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*Soon...Heather Ridge Golf Course will
be covered in fall's splendid colors*



Photo by Sharon Berkowitz

Yard sale past and future

The Yard Sale Committee held a debriefing meeting on Aug. 8 to discuss budget, signage, advertising, and announcements to the Heather Ridge community, and post sale pickup of items not sold. Representatives from Strawberry, Chimney Hill, Burgundy and Fwy 16 were present.

The committee decided to stay within a limited budget for the first community sale, concerned that it would not be held again next year. Ads were placed on Craig's List, *ClassifiedsGiant.com* and in *Metro Matters* (July and August issues); all were free of cost. Lettering for signage, markers and poster board for arrows were the only expense. Aug. 4 was chosen to increase traffic because Dam East, Dam West and Ptarmigan were having yard sales on the same day.

The committee got these suggestions:

- Signage: Purchase six large, waterproof signs for the entry corners on Iliff Avenue and Yale Avenue. Install them three days before sale. Reuse this year's signs and arrows for directional purposes.
- Advertising: Place free ads again. Pay for advertising in *Aurora Sentinel* at \$25 per week (online only) and Thrifty Nickel at \$5.50 for the first 10 words.
- Announcements to the HR community: The commit-

tee recommends a May yard sale date to be announced to the HR Communities in *Metro Matters* and HOA newsletters for three months prior to the date chosen. One week before the sale, post announcements on HOA mailboxes.

- Post sale pickup: Salvation Army or ARC should be contacted one month prior to sale to arrange for picking up items that owners did not sell and want to donate.

- It was also suggested that at least one representative from each participating HOA be a member of the Yard Sale Committee and a contact person for his/her HOA.

Anyone interested in being on the Community Yard Sale Committee 2013, please contact Bette Secord, *bettesecord@gmail.com*, 303-695-9582.

- Community Yard Sale 2012 Committee

Be A Guest Writer: *Metro Matters* accepts guest writers. You are invited to submit an article, 500 words or less, for acceptance in the next publication. Send to Bette Secord, Fairway 16, *bettesecord@gmail.com*; or Lynn Donaldson, *LynnNeu@comcast.net* or 13731 E. Hamilton Drive, Aurora, CO 80014.

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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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Heather Ridge Open Space Foundation

In July, The Heather Ridge Open Space Foundation received additional donations of cash and over 40 perennial plants. Foundation founder Barry McConnell said "the cash was deposited in the foundation bank account for future open space projects. We are in discussions with the golf course grounds keeper on the best use for the perennial plants."

The Heather Ridge Open Space Foundation (www.heatherridgefoundation.com) was established on April 23, 2012, as a vehicle through which all who value this urban open space could channel voluntary contributions for preserving and sustaining the open space in and around the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District.

The Heather Ridge Open Space Foundation promotes and engages in resource conservation, wildlife habitat preservation, and sustainable golf course beautification and development, through active support of environmental stewardship within the Heather Ridge community.

In addition to beautifying the open space and common areas, the foundation is also interested in several larger open space initiatives, including improving water quality in ponds, replacing worn paths and retaining walls, and developing water resources.

The foundation is actively seeking volunteers and directors with a strong sense of environmental stew-

ardship and a long-term commitment to maintaining the Heather Ridge golf community way of life. Those interested in getting involved with the foundation's work or in making a contribution should contact: Joan Beldock, 303-752-4940, joanbel@comcast.net, or Barry McConnell, 303-366-1505, bmconn202@aol.com.

The Heather Ridge Open Space Foundation is in the process of applying for its 501c3 tax exempt certificate.

—Barry McConnell
Fairway 16

This September, FEMA, Citizen Corps and the Advertising Council are encouraging all Americans to join the readiness team and take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. O.M.E.G.A., a nonprofit organization made up of volunteers trained and certified in currently accepted emergency response techniques, is joining this national effort, and we are organizing a National Preparedness Month Fair.

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Neighborhood Watch

On Wednesday, July 18, Neighborhood Watch had its regular meeting. Every seat was filled at the Strawberry Clubhouse. It was rewarding, to say the least, because it demonstrated that the word got passed to residents by volunteers in the program.

Be sure to thank your community volunteer when you see one of them.

On the program was Chief Dan Oates and J.D. Wykstra, Senior Resource Officer. J.D. reported a couple of items that everyone should find interesting.

One is a free program designed for elderly residents or those with severe medical issues. It is a Lock Box that provides a house key for use by medical personnel. The following are program requirements to be eligible. You must:

- Live in a private home or apartment
- Reside within the City of Aurora
- Have permission from the owner if you rent the home

- Provide a spare house key
- Agree to return the Lock Box if you no longer wish to participate in the program
- Sign a waiver of liability

Please call J.D. if you would like to know more about this program, 303-739-6349, or e-mail at jwykstra@auroragov.org. I think it's a wonderful idea.

Another item addressed is a form called "Special Needs Registration," which alerts the Police Department to any Aurora resident who requires special help during an emergency. Call J.D. to get this form, if you need it. There is a great deal of information on this form — too much to go into detail in this column.

PAR Officer Mark Lowisz also spoke during the meeting and mentioned that the perpetrator of several crimes in the Burgundy and Cobblestone communities has been apprehended. He was the subject of a "Footprints in the

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The Fall Real Estate Market

Expectations run high for a good finish to the 2012 metro Denver real estate season. The spring season started in February when homes priced under \$200,000 started selling like hot cakes. Then, homes up to \$350,000 started selling quickly throughout the metro area, especially in Parker and Highlands Ranch.

When July started, the first six months of the year had achieved sales records not seen for four or more years. Foreclosures are still happening, but their numbers are down; however, short sales continue to be a problem. If sales continue as expected, 2012 could end with a shortage of inventory.

July is traditionally a vacation month with slower sales, but activity this year dropped off more than expected — possibly as a respite from a whirlwind spring. August improved, but still is not as strong as predicted. As inventory declines, buyers are becoming frustrated with rising prices, a faster pace of sales, and little time to ponder offers. Buyers looking to “steal a house” are losing out to ready, willing and able buyers who know today’s market.

Seller concessions are still active. Up to 70 percent of all Heather Ridge sales include concessions. A seller concession usually means crediting the buyer funds at closing to pay for closing costs. Instead of negotiating 2 or 3 percent off the asking price, buyers may pay full price but ask the seller to pay 2–3 percent of the new loan amount towards their closing costs. Although many sellers object to this process,

seller concessions have kept the real estate market alive for many years.

The Heather Ridge market remains strong, but feedback from buyers and their agents indicates that older homes not updated are losing out to newer homes and updated/remodeled homes. Selective updating or remodeling increases resale values, but not all improvements may pay for themselves. Please call Pete or Van for their professional recommendations — it could mean more proceeds in your pocket.

Interest rates continue at record low levels. Buyers are getting loans; however, more financial data along with community information is required for approval. Scrutinizing HOAs, lenders are requiring financial statements, the number of rentals versus the number of owner-occupied units, cash reserves and HOA monthly default rate.

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(The Following Properties May Have Been Listed or Sold by Other Companies) Homes for Sale in Heather Ridge, New Listings June 1–Aug. 11

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$59,500	13631	E Yale Ave	1 - 1	856	1-Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$66,950	2650	S Xanadu Way B	1 - 1	856	1-Carport,Det	Story & 1/2
Strawberry I	\$79,900	2664	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,144	None	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$89,900	2141	S Victor St D	2 - 2	1,208	1-Reserved	2 Story
Burgundy	\$124,900	2649	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,315	2-Garage,Det	2 Story
Burgundy	\$139,900	2645	S Xanadu Way C	3 - 2	1,315	Off Street	Ranch
Sausalito	\$150,000	2459	S Worchester St D	2 - 3	1,230	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Heather Ridge South	\$151,000	2855	S Xanadu Way	3 - 4	1,462	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$156,900	2882	S Wheeling Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$161,000	2722	S Xanadu Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$185,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 201	2 - 2	1,476	1-Garage,Att	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$219,900	2260	S Vaughn Way 103	2 - 3	1,485	2-Garage,Att	Ranch

Homes Under Contract in July–August

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Bed/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry 1	\$36,000	13655	E Yale Ave B	1 - 1	856	Off Street	Ranch
Strawberry 1	\$57,900	13651	E Yale Ave D	1 - 1	856	1-Carport,Det	2 Story
Burgundy	\$82,900	2423	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,091	2-Carport,Det,Resv	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$90,000	2101	S Victor St A	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$104,500	2152	S Victor St C	2 - 2	1,208	1-Reserved	2 Story
Sausalito	\$144,900	2419	S Worchester Ct A	2 - 3	1,274	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge S	\$144,900	2725	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,365	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$149,900	2680	S Vaughn Way C	2 - 2	1,462	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$149,950	2511	S Worchester Ct A	2 - 2	1,273	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$150,000	2280	S Vaughn Way 203	2 - 3	1,693	1-Garage	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$159,000	2416	S Vaughn Way C	2 - 2	1,365	2-Garage,Att	Ranch

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Sold in Heather Ridge June 25–Aug. 11

HOA	Sold \$	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$58,600	2691	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,091	1-Off Street	2 Story
Burgundy	\$81,200	2623	S Xanadu Way F	2 - 2	1,315	2-Garage,Det,Resv	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$95,500	13346	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,392	Reserved	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$105,000	2152	S Victor St E	2 - 2	1,392	1-Off Street,Resv	2 Story
Sausalito	\$107,500	2408	S Victor St E	2 - 2	1,025	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Cobblestone	\$108,000	2101	S Victor St C	2 - 2	1,208	1-Reserved	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$129,000	13384	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,392	1-Reserved	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$133,700	2052	S Worchester Ct	3 - 2	1,337	2-Garage,Att,Oversz	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$135,000	13256	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$138,500	2500	S Victor St F	2 - 3	1,273	2-Garage,Att,Oversz	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$141,500	2598	S Vaughn Way A	2 - 2	1,462	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$176,450	2240	S Vaughn Way 101	2 - 2	1,196	1-Garage,Att	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$192,500	2270	S Vaughn Way 202	2 - 3	1,722	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$200,000	2220	S Vaughn Way 201	2 - 2	1,806	2-Garage,Att	Ranch

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A Geezers' Museum: If children can have one, then why not seniors?

Grandchildren are wonderful. When our 3-year-old Ella visited from Portland, Oregon, we visited Denver's Children's Museum for the first time. Hoping to avoid weekend crowds, we went on a Monday morning—but so did 10,001 others.

The museum's interactive exhibits are perfect for kids of all ages. Crawling, coughing and chewing their way around, kids bounce off walls as parents and grandparents try keeping up. With all this fun and activity — why not a museum for seniors?

At the entry to Denver's Children's Museum, visitors see a fire truck crawling with children.

At a "Geezers' Museum," seniors could see a Maserati, Lamborghini, or James Bond's Aston Martin. Geezers could lift car hoods, inspecting engines they know nothing about, or sit behind the steering wheel, pretending to race for the flag at Le Mans. As for Goldfinger, he's no match for the Aston Martin.

A "Grey Goose" exhibit could

show seniors how to make better cocktails using discounted mixes from Family Dollar Stores. Geezers would learn how to stretch happy hour hors d'oeuvres into a dinner for 10. Door prizes could be given for the best happy hour bars and restaurants. Think *Cheers!*

The Colorado Highway Patrol/ACLU's exhibit would perform "free" roadside sobriety checks as attorneys explain why DUIs cost \$10,000 or more.

Learn why knee or hip replacements may not be a defense against doing agility tests.

Next, 5-year olds could show seniors how to install software, search the Internet, or download photographs. Geezers cannot ask how to set VCR clocks or diagnose 10-year or older computer systems.

Costco and Sam's Club could provide free food samples, selling \$1.50 hot dogs or pizza slices. There will be free onions and relish for the hot dogs, but mouthwash or Pepto-Bismol will cost \$5 a shot — and

cheap at half the price!

After lunch, a mandatory nap or time-out room for cranky seniors is needed. Geezers who said "In my day..." at the computer exhibit would go back for more training and miss their naps.

The last exhibits include a "virtual appointment" with the Dr. Oz or Oprah Winfrey. You can discuss why your family isn't as crazy as others — or maybe worse!

A golf exhibit could feature tips about how NOT to lose clubs while playing, boosting retirement income by finding and selling used Titleist Pro-V1 golf balls, or collecting golf tees for firewood.

The most important thing is to have fun, treat others with love and respect, and make the most of your time. If geezers can't have a museum of their own now, there's always the Factory Outlet Stores.

— Van and Ginny Lewis
Heather Ridge South

HOA responses were overwhelming

The article, "Update on the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District Activities" in the July 2012 issue of *Metro Matters*, suggested four ways that members of the community could help reduce the expense of this magazine:

- 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.

Metro Matters has received an overwhelming response from the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District HOAs. The following communities have agreed to hand deliver the monthly magazine:

Heather Ridge South units ...	176
Strawberry	328
Cobblestone	74
Fwy 16	116
Sausalito	159
Total units	853

Burgundy has agreed to place *Metro Matters* magazines in waterproof brochure boxes next to each mailbox area. That would mean an additional 120 units.

I calculated a \$.61 cost for label-

ing and postage per issue.

973 units x \$.61 = \$593.53 savings per month

\$593.53 x 12 mo. = \$7,122.36 savings per year

Metro Matters would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the six HOAs who are helping reduce the expense of the magazine. Because of their cooperation and generous assistance, *Metro Matters* will realize a significant savings per year.

— Bette Secord
Editor, *Metro Matters*



Monday
Sept. 3
Federal
Holiday

Homeowners' Association News

Heather Ridge South by Van Lewis

Summer is coming to an end. Start planning for winter. Please disconnect all exterior hoses, store your patio furniture and flower pots, and shine up a snow shovel. The new concrete driveways need special ice melt. Because non-approved chemicals could damage the surface, please use HOA provided/approved ice melt only. Watch for more information about ice melts.

Inspect your unit's exterior! Owners should be watchful for damaged siding — especially under eaves or overhangs; gutters and downspouts — bent, plugged, or improper drainage that sends water towards foundations. Please inspect exterior lamps for damage, install energy efficient bulbs, and remove all extension cords. (Remember, the HOA maintains the front garage lamps.)

Report trees and bushes too close to buildings. Put your garden beds to rest, removing dead annual plants and trimming down perennials. Inspect window wells for proper covers and proper height above ground level. Check for loose cinderblocks or retaining wall stones. Please call Janelle, Westwind, with any concerns.

Mudjacking more front patios. Two years ago, HRS mud-jacked about 20 front porches to level them and prevent porch cover damage. This fall, more porches

will be selected for leveling. If you think your porch needs help, please call Janelle. Mudjacking is for front porches only, at HOA expense. Other concrete surfaces such as front walkways and back patios are the responsibility of owners. If leveling is needed for a sidewalk or porch, call Janelle for an inspection, a determination about who is responsible and a cost estimate.

Being good neighbors in HRS. Whether you are an owner or a tenant, please think of others concerning your pets, BBQ smoke, parked cars, noises, children's toys and other activities in the common areas. Animal complaints top the list: mostly about dogs barking, running loose, or pooping. (Residents complain about cats, too.) Removing dog feces is a constant problem made worse by pet owners who hose it off their patios into the common area. Please report all concerns to Janelle at Westwind. Owners in HRS live in close proximity to each other — so think about how your actions might affect others before you do something.



Chimney Hill by Lana Gutnik

Board and Management News. Our annual meeting will be held in November. There will be several open positions on the board, so please consider becoming a member to help our community flourish. Residents can volunteer to help, even if they are not on the board.

Please call ACCU with all questions, problems, observations, requests and suggestions. Mary Parsons, 303-339-9704, maryparsons@accuinc.com.

Water and Other Issues. In an effort to conserve water Chimney Hill is installing dual flush toilet kits for standard toilets. Using a standard toilet, one family can use 70 gallons of water a day with 20 flushes. They will use only 42 gallons a day using a dual flush toilet kit.

CH is also checking for water leaks in your home when installing the new toilet. So far, 37 dual flush toilet kits have been installed. The goal is to install 100 kits this year.

A reminder — washing your car in your garage or outside on Chimney Hill property is not allowed. Residents who do not comply will be penalized.

Remember to report water leaks and sewer back-ups in a timely manner. If your basement is flooded, losses may not be covered by the HOA.

The landscape maintenance company finished its annual trimming at the end of July. Some residents were upset because their bushes were cut too short. Other

people were displeased that their bushes were not cut enough. The board will work with the landscaping company to try to do better next year.

If you see or feel that something inappropriate is going on, contact the management company or any board member. Do not make any assumptions — ask questions!

All residents are encouraged to call Mary Parsons, 303-339-9704, with any suggestion and concerns.

Pool. The pool will be closed by the time this issue is out. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy it this summer.

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

More HOA news on page 8



Fairway 16

by Susan Bruce

New Property Manager. Jean Ronald is now the manager of Fwy16 for Hammersmith. She has many years of experience, both in Florida and here. She manages Danbury Park, a neighbor to Fwy16. She can be reached at jronald@ehammersmith.com or 303-980-0700. The board is excited to have her leadership and vast resources to help with this community.

New Neighbors. Phillip and Nora Martinez have purchased 2598A and moved in with their two sons. Karen Monson delivered a directory and floral arrangement to welcome them to our neighborhood

Dumpster. The clubhouse dumpster has been removed. It cost over \$1,000 per year for once a week pick up and had become an unattractive nuisance. That means it was being used by Doubletree residents, passing construction vehicles and numerous dog walkers. The doors have been removed also. If you have a party at the clubhouse, just bag up your trash and either take it home for Thursday pickup or leave it on the lower level of the clubhouse. Call one of the board members or the Oswalds to put it out the following Thursday.

Gas Leak. This leak by the clubhouse front door was noticed by Jean Ronald in early July when she came to inspect our property. Xcel Energy responded within a couple hours and fixed the small leak. It also inspected the hot water heater, gas fireplace (the pilot light is off) and pool heater. It was recommended that the trash and artificial Christmas trees be removed from the furnace room as they were a fire hazard. That was done the following day.

Sewer Policy Document. This was mailed to everyone on July 30. Please save it, read it and use it to check with your insurance company for your personal coverages. Also read the enclosed Hammersmith brochure and keep that handy.

New Directory. Again, if you do NOT want your email or telephone number in the new directory, call Jean Ronald *before September 15*.

Website. Use this valuable tool. It contains the architectural control form (for exterior changes), a directory of homeowners, the governing documents for your

association, your account of payments, minutes of board meetings, and many other features. About 40 percent of homeowners have already registered. I encourage the rest of you who have computers to sign up. Here are the directions:

If you go to <http://www.fairway16.com> and click on sign in at the upper right, you should be able to access your account. You can also reach this by registering on <http://www.e-hammersmith.com>.

Click on Homeowner sign in on the left or sign in on the upper right.

Joseph Jordan manages the site and welcomes photos of the community to be added to the scrolling photos presently on there. He is also authorized to send a blast email to all Fairway 16 owners. That is where the reminder of the Aug. 9 potluck came from.

Metro Matters Delivery. Since there continue to be problems with the post office delivering this newsletter on the first of each month, several communities are offering to hand deliver the magazine every month. Fairway 16 will be putting a clip on each garage door trim — look at the clips at Heather Ridge South to see how they will look — for this purpose.

Thanks. Our neighbors are stepping up! The dumpster was filled every week in August by branches trimmed by Harold Eagen and Pinky Gonzales.

The Yeagers have helped keep the pool area tidy.

Loretta Eggleston and Susan Bruce are hand delivering *Metro Matters* each month. (Call, if you can help with this!)

The community still needs help maintaining common area flower beds — pulling weeds and trimming dead flowers.

Pinky has also fixed numerous gates and gutters.

If you have electrical expertise, the community needs help fixing the lights in the flower beds at the north and south entrances.



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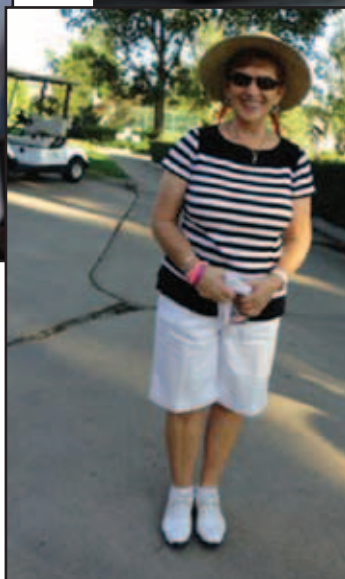
Dr. Matt Mauck

Heather Ridge

Photo Album

9-Hole Ladies Golf Club — Member/ Guest Tournament

Playing golf with a theme is just a bit more fun. This year, it was an Italian fla-



vor. Whether the golfing women wore Italian-themed clothes, or just picked outfits in the color of the Italian flag, it provided a colorful and interesting variation to the usual low gross or handicapped low net scores on the golf course.

Above: Marge Sumberg at registration desk. Right: JoAnn Oswald dressed in her Italian style hat and clothes. Far right: Sharon Warembourg.

September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><i>Note: Regular Heather Ridge board or committee meetings will be held on the dates below, providing there is business to be conducted.</i></p>						
2	3 Labor Day	4 6 pm UAHR Board Meeting – 19th Hole GC at HR	5	6 6 pm FWY 16 Board Meeting – FWY 16 Clubhouse	7	8
9 Grandparents' Day 9 am–4 pm Chemical Roundup – Aurora Central Facilities Building	10 Metro Matters Deadline	11	12 6:30 pm Sausalito Board Meeting – GC at HR	13	14	15
16	17 Rosh Hashanah	18 6 pm Chimney Hill Board Meeting – GC at HR	19	20 Lunch Bunch at Sam's No. 3	21 1st Day of Autumn	22
23/30	24	25	26 Yom Kippur	27 6:30 pm Ward IV Meeting Garden Plaza, 14221 E. Evans Ave.	28	29 8:30 am 18-Hole Ladies Golf Shotgun Tournament and Fall Banquet

Note:

- Farmer's Market every Monday at Havana Exchange Shopping Center (on Havana, south of Yale)
- Chemical Roundup Sept. 9, 9 am–4 pm, Aurora Central Facilities Building, 3645 E. Ellsworth Ave.



Out To Lunch Bunch

The next gathering will be Thursday, Sept. 20, noon @ Sam's No. 3 Restaurant (2580 South Havana St.). Please contact Ginny Lewis to RSVP —

ginny.lewis@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



18-Hole Ladies League

The Fall banquet, preceded by an 8:30 shotgun tournament, is Saturday, Sept. 29. Look for the sign-up sheet on the board outside the Pro Shop with more information as to place and cost. A head count is needed by Sept. 15 — so sign up early!

At the Fall banquet, new officers and directors for next year's board will be elected. Several volunteer positions are available. Watch for emails on this subject. Think about what you can do to help your board and your league.

— Teresa Anderson
Vice President/Publicity

Heather Ridge Men's Golf Club

Member / Member Tournament

July 14 and 15

Unless otherwise stated, all prizes were awarded as Pro Shop gift certificates.

1st Flight

1st	Matt Okleson and Hal Kelley	\$100
2nd	Jim Carpenter and Brian Hornstra	\$75
3rd	Mike Geppner and Dick Hinson	\$50

Saturday Day Money

1st	Jim Carpenter and Brian Hornstra	\$120 cash
2nd	Matt Okleson and Hal Kelley	\$80 cash

Sunday Day Money

1st	Matt Okleson and Hal Kelley	\$120 cash
2nd	Jim Carpenter and Brian Hornstra	\$80 cash

2nd Flight

1st	Russ Barrett and Steve Zapiler	\$100
2nd	John Kytle and Harold Wallace	\$75
3rd	Cameron Hoffman and Chris Watts	\$50

Saturday Day Money

1st	Terry Bade and Loren Janulewicz	\$120 cash
2nd	Don Copeland and Dan Brothis	\$80 cash

Sunday Day Money

1st	Russ Barrett and Steve Zapiler	\$120 cash
2nd	John Kytle and Harold Wallace	\$80 cash

Closest to the Pin (Each golfer was paid \$30 in cash.)

Saturday

- No. 5 — Brian Hornstra (Hole-in-one)
- No. 8 — Jim Carpenter
- No. 10 — Pete Petric
- No. 14 — Dean Weber

Sunday

- No. 5 — Jack Patterson
- No. 8 — Russ Lash
- No. 10 — Trent Daum
- No. 14 — Ben Barnes

Neighborhood Watch...from page 3

Snow" e-mail that I sent out. He is currently awaiting trial. Needless to say, all Heather Ridge residents are breathing a sigh of relief. Apparently he lived nearby, but has now left the area.

To all residents who have not been to one of the Neighborhood Watch meetings — they are only every 3 or 4 months — please feel free to come. You will be happy that you did. You always get a "wealth" of information to take away! It is SO worth a couple hours of your time! See you at the next one.

Neighborhood Watch of UAHR would like to thank Rob Lanphier and Jared Soderstorm of Noonan's Tavern for their generous donation to help make the National Night Out, held on August 7, a huge success. It is support like this for a community that is so important and appreciated by those who volunteer their time and dedication. "Thanks Noonans."

— Bev Brown
Head Area Coordinator for UAHR

Congratulations! Jerry Webb had a hole in one at Heather Ridge Golf Course on Aug. 13. His ace was on the 161-yard (white tees) 8th hole, using a 5 wood.

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On Friday, Aug. 17, Joanie Ott had a hole in one at the Heather Ridge Golf Course. Her ace was on the 100 yard (red tees) 5th hole, using a 34-degree hybrid.

Way to go!

Letters to the Editor: Send or deliver your letters for Metro Matters to Bette Secord, Fairway 16, bettesecord@gmail.com; or Publisher Lynn Donaldson, 13731 E Hamilton Dr, Aurora, CO 80014; LynnNeu@comcast.net by the tenth 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.

New families in the neighborhood

For the first time in a few years, Heather Ridge was lucky to have two families of goslings on the Golf Course. Many of the residents enjoyed watching these little ones grow.

They hatched the day before Mother's Day, and now, two and a half months later, the goslings are already as big as their parents. They are still learning to fly, especially those tricky landings. They can now fly a few feet above ground, and for the most part, they are landing in the water — a much softer landing for a novice flyers.

I always took it for granted that flying was instinctual and never realized all the training and teaching the parents do to help their young learn to fly. I live on hole #4. For the first time in about 10 years of observing Canada geese, I have finally been able to watch this process. It's been wonderful.

I have to say that the more I observe the golfers on the course, the more I wonder about some of them. I'm talking about the golfers that try to run over the geese. Just last night I watched two golf carts, driven by men, purposely try to hurt a group of geese that were off to the side of the fair-

way. They didn't just try once. They circled around three times before I finally yelled at them to stop. I've seen this before, but not quite to this extent.

I realize that many golfers simply hate the geese. But until a dome can be placed over the golf course, golfers need to be educated to the fact that the course is a perfect wildlife habitat. An open space like the golf course invites geese and other wildlife. Here they find food, water and shelter. This is the great outdoors. If you don't want the geese, drain the ponds and get rid of the grass.

If you don't want squirrels, take out the trees. It's that simple. Then what is left? No golf courses, all because golfers can't seem to share this environment that doesn't even belong to them.

Maybe golfers need to think of the geese as another built-in hazard on the course, kind of like a sand trap — another challenge to their game.

On the other hand, golf course management has a responsibility to tell the golfers that harming the geese will not be tolerated. There are state and federal laws in place that protect them.

— Linda L. Neely
Chimney Hill



This gaggle is one of two geese families that hatched this year in Heather Ridge. This family started with 6 goslings but something happened to one during that first week. They hatched the day before Mother's Day. This photo was taken in May.

Aurora Theater Shooting July 20



These impromptu memorial crosses, made by a man in Illinois, were delivered shortly after 12 people lost their lives in a shooting at the Century 16 Theater.

Photo by Nancy Kiernen, Strawberry. Nancy's sister in Dallas, Texas, said, "The crosses look like arms across the horizon begging us all to come together in love."

Molly Markert's Newsletter for Ward IV

Lend your voice! www.EngageAurora.org

Community engagement is important, and that's why a new virtual town hall service dedicated to city projects has been launched.

This new service provides the opportunity for effective community participation and involvement in key city issues, leading to results and invaluable insights for community leaders and elected officials. This new service will allow participation by anyone, anytime, from anyplace. New topics are launched each month: lend your voice and tell us what you think at www.EngageAurora.org.

Lori MacKenzie,
City of Aurora,
Public Relations Manager,
Communications Department

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Heather Ridge has recently launched a new improved Heather



Ridge Colorado website: www.HeatherRidge-Colorado.org.

Special thanks to Barry McConnell, Fairway 16, for taking the initiative to get this done for the community!

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Where To Find Help

Need help processing a tragedy? Do you wish to help financially, but are not sure where a donation should go? Here are several resources:

- *GivingFirst.org*, a safe and secure website for the Community First Foundation, is helping donors find nonprofits that are assisting the Aurora theater victims and their families. The featured nonprofits include Aurora Mental Health Center, Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network, Mental Health America of Colorado, Bonfils Blood Center Foundation, Metro Crisis Services, Inc., Colorado Organization for Victim

Assistance, and Denver Center for Crime Victims.

- Children's Hospital Colorado has opened a family support line, 720-777-2300.

- Aurora Mental Health Center has trained counselors available by phone, 303-617-2300.

The Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance has tips on how to deal with trauma. It includes sections on victim and witness reactions to trauma, helping children and teens cope with trauma, tips for students, tips for students, staff and mentors, and tips for parents and family members. www.coloradocrimevictims.org/crisistips.html, 303-861-1160.

The city has set up a web page that includes information on victim resources, crime tips, donations, fundraising and support and an overall timeline. That information can be found at <http://apps.auroragov.org/newsupdates/>.

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Letters

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I felt that our community should know that Beverly Brown, who heads the HR Neighborhood Watch group, was presented with an award by Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan. It reads:

"Beverly Brown is hereby declared an Amazing Auroran for outstanding community service. This award is presented in sincere appreciation for your dedication and hard work in building a wonderful Neighborhood Watch program for Area 10, and in helping make 'National Night Out' in Ward IV a huge success."

Bette Secord
Fwy 16

Metro Matters

We live in Fairway 16 and actually had a fairly successful sale on Saturday Aug. 4, with good traffic from about 10 am-1 pm. If this is done next year, we would request that it not be done on the same weekend as Ptarmigan, Dam East, Dam West and Innsbruck. Plus our signage could be a little more visible. We put our own signage up on either end of South Vaughn Way and hope that helped with traffic.

Thanks to Bette for coordinating the sale.

Sheryl and Norman Pitts
Fairway 16

Metro Matters

I suppose no explanation will excuse my walking about, hitting some chips, NEVER on any fairway. (I got that message loud and clear.)

Being a guy of principle, I will do my level best not to interfere with the operations of this golf course. Over

22 years, I have marshaled the area behind my patio, #11. I have raked sandtraps with "F__ Y__" written in them — no doubt in reference to my chasing kids off the green, where they were playing ball and throwing the flag stick around causing damage to the green.

I have politely asked guys with shag bags (after the golf course employees and you are long gone) to stop, it's not a practice facility, to which they responded in some cases with glares and intimidation. Sometimes they left, sometimes they did not. Not being an officer or business manager I couldn't call the police — they would tell me what they'll tell you — it's a civil matter, not the Aurora police.

I have fixed pitch marks on #11 — thousands of them over the years. I have walked about on the fairway replacing divots, too numerous to count. I have broken up parties on the 11th green, middle of night, that included booze, and perhaps drugs. I have risked life and limb to confront those involved. I have replaced the 'cart' arrow signs fronting this green when they were taken and thrown into the rough by ???. Seemed the right thing to do.

In other words, I have been a good citizen and shepherd of the area behind my place for over 20 years. Today I was threatened with police action. I don't think it was appropriate and could have been handled differently with more grace and diplomacy, especially by someone who is known by all to be the right kind of guy. Scofflaws would not be caught in daylight doing something they considered wrong, I am not a scofflaw and what I was doing was not harmful in any way to any-

one or any entity.

Terry Bellomo
Strawberry

{If HR has a golfer on the course who has not paid, it is theft of services. HR tells golfers who do not pay that the next time they are seen on the course, the police will be called.

Terry has been told numerous times if he is hitting balls on the course, he needs to pay.}

Larry Ransford
GCatHR

Metro Matters

Violence can be prevented and it can begin here

{Some excerpts printed in the July 29 issue of The Denver Post}

As our heart breaks from the sad and tragic events of the July 20 Theater Shooting in Aurora, we have an opportunity to turn some of our sadness and grief into action aimed at doing whatever it takes to prevent these tragedies from occurring in the future. A Key Violence-prevention strategy is good surveillance and intelligence. There are warnings prior to most of these events. Columbine shooters left a pre-developed website, reports of bomb making threats. A number of different people were aware the shooters had significant problems and were involved in questionable activities. However, no one in a position of authority was aware of all the signs prior to the event.

There is a system that has been established in Colorado so that community members among others could report in a safe and anonymous way their safety concerns. Tips are reported anonymously to a toll free number, 1-877-542-7233, or through a web reporting feature that can be accessed at www.Safe2Tell.org and

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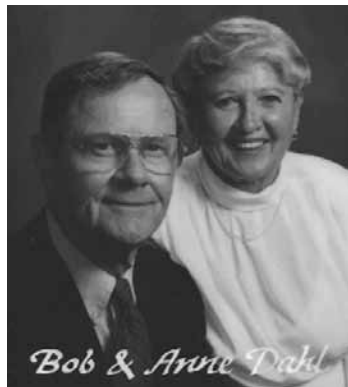
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Bob and Anne Dahl at Heather Ridge

Bob and Anne Dahl moved from Denver to Aurora in 1970 and were excited to hear of the new golf course being built practically in their back yard. They joined Heather Ridge Country Club in 1973, the year it opened, when it was only a 9-hole course. They had to navigate the dirt roads of Peoria and Iliff to get to the club.



The early years at Heather Ridge were spent making new golfing friends and hanging out at the swimming pool while their three girls — Amy, Nancy and Susan — splashed around on the Heather Ridge swim team.

While playing golf one day, Bob looked up after putting on the 14th green and could not find Anne. He finally found her inside the “open house” townhouse at the end of the 14th hole, where they eventually made their home.

Bob enjoyed playing in the Men’s Golf Club, while Anne played in the Women’s 18 Hole Club.

Both he and Anne played in the holiday tournaments and had a good time at the fun BBQs that followed. In the later years, they participated in weekly Trivia games and special dinners at the clubhouse.

Bob passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 16, 2008. His lunch was packed, ready to play golf the next day. Anne and her daughter Sue still live in the Heather Ridge townhome.

Save The Date!
Overland High School’s 22nd Annual Fall Fair
 Crafts & More!
 Saturday, Oct. 6, 9 am–4 pm
 Near S. Peoria St. and E. Jewell Ave.
 Fall and Holiday Items: baskets, candles, jewelry,
 needlework, photography, quilts, things for baby and
 much more! Breakfast, lunch and a bake sale too!
 Contact Rheda: rheda@me.com 303-887-6557
 Booths still available for vendors!

Letters, cont’d

through two way dialog texting.

Our best chance of early intervention to prevent something of a serious nature happening is to make sure that it is reported.

This article in entirety is in the Perspective Section of Sunday, July 29 of *The Denver Post*. It is titled, “How to Keep This from Ever Happening Again.” It is without doubt a Must Read!

– Delbert Elliott and
 Beverly Kingston

Thank you to Noonan’s Tavern and Heather Ridge Golf Course for donating over 200 hand held burritos to the law, fire and other personnel who were working the Aurora theater shooting.

Free Days for September

Denver Art Museum	Saturday, Sept. 1
	Saturday, Sept. 8 (Pow Wow Days)
720-865-5000, www.denverartmuseum.org	
100 W 14th Ave Parkway	10 am–5 pm
Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys	Sunday, Sept. 2
	1–4 pm
303-322-1053, www.dmmtdt.org	
1880 Gaylord Street, Denver	
Denver Children’s Museum	Tuesday, Sept. 4
303-433-7444, www.mychildsmuseum.org 4–8 pm	
2121 Children’s Museum Dr.	
Mizel Museum	Sunday, Sept. 30
303-394-9993 9 am–4:30 pm	
400 S Kearney St mizelmuseum.org	
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The Nine Mile to Iliff project includes:

- Extension of Light Rail Tracks 1.5 miles to the north
- Construct Median Bridge over NB I-225
- Reconstruct Yale Avenue Bridge
- Construct 600-space surface Park-n-Ride



- Construct Light Rail station and bus plaza
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