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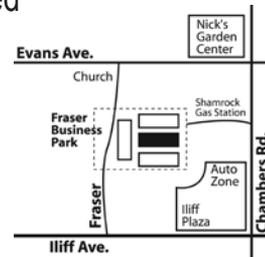
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United Associations of Heather Ridge

We are what we are and that's all that we are! A perplexing statement? A conundrum? Nope — it's just the appointed representatives from 9 of the 10 HOAs in the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) expressing their community's individuality! It has been an interesting and enlightening experience to share information with this group on the many different ways that each HOA addresses problems!

Sometimes HOAs share the same problems, but use markedly different solutions. Other times the approaches are similar, but have varying degrees of effectiveness. Either way, I think any of the UAHR Board members will tell you that it is an interesting process as information is shared between the different communities.

This board is currently exploring ways to cooperate on joint projects without compromising the autonomy or the individuality of each HOA! An example of a joint project that we think might be possible would be a garage sale involving several communities. It is unlikely that it would have 100 percent community participation, because some HOAs do not allow garage sales within their community at all. Others allow only one common sale per year. Yet some HOAs don't have any rules at all regarding

garage sales within the community.

The UAHR Board will be working to set up a garage sale with several communities participating on a single weekend. The goals will be to reduce expenses for each community through shared advertising, enhanced advertising for all involved, and increased traffic to generate more sales.

You will hear more about this project and many others that come along that can benefit everyone without intruding on each HOA's authority.

Please let me know what you think of this idea. Feel free to make any suggestions you might have for multiple community projects. Please sound off in *Metro Matters* with your comments and ideas. Thanks.

– Josie Spencer

"In the Spotlight!"

As promised, **Margo Plemone**, the appointed HOA representative from Cobblestone, is "In the Spotlight" this month.

Margo grew up in Des Moines Iowa. While working for *Better Homes and Gardens* in Des Moines, she discovered her God-given gift of interior design. Margo attended Drake University to study design, then came to Colorado as a
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Notice of Public Information Meetings by the United Associations of Heather Ridge

Community information meetings to discuss changes to the scope of work for the golf course's new irrigation system. Introduction to Heather Ridge Community Affairs (HRCA). Presenters will include HRMD, the Golf Club at Heather Ridge, Inc., HRCA, and United Associations of Heather Ridge.

All meetings will be conducted at the Heather Ridge Clubhouse as follows:

- Wednesday, May 18, 2–3:30 pm
- Thursday, May 19, 6:30–8 pm

For further information, please contact UAHR President Josie Spence, AmiPep@aol.com, or 303-671-5634.

Don't Miss It!



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Real estate market report:
 The Denver Post recently
 headlined a possible
 double-dip drop in residen-
 tial property prices. Double-

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dip — is that some sort of ice cream? It refers to the dip in prices in 2009 that might repeat in 2011. In most recessions, prices fall under market pressures to level off before climbing again. If it happens again within 2–4 years, it's called a double-dip, which usually signals a struggling market.

In contrast to that headline, Heather Ridge home sales have dramatically increased. Inventory in May is half of April's. Homes under contract in May have doubled. Sold homes activity reflects this change in OUR market. Let's be thankful.

Why is Heather Ridge doing so well? One reason is prices: values are affordable. The area has a good quality of life, and the communities are proactive. Thanks to the HOAs for properly budgeting and maintaining communities. Secondly, HRMD's effort towards preserving the open space, protecting real estate, and promoting our way of life. A great team effort!

(The Following Properties May Have Been Listed or Sold by Other Companies)

Homes for Sale in Heather Ridge, New Listings April 1–May 5

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Baths	Beds	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$77,760	2625	S Xanadu Way E	2	2	1,315	1-Off Street, Resv	2 Story
Burgundy	\$83,160	2623	S Xanadu Way E	2	2	1,315	Off Street	2 Story
Burgundy	\$129,900	2635	S Xanadu Way D	2	2	1,162	2-Garage, Det, Resv	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$139,900	13623	E Evans Ave	3	2	1,904	1-Garage, Oversized	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$85,000	2181	S Victor St A	2	2	1,392	1-Off Street, Resv	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$108,500	2132	S Victor St C	2	2	1,392	1-Off Street, Resv	1.5 Story
Cobblestone	\$109,900	2161	S Victor St B	2	2	1,392	1-Garage, Det	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$114,000	2192	S Victor St D	2	2	1,208	1-Off Street, Resv	1.5 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$84,000	13314	E Asbury Dr A	2	2	1,208	1-Garage Detached	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$99,950	13396	E Asbury Dr	2	3	1,392	Off Street	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$169,900	2240	S Vaughn Way 204	2	2	1,124	1-Garage, Oversized	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$177,000	2230	S Vaughn Way 101	2	2	1,196	1-Garage, Att, Off-Street	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$189,900	2220	S Vaughn Way 103	2	3	1,485	2-Garage, Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$108,500	2548	S Vaughn Way C	3	3	2,418	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$144,900	2558	S Vaughn Way C	4	4	2,418	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$145,000	2426	S Vaughn Way A	4	3	2,532	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$167,000	2610	S Vaughn Way C	4	4	2,418	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$179,500	2446	S Vaughn Way A	4	3	2,418	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$148,000	2869	S Xanadu Way	4	4	2,384	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$96,000	2500	S Victor St F	2	3	1,273	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$109,900	2490	S Worchester St A	2	3	1,273	2-Garage, Att	Two Story
Strawberry I	\$55,000	13657	E Yale Ave C	1	1	856	1-Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$64,500	2658	S Xanadu Way D	1	1	856	1-Carport, Det	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$65,900	2694	S Xanadu Way C	1	1	856	1-Carport, Det	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$69,900	13633	E Yale Ave A	1	1	856	None	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$120,000	13631	E Yale Ave C	2	2	1,098	1-Carport	Ranch

Homes under Contract in Heather Ridge

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Bed.Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$70,470	2661	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,162	Off Street	2 Story
Burgundy	\$115,000	2625	S Xanadu Way F	2 - 2	1,315	2-Carport, Det, Resv	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$115,500	13654	E Evans Ave	3 - 2	1,344	1-Garage, Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$124,900	2063	S Worchester St	3 - 2	1,513	1-Garage, Att	2 Story

Cobblestone Crossg	\$69,900	1913	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossg	\$88,200	13568	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,392	1-Carport, Det	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$185,000	2260	S Vaughn Way 104	3 - 3	1,680	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$184,500	2240	S Vaughn Way 104	3 - 3	1,680	2-Garage, Att	Ranch
Heather Ridge South	\$114,400	2888	S Wheeling Way	4 - 4	1,633	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$125,000	2418	S Victor St D	2 - 3	1,300	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$142,000	2501	S Victor St C	2 - 2	1,230	2-Garage, Att	Ranch
Strawberry I	\$35,000	2608	S Xanadu Way B	1 - 1	856	1-Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$59,900	2690	Xanadu	2 - 2	1,144	1-Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$49,900	2688	S Xanadu Way B	1 - 1	856	1-Carport, Det	1.5 Story
Strawberry I	\$62,000	2606	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,098	None	Ranch
Strawberry I	\$79,900	13605	E Yale Ave A	1 - 1	856	1-Carport,Det	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$61,900	2461	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,091	1-Carport, Det, Resv	2 Story

Homes Sold in Heather Ridge March–April 2011

HOA	List/Sold Price	No.	Street	Beds Baths	SqFt	Garage	Style	Seller credit	Seller
Chimney Hill	\$120,000	2081	S Worchester St	2 - 2	1,344	1-Garage,Over	2 Story	\$3,600	Individual
Chimney Hill	\$135,000	2023	S Worchester St	2 - 2	1,344	1-Garage,Over	2 Story	\$600	Individual
Cobblestone	\$110,000	13412	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,208	1 Carport, Det	2 Story	\$4,000	Individual
Fairway 16	\$137,500	2486	S Vaughn Way B	4 - 3	1,650	2-Garage, Att	2 Story	\$3,000	Estate
HR South	\$159,500	2720	S Xanadu Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage, Att	2 Story	\$4,300	Fix-Flip
Sausalito	\$154,900	2468	S Victor St-A	2 - 3	1,300	2-Garage, Att	2 Story	\$0.00	Fix-Flip
Strawberry I	\$28,500	2614	S Xanadu Way B	1 - 1	856	Off Street	2 Story	\$0.00	Gov't
Strawberry I	\$36,600	13647	E Yale Ave B	1 - 1	856	1 Carport, Det	1.5 Story	\$0.00	Gov't

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Blood and Thunder: An Epic of the American West by Hampton Sides

Few characters in American West history are more controversial than Christopher Houston “Kit” Carson. Though the dime novels that made Kit Carson a household name in the 19th Century have faded into the shadows, his broad public image remains shrouded in the myth and fiction those writers invented and Hollywood perpetuated. Some continue to hold him in utter awe, while others regard him as genocidal agent, a man responsible for hundreds — if not thousands — of deaths. In *Blood and Thunder: An Epic of the American West*, Hampton Sides successfully sorts out Carson’s image and finds some middle ground.

Though he dictated his autobiography (he was illiterate), Carson seldom talked about himself and his exploits. Apparently, he was too modest. But the little man — all of five feet four inches tall — was literally bigger than life. He saw more of the West from the back of a mule than any 10 men. He experienced more hair-raising adventure than most of his fellow scouts. Much of his reputation was deserved. Sides is quick to point out Carson’s admirable traits and skills — his ability to track the faintest sign, his horsemanship, his skill as a marksman and scout, his endurance and loyalty.

In contrast Sides writes, “He was a natural born killer... Carson could be brutal even for the West of his day (a West so wild it lacked outlaws, for no law yet existed to be outside of).”

Blood and Thunder covers a remarkable sweep of western history, from the trapping era of the 1820s, through the Mexican War, and into the Civil War. Through it all, Carson proved to be a remarkable scout and Indian fighter,

all the more ironic since he married two Indian women.

The book’s centerpiece is its account of the remarkable Navajo nation, of their land and traditions, and, ultimately, their removal from their ancestral homeland to the desolate Bosque Redondo. Rather than employing a direct military confrontation, Carson devised a patient, devastating scorched-earth policy that starved the Navajo out of their Canyon de Chelly stronghold.

If Carson had a conspicuous character flaw, it was his inability to push back against those in command. Whether he was awed or cowed, Carson displayed an almost child-like loyalty to authority figures such as John Charles Fremont, Stephen Watts Kearny, and — unfortunately for the Navajo — James Henry Carlton. In their employ, Carson became Manifest Destiny’s foremost agent.

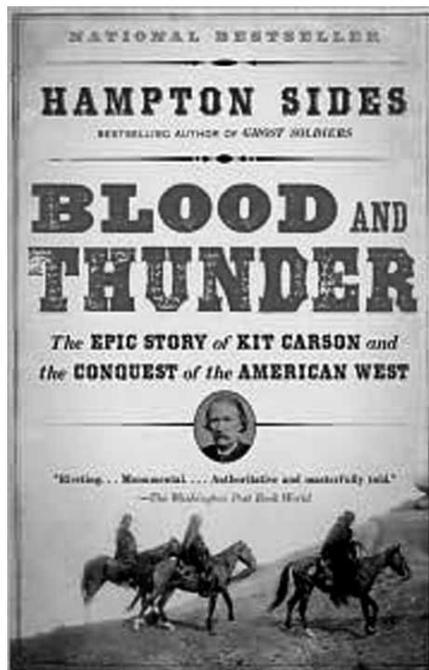
Sides, an editor-at-large for *Outside* magazine and best-selling author (*Ghost Soldiers*), provides little new information, but gives us an exceptionally well-written, even-handed biography. It is accessible and has the journalist’s touch for detail and insight, a novelist’s lyrical storytelling, coupled with an historian’s eye for fact and sources. Without watering down the content, the author reminds us that history can be compelling, insightful, and literate. A wonderful addition to the shelf.

— Paul Malkoski

Heather Ridge South

(Doubleday, 2006, \$26.95)

{Editor’s Note: HR residents may submit articles, book reviews or essays on topics that your neighbors will enjoy. Send to Bette Secord, Fairway 16, bettesecord@gmail.com; or Lynn Donaldson, LynnNeu@comcast.net.}



HRMD: News and Happenings

Irrigation Project, Phase I.

By the end of May, all work for the front nine fairways on the Golf Course should be completed and on budget (\$856,000). The original \$1.2 million project to update and repair irrigation to all 18-holes of the Golf Course was rebid by the same company when Toro failed to fund its proposal. For now, the front nine is done.

Golf and clubhouse operations are managed by the Golf Club at Heather Ridge, Inc. (GCatHR). With the change in development plans, Heather Ridge Metro District (HRMD) President Errol Rowland asked GCatHR President Joanie Ott to project Phase II irrigation costs, expectations, and timetable. At HRMD's meeting on April 17, GCatHR Director Larry Ransford presented the following "rough" outline of events to come:

- Work will be funded incrementally from golf course "profits" and HRMD Capital Funds.
- Work will be done over the next three years using internal personnel and contractors.
- Material and equipment costs are "estimated" at \$450K using today's prices.
- Labor costs have not been estimated.

The first goal of the irrigation project has been achieved — expanded water storage at #5 tee box, a new sprinkler system for the entire front nine, and water transfer lines be-

tween ponds at tee boxes #5 and #16.

The back-nine irrigation system works well enough to postpone its replacement. Fortunately, the abandoned front nine fairway system will yield spare parts that can be used on the back nine.

Statistics for inquiring minds:

- The irrigation pond at #5 tee box will store and deliver most of the irrigation water for the entire course. This pond has been dredged, widened, and reshaped as follows: 90 feet wide from rim to rim east to west; and 200 feet wide from north to south. It is now 13 feet deep and will hold 90,000-plus gallons of water — more than four times greater than before.

- The new irrigation water pump can deliver up to 1200 gallons per hour. It powers water transfers between ponds.

Lastly, a new computer system will optimize irrigation, identify leaks and broken lines, and locate every sprinkler head, valve, and manifold using GPS. No longer will individual memory, old maps or "well witching" be needed to find lines and heads.

RTD Light-Rail at Iliff and I-225. On May 5, RTD held a public meeting at Heather Gardens to discuss upcoming events. In a crowd well represented by Heather Ridge residents, the following was announced:

- By July 2011, Congress

will fund \$90 million for an I-225 station at Iliff.

- By 2014, the Iliff station will be operational. It will have 600 car parking spaces at ground level.

- By 2014, all I-225 expansion work should be done.

- Construction of a new bridge at I-225 and Yale.

- Construction of a sound wall from Yale to the south edge of the Double Tree Hotel.

Public meeting concerning property assessment values for 2011. On May 24, 4:30–5:30 pm at Heather Ridge clubhouse, Arapahoe County Assessor Corbin Sakdol will briefly explain valuation and appeal procedures to contest property values. Sponsored by Heather Ridge Community Affairs, taxpayers will need to bring their assessment notices if they want to appeal. Sakdol will personally collect and deliver them to his office.

Heather Ridge Community Affairs social gathering: In the spirit of getting to know each other better and to exchange mutually beneficial information, the Second Annual Cocktail Party will be held Thursday, June 23, at the Heather Ridge Clubhouse, 5–6:30 pm. All HOA board members and their partners, HRMD Board, Golf Club at Heather Ridge, Inc. Board, and United Associations of Heather Ridge board members are invited. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served with a cash bar.

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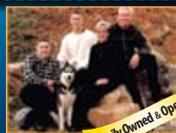
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Golf Club at Heather Ridge Monthly Update

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There is so much going on at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge there is hardly time to write about it all! Irrigation work is progressing every day. It should be completed in May. One at a time, a hole looks like it's being invaded by an army and then a day or two later — voila! It's all put back together. The sprinklers come on. The grass greens up almost overnight.

Thankfully, the golf course will be back to normal soon.

Greg and Jordan are developing Golf Clinic schedules for late spring and summer. Clinics are a great, cost-effective way to learn the

game and pick up new skills. Look for sign-up information soon in the Golf Shop or on the website.

The last several nice days have brought out lots of golfers in spite of the construction on the golf course. This bodes well for a busy and successful summer.

The Men's Club, the Ladies' Clubs, and leagues play almost every night — a growing and loyal following. Thanks again to all for your patience during construction. Bring on the summer.

– Mike Ritter

Men's Golf League

At a meeting Thursday, it was decided to change the dates for the Member/Member and Member/Guest tournaments to June 3–5 and July 15–17, respectively. This will give more time for the water project to be completed.

– Dean Weber

April 30 Individual Net Tournament

1st Flight

Gross	T Daum	73	\$70	
1st Net	G Wahbeh	72	\$70	card off
2nd Net	R Shearer	72	\$40	

2nd Flight

Gross	M Straud	77	\$70	
1st Net	J Curzon	66	\$70	
2nd Net	M Geppner	68	\$40	

3rd Flight

Gross	D Henson	85	\$70	
1st Net	D Blosser	74	\$70	card off
2nd Net	R Martin	74	\$40	

4th Flight

1st Net	D Schroeder	70	\$70	
2st Net	J Gemeinhart	72	\$50	
3rd Net	H Wallace	74	\$35	card off
4th Net	B Ore	74	\$25	

Closest to the pin (\$30 each): #5 D Schroeder; #8 T Carsaro; #10 Spensor Howell; #14 B Larson.

18-Hole Ladies Golf League

The 2011 season is off to a great start. The Member/Guest play date has been changed to **Monday, June 27**. There will be an 8 am shotgun start, followed by lunch. Applications are available in the Pro Shop. Hope to see you there.

– Wendy Traynor

Who says there is no Free lunch?

The Golf Course at Heather Ridge provides one of the best golf experiences in the Denver Metro area. A new irrigation system is being installed to make it even better. Eighteen holes can be played every day.

During construction, get a free breakfast or lunch during the month of May with the purchase of any regular adult green fee.

Call now for your tee time, 303-755-3550, or book it on-line at www.GolfClubAtHeatherRidge.com



HRMD, UAHR and HRCA meetings are open to residents!

Friends of the Fairway Contest

Dates: May 15 – August 15

Rules:

1. Garden must be visible from the golf course.
2. Permission must be obtained from the golf course/ HOA before any new construction of a garden area.
3. An independent panel of judges will choose one winning participant from each of the 10 HOAs during the week of July 15.
4. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Nick's Garden Store.

Register at bettesecord@gmail.com or call 303-695-9582.



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field editor for the aforementioned magazine.

Margo started her own business in the 1980s. She's slowed down some since then, but continues in business and still enjoys doing design work — as much as she did when she first started.

Margo was a guest at the Heather Ridge Country Club outdoor pool when she heard about the building project called Cobblestone. She tells me that she still loves her house 32 years later. It was just open land when she bought her home. The golf course came later,

She's looking forward to hitting that little white ball around the course soon. In addition

to golf, which she loves to play and watch, Margo enjoys travel. She was able to combine the best of both worlds when she walked the golf course at Pebble Beach.

Margo is of Italian descent. She loves to travel around Italy. Her first trip, at the age of 20 with her step-grandmother, led to the formation of lifelong friendships. She tours all the different areas of Italy while she visits with her friends. She also has fun visiting with her family whenever she gets back to Iowa!

Non-resident owners may have the magazine mailed for free. Email Bette Secord, bettesecord@gmail.com, with information. *Metro Matters* is also available online at uah.org.

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Aurora Symphony fundraiser at Noonan's was a stunning success! On May 7, Noonan's hosted a fundraiser that included wine tasting, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a jazz band, and two auctions — silent and live. It was well attended by city officials, music lovers and local citizens. Noonan's showed its stuff with friendly service, thoughtful planning, and great hospitality.

One delightful food item that night was Noonan's pig's wings — a petite ham bone with flavor-seared seasonings, making it impossible to eat just one. It is a perfect one- or two-bite

delight. The question is, "will Noonan's have this on their menu?" The pig's wings will give Noonan's superb buffalo wings a run for its money.

The Heather Ridge ballrooms are perfect for weddings, parties, community functions and business groups. For more information, contact Meredith Lanphier, 303-755-3550, x304.

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Cover photo. The RTD bus stop is now west of the Clubhouse entrance. The previous bus stop, now abandoned, blocked oncoming vehicles for anyone exiting the parking lot onto I-76. It also obscured the Heather Ridge entrance sign.

Book Review: *Bloodlands* by Timothy Snyder

This book is not for everyone, but it is for inquiring minds who are breaking new ground on recent history. In fact, *Bloodlands* is downright disturbing, but necessary, reading about the blood-soaked dirt between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union. The time period is the late 1920s to 1950s, and it coined its own words to describe what was happening then — genocide and totalitarianism. It all started in the Soviet Union.

Author Timothy Snyder uses newly released Russian documents and artifacts to shed light on Stalin's Great Terror and his World War 2 geopolitics. Snyder documents Stalin's policies for seeking ideological purity by starving, relocating, or simply murdering millions for the sake of a workers' paradise.

Snyder puts faces and facts on countless individual stories to refute the notion that the end justifies the means! He claims that a Soviet Union at peace was more dangerous to its people than when fighting the Germans.

Hitler's primary goal wasn't ideological or racial purity, it was land for crops. Initially based more on economics than racial purity, Germany

wanted to be a world power, but didn't produce enough food without trade.

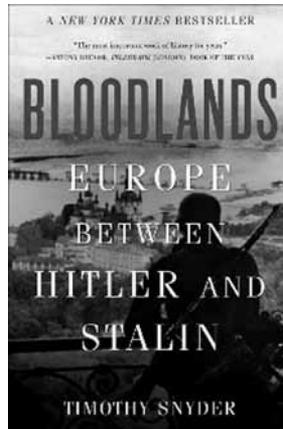
Unlike Britain's world-wide trading empire and huge navy, Germany had no colonial empire and a small navy. It had to import much of its basic foods through world markets that Britain greatly influenced. Without adequate food, Germany's armies could march only so far.

To meet its "racial and nationalistic" destinies, Germany needed "living space" to grow people and food.

Before invading Poland in 1939, Snyder claims that Hitler was not the butcher of millions like Stalin, but killed "no more than a thousand or so" because he was taking over an existing government, not creating one. When his war with the Soviet Union started going badly, Hitler became more dangerous and destructive to his people and others than he was during peacetime.

Surprisingly, Hitler's Jewish Problem wasn't so much German Jews, but the Jews and other "wasteful food eaters" in Poland, Belarus and the Ukraine. He needed that land as Germany's

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Did you know?

Many well known celebrities entertained for charitable events at Heather Ridge Country Club in the 1970s and 1980s. Among those were Margaret

Whiting (left), Gordon McCrae (middle), The Kingston Trio (right) and Leslie Nielson.



Safety and Security Report

It is no secret that the Aurora Police Department investigates many thefts and other property related crimes. But you may not be aware that citizens play a critical role in police investigations. Many crimes go unsolved because the owners were unable to properly identify their stolen items.

Take a few moments to record this information and hide your records in a discrete location, such as a safety deposit box. Information on the color, model number, serial number, and other identifying marks help identify an item.

In addition, consider taking a photo of items that are high value, or do not have identification numbers. You may want to write your own identification number on the property. For example, you could write the last four digits of your social security number and your initials.

Oftentimes, thieves will try to cash in on the stolen property by selling it to local pawn shops, various second-hand stores, or on the internet. Investigators armed with detailed property descriptions and photographs can track down stolen items and those who attempt to profit from the sale of stolen property.

Tuesday 5/03/2011: *Cobblestone* reported that two girls were going door-to-door selling magazines. At least three people signed up and gave checks. They then checked the internet and found out it was a fraud and cancelled their checks. One resident commented that the girls were slick in their presentation.

Week of 04/15/2011: *Cobblestone Crossing* reported several garages and one condo broken into.

Monday 4/25/2011: *Sausalito* reported a break in/ burglary.

A report of crimes and security issues for our area is now published on *HRMDco.org*.

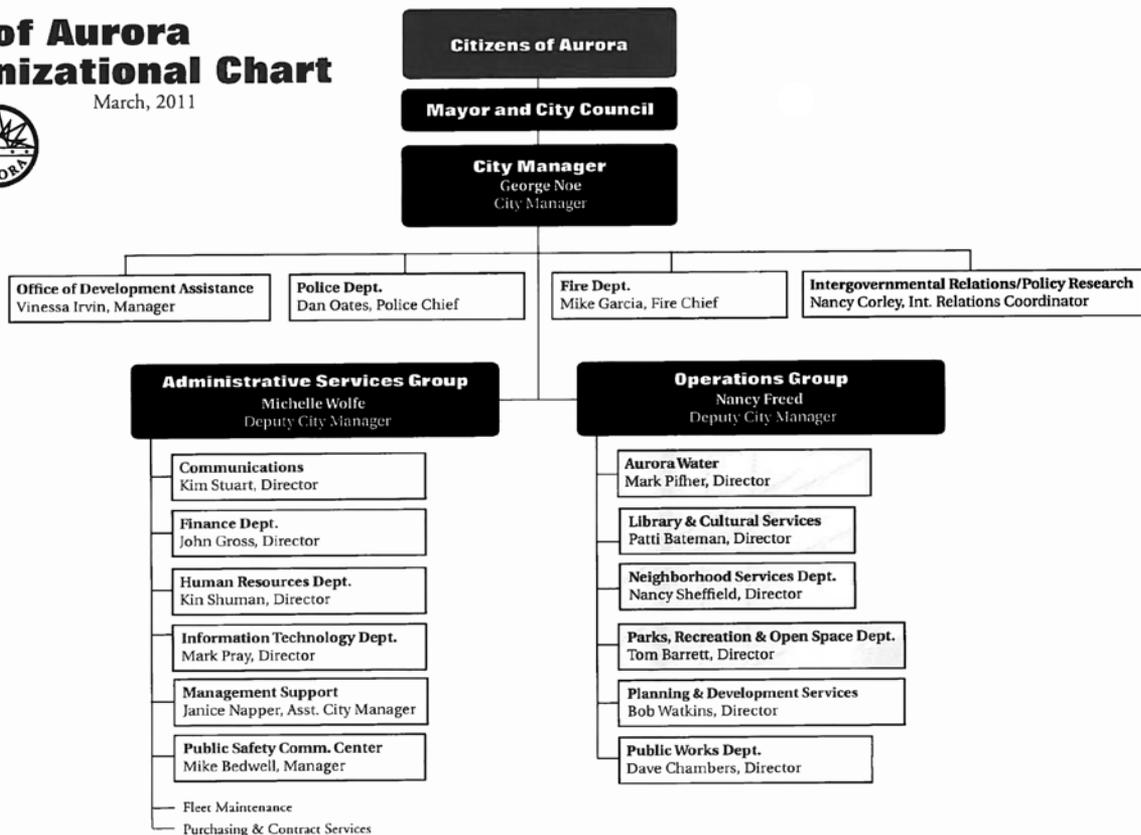
Crime Alert page. This page is presented as a service to residents of Heather Ridge. If you have something to report please email Crime@HRMDco.org. Please include the HOA area, approximate address of the incident your name and phone number. Aurora police PAR officer Mark Lowisz, 303-739-1819 or mlowisz@auroragov.org, suggests this website: www.crimereports.com (enter zip 80014).

**- Bette Secord
Fairway 16**

City of Aurora Organizational Chart



March, 2011



Homeowners' Association News

Heather Ridge South by Van Lewis

Roof project done! Completed in mid-May, the \$1.5 million project came in on budget and nine years earlier than expected! Yup, that's correct — nine years ahead of schedule because of the \$2,000,000 insurance settlement.

Overseeing the project were board members Dave Elgin and Skip Cunningham. Congratulations to them. Also, thanks to Glen Sumner, owner of Arvada Roofing for seeing the injustice of the \$200,000 original settlement. Glen brought in an insurance claims specialist who helped HRS get the big settlement. After fees and expenses, HRS roofed every unit and funded reserves for work not done yet.

Parking issues, problems, requests. Please try to park inside your garages — it reduces parking congestion and auto break-ins and thefts. It also makes for better emergency vehicle access. Remember, HRS was designed in the early 1970s when two-car families were the norm. Today's three-car families conflicts with this older design.

More signs for parking and notices will be installed. Interior parking spaces are for daily parking, not vehicle storage. HRS's security service, Covenant, tags all outside parked vehicles every night to monitor activities. Vehicles not moved, with expired plates or in disrepair, will be tagged and towed per the Rules and Regulations.

Create Your Own Will Legal Seminar

Get a tough job done in one easy course. Licensed attorney Steven Dye and his staff will help you complete a Last Will & Testament, Financial & Medical Power of Attorney, Living Will and Organ Donation Request. Includes all materials, witnessing, notary. Time for questions and discussion. Pre-registration required.

Call the **Dye Law Firm, 303-678-7358**

Cost per person: \$99 • Tuesday, May 24

Location: Cozy Corner at Heather Gardens Clubhouse
Session 1 @ 4:30 pm • Session 2 @ 6 pm

Watch your speed when driving through the neighborhood. Wheeling and Xanadu are public roads with public speed limits, but the interior roads are 5 mph.

Also, watch for items inadvertently left on driveways — garden tools, bicycles, toys, etc.

Upcoming events. Mark your calendars as follows:

- The pool opens May 21–September 11.
- Semi-annual HOA meeting is June 2, 7 pm at our clubhouse.
- Community pool-side dinners are the last Friday of each month, 6:30 pm (May 27, June 24, July 29, and Aug. 26). BBQ your dinner and share fellowship with others.
- Summer Luau Party on Saturday, July 16.

HRS Communications, website. Rules and Regulations and updated contact information can be found. For more information, visit www.Heatherridgesouth.com. Josie Spencer keeps it updated and timely for everything happening in HRS.

The annual garage sale for 2011 was cancelled pending future collaborative efforts with other Metro District HOAs through United Associations of Heather Ridge.

Rules and Regulations are being updated. In particular, owners' contact information is improving. If you have changed telephone numbers, email, moved off-site, etc. — please let the management company know.

Painted units. Units 2869-71-73-75 South Xanadu Way were repainted because the original paint was coming off. Please drive by and note the color because the board is considering future community painting. The painted building is darker than expected, despite every effort to match colors. At the June 2 Semi-Annual public meeting, this topic will be discussed as follows:



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cost, budget, colors, locations, timing, etc.

Maintenance items. This summer, concrete water drain pans will be installed — new and replaced. The new and updated drains will move runoff away from foundations, driveways, and ice build-up areas.

Significant asphalt repairs are scheduled. The asphalt work is typical for never-ending maintenance to prevent deterioration.

Starting in May, 14 units will have their front porches and covers leveled. This will include mudjacking and/or replacing support posts. This will not only correct visual-aesthetic issues, but improve drainage and structural integrity. (FYI: interior limited common sidewalks and patios are an owner's responsibility unless the damage is caused by structural features for which the HOA is responsible. Examples: common area tree roots, foundation issues).

Owners need to monitor their gutters and downspouts for ensure proper operation and drainage. Downspouts dumping water in fenced patio areas are impossible for the HOA to effectively monitor, so responsibility falls on owners to report problems.

Damages resulting from improper drainage (water in the basement, foundation, etc) aren't necessary an HOA's obligation or expense. Report all concerns to Westwind to be on record concerning future claims.

Insurance for community. As of May 10, replacement insurance has not been selected. The board is awaiting bids, coverage plans, and underwriting. The old policy is still in effect but with greater exposure to roof deductible claims. For more details, see last month's newsletter. Do you have HO-6 insurance with assessment

coverage? Do it now.

Thank you, Wayne! Wayne Muske has been with HRS for almost two years now. The board is extremely pleased with his services. Wayne and his wife, Eileen, live in neighboring Danbury. He doesn't have far to drive, walk or crawl to work. As you see him working about HRS, please give him a hearty thank you or a wave.

Pool season and the club house. The pool is now open and ready for business. There are gas BBQs for everyone's use, picnic tables, and pool chairs. Also, new pool keys were recently mailed (one each to owners only). Contact Sue Daigle at Westwind if you haven't received yours yet. Lastly, the front clubhouse landscaping was recently redone — bringing it into the 21st Century. Exterior siding was painted where peeled, and new window coverings installed for a fresh, new look. Thank you Linda and Ronni.

Recycling. It has been a huge success. People are amazed how much recyclable trash is generated versus non-recyclable. If you haven't signed up, please contact Aspen, 303-744-9881. Remember, recyclable pickup is every other week. Non-recyclable, every week.

Comcast agreement. The board has finalized an exclusive maintenance contract with Comcast to allow them access to install and maintain their equipment. This doesn't prevent other cable or dish providers from access to HRS owners, but it does insure Comcast the right to conduct business using their cable lines. Comcast said that without the contract, they would not service older lines. The board negotiated a \$38,000 settlement for this agreement, which will last 30 years. The money goes into HRS's general fund.

Sausalito by Carol McCormick

Landscaping. Our landscaping company continues to deep water our trees and irrigate grass because of the dry weather. Spring cleaning is underway. Please remember that flowers must be in planters, not planted in common grounds.

Swimming Pool. The pools open on

Memorial Day. The Rules and Regulations for the Victor and Worchester swimming pools are listed on this web site: sausalitohoa.siteactivation.com/legal.html. The rules are



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clearly stated and enforceable. Please read them in detail and, if you rent your property, please be sure your renters have a copy of the pool rules.

The homeowners and renters at Sausalito are fortunate to have two swimming pools to use during the summer. The pools are for residents only. A key is required to enter the pool. It is illegal to copy and/or give your pool key to anyone else. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Pool gates must be locked at all times. No food, glass containers, or animals are allowed in the pool area. Please be considerate of adult swimmers when you bring swimming toys for children!!

Parking Issues. Please, park only in designated areas. The rules state that if you have a visitor/guest who will be parking overnight in visitor parking, you must call security in advance so the patrol can be notified. Covenant's phone/fax number is 303-552-9027.

Security. Security is always at the top of the list. The security company continues to be

diligent with their patrolling and tagging illegally parked cars.

Trash Removal Days. Regular trash removal days are every Tuesday. Recycling days are every other Tuesday. Recycling days: May 12, 26; June 9 and 23.

Our Golf Course is not a Dog Park. Do not put dog waste in Golf Course trash receptacles and containers. Pick up pet waste and take it home. Call Tony for pet waste disposal ideas.

Neighborhood Reminders. Please slow down and observe the posted speed limit when driving through Sausalito. Pick up your pets waste. Take pride in your community. Call Tony, 720-535-9705, for landscaping needs or to replace outside light bulbs and auto court flood lights. If Tony is unavailable, call Bill McKinney, 303-783-0394.

Monthly Meetings. The board meets at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge. Guests are welcome.

Burgundy by Matt Mettler

Who knew there was so much to think about? This is probably one of my biggest lessons as president of the board to date. Not unlike show business, there is a lot going on behind the scenes — planning, accounting, reserves, and about a 1,000 other things that you should be thinking about. I'm thankful for the people who have volunteered to undertake that journey with me. Together we have a chance to mold and shape where Burgundy goes from here. It's no small task. I consider it a great responsibility to oversee these activities and make sure that all money collected from homeowners is spent with reason and wisdom, and to not fail in that mission. Whew! I'm just the president of an HOA. Imagine what kind of pressure the President of the USA feels?

Asphalt — it ain't Cheap! Well it was an interesting meeting. The board heard from Mark Culbertson, the contractor who gave a previous estimate for the asphalt work. (It was expensive. The board decided that we could not afford it without another homeowners assessment.) After explaining Burgundy's situa-

tion to Culbertson, he pointed out that the community had reached its usable life on its parking lot surfaces, and that continuing to patch it was going to get progressively more expensive because it needs to be replaced. (Burgundy faced a similar problem with roof shingles.)

In the end, I think Burgundy needs to pick one parking lot to be replaced completely. The rest will be patched until they get replaced.

Then some sort of plan will be developed to replace driveways, one per year, over the course of the next several years. At the end of the conversation, the board asked Bill McKinney to provide estimates from at least three reputable contractors for replacing drives E and F. With these estimates, the board could make a decision about what is affordable now and how to proceed.

Community garage sale set for June 11.

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The second Saturday in June will be advertised in the local papers beforehand to stimulate some advance interest by buyers to come and look. Anybody who wants to participate should e-mail me. I'll try to get an estimate on how many homes are participating.

The sale is held in the parking lot of the Clubhouse (Drive B) and usually gets started pretty darn early. The most serious of the bargain hunters will be out there going through whatever you have the second you put it out! I am not kidding!

Hindman Sanchez. The collections process initiated by the new lawyers is going quite well. They managed to get about \$10,000 that was owed to Burgundy HOA in past dues, fees and assessments, which is really pretty amazing considering they've only been at it for 60 days. One homeowner was upset about Hindman Sanchez garnishing his/her wages without "any advance warning." The board is investigating what contact was made by the lawyers prior to the garnishment. The results are still pending from that investigation.

Spring — the perfect time to clean something. The board talked about how the community needed another walk around inspection because there's a lot of random stuff on people's patios and porches. It needs to be cleaned up. With Spring here, it would be a perfect time to take a hard look at the items that are on your porches and patios. Residents should remember that patios are not intended as a place to store unused household items. There are specific things you are and are not allowed to have on these limited common areas. (See the Burgundy HOA Handbook.)

There were more complaints about dog owners who don't clean up after their pets. If you need to clean up after your dog — it's time to do it!

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Well, we knew it just couldn't last forever...One of the other topics that came up during conversation is that Burgundy has managed to keep HOA fees the same while costs really

aren't the same anymore. Everything is getting more expensive. HOA dues probably are not keeping up. The board talked about the need to increase HOA fees in the future.

To Paint or Not to Paint? That is the Question! It's been five years since painting took place, which is hard to believe. I personally think that painting could wait one more year. Others feel that the community needs to start painting this season, spreading it over the next three years. Ordinarily, the community is broken into thirds. Painting is done one third at a time. The board talked about how it was almost as expensive to have touchup and repair work done as it was to just have it all painted, which may be why it gets scheduled.

Planter @ Yale and Xanadu in need of an "Extreme Makeover." The board discussed what to do with the large planter that sits out in front of the Burgundy sign on the southeast corner of our community. It needs repair. One thought was to take it down to the same level as the sidewalk. I looked at it recently and think that moving it would be quite a bit of work. Kurt and I are going take another look. We'll discuss what can be done to make it look nicer or figure out a way to make it have more curb appeal. Your suggestions are welcome.

Drive F: The Party is over...The board discussed an issue with some illegal activities inside and outside one of the units in the North end of our community. The activity was pretty much described as; "waaay too many people" coming in at all hours with loud stereos bumpin', staying 10 or 15 minutes, and then bumpin' their stereos on the way back out again. Aurora Police were already aware of some shady activity there. They are now routinely monitoring the situation, keeping an additional eye out for suspicious characters, vehicles, and activity.

UAHR Report. Edie reported on the Golf Course and what was happening with this board. She told us that they were planning on having homeowner meetings for anybody who lives in the UAHR area. Those meetings were planned for May 9, 11, and 12. Check the UAHR's website, uahr.org, for more details.

Money has been spent on replacing the sprinkler system on the Golf Course that was

old and outdated. UAHR have done some work burying pipes to transport water from the various ponds that hold water for the grass. Now water can be moved all over the golf course and stored in different areas.

And Now a Word from a Sponsor. A quick thank you to *Cohomefinder.com*. They just renewed their ad on *burghoa.com*! Stop by and click their link (under services). It is already set to show you homes in the Heather Ridge area. Wanna see what's around and what it's worth? This is a great, quick way to do just that!

Don't forget to check out Burgundy's website. There's lots of information! Things for sale! Folks who have skills and knowledge that you need and/or could use!

Email addresses for Burgundy HOA board:
Matt Mettler – matt@burghoa.com



A shot of the pond with the new well full to the brim on the North Side of Yale, near the 13th Hole.

Andrew Malkoski – andrew@burghoa.com
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Something to Think About by Dick Lamm: Two Wands, One Nation: An Essay on Race and Community in America

Let me offer you, metaphorically, two magic wands that have sweeping powers to change society. With one wand you could wipe out all racism and discrimination from the hearts and minds of white America. The other wand you could wave across the ghettos and barrios of America and infuse the inhabitants with Japanese or Jewish values, respect for learning, and ambition. But, alas, you can't wave both wands. Only one.

Which would you choose? I understand that many of us would love to wave both wands; no one can easily refuse the chance to erase racism and discrimination. But I suggest that the best wand for society and for those who live in the ghettos and barrios would be the second wand.

This metaphor is important in correctly diagnosing one of the most significant problems facing contemporary America: the large economic, education and employment gap between Black/Hispanic America and White/Asian America. The problems of crime, educational failure, drugs, gangs, teenage pregnancy, and unemployment that burden certain groups threaten our collective future. They form a nation-threatening social pathology that must be addressed in broader terms than we have done to date.

Most discussion of minority failure blames racism and discrimination. I'm an old civil rights lawyer, and such racism and discrimination clearly still exists. But the problem, I fear, is deeper than the current dialogue. We need to honestly think about these problems with a new sophistication. One of these new areas is to recognize that increasingly scholars are saying "culture matters."

I'm impressed, for instance, that minorities that have been discriminated against earn the highest family incomes in America. Japanese Americans, Jews, Chinese Americans, and Korean Americans all out-earn white America by substantial margins and all have faced discrimination and racism. We put Japanese Americans in camps 60 year ago and con-

fiscated much of their property. Yet today they out-earn all other demographic groups. Discrimination and racism are social cancers and can never be justified, but it is enlightening that, for these groups, they were a hurdle, not a barrier to success.

The Italians, the Irish, the people from the Balkans — America has viewed all these groups and many more with hostility and suspicion, yet all have integrated and succeeded. Hispanic organizations excuse their failure rates solely in terms of discrimination by white America and object vociferously when former Education secretary Lauro Cavazos observes that Hispanic parents "don't take enough interest in education." But Cuban Americans have come to America and succeeded brilliantly. Do we discriminate against Hispanics from Mexico but not Hispanics from Cuba?

I suggest that those groups whose culture and values stress delayed gratification — education, hard work, success and ambition — are those groups that succeed in America, regardless of discrimination. I further suggest that, even if discrimination was removed, that other groups would still have massive problems until they developed the traits that lead to success. Asian and Jewish children do twice as much homework as Black and Hispanic students, and get twice as good grades. Why should we be surprised?

A problem well defined is a problem half-solved. We must recognize that all the civil rights laws in the world are not going to solve the problem of minority failure. Ultimately, Blacks and Hispanics are going to have to see that their solution is largely in their own hands. Lionel Sosa, one of America's leading Hispanic businessmen, in his book, *The Americano Dream*, titles his first chapter, "Escaping the Cultural Shackles."

Daniel Patrick Moynihan has, with insight, observed, "The central conservative truth is that it is culture, not politics, that determines the success of a society. The central liberal truth is

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Chimney Hill

by Lana Gutnik and Melissa Miller

This community is getting ready to start its first xeriscape project. The main goal is water conservation and grounds beautification. The grant received will cover only part of the area that needs to be changed. With water more valuable than ever, the board hopes that Chimney Hill residents will follow the same theme, and try to plant drought resistant flowers and grasses in the area immediately adjacent to their unit.

As a board, we actively encourage planting bulbs, wildflowers, and drought resistant grasses. Here are some suggestions:

1. Plant bulbs; they are considered a xeric plant because they use 30 percent less water.

2. Watch for "Sales" from nurseries such as Nick's Garden Center or Tagawa Gardens. Nick's flyers usually have a lot of information to educate gardeners on the types of plants they might buy.

3. Think about looking into whether or not there would be interest in buying some plants in bulk — i.e., if 25 residents want 10 bulbs each, the HOA could try to get a discount by buying 250 bulbs. The HOA could act as the bulk buyer, giving residents an extra incentive.

4. Planting some of the empty and abandoned yards by the board. We have some yards that might be growing weeds or nothing at all. In these cases, the HOA board could try to approach the owner to suggest that the board plant wildflowers seeds in their area. This would be a low cost project, because the sprinkler system already waters these areas.

When planting, owners should always remember the HOA governing rules when cutting

that politics can change a culture and save it from itself."

Thus, morally, I would want badly to wave both wands. If I had to choose, I would wave the second wand. A Confucian or Jewish love of learning would gain minorities far more than any affirmative action laws we might pass.

– Dick Lamm

Former Colorado Governor (1975–1987)

Professor, University of Denver

{Editor's Note: This excerpt was written and published in 2006. The full essay is available on www.amazon.com for \$9.95.}

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or planting bushes and trees. Please send an Architectural Request Form to ACCU,

our management company, asking for project approval. Give detailed "specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of such have been submitted to and approved in writing as to the quality of workmanship and materials, and conformity and harmony of exterior design with existing structures. The removal of trees, shrubs, and other improvements from the Common Area shall be prohibited without express written approval of the Board...."

The board had a property walk-through last Saturday to identify whether anything has to be fixed, and if any improvements are needed. We would like to ask some younger residents of the community to be proactive, and to help their neighbors who may not be able to take care of their patio/yard. We understand that everyone is busy, but a little charity will go a long way.

We would like to thank Helen Nott for her dedication towards keeping our community looking good, and to dedicating her time to take care of the Chimney Hill entrance area. This "triangle" will be replanted with new, drought resistant plants and grasses. The HOA board is asking if any Chimney Hill residents want to assist with the replanting bulbs and bushes currently growing in that area to their front or back yards, or other open areas in the community.

Please call a board member with questions.

The 10 HOAs , HRMD, UAHR, HRCA and GCat Boards

and Their Significant Others
are cordially invited to attend

2nd Annual Board Members' Cocktail Party

Heather Ridge Clubhouse

June 23 5–6:30 pm

Hors d'oeuvres will be served • Cash Bar
Errol Rowland will give a brief presentation

Who's Who?

Joanie Ott is the president of the GCat Board of Directors at Heather Ridge.

Q: Joanie, where were you reared?

A: I grew up in St Louis, Missouri. My 95-year-old mother is still living there on her own.

Q: How did you happen to settle in Denver?

A: My family would come to Colorado for camping vacations during the summer. I fell in love with the mountains and decided to enroll at the University of Colorado. I graduated with a degree in English and a minor in Education.

Q: Can you tell me a little bit about your career background?

A: Education was my career choice. I worked in education for 27 years. I taught at East Middle School (Aurora Public Schools) for 6 years and was assistant principal at Hinkley

High School for 7 years. I transferred to Littleton School District to be assistant principal of Arapahoe High School for 5 years. Then I came back to Aurora as Director of Instruction for 8 years until I retired.

Q: What are you involved in currently?

A: I do special projects for Human Resources in the Aurora School District. For four years, I have been the chair of the Aurora Public Library Board of Trustees. I am the chair of the Course Rating Committee for the Colorado Golf Association, sitting on its board.

Q: And now you can add president of the GCat Board of Heather Ridge to this list! How did that position evolve?

A: Each member of the GCat Board brings an area of expertise to the table. Larry Ricketts is a retired banker and president of the Men's Golf Club. Larry Ransford's career was in the hotel and restaurant business. Ed Oswald's background is Human Resources. He owned his own



Former teacher and administrator Joanie Ott was photographed during a recent trip.

business. Loren Janulewicz's expertise is in sales and marketing. He also owned his own business. I am the president of the Women's Golf Club. My strength is in organization.

Q: How long have you been a resident of Heather Ridge?

A: We're originals! My husband, Bill, and I moved into our brand new Cobblestone unit in 1977. In 1985, we relocated to our present unit in Fairway 16.

Q: As you are an English teacher and chair of the Aurora Public Library, I have to ask you what book are you presently reading?

A: I'm reading *Rules For Old Men Waiting* by Peter Pouncey.

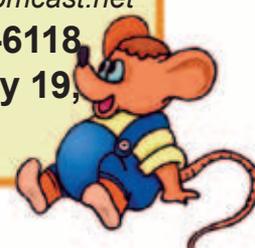
Q: Do you have any special interests?

A: I love to read and, of course, golf. I do needlepoint. I am a hopeless "Techie." And I love to travel. After graduating from college, I toured Europe for three months. My latest trips have been to Spain, Italy, France and Peru.

- Bette Secord

**"OUT-TO-LUNCH-BUNCH"**

Any HR Metro District resident who would be interested in participating in a monthly lunch gathering at Noonan's Tavern, to meet old and new friends, please contact:
Ginny Lewis,
ginny.lewis@comcast.net
303-337-6118
See you May 19, June 16.



Heather Ridge

Photo Album



Large pond along South Xanadu Way at the #5 tee box gets a new liner. Above: looking south at same pond. Note how small the workers are in this large pond. It will be the major source of irrigation water. Below: Dry creek bed along which pipes to transfer water are being laid.



May Calendar at Heather Ridge

Wed 18	Community Info Meeting	6:30 pm
	HR Banquet Room	
Thu 19	HRMD Board Meeting	
	Golf Club at Heather Ridge	4 pm
	Community Info Meeting	6:30 pm
	HR Banquet Room	
Fri 20	Tony David at Noonan's	8 pm
Tue 24	Arapahoe County Assessor Meeting (All HR Homeowners)	4:30–5:30 pm
Thu 26	Ward IV Meeting	6:30–8:30 pm
	Stampede Night Club	
Fri 27	Magic Moments Big Band	7:30 pm
	Banquet Room: \$10 admission, one free drink	
Sun 29	Indy 500 Race Day at Noonan's (Bloody Mary Bar, Brunch, Contests, Games and Prizes)	
Mon 30	<i>Memorial Day Holiday</i>	

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new “breadbasket,” and what better way to justify it than blaming “Jews and their world-wide conspiracy?”

Snyder's book breaks fresh ground on how and why powerful, ideologically driven movements and governments can implement terrible policies in the name of something sacred. He also uncovers the awful sights, sounds and smells of deeply rooted animosities and age old struggles through racial and ethnic superiority.

Hitler and Stalin killed millions for reasons that are quickly fading into history and “revisionist” storytelling. Snyder makes us remember the

June Calendar at Heather Ridge

Wed 1	Zip Night at Noonan's Tavern	
	Every Wednesday: Get 15% off tab if zip code = 80014 (some restrictions)	
Fri 3	Men's Golf Club Tournament	8 am
Sat 4	Men's Golf Club Tournament	8 am
Sun 5	Men's Golf Club Tournament	8 am
Tue 7	UAHR Meeting	6 pm
	19th Hole – Open to the Public	
Wed 8	Sausalito Board Meeting	6:30 pm
	Golf Club at HR	
Sat 11	Burgundy Garage Sale	
Tue 14	HRCA Meeting	6 pm
	19th Hole - Open to the Public	
Thu 16	HRMD Board Meeting	
	Golf Club at Heather Ridge	4 pm
	Open to the Public	
Sun 19	Happy Father's Day	
Tue 21	First Day of Summer	
Thu 23	HR Boards – Annual Cocktail Party	
	Banquet Room	5 pm
Fri 24	Magic Moments Big Band	7:30 pm
	Banquet Room: \$10 admission, one free drink	
Mon 27	Ladies 18-Hole Member/Guest Tournament	8 am

horror of it all. He hopes everyone will promise to not to let it happen again.

Sadly, I don't think that will happen.

– Van Lewis
Heather Ridge South

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Heather Ridge Community Affairs (HRCA) is pleased to promote this meeting for Heather Ridge Metropolitan District property owners and Arapahoe County Assessor Corbin Sakdol. Property owners have until June 1, 2011, to file a written appeal for reconsideration of their property assessment. Sakdol and staff will give a presentation than answer general questions and return any appeals to his office.

Additional comparable property sales for appeals can be found on the assessor's website, or contact your realtor for assistance.

For more information, please contact Bette Secord, President HRCA, at bettesecord@gmail.com; or Van Lewis, van.lewis@HRMDco.org. The Arapahoe County Assessor's office information is www.co.arapahoe.co.us, or email Assessor@co.arapahoe.co.us

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{Editor's Note: According to Realtor Van Lewis, "Property Tax Value notices indicated a mixed bag of values for Heather Ridge, making little or no sense. There were increased land prices with no basis in fact or explanation. It appeared that higher priced comparable sales were used rather than same units and locations, resulting in wild fluctuations.

"Appeals for value adjustments must be submitted no later than June 1."}

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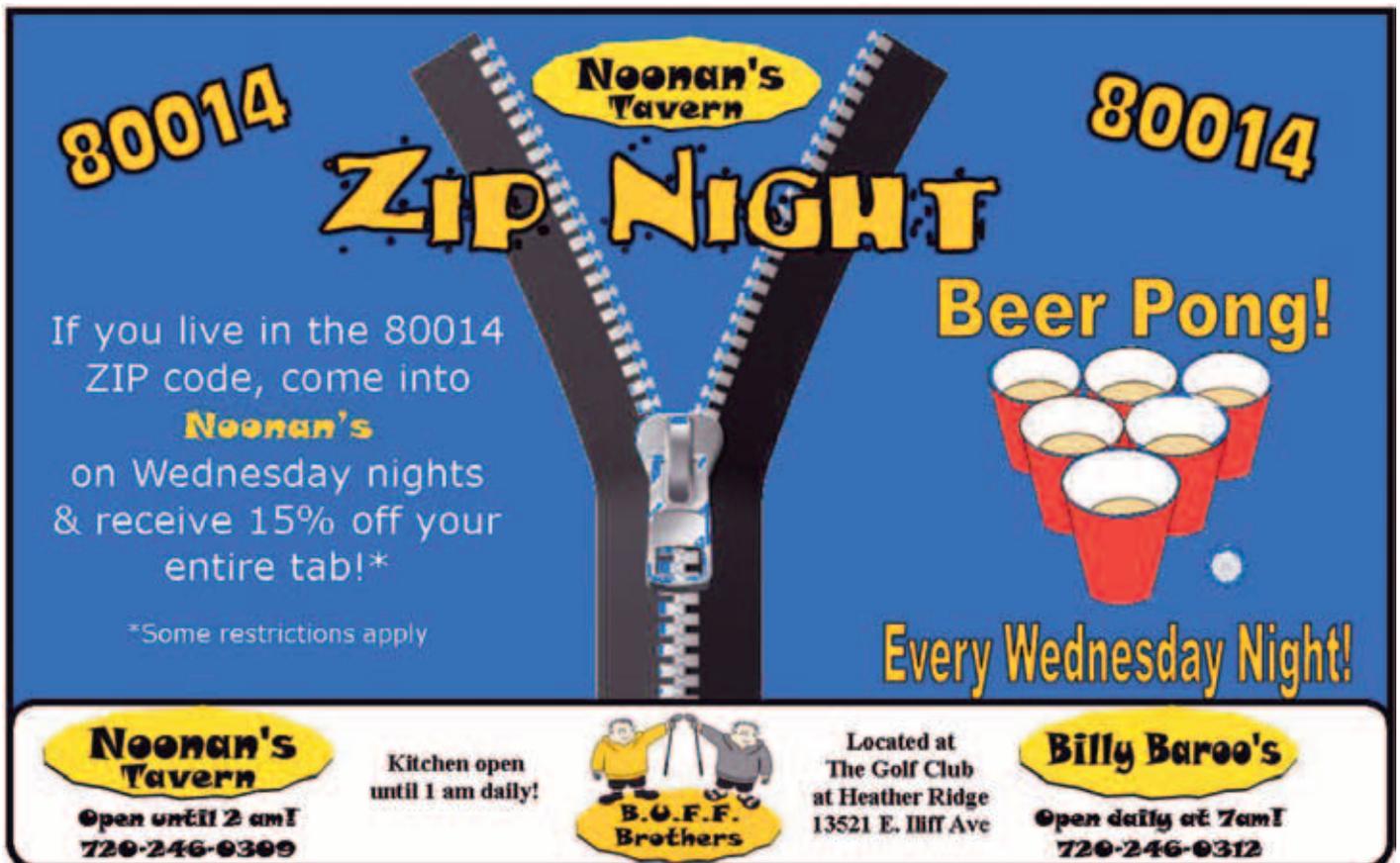
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