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## Animals at Heather Ridge

*Dog walkers are a common sight at dusk in the community. Strolling on the cart path, these owners have a companion that gets them outdoors frequently to enjoy all kinds of Colorado weather, including the "Dog Days" of July. The exercise for both dog and owner is an added bonus.*



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*Above: The golfer, who is putting, is not apparently bothered by two ducks behind him. The two ducks are making their way across the green, ignoring the golfer. Right: These two cats probably thought the coast was clear — no dogs!*

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# Strawberry I at Heather Ridge has a neighborhood watch program

With its Neighborhood Watch Program, Strawberry I has one Area Coordinator — Cathie Brailey in Phase I and one Block Captain — Brent Weynand in Phase II. These are positions approved and appointed by the Aurora Police Department. In order to perform in either position, the Aurora Police do a background check, insuring the people in these positions have no criminal background and can serve the community.

I am fortunate to be the Area Coordinator for Strawberry I at Heather Ridge, also known simply as “Strawberry.” I have been in this role for a little over a year now. The Neighborhood Watch program is still young, but a good structure is in place and it continues to grow. The program functions under the auspices of the Aurora Police, more specifically Police Officer Mark Lowisz, and Area 10 Head Area Coordinator Steven Noi. These people guide me and approve any activities performed in our community.

One of the most important tools Strawberry community has in place is a Neighborhood Watch Email Alert system, [Strawberryhoodwatch@yahoo.com](mailto:Strawberryhoodwatch@yahoo.com). This is an email distribution list of people in the Strawberry community who have requested their emails be included so they can receive Neighborhood Watch (NW) Bulletins. When the Aurora police or surrounding police departments have

an urgent bulletin or information they want distributed to the communities, they send the announcement/bulletin to the Head Area Coordinators in Aurora who in turn notify the Area Coordinators in each community within their area.

I monitor the email daily for Strawberry and distribute the Neighborhood Watch bulletins/announcements to residents. In this way information is disseminated quickly. It's my responsibility to also protect the emails of the people on the distribution list. The bulletin is sent out without the email addresses displayed. If someone were to abuse the distribution for any reason, it is my responsibility to remove them from the list.

As a service to the people in the community they can also send emails to the NW email if they have information

*There will be a meeting on the Neighborhood Watch Program on Monday, Aug. 30, 6:30 pm, in the Heather Ridge Club House. All interested residents from the 10 HOAs are encouraged to attend to learn more about establishing this program in your community. Representatives from Aurora Police will be available to answer your questions.*

*See Neighborhood watch...page 15*

## Metro District, HOAs and United Associations of Heather Ridge

Many Heather Ridge residents do not know the differences between a metropolitan district and a homeowners association (HOA), especially when it comes to how they are created, what powers each has, and to whom they are accountable.

The Heather Ridge Metro District No. 1 (HRMD No. 1) was created under Revised Colorado Statutory law, specifically Title 32. HRMD No. 1 is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado (i.e. a form of local government) created for a specific purpose — to preserve the Heather Ridge open space! Its controlling documents include: City of Aurora model Service Plan, HRMD No. 1/City Intergovernmental Agreement, and any bond restrictions.

All Heather Ridge HOAs, except for Country Club Ridge, were created in the early 1970s when no specific controlling law existed. Starting in 1985, the Legislature passed the Colorado Common Interests Ownership Act (CCIOA) as part of Title 38 law; later modified by Senate Bills 89 and 100, which incorporated very specific rules and regulations. Developers create HOAs when undivided common area interests and community costs are shared by owners. Controlling documents may include: Declarations, Articles of Incorporations, By-laws, Covenants-Conditions-Restrictions (CC&Rs).

The Heather Ridge HOAs and HRMD No.1 do not have a legal relationship and operate as separate private and public entities respectively. What makes a metro district unique is its power to issue debt and tax real property to fund administration and/or bond debt service — a lien that's impervious to foreclosure or bankruptcy. HOAs collect fees/dues from owners, and their collection process is limited in law, especially by foreclosure and bankruptcy.

All metro districts are accountable to the state, their county or city jurisdiction and to district property tax payers (with recourse through elections, regulatory agencies, and the courts). HOAs are accountable to their owners through their controlling documents, court precedents and legislation specific to HOAs. Metro districts are different entities from HOAs with different powers and rules.

Lastly, the United Association of Heather Ridge (UAHR) was created to influence golf course open space development. Now that HRMD No. 1 owns the golf clubhouse, UAHR's new mission is community leadership! It is very important that HOA Boards and residents be involved, because UAHR advises the HRMD No. 1 on select matters. Although there's no legal relationship between the HRMD No. 1 and UAHR, they have common interests in the community's well-being and the golf club's success.



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## Heather Ridge #4 in Metro Price Growth!

Heather Ridge was fourth out of five top spots for price increases per square foot from one year ago, according to Mike Headrick of FOX/KDVR Denver. For more details, go to [www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-best-home-values-txt,0,7706965.story](http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-best-home-values-txt,0,7706965.story).

Headrick's report included personal interviews with Heather Ridge residents saying they bought here for the quiet neighborhoods, golf atmosphere, and great real estate values.

**Appraisal Problems!** Getting ready to re-finance with today's record low rates? Be forewarned — you might have an appraisal problem. Many lenders use computer-generated value programs based on property tax values, dissimilar sales and foreclosures. You might need local knowledge of home values before writing that non-refundable appraisal.

Call Pete or Van for a full review of your home's value, neighborhood sales, or mortgage companies. This no-cost commitment to professional services will help you decide what to do. If you have been turned down because your home was

appraised too low, call the Neighborhood Professionals — Pete or Van — for a quick review. You might still get that loan, yet!

Many residents are remodeling their homes versus selling. This option is good for resale or personal enjoyment. Pete and Van visit dozens of homes each month, observing what others have done right or wrong. It never hurts to get a second opinion before remodeling. If appropriate, a reverse mortgage has many strong options to keep you in your home (see lender's ad in *Metro Matters*).

**Market Conditions!** What made for a hot real estate market last year is making for a slow one now — the government's \$8,000 tax credit is gone! It helped first time buyers and eager sellers move inventory, but like the "cash for clunkers" car program in 2009, the real estate market is taking a breather.

Sales activity is slowly recovering as interest rates remain stable. Low rates help also, but stability is most important. If rates fluctuate up and down, consumers will hold off buying until lower rates stabilize. Stronger consumer confidence is needed, which means more job and income growth, stable or less taxes, and personal debt reduction. People in financial distress today are holding onto their cars but letting their homes go — a sign of the times.

*(All of the Following Properties May Have Been Listed or Sold by Other Companies)*

## Homes for Sale in Heather Ridge

HOA	List Price	No.	Street	Baths	Beds	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry	\$65,900	2694	S Xanadu Way C	1	1	856	1-Carport,det	2 Story
Strawberry	\$73,000	13657	E Yale Ave C	1	1	856	1-Carport,det	2 Story
Strawberry	\$74,900	2461	S Xanadu Way A	2	2	1,091	2-Carport,det,res	2 Story
Strawberry	\$74,900	2614	S Xanadu Way A	2	2	1,098	None	Ranch
Strawberry	\$77,000	13613	E Yale Ave D	1	1	856	1-Carport,det	1.5 Story
Strawberry	\$79,800	13655	E Yale Ave B	1	1	856	1-Carport,det	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$103,900	2461	S Xanadu Way D	2	2	1,091	1-res	2 Story
Strawberry	\$107,000	2666	S Xanadu Way D	2	2	1,144	1-Carport, det	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$118,900	13286	E Asbury Ave	2	2	1,208	1-res	2 Story
Strawberry	\$119,900	2672	S Xanadu Way B	2	2	1,144	2-Carport,det, res	2 Story
Burgundy	\$119,999	2631	S Xanadu Way C	2	2	1,162	1-Garage,det	1.5 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$121,500	13254	E Asbury Ave	2	2	1,392	1-res	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$124,900	2161	S Victor St B	2	2	1,392	1-Garage,det	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$125,000	1957	S Xanadu Way	2	2	1,392	2-Garage, det, res	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$125,000	2192	S Victor St D	2	2	1,208	1-res	1.5 Story
Cobblestone	\$125,900	2132	S Victor St C	2	2	1,392	1-res	1.5 Story



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Cobblestone Crossing	\$129,900	13206	E Asbury Ave	2	2	1,296	2-Garage,det, res	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$134,900	13404	E Asbury Dr	2	2	1,392	2-Garage, res	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$135,000	13612	E Evans Ave	2	2	1,512	1-Garage, att	2-story
Sausalito	\$144,900	2417	S Victor Way D	2	3	1,300	2-Garage,att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$144,999	2522	S Worchester Ct D	2	3	1,230	2-Garage,att	Ranch
Burgundy	\$145,000	2693	S Xanadu Way B	2	2	1,315	2-Garage, res	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$145,000	2021	S Worchester Way	3	2	1,344	1-Garage,att	2 Story
Heather Ridge S	\$160,000	2845	S Xanadu Way	3	3	1,633	2-Garage,att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$169,900	2548	S Vaughn Way A	3	3	1,650	2-Garage,att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$169,900	2588	S Vaughn Way C	3	3	1,536	2-Garage,att	2 Story
Heather Ridge S	\$185,900	2894	S Wheeling Way	3	3	1,633	2-Garage,att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$200,000	2558	S Vaughn Way A	4	3	1,650	2-Garage,att	2 Story

## Homes under Contract in Heather Ridge

HOA	List Price	No.	Street	Baths	Beds	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry	\$52,900	2658	S Xanadu Way E	1	1	856	1-res	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$142,500	2416	S Vaughn Way D	2	2	1,365	2-Garage,att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$180,000	2698	S Vaughn Way F	4	4	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story

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# Homeowners' Association News

## Cobblestone by Kay Griffiths

**Cobblestone Residents:** Many residents are helpful to our community. Thanks to the resident who has volunteered to water the beautiful trees that the golf course planted in place of the dead and dying cottonwoods. Thanks to the residents who are picking up trash and keeping the pool area neat. And thanks to the residents who are keeping the flowers at the pool, the parkway and each of their units beautiful. It's a pleasure to be a part of such a lovely community.

**Security:** The contract with a security company was terminated at the end of July. The board is presently discussing with other communities what companies to consider hiring.

**Pool:** Residents, start looking for your pool keys! The gate to the pool is going to be repaired soon and you will no longer be able to gain entry without a key. The gate will also be spring-loaded to shut automatically. The safety of small children is our main priority.

Please do not allow your dog, or any other pet, to be in the pool area at anytime. Some residents view this as a health issue and are very concerned about it being unsanitary.

Please do your part to keep the community pool look-

ing good. Remember to pick up any trash that you have brought in or around the pool area, including cigarette butts.

**Recycle:** Due to the popularity of the community recycling endeavors, an additional recycle bin has been added. The middle dumpster (near the original recycle bin) is now a recycle bin and no longer for trash. As always, please read the instructions for recycling of items.

**Parking:** Please remember that the Guest Parking is for visitors to the community. It is not intended for long-term storage of extra vehicles. There have been complaints about cars parked for extended periods of time, making it difficult for others to find a space. For residents, it is recommended that you use the reserved space and/or garage for long-term parking needs. Please be advised that vehicles parked long-term could be labeled as "abandoned" and towed at the owner's expense.

**Day at the Track:** Several of our residents attended the Golf Course – Home Owners collaborative effort for a

*See Cobblestone, page 7*



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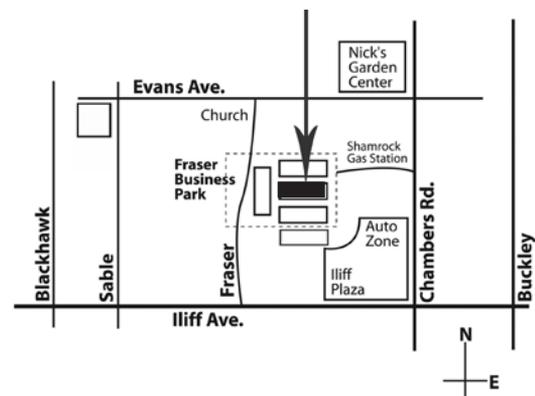
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# Cobblestone...from page 6

fun day at the Arapahoe Horse Track. Residents met homeowners from other communities, toured the building, spent a race in the announcer's booth, enjoyed free admission, programs and VIP tables. Those who attended went to the winner's circle to award a prize to the winning horse in the 4th race. Everyone had a terrific time.



Left: A day at the Arapahoe Park Race-track on July 24 was fun for everyone.

**School starts soon! Remember to drive slowly through the community!**

## Heather Ridge South by Vicki Braun

Colorado's characteristic summer weather has been featured — from crisp, fresh mornings to warm, pool-side-worthy evenings. Heather Ridge South (HRS) has also taken a few hard hits from hail, rain, and wind. However, the upside is the insurance claim process for additional roof and siding damage is being revisited. Such weather provides a "natural" trimming process of mature trees and landscape. Speaking of landscape and pools...

Heather Ridge South is fortunate to have xeriscaping that not only looks great but takes advantage of the Rocky Mountain climate. The community has towering trees that create a warm welcome — something many neighborhoods lack throughout Colorado. Just by the sheer size of the trees, you can tell Heather Ridge South has been around a while. It's no accident that the neighborhood is beautiful. Residents take pride in ownership and it shows!

Besides taking responsibility for its homes and neighborhood, HRS has a great landscaping team in JBK, Inc., Wayne in maintenance, and members of the HRS Board of Directors. While you're tending to those gorgeous floral pots that bring such sweet aromas and brilliant colors to our neighborhood, a friendly reminder — they should not be hung from fencing or attached to siding.

The pool is an oasis on a hot summer day! Surround-

ed by beautiful trees, flowers, and the green, green grass of the golf course, it's no wonder we have so many residents taking advantage of the generous hours of 8 am–10 pm to bask in the sunny Colorado days and evenings.

With adult swim available from 8–9 am, 6–7 pm, and 9–10 pm, residents have the opportunity to get some serious exercise (either in the water or sitting in a lounge chair bending our elbow with a tall glass of our favorite beverage). While kids under 16 must be accompanied by an adult, they too are having a blast at the pool — just listen to the laughter emanating poolside.

Check out our private park — it's looking absolutely inviting! Take a stroll through the lush grass, or take a "stroll" through memory lane and gently glide for awhile on the swings.

Take some time, enjoy the quiet of the moment and reflect on prior luaus held at Heather Ridge South. What fun happenings were had at the Annual Luau on July 8. (See photos, page 8.) Stay tuned...



## Strawberry by Jan Lucas

**Welcome Brownstone Services:** Strawberry has security surveillance! You will see the officers, Randy and Paul, watching out for owners and the property. Say hello!

**Strawberry Website:** Take a look at the community website, [www.Strawberryhoa.com](http://www.Strawberryhoa.com). If you have comments, concerns or (hopefully not) complaints, speak up. Have pictures of your unit or that of a neighbor that looks really nice? Please submit them. Some of these might be added to the website. The community looks better than ever — thanks to everyone for all your work in helping to make the property look so good.

**Farmers Market:** You can stop by the Havana Street Farmer's Market every Tuesday from 11 am–4 pm. There are produce booths, fresh bread, fish and seasonings as well as other vendors. Location is on the east side of Havana toward the end of the Target parking lot. Bring an appetite.

**Wildlife Feeding: Please** do not feed the squirrels and the birds, which are overrunning the community because food is being left outside. Birds do not need to be

fed in the summer. By doing this, it only makes matters worse. Thanks for cooperating.

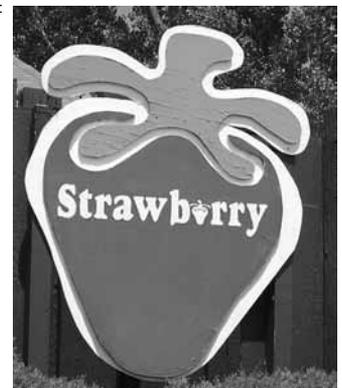
**Construction Projects:** Paving, concrete work, crack sealing and striping are underway and nearly complete in some of the worst areas in our community.

Other work, either completed or scheduled, includes drainage projects, wood beam replacement, removal of problem trees and shrubs and a variety of other work. At last! Those long overdue projects are underway.

Strawberry is nearly 40 years old and is in need of a number of serious renovations. The board is working from a newly developed 10 year plan. As a result, there will be lots of activity within our area.

**New Signs:** Did you notice our new signs announc-

See *Strawberry...page 11*

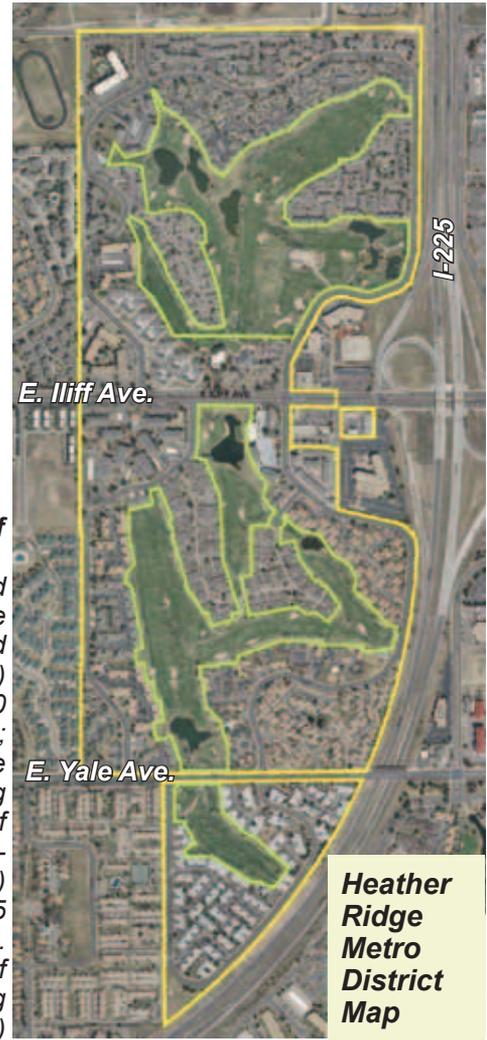


# Heather Ridge

## A Luau at HR South



**Map of HR Metro District, surrounding the HR Golf Course:**  
Unplatted golf course (outlined in green) = 3,784,910 square feet;  
Heather Ridge area including unplatted golf course (outlined in yellow) = 12,618,265 square feet. (from City of Aurora Planning Department)



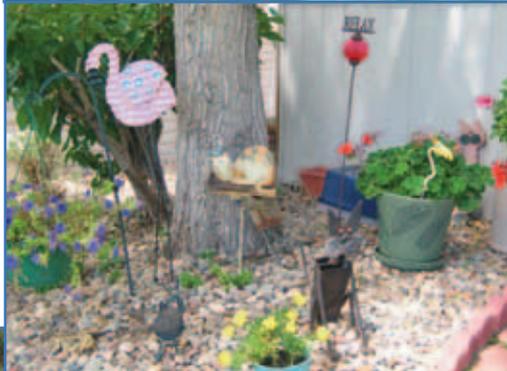
Over 65 happy partygoers (owners, tenants, off-site owners and guests) celebrated Heather Ridge South's Summer Luau! This event was started by former board member Linda Hull. Her summer and winter parties live on under Josie Spencer's and Melinda Smith's leadership. There's nothing like whole roasted pig, Costco pre-cooked chickens (yum), bratwurst and a half-keg of beer to bring out the shiest residents. Unlike past years, it didn't rain, snow, sleet or hail. And yes, a good time was had by all.



# Photo Album

About 15 homeowners along the fairways of the Heather Ridge Golf Course have signed up to be a "Friend of the Fairway" with their summer garden and landscaping. Residents registered with Bette Secord, (in blue and white below, speaking to Susan Dermont, Cobblestone Crossing).

On Aug. 4 Judy Weber, Sausalito, (at right below, speaking to another homeowner) joined Secord in finding the registered homes and placing "Friends of the Fairway" signs. A panel of judges will choose a winning participant from each HOA and award a \$50 gift certificate for dinner at Dumitri's. These photos show just a sampling of different gardens that line the golf course.



# Golf Club at Heather Ridge Monthly Update



Golf Pro Mike Ritter

**“Meet the New Pro” Party**  
**Heather Ridge Ballroom**  
**Friday, Aug. 20,**  
**5:30–6:30 pm**  
**Complimentary**  
**hors d’oeuvres, cash bar**  
**Club managers will preside.**  
**Opportunity to have**  
**questions answered.**  
**Everyone welcome!**  
**Golf Club groups, HR Metro**  
**District community, Public**  
**No RSVP needed,**  
**Come One, Come All!**

Golf Pro Mike Ritter comes to Heather Ridge Golf Course from Grand Elk Golf Club in Granby, Colorado, where he served as PGA Head Professional for the past seven years.

He started his career at Denver Country Club as an apprentice under Tom Connell. After six years, he went to work at Boca Woods Country Club in Florida for five winters, a busy 36-hole club. Then he moved to Granby.

Ritter confesses that “One of the best things about working in golf is the opportunity to wear so many hats. Each day is different, and every course is different. I look forward to learning more about the uniqueness of Heather Ridge, and being a part of shaping it’s future.”

Join your fellow golfers and HR Metro District residents in welcoming Mike as the Interim Golf Professional, pending final selections this fall.

## Men’s Golf Association

### Remaining Schedule:

July 17 Individual Net	8:22 am
July 24 Point Par	7:30 am
Aug. 7 2-Man Modify Foursomes (Alternate shot) Pick team	9 am
Aug. 21–22 Club Championship	8 am
Aug. 28 Tournament of Champions	8 am
Sept. 24 Fall Banquet	
Sept. 25 2-Man Reverse Scramble Pick your own partner	8:30 am

### Tournament Results:

#### July 10–11 Member/Member

##### First Flight

1st Barnes and Hymans	\$250
2nd Lash and Wallace	\$150
3rd Hinson and Geppner	\$100
Sat Koches and Geminhart	\$100
Sun Barnes and Hymans	\$100

##### Second Flight

1st Brothis and Blosser	\$250
2nd Schmidt and Knaub	\$150
3rd Gonzales and Oswald	\$100
Sat Schmidt and Knaub	\$50

Brothis and Blosser	\$50
Sun Brothis and Blosser	\$100
<b>Third Flight</b>	
1st Mineo and Tirone	\$250
2nd Tafoya and Hoole	\$150
3rd G. White and Copeland	\$100
Sat G. White and Copeland	\$100
Sun Mineo and Tirone	\$100
<b>Closest to the Pin – Saturday (\$25)</b>	
#5 Tirone, 21 inches	
#8 Lash, 14 feet, 11 inches	
#10 Larson, 11 feet, 9 inches	
#14 Coppens, 5 feet, 2 inches	
<b>Closest to the Pin – Sunday (\$25)</b>	
#5 T. Daum, 2 feet, 7 inches	
#8 Hymans, 4 feet, 5 inches	
#10 T. Daum, 2 feet, 7 inches	
#14 Knaub, 10 feet, 8 inches	

#### July 17 Individual Net

##### First Flight (13 players)

1st T. Hymans (Gross)	\$110
1st H. Wallace (Net)	\$110
2nd J. Daum	\$43
3rd R. Johnston	\$30

##### Second Flight (11 players)

1st E. Oswald (Gross)	\$95
1st D. Blosser (Net)	\$95
2nd H. Kelley	\$35
3rd J. Kytyle	\$25

##### Third Flight (12 players)

1st C. Hoffman (Net)	\$120
2nd P. Harris	\$85
3rd D. Schroeder	\$41
4th J. Tirone	\$27

##### Closest to the Pin – (\$25 each)

#5 D. Brothis	
#8 J. Daum	
#10 R. Johnston	
#14 J. Patterson	

#### July 24 Point Par

##### First Flight (11 players)

1st B. Barnes (Gross)	\$80
1st R. Johnston (Net)	\$80
2nd T. Hymans	\$35
3rd M. Koches	\$25

##### Second Flight (14 players)

1st R. Lash (Gross)	\$95
1st B. Hornstra (Net)	\$95
2nd M. Oklesson	\$40
3rd A. Schmidt	\$30

##### Third Flight (12 players)

1st R. Lash (Gross)	\$85
1st J. Eggleston (Net)	\$85
2nd R. Mineo	\$40
3rd E. Oswald	\$30

##### Fourth Flight (10 players)

1st C. Hoffman (Net)	\$90
2nd B. Sumberg	\$55
3rd D. Palea	\$35

If anyone has had a “Hole in One” at Heather Ridge Golf Course and you are not on the list at the club house, please submit your name, date that you had the “Hole in One,” the yardage of the hole and the club you used to Errol Rowland. Email the information to [ima@uah.org](mailto:ima@uah.org) (Ima Volunteer). **Do Not Give It To The Pro Shop.** Your achievement will be added to the plaque.

Interested in the latest HR Metro District Financial reports? Or, want to read minutes from July meeting of golf operations or the Metro District? Find these reports at [www.uahr.org](http://www.uahr.org).

On left navigation bar, choose “Latest” for committee reports. Choose “HR Metro District” for financial reports or minutes from the last board meeting.

– HR Metro District President Errol Rowland

# Strawberry ...from page 7

ing the HOA meetings? Pretty fancy! And the new meeting night is Monday, 7 pm. Please come, listen in and stay up-to-date with what is going on.

**ACC Walkthroughs:** Board members have completed an ACC (architectural control committee) walk-through to make sure residents are doing their part to keep the community up to covenant standards. Some people may not like getting letters pointing out violations, but these are necessary in order to keep Strawberry looking good and to stay within the rules and regulations. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Pond Work:** Our aquaculturist was on site in July and put the necessary chemicals in and around our two ponds below the clubhouse. The water was getting cloudy and cattails were beginning to get real pushy. Now you can see the fish. The lily pads look really nice. Please keep your children away from the pond! Ponds and kids do not go well together.

**Rain Sensors:** Rain sensors have been installed on all irrigation controllers. They are programmed to shut off if there is 0.25-inches of rain or more. Some old clocks that are not compatible with these units are being replaced. This should keep the sprinklers from coming on in the middle of a huge rainstorm, saving considerable

money. So far, Strawberry is the only community in the district using this idea.

**Pool Closings:** Both pools are open until the end of September. This schedule was well received by the residents last year, thus it was decided to continue it. Swim safely! Did you notice the neat kid-sized picnic tables this summer? They are getting lots of use, too.

**Reminder: Please!! No Pets, No Glass Containers Are Allowed in the Pool Areas at Any Time!!**

**Garage Sale —Again?** Please let the board know if you are interested in rescheduling the garage sale this fall. The spring one was a disaster — want to try it again? The weather should be much calmer.

**Rattlers:** A small rattlesnake was spotted at the north end on the Doubletree property. Be on the lookout while walking with your kids and/or dogs. Remember, the rattlers were here first!

## Strawberry Board:

President Jan Lucas      Vice President Victoria Torok  
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Director Erik Gose

Property Manager: CAP, 303-832-2971  
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Animal Control, after hours, 303-627-3100  
BOD Email: strawberryhoa@yahoo.com  
Website: [www.strawberryhoa.com](http://www.strawberryhoa.com)

# Burgundy by Lori Rust

**Prepare for Next Annual Meeting:** Burgundy will hold its next annual meeting on the 2nd Thursday in October, Oct. 14. Please make sure to mark your calendar and attend this meeting. This is your opportunity to select any homeowners who will be running for the board. There will be several open seats.

**Board Members Commitment:** The board meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm and typically are 1.5–2 hours in length. That's 18–24 hours maximum per year.

Anyone who considers running for the board needs to keep in mind they represent the entire community and needs to have the community and all residents' best interest in mind. If you're interested in running for a position on the board, attend the meetings in August or September.

## Why should you consider running for the board?

The board plays a key role in determining budgets and projects that maintain and improve the value of the community and resident lifestyles. Your home at Burgundy is probably one of your largest assets. By serving on the board, you have a voice on how to protect that asset. It's rewarding to be part of such a wonderful HOA and Metro District.

Don't have time to be on the Board but still want to be involved? Consider being on a committee or special project committee. Current opportunities include:

- Welcoming Committee: need at least one volunteer from each neighborhood
- Social Committee
- Landscape Committee
- Architecture Committee

Special Project Committees are:

- Review of Special Study
- Driveway/Parking Lot Review

Interested in having a party or holding event: Rent the Burgundy Clubhouse. Contact Karen Berg, 303-695-9630, to reserve your party day and time now! Bookings for the fall and holidays are being scheduled.

Rates per event (Special reduced rates will apply for multiple scheduled rentals.)

Burgundy Resident	\$45	Damage Deposit \$150
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## Burgundy Homes for Sale:

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# FAQs from HR Metro District

**Q:** Why am I receiving my tax bill now in July instead of the first of the year?

**A:** The HR Metro District directors found a discrepancy in January 2010, between the district records and Arapahoe County Assessor's records. Research found two HOAs (Burgundy and Sausalito) were not listed as part of the district. Arapahoe County made the corrections and new tax bills were sent to these homeowners in July 2010.

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## August Calendar at Heather Ridge

Tue 17	9 Hole Ladies Club Championship Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Wed 18	Dumitri's Trivia Night	7 pm
Thu 19	Dumitri's – Tom Allen Duo	
Fri 20	Meet Mike Ritter, new Golf Pro Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	5:30 pm
Sat 21	Men's Golf Club Championship Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	8 am
Sun 22	Men's Golf Club Championship	8 am
Tue 24	9 Hole Ladies Club Championship Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Thu 26	Dumitri's – Tom Allen Duo	
Fri 27	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sat 28	Men's Club Tournament of Champions Dumitri's – Magic Moments	8 am
Sun 29	Dance Lesson Open Dancing, \$10 per person	6–7 pm 7–9:30 pm
Mon 30	Neighborhood Watch Program	6:30 pm
Tue 31	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm

## September Calendar at Heather Ridge

Wed 1	Dumitri's Trivia Night	7 pm
Thu 2	VE Day Anniversary: Breakfast with KEZW Radio broadcasting live Dumitri's – Tom Allen Duo	7 am 6 pm
Fri 3	Magic Moments	
Sat 4	Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sun 5	Dance Lesson	6–7 pm

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Sun 5	Open Dancing, \$10 per person	7–9:30 pm
Tue 7	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Thu 9	Dumitri's – Tom Allen Duo	6 pm
Fri 10	Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sat 11	Men's Club LTGA Tournament TAPS Fundraiser Event	9 am
Sun 12	Dance Lesson Open Dancing, \$10 per person	6–7 pm 7–9:30 pm
Tue 14	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Wed 15	Dumitri's Trivia Night	7 pm
Thu 16	Dumitri's – Tom Allen Duo	6 pm
Fri 17	9 Hole Ladies Golf Championship Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	
Sat 18	Men's Club American Legion Post 1992 Dumitri's – Tony David & Pam Hughes	8 am
Sun 19	Men's Club MDA Tournament Dance Lesson Open Dancing, \$10 per person	7:30 am 6–7 pm 7–9:30 pm
Tue 21	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Thu 23	Dumitri's – Tom Allen Duo	6 pm
Fri 24	9 Hole Ladies Golf Championship Men's Golf Club Fall Banquet Dumitri's – Magic Moments	
Sat 25	2-Man Reverse Scramble	8:30 am
Sun 26	Men's Golf Club Lowry Family Center Dance Lesson Open Dancing, \$10 per person	8 am 6–7 pm 7–9:30 pm
Tue 28	Dumitri's Ladies Night: Karaoke	8 pm
Wed 29	Dumitri's Trivia Night	7 pm
Thu 30	Dumitri's – Tom Allen Duo	6 pm

# Neighborhood Watch...from page 3

they wish to share with the rest of the community anonymously (i.e., if your car was broken into and you want to make others aware to be on the look out). Depending on the message, it is distributed to the rest of the community or forwarded to the police (if requested). Always call the police at 911 first, if a crime happens to you.

People on the distribution list for 'NW Bulletin Email Alert' also receive statistical crime reports from the Aurora Police. These reports are helpful to the people in the community because they show where the crimes are being committed in and around our neighborhood. It shows maps and lists addresses. In this way, everyone can be on the alert towards preventing the same crimes from happening around us and to our neighbors.

Strawberry has a Neighborhood

Watch monthly meeting that is held the second Wednesday evening at the Strawberry Clubhouse. All are welcome. The meeting starts at 6 pm and usually runs for one hour. The meeting is informal. The discussion is usually about the latest bulletins, information on how to be an effective member of Neighborhood Watch, and safety in the Strawberry community.

The Neighborhood Watch program is also part of an Emergency Readiness initiative in the city of Aurora. There will be more information about this at the National Night Out at Utah Park on Tuesday evening, Aug. 3, 5-8 pm.

If you miss Tuesday night, information on how to become involved with Emergency Readiness through the Neighborhood Watch program

will be in the NW Bulletin Email Alerts during the next few months.

Good communication is the key for Neighborhood Watch. Remember to always dial 911 in any emergency. If you have any doubts about an action taking place, call the police non-emergency number, 303-627-3100, report it and let the police check it out. It's better to be safe than sorry, so the saying goes.

If you live in Strawberry and want your email on the Neighborhood Watch Bulletin Email Alert distribution list so you too can receive the messages, please send your request to [Strawberryhoodwatch@yahoo.com](mailto:Strawberryhoodwatch@yahoo.com).

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in becoming a Block Captain in Strawberry or with any questions concerning Neighborhood Watch. I look forward to hearing from you!

**Cathie Brailey**  
720-747-5327

"If you see it, Say it!" Michael Bloomberg, Mayor New York City

## Letters

### Metro Matters

Why has there not been any news from the Fairway 16 community in the first two issues?

**Susan Bruce**

**2528A S. Vaughn Way**

{Editor's Note: Publishing HOA information in Metro Matters is free, voluntary, and discretionary. Of the 10 HOAs that can publish their newsletters free in Metro Matters, nine use it as needed. Fairway 16's board decided not to publish for its own reasons. Please contact your board for more information.}

### Letters to the Editor

Send or deliver your letters for Metro Matters to Editor Bette Secord, Fairway 16, [bettesecord@gmail.com](mailto:bettesecord@gmail.com); or Publisher Lynn Donaldson, 13731 E Hamilton Dr, Aurora, CO 80014; [LynnNeu@comcast.net](mailto:LynnNeu@comcast.net) by the first of each month. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number. Letters may be edited for clarity or space. This space in your monthly newsletter will afford persons with varying and differing views an opportunity to air responsible opinions on matters of community interest. It should promote community and enjoyable life pursuits.

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