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Heather Ridge Metro Matters, July 2014



The No Trespassing signs are working! Thank you to the Heather Ridge community for your cooperation, the decrease of walkers and dog walkers has been significant.

The Heather Ridge Men's Club / Women's Club Mixer Tournament was a great success. See our photo wrap-up on pages 14 and 15. Congratulations to all the winners, it was a great turnout for the clubs.

Another success was the Heather Ridge Community Garage Sale! The weather cooperated and the traffic

through the neighborhoods of not just lookers, but buyers was fantastic. This is an annual event so if you didn't have a chance to participate this year, you will have an opportunity next year.

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Barry McConnell Publisher

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## **Positive Response – Thanks**

Thank you for not trespassing on the golf course! The Heather Ridge community response has been very understanding and supportive of the No Trespassing signs. Yes, there have been individual complaints but, the Metro District has responded quickly; and after explaining after explaining safety and business reasons for the new policy, most people agreed the signs made sense.

A number of interesting stories have come out since posting the new No Trespassing signs. One story involved a person collecting range golf balls trying to sell them back to the golf course. Recently, that same person collected range golf balls and **balls in play**, and then asked the golfers if they wanted to buy them back. As humorous as this might sound, golfers and course personnel were upset. The Aurora Police issued a written warning not to trespass; however, that person will be nominated as 'entrepreneur of the year' to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Because of the new No Trespassing signs, there has been a significant decrease in golf course walkers, especially during golfing hours (a fact now commented upon by golfers). Heather Ridge was developing a 'negative golfing experience' reputation, losing repeat and new business to this issue – so hopefully those days are gone.

Thank you Heather Ridge residents for responding as good citizens and savvy business owners. For more information on this issue, please visit *www.coloradoheatherridge.org.* 

## **Presidents Council Meeting**

Amanda Milstead, president of the Presidents Council, conducted her 'best meeting yet' on June 4 at the Heather Ridge Clubhouse with only two HOAs absent of the ten communities. The meeting started with a special guest speaker, Gary Kujawski, HOA Information Officer, DORA (Department of Regulatory Agencies). Gary spoke for an hour about past, present, and future HOA legislation, common HOA complaints and resolution techniques; and he emphasized that HOA board members will need to be more knowledgeable about their duties. In particular, he addressed new licensing and

management laws that prompted many questions.

Next, attendees approved the agenda and discussed the following topics: FHA Certification, golf course signage, consolidating HOA services, HOA meetings and renters, pool keys, and encroachment on golf course land. Gary Kujawski had talked about FHA Certification and its importance to owners, the group focused on procedures, costs, and implementation. FHA Certification is needed only for condominiums, but not for PUD communities such as Sausalito, Burgundy, Cobblestone/Crossing, and Chimney Hill.

The new golf course No Trespassing signs were discussed and strongly supported by HOA representatives. Also discussed were old and new boundary encroachments and the need for HOAs to keep close tabs on expanding patios or garden areas. Overseeing golf course encroachments starts with the HOAs overseeing any expansion onto their own common areas. HOAs deal with this all the time, and for a unit to encroach onto golf course land it must encroach on HOA land first. Common examples are owners expanding patios, planting gardens, or landscaping where they shouldn't. In particular, HOA Boards are asked to watch units along the golf course boundary lines for similar encroachments.

Lastly, the consolidation of similar services used by most HOAs proved to be problematic. Each HOA Board contracts for individual services, so coordinating contracts and services is tough to arrange. The Presidents Council will investigate security firms and trash/refuge companies to see if "bundling" could be beneficial.

### **Rezoning Approval**

The City of Aurora Council has approved the rezoning of the vacant garage facility to a storage facility. With unanimous support from Aurora City Council and its Planning-Zoning Commission, the abandoned two-story garage will be scraped and replaced with a three-story drive-in storage building constructed to match adjacent properties. Considered a win-win solution to a 31-year old eyesore and unwanted home for vagrants and graffiti enthusiasts, the final plans and specifications will be submitted to the city by Omni Development. Redevelopment could start in six months and be completed in 2015.

### Developing HOA Board/Members

Forming and keeping HOA boards can be a daunting task, and certainly hazardous to those with a full head of hair. One of the goals of the Presidents Council is to help in recruiting and training new members, and making existing and long-time members better at their duties.

The Presidents Council survey of HOA boards last March proved very informative. With the exception of a few boards, member turnover is the number one problem to board stability. With high turnover, HOA boards lose continuity and 'corporate memory' of past acts and procedures that can hurt community services. Compared to re-inventing the wheel as board members come and go, the lack of stability and training are significant problems.

The Presidents Council is a volunteer organization by HOA boards to learn and share knowledge. It is strongly supported by the Heather Ridge Metro District as a "sounding board and source of future leaders" for HOAs and the Metro District. This is essential for present and future community needs; without volunteers and leaders to follow others, our quality of life and real estate values will suffer.

Future meetings will include guest speakers for specific topics: real estate practices, title insurance, property management, mortgage lending practices, etc. Today, HOAs are coming under greater scrutiny with greater demands on their membership. Getting and keeping good people on boards is a never ending challenge which cannot be taken lightly. The Presidents Council goal is to make HOA life better through education, common practices, and shared experiences. Besides, it's a validation of the human experience to share with others the same joys, frustrations, and challenges of everyday community life.

#### Van Lewis HRMD Vice President

## July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	<sup>4</sup> Independence Day	5
6	7 Double Tree Board Mtg., (Bi-Monthly) Contact Alethia	8	9 6:30 pm Sausalito Board Mtg Heather Ridge Golf Club	10 6 pm Fairway 16 Board Mtg, Clubhouse 7 pm Burgundy Board Mtg Clubhouse	11	12
13	14 6 pm Cobblestone Crossing Board Mtg., 3033 S Parker Rd #320	15 7 pm Strawberry I & II Board Mtg Strawberry Clubhouse 9-Hole Fun Day Golf & Lunch	16	17 * 6:30 pm Neighborhood Watch Mtg Metro Matters Deadline	18	19
20	21 7 pm Country Club Ridge Board Mtg Noonan's 19th-Hole	22 6 pm Cobblestone Board Mtg Noonan's 19th Hole 6:30 pm – HRS Board Mtg. HRS Clubhouse	23 6:30 pm Chimney Hill Board Mtg, Noonan's 19th-Hole	24 <b>7 AM</b> Ward IV Havana Street Station 1911 S. Havana Street	25	26
27	28	29	30		MD Regular M ctober 16, 2014	



The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17 at the Burgundy Clubhouse, 2685 S. Xanadu Way at 6:30 pm.

NW is planning for a speaker from the Chief's Office, who will cover issues surrounding the sales and usage of marijuana which will soon become effective in Aurora.

Please make sure you plan on attending this meeting. There have been many, many questions about how usage affects our daily standard of living in our communities.

Please consider giving a few hours of your time to your community by volunteering to the Neighborhood Watch Program. Just give me a call and I will tell you how easy it is. It also keeps you in the loop on what is going on around you.

Bev Brown Head Area Coordinator Heather Ridge and Area 10 303- 872-3154

#### What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a group of citizens organized with the goal of taking an active role in making their community healthy and crime-free by working with law enforcement and other city resources. This is the basis of a strong community-policing program. A Neighborhood Watch Program is built through neighbors who identify community concerns and criminal activity and who work toward improving the quality of life in the community.

The program operates through a communication chain that includes the Police Area Representative (neighborhood officer PAR Officer Mark Lowisz, 303-739-1819), area representative (Bev Brown, 303-872-3154), block representatives and residents. Community members are made aware of resources at their disposal (i.e., Neighborhood Liaisons, Code Enforcement, etc.) to improve the quality of their communities. A volunteer citizen Neighborhood Watch board coordinates the program and is available as a resource.

Why should a community have a Neighborhood Watch Program?

- Helps develop a sense of community among residents.
- Improves quality of life, reducing fear of crime and making the neighborhood more livable.
- Provides a forum to address community and criminal issues.
- Reduces the risk of residents becoming crime victims.
- Prepares citizens to respond to suspicious activity.
- Adds to the overall security of the neighborhood.

**?** Heather Ridge

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL



Attendees at the second Presidents Council meeting held at Noonan's on June 4.

The Presidents Council's second meeting was held on June 4, it was well attended and very informative for all who attended.

Gary Kujawski, the HOA Information Officer with DORA attended the meeting and spoke about the new HOA legislation, House Bill 1276. This bill is for collections on past due accounts and receiverships, other important topics were also discussed as well as a lengthy Q & A session.

Attendees examined consolidating services again. There were numerous services discussed such as snow removal, trash and security. After extensive conversation it was decided the council would try consolidating Security Services first, it was felt that this would be more advantageous to all the communities at this time. Input from anyone is greatly appreciated.

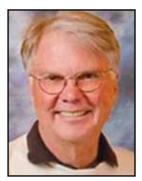
Golf Course Signage was deliberated once again. The signs were not put in place on the course to upset any one, they were placed to make everyone aware that this is a golf course and not a park. The council is asking that residents to please be aware of the hours of golf play and do not be on the course during these hours. It hurts when you are hit by a golf ball and leaves a beauty of a bump or worse!

The Aurora City Council voted to re-zone the parcel at Iliff and I-225, where the blighted garage structure resides. It has been re-zoned from B-1 to B-3. Hopefully we will be seeing a striking self-storage unit soon.

The next Presidents Council meeting will be October 1, 2014, 6:30 pm at Noonan's.

Amanda Milstead President





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## Comparing HR 2013 to 2014 For First Five Months

No surprises here, the average sold price is up \$25,310, or 20 percent from last year (\$151,636 vs. \$126,326 in 2013). However, what is surprising is the amount of seller paid concessions<sup>\*</sup> – it has skyrocketed to \$58,937 vs. \$37,972 - a whopping 55 percent increase! And why you ask? With growing equities and record home prices, sellers might be paying greater concessions than necessary.



Pete and Van counsel their Heather Ridge sellers that seller concessions are not as necessary today as in past markets. With housing demand exceeding supply, sellers can get top-dollar prices with reasonable or no concessions, but a 55 percent increase is beyond the pale. Before you list, get the facts. Please talk Pete or Van for more details on this and other important issues.

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Another interesting fact is the median or middle price of home sales: In 2013, the median price was \$149,000; in 2014, it's \$156,000, only \$7,000 more. Also, the 2013 high-low price range was \$217,000 to \$45,500 (a spread or gap of \$169,500). So far in 2014, the range is \$229,000 to \$60,000 (a spread or gap of \$169,900). This comparative data information indicates a stable market year-to-year with improving prices; however, the Heather Ridge market is clearly operating within defined range of values.

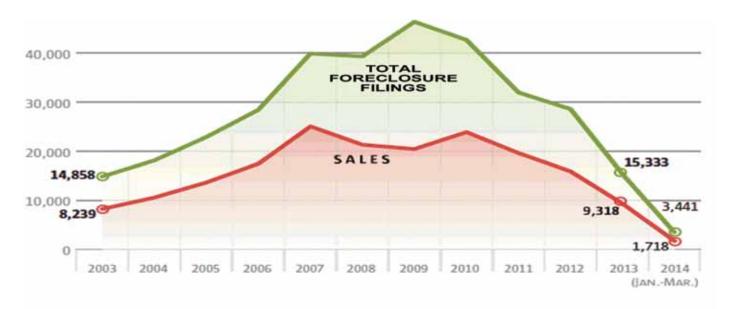
For the first five months of 2013 and 2014, each year saw 33 closings with an interesting mix of financing terms (FHA,VA, etc.), and seller types from individual (or normal sales) to distressed or fix-flip sales.

	FHA	VA	CNV	Cash	Other/	Individual	Corp	Estate	Gov't	Bank/GSE
2013	11	3	9	10	o/	17	2	5	3	6
2014	11	1	10	10	1/	28	1	1	1	2

Please note the growth in Individual owner sales from 17 in 2013 to 28 in 2014 – a very important indicator of a healthy housing market; and correspondingly, note the decrease in Government and Bank/Gov't Sponsored Enterprises – fewer distressed sales.

Because Pete and Van closely monitor and focus on Heather Ridge, their pricing and marketing suggestions are on the cutting edge of today's real estate market. Please call for a professional, no obligation evaluation of your home, along with an outline on how today's real estate market works.

\* Concession include the seller paying points, closing costs, or other buyer expenses to induce a sale.



Source: Colorado Division of Housing

#### The Denver Post

### (The Following Properties May Have Been Listed or Sold by Other Companies) Homes Sold From May 16 through June 16, 2014

НОА	SoldPrice	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Sold Terms	Concess	Seller Type
Strawberry I	\$120,000	2644	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,144	FHA	\$0	Individual
Strawberry II	\$123,000	2451	S Xanadu Way D	2 - 2	1,091	VA	\$500	Estate
Burgundy	\$155,000	2659	S Xanadu Way D	2 - 2	1,162	Cash	\$0	Individual
Burgundy	\$156,000	2645	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,315	Conventional	\$0	Individual
Sausalito	\$174,900	2522	S Worchester St B	3 - 2	1,282	Cash	\$0	Individual
Heather Ridge South	\$175,000	2752	S Xanadu Way	4 - 4	1,633	FHA	\$5,000	Individual
Sausalito	\$180,000	2467	S Victor St D	3 - 2	1,230	FHA	\$2,000	Individual

## Homes For Sale through May 16, 2014

НОА	Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Sausalito	\$169,900	2448	S Victor St A	3 - 2	1,273	2-Gar, Att	2 Story
Burgundy	\$174,000	2635	S Xanadu Way D	2 - 2	1,161	2-Spaces	2 Story
Sausalito	\$175,000	2458	S Victor St A	3 - 2	1,273	2-Gar, Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$183,000	13530	E Evans Ave	3 - 3	1,512	1-Gar, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$184,900	2437	S Victor St F	3 - 2	1,273	2-Gar, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$189,900	2503	S Victor St F	3 - 2	1,273	2-Gar, Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$230,000	2230	S Vaughn Way 203	3 - 2	1,709	2-Gar, Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$235,000	2270	S Vaughn Way 201	3 - 2	1,476	2-Gar, Att	2 Story

## Homes Under Contract as of June 16, 2014

НОА		No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$61,000	2608	S Xanadu Way E	1 - 1	856	1-Space	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$82,000	2664	S Xanadu Way D	1 - 1	843	1-Space	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$85,000	2680	S Xanadu Way C	1 - 1	856	1-Space	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$89,900	2682	S Xanadu Way E	1 - 1	0	1-Space	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$126,900	2481	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,091	1-Space	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$127,000	2421	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,091	1-Space	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$129,000	2692	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,105	2-Spaces	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$129,000	2666	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,153	1-Space	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$135,000	2842	S Wheeling Way	2 - 2	1,462	2-Gar, Att	2 Story
Burgundy	\$155,000	2639	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,314	1-Space	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$155,000	2172	S Victor St E	2 - 2	1,392	1-Space	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$162,500	13464	E Asbury Ave	2 - 2	1,392	2-Spaces	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$164,900	2161	S Victor St D	2 - 2	1,392	1-Gar, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$165,000	2497	S Victor St B	3 - 2	1,282	2-Gar, Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$179,900	13572	E Evans Ave	3 - 3	1,512	1-Gar, Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$210,000	2777	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,365	2-Gar, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$229,900	2568	S Vaughn Way D	3 - 3	1,650	2-Gar, Att	2 Story

## HR Community Garage Sale

The annual Heather Ridge Community garage sale was held June 13 and 14. Homeowners were happy with the steady flow of people coming to view and especially happy about the sales they made during the two days.



Burgundy resident Erin



Sausalito resident Sherry Bruley



Burgundy resident Ginny



HRS resident Bob Lord and daughter Amber



Fairway 16 resident Rena Ray Birks



HRS Lisa with 4 year old Nia

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HRS resident Laurie and pet Allie



Bev Brown of Strawberry

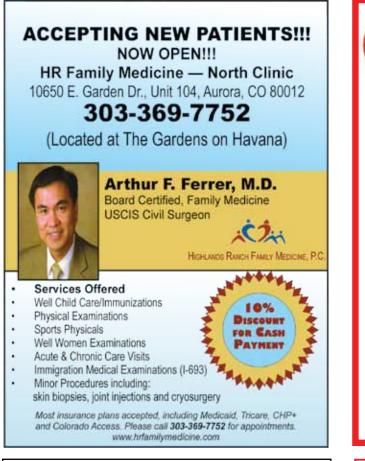
HRS resident Alicia

Fairway 16 resident Vlagimir

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Country Club Ridge resident Patricia and friend Caitlyn





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# Heather Ridge Golf Club Monthly Update

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## 9-Hole Women's Golf Update

Golfing season is well on its way and we are having a great time chasing that little white ball around the Heather Ridge Golf Club course. By the time you read this our Couples Mixer Tournament will have been played, but we still have lots of golf to look forward to.

A special tournament coming up is our Fun Day on July 15, please invite friends to join in this fun, or sign up with members for a fun day of golf with lunch afterwards.

> Sharon Gunderson Vice President/Publicity

## HR Men's Golf Club Update

The Heather Ridge Men's Club / Women's Club Mixer Tournament was held Saturday June 14. The tournament was a shamble format with 18 threesomes consisting of two men and one woman teams. As in the past there were some very competitive teams vying for the cash payout. Following the tournament all participants' were treated to a chicken box lunch in the Noonan's café. The consensus is that we continue with the event in 2015, with of course some modifications as is needed in an event of this nature. (Photo wrap-up pages 14-15)

Thanks to all the men and women who put in the extra time setting up the pairings and those that did a yeoman's job of figuring out the scoring to determine the winners.

Loren J. Janulewicz

## Golf Club at Heather Ridge Men's and Women's Club Mixer Tournament

Shamble, Shotgun Start June 14, 2014

Winning Teams	Total Score
<b>1st Place Team</b> Robert Arnold Dumitri Palea Sue Evans	111
<b>2nd Place Team</b> Kirk Jamison Chris Watts Karen Johnston	111
<b>3rd Place Team</b> Kevin Welch Dan Brothis Diane Barnes	111
<b>4th Place Team</b> Andy Schmidt Coleen Ripe Blind Draw	112
<b>5th Place Team</b> Dick Hinson Hal Kelly Elizabeth Clanc	113 y
<b>6th Place Team</b> Benny Barnes Don Schroder Donna Brothis	117
	Closest to the Pin Winners

# Hole #5Team Gemeinhart:Jack Gemeinhart, Joyce ScottHole #8:Team Ripe:Coleen Ripe, Andy SchmidtHole #10Team Welch:Kevin Welch, Dan Brothis, Diane BarnesHole #14Team Arnold:Robert Arnold, Dumitri Palea, Sue Evans

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## HR Women's and Men's Mixer Tournament

The Heather Ridge was held on June 14 with a box lunch furnished by Noonan's after the event.



Andy Schmidt and Coleen Ripe



Left to right: Dan Markovich, Sue Smith and Jerry Hensen



Left to right: Brian Hornstra, Teresa Anderson and Don Copeland



Left to right: Benny Barnes, Donna Brothis and Don Schroeder



Left to right: Darrel Vanhooser, Marge Copeland and Art Scott



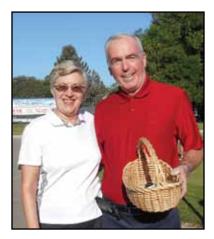
Left to right: Ed Weimar, Joann Oswald and Mooris Lee Hoole



Left to right: Dick Hinson, Pete Traynor and Donald Blosser



Women and Men's Mixer attendees enjoy box lunch.



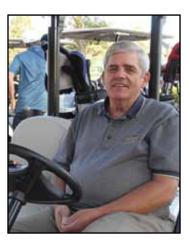
Left to right: Teresa Anderson and Larry Ransford



Hal Kelly



Left to right: Sue Evans and Dumitri Palea



Randy Taylor



Left to right: Kevin Welch and Dan Brothis



Left to right: Liz Clancy and Diane Barnes



Left to right: Norma Bisdorf and Ginny Lewis



Left to right: Sue Smith, Walt Kirkwood and Bobby Janulewicz



Left to right: Joyce Scott, Jack Gemeinhart



Left to right: Kevin Welch, Diane Barnes and Dan Brothis



Left to right: Loren Janulewicz, Norma Bisdorf and Thomas Knaub

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Pete and Van are your 'go-to' guys when it comes to buying or selling your home. They have worked together for more than 34 years and are ready to help you today!

Pete and Van apply their specialized knowledge and working relationships with each community to maximize values. They know many of the HOA board members as well as their management companies, that enables them to market and close sales that other agents might miss. Through the new metro Denver Matrix MLS system, Pete and Van help buyers and sellers see the market whenever, and wherever they want simply by looking at their email. Pete and Van can help you get the most from your home's equity through a professional market analysis. They have the inside track on how to best market your Heather Ridge home, how to set prices to market, and how to close sales when lender-appraisal problems threaten it.

Pete and Van are your Heather Ridge experts, your real estate experts, and your neighbors. They are deeply involved in their HOAs, the Heather Ridge Metro District, and the City

### Pete Traynor

"Born in 1951, I'm a Colorado native raised in East Denver along with two brothers and a sister. I started my real estate career in 1973 and joined RE/ MAX's Aurora office in 1978. Today, I'm with RE/MAX Masters in the Denver Tech Center, the highest producing RE/MAX single office operation in the U.S.

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from the roof tops, but by quietly and

professionally showing you how much

they care about you, your family and

My wife and I, Wendy, live in the Double Tree community of Heather Ridge. Previously, we lived in Cobblestone Crossing along the golf course enjoying its many activities as well as open space. When the golf course was threatened by development in 2005, I became actively involved trying to save the open space and worked with the Metro District that now operates it.

Community involvement is important to me, which is why I've been an active HOA member as well as Rotary of Aurora. I'm also a Salvation Army volunteer and chairman of its Aurora Advisory Council. The new \$1.5 million 22,000 square foot service center at 802 Quari Ct in Hoffman Heights is a result of the Advisory Council's commitment for a better Aurora.

Lastly, I'm a member of Aurora's Planning and Zoning Commission, helping to oversee and guide Aurora's growth as the third-largest city in Colorado. This work along with my real estate and community service is a large part of my commitment to share life with all of its challenges and rewards.

My commit to life and people is best summed up as follows: 'Enjoy every day!'"

#### different. Ginny was born in Glendale, CA and I'm a Baby-Boomer born in San Francisco in 1946.

My family heritage is New Mexico and Denver, but after the war my father worked for the Public Health Service moving us to Bethesda, MD just outside of DC.

While in college in 1966, I enlisted in the US Marine Corps' Platoon Leader's Course (PLC) and was commissioned upon graduation. I served four years seeing a lot of Asia, but when my active duty ended, my wife and I wanted to settle down and start a family. There was only one place we wanted to go to – Denver!

In 1975, I started my real estate career with Moore and Company, and then I joined Re/Max in 1981 – my "home" ever since. Pete Traynor and I have worked together since the late '70s, and now focus our attention on Heather Ridge and its real estate needs.

I've been on my HRS HOA board since 1994, and its president since 2000, I have enjoyed working with some fantastic people. In 2005, Pete and I became involved along with many other community leaders to save the Heather Ridge golf open space from development. My activities in community groups and projects have been some of the best experiences of my life, and I'm proud to call Heather Ridge home."

## Van Lewis

"I moved to Heather Ridge South in 1991 after meeting my future wife, Ginny. After 22 years of marriage, we find our histories almost inseparable, yet



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## Heather Ridge South

Can you believe it, 2014 has hit the half-way point and the days will now grow shorter until December 21. Rumor has it this happens every year, so no complaints on that point.

As HRS goes from year to year, its HOA board keeps a sharp eye on the future. The board is pro-active in addressing maintenance and budget issues keeping the community looking good physically as well as financially. Since 2000, the fundament policy of the HRS board has been to confront problems, analyze them, seek professional assistance when needed, and to watch the budget. Simply stated, it is a conservative fiscal approach to the realities of life. Because HRS has been so careful, it has never borrowed funds.

Water Drainage System: HRS's next big reality project will be a waterdrainage system behind units 2764— 2770 and 2762—2756 S Xanadu Way. The 100-year rainstorm/flood in September of 2013 flooded many basements there costing HRS almost \$28,000 for mitigation services. Worse yet, those property owners suffered undue stress and costs from water sometimes up to their ankles or more!

Davis Engineering, LLC has completed its study with bid specifications, and now HRS is seeking three bids as required for expenditures over \$7,500. Before work begins, adjacent and other property owners will be asked to attend a public board hearing.

A 'Tip of the Old Hat' to Ronni Jones: Board member Ronni Jones did a great job organizing this year's garage sale. For all participants, she developed and passed out garage sale information booklets, set up and took down signs, and made sure unsold items were not discarded outside units. She coordinated our garage sale with others in the Metro District, so everyone got the best 'bang for the advertising buck' in sales. A job well done Ronni!

Understanding HRS's Controlling **Documents:** HRS has a constitution of sorts called Declaration of Condominium. There are also By-laws, Articles of Incorporation, and Rules and *Regulations*, but their existence flows solely from HRS's Declaration under Colorado and federal laws. HOA Declarations are powerful legal instruments generally supported by the legislature and courts.

Greater Heather Ridge was created in the early 1970s by EDI, Inc. (except for today's Country Club Ridge HOA, created in the early 2000s on land sold off by the golf course). All original Heather Ridge HOA Declarations are very similar to each other with slight variation for legal and legislative practices at that time. In fact, many controlling instruments of that era were copies of others with few changes except for names and legal differences.



Back then, the HOA industry was just coming into existence with no statutory guidelines.

Many HOA owners never read their controlling documents; instead, they rely on community newsletters and common practices to guide their actions. Reading declarations is often compared to reading an insurance policy - a guaranteed invitation to fall asleep. The challenge is to understand how Declarations translate to everyday HOA practice; and the answer is found in community Rules and Regulations. Almost all declarations direct HOA boards to compile and publish common daily rules and procedures a user's guide to common interest community living.

HRS no longer provides written copies of controlling documents; instead, it relies on its websites. Every HRS owner should have a copy of all controlling documents, as should all tenants so they can read what's expected of them. Please visit websites *www.heatherridgesouth.com* and *www.westwindmanagement.com* for more information.

Van Lewis

## **Chimney** Hill

**CH Community Pool:** Now that the pool is open, please review the rules for its use. Be considerate to others by keeping all glass *OUT* of the pool area. It's a good idea to consume all food outside of the pool area on the grass. Please help to keep our pool clean; i.e., don't forget to pick up and throw out your trash into the proper receptacle. Do not save seating, because this is inconsiderate to everyone. Remember that the existing seating is for residents when the pool area is busy. If you need a key, call Alec at Accord at 720-230-7321. *For your security* do not make a copy of the pool key *and* do not leave the pool gate open.

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**Landscaping:** Soon you will see work begin on the S. Xanadu Way facing properties. This is very exciting and will make a great first impression of our community. Go on-line to *Accordhoa.com* to see all landscape improvement plans. You may also notice new plantings in the triangle and other areas. Junipers are continuing to be pruned in order to lessen possible rabbit hiding places.

More Work & Changes: A section of our community (S. Worchester Way) will have siding repairs and painting this summer with the other sections addressed over the next few summers. You should also notice our new street signs within the community. Hopefully these will help our visitors find us more easily. **Approval for Changes:** Remember that any changes to your property, including landscaping, must be approved by the Board in writing prior to beginning any work. Go on our website to download the necessary forms, or call Alec at Accord at 720-230-7321, or email him at *Alec@ Accordhoa.com*.

**Parking:** HOA rules require that homeowners and or tenants use their garages and the space in front of the garage for personal parking. The culde-sac parking is for visitors and/or day parking only! If you have more cars than the garage and the driveway space will allow, you *must* park on S. Xanadu St. If you have a visitor using the cul-de-sac parking overnight, please call Alec at Accord. *Again*, if you have cars that you can't use or don't drive, you **must** park on S. Xanadu St. Chimney Hill has limited number of parking spaces, and the HOA rules identify cars that are not moved every 24 hours as cars that are being stored on the property. These cars will be towed at owner's expense.

**Planning Ahead:** On August 16, Chimney Hill will have our annual pool party/bar be que event. Last year's event was a success. Let's do it again!!! Please bring a side dish. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the event.

**HOA Meeting:** Our next HOA Board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 23. All residents are welcome.

#### **CH HOA Board**

## **Country Club Ridge**

**Landscape Maintenance:** We're thankful for all the recent rain! We have had a pesky, ongoing problem with our sprinkler system. For the past few weeks our landscape company and an electrician have been trouble shooting the problem, and we think it's finally been solved! Some of the dry areas should be greening up with daily watering. More landscape maintenance will be completed over the next few weeks, getting our property into better summer condition.

**Painting:** Painting will begin soon on 2220 which has never been repainted since it was built in 2005. This is the next building in the rotation system devised to keep all buildings in good repair. Touch-up work will also be done on the other buildings. If you have exterior areas that need repainting, please phone Custom Management Group to request some repair.

**Fence Extension:** We've received positive comments and thanks for installing the fence extension along the East property line from Iliff

Avenue toward the golf course. Our goal was to cut down on trespassers cutting through the property on foot, bikes and skateboards. It seems to have worked well to control this problem!

**Home Improvements:** If summer sun is limiting enjoyment of your patio especially for second floor homes, take a look at the beautiful awning installed on the patio of 2210-202. The installation was approved by the ARC committee. If you are interested in this home improvement, the original proposal



is on file at Custom Management Group. Window screens to deflect golf balls and certain security doors are also pre-approved. Call Custom Management Group for details at 303-752-9644. An ARC application for your individual improvement still needs to be submitted and approved by the HOA Board. This form can be found on our website, www. countryclubridgehoa.com.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Judie Maurelli

## Sausalito

Summertime is here as is our daily afternoon rain and hail. Lately, folks have been wondering if we have a fifth season called "afternoon rain, hail and tornado warning" season. This is Colorado right, wait 30 minutes and the weather will change. However, we have to love how green everything looks with the daily moisture. Our two pools have been active with sun and water worshipers. Please remember glass, alcohol, animals or food is not allowed at our pools. Also the gate to each pool *MUST* be closed and locked at all times. Please do not prop the gates open for any reason.

**Painting Completed:** Our community looks wonderful! All Sausalito homes have been painted with the completion of the Phase Two Painting project. If you find you need paint for a few touchups, please contact Tom Scally at 303-750-8772 or Bill McKinney. We have extra paint in reserve. Thank you Tom and Carol for painting our entrance signs.

**Trash Issues:** Most of our adjacent communities share similar trash issues so I am taking the liberty of paraphrasing the following pertinent information Marla Ritter included in her May Metro Matter's article for Cobblestone: For those of you who may not already be aware a state law was passed this past year which no longer allows electronic items to end up in landfills. Electronic items that you need to dispose of must be taken to a recycling facility rather than be put out for trash pickup by Alpine. This includes TV's, computers, printers, stereos, and even something as small as an old alarm clock. Please do your part to ensure these items are handled properly. The City of Aurora website, www.auroragov. org, includes multiple options and opportunities for collecting these items. Best Buy at Mississippi and *I-225* is also a great option, but please check out their website at www.bestbuy.com to verify what electronic items they will take. Thrift stores will take electronics but they tend to have an average charge of \$30 per TV. Homeowners/renters need to make special arrangements to have large items like furniture, mattresses, shelves, dressers, and left over garage sale items, picked up by our trash collectors or a trash removal vendor. You can contact Alpine Waste management at 303-744-9881 to make arrangements.

**Roofing:** Our hail damage claim is in process.

**Visitor Parking:** FYI: Travel trailers are not to be parked in our visitor parking at any time.

**Gutters:** Please call Bill McKinney if you need your gutters cleaned.

Security: Brownstone Security helps keep our community safe but they need us to be alert, to be observant for suspicious people or circumstances and to report it. Our first line of defense is to call 911!!! According to the Aurora Police Department, No matter is too small. CALL 911. Danbury and Ptarmigan have experienced a number of burglars stealing electronics recently. Sadly, two homeowners made it easier for the thieves by leaving doors and windows unlocked or open during nice weather. Please lock your doors and windows even where you are home. One attempted burglary was thwarted when a concerned citizen called 911 about a suspicious person hanging around a home. NOTE: Soliciting is a violation of our No Trespassing Law. That means any solicitors!! Please do not encourage them by allowing them into your home, taking bids for repair work, new windows, etc., or giving them information about you or a neighbor.

A Few Reminders: Please pick up after your dog. The golf course is not a park for walking or for animals. Trespassing will be strictly enforced. Please do not feed the wildlife!! Bird food also attracts rabbits, and, heavens knows, we have enough rabbits running around.



**Neighborhood Watch:** Please contact Carol McCormick, the Sausalito Area Coordinator, at *carol\_ mccormick@comcast.net* if you want to know more about our program or want to become a Block Captain. It will not take much of your volunteer time and your services will help to keep our community safe.

**Sausalito Annual Meeting:** will be held August 11 at the Heather Ridge Clubhouse. Homeowners, please attend.

**Board Members:** President Vincent Roith, 303-745-9805; vice president/ architecture Tom Scally, 303-750-8772; secretary/newsletter/NW Carol McCormick, 720-747-0836; treasurer/ pools/Presidents Council representative, 303-695-6181; pools/board member-atlarge, Debbie Martinez, 720-298-8323; and board member-at-large Sherri Cooper, Board. If you are interested in serving on the Board in the vacant position, or know a homeowner who might be interested, please contact president Vinny Roith.

**Property Management Company:** Bill McKinney is the president of McKinney Management Company, Inc., 3576 S Logan Street, Englewood, CO 80113. Phone: 303-783-0394, fax: 303-783-0398.

**Board Meetings:** Homeowners are welcome to attend the monthly HOA Board meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Heather Ridge Golf Club. Please see *www.sausalitohoa. com* to review all the financials plus the monthly HOA Board Meeting Minutes.

#### **Carol McCormick**

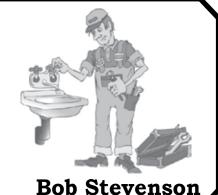
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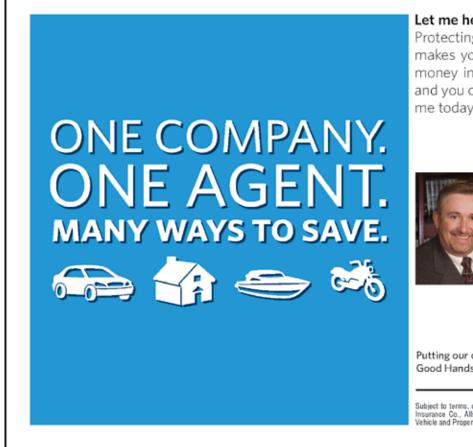


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## Fairway 16

**Water Aerobics:** Millie Cowen will begin teaching June 24 at 1 p.m. She plans to have a class every Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. The pool will be reserved for this activity so plan to bring your children either before or after the class. Millie just turned 90 and is another amazing original owner. No smoking or pets inside the pool fence.

**Pool Fence:** Repairs were done in June to keep the area secure. Several pickets were loose and one was missing.

**Evergreens:** The "skirts" have been raised on many of the evergreens. Harold Eagen did the work for us.

**Garage Sale:** Thanks to all who participated. The yard sale signs are back in storage for next year's event.

**Rain Sensors:** These are now installed on our irrigation system so we should be saving money on our water bill this year.

**Rock/Alpine Plants:** They are thriving and even blooming. A 3rd site by 2650D will be planted soon.

**Neighborhood Watch Update:** (*From Walt Kirkwood.*) A couple of recent incidents in our neighborhood have warranted repeating a few safety reminders. If you must park your vehicles outside, make sure they are locked. Two unlocked vehicles were recently entered late at night and searched. Pay attention to people walking through the neighborhood



randomly knocking on doors looking for an address or person. Call the police if the activity appears suspicious. Do Not Open your door for them. Keep your garage door closed and lock your doors and windows. A neighborhood watch program works when everyone participates and stays vigilant.

**Potluck:** Please see the notice about the August 10 party. RSVP by July 26. Hope to have a large crowd!

#### **Free Outdoor Concerts:**

- July 10 *Phat Daddy*, Utah Park, 6:30 p.m.
- July 17 Chris Daniels and the Kings, Utah Park, 6:30 p.m.
- July 24 *Hazel Miller*, Meadowood Park, 6:30 p.m.
- July 31 *Raising Cain*, Meadowood Park, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Susan Bruce**



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## Cobblestone

**Spring Cleanup:** Thanks to the homeowners who participated in the 2nd Annual Spring Cleanup – Pat and Jim Conrad, Pam Davis, Marla Ritter, and Karen Klemm. The majority of the time was spent putting that extra little polish on the front entrance with some weeding, trimming, raking leaves, and removing dead or damaging plants. It's a shared area of our community that doesn't get the love and attention we give to our own properties so thanks to those that gave a little of their Saturday as well as a lot of energy! We'd also like to put a shout out to Kay Griffiths for the beautiful buckets by the pool. Great job as always!





**Chimney Stones:** It was also brought to the attention of the board that a few homeowners have stones that have fallen off their chimneys and need to be reattached. In order to save on expenses with one work order vs. many; we are asking for homeowners who have stones down to let us know so that we can compile a complete list. Please call or email John at CAP Management with your name, unit number, and number of stones down.

**Marla Ritter** 

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## Burgundy

**Painting/Roofing Completed:** Congratulations! We made it. Roofing and painting are all completed and we are back in our normal parking spaces enjoying the summer without the sound of trucks and hammers. Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this busy season.

I have always heard that the paint brush is one of the most important tools in a box. Well, it sure proved to be accurate when a few of our neighbors gathered to repaint the sign on the corner of Xanadu and Yale. As we put the last brush strokes on the letters, plants arrived and, then, within just a couple of days,

the front of the planter was rebuilt! Boy, we look good! Does that sound like bragging? It's not really, since most everyone who has seen our sign has more than positive comments about how this adds so much to the entire community. OK, this bragging is good.

**Sewer/Drainage Project:** The only big project in the planning stage is the sewer/drainage issue still with us. Over the next couple of weeks we will be addressing these on a priority basis.

A Couple Reminders: Part of getting back to normal for the summer includes several reminders. Kids are out of school and spending more time outside. Watch out for them. (They come in all sizes and move really fast!) Move your vehicles more slowly through the drives, keep the volume lower on music, activities, and partying, don't feed the wild animals.

**Community Website:** A lot of us have been on the community website – an average of 7 homeowners per day. Do you know about all of the information that is available after you log on? In addition to accessing our legal documents, you can know about the progress of current construction projects, special notices, HOA board meeting notes (not posted until they are verified at the next month's meeting), requests for work/repairs, pay your dues/assessments (for a fee) and contact the management company. This is a wonderful tool for prospective homeowners to look over our neighborhood. If you have not vet set up your account, it's a little tricky. I finally had to contact the support people and they completed my request.

July Activities: Looking for some July activities? In addition to the *auroragov.org* and *denver.org/ things-to-do*, try *Cruzing Havana* for more local events.

#### **Summer Concerts:**

July 10 at Utah Park – *Phat Daddy* July 17 at Utah Park – *Chris Daniels and the Kings* July 24 at Meadowood Park – *Hazel* 

July 24 at Meadowood Park – Hazel Miller

July 31 at Meadowood Park – *Raising Cain* 

All concerts start at 6:30 pm and seating is "bring your own chair/



blanket". Some food vendors will be available.

Concert at Gardens on Havana on July 22 at 6 pm.

**National Ice Cream Day:** National Ice Cream Day is July 13 from noon to 4 pm at several stops along Havana Street. Five *free* tasting locations: Good Times, Hamburger Stand Tastee Freez, Neveria Tia Mary, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, Baskin Robbins and Freddy's Frozen Custard are the places to be on a hot afternoon.

**Clubhouse Rental:** July is a great month to plan that neighborhood picnic – or, maybe, just gathering outside to get acquainted with those who have just moved to your area. Our Clubhouse is available for rent when your party is too large for your home.

**HOA Meeting:** All homeowners are welcome at the monthly HOA meetings. These are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm in our Clubhouse. Please call ahead so we can set up a chair for you.

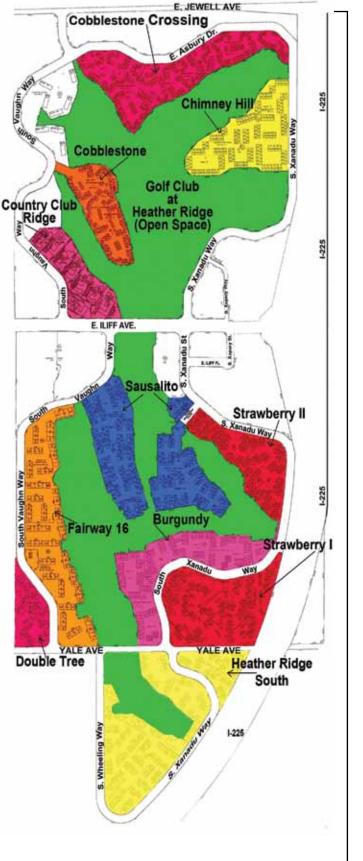
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## Heather Ridge HOA Communities



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#### BURGUNDY

- Hammersmith 303-980-0700x511
   Paul Jones, pjones@ehammersmith.com
- # Units: 120
- HOA Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 7 pm (monthly)
- Burgundy Clubhousewww.burghoa.com

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- CHIMNEY HILL
  Accord Property Management, Alec 720-230-7321
- # Units: 116
- HOA Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 6:30 pm Noonan's 19th Hole

#### COBBLESTONE

- Capital Management Co., John 303-832-2971x316
- # Units: 74
- HOA Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 6 pm (monthly) Heather Ridge Community Center

#### **COBBLESTONE CROSSING**

- Accord Property Management 720-230-7303
- # Units: 150
- HOA Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, 6 pm 3033 S. Parker Road, Ste 320

#### COUNTRY CLUB RIDGE

- Custom Management 303-752-9644
- # Units: 64
- HOA Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 7 pm (monthly) Noonan's 19th-Hole

#### **DOUBLE TREE**

• Self Managed, Salvador Varela — 303-750-8394

### Self Managed # Units: 24

• HOA Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Mon, add'l info contact Alethia (bi-monthly)

#### FAIRWAY 16

- Hammersmith, Jean Ronald 303-980-0700x444 jronald@ehammersmith.com
- # Units: 116
- HOA Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs, 6 pm (monthly)
- Clubhouse, 2600 S. Vaughn Way
- www.fairway16.com

#### **HEATHER RIDGE SOUTH**

- Westwind Mgt Co., Janelle Maninger 303-369-1800 Janelle@windmanagement.com
   21 Inverness Drive, Englewood, CO 80122
- # Units: 176
- HOA Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 6:30 pm (monthly) HRS Clubhouse, 2811 S. Xanadu Way
- www.heatherridgesouth.com

#### SAUSALITO

- McKinney Realty, Bill/Cheryl 303-783-0394
- # Units: 159
- HOA Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, 6:30 pm
- Heather Ridge Community Center

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#### STRAWBERRY I AND II

- Capital Management Co., John 303-832-2971x316
- # Units: 328
  - HOA Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues, 7 pm Strawberry Clubhouse, 2638 S. Xanadu Way

# 4th of July Activities

Celebrate Independence Day close to home. There are several festivals and firework displays available for you and your family to enjoy the special holiday.

#### 4th of July Festivities

Friday, July 4th 6-10 pm Aurora Municipal Center 15151 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora, CO 80012 The city's Municipal Center Great Lawn will feature live music, delicious

food beginning at 6 pm and ends with a fireworks display revered as one of the best in Colorado. 303-739-7163

#### The Fourth of July Family Festival and Fireworks Show. Littleton/Englewood

July 4, 5 pm A variety of food concessions are available in Belleview and Cornerstone parks. At about 9:30 p.m., a spectacular fireworks show is launched from the baseball fields at Cornerstone Park.

#### **Independence Eve Presented by** Anadarko

July 3, 8 pm

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The annual Independence Eve Celebration in Civic Center Park will feature a free patriotic concert, an innovative light show on the Denver City and County Building and a

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stunning fireworks finale. Attendees are welcome to bring their own picnics; concessions will also be present on-site.

#### **Cherry Creek Arts Festival** July 4-6

Cherry Creek North, from 2nd to 3rd Avenues

Free

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#### **Concerts at Red Rocks**

July 4-5

Red Rocks Amphitheatre and State Park

18300 W. Alameda Pkwy., Morrison Cost Varies

Celebrate Independence Day Weekend at Red Rocks! July 4 brings jam band favorites Blues Traveler back to the Rocks. July 5 sees the improvisatory genius of Umphrey's McGee arrive at this one-of-a-kind venue.

#### **Frozen in Skyline Park**

July 5 Skyline Park, Corner of Arapahoe and 16th Free Don't miss your chance to see the latest Disney animated blockbuster for FREE, under the stars in the heart of downtown Denver.

#### **Fireworks at Elitch Gardens Theme & Water Park**

July 4

2000 Elitch Circle Tickets start at \$34.99 Spend the day riding the roller coasters and the water slides at Elitch Gardens Theme & Water Park. Denver's downtown amusement park, and then watch a brilliant fireworks display light up the night sky, starting at dusk.

#### Liberty 4-Mile Run

July 4

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Whatever happened to those juicy, soft but firm, red tomatoes? The stiff, dry, pink ones are GMO, or Genetically Modified Organisms. The "real tomatoes" are now considered "organic" and studies are not yet conclusive about the affects of GMO's on our bodies; however the number of GMO food items on our grocery shelves, are growing daily.

All the wheat, corn and sugar on our shelves and in our processed foods. . .you guessed it: GMO! And amazingly, there is nothing on the labeling to indicate, it's not real. We have to assume it's a GMO unless the package clearly states: Certified organic or non-GMO like you find in the health food stores. Check it out.

Last week I saw an advertisement for "meatless meats." Does this concern anyone beside me? What's in our foods? What are our foods? And, what is a July 4th picnic without a pan of healthy, fudgy brownies? Enjoy!

Until next time – your neighbor

Shirley Berry Fairway 16

## Healthy, Fudgy Brownies

#### Ingredients:

<sup>1/2</sup> cup butter
<sup>3/4</sup> cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 cup Xylitol (healthy sugar substitute)
Pinch of salt
2 large eggs, at room temperature
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
4 tablespoons tapioca flour

1 cup chopped walnuts

#### **Directions:**

Preheat the oven to 350°. Line an 8-inch square pan with foil by crisscrossing two 8 to 9 inch wide pieces and smoothing up the sides. Spray with healthy non-stick cooking spray or lightly grease with butter or coconut oil. Melt the butter in a small saucepan over low heat. Add cocoa, Xylitol (processed in coffee grinder to consistency of powdered sugar), and salt, stirring until everything is integrated. Mixture will look a little grainy. Remove from heat and add eggs one at a time, stirring vigorously to avoid cooking. Place one tablespoon of cocoa power into a small bowl with the tapioca flour and stir to blend. Add the cocoa/flour to the warm chocolate mixture, stirring for one minute, until the flour is completely incorporated. Add the nuts and pour into the prepared pan, smoothing top. Bake for thirty minutes. Do not over bake. Remove from oven and let cool. Store these brownies at room temperature in an air tight container for up to four days, or freezer for one month.

## Molly Markert



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### **City Notices For Severe Weather**

Stay informed during an emergency:

The spring storm season is upon us once again, making it imperative for residents to know what to do when severe weather approaches.

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Please do not call 9-1-1 to find out why a siren is sounding; these lines need to be kept open and available for emergency calls.

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For non-weather emergencies such as natural disasters, a man-made disaster, a missing child or a public safety emergency in your area, notifications are available through the Citizen Alert Notification System. By registering your preferred means of communication (email, mobile phone, text message or all), the city will be able to contact you when a non-weather emergency occurs in your area. To sign up, visit *www.auroragov.org* and search for Citizen Alert. For more information on emergency preparedness, call 303-739-7636 or email *afd\_oem@auroragov.org* 



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