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News You Can Use!

Heather Ridge Metro District: The District is finalizing its refinancing of existing bonds. Details are pending on interest rate, bond underwriting, and loan amount. The goal is to replace old bonds with new ones because of the six-year "balloon or call date" from when they were originated in December of 2009. If done as planned, the new bond balance will be approximately \$6.5 million amortized over 25 years with loan payments equal to or less than the original bond. This will generate approximately \$1.6 million for capital improvement to Metro District assets only. Examples include new irrigation system for the back-nine golf holes, new parking lot, pond and quality of water improvements, and clubhouse upgrades for major mechanical systems and/or city code requirements. The new bond is expected to fund by late May or June of 2016. For more details, please contact the Heather Ridge Metro District at 303-755-3660.

Home Prices Still Rising: The *Denver Post* reported on April 6 that home for sale inventory is below 4,000 and struggling to maintain itself given high demand. Our median price was \$353,600 at the end of 2015 compared to \$310,200 for 2014...and \$280,600 at the end of 2013. Over the last two years home prices are up 26 percent, making metro-Denver the 8th fastest rising city out of 176 cities tracked by the National Association of Realtors. There's no talk of a "housing bubble" because credit for loans is very demanding compared to conditions before the Great Recession; and new housing construction is nowhere close to meeting demand. Builders are constructing more apartments than condos or single family homes to avoid liability issues. A shortage of skilled

construction workers and their rising labor costs is also holding back building expansion. *See page 10 for graph on Heather Ridge 7 year values*.

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Unemployment Rate Very Low: Colorado as a whole has a 2.9 percent unemployment rate, and metro Denver's rate is 3.3 percent. Only South Dakota (2.5%) and New Hampshire (2.6%) have lower state rates. Colorado's 53 consecutive months of job growth compares to the 58 month streak from September 1991 to June 1996. Metro Denver's 3.3 percent encompasses a 10-county area and tends to fluctuate more than state levels due to its faster and more dynamic economy.

Denver Becoming a Renter-Majority City: At a recent Zillow sponsored housing seminar in Denver, it was pointed out that insufficient new home construction, especially condos, is putting new pressures on our rental market. Rents now average \$1,959, up 7.2 percent year over year, and expected to grow another 3.8 percent this year. By the end of 2015, renters were spending 34 percent of their income on rent vs. 24 percent before Denver's housing expansion estimated to be 2013-2014. In Denver, renters now constitute 51.9 percent of households compared to 2010. Also, Denver has seen its population grow by more than 10 percent since 2010, with one-third of that growth by 18-34-year-olds.

Colorado Personal Income Growth: Colorado ranks 7th in the top ten states for income gains, beating out North and South Carolina and Tennessee. The top states by ranking are: California, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Georgia, and Florida. Colorado's income growth rate is 5.1 percent compared to the national average of 4.4. It's per capital income is \$50,410 ranking it 14th among states. Colorado's success is due to earning in the following industries: health care, professional services, state and local governments, real estate and insurance, construction and hospitality compared to declining earnings in farming, mining, information and the military.

The *Denver Business Journal's* April 15-21, 2016 edition reports that 13696 E Iliff Pl recently sold for \$14,800,000 from Aurora Hotel Propco LLC to Aurora Col Hotel Partners,LLC. Yes, this is the Double Tree Hotel. Also, the building at 13900 E Iliff Ave for \$1,730,000 from Profile Acquisitions LLC to AQG Management LLC.

11951 E. Iliff Ave sold for \$1,046,400 from RKMS Aurora LLC to RKMS Aurora 2 LLC. This 322x206 lot and building just west of Walgreens.

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Mazenko, Campus Middle School Win MathCounts State Championship

On a beautifully brisk and sunny Saturday morning in March, the top middle school math minds in the state met to match wits and problem solving skills at the Colorado School of Mines. It was the state championship and national qualifying tournament for the national MathCounts Competition. For the second consecutive year, Austen Mazenko won the individual countdown round and his team from Campus Middle School in Greenwood Village won the team competition. Mazenko will be joined by the team of Rahul Thomas, Edward Lim, and Anudeep Golla for the national tournament in Washington DC on May 7-9.

-Michael P. Mazenko the Program Assistant and an AP English teacher at Cherry Creek High School in Greenwood Village, CO. He was a Denver Post Colorado Voices columnist in 2009, and he blogs at www.a-teachersview.blogspot.com.



Mr. & Ms. Colorado Basketball 2016

De'Ron Davis of Overland named Mr. Colorado Basketball 2016. De'Ron was offered a scholarship by Indiana before he enrolled as a freshman at Overland High School. Davis, (6-foot-9), says, "You can always do more. If you have seven rebounds, you can always get eight." He is the winner of this year's Mr. Colorado Basketball award by The Denver Post. Overland went 83-25 with him. It won the past two Class 5A titles, and he twice was named tournament MVP by *The Denver Post*.



Michaela Onyenwere's junior year at Grandview played out nearly perfectly. Her performance was



unmatched in the state and earned her *The Denver Post's* Ms. Colorado Basketball award. The Wolves won their first 26 games and were 14-0 in the Centennial League before losing to eventual champion ThunderRidge in the Class 5A semifinals.

-Neil H. Devlin, Denver Post Preps/Sports

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Double Tree Board Mtg (Bi-Monthly) Alethia	3	4	5	6	7
8 MOM	9 6 pm Cobblestone Crossing Board Mtg, 3033 S Parker Rd #320	10 6 pm Burgundy Board Mtg Clubhouse	11 6:30 pm Sausalito Mo. Board Mtg HR Golf Club	12 6:30 pm Fairway 16 Annual Board Meeting Clubhouse	13	14
15	16 7 pm Country Club Ridge Board Mtg Noonan's Metro Matters DeadLine	17	18 6:30 pm CH Board Mtg Tower I, 3033 S Parker Rd, Ste 320 6:30 pm Strawberry I & II Board Mtg	19 6:30 pm Council Member Charlie Richardson Town Hall Meeting EcoTech Institute 1400 S Abilene	20	21
22	23 6 pm Cobblestone Board Mtg HR Golf Club	24 6:30 pm HRS Board Mtg HRS Clubhouse	25	26	27	28
29	3 MEMORIAL DAY	31			HRMD Regular g May 19, 2016	



Welcome Robert Laviolette — Thanks Beverly Brown

Robert Laviolette is the new Head Area Coordinator for Area 10 and Heather Ridge. His e-mail is Bobbysplace@ comcast.net and phone number 303-750-9134.

Beverly Brown has faithfully fulfilled this role for our community for many years and we thank her!

The Aurora Police Department strongly encourages citizen efforts to coordinate Neighborhood Watch Programs. Community volunteers, not police officers, run this program. The volunteers coordinate the activities in their areas; arrange meetings, picnics and other social gatherings; and schedule crime prevention and safety training for the residents in their neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch is a group of citizens organized with the goal of taking an active role in making their community healthy and crime-free by working with law enforcement and other city resources. This is the basis of a strong community-policing program.

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Homes Sold March 16 through April 16, 2016

НОА	Sold Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Sold Terms	Concess	Seller Type
Cobblestone Crossing	\$180,000	13326	E Asbury Dr	1 - 2	1,208	Conventional	\$1,000	Individual
Cobblestone Crossing	\$200,000	1923	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,351	Conventional	\$0	Individual
Strawberry I	\$200,000	2631	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,162	Conventional	\$0	Individual
Sausalito	\$235,000	2488	S Victor St D	3 - 2	1,230	Conventional	\$0	Individual
Chimney Hill	\$241,000	13594	E Evans Ave	2 - 2	1,344	Conventional	\$0	Individual
Heather Ridge South	\$250,000	2704	S Xanadu Way	3 - 4	1,633	VA	\$0	Individual

Homes Under Contract as of April 16, 2016

НОА	List Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$129,900	13621	E Yale Ave B	1 - 1	856	2 Spaces	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$179,900	13635	E Yale Ave C	2 - 2	1,153	1 Space	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$179,900	2449	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,091	1 Space	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$199,900	2629	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,162	1 Space	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$214,900	13398	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,392	2 Spaces	2 Story
Sausalito	\$219,000	2503	S Victor St C	3 - 2	1,230	2 Gar, Att	Ranch
Sausalito	\$225,000	2407	S Victor St C	3 - 2	1,230	2 Gar, Att	Ranch
Cobblestone	\$228,000	2151	S Victor St A	2 - 2	1,208	1 Gar, Att	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$233,500	2122	S Victor St E	2 - 2	1,392	1 Gar, 1 Space	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$239,000	2761	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,365	2 Gar, Att	Ranch
Chimney Hill	\$240,000	13682	E Evans Ave	2 - 3	1,344	1 Gar, Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$240,000	2280	S Vaughn Way 204	2 - 2	1,136	1 Gar, Att	Ranch
Cobblestone	\$244,000	2151	S Victor St B	2 - 2	1,208	2 Spaces	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$245,000	13663	E Evans Ave	2 - 2	1,344	1 Gar, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$255,000	2568	S Vaughn Way B	4 - 4	1,650	2 Gar, Att	2 Story

Homes For Sale as of April 16, 2016

НОА	Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$139,900	2622	S Xanadu Way A	1 - 1	843	1 Space	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$146,500	13641	E Yale Ave D	1 - 1	856	1 Space	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$177,000	2421	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,091	2 Spaces	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$229,900	13476	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,392	2 Spaces	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$259,995	2786	S Wheeling Way	4 - 3	1,633	2 Gar, Att	2 Story

Pete and Van are offering an exclusive program that could fund your home improvements for resale.



Heather Ridge Golf Club Monthly Update

www.golfclubatheatherridge.com

Golf Course Operations

Metro Matters Publisher/Editor Barry McConnell recently talked with Heather Ridge Golf Business Manager Larry Ransford about Heather Ridge Golf Course Operations.

Q: Outside of the two major snowstorms in the late March and mid April, we have had some pretty good weather since mid February, has this led to a good start to 2016?

A: The 2016 season is off to an OK start: 2695 in rounds and \$128,000 in revenue. Last year we were at 2994 rounds and \$129,000 in revenue.

Q: Total play days in 2015 were the lowest in the last 5 years, was this largely due to the weather last year?

A: Yes, play days were lower last year and this was totally due to weather. We had a very late summer (it was still snowing in May) and a very early winter. Last year's early November hard freeze damaged several trees throughout the metro area.

Q. Average rounds of golf played per day also dropped from 115 to 106.

A: Average rounds per day are a little more difficult to break down to specific reasons. Again, one of the main reasons is weather, which frequently shows dramatic changes from AM to PM resulting in only partial days of play.

 $\mathbf{Q}{:}$ For the first time in 4 years the golf course did not

make a profit in 2015. What key factors do you attribute this operating loss?

A: The cash balance in January of 2015 was \$385,000. We reinvested \$126,908 during 2015. We purchased close to \$35,000 in equipment to maintain the course, and we also spent over \$50,000 to remove and replace a badly deteriorated section of the cart path. The ending cash balance in December 2015 was \$370,000 (\$15,000 less than in January). Each year we want to show a profit, but we also want to utilize a portion of profits to make improvements to the course.

Q: Average income per round in 2015 was the highest in the past five years, (\$28.98/round) how were you able to generate more income per round?

A: Income per round was up due to an increase in our tournament pricing and demand pricing strategy. Our demand pricing strategy was geared and priced to increase revenue during typically slower days and times of operation. We hope to exceed the third party selling effort this year with the addition of Tee-Off through the PGA Tour web page.

Q. Briefly explain the Tee-Off program .

A: Tee Off is an on-line third party marketing system



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similar to Golf Now. It helps us reach more potential golfers and sell more rounds of golf. It was included with and tied into our new POS. (Point of Sale system)

Q: I know you made some minor improvements around the course last year, what course improvement plans do you have scheduled for 2016?

A: In 2016 we will make improvements around the driving range to improve the function and aesthetic. We also will continue our work on replacing sections of the cart paths to improve the golf experience, safety, and

reduce potential damage to the golf course equipment.

Q: You have made an effort to increase tournament play at Heather Ridge, how is 2016 shaping up?

A: We have high expectations with Ed Blanton leading the charge to exceed last year's successful tournament schedule. We are currently on pace to re-capture four new tournaments that have enjoyed playing our course in the past. Tournament pricing throughout the metro area has become extremely competitive over the last couple of years.



Heather Ridge Women's 18-Hole Golf Club

The 18-Hole Women's Golf Club Kick-Off Luncheon was held on April 2 and was a great success as it was attended by over half of the current HRWGA members. The ladies decided to forego the member-guest tournament originally scheduled for June 13 and decided to instead have individual Wednesday and Saturday "fun" days at which time a member can bring a guest to play. The Saturday date is June 11 and the Wednesday date is June 15. Members can play and bring a guest to either

one day or both days. Tournament formats and signup information will be provided to the members by the tournament chairs at a later date.

Ladies, don't forget to sign-up for the Men's Club Mixer scheduled for Saturday, June 4. A really fun tournament! The sign-up sheet will be posted on the Men's Club bulletin board a few weeks prior to the tournament.

Teresa Anderson







Clockwise top left (left to right): Joyce Scott and Irene Young. Susie Goldberg. Chris Leger. Debbie Holscher and Teresa Anderson. Norma Bisdorf. Natalie Hedlund, Ginny Lewis and Dianne Barnes. Cathy Kytle and Sherry Mendelsberg. Joyce Scott, Sharon Berkowitz and Teresa Anderson. Marcy Greene. Dianne Barnes. Center photo: Liz Clancy and Joyce Scott.









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It's Aurora Cleanup Day

This free event is open to Aurora residents only, and participants must show proof of residency with a driver's license, utility bill or other identification showing your Aurora address.

This event is designed for disposal of residential items that are not appropriate for curbside pickup. In addition to the dumpsters, **Goodwill Industries of Denver will have a donation truck at the Ward V site** to accept gently used clothing, furniture, toys, housewares, books, small (and working) appliances, electronics, cell phones, and computers, monitors and printers. **Front Range Recycling will have a truck at the Ward II site** to accept large appliances and scrap metal. A full list of acceptable items can be found at www.auroragov.org/keepauroraclean. Note that electronics, large furniture, appliances and scrap metal will not be allowed in the dumpsters. Scrap metal and large appliances are allowed at the Ward II site.

- Ward I: Lowry Park, 1001 Dayton St.
- Ward II: Northeast corner of South Airport Boulevard and East Alameda Drive (one block north of East Alameda Parkway)
- Ward III: Havana Machine, 901 S. Havana St.
- Ward IV: Village Green Recreation Center, 1300 S. Chambers Circle
- Ward V: City of Aurora South Satellite Facility, 14303 E. Hampden Ave.
- Ward VI: Aqua Vista Park, 18700 E. Wagon Trail Circle

The following items will not be accepted at any site: air conditioners; televisions; mattresses; construction debris such as concrete, sod, dirt, rocks and bricks; household chemicals and paint; and hazardous waste. Disposal resources for many of these types of waste can be found at www.auroragov.org/keepauroraclean.

Residents who take part in Aurora Cleanup Day will receive a **free reusable grocery bag**, as supplies last. The bags will feature the winning drawing from an anti-litter art contest being held this spring among Aurora students.

Volunteers are needed to assist city staff at the Cleanup Day sites. Contact Jamie LaDuke at 303.739.7248 or volunteer@auroragov.org if you are interested. For questions about Aurora Cleanup Day, contact Neighborhood Services at 303.739.7293 or cleanup@auroragov.org.

Thank you for your continued efforts to Keep Aurora Clean!



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Picnic in the Park

Wondering where to host your family reunion this summer? Need to just take the kids and go for a walk and see the wildlife or play on a jungle gym? Not to worry — Aurora features some well-known and some not so well-known parks and reservoirs.

Walk, hike, bike, fish or just play! Aurora offers 97 developed, well maintained parks, beautiful natural open space areas and two scenic reservoirs. A Park and Open Space permit is required, and a fee will be assessed, at any city-owned park, recreation area, open space site, trail or reservoir if the request is for commercial use; exclusive use; or if the proposed activity will impact other park users and/or general park operations. Aurora has twenty city parks that offer shelters with grills, including the Aurora Reservoir which can be reserved or, if not reserved, available on a first come, first served basis. All other park shelters are free and first come, first served during park hours: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Some of the parks with shelters that can be reserved are:

Aurora Reservoir, 5800 South Powhaton Road

800 acres of surface water makes the Aurora Reservoir a popular fishing destination. Other activities include sailing, windsurfing, non-motorized boating and scuba diving, sun bathing at the seasonal swim beach, an archery range, sand volleyball courts, an 8-mile hard surface perimeter trail and certified 5k soft surface trail.

Bicentennial Park, 13600 E. Bayaud Avenue

34-acre Park with easy access to I-225. The shelter is near a large open field and close to the parking lot.

Del Mar Park, 12000 E. 6th Avenue

40-acre Park and is home to the Aurora Center for Active Adults and Del Mar Park Family Aquatic Center.

The park also features a new playground, shelter, 2 charcoal grills, 2 softball fields, 6 soccer fields, 4 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, horseshoe pits, and a large parking lot.

Red-Tailed Hawk Park, 23701 E Hinsdale Way

35-acre Park features a large playground, open field, wetland boardwalk, vault toilet and parking. The south end of the park features outdoor water spray-ground, 6 bocce courts, 6 horseshoe pits, sand volleyball court, vault restroom and parking. Red-Tailed Hawk Park has 3 shelters that may be reserved. The shelter directly adjacent to the water spray-ground may not be reserved. The water spray-ground will operate Memorial Day through late September. Please note after periods of heavy rain, the spray-ground may close for routine maintenance.

Great Plains Park, 20100 E. Jewell Avenue

50-acre park with a playground, 2 shelters which can be reserved, outdoor water spray-ground, baseball field, large open field, half court basketball, vault toilet, and parking lot. The water spray-ground operates Memorial Day through late September and the small shelters surrounding the spray-ground may not be reserved.

Rocky Ridge Park, 16200 E. Mississippi Avenue

13-acre Park features a playground, shelter, basketball court, in-line court and parking on adjacent streets. The shelter is tucked away from the playground.

Utah Park, 1800 S. Peoria Street

46-acre Park with a large playground, tennis court complex, and Utah Indoor Pool located on the west side. The park also features a large group shelter, basketball court, large open field, walking paths, parking and restrooms.

Settler's Park, 14800 E. Walsh Drive

8-acre Park features a playground, shelter, half basketball court, vault toilet and parking on adjacent streets. The shelter is adjacent to the playground.



Dove Valley Regional Park, 7900 S. Potomac Street

52-acre Park, formerly known as Arapahoe Community Park, is owned by Arapahoe County and maintained by the City of Aurora. It features 4 picnic shelters, a playground, restrooms, parking lot, sand volleyball courts, 2 ball fields and 9 soccer fields. All of the fields are utilized the last week in February through the second week in June and the second week in August through the first weekend in November.

Aurora's two famous reservoirs offer guests opportunities to swim, fish or boat.

Aurora Reservoir 5800 S Powhaton Road

With over 800 acres of water surface, Aurora Reservoir is one of the city's largest park and open space sites; provides multi-use recreation and serves as a drinking water storage facility for Aurora.

Popular activities at the reservoir include fishing, non-motorized boating, archery, scuba diving, picnics, bicycling, walking, running and wildlife viewing. The reservoir has a seasonal swim beach (open Memorial Day – late September) for sunbathing and swimming and offers array of rental boats. Cool off in the AWQUA Lounge, just steps from



Quincy Reservoir 18350 E Quincy Ave

Explore Quincy's shoreline along the 3.5 mile soft surface trail, perfect for viewing wildlife and waterfowl. A picnic table, boat launch and boat rental, and an

and boat rental, and an accessible fishing dock are available for your enjoyment.

Quincy Reservoir's 160 acres of water surface

is well known by metro anglers for trout, largemouth bass, perch and crappie. During the season (March-October) fishing at Quincy Reservoir is by artificial flies and lures only.





the swim beach and learn about the amazing journey water takes to reach our faucet.

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All concerts will take place Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 pm

June 16, Bicentennial Park: **Dean Bushnell Orchestra** – Big Band Swing. Sponsor: Cruisin' 1430 AM. On-site vendor McAlister's Deli

June 23, Utah Park: Buckstein – Country Rock. Sponsor: Community College of Aurora. On-site vendor: Meat Truck Jones BBQ Catering. Voted Top 5 2013 Denver's a List.

June 30, Aurora Municipal Center: *Raising Cain* – Pop/rock Variety Dance Music. Sponsor: Citiwide Banks. On-site vendor: Legends of Aurora Sports Grill.



Past Aurora Concert

July 7, Meadowood Park: *Hazel Miller* – Blues, Jazz, R&B. Sponsor: Aurora Credit Union Alliance. On-site vendor: Subway, Iliff.

July 14, Meadowood Park: *Pan Jumbies* – Steel Drum. Sponsor: City of Aurora Cultural Services Division. On-site vendor: Atlanta Bread Aurora City Place.

July 21, Aurora Municipal Center: *Chris Daniels & the Kings with Freddi Gowdy* – Roots Rock and Roll with Horns. Sponsor: Colorado Technical University.



Chris Daniels & the Kings performing in Loveland.



Buckstein Band

On-site vendor: L&L Hawaiian BBQ Aurora City Place. Inducted into the 2013 Colorado Music Hall of Fame.

July 28, Aurora Municipal Center: 6 *Million Dollar Band* – 80s. Sponsor: The Aurora Chamber of Commerce. On-site vendor: Jim Nicks Bar-B-Q.

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Strawberry

Spring Has Sprung and Summer is Near

Summer is a time for getting out and enjoying Colorado's beautiful weather. Be cautious while driving throughout development.

Also, theft activity increases during the warmer months. Several cars in Phase 1 and 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 surroundings.
- Notify Brownstone Security, 720-879-4598, if you plan to be away.
- Mention travel plans to your trusted neighbors so they can keep an eye on your property.

Pool Opening: The pool will be open on the Memorial Day weekend. Just a reminder to stay safe. Strawberry does not have lifeguards on duty, swim at your own risk. Homeowners who need a replacement key may purchase one for \$50. Only homeowners may request a key and the homeowner must be current with their monthly dues. Contact Kimberly at ACM 303-233-4646 to purchase a key.

Planning Ahead – Garage Sale: The Heather Ridge neighborhood community holds a garage sale in June. We will make an announcement once the date has been established. Strawberry will be providing tables for homeowners in front of the Clubhouse. Please contact Kimberly at 303-233-4646 to reserve your table soon because they go fast. We will also have baked items and refreshments for sale to fund a community party.

Beautification Program: Aurora City Council has offered a beautification grant for homeowners to improve their neighborhood. Strawberry HOA submitted a request to cover the cost of planning drought-resistant flowers with a mulch bed surrounded by a stone retaining wall. The site is located on the corner of Yale/Xanadu. The stipulation for approval requires that homeowners participate in the improvement project. We would like to invite all homeowners who would be interested in participating with this beautification project to join our team of volunteers. Contact Kimberly at ACM to add your name to our list. We are hopeful for approval and once a decision has been made, we will contact you.

Architectural Improvements/ Homeowner Gardens: All improvements to the outside of units, including (new) homeowner gardens must be approved by the Architectural Review Board. Only drought-resistant plants will be permitted for gardens.



Request forms and a flower list are available in the ACM portal. The portal also describes what types of patio enclosures, etc. are permitted. Keep in mind, they must be approved first.

Work Orders: The best way to request a work order is through email. Once a request is submitted, you will receive a work order number and acknowledgement that your request has been received. Please contact Kimberly at *Kimberly@acmhoa.com*. Although email is the preferred method of communication, she can also be reached at 303-233-4646.

Recognition: We want to thank all our homeowners who keep our development clean and especially *Jim Hamilton*. You will see him frequently with a broom in hand and picking up debris along his way. Thank you for all your hard work.

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

Christine Nicklas



Country Club Ridge

"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush." – Doug Larson

Looking for something to do? There are so many places to go in Colorado. Here are a few free events fun for the family!

Denver Day of Rock

When: May 28, 2016 (2:30-9:30 pm) Where: Downtown Denver

For the seventh year in a row, the 16th Street pedestrian mall will be transformed into a massive block party with more than two dozen free rock concerts throughout the day for the annual Denver Day of Rock.

The performance areas will be along the 16th Street Mall, making it easy to roam from act to act on five stages. Food and beer gardens will be set up throughout downtown for the event, with free music rocking the city from 2:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Denver's Day of Rock is a fundraising

event for Amp the Cause, a Denverbased, non-profit organization that raises funds for more than 50 children's charities.

For full concert information and updates, visit *DenverDayofRock. com.*

ArtStir Denver

When: May 28-29, 2016 (11 am-7pm) Where: Denver Pavilions

Artstir Denver is a creative art market exclusively showcasing Colorado artists. It is designed to stir up the artist in all of us with a spirited



showcase of Colorado art, music and style. Located at the Denver Pavilions, featured works include paint, sculpture, photography, drawings, textiles, furnishings and mixed media.

Mocha Butkovich



Double Tree

Board of Directors: Residents Wendy Traynor and Patt Dodd have joined the Board as President and Secretary, respectively, joining Vice President Dick Buchanan, Treasurer Aletha Zens and Member-at-Large Bob Buehler. Bev Nosewicz is the new contact person for maintenance/landscaping issues. Board meetings are held every other month, with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 2 at Aletha Zens' home. All homeowners are welcome to attend.

Spring Clean-Up: We have retained a new landscaping service. EP Landscaping's first order of business was a much needed clean-up of the property. Bev Nosewicz will be walking the property twice a month with the landscapers, so please make sure you have picked up after your pooch.

Trees: The heavy, wet spring snowstorms have taken a toll on our trees. Our tree service is in the process of taking care of the many broken branches left behind, as well as removing dead trees and shrubs.

Insurance Carrier: We have switched our community insurance carrier to Farmers Insurance. If your mortgage company needs proof of insurance, please contact Cheryl Lucas with Farmers Insurance at 303-834-9933 or email her at *clucas@ farmersagent.com*.

New Roofs: If you have not received the warranty on your new roof from Priority Restoration, please call Patt Dodd at 303-368-7713.

Parking: As seems to be the issue with all of the Heather Ridge communities, parking is a never-ending problem. Please utilize your garage as your primary parking spot, and remember that the visitor parking is for visitors, not overflow parking for residents with more than one car.

Trash Removal: It looks like Waste



Management may have moved us up earlier in the day for both trash pickup and recycling. Not sure if this is the new normal, so please have your trash at the end of your driveway by 7 am Thursday. Recycling pick-up is every other Thursday.

Water Use: Our monthly water bill continues to take a bite out of our budget, and not only because of our efforts to keep the grounds looking good. Please check the plumbing in your home. You would be surprised at how much water is wasted through a running toilet or a dripping faucet. If your aging toilet needs replacing, please consider one of the low-flow options available.

Patt Dodd

Sausalito



The old adage that April showers bring more flowers is being undermined by dear old Mother Nature who continues to send us repeated snow storms which

bring a foot or two of heavy wet spring snow. All of our trees, especially our flowering trees, and bushes are suffering under these snow storms. Landscaping efforts and replacement of the old wooden retaining walls and split rail fencing will be completed at a slower pace than planned. Please be patient.

Gutter Cleaning: Fortunately most of our gutters were cleaned before the big snow of April 18th. Pinon Pine needles are usually the culprit.

Financials: 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: As always, be alert to people walking throughout our community. Be a good neighbor and watch out for your neighbors' property while they are on vacation. 911 is simply a phone call away. Contact Carol McCormick at 720-668-3604 if you are interested in joining the Sausalito Neighborhood Watch team.

Old Wood Garage Doors: For more years than the HOA Board can remember, we have been informing property owners who need to replace their wood garage doors to do so. In some cases fines continue to be levied. Wooden garage doors and garage doors in need of repair are unsightly. We thank those who have cared enough to replace their garage doors. To the homeowners who received letters and have not complied, please replace your old garage door.

Landscaping: Our mowing day continues to be Monday. Spraying for weeds and dandelions continues in between snow storms. Again be patient. Our landscaping company is doing their best.

Snow Removal: Well, what can I say? Again please be patient. As I write this newsletter, more than a foot of snow has been dumped on us. Our snow removal crew is doing the best they can, sometimes plowing and shoveling more than once during a two-day snow storm. The good news is the pavement is warmer this time of year so the snow will melt more quickly.

Touch Up Paint: Contact Tom Scally at 303-750-8772 for touch-up paint. He stores both colors.



Board Members: Vincent Roith, President, 303-745-9805; Tom Scally, Vice President/Architecture, 303-750-8772; Carol McCormick, Secretary/ Newsletter/NW, 720.668.3604; 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

Spring/Summer Maintenance: Well, it looks like it will be a mild May, a good month to celebrate mothers everywhere and to prepare for summer with the three day Memorial Day weekend. Preparations will be underway to open the community pool on this holiday weekend, so stretch those muscles and get ready to enjoy the swim. Until this time, many of us will be checking our homes, inside and out, to see what maintenance needs to be done as winter fades from memory. If you notice any maintenance issues out in the common areas that should be addressed during the spring and summer months, be sure to let Alec at Accord Management know, so we

can put it on the schedule and keep Chimney Hill in peak condition.

Facebook: We have had some interesting postings on our Facebook group page. I am sure someone has already claimed the free large screen television that was being given away by one of our neighbors. Someone noticed that the appearance of our bunny population was late this year, wondering how much of an issue it will be for landscaping. A message was passed on from the City of Aurora Public Relations Manager about proper pet etiquette and cleaning up pet waste properly for the benefit of our neighbors. A website page was also shared from AuroraGov. org about upcoming recycling opportunities. This is a great resource for those doing spring cleaning. It included the next E-cycle event on

May 7, 9 am to 1 pm, at Tallyn's Reach Library, 23911 E. Arapahoe Road, where old electronic equipment can be processed safely. Hopefully, as more members of our community join the Facebook group, more timely information will continue to bring the community closer. If you are on Facebook and haven't joined, the link is: https://www.facebook.com/ groups/ChimneyHillHeatherRidge/. Who knows, maybe we can have a contest to see who can post the prettiest photo of the community with the neighboring golf course.

Accord Management: Now, there may be a few owners still planning a landscaping or exterior improvement project outside their unit. If you haven't already, do not forget to download and complete the Architectural Improvement Form



from the Chimney Hill page on the Accord Management website. The form should be returned to Alec at alec@accordhoa.com. Also, use this email address to report problems with clogged sewage lines and water leaks from external hoses. If you need direct assistance, you can contact Alec and his team at the Accord main number, 720-230-7303. Again, this is also the way to report maintenance and other HOA issues that you may notice around the community.

Board Meeting: The next Chimney Hill board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 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

New Rules and Regulations Coming Soon: A work-in-progress for the past year, the latest iteration, which the board approved at its April monthly meeting, will be published in May after review by our attorney. It will be published via Internet on HRS and Westwind's websites; and paper copies will be available upon request.

There are some significant changes to the new Rules and Regulations including pool and clubhouse usage, a chart outlining the do's and don'ts of architectural changes by owners, and clarification of limited

and common area usages (parking, gardens, etc.). The new R&Rs will have more maps and charts for easier references, better formatting, and standardized language terms.

Please give a big thank you to board members Dave Elgin, Linda Hull, and Ronni Jones for all their revision work. The board updates its Rules and Regulation approximately every two years.

New Home Owners in HRS: First off, welcome to your new home and community. If you have not lived in a Covenant Controlled Community before, please take a moment to read its controlling documents. That will help you understand how and why we operate vs. communities without covenants. A "welcome letter" is mailed to new owners post-closing by Westwind Property Management. Janelle Maninger is our property manager, so please call her with any questions (303-369-1800 x115).

New owners might find themselves perplexed understanding how and why the HOA controls almost all activities, maintenance, and costs outside of their home. The answer is found in property law and Covenants. Although HRS's rules were not handed down from Above, like Moses', their source is found in the legal creation and purposes of a covenant controlled community.

Home ownership is generally one of two forms of ownership - fee simple absolute; or, fee simple subject to condition subsequent. The latter is what HRS's developer did when they passed the title to new and subsequent property owners. A covenant was inserted restricting title ownership to the rules and regulations of the community and it's HOA Board of Directors. That restriction is an agreement between the parties to abide by rules to protect real estate values and maintain the good order and working of the community. To further those goals, a Board of Directors exists as elected by its residents.

What this means is you can't paint your unit's exterior hot fuchsia, park semi-trucks in your driveway, replace doors and windows without HOA written approval, etc. Because HRS is legally defined as a condominium development, property owners own



the "air-space" inside their units, and not the building or land under it. It also means that all owners have an "undivided interest" in the community's common area land that's maintained by the HOA. That "undivided interest" means owners are responsible and liable should the HOA fall into disrepair, financial default, or litigation. That's why FHA requires condo communities to be FHA Certified every two years vs. no certification for planned unit developments (PUDs) where the HOA usually owns the common area.

The importance of a well-run and financially healthy HOA, especially a condominium, cannot be underestimated. The HRS monthly newsletter is published monthly in Metro *Matters Magazine*. It discusses issues, describes problems, and asks for community support. All owners are encouraged to attend at least one meeting a year as well as the Annual Meeting the first Tuesday of every December. All property owners should attend at least one meeting a year as well as the Annual Meeting. Please contact Janelle at Westwind with any questions (303-369-1800 x115).

Van Lewis





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Fairway 16

Annual Meeting: The HOA's annual meeting was held on April 14, with a great resident turnout. Board Treasurer CJ Baar resigned from the board, after serving the community for three years. Many thanks to CJ for his conservative financial guidance during that time. New directors were elected and the board size was increased to a total of seven. Board members are:

Karen Peters, President Bette Secord, Secretary Vickie Weeast, Member-at-Large Laurie Travis, Member-at-Large

Rena McCulloch gave an update on projects completed during the year, and future project financing and planning. Committee members gave reports on fencing, Architectural Committee and R&R's. Past President Susan Bruce gave an update on the lawsuit with American Family for the hail-damaged roofs.

Fencing Update: Installation is almost complete. Once all fences and gates are in, there will be a walkabout with the fencing company, the installers and members of the Board, to see what items need to be fixed, such as broken sprinkler heads, etc. Please let Tara at Westwind know if there are issues you want addressed.

Fencing Caution! Fairway 16 residents, please be aware that the new vinyl fences are susceptible to intense heat. Do Not put your barbeque grills close to the fence while you are cooking, or while the grill is cooling. The fence may melt! Grills should be kept at least 4 feet away from the fencing. You will receive a letter from Westwind to this effect, as well as giving you cleaning and care

Rena McCulloch, Vice President Barry McConnell, Treasurer Marian Ballins, Member-at-Large

tips for the fences.

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).

Email Addresses: It would be very helpful for us to have residents' email addresses, so we can communicate in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. Please email your address to Tara at: *Tara@ westwindmanagement.com*. We will still send postal mail to you regarding important issues or upcoming dates, but email is quicker and less costly for normal communications. Be assured your emails will not be shared or used for any commercial purposes.

Updates:

The R&R Committee met with members of the board to work on this and the document is now with the attorney's office for





review and recommendations. Once complete, it will be posted on the website and, if residents want a printed copy, one will be mailed to them.

- Last month the board interviewed landscape and irrigation companies and selected CW Landscape, a company that Sausalito has used for 20+years. CW Landscape is already on the grounds, with the first mowing done. They are also doing some in-depth irrigation system review and maintenance.
- Please be vigilant about your home and vehicles parked outside. There have been recent incidences of cut window screens from the second floor over the garage to gain access to a home, as well as vehicles broken into or tires stolen. The board will invite the PAR officer to speak at the May meeting regarding home security and being observant in your community.
- There will be a "spring clean-up" day for residents in late May, for which the HOA will provide one roll-away dumpster at a central location, for those items too large for regular residential pickup. The date will be provided as soon as determined. Items not allowed to be "dumped" include mattresses and box springs, or appliances.

Board Meetings: Our board meetings are the second Thursday of each month, at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. Contacts at Westwind Management are: Tara at 303-369-1800, ext. 125, and her assistant Sarah at 303-369-1800, ext. 118.

Karen Peters

Heather Ridge Community Map



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

Cobblestone Crossing

Accord Property Management 720-230-7393 # Units: 150 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 Xandau Way www.heatheridgesouth.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

Free Days in May

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Colorado Railroad Museum, May 11 17155 W. 44th Ave., Golden, CO 303-279-4591, coloradorailroadmuseum.org Four Mile Historic Park, May 13 715 S. Forest Street, Denver, 80246 720-865-0800, info@fourmilepark.org

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, May 20 30 W. Dale Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 719-634-551, csfineartscenter.org

Clyfford Still Museum, May 27 1250 Bannock Street, Denver 720-354-4880, info@clyffordstillmuseum.org

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