway 16*

Additional copies of Metro Matters are available at the Heather Ridge Clubhouse: near the Pro Shop and in a magazine rack near Noonan's Tavern office.

Heather Ridge



Good food, good times were had by residents of Fairway 16 when they gathered for a summer party in June. The event was declared a success by all those who participated. When's the next one?



Photo Album

July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Ladies 9-Hole Golf 6 pm UAHR Board Meeting – 19th Hole GC at HR	4 Independence Day	5 6 pm FWY 16 Board Meeting – FWY 16 Clubhouse	6	7
8	9	10 Metro Matters Deadline 9-Hole Ladies Golf	11 6:30 pm Sausalito Board Meeting – GC at HR	12	13	14
15	16	17 9-Hole Ladies Golf Member/Guest 6 pm Chimney Hill Board Meeting – GC at HR	18 6 pm Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Strawberry Clubhouse	19 Lunch Bunch at BJ's 4 pm HRMD Board Meeting – GC at HR	20	21 8 am Men's Club Low Individual Net
22	23	24 9-Hole Ladies Golf	25	26 6:30 pm Ward IV Meeting – Havana St Station, 1050 S Havana St	27	28
29	30	31 9-Hole Ladies Golf	<i>Note: Regular Heather Ridge board or committee meetings will be held on the dates below, providing there is business to be conducted.</i>			

Dates to Remember:

- Ladies 18 Hole Club Championship Sat and Sun, Aug. 18 and 19
- Heather Ridge Community Yard Sale Sat. August 4, 8 am–3 pm



Out To Lunch Bunch

The next gathering will be Thursday July 19, noon @ B.J.'s (north of Alameda on Sable). Please contact Ginny Lewis to RSVP —

ginnylewis@comcast.net or 303-337-6118



Metro Matters readers:

In an effort to reduce mailing costs, HRMD residents, off-site owners and Golf Course members can opt to get a copy via email. If you would prefer to receive this magazine as a low resolution pdf file by email, send your email to metro.matters@comcast.net (with your current mailing address). Advantages, besides saving on postage, include: 1) you'll get the magazine earlier; 2) you can print any page you want to read or share; and 3) you can more easily share it with friends with whom you correspond on email.

HRMD, UAHR and HRCA meetings are open to residents!

Golf Club at Heather Ridge Monthly Update

www.golfclubatheatherridge.com



Heather Ridge Men's Club

Member / Guest Tournament, June 2 and 3
1st Flight

- 1st Mike Geppner, Nick Ostrander (guest)
- 2nd Jim Daum, Terry Hymans (guest)

Saturday and Sunday Money

- 1st Mike Geppner, Nick Ostrander (guest)
- 2nd Jim Daum, Terry Hymans (guest)

2nd Flight

- 1st Jack Eggleston, Tim Eggleston (guest)
- 2nd Cameron Hoffman, Kirk Barfuss (guest)

Saturday Day Money

- 1st Jack Eggleston, Tim Eggleston (guest)
- 2nd Cameron Hoffman, Kirk Barfuss (guest)

Sunday Day Money

- 1st Jack Eggleston, Tim Eggleston (guest)
- 2nd Jack Gemeinhart, Jim Mendez (guest)

Individual Net Tournament, June 16

1st Flight

- 1st Ben Barnes, low gross \$88
- 1st Jim Daum, low net \$88
- 2nd John Curzon, low net \$44

2nd Flight

- 1st Mike Geppner, low net \$110
- 2nd Don Blosser, low net \$66
- 3rd Andy Schmidt, low net \$44

3rd Flight

- 1st Don Brothis, low net \$110
- 2nd Jack Gemeinhart, low net \$66
- 3rd John Kytly, low net \$44

4th Flight

- 1st Steve Zappler low net \$110
- 2nd Jim Gunderson, low net \$60
- 3rd Dumitri Palea, low net \$40

Closest to the Pin

(\$30 each)

- Hole No. 5: Harold Wallace
- Hole No. 8: John Curzon
- Hole No. 10: Terry Bade
- Hole No. 14: Mike Hawk



18-Hole Ladies League

Club Championship. Don't forget to sign up for the Club Championship being played on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18 and 19. To be eligible to play, you must have played on at least four regular play days. While there can only be one Club Champion, remember that this is a flighted competition. You can win your flight. Gross and net prizes are awarded. Let's have lots of participation this year!

– Teresa Anderson
Vice President/Publicity

9-Hole Ladies League

The Member/Guest Tournament is just around the corner — Tuesday, July 17. This year's theme is Western. Everyone is encouraged to put on your cowboy boots and hats, then rustle up a friend or two to join us!

It's going to be a lot of fun. Don't miss out!

– Ginny Lewis

Free Days for July

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| Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys | Sunday, July 1
1–4 pm |
| 303-322-1053, www.dmmtdt.org
1880 Gaylord Street, Denver | |
| Denver Museum of Nature and Science | Monday, July 2
9 am–5 pm |
| 303-322-7009, www.dmns.org
2001 Colorado Blvd
(Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium) | |
| Denver Children's Museum | Tuesday, July 3
4–8 pm |
| 303-433-7444, www.mychildsmuseum.org
2121 Children's Museum Dr. | |
| Denver Botanic Gardens @ Chatfield | Friday, July 6
9 am–5 pm |
| 303-973-3705, www.botanicgardens.org
8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton | |
| Denver Art Museum | Saturday, July 7
10 am–5 pm |
| 720-865-5000, www.denverartmuseum.org
100 W 14th Ave Parkway | |
| Denver Botanic Gardens | Thursday, July 26
9 am–5 pm |
| 720-865-3500, www.botanicgardens.org
1005 York St., www.botanicgardens.org | |
| Mizel Museum | Monday, July 30
9 am–4:30 pm |
| 303-394-9993
400 S Kearney St mizelmuseum.org | |

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the board at the start of each meeting.

Reminder. Coupons for the remainder of 2012 have been mailed to owners instead of monthly statements. Payment is due on the first of each month. If not received by the 10th of the month, a late fee will be assessed. If you have any questions or didn't receive your coupons, call Hammersmith.

New Owner. Relly Kocher formerly owned 2690D before moving to Texas. She has now bought 2610C and is busily updating that unit. Welcome back!

Neighborhood Watch Meeting. Walt Kirkwood has scheduled a meeting July 12 at the clubhouse for anyone interested in serving as a block captain or member of the team. All your eyes and ears are needed to keep the neighborhood safe. The meeting will be at 7 pm.

Landscaping. Thanks to Dan Hignite, Bill Ott, Susan Bruce, Loretta Eggleston and Bill Yeager for walking the grounds with KS Landscaping on May 22 and 23. Problem areas were identified. Water usage was dra-

matically decreased. Needed repairs were listed. KS is addressing resident's concerns as quickly as possible. They will prepare detailed plot maps with exact locations of clocks, zones and individual sprinkler heads. **PLEASE** call Hammersmith, if you see problems, so a work order can be issued — 303-980-0700, 24 hours a day.

Party June 9. Thanks to the party planners: Pidge Gonzales, Bette Secord, Barb Rupp, Karen Monson, Audrey Beals, Jeanie Dymond and Susan Bruce. Also thanks to Pinky Gonzales and grillers Bill Yeager, Michael Carter and Tom Morgenthien. Forty people attended, socialized and enjoyed the terrific food. The clean-up crew (too many to mention) was terrific.

Garage Sale. Save Saturday, Aug. 4, 8 am–3 pm for the Heather Ridge Community Yard Sale!

Volunteers. Again, put your free time to good use to save the association money and meet your neighbors. We need party planners, bush trimmers, bylaw writers, communication experts and other projects you've probably identified. Contact any board member to share your talents.

Heather Ridge South by Van Lewis

Many thanks to the 53 residents who attended the June 7 Semi-Annual Meeting about "loss assessment" risks to HRS homeowners. Ed Kay presented the board's policy whereby owners could be obligated to pay up to \$5,000 or more for roof related "wind-hail-weather" catastrophic claims.

Owners can financially protect themselves through their individual insurance with an HO-6 policy. This insurance compliments the general coverage provided by the HOA, and for \$10–\$40 annually, a rider will protect owners against "loss assessment" liabilities. Please call your insurance agent for more information. If you do not add the loss assessment coverage to your policy, you could be personally responsible for any claims related to wind and hail damages.

Three insurance agents attended this meeting, including the association's representative, Matt Susser from Van Gilder Insurance Company. Those agents, along with attendees, discussed premium costs, coverage issues, and the history of "wind and hail" insurance and skyrocketing costs. Everyone voiced confidence in the board's decision NOT to create an \$836,000 reserve for a "wind-hail" deductible, and to NOT increase monthly HOA fees by \$30 or more for five years to create such a reserve. By notifying and educating property owners to insure themselves against "loss assessment," the cost savings will be significant for everyone.

Change of Westwind manager for HRS. Effective June 18, Sue Daigle will retire from Westwind Management Company. Sue has served the community faithfully and professionally for almost two years. She will be missed. Everyone at Heather Ridge South wishes her

good health and happiness in her retirement, recovering from many, many years in the property management business.

Pending selection of a permanent manager, Janelle Maninger will return to manage HRS' business. Please contact Janelle, 303-369-1800, extension 115 or, email Janelle@westwindmanagement.com.

Architectural update. An application has been approved by the board for installing a basement egress window. This is a common feature in most homes built since the late 1970s, but for HRS (and Fairway 16 — a sister community) this feature wasn't installed. Smaller basement windows allow little light and are difficult for egress. The board will individually review and approve all requests. Each application must be "permitted" by the City of Aurora, and must have an "acceptable engineering letter" reviewing the proposed work.

Once approved, owners will be required to sign and record a "restrictive covenant agreement" making public their construction and maintenance responsibilities to future owners.



Molly Markert's Newsletter for Ward IV

Havana Farmers' Market Opened June 18. This popular market opened for the season on Monday, June 18. The market is every Monday, 10 am–3 pm (or until sold out) in the parking lot at the Havana Exchange Shopping Center. Vendor tents are south of Yale Avenue, in front of Bicycle Village.

Heart And Sole. Key Bank at The Gardens on Havana is participating in the American Heart Association Recycle Bins Project, called "Heart and Sole." Donate your old sneakers by placing them in the drop box at Key Bank on Havana. Shoes will be given to charities around the world and re-purposed/re-used. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Denver Heart and Stroke Walk. Information: Gayle Jetchick, Executive Director, Havana Business Improvement District

Friends Of The Aurora Public Library 25th Anniversary. This group of volunteers will celebrate,



in 2012, their 25th year of serving readers in Aurora. Established as a non-profit organization in 1987, its primary mission is to support the ongoing services and programs of the Aurora Public Library with financial donations. The Friends accomplish this by operating the Book Outlet, located at 2243 South Peoria Street in the Iliff Square Shopping Center. During 2011, net proceeds from the Book Outlet, \$50,000, were donated directly to the library. Since 1990, the Friends have provided financial support to the library totaling more than \$600,000.

The Book Outlet is 100 percent staffed by a group of more than 40 enthusiastic volunteers. They are a terrific resource for any book lover

whether seeking a specific book or author or looking for a new favorite. With over 2,000 square feet of books in over 100 categories, the Book Outlet has something for everyone.

Their inventory turns over very quickly. There is always something new on the shelves. Each book is individually priced from 30¢ to \$4. They also have a specialty and gift book section. The Book Outlet carries CDs (including books on tape), DVDs, VHS tapes, records, and puzzles. You can purchase gift certificates in \$5 and \$10 increments for your favorite reader.

The Book Outlet welcomes your donations of gently used books in all categories — both hardback and paperback, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, audio books, records and puzzles. Many customers choose to re-donate their purchases once they have enjoyed them. All donations — whether of books, media or cash

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Metro Matters

Heather Ridge dating back to 1976:

My husband, Ray, and I joined Heather Ridge when we bought a patio home in 1976. We each joined the golf club. That began a 35 year love for Heather Ridge Golf Course.

EDI built and owned the course at that time, but through the years many different owners emerged, including American Golf.

Both the Men's and Women's clubs had regular tournaments and many combined tourna-



Ray and Hattie McGuire, circa 1976

ments, followed by dinners or luncheons. Those of us who lived on the course had "pick-up" games in the evenings. All became close friends.

The pro even organized "dandelion picking parties" where we all volunteered on various holes and did our part to keep the course in good shape. These were always followed by bar-b-que parties that would sometimes go long into the night!

Friday and Saturday nights were party nights at the club with dancing to the music of various local groups and occasionally we had a "Name" celebrity for entertainment.

There was also a gourmet restaurant that was very popular.

The Ladies 18-hole Golf Club started an invitational tournament called "The Kiltie" that became popular. It was always the highlight of the golf season.

There was also had an indoor and outdoor swimming pool. Lessons were available. There were water aerobic classes.

- Hatty McGuire

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There are many benefits to becoming a member of the Friends of the Aurora Public Library including: 1) 10 percent off every purchase every time; 2) advance notification of monthly sales and special events; and 3) periodic member sales where all purchases receive a 50 percent discount. Annual membership fees start at \$10. These are also tax deductible.

For more information, visit the

Book Outlet. They are open on Wednesdays from 10 am to 6 pm; Fridays from 4:30 pm to 8 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm. You can also visit their website at fapl.info and like them on Facebook too!

They are in Ward IV, another reason to pledge your support!



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Plants that deter rabbits may save water

I heard a lot of people complain about rabbit overpopulation and that these animals eat the beautiful flowers that residents plant around their homes. I asked around to see if there is anything that could be done about rabbits lunching on gardens. The only thing I heard, "Make rabbit stew!" (The responder was joking, of course).

So I was surprised when I read an article in *The Denver Post* ("How to rabbit-proof your garden," by Marcia Tatroe, April 20, 2012). Tatroe describes the plants that keep the bunnies away. The interesting factor is that these plants may help us to conserve water also. These plants are drought tolerant.

The article says that rabbits don't like the "strong flavors" of plants from dry areas of the world, such as Mediterranean herbs or xeric landscaping selections. They also pass up many plants with leathery or fibrous foliage like manzanita or yucca.

Plants with spines or prickly leaves (anchusa, echinops, eryngium) are avoided. Tatroe reported that plants that ooze sap (euphorbia, glaucium) and things that are toxic to most life forms (monkshood, hellebores, lily-of-the-valley) are mostly left alone by the rabbits.

Tatroe mentioned a list of shrubs and flowers that may not be the most popular menu item for bunnies. These include:

"Shrubs: 'Allegheny' viburnum, big sage, blue mist spirea, boulder raspberry, broom, butterfly bush, creeping Oregon grape, curleaf mountain mahogany, daphne, gambel oak, golden currant, honeysuckle, juniper, lavender, lilac, rabbitbrush, Russian sage, santolina, sea buckthorn, smoke tree and sumac.

"Flowers: achillea, agastache, amsonia, anthemis, aquilegia, artemisia, brunnera, centranthus, coreopsis, desert four o'clock, *Digitalis obscura*, echinops, gaillardia, gaura, geranium,



goldenrod, *Helianthus maximiliani*, heuchera, hymenoxys, kniphofia, linum, marrubium, nepeta, ornamental onions, ornamental oreganos, penstemon, prairie zinnia, ratibida, stachys, thyme, teucrium, Veronica pectinata and zizophora."

I don't know if all these plants are completely rabbit-proof, but I think it worth a try. You might like having your water bill smaller as well.

– Lana Gutnik
Chimney Hill

Telephone/Computer Scam Consumer Alert. AARP ElderWatch Fraud Fighters are reporting a new scam circulating around Colorado. The scam involves a telephone call where the caller indicates they work with either Microsoft Systems or Apple Computers (there might be other variations) and they were alerted by your computer that it is carrying a harmful virus. They indicate that they are calling everyone with computers that are affected to help wipe it away. They instruct you to do some things on your computer, which actually allows them access to your computer resulting in the installation of harmful software on your computer and/or they demand payment for these services.

- Do not give any personal information over the phone to anyone.
- Do not allow access to your computer to anyone that you do not know or when you did not initiated the call.
- If you think your computer has a virus, call your service provider or another reputable IT troubleshooting service for assistance.

If you become a victim of fraud or theft, file a report with your local law enforcement agency. The 18th Judicial District Attorney's Consumer Protection Line provides assistance to victims of crime and answers questions on white collar crime issues. If you have a question or need assistance, call 720-874-8547.

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