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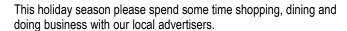


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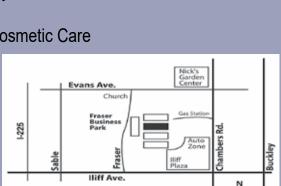
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## 2020 HRMD Budget Approved

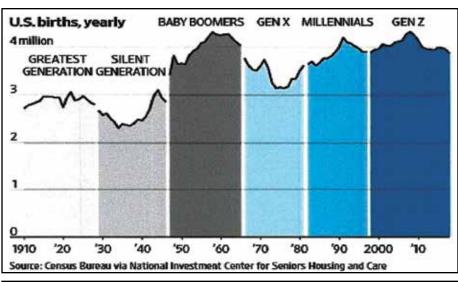
On October 17, 2019, the Heather Ridge Metro District No. 1 (HRMD or "District") met at 4 pm at the Heather Ridge Golf Course clubhouse for its scheduled meeting. As required, Notice of the Meeting was posted in the Heather Ridge Metro District community, published in Metro Matters Magazine, and listed under Public Notices in the Aurora Sentinel on October 10, 2019.

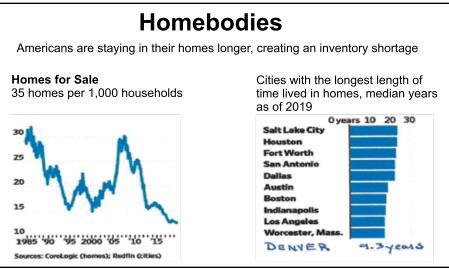
All approved meeting Notices, Agenda, Financials, and Minutes are posted as public information at www. HRColo.org under Organizations, HRMD. The October meeting is an annual event to review and approve the District's annual budget, and this one was no exception.

The 2020 Budget was approved based on newly assessed home values for 2019 using last year's mill levy of 33.5 mills, or 0.03350 percent. The District elected to keep the mill levy the same to create a "Catastrophic Fund".

The District has evaluated its exposure to catastrophic losses such as water wells dying or ponds and retaining walls collapsing. For example, if a water well cannot be fixed and must be replaced now, today's costs is estimated to be \$1.2M or more. Ten years ago, the District replaced a water well at the 16th fairway tee box area costing \$750,000. Presently, the District has two operational wells only to irrigate 90-plus acres.

For years the golf operation, GCat, has been growing a general reserve fund for its golf course operations. Those funds are to cover lapses in golf course income and/or golf maintenance needs. At present should a catastrophic event happen





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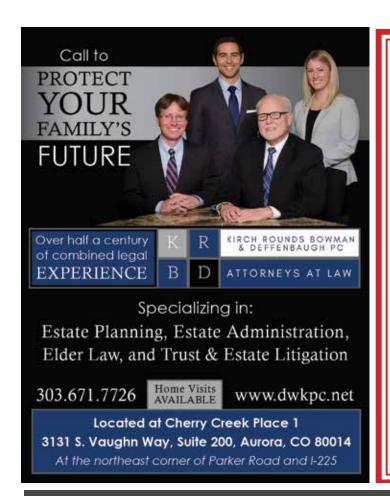
that threatens golf operations or District"assets, those funds and others could be used but could make the golf operations insolvent.

The District's new "Catastrophic Fund" will be evaluated annually for its needs, growth rate, and general solvency. At the same time the golf course operation will continue to grow

its already existing reserves through profits and cost management.

The District's five-year plan is to grow all reserve funds such that by fifth year to review catastrophic threats and stop funding.

Van Lewis



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## **December 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	December 11	5	6	7 6 pm Annual HRS Holiday Party HRS Clubhouse
8	9 6 pm Cobblestone Crossing Board Mtg No Board Meeting in December	10 6:00 pm Burgundy HOA Mtg No Board Meeting in December	CH Board Mtg No Board Mtg in December 6:30 pm Double Tree HOA Mtg at Patt Dodd's	6:30 pm Fairway 16 HOA Meeting Clubhouse	13	14 METRO MATTERS DEADLINE 12/14/19 DUE TO PRINTER SCHEDULE
15	16 5:30 pm CCR Board Mtg 12100 E lliff Ave, #120, Aurora Conf. Room	17	6:30 pm Sausalito Board Mtg. Lower Level HR Clubhouse	19	20	21
22 Hanukkah (Start)	6 pm Cobblestone Board Mtg HR Golf Club	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	Hanukkah (End)	31 6:30 pm Strawberry Board Mtg, No Board Meeting in December		K Next HRM Meeting Decel Providing there is bu	mber 19, 2019	





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## Real Estate – Wrapping Up 2019 by Asking "Why?"

Last month's real estate article might have been too much to digest at one sitting, so let's chew on it some more. Each month, Pete and I write about current events and trends to help Heather Ridge residents make the best real estate decisions. November's article talked about market changes and why, so if it helps, please read it again (www. HRcolo.org, News/Metro Matters).

First off, our local real estate market is not in trouble, but it is "re-balancing" supply and demand. It is still a sellers' market albeit changing. Sellers are now more "offer friendly" along with "concessions" to get a buyer to buy or stay under contract given inspection objections. However, as "days-on-market" continues to increase for sellers, home prices will naturally soften.



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Mortgage interest rates dropped like a rock in August to 3.5 percent from almost 5 percent earlier this year, but since then have rebounded up and down (3.3% *TO* 3.8%) causing buyers "angst" and fewer sales. At the same time, October's ending for sale inventory declined 7.85% from 9,286 in September and now stands at 8,557 total single-family and condos for sale.

With fewer homes to look at and lower interest rates, buyers should be knocking doors down to buy, but they aren't. What's up with that?

Demographics might hold the answer. Recent reports show Millennials are leading the way to metro Denver with high-tech skills . . .and incomes! Until recently, many professionals rented first to see if their jobs worked out. They rented near where they worked taking advantage of tens of thousands of new luxury apartments coming on line. When buying, they first look at "classic, older Denver neighborhoods" close to work and "play" vs. elsewhere. The suburbs are for their parents, not them.

Another demographic reports that older home owners (Boomers and older) are not selling to retire elsewhere. They are "retiring in place" in neighborhoods they love and possibly with a mortgage free house. This is definitely skewing the housing market along with more people renting out rooms to tenants. All this is siphoning off today's buyers for another day.

In Heather Ridge for 2019, sales and listing activities have shifted from \$350,000 and above to the \$260,000-to-\$280,000 range. This lower price range of activities reflects market demand for affordable housing, but it also hurts price growth here. Also, homes sold in "as is" condition vs. updating are definitely lowering prices as well as "instant buyers" like OpenDoor and Zillow (they buy your home as-is to flip it).

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## Homes For Sale as of November 16, 2019

НОА	Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$174,000	13655	E Yale Ave D	1 - 1	856	1 Carport	2 Story
Burgundy	\$200,000	2697	S Xanadu Way D	1 - 2	942	1 Space	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$224,500	2411	S Xanadu Way D	2 - 2	1,091	1 Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$228,000	13639	E Yale Ave A	2 - 2	1,153	1 Carport	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$245,000	2441	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,091	1 Carport, 1 Sp	2 Story
Burgundy	\$274,900	2649	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,314	1 Space	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$299,000	2887	S Xanadu Way	3 - 4	1,633	2 Gar, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$299,900	2512	S Worchester Ct	3 - 2	1,273	2 Gar, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$349,000	2401	S Worchester Ct #B	3 - 3	1,528	Car Port, 1 Sp	2 Story

### Homes Sold From October 16 through November 16, 2019

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ноа	Sold Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Sold Terms	Concess	Seller Type
Strawberry I	\$155,000	2682	S Xanadu Way A	1-1	856	Conventional	\$4,650	Individual
Strawberry I	\$216,000	2608	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,091	VA	\$0	Individual
Strawberry II	\$225,000	2459	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,091	Conventional	\$2,500	Individual
Strawberry II	\$238,500	2499	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,091	Conventional	\$2,500	Individual
Sausalito	\$265,000	2501	S Victor St E	3 - 2	1,282	FHA	\$3,000	Individual
<b>Country Club Ridge</b>	\$275,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 101	2 - 2	1,196	Cash	\$0	Individual
ChimneyHill	\$284,000	13594	E Evans Ave	2 - 3	1,344	FHA	\$6,300	Individual
Sausalito	\$285,000	2458	S Victor St D	3 - 2	1,300	Conventional	\$0	Individual
Country Club Ridge	\$300,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 104	3 - 3	1,680	Conventional	\$0	Individual

### Homes Under Contract as of November 16, 2019

HOA	List Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$165,000	2694	S Xanadu Way D	1 - 1	843	1 Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$184,900	13649	E Yale Ave	2 - 2	1,098	1 Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$209,000	2666	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,153	1 Carport	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$214,000	2419	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,091	1 Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$215,000	2672	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,153	1 Carport	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$234,900	2101	S Victor St C	2 - 2	1,208	1 Space	2 Story
Burgundy	\$265,000	2635	S Xanadu Way E	2 - 2	1,314	1 Gar, Det, 1 Sp	2 Story
ChimneyHill	\$284,900	13556	E Evans Ave	3 - 3	1,512	1 Gar, Att	2 Story
ChimneyHill	\$289,000	2054	S Worchester St	3 - 3	1,457	1 Gar, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$299,900	2496	S Vaughn Way B	3 - 3	1,462	2 Gar, Att	2 Story



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## Heather Ridge Golf Club Monthly Update

www.golfclubatheatherridge.com

#### HR Men's Club Golf News

Well, let's see, what could I get my special guy for Christmas this year? How about giving him a 2020 Heather Ridge Men's Club membership?!?! We had a fantastic 2019 season and I know if he likes golf, he would enjoy being a part of our club. We have 14 tournaments during the year (see schedule below) and two banquets at The Fresh Fish Company, and you get to come to the fall one! It's quick, easy and a gift that he can get a lot of use out of during the season. The cost is between \$150.00 and \$180.00, depending on if you wish to include him in Match Play and the Hole-in-One pot.

Simply fill out the application on page 12, attach a check, and drop everything off at the club, or mail to the Heather Ridge Golf Club and he is good to go for a summer of fun! I know he will love opening this gift on Christmas morning. If you have any questions about this membership, please feel free to call me at 303-875-4768.

The Heather Ridge Men's Club board wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Please be safe in any travels you may be taking, and we'll see you in 2020!

> **Darrel Vanhooser** President HR Men's Club

		Sat 7/4/20	Red, White, Blue, (and Gold) 4 Man Scramble
Thurs 4/9/20	Men's Club Spring Banquet		(Computer Draw) Tee Times Start at 8 am
Sat 4/11/20	Member/Member – Member/Guest Four Man		
	Shamble A,B,C, D Players (Computer Draw – 80% of Handicap for Each Player)	7/17-18-19/20	Member/Member – Member/Guest (Partners Must be within 10 Strokes)
	8 am Shotgun Start	Fri-Sat-Sun	Horse Race Starts at 5 pm on Friday Tee Times Start at 8 am on Saturday/Sunday
Sat 4/25/20	Point Par, Playing Groups Set by Computer		
	Tee Times Start at 8 am	Sat 8/1/20	Point Par, Playing Groups Set by Computer Tee Times Start at 8 am
Sat 5/9/20	6-6-6, Two Man Teams (Computer Draw)		
	Tee Times Start at 8 am	Sat 8/8/20	2 Man Point Par, Playing Groups Set by Computer Tee Times Start at 8 am
Sat 5/16/20	Individual Gross/Net, Playing Groups Set by Computer		
	Tee Times Start at 8 am	8/15-16/20 Sat-Sun	Club Championship, Playing Groups Set by Computer Tee Times Start at 8 am
Sat 5/30/20	Two Man Best Ball, Pick Your Partner		
	(Partners Must be within 10 Strokes) Tee Times Start at 8 am	Sat 9/5/20	Tournament of Champions/Non-Winners Tournamer Playing Groups Set by Computer Tee Times Start at 8 am
Sat 6/13/20	Men's Club/Women's Club Mixer (Computer Draw)		
	8 am Shotgun Start	Thurs 9/17/20	Men's Club Fall Banquet
Sat 6/27/20	Individual Gross/Net, Playing Groups Set by Computer Tee Times Start at 8 am	Sat 9/19/20	2 Man Scramble (Computer Draw) 9:15 am Shotgun Start

## HR Women's Golf Association News

Our fall luncheon/annual meeting was held on October 12 at the Bent Noodle. After a very yummy lunch, various awards were presented. Congratulations to Dantha Stewart, our most improved golfer for the season! After the awards presentation, the annual meeting resulted in the election of the following officers for the 2020 season:

President Joyce Scott
Vice President Wendy Traynor
Secretary Debbie Holscher
Treasurer Teresa Anderson
Directors Ginny Lewis
Dantha Stewart

We raised a glass in memory of Karen Johnston who passed away earlier this year. Karen was an active member of HRWGA and Saturday tournament chairman for many, many years and will be missed. HRWGA made a donation in Karen's name to The First Tee of Denver.

We had a great 2019 season and hope for an even better 2020 season. Current members of HRWGA will receive their applications for the 2020 season by email in January. Be on the lookout!

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## Heather Ridge Men's Club Golf Association 2020 Membership Application

This year the HRMC will continue a schedule of 14 tournaments to include a Member/Member—Member/Guest, and a separate Flighted Match Play tournament. The Spring banquet is April 9, 2020 and our first tournament will follow on April 11, 2020. Membership is open to all male golfers who are 18 years or older. The membership fee includes:

- USGA maintained GHIN handicap
- Access to HRMC website www.heatherridgemensclub.com (contact info for members/ tournament signups, results, and other HRMC info)
- Two banquets: a Spring banquet (Stag) and a Fall one (Bring your significant other)
- Tournament access. Each tournament will have a \$20 per day fee which is paid out in prizes (The Member/Member—Member/Guest will have a total fee of \$100.00/player)

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Return this application, with your check to the Heather Ridge Golf Shop or mail to: Heather Ridge Golf Club, 13521 E. Iliff Ave., Aurora, CO 80014, Attn: Men's Club





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## **Heather Ridge Residents**

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#### **Aurora Holiday Tree Lighting**

December 3, 5-7 pm Aurora Municipal Center 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy. Aurora, CO 80012

'Tis the season...to be merry and bright! Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season as we celebrate the lighting of our holiday lights at the Aurora Municipal Center. A very special...visit from someone from the North Pole. Join us to find out who the special guest will be! This event is FREE and requires no preregistration or tickets. Thank you to our Aurora Police Department and Aurora Fire Rescue for being a part of this special event. Important Safety Rules — No dogs allowed. No glass bottles. No unlawful devices. No illegal substances. No open carry of firearms. No alcohol. No unauthorized sound amplification devices. For more information contact Joshua Sturm 303-739-7182.

#### **45th Annual 9NEWS** Parade of Lights

December 6, 8:00 pm 101 W. 14th Ave. Denver, CO 80202 The Downtown Denver Partnership invites you to join the 9NEWS Parade of Lights. The two-mile parade route in Downtown Denver is the stage for Colorado's brightest holiday tradition. The parade features more than 40 units including extravagantly illuminated floats, magnificent marching bands, traditional equestrian units, vibrant cultural entries, giant helium-filled character balloons, and of course a special appearance by Major Waddles and Santa!

#### **10th Annual 1940s** White Christmas Ball

December 4, 4 pm-1 am 650 15th St

Denver, CO 80202

Step back in time this Christmas for an unforgettably magical '40s & '50s holiday party that will bring back all the warmth and nostalgia of a more simple time! Experience an enchanting evening of dancing with your sweetheart (or maybe meet one!), amidst 1940s and '50s vehicles, movie set lights and props, re-enactors, sleighs, Christmas trees, a canopy of lights and the most sought after big bands, including the Hot Tomatoes and The Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra! Tickets: Start at \$67. 720-924-1945

#### 4th Annual Winter Fest On Fillmore

December 14, 10 am-2 pm E 2nd Ave & Fillmore St.

Denver, CO 80206

Experience the true joy of the holiday season at Winter Fest on Fillmore Plaza and at participating businesses throughout the Cherry Creek North area. This free and festive celebration will culminate on Fillmore Plaza. transforming the street into a winter wonderland, featuring live ice carving, fire pits with outdoor seating, Yuletide carolers, ice princesses on stilts, face painting, complimentary refreshments and giveaways.

#### 19th Annual Denver **Christkindl Market**

December 11, 11 am-5 pm December 16-23, 11 am-9 pm 1515 Arapahoe St.

Denver, CO 80202

This annual event brings authentic German and European holiday traditions and a true spirit of an Old World Christmas to Denver. Guests can find delicious cuisine, festive German drinks, handmade jewelry, toys, clothing, gifts and much more. Live entertainment is featured inside the festival tent every evening,

and dancing is highly encouraged. Admission free.

#### Santa's North Pole Adventure Georgetown Loop Railroad

Through December 24 646 Loop Drive Georgetown, CO 80444

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#### Christmas at Gaylord Rockies Gaylord Rockies Resort

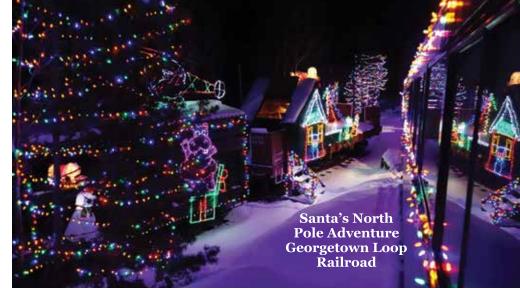
Through January 5, 2020 6700 N Gaylord Rockies Blvd, Aurora, CO 80019 720-452-6900, Marriott.com/ glaylord-hotels/dengr-christmas-atgaylord-rockies-denver Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center will host its inaugural Christmas at Gaylord Rockies 2019 holiday celebration. The season-long experience will include ICE! featuring Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, a larger-than-life ice sculpture adventure; exclusive Cirque Dreams Holidaze theatrical performances; ice skating, tubing and bumper cars; a Naughty or Nice Escape Room; character breakfast; family-friendly activities; and themed décor with an

#### Blossoms of Light Botanic Gardens

Through Jan 3, 2020, 5-9 pm (last entry 8:30 pm)

impressive holiday light display.

1007 York Street, Denver, CO 80206 The Gardens' signature event for more than three decades, this annual holiday lights extravaganza transforms the York Street location into a twinkling winter wonderland. With fresh and exciting new features, along with some fan favorites, this year's display will be brighter and more expansive than ever before. Enjoy tasty treats and sipping a warm beverage in your souvenir mug as you stroll through the interactive light displays, with a large field of sound-reactive, animated LED lights.



#### Santa's Village at Chatfield Farms

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Through December 22, 4:30-8:30 pm (last entry 7:30 pm) 8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton, CO 80128

Santa and his friends transform Chatfield Farms into a magical village! Hop on the hayride to catch a short movie at Santa's Cinema or walk under the magical light displays. Stop at Elf Boulevard to drop off your letters to Santa. Let the kids play in a real elf house and see the elves hard at work. Enter a giant snow globe.

#### Colorado Ballet's The Nutcracker

Through December 29

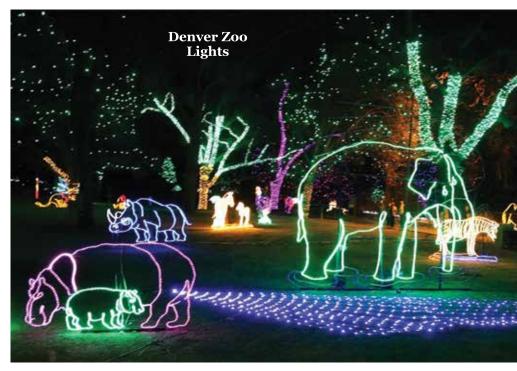
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The 59th annual production features timeless choreography paired with Tchaikovsky's extraordinary arrangement performed live by the Colorado Ballet Orchestra. Find out what makes this enchanting ballet so special and experience the tradition, humor and holiday magic of Colorado Ballet's The Nutcracker.

#### 29th Annual Denver Zoo Lights

Through Jan 5, 2020 2300 Steele St. Denver, CO 80205 Zoo Lights is back for its 29th year,

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and sure to be bigger and better than ever! Zoo lights spans through 70 acres of Denver Zoo's campus, with nightly entertainment, animal encounters, Santa meet-and-greets and, of course, illuminated animal sculptures that swing through trees, jump across lawns hide in bushes and appear in places where they're least expected. Daytime admission (including membership) does not include Zoo Lights.

#### **Annual Electric Safari Cheyenne Mountain Zoo**

December 6-8; Dec 13-23; Dec 25-Jan 1, 2020 4250 Chevenne Mountain Zoo Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80906 (\*Electric Safari is NOT open on Christmas Eve, December 24) Celebrate holiday lights and cheer during Electric Safari with 85 light sculptures on more than 50 acres! Warming fires throughout the Zoo offer a reprieve from the chill, as do select indoor animal exhibits that remain open during the event. Top off this astounding display by gazing out at the city's lights and watch all of Colorado Springs sparkle.



#### Noon Year's Eve Children's Museum

December 31, 9 am – 4 pm 2121 Children's Museum Dr. Denver, CO 80211

Bring in the sights, sounds and excitement of Times Square to the Children's Museum - all before bedtime! This celebration is filled with ball drops and countdowns each hour, rainbow confetti, bubble wrap fireworks, art projects, music, special characters and more.

Under 1: Free Ages 1 & 60+: \$14 Ages 2 - 59: \$16 Members: 50% discount

#### **Denver New Year's Eve Fireworks** 16th Street Mall

December 31, 9 pm-12 midnight 16th Street Mall 1001 16th St. Denver, CO 80265

The sky will once again sparkle over the 16th Street Mall with the New Year's Eve Fireworks Downtown. The two spectacular fireworks shows will occur at 9 p.m. and midnight, for the best viewpoints, stand along the 16th Street Mall. The identical fireworks shows will be synched to a music playlist from live DJs along the mall. Each show will run for about eight minutes.

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## 20th Annual Festival of Wreaths

The Aurora Museum Foundations' annual "Festival of Wreaths" raises funds to support exhibits and education programs at the Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites. Each wreath is sold through an online auction held during the course of the fundraiser.

Thanks to the generous donations from businesses, organizations, and individuals, the "Festival of Wreaths" has raised more than \$30,000.

Wreaths are displayed at the Aurora History Museum, Aurora Municipal Center, 2nd Floor Stanley Marketplace and Town Center at Aurora.

Wreaths are sold through an online auction through December 5. All bidding can be viewed online at www. Biddingowl.com/flowamf.

An Open House was held on November 5 at the Aurora History Museum, with the Aurora Singers performing and some items auctioned off by auctioneer Debbie Stafford. Some of the wreaths featured at the museum are shown here.













Top photo: Open House at the Aurora History Museum. Wreaths from left (top) Aurora Collision Center, (below) 7/20 Memorial Foundation. Middle (top) City of Aurora Naturalists Team, (below) Channel 8. Right (top) Aurora Symphony, (below) Aurora Historical Society.









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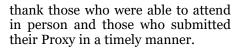




## Double Tree

**Board of Directors:** Double Tree continues to be self-managed community. Board members include President Alison Ruger, Vice President Reggie Adams, Treasurer Aletha Zens, and Secretary Patt Dodd. The next meeting will be December 11 at 6:30 pm at Patt Dodd's home. Homeowners are welcome to attend the HOA Board meetings. Notices will be posted on the mailboxes. Please let a board member know if you are interested in attending and would like to be added to the agenda.

**Annual Meeting:** The Board will be distributing minutes, budgets, and other materials from the Annual Meeting on November 11. We



Trash and Recycling: Trash pick-up is every Thursday but will be delayed by a day if there is a holiday. Recycling days are every other Thursday, falling this month on December 12 and 26. Remember to set your recycling out the night before, as they have been coming before 8 am. Please make sure you put your trash and recycle bins back in your garage at the end of the day on Thursday, so they don't roll or blow around.

Winter Weather: As we head into winter, please remember that we cannot plow your driveway if your car is parked in it. Please utilize your garage as your primary parking spot, or you can park on S. Vaughn Way. Remember, according to our governing documents, Guest Parking is for guests, not spillover parking for owners with multiple vehicles. Please be respectful of your neighbors' guests who frequently have nowhere to park. And, PLEASE, PLEASE do not park in the Fire Lanes.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Our landscaper/snowplow contractor



has requested that we leave the last parking spot to the west of 2661 open as a place to pile snow. A sign will be put in place indicating there will be **NO PARKING 24 hours prior to and/or during a snow event.** Please pay close attention to the weather reports this winter to stay informed of snowstorms that may begin during the night. When the snow removal service arrives early the next morning, they will have the authority to tow. If you have a doubt, best to leave that last spot vacant.

**Patt Dodd** 

## Country Club Ridge



Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year!
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**Mocha Butkovich** 



## Cobblestone Crossing

**Financial Meeting:** The HOA's Annual Budget Meeting took place on November 11th. Following a spirited discussion with several residents who attended the meeting, the Board approved the 2020 budget. Thanks to all who attended; we appreciate your input and comments.

**Onsite Maintenance:** The community no longer has an onsite maintenance person as Ken Richardson accepted a different job and moved off of the property. The Board appreciates Ken's efforts and if you know of anyone who would be qualified and interested in the maintenance job, which is an independent contractor position responsible for plowing snow, repairing sprinkler heads, tracing electrical issues, etc., please have them submit a resume to Alec Hrynevich (alec@accordhoa.com).

**Decorations:** Please be careful when putting up holiday decorations

and ensure electrical cords, etc., do not pose a safety hazard. Merry Christmas!!

Safety Tips: Lock doors and windows when leaving home,

even for a few minutes; put lights on automatic timers; pick up packages from front porch as soon as possible to avoid theft and ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your home when you are out of town.

**Security:** Car break-ins can occur in Cobblestone Crossing at any time. Please remember to remove any items of value from your car, always lock the doors and notify the Aurora Police Department as soon as breakin is discovered.

Exterior Lighting: While there are exterior lights throughout the community, recommend leaving on front and back porch lights. Light control sockets can be installed in the exterior fixture to turn on lights at dusk and off at dawn.

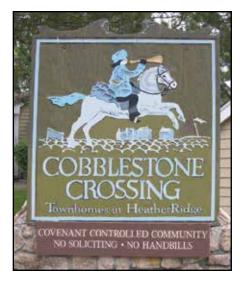
**Thanks:** A heartfelt thanks to the residents who re-stained the planter boxes.

Snow Removal: A reminder sidewalks will be cleared when two inches of snow accumulate, and plowing will take place at four inches. When plowing is in progress, please take care when maneuvering around the plow!

**Ice Melt:** There are ice melt buckets by the mailboxes for use during icy conditions. A little goes a long way and please avoid dumping on the grass.

Patio/Front Porch: If you've been procrastinating and haven't cleaned up pots and plants yet, please remember to bag up dirt and place in dumpster. Do not dump the dirt in the rocks and/or common area. Pots should be stored in an orderly fashion. Also, if you have a garden area that has not been cleaned up, please do so as soon as possible. It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep the front porch, patio and area around the unit squared away.

Trash: A reminder it is the resident's responsibility to dispose of large items that do not fit in the dumpster. Please call Alpine Waste at 303-744-9881 to arrange for large item pick-up. Also, please break down boxes before



depositing them in the recycling dumpsters.

Pets: Pets are not to be tethered on your patio or anywhere on the property, nor are they allowed to run loose. This applies to both dogs and cats. Be a responsible pet owner and pick up pet waste immediately and dispose of it. Contrary to popular belief, it's not fertilizer. Picking up after your pets is a city ordinance and failure to do so also represents a health hazard. Do not store the waste in a container outside – take it to the dumpster.

**Parking:** A reminder that residents are not to park in guest spots at any time and are subject to towing. Guest spots are to be used by visitors only, not by residents placing a guest tag in their vehicle. Also, be responsible and ensure your vehicle is parked between the lines and not encroaching on an adjacent space. Please review the Rules and Regulations for complete parking regulations.

**Board Meeting:** There is **not** a Board meeting in December.

**Midge Miller** 





Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree How lovely are thy branches



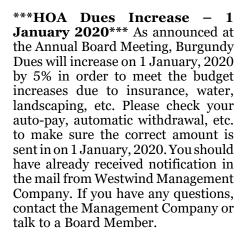


## Burgundy



Happy Holidays to all and Welcome to all Our New Burgundy Residents.

**Burgundy is Covenant Controlled.** Take time to familiarize yourself with *Rules and Policies of Burgundy*.



New Parking Signs and Monitoring: Burgundy will have new signs saying "Permit Parking Only" at each driveway. Because of abuse of parking rules, it is now necessary to acquire a Parking Monitor employee. Vehicles not displaying correct parking placards will be ticketed or towed. Your Visitors *MUST* display a placard! The Monitor will not be cheap and is just another reason why HOA dues increased. Those few tenants who abuse these rules unfortunately affect everyone in the community. Please be respectful of your neighbors and follow our Rules and Regulations.

Maintenance and Insurance Chart: Checkout our website to view this informative chart showing who is responsible for what regarding our property, www.

westwindmanagement.com.

#### **December Trivia:**

"Jingle Bells"
 was written for
 Thanksgiving,
 not Christmas.
 The song was
 written in 1857
 by James Lord



Pierpont and published under the title "One Horse Open Sleigh". It was supposed to be played in the composer's Sunday school class during Thanksgiving as a way to commemorate the famed Medford sleigh races. "Jingle Bells" was the first song broadcast from space.

• NORAD's "Santa Tracker" was born from a misprint in the newspaper. A 1955 Sears ad was supposed to print the number of a store where children could call and tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. The number printed was to the hotline of the Director of Operations for the U.S. Continental Air Defense. Colonel Shoup ordered his staff to give the children updates on the flight coordinates of Santa.

**Snow Removal:** Our snow removal company is Metro MCM. Sidewalks will be cleared when two inches of snow accumulate, and plowing will take place at four inches.



Architectural Requests: Updates to the outside of your unit must have Board approval. This includes any changes to your windows and doors, satellite dish, venting and fences. You must submit an ACC request form, with photos if possible. Not sure or have questions; call the Management Company for procedures or check their website.

**Security:** Please keep outdoor lights on at night and lock all doors and windows. Light bulbs with motion sensors or light sensors are available at any hardware store or Amazon. Holiday season is here so be watchful of suspicious Porch Pirates or other suspicious activities.

Holiday Decorations:
Please feel free to
decorate but make
sure decorations do
not interfere with snow
removal or extend into
the common areas.
Front porch or patio
areas are fine. Outdoor



decorations must be taken down by January 15, 2020.

Board Meetings: No Board Meeting in December.

**Clubhouse Rental:** Contact our Management Company.

Management Company/Board: Board Members: Pres - Amanda Milstead, VP - Michelle Ruble, Sec/Treas - Beverly Valvoda, Membersat-Large - Lori Foster and Joshua Ryines. Management Company: Westwind Management 303-369-1800, www.westwindmanagement. com.

**Beverly Valvoda** 



## Fairway 16

- 2 World Aids Awareness Day
- 3 Advent Begins
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 22 Hanukkah Begins
- Winter Solstice 25 Christmas Dav
- 31 New Year's Eve



Visitor Parking: Abuse of Visitor Parking, by residents, continues to be an issue. Front Range Patrol continues to monitor Visitor Parking. They will issue warnings to those illegally parked and contact "Wyatt's Towing" for any vehicle whose warnings have been ignored.

**Gutter Cleaning:** "Chimney Sweep" cleaned gutters and flushed downspouts, for the fall cleaning, on November 6th through the 8th

**Pool:** The board is in the process of obtaining and reviewing bids to replace the main filter of the pool, repair a leak in the heater and re-stucco the bottom of the pool. These repairs are scheduled for the spring of 2020.

**Mailboxes:** The mailboxes at the North and South cul-de-sacs were vandalized in November. Due to the damage done during the break-ins, the board has decided to replace both units with newer, more updated mailboxes.

**A Reminder:** Phase I of the Fairway 16 reroofing project was completed in 2018. Phase II was completed in the spring of 2019. Phase III is scheduled for 2020.

However, there will not be enough funds in the reserves for Phase IV and V. The financing to complete this project would have required either a special assessment from each homeowner in a lump sum or a raise in monthly dues.

After a discussion of various fund raising alternatives, homeowners in attendance at the Annual Meeting rejected the idea of a lump sum assessment. They instead, voted to increase HOA fees by \$25.00 monthly beginning January 2020. This increase would be dedicated to the reserve fund to complete our roof replacement project. The monthly increase will terminate at the completion of the project.

Homeowners Please Contact Western Management: Please contact Roger Mitchell, 303-745-2220 or roger@wsps.net to report any issue concerning your unit or common, surrounding area. Although board members and our manager frequently walk the property, there are items that slip their attention or situations of which they are not aware.

**Monthly Board Meetings:** The Fairway 16 board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm

at the clubhouse. The next meeting will be held on December 12th, 2019.

Website for Fairway 16: www. fairway16.com

Western State Contact Information: Roger Mitchell, 303-745-2220, roger@wsps.net.

If you notice any vandalism, mischief or suspicious behavior in our area, please contact the authorities.

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**Bette Secord** 

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## Sausalito

"I never eat December snowflakes. I always wait until January."
— Lucy van Pelt, Peanuts™

Welcome home, residents of Sausalito at Heather Ridge! We are an HOA community, whose board meetings are held monthly, and open to homeowners. Please join us the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm, across the street in the Heather Ridge Golf Club, downstairs in the 19th Hole room.

The Board is Composed of the Following Members: Carol McCormick as President, Teresa Anderson as Vice President & Landscaping, Betty Haarberg as Treasurer, Marlene Woodruff

as Secretary, Jeff Jamieson on Architecture & Member at Large, Renee Reasy on Pools & Member at Large, and Debi Martinez as Member at Large.

Important Contact Info: Our property is managed by H.O.A. Simple, LLC. If you have any requests or issues, please contact Emily Terry at eterry@hoasimple.com or 303-260-7177 x5. Our website is located at www.sausalitohoa.com where you can find legal documents and other helpful community information. updated regularly. Our security and  $covenants\,are\,enforced\,by\,Brownstone$ Services, LLC, owned and operated by Randy Brown, who can be reached at 720-879-4568. Our landscaping company is Landwise and C.W.. Contractors, Inc., whose president is Jesse Young and Operations Manager is Paul Menningen. They can be reached at 303-523-0471. Our waste collection is handled by Alpine Waste and Recycling, who can be reached at 303-744-9881.

CCR's and Architectural Approval: Sausalito is governed by what's known as Covenants, Conditions & *Restrictions.* These rules, provided when you bought your home and available on our website, are intended to keep everyone's home in relative conformity with everyone else's, to foster a cleaner and more cohesive community with higher property values. If you are planning any external home improvements, thank you in advance for getting approval from the Board before proceeding. If you need exterior touch-up paint, please contact Jeff Jamieson at 720-

Holiday Lights: According to former state historian Bill Convery, it all began in 1914, when the son (or perhaps grandson) of an electrician named David Dwight "DD" Sturgeon was sick in bed at Christmas, so he strung lights together, painted them red and green, and draped them over a tree out front which the boy could

924-6178.



see from his window. A reporter from the *Denver Post* ran the story, and eventually the whole city took up the tradition.

Convery continues, another article from 1955 in the *Steamboat Pilot*, states that in 1943, city leaders wanted Denver residents to keep their homes lit for the massive crowds drawn to the Stock Show annually. Visitors were even encouraged to attend matinee events so they could tour lights in the evening. Thus another tradition was born, of leaving holiday lights up until the conclusion of the Stock Show (which this year will be January 26).

And so, if you would like to light up your home for the season, by all means, please do so. We merely ask you be respectful of your neighbors by not casting unwanted glow into their windows, and also by not turning your lights on until after Thanksgiving at the earliest. Further, if you'd like to leave them on through the Stock Show, history is certainly on your side (Source: <a href="https://bit.ly/2NRdUEY">https://bit.ly/2NRdUEY</a>) but please, no later.

Parking: One great feature of every Sausalito home is an attached garage. Please use these to park your vehicles, so that visitor parking spaces can be left available for our guests. During the winter months, these spaces are also sometimes used to plow snow into, all the more reason to please not store your own vehicles in them. Thank you!

Happy New Year, Jeff Jamieson



Heather Ridge Metro Matters December 2019

## Heather Ridge South

**Management Information:** For HOA management information please contact Janelle Mauch at Westwind Management at 303-369-1800 x 115; *Janelle@westwindmanagement.com* or her assistant April at 303-369-1800 x 135, april@westwindmanagement.com.

HRS's Annual Meeting and Holiday Party: Annual Meeting, 7 pm, December 3 at HRS's clubhouse; Holiday Community Dinner, 6 pm, December 7, also at HRS's clubhouse. If not attending the Annual Meeting, Please-Please-Please mail back or drop off your proxy in the Proxy Box at our club house work shed bill board.

For 2020, Monthly HOA Fees Going Up \$5. The HRS Board has approved the 2020 Budget that includes an increase to monthly HOA fees. Effective January 1, 2020, the fees will be \$315 and \$310 compared to 2019. At the Annual Meeting scheduled for Dec 3, 2019, 7 pm at our clubhouse, the 2020 Budget will be reviewed and ratified given a quorum. This "small" increase keeps pace with inflation, Reserve funding, and general operations.

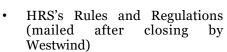
#### In Memorial:

Ruth Fountain passed away on November 1, 2019 after 91 years of giving to others. A tireless worker and friend to everyone she met, Ruth was an important part of Heather



Ridge South and Aurora, CO. As a City Council member and constant promoter of Aurora, she chaired fund raisers, championed libraries, and left her indelible mark on the Aurora Symphony Orchestra. For those that knew her, she will be missed. For those who didn't know her, your loss is our loss.

Are You a New Owner? If so, then welcome to Heather Ridge South. Sometimes in the home buying and closing process important HOA documents are not fully examined or understood. To avoid mishaps and frustrations as new owner here, please make sure to read the following documents:



- Old issues of Metro Matters for HRS articles (HRMD website www.HRColo.org News/Metro Matters)
- HRS's recorded Declarations and Bylaws (your contractual due diligence process)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janelle Mauch (see Westwind above). The Board reaches out to everyone for better understanding in how our community operates. HRS is legally a condominium vs. Planned Unit Development (PUD). Many people think we are a townhome, but that's a design concept vs. legal description. As condos in a high-density lifestyle, living here might be a big change from past experiences. Your HOA wants to help, so please call with any questions.

**New Official Plumbing Company** for HRS: Effective December 1, 2019, HRS's official plumbing company will be Cronen Plumbing and Heating (303-937-8369). As the official plumbing company replacing AAA Jetting Services, all residents are encouraged to call Janelle at Westwind before hiring their own plumber. In particular, community sewer lines and water systems are the HOA's domain vs. internal plumbing issues for owners. To avoid confusion and costly mistakes, please call Janelle first concerning sewer issues, water leaks, and other general maintenance issues.



Water Turn-Off/On **Safety** Valves in Your Unit. Each HRS unit and building has a water turn-off/ on valve for inside water. Individual unit owners are responsible for their water values, and the HOA for the building valves. Unit owners should check them periodically for safe operation and replacement. Owners with basements have their water valves in their furnace room usually above the hot water heater. In patio units (no basements), the valve is usually near the furnace area. There is also a master water valve for every building, so please see the map in the Rules and Regulations to know which unit has it.

Owners are encouraged to periodically test their water valves. There's a risk it might be defective and will need replacement. Original valves by the builder are now 45 years old. Back then, 1975, water valves were screw or "gate" values, a design feature that has not done well over time. Owners are encouraged to replace them using "ball valve" devices that open and close faster along with a longer lifespan. Costs vary, but as a water-household safety issue, please investigate and invest wisely.

Van Lewis



## Strawberry

**Board Meetings:** Strawberry's Board meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month except in December. Our next meeting date is *January 28*, *2020* in the clubhouse, at 6:30 pm. These meetings are a great way to stay informed about the goings on in the community.

**ACC Requests:** Please go to the website, fill out a form and provide as much information as possible, as to your plan and materials being used. This way the Board can make informed decisions. Please visit our website *www.strawberry1hoa.com* for meeting minutes, meeting dates, community resources, and forms needed for ACC requests.

**Winter:** Winter Solstice begins December 21 and it is time to start thinking about checking and changing furnace filters for more efficiency.

Make sure your HO-6 policy is up to date and covers sewer and water issues. It protects you in so many ways. Insulate your pipes as colder temps approach us. Check and clean fireplace flues. Chimney cleaning is up to homeowners.

It's that time of year when car breakins seem to increase, as the holidays approach don't keep packages in your car, also pick up packages from your porch and if you are not going to be home ask your neighbor to bring in your packages. Keep extra

eye on your surroundings and if you see something say something. Call security when needed.

With many holidays approaching please be mindful of what you put down your drains and toilets. It helps with less backups and sewer issues.

Speaking of holidays, now is a popular season for guests, so please remember to park in your garage, and leave your garage doors closed for security, thus leaving the Visitor Spaces available for our friends, family, and if necessary, snow removal.

**Trash:** When taking your trash



out, please break down the boxes. Please tie up the bags. Please make sure it gets into the dumpster. If the dumpster is full, walk a few feet and find another. Stop Over Filling The Trash Dumpsters. This is causing many issues. It also costs us.

**Front Range Patrol:** To report immediate issues call 303-591-9027. Remember to lock car doors and windows. See anything suspect, call it in to police or report to security. See something say something.

**Management Information:** Accord Property Management 720-230-7303. Kyle is the new manager. Call him with all issues.

## **ChimneyHill**

It has already been an up and down trend between snow blasts and mild sunny days for a wild fall, and we can expect more crazy weather leading into the holiday season. It will also be the time that many residents will celebrate the season with lighted decorations that will help brighten the community. It will be important to decorate safely and be considerate of one's neighbors to contribute to a wonderful generous holiday season.

The annual homeowners meeting was held in November at Noonan's Garden Room in the Heather Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse, which included a vote to fill two full three year term seats. Noel Cordeau was reelected to his seat, and Sara Liston, who recently moved

into our community, was voted into the other seat. In addition, prior to the meeting, the board had voted to appoint the homeowner with the third highest votes to the two year termed seat recently open due to resignation. The homeowner who achieved this seat was well-known community member Leo Gutnik. Please welcome our new members to the board as we



work to maintain our community for the betterment of all residents.

There are still two seats open on the board due to resignations with only one year left on their terms. Even though there was one more candidate on the ballot truly qualified to fill one of these seats, the board feels it is important to fill both seats by appointment at the same time in order to keep an odd number on the board to prevent tie votes. The board wants to fill these last two open seats and encourage any other homeowner willing and eager to fill the other seat for the year to reach out and let the board know.

The meeting ended with the ratification of the budget for

next year, which does include an increase in next year's dues. The board truly respects the faith our homeowners have in our ability to keep our community values high and to insure our community from potential challenges in the future.

There will be no HOA board meeting in December. The next HOA board meeting will be on January 8, 2020 at the second floor board room at Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, at 6 pm.

Property management is provided

by LCM. Our property manager, Marilyn, can be reached by phone at 303-221-1117, ext 105 or by email at *mruybal@lcmpm.com*. Owners can also get general community information and submit requests through LCM's website at *www.lcmpm.com*. New users will have to create an account with a username and password before using the site.

Kerry Reis with input from the ChimneyHill HOA Board

## **Aurora December Events**

## The Second City's "Twist Your Dickens"

Through December 22
Back by popular demand, this seasonal satire returns in a madcap send-up of Charles Dickens' holiday classic. Tickets at 303-739-1970 or *AuroraFox.org*.
Aurora Fox Arts Center 9900 E. Colfax Ave. *AuroraFox.org* 

#### **Holiday Tree Lighting**

Tuesday, December 3, 5 to 7 p.m.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season with the lighting of our holiday lights, a visit from Santa and more. Free

Aurora Municipal Center 15151 E. Alameda Parkway. AuroraGov.org/Events

#### **Devour the Arts**

Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Mix, mingle and get a taste of what's happening in the

creative community on East Colfax. Includes visual art, pop up performances, appetizers and a cash bar. Free admission. The People's Building 9995 E. Colfax Ave. Register at *Eventbrite*.

#### **Festival of Wreaths**

Through December 6 This year's 20th Annual Festival of Wreaths display and fundraiser event features wreaths generously sponsored decorated by local and businesses, organizations and individuals. Wreaths will be on display at the Aurora History Museum, Aurora Municipal Center, Town Center at Aurora and Stanley Marketplace for people to enjoy while an online bidding will take place. Proceeds benefit the Aurora History Museum. AuroraMuseum.org

#### **Season of Giving**

Through December 6 Help spread the holiday spirit with families in need through the Aurora Public Library's seventh annual Season of Giving: Stocking Project. Donate stocking stuffers at any Aurora Public Library, then join us Saturday, December 7, for a stocking stuffer party at Aurora Central Library. Learn more at *AuroraLibrary.org* 

## MLK Art, Poetry and Essay Contest

Through December 18 How do Dr. King's words affect vou and how can vou ensure they keep echoing into the future? Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by sharing what his dream and words mean to you, using a medium of your choice. "The Words Ring On" art, poetry and essay contest is open to students in grades in K to 12. Entries must be submitted by December 18. For submission guidelines, visit AuroraLibrary.org.

## Aurora Public Library auroralibrary.org

#### December 2019

\* Registration required.

Register online at AuroraLibrary.org

There will be no story times from December 23 to January 4

Aurora Central (CEN) 14949 E Alameda Parkway, 303-739-6600

Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) 9898 E. Colfax Ave, 303-739-1940

Mission Viejo (MVL) 15324 E. Hampden Circle, 303-326-8600

Tallyn's Reach (TLR) 23911 E. Arapahoe Road, 303-627-3050 lliff Square Library (ILF) 2253 E. Peoria St., 303-739-1567

Moorhead PC Center 2390 Havana St., 303-326-8315

Hoffman Library PC Center (HOF) 1298 Peoria St., 303-739-1572

Beck PC Center 800 Telluride St., 303-739-6888

#### **KEY:** ♥= All Ages; © = Preschool; 🖨 = K-5th Grade; 🕮 = 4th Grade-8th Grade; ಈ = 6th-12th Grade; ಈ = Adults

#### Space Holiday — Escape Room

December 6-20 CEN &

Need a break from holiday anxiety? Escape the planet into space! Bring a-game, solve our challenges and get back earth-side in 45 minutes or less. Visit AuroraLibrary.org to register your team (3-7 people). Ages 13+ Times vary.

#### Thursday, 5

#### Finals Café, 4 pm CEN 🚲

Finals time does not always have to be stressful! Come study with your friends, hang out with a therapy dog and create distress baubles. Food provided.

#### DIY at Your Library: Holiday Wreaths\*

6 pm TLRGS

Create a colorful, festive and unique holiday wreath with holiday

#### Friday, 6

#### **Doctor Who December**

4 pm TLR 46

Allons-y! Watch some Christmas episodes from the famous BBC show "Doctor Who." Geronimo!

#### Saturday, 7

#### Season of Giving: Stocking Stuffing Party

1 pm CEN 🎔

We've been collecting stocking stuffer donations through November – now we need Santa's helpers to help us stuff the stockings! Volunteers are invited to help stuff stockings to be donated to Arapahoe County Human Services. Refreshments provided Volunteers of all ages welcome!

#### **Aurora Dance Arts Holiday Performance**

2:30-3 pm CEN >

Usher in the holiday season with a festive performance by Aurora Dance Arts!

#### Family Holiday Cards and Tags

2 pm TLR 🞔

Create wonderful and personal Christmas cards and tags for the ones that you love.

#### Adult Art: Paper Snowflakes\*

3 pm MVL &

Using only scissors and paper, let's follow some complex designs for elegant snowflake decorations.

#### Sewing Lab: Donut Keychains\*

3 pm CEN 🛄

Mmmmmm. . . donuts! While it may look good enough to eat, we suggest you simply admire and carry your self-created donut keychain.

#### Sunday 8

#### Create: Beaded Mittens\*

2 pm CEN &

Upgrade a stocking stuffer with this personalized beading project!

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#### Wednesday 11 Stick Sleds

4 pm MLK 🖨

Turn your tree into a mini winter wonderland by perching these adorable sleds on your branches. These cute little popsicle stock sleds are an easy Christmas craft that's fun for kids.

#### Cosmetic Chemistry - Lotion Bars\*

4 pm CEN &

Join us as we explore what makes up our makeup and the chemistry that conditions our hair. In this installment we will be creating lotion bars, perfect for traveling and for gifting.

#### Saturday 14

#### **Jedi Training Obstacle Course\***

10:30 am MVL ⊕ ⊕

Put your skills with the Force to the test! Make a pool noodle light saber and take on an obstacle course designed to test your Jedi reflexes.

#### Tuesday 17 Early Literacy Fair

11:30 am CEN ©

Explore the world of early literacy with little ones! Visit engaging stations, do fun activities together that you can replicate at home and learn how the five early literacy skills can prepare young children for a successful future.

#### Wednesday 18 Quilted Ornaments

4 pm MLK &

Design your own quilted ornament that you can hang on your tree this Christmas. No sewing experience required.

#### Friday 20

#### **Gingerbread Houses\***

4 pm MLK ♥

Build a gingerbread house out of graham crackers and lots of frosting and candy. Children younger than 8 years old may require adult assistance.

#### Finals De-Stressor\*

4:30 pm TLR &

Are finals freaking you out? Come de-stress with some snacks, crafts and dogs to cuddle!

#### Saturday 21

#### Sugar Cookie Decorating\*

2 pm MVL 🎔

We've got cookies, icing and candy. Top by and create a colorful confection to take home and eat or give it to someone!

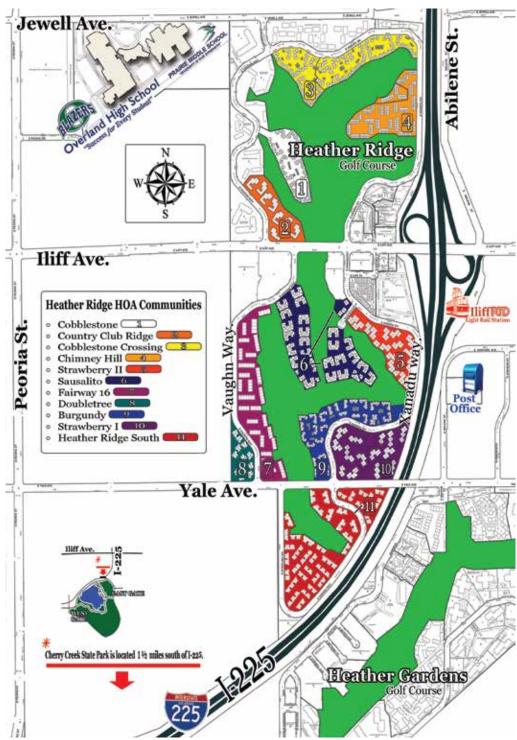
#### Tuesday 31 Noon Year's Eve

11 am TLR A

Celebrate 2020! We're counting down to the New Year at noon with games, crafts and fun!

#### Heather Ridge Metro Matters December 2019

## **Heather Ridge Community Map**



**Burgundy** 

Westwind Management Group, Inc. Chris Heron, Manager chris@westwindmanagement.com 303-369-1800 x 112 # Units: 120 HOA Meeting: 2nd Tues. 6 pm **Burgundy Clubhouse** www.cms-hoa.com

ChimneyHill **LCM Property Management** 303-221-1117 # Units: 116 HOA Meeting: 2nd Wed. 6 pm **Heather Gardens Clubhouse** 2888 S Heather Gardens Way

Cobblestone

Hammersmith Management Kevin Bredell, 303-980-0700 # Units: 74

HOA Meeting: 4th Mon. 6 pm Heather Ridge Golf Club

**Cobblestone Crossing Accord Property Management** 

720-230-7393 # Units: 150

HOA Meeting: 2nd Mon. 6 pm 3033 S Parker Road, Ste 320

**Country Club Ridge** 

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12100 E. Iliff Ave, Ste 100

# Units: 64

HOA Meeting: 3rd Mon. 5:30 pm 12100 E Iliff Ave., Ste 120

**Double Tree** 

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# Units: 24

HOA Meeting: 1st Mon. semi-monthly **Contact Aletha for information** 

Fairway 16

Western States Property Services, Inc. Roger Mitchell, 303-745-2220 rogerwsps.net, # Units: 116 HOA Meeting: 2nd Thurs. 6:30 pm Clubhouse, 2600 S Vaughn Way www.fairway16.com

**Heather Ridge South** 

Westwind Management Group, Inc. Janelle Maninger - 303-369-1800 x115 Janelle@westwindmanagment.com # Units: 176

HOA Meeting: 4th Tues, 6:30 pm HRS Clubhouse, 2811 S Xandau Way www.Heatheridgesouth.org

Sausalito

H.O.A. Simple LLC Emily Bresina, Manager ebresina@hoasimple.com 303-260-7177 x5; # Units: 159 HOA Meeting: 2nd Wed. 6:30 pm **Heather Ridge Golf Club** www.Sausalitohoa.com

Strawberry I & II **Accord Property Management** Kyle, 720-230-7303 # Units: 328 HOA Meeting: 4th Tues. 6:30 pm Strawberry Clubhouse, 2638 S Xanadu Way

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Friday, December 6 First Friday Art Party, 5-7:30 pm 30 West Dale Street, Colorado Springs 719-634-5581, csfineartscenter.org

#### Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Sunday, December 8 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver 303-370-6000 dmns.org

#### **Denver Botanic Gardens**

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#### Santa's Village Chatfield Farms

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#### **Plains Conservation Center**

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