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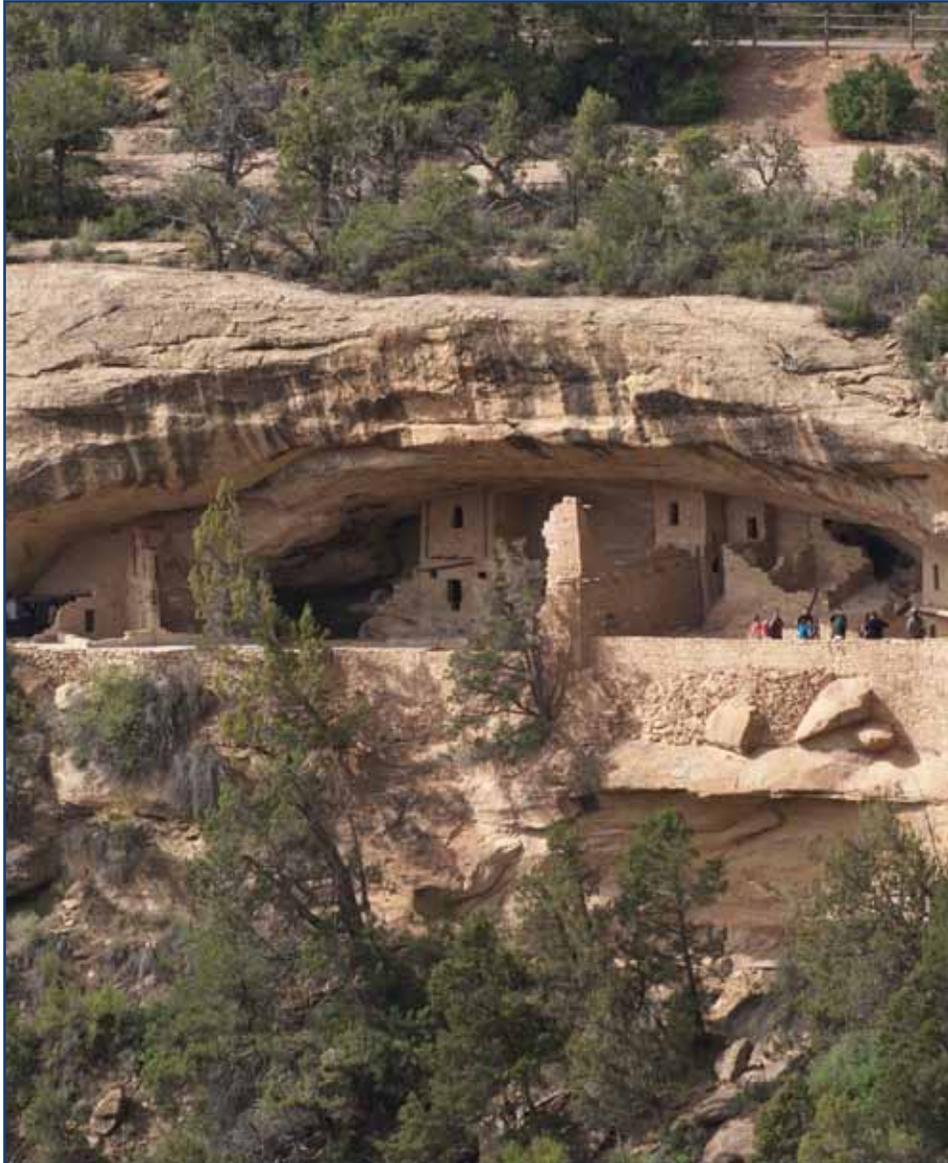


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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Featured in this issue you will find our annual HRMD State of the District article. You will find this article very informative, noting that HRMD is in fine operational and financial condition. This is great news for all residents in Heather Ridge.

You will also be excited to hear that our Golf Club has won the coveted Caggy Award, from the opinions of over 4,000 voters Heather Ridge Golf Club is a great place to play! And we all knew that — we are just happy that the word is getting out to others. Congratulations Golf Club! There is also important information about our Golf operations profits and loss and an overview of days play.



Barry McConnell
Publisher

The Presidents' Council held its annual meeting which included to special guest speakers who added important and relevant dialogue to the discussions along with answering many questions with attendees. The first and biggest discussion was about parking issues — parking spaces, the number of vehicles and sizes, garage vs. outside parking usage, towing violators, and congestion.

Finally, if you haven't toured the Denver Botanic Gardens Boettcher Memorial Tropical Conservatory recently, its time to do so. They are celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

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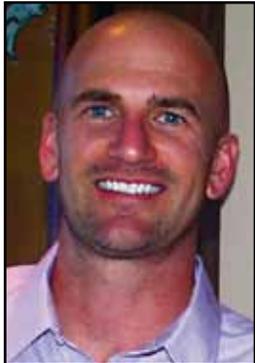


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Presidents' Council Annual Meeting

For the fifth year in a row, the Presidents' Council of Heather Ridge, formerly the United Associations of Heather Ridge (UAHR), met to learn more about themselves and issues common to the ten HOAs in the Heather Ridge Metro District. A cocktail party and discussion session was held on March 8, 2016 at Noonan's restaurant, and by all accounts the best Presidents' Council meeting ever!

Starting at 5:30 pm, it was attended by 8 of the 10 HOA boards. All board members were invited, so there was a "full house" of attendees eager to learn and share information. After cocktails, a "light" buffet dinner was served as people sat at their tables to begin discussions.

Amanda Misteard and Barry McConnell hosted the evening. Amanda is the president of the Presidents' Council and a Board member and former president of her HOA, Burgundy. Barry is the editor and publisher of Metro Matters our community magazine as well as a Fairway 16 board member.

Also invited were two professional property management companies – Alec Hrynevich from Accord Management (manages Chimney Hill and Cobblestone Crossing), and Chris Herron from Westwind (manages Fairway 16 and Heather Ridge South). Both added important and relevant dialogue to the discussions along with answering many questions.

The first and biggest discussion was about parking issues – parking spaces, the number of vehicles and sizes, garage vs. outside parking usage, towing violators, and congestion. Other topics included fences, HOA general



insurance, garbage removal, controlling documents, Reserve requirements, on-site security, etc. There were more questions and options than the two hour meeting could address!

By 7:30 pm when the evening was called to a close, a show of hands confirmed a successful evening and a mandate to hold another meeting this May or June. There were many topics, issues, and similar concerns shared by all of Heather Ridge's ten

HOAs, but this meeting was a good start about board leadership and government. It was also discussed the Council try to schedule something fun to do as Metro District Boards in late September and any suggestions are welcome and they can send them to Amanda at amandamilstead@comcast.net. For more information, please visit Heatherridgecolorado.org and select News/Metro Matters.

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3	4 Double Tree Board Mtg (Bi-Monthly) Alethia	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 6 pm Cobblestone Crossing Board Mtg, 3033 S Parker Rd #320	12 6 pm Burgundy Board Mtg Clubhouse	13 6:30 pm Sausalito Mo. Board Mtg HR Golf Club	14 6:30 pm Fairway 16 Annual Board Meeting Clubhouse	15	16 METRO MATTERS DEADLINE
17	18 7 pm Country Club Ridge Board Mtg Noonan's	19	20 6:30 pm CH Board Mtg Tower I, 3033 S Parker Rd, Ste 320 6:30 pm Strawberry I & II Board Mtg Clubhouse	21 * 6:30 pm Council Member Charlie Richardson Town Hall Meeting EcoTech Institute 1400 S Abilene	22	23
24	25 6 pm Cobblestone Board Mtg HR Golf Club	26 6:30 pm HRS Board Mtg HRS Clubhouse	27	28	29	30



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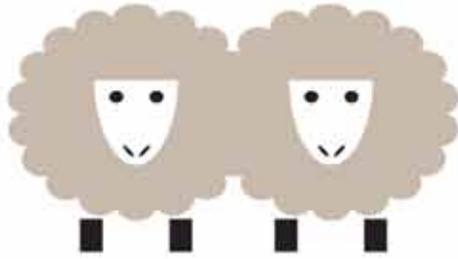
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Heather Ridge homes were built in the 1970s with the exception of Country Club Ridge – built in the early 2000s. As homes age they require normal updating such as carpet, paint, and appliances. These and similar items go hand-in-hand with home ownership – things do wear out.

But over decades, bigger costs come into play such as kitchens, bathrooms, windows, furnaces, etc. These and other major value features are important to buyers and appraisers. If a homeowner doesn't update or remodel as needed, the market place will speak.

And what does the market place say about old home features? It discounts prices! It asks for concessions, or takes longer to sell. Even in a strong seller's market, certain repairs and upgrades are necessary to hold value.

Heather Ridge home prices generally range from \$150K-\$300K, but its average price is now approaching \$200,000. However, upper-end units might soon break the \$300,000 ceiling. Those units are in Heather Ridge South, Fairway 16, Double Tree, and Country Club Ridge.

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Homes Sold February 16 through March 17, 2016

HOA	Sold Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Sold Terms	Concess	Seller Type
Strawberry I	\$130,000	2612	S Xanadu Way B	1 - 1	843	FHA	\$0	Individual
Strawberry I	\$175,000	2694	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,153	Conventional	\$3,181	Individual
Strawberry I	\$177,000	13659	E Yale Ave	2 - 2	1,098	FHA	\$0	Individual
Cobblestone Crossing	\$200,000	13446	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,208	Conventional	\$240	Individual
Sausalito	\$210,000	2457	S Victor St A	3 - 2	1,273	Conventional	\$2,500	Individual
Chimney Hill	\$224,000	13651	E Evans Ave	3 - 3	1,344	FHA	\$1,500	Individual

Homes Under Contract as of March 17, 2016

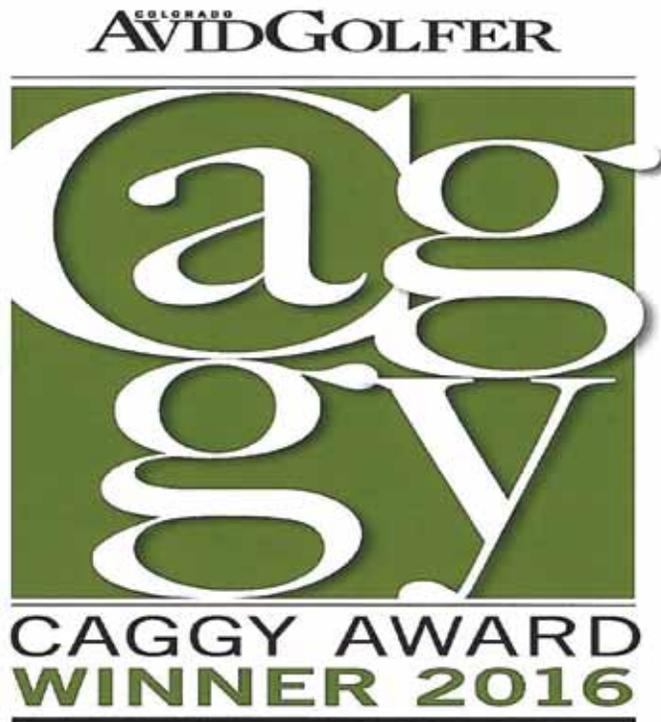
HOA	List Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$125,500	2634	Xanadu	1 - 1	856	1 Space	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$129,900	13621	Yale	1 - 1	856	2 Spaces	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$165,999	2445	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,091	1 Space	Ranch
Cobblestone Crossing	\$175,000	13326	E Asbury Dr	1 - 2	1,208	1 Space	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$177,000	2421	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,091	2 Spaces	2 Story
Burgundy	\$195,000	2631	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,162	1 Space	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$200,000	1923	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,351	1 Space	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$228,000	2151	S Victor St A	2 - 2	1,208	1 Garage, Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$230,000	13594	E Evans Ave	2 - 2	1,344	1 Garage, Att	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$233,500	2122	S Victor St E	2 - 2	1,392	1 Garage, 1 Space	2 Story
Sausalito	\$235,000	2488	S Victor St D	3 - 2	1,230	2 Garage, Att	Ranch
Chimney Hill	\$240,000	13682	E Evans Ave	2 - 3	1,344	1 Garage, Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$249,000	2704	S Xanadu Way	3 - 4	1,633	2 Garage, Att	2 Story

Homes For Sale as of March 17, 2016

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$146,500	2664	S Xanadu Way D	1 - 1	843	1 Space	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$179,900	13635	E Yale Ave C	2 - 2	1,153	1 Space	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$239,000	2761	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,365	2 Garage, Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$245,000	13663	E Evans Ave	2 - 2	1,344	1 Garage, Att	2 Story

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The only sure way to get a par is to leave a four-foot birdie putt two inches from the hole

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It's as easy to lower your handicap as it is to lower your hat size.

One good shank deserves another.



No matter how badly you are playing, its always possible to play worse.

Any swing or grip change works for three holes.



The odds of hitting a duffed shot increase by the square of the people watching.

Never play your son for money.



The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about your golf swing.

It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 10.



Betting lengthens putts and shortens drives.

It's not a gimme if you're still away.



The more your opponent quotes the rules, the greater the certainty that he cheats.

Always limp with the same leg for the whole round.



The rake is always in the other trap.

The wind is in your face on 16 of the 18 holes



Nothing straightens out a nasty slice quicker than a sharp dog-leg to the right unless your left handed

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Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) State of the District

January 2016, began the 7th year of ownership of Heather Ridge (HR) open space by the 1,127 homeowners in the ten HOAs making the HRMD. Thanks to the management of HR Golf Club, Noonan's Sports Bar & Grill, Vinny's Custom Golf, and others, HRMD is in fine operational and financial condition. The Heather Ridge Golf Course received recognition as the "Best Course For Seniors" from a survey of 4,000 Avid Golfer Colorado readers for 2016. (See page 12). Golf operations are brisk, with over 28k rounds of golf in 2015; and of significance, Golf Operations, called the Enterprise Fund, had a \$370k bank balance, with all the bills paid on 12/31/2015, after Golf contributed more than \$126.9k to computers, grounds upgrades, cart paths and maintenance equipment.

The HRMD directors continue to keep all residents up-to-date and maintain transparency through the monthly *Metro Matters* Newsletters and the HRColo.org website. All financials for the previous month are available on line by the third Thursday each month. Page 10 of the March, 2014, News/*Metro Matters* tab on the HRColo.org website, provides detail of the various funds.

HRMD directors are keeping tabs on several issues in 2016.

HR Mission Update

- We are getting positive feedback from the community with the success attained in saving our open space (best maintained as a golf course);
- Metro Denver property values were recently judged escalating faster than any other in the USA; and HR property values are increasing at a higher rate than Metro Denver averages. On the average, home owners in HR are keeping their home 11 years compared to the average house in the US that sells every 8 years. HR residents like living here because they stay longer.
- We are maintaining and enhancing our way of life.

Re-Financing the HRMD Bond

When the community agreed to buy the open space in December, 2009, bonds (a bond is similar to a mortgage loan) were acquired to buy the neglected asset (90 acre golf course and clubhouse) and begin updating/enhancing the property. The original bonds were for \$5.945m

(4.2% interest), but had a varied year-to-year payout of principal and interest. The bonds were based upon a 30 year payout with a total mill levy of 42.5 for both bond repayment and District operations and administration. For several reasons the bond had a 6 year term (balloon) with planned re-bonding in December, 2016. The bond balance at 2015 year end was \$4.9m. The directors are now addressing this deadline to finalize a new bond. The new bond will pay off the balloon & add as planned in 2009, capital improvements to: 1. Repave the parking lot around the clubhouse; 2. Finish the back nine irrigation system; 3. Increase water storage capacity; and 4. Improve water quality. The anticipated new total bond principal amount is approximately \$6.5m as of March, 2016. This is about \$500k more than the original principal of the earlier bonds. We can accomplish these 4 items with a new lower-interest bond (3.6% estimated rate) amortized for 25 year that matches bond debt levels promised for years 2009-2016 levels given assessed valuation of HR homes. Funds from the Enterprise Fund (Golf Ops) and the Open Space foundation will be added to the Capital Fund to improve the aged cart paths and assist with these capital improvements.

Thanks to the management of HR Golf Club, Noonan's Sports Bar & Grill, Vinny's Custom Golf, and others, HRMD is in fine operational and financial condition.

HR Open Space Foundation IRS 501(c)(3)

At the end of 2014 the HR Open Space Foundation had a balance of \$7.4k. This fund is separate and autonomous from the HRMD and is targeted for HRMD capital improvements. Memorial contributions have been made by residents/golfers with IRS tax deductible donations. The foundation currently has one director. We welcome more resident volunteers to become foundation directors. The foundation normally meets once a year. Please remember the foundation as you make these tax deductible donations in memory of loved ones.

Aurora Council Ward IV Representation

- HR Champion Warrior, **Molly Markert**, our former Ward IV councilwoman, was term limited and retired in December, 2015. Molly first approached us in April, 2005, informing us of proposed development, transforming our open space into as many as 5,000 multi-family apartments. Molly then became an

integral part of facilitating our organization to form the HRMD. Without her help, it is almost certain we would be looking at a much different community. We all owe Molly a big, "THANK YOU!"

- **Charlie Richardson**, Aurora's former 30 year City Attorney, was elected to replace Molly. It just so happens he is also our HR neighbor, a 10 year Sausalito HOA resident. We are lucky to have Charlie on board. He will keep a watchful eye out with HR's best interest.

Development

- RTD Iliff Light Rail Station and the surrounding properties are progressing on schedule. We should be able to ride the train from the Iliff Station to DIA, Downtown and throughout the metro area by year end.
- Traffic will increase with completion of the new Iliff Station, 600 space parking lot and accompanying 400+ multi-family development to the east and around the US Post Office. More than 4,000 trips each day are anticipated to be entering/exiting Iliff and Yale
- The abandoned garage built in 1983, at the S I-225 Exit 5 to Iliff has been replaced with a Self Storage structure. HR was instrumental convincing the city to make this happen as zoning had to be changed. The expected benefits to HR for our efforts were ignored as the ownership interests changed hands. Somehow the promises to HR for dedicated signage and other

promises made to the HR community in exchange for our support were conveniently forgotten.

- Developers continue to view the 5 acre HR clubhouse area as a development site. Any proposed plans will be presented to the community for HR consideration/ approval before any action is taken.
- HRMD supports our neighbors to the west, Danbury Park, with their recommendations for development of the open ground SW of Iliff and Vaughn Way (immediately north of Danbury Park).

HR homeowners should take pride in our collective accomplishments. As we residents meet with other associations, communities, cities, educators, etc., people are amazed with the results we volunteer citizens have achieved. HR homeowner resident volunteers are always welcome as we continue our mission to preserve the open space (best maintained as a golf course); protect our property values; and maintain our way of life.

And one parting comment: – Please say **Thank You** to the HR golfers. They are paying the bills (\$817k in 2015) and are the reason for our success as we continue with our mission. Now let's all have fun, life is too short not to play golf!

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Rocky Mountain National Park

The Rocky Mountain National Park lies between Estes Park and Grand Lake, and encompasses the pure and nature beauty of the region. High mountain lakes and streams, peaks more than 14,000 feet, thick evergreen forests and thousands of acres of wildlife, creates a national park that most people imagine when they think of the Rockies in Colorado. One of the most popular sights is Trail Ridge Road which spans the Park and connects Estes Park on the east side to the town of Grand Lake on the western slope. It's the highest continuous paved road in the United States, reaching an elevation of 12,183 feet. It is open to vehicle traffic from Memorial Day weekend in May through Columbus Day in October. There are numerous trails, short hikes and scenic pull-off spots. The entire trip crosses about 50 miles of spectacular Rocky Mountain scenery and can take anywhere from 2 hours of non-stop driving to an all day trip with scenic and meal stops.

Mesa Verde National Park

Located in southwest Colorado near Cortez, Mesa Verde National Park

is home to some of the most unique Ancestral Puebloan dwelling in the world. The towers of Hovenweep were built by ancestral Puebloans, a sedentary farming culture that occupied the Four Corners area from about A.D. 500 to A.D. 1300. Tucked securely into cliff walls, the adobe-constructed homes are a novel sight to visitors who crane their necks skyward to see them. On Mesa Verde tours, ladders give guided groups access to the cliff dwellings, and park rangers offer glimpses into the daily lives of Ancestral Puebloans.

One-hour walking tours of Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling and home of multiple living enclaves and buildings is a must as you travel through Mesa Verde. You can expect to do a bit of mild climbing and walking, as the route first descends roughly 100 feet over uneven steps and ascends a series of eight-foot ladders to access and exit the site.

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve

Nowhere else in the United States do mountains of sand stand higher than in the Rocky Mountains at Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado. The tallest dunes in North America are the centerpiece in a diverse landscape of grasslands, wetlands, conifer and aspen forests, alpine lakes, and tundra. Experience this diversity through hiking, sand sledding, wildlife watching, and more! The tallest dune towers 750 foot high

at an elevation of 8,700 feet above sea level. The entire dune field itself, located near the town of Alamosa, encompasses 30 square miles within the 150,000 acre park.

Half the park is after dark! Nighttime at Great Sand Dunes can include dunes exploration under a bright full moon, viewing thousands of stars on a clear moonless night, listening for owls along the foothills, or viewing migrating amphibians on a wet night.

Medano Creek in Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is something of a mystery. Each spring it emerges from the mountains behind the sand dunes to form a wide, shallow and gently flowing stream. Visitors wade into it to cool hot feet after tromping around the dunes.

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

Sheer black walls plummet up to 2,700 feet on this 53-mile stretch of narrow gorge near Montrose, which reveal millions of years of natural history. Since its documented European discovery in the 1700s, the gorge has been renowned for its dramatic scenery and recreational opportunities. The Denver and Rio Grande narrow gauge railroad once traversed the mouth of this fissure that plunges into the Rockies. Today, the train is paid homage by an informative railroad museum and ranger talker throughout the park.

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Selecting the most appropriate containers is every bit as important as choosing the plants to grow in them. Materials such as terracotta, fiberglass, stone and wood all make wonderful containers and most garden centers carry a range of designs. The classic pot shape has gently sloping sides that enable you to remove the plant and its root ball for repotting. When selecting urns and jars that are designed to taper toward the mouth, make sure that the container has a sufficiently wide planting area for your needs. For tall displays, choose pots with a heavy base to prevent them from toppling over. If you prefer improvised containers, such as old troughs or wheelbarrows, remember to provide drainage holes in the base.

Traditional Terracotta

One of the most popular materials for containers has always been

terracotta, which means that more container designs are available in this material. Plain and decorative, its rich earthy color combines beautifully with plants and it weathers so well that its appearance often improves with age. Terracotta clay is a porous material and quickly soaks up water, so remember to water your plant frequently to prevent them from drying out.

If you live in a cold area, check that your terracotta pots are frost-resistant: some imported containers are softer and fired at a lower temperature and have a tendency to crack and flake. Glazed stoneware is frost proof and more water-retentive. Many terracotta pots are machine-made, but hand-crafted items are always more interesting. If hand-

made containers are too expensive for your budget, carefully select mass-produced containers with slight irregularities since these offer more character.

Natural Wood

Wood is an attractive material for tubs, troughs, window boxes and other containers. In

damp regions, wood containers have a limited life unless they are made from hardwood. Softwood, however, can be treated with preservatives to retard decay, or you could use plastic lining to limit rotting caused by watering.



Whiskey barrels and half barrels have always been popular planting containers. Now they are made especially for the gardener in a variety of shapes and sizes.

Metal

Plants look particularly attractive in old metal containers such as copper and iron, especially when the surface of these metals develop a blue-green or gray patina or oxidizes on exposure to weather. Although metal containers are expensive and heavy, they last a lifetime. One idea is to buy these traditional designs at an



antique store or at auction.

Stone and Fiberglass

Stone containers, like metal, are both beautiful and cumbersome. They look fantastic, but need to be located in a permanent site, because moving them can be a strenuous task. Reconstituted stone or concrete are cheaper alternatives. They look harsh when brand new, but if treated with cultured yogurt, they will soon resemble sculptured stone.

A number of fiberglass containers are available that simulate natural materials; they are durable, inexpensive and lightweight.

Improved Containers

Don't forget those objects that can be adapted to hold plants: Chimney pots, wheel barrows and sinks can be modified to make containers that add a special quirky charm to any garden. Just don't forget about proper drainage.

Potting Soil

When filling your containers with your planter's mix, keep in mind that potting soil needs to drain well, but still hold moisture. This allows the roots access to air by letting excess water to drain away.

There are many excellent brands offered at local garden centers. Some may come with slow release fertilizer added. If not, they may sell slow release fertilizer that can be added to your potting soil before you plant.

Selecting the Right Plants

One of the secrets of successful year-round container gardening is to plant a varied selection of small trees, shrubs and flowering perennials in containers to create a foundation of permanent plantings and then introduce annuals, biennials and bulbs that can be easily changed once they are past their peek for temporary seasonal interest.

Spring Bulbs, Plants and Shrubs

Spring is a fun season for containers because a great many bulbs grow well in window boxes, tubs and troughs. Plan ahead by planting bulbs in the fall. Think about planting bulbs that smell as good as they look.

Planting pansies and ornamental cabbage will also add much needed color. Early flowering shrubs will also thrive in containers as well as small flowering trees such as ornamental cherry trees.

Summer Annuals

By late spring, garden centers are teeming with annuals in a rainbow of colors. Many of them will thrive in the controlled

environment of containers, often performing better than in garden beds if they are watered and fed at regular intervals. Summer annuals provide a fantastic show of colorful blooms over many weeks. Many good garden centers offer everything from the exotic to the everyday, so mix and match to your heart's desire.

Autumn Flowers and Berries

Many of the summer annuals produce a further crop of flowers in autumn. Fuchsias, impatiens and begonias put on particularly strong shows of autumn flowers. A few plants, such as daisies, chrysanthemums and asters, come into their own at this time of year. It is also a great time for berries, such as pyracanthus, holly and cotoneaster.

Winter Evergreens

Throughout the year, evergreens are invaluable, providing a leafy element to the more seasonal plants. In harsh winter months, evergreens such as conifers, boxwoods, hollies and privet are useful. Clipped into simple geometric shapes, they add an architectural beauty to paved patio areas and pathways.

Choosing the Right Location

When choosing plants for containers, the exposure of the location, be it bright, shady, sheltered or open, should be taken into consideration. Plants



in containers are naturally more exposed to the elements, so matching the plants' needs to the location you select, the more successful your plantings will be.

Bright and Shady Areas

When planting in locations with full exposure to sun, be sure to select sun-loving plants. When planted in containers, however, even sun-worshipping varieties do better where they have a little relief from the sun. This is because plants in containers, especially hanging baskets, have less soil to retain water. Regular watering

Container Planting continued on page 30.



HR Heather Ridge

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Burgundy

Spring brings out the “walker” in most folks – pet walkers and people walkers – at any hour of the day or night. The golf course, owned by members of your HOA, is a business meant to generate income. Therefore, for your protection, and that of your children and animals, signs are posted reminding us that golfers, and their sometimes errant golf balls, are the priority during any hour that the course is open (pretty much 24/7). Next, the messy, not everyone is as conscientious and responsible as we are, so, if you see someone whose pet has left something behind (even though Burgundy provides plenty of bags!), please let them know where this can be properly deposited – hint, hint.



Work Orders: This is the season for DIY projects as well. If your list includes replacing windows, porch lights (motion detectors are great), furnace and/or air conditioners, tankless water heaters, TV dishes, etc, the proper work order needs to be completed before any works begins. If your plans involve anything that will alter/enhance the outside of your home, contact CMS by phone or online to complete the proper forms.

Recycle: While we are sorting through the winter things and making room to bring out the summer decor, recycling comes to mind. To help make the most of the special bins located in each drive, I'm borrowing hints from a flyer put out by Heather Gardens Green Team. Items best for recycling include: **paper** (anything that can be torn but no shredding), **hard plastic** (no stretchable, soft plastic like grocery bags or bottle lids), most **metal, glass** (bottles and jars but not dishes, windows, mirrors

or broken glass), **no styrofoam** of any kind, **no liquids**. Not everything can be recycled, so if in doubt, throw it out.

Earth Day Electronic Recycling SOUND Event

When: Saturday, April 23, 2016

What time: 12 pm – 3 pm

Where: In the big parking lot at the Waterpark/Kaiser buildings, 2530 S Havana Street, Aurora CO 80014 (NE corner of Parker Road and Havana, just south of Olive Garden and SE of The Stampede.

Note: We are not doing document shredding at this event.

Illiff Library: The Illiff Square Branch of the Library is re-opening (at Illiff and Peoria).

Feeding Wildlife: A reminder, too, please **Do Not** feed the wildlife! It doesn't matter a bit how cute they are. Putting out food of any sort encourages fearlessness and

interrupts their natural eating cycle, besides, it's against the law. I can't believe I had a squirrel at the patio door wanting to share the donut in his mouth!

Board: We are excited to welcome Kirt Chiles and Amanda Milstead back to the board. Their passion and knowledge of Burgundy is a great value to all of us.

Homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly meetings of your Board of Directors. We want and need your input. These meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6 pm in the Clubhouse. Contact CMS so we can save a chair for you. The meeting sign is posted in the parking area during the week prior to the meeting.

Contact info for CMS: Website www.cms-hoa.com. Beth Wagoner, manager 720-377-0100 X1304, beth@cmsincorp.net.

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Fencing Up: Installation continues for the complex, weather permitting. If the warm weather continues, we expect completion by late April. Lowes will continue to contact residents in advance of courtyard fence replacement at their homes, so people will have time to move plants, furniture and decorations. Each courtyard will present different issues you may want to discuss with the installation team. If your schedule allows, you may want to be home when they begin your courtyard. If not, you will want to contact them in advance and/or leave them written instructions or questions. After all the fences are installed, the board members involved in the fence project, along with the fencing company

installers and a representative from Lowes will walk the entire property to discuss any repairs that are needed from the fence installation. If you have such repairs, please let Tara at Westwind know about them.

Sewer System: Please keep in mind that we have an aging sewer system (as do all the HOA's in the area), **please do not flush the following items down the toilets:** diapers, feminine personal products, dog "wee pads," or sanitary hand wipes, they really are Not flushable despite what the boxes say.

Gutter Cleaning: Residents, please check your gutters to see if they still need to be cleaned, and report any such needs to Tara at Westwind.

Email Addresses: It would be very helpful for Westwind and the HOA Board to have residents' email addresses, so we can communicate in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. Please call Tara at the number below and give her your address. We will continue to send mail to you regarding important issues or upcoming dates, but email is

quicker and much less costly for normal communications. Be assured your emails will not be shared or used for any commercial purposes.

Committees: The Board committees would like to have resident participation on the following committees:

1. Litigation/Insurance Committee: Chaired by CJ Baar, resident Susan Bruce participating, but we need more volunteers, especially those with insurance or litigation experience;
2. Landscape Committee: Chaired by Barry McConnell, resident Mike Carter participating; we need other volunteers with landscape, arborist or horticulture backgrounds as well;
3. Strategic Planning Committee: We will be discussing a five-year plan for the community, and discussing reserve studies. Co-chaired by Barry and CJ, and we need volunteers with financial planning experience.

Updates:

- The R&R Committee will meet at least once before the April meeting to discuss the new draft document, in the hope of having the R&R's ready to give new copies to residents at that time. The other document revisions will take quite a while longer and will require review by our attorney.
- We still have some refrigerator

magnets for residents, with the contact information for Westwind on them,. Pick them up from a board member.

- In early March, the Board interviewed landscape and irrigation companies for the upcoming seasonal contracts, and have made a selection.
- Yes, the coyotes are back. There is a mated pair that can be seen very early in the morning roaming the golf course. Residents should Not leave their small dogs or cats outside unattended. Nor should you leave food for pets outside, not only does it draw coyotes to watch who might be eating the food, there are occasional raccoons that will eat the food themselves.

Annual Board Meeting: Our annual meeting will be held on April 14 at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. You will receive meeting notice and proxy forms in the mail within 10 days prior to the meeting. We welcome resident attendance at this meeting, as at any other monthly meeting.

Board Meetings: Our Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse.

Westwind: Contacts at Westwind Management are: Tara – 303-369-1800 ext 125, and her assistant Sarah – 303-369-1800 ext 118.

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Sausalito

Fencing Update: This spring we will be replacing the old wooden retaining walls and split rail fencing along Victor. Trucks and workmen will be on site, so please be careful as you drive on Victor. The final product will make our community more attractive and safer for Sausalito residents.

Spring Walk Through: Board members Pat and Carol will do our annual spring walk through with Chuck, our landscaping contractor. We work very hard to maintain our beautiful community and the common areas we share. Last fall we completed serious necessary pruning and removal of old unsightly dead trees and bushes. Be assured new xeriscape



planting will be done this spring. As a reminder, HOA covenants prohibit homeowners from planting flowers or bushes in common areas ground. We love flowers; however all flower planting must be in containers. Patios are not common area so you can plant in the ground.

Gutter Cleaning: We appreciate your patience with the cleaning of pinyon pine needles and leaves from our gutters. Bad weather and snow halts the cleaning. Cleaning is now underway. Please report any gutter cleaning needs to Emily at H.O.A. Simple LLC or complete a work order form on the Sausalito website. Moving forward the Board approved a plan to check gutters every two months and clean as necessary.

Financials: The 2016 Budget, including increase in HOA dues, was ratified at the March 9, 2016 Budget Ratification Meeting. All homeowners received notice of this open meeting plus a proxy if they could not attend the meeting. Our outstanding delinquencies are down. A few large delinquencies are in collections. Our attorneys work closely with delinquent homeowners to achieve a win-win situation for payback. Financially our HOA is in good shape.

Neighborhood Watch: There was a large turnout for the first quarter Neighborhood Watch meeting for Area 10 and 11. The subject was Identify Theft, Fraud and Scams. A great informative meeting! It is important that we shred everything and check our mailboxes often. Easy to do right? The Aurora Police Department is

asking us to join a website called *Nextdoor.com* where neighbors can communicate about the issues that matter most in their community, report suspicious activities, and help prevent crime and receive updates from local police. You may sign-up and participate to receive postings at <https://heatherridgese.nextdoor.com>. If you decide to sign up and have any problems doing so, please contact the Aurora Police Department and ask for the PAR Officer Fermin Moreno for Area 10 and 11. Bev Brown, our Area 10 Captain has retired. Thanks to Cindy Bowen for agreeing to be our new Area 10 Captain. As always, be alert to people walking throughout our community. Watch out for your neighbors' property while they are on vacation. Common courtesy. 911 is simply a phone call away.

Internet Email Scam: FYI. A friend who is a CPA passed this along to me. One such email reads: *"Hi Taxpayer. On Date and Time inserted, we noticed an attempt to file your refund from unrecognized location in United States. If this was you, there is no further action. If this wasn't you and believe someone may have tried to file in for your refund, please, verify your information with IRS and update/Activate against further access and theft."* Signed by what seems to be a director of the IRS. **Be aware, clicking on the print in blue is a scam and can open you up to fraud.**

Sausalito Insurance Carrier: We have switched our community insurance from Nationwide to American Family. If you need insurance information, please contact

Emily at H.O.A. Simple.

Visitor Parking: Just a reminder that visitor parking is for visitors only with some restrictions. Ticketing and towing rules are posted on our website. Homeowners/renters are expected to park their cars in their two car garage. For those of you who may own more than two cars, you are to park on public streets like Vaughn Way. Cars are also not to be parked in a driveway and we have a zero tolerance policy for parking in auto courts.

Board Members: Vincent Roith, President, 303-745-9805; Tom Scally, Vice President/Architecture, 303-750-8772; Carol McCormick, Secretary/Newsletter/NW, 720-747-0836; Pat Horton, Treasurer/Pools, 303-695-6181; Debi Martinez, Pools, 720-298-8323; Board Members at Large, Rick Wilhelm, 505-412-7190 and Katie Avery, 303-506-2917.

Property Management Company: H.O.A. Simple LLC. Contact Emily Bresina our Sausalito Manager at 303-260-7177 x5. If you need work done, replacement outside light bulbs, etc., please complete a maintenance request form on our Sausalito website.

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 lower level.

Carol McCormick

Chimney Hill

Here we are in our first full month in spring, April. This year, because of the early Easter, the main celebration this month will be Earth Day on Friday, April 22. On Saturday, April 23, if you have electronic waste from outdated computers to old cell phones, this will be the time to take them to the Earth Day Recycling Event at the big parking lot next to the Waterpark/Kaiser buildings, 2530 S Havana Street, at the northeast corner of Parker Road and Havana from 12 pm to 3 pm. Entercom Denver, a sponsor of the event, will be giving recyclers a chance to win an HD radio and free concert tickets. Techno-Rescue, the electronic recycler for the event, can provide a list of



what can be dropped off at 303-482-2207. See page 27 for a complete list of acceptable electronics.

Landscaping: Spring is also the time when thoughts of landscaping improvements pop into our heads. Beyond simple trimming and watering, any major improvements should be cleared through the association. Go to the Chimney Hill website to complete the Architectural Improvement Form for any improvement changes you are considering. At the same time, if you have reconnected your outside hoses from the winter hiatus and have noticed any water leaks from the connection, please contact Alec and his team at Accord Management to put in a repair order. Besides reducing water costs to the association, preventing water waste is also good for the environment.

For this and other property related issues, Alec can be reached through his email at alec@accordhoa.com and he and his team can be reached through the Accord main number, 720-230-7303. Do not hesitate to follow up if you have not gotten a response.

Since last year proved that occasional snow storms can reach into spring, the de-ice buckets will remain out at their locations until May. If you need to use de-icer during a spring storm, please consider your neighbors and don't forget to return the scoops to the buckets. They do not make very good spades for your spring gardening.



Facebook: If you are on Facebook and haven't joined the Chimney Hill Facebook group, come and

get together with your community neighbors. If you have joined and do not see your Facebook neighbor friends in the group, invite them in through the page. Once you are in, start posting and adding to the conversation about matters around the community. The direct link to the page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChimneyHillHeatherRidge/>. Coyote sighting notifications could get better traction here than with a paper posted on the mailboxes.

Board Meeting: The next Chimney Hill board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30 pm at the Accord Management offices at 3033 S. Parker Road, Tower 1, Suite 320. All association owners are welcome to present issues to the board.

Kerry Reis



A Big Birthday Party! ***Aurora's Celebrating*** ***its 125th Birthday***

The City of Aurora is celebrating its 125th Birthday with a Free Concert featuring the Aurora Symphony Orchestra and Aurora Singers with music from the 1890s.

Tuesday, May 24 at the Rose Garden Plaza at The Gardens on Havana, 1350 S. Ironton, Aurora, CO 80012.

Free Concert and Free Birthday cake for all!

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on and join in the fun in the Rose Garden for this free birthday concert for the City of Aurora. Door prize drawings will be held at 7 pm (no purchase necessary). Bring a bottle of water or something non-alcoholic to drink. The Aurora Symphony and Aurora Singers are preparing special music just for this big day! Celebrate community with some free birthday cake.

Heather Ridge South



Ice, Wind, and Snow: Never count your chickens before the winter season is over, but so far so good staying within our budget costs. Each season has one or two snowy and cold stretches with melting and freezing water, and this winter is no exception. However, the “snow and cold” stretches have been minimal along with excellent snow removal and “sanding” to minimize ice hazards. North facing units and their gutter downspouts are the most troublesome to mitigate, but with residents reporting problems to Janelle Maninger, our property manager at Westwind, problems have been minimal.

Garbage In, Garbage Out: No, this isn't about computers. It's about garbage, plain and simple. There are two troublesome issues that residents need to observe: Tuesday is our normal garbage pickup day, so please read our Rules and Regulations for when, where and how garbage goes out. It goes out no earlier than 6 pm the day before, and all empty cans and debris must be removed by end of trash day. And remember, you “own” your trash if it blows away you must pick it up.

Secondly, the sizes, packaging, and amounts of trash can be a community eyesore. Typically, this problem comes from owners or tenants moving out, estate sales, or units being remodeled. These events and others generate large amounts of “stuff”, and just because there's lots of “stuff” doesn't mean it gets to be piled outside your unit days before removal. Keep your “stuff” in your garage or

front courtyard if appropriate, and when it goes out most, if not all of it, needs to be in containers.

Large pieces of debris, furniture, or appliances will require a special pickup and additional cost by our refuse company, Alpine Waste and Recycling. Call them to discuss your issues, their policies, and Heather Ridge South's Rules and Regulations.

Automatic Payment of HOA Fees: Contact Westwind to have your payments set up for automatic disbursement. It prevents late payments, late charges, and administrative action. The Board reviews all late charges at its monthly meetings.

What is Your Garage Used For? The answer is simple – to park your cars. HRS has a parking problem that's getting worse – too many people permanently parking outside

of their garages because their garages are used for non-parking issues. This causes problems with snow removal and driveway maintenance, traffic congestion, creates an attractive nuisance for vandals and thieves, and hurts our appearance and real estate values. Parking congestion is the number one complaint by condo buyers, so please park in your garage. Please!

Estate Sales: These are permitted but controlled by our Rules and Regulations. Anyone holding an estate sale must have permission from Westwind. Estate sales attract lots of people, so controlling parking, cars, access to interior roadways, display of signs and personal property, etc. all falls under our Architectural Controls and will be enforced. For any questions or concerns, please contact Westwind, Janelle Maninger.

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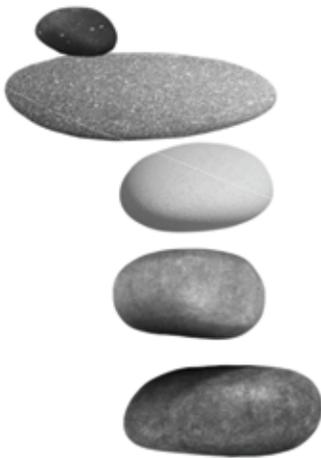


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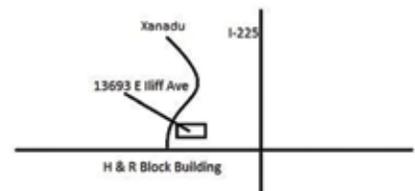
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Strawberry Amendment to Declarations: It has been a long time coming, but we have finalized the Declarations with the attorney's approval. The document will be mailed to the Homeowners for review. We will hold a meeting for the Homeowners to discuss the revisions prior to voting. The meeting date will be announced soon.

No Trespassing Signs: No trespassing signs have been placed throughout the development entrances. Brownstone Security and the Aurora Police Department are authorized to enforce any trespassing.

Theft: Several cars in Phase 2 have been stolen or damaged. Residents, please be vigilant and notify Aurora Police and Brownstone Security if you see suspicious activity. Some ways to deter thieves are:

- Keep your vehicles locked.
- Make sure all your doors and windows are securely locked.
- Turn porch lights on in the evening.
- Be alert of your surrounds.
- Notify Brownstone Security, 720-879-4598, if you plan to be away.
- Mention away plans to your trusted neighbors.

Landscape Committee: It is not too late to join our Landscaping Maintenance Committee and/or the Landscape Planning Committee. These committees provide an opportunity to share your ideas, suggestions and maintenance needs for the community. Contact Felicia or Kimberly at ACM, 303-233-4646, to

share your interest. A meeting will be held shortly.

Social Committee: We welcome volunteers to join our Social Committee. This is an opportunity to help- plan fun events for 2016. Please contact Felicia or Kimberly, at ACM, 303-233-4646, to volunteer.

Parking Lot Safety: Nice weather is fast approaching and there will be more activity outside. Please adhere to the 6 mph speed limit. We ask that parents not allow children to use our parking lots as a playground.

Pothole Maintenance: Pothole maintenance has been completed during the nice weather this past winter.

Parking: Parking has always been a concern and with the light rail opening soon, it may become an even greater concern. Just a reminder, parking in

Phase 2 is limited to the homeowner assigned spaces. Please be courteous and notify your guests to park on the street. We enforce parking violations and unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

Emerald Isle Landscaping: Emerald Isle will begin spring cleaning, sprinkler maintenance and fertilizing soon. Additionally, there will be repairs from the damage that occurred during the winter snow removal. If you have an area that needs repair from this damage, please contact Felicia or Kimberly at ACM, 303-233-4646. This will help isolate the issues that need to be addressed.

Board Meetings: Strawberry's Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse. We encourage all homeowners to attend.

Bev Earley

Free Days in April

Denver Art Museum, April 2 and 24
100 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy.
720-865-5000, www.denverartmuseum.org

Botanic Garden, April 3
1007 York Street, www.botanicgardens.org
720-865-3500

Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, April 5
8500 Deer Creek Canyon Road, Littleton 80128
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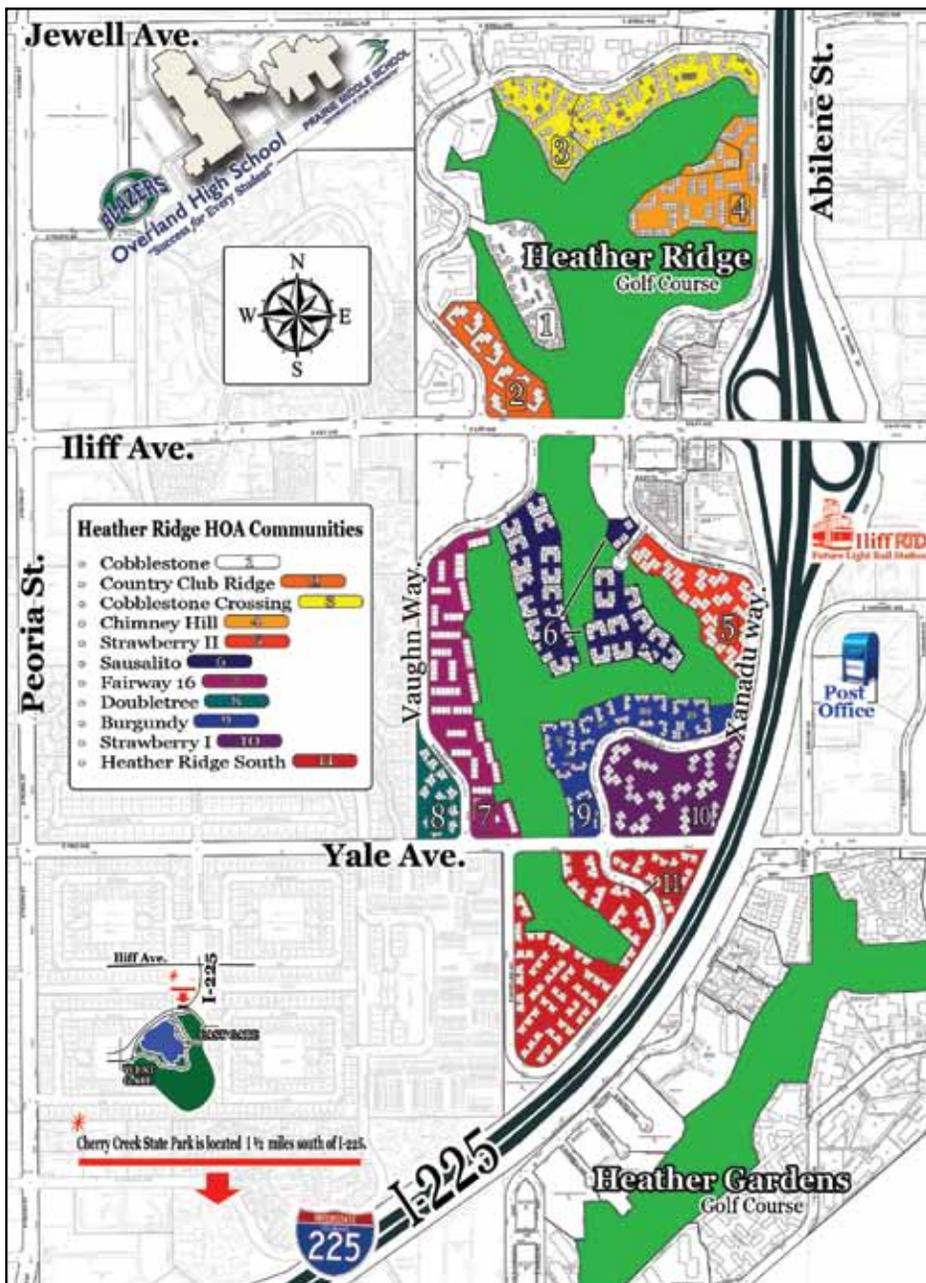
Children's Museum of Denver, April 5, 4-8 pm
2121 Children's Museum Drive, Denver
303-433-7444

Four Mile Historic Park, April 8
720-865-0800, info@fourmilepark.org
715 S Forest St., Denver 80246

April 10 (Earth Day) and
April 23 (Dia del Nino)
Scientific & Cultural Facilities District
2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver 80205
303-370-6000

Denver Museum of Nature and Science, April 10
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303-322-7009, www.dmns.org

Heather Ridge Community Map



Cobblestone Crossing
 Accord Property Management
 720-230-7393
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 HOA Meeting: 2nd Mon. 6 pm
 3033 S Parker Road, Ste 720

Country Club Ridge
 Custom Management
 303-752-9644
 # Units: 64
 HOA Meeting: 3rd Mon. 7 pm
 Noonan's 19th Hole

Double Tree
 Self Managed
 Wendy Traynor
 # Units: 24
 HOA Meeting: 1st Mon. semi-monthly
 Contact Aletha for information

Fairway 16
 Westwind Management
 Tara – 303-369-1800 x125
 # Units: 116
 HOA Meeting: 2nd Thurs. 6:30 pm
 Clubhouse, 2600 S Vaughn Way
 www.fairway16.com

Heather Ridge South
 Westwind Management Co
 Janelle Maninger – 303-369-1800
 Janelle@windmanagment.com
 21 Inverness Drive, Englewood, CO
 80122
 # Units: 176
 HOA Meeting: 4th Tues, 6:30 pm
 HRS Clubhouse, 2811 S Xanadu Way
 www.heatherridgesouth.com

Sausalito
 HOA Simple - Craig Supplee owner
 Emily Bresina, manager
 ebresina@hoasimple.com
 303-260-7177 x5; # Units: 159
 HOA Meeting: 2nd Wed. 6:30 pm
 Heather Ridge Golf Club
 www.sausalito.com

Strawberry I & II
 Association & Community
 Management
 # Units: 328
 HOA Meeting: 3rd Wed. 6:30 pm
 Strawberry Clubhouse,
 2638 S Xanadu Way

Burgundy
 Community Management Services
 Beth Wagoner – 720-377-0100 x
 1304
 beth@cmsincorp.net
 # Units: 120
 HOA Meeting: 2nd Tues. 6 pm
 Burgundy Clubhouse
 www.cms-hoa.com

Chimney Hill
 Accord Property Management

Alex – 720-230-7321
 # Units: 116
 HOA Meeting: 3rd Wed. 6:30 pm
 Noonan's 19th Hole

Cobblestone
 Capital Management Co
 Chris – 303-832-2971 x 303
 # Units: 74
 HOA Meeting: 4th Mon. 6 pm
 Heather Ridge Golf Club

Container Planting

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will prevent leaves and flowers from drying out in hot, sunny periods. Planting containers in deep shade can be somewhat of a challenge. Choose your plants wisely. Selecting bright and or white flowering, shade-loving plants can really brighten up an otherwise dark area.

Proportion and Shape

Plants grow in a variety of different shapes and sizes. To select the most suitable plants for certain containers, you need to consider a plant's natural growth habit. For example, upright or trailing and how tall the plant is going to grow. When you are buying plants always check the dimensions of the plant on the label. The shape of the container and plantings should look harmonious and when out in the open, as opposed to against a wall, the container should look just as good from the back and sides.

Planting for Color and Texture

Color is very much a matter of personal taste, but when

designing your containers, an awareness of the mood color combinations create is important. For example, reds, oranges and yellows give a feeling of warmth, while purples, blues and greens create a cooling effect.

When selecting a color theme you can choose colors that are in harmony with each other, such as different shades of the same color. Examples are different tones of red, ranging from dark red to pink. Other harmonious colors could be reds, oranges and yellows or pinks and purples.

When planting for texture it becomes clear that flower petals and foliage come in a staggering range of sizes and textures. They encompass everything from waxy, smooth, shiny, matte and prickly with subtle variations in between. Your choice of textures should be decided by where you intend to place your containers. Small feathery leaves and delicate little flowers create subtle beauty that should be appreciated from up close. When creating a display that can be appreciated from a distance, try working with bold flowers and large leaf shapes. When working with groups of containers, I often try to choose containers in similar colors and styles so as to focus attention on the different foliage and flowers. Happy Planting!

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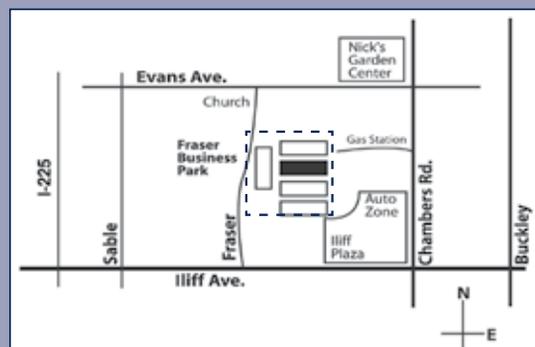

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