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Heather Ridge Metropolitan District: News and Happenings

Under a five-year contract with the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD), the Golf Club at Heather Ridge, Inc. (called "G-Cat") manages all golf and clubhouse operations for the HRMD. GCat is a five-person LLC board that prepares annual budgets, oversees operations and employees, and reports to HRMD.

GCat is a private Colorado corporation created by local leaders to manage HRMD's major asset. Initially, United Associations of Heather Ridge (UAHR, Inc.) ran the golf and club operation, but it has since returned to its roots as a community watchdog and HOA board liaison under the leadership of Josie Spencer.

GCat's President Joanie Ott is a retired teacher and school administrator. Joanie and her husband are long-time Heather Ridge residents, now living in Fairway 16. Other board members include:

- Denver resident Larry Ricketts, a retired finance, business, and long-time Heather Ridge golfer.
- Larry Ransford, a retired executive and operations specialist from Marriott Hotels and Resorts who lives in Cobblestone Crossing.
- Ed Oswald, a retired Army officer and business owner living in Fairway 16. (He was instrumental in creating HRMD.)
- Loren Janulewicz, a Denver resident and retired business-marketing owner; also a Heather Ridge golfer for decades.

For more information, visit www.hrmdco.org and click on GCatHR.

New street signs for Noonan's and Heather Ridge Golf Club. A new electronic sign along lliff is under consideration. Proposals include a color display screen, larger signage, and various lighting and décor features.

Electronic scrolling signs are proven marketing devices with excellent rates of return for the investment. These signs must complement surrounding communities and concerns while promoting business. Noonan's, Heather Ridge Golf Course, and HRMD are working on a joint venture.

Replacing Outdoor Pool Area. Also under consideration is developing the club's outdoor pool area for receptions, weddings, and events. The closed and fenced area sits unused without any hope of re-opening for swimming. Its large trees and expansive lot make it perfect for outdoor events. Pending research will be submitted to HRMD for consideration.

Elections in 2012 for HRMD Board. Three board positions will be up for election. Per Colorado law and HRMD agreements, timely notice will be published in 2012. Stay tuned for more details. Please contact HRMD President Errol Rowland (*Errol@HRMDco.org*), or Vice President Van Lewis (*van.lewis@HRMDco.org*) for any concerns or information.

Light-Rail development. Events are unfurling quickly with bridge construction to start in January 2012. Public hearings will be held to close or keep partially open that bridge. If closed, it should re-open in six months and save about \$1 million in costs. If open, it could take almost two years to complete.

All plans, details and policy will be published each month in *Metro Matters as* they are made available to the public. The light-rail project is important to our economic wellbeing, especially homeowners, businesses and HRMD. Future land and commercial development would be expected as light rail inches north on I-225.





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Real Estate in Heather Ridge

Notice how the number of homes for sale is slowly declining. Foreclosures are still part of our Heather Ridge market, but even that aspect is slowing fading. It won't go away because the basic economic problems of income, job losses, and tight credit still plague the market — although Colorado and Denver are doing much better than similar states and towns.

Recent monthly sales reports are encouraging. May and June show good activity. One encouraging stat is an overall decline in home inventory, but the reasons are mixed. Many homes just can't be sold in today's market, so owners have stopped marketing. Short sales can be a challenge and, increasingly, agents are delisting them because lenders won't respond or work with sellers.

The hottest market in town is rentals, which is a growing trend in Heather Ridge too. Owners not willing to take a loss or hurt their credit are renting. Rent rates are increasing along with demand, so it can make sense and cents to rent.



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Homes for Sale in Heather Ridge, New Listings June 1 - July 7

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Baths	Beds	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$124,900	2635	S Xanadu Way D	2	2	1,162	2-Garage,Det,Resrv	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$125,000	13645	E Evans Ave	3	2	1,344	1-Garage, Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$136,500	2021	S Worchester St	3	3	1,344	1-Garage, Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$137,500	2052	S Worchester St	2	2	1,337	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$85,000	2122	S Victor St C	2	2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$90,000	2101	S Victor St A	2	2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$109,900	2161	S Victor St B	2	2	1,392	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$115,000	2101	S Victor St C	2	2	1,208	1-Det,Off Street,Resrv	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$100,000	13426	E Asbury Ave 202	2	2	1,208	Off Street	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$114,900	13598	E Asbury Ave	2	2	1,208	Off Street	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$169,900	2240	S Vaughn Way 204	2	2	1,124	1-Garage, Att, Oversized	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$170,000	2260	S Vaughn Way 104	3	3	1,680	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$177,000	2230	S Vaughn Way 101	2	2	1,196	1-Garage,Att,Off Street	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$179,500	2446	S Vaughn Way A	4	3	1,650	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$134,900	2824	S Wheeling Way	4	4	1,633	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$155,923	2787	S Xanadu Way	3	3	1,633	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$89,100	2437	S Victor St F	2	2	1,273	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$93,000	2500	S Victor St F	2	3	1,273	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$109,900	2417	S Victor St C	2	3	1,300	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$139,500	2458	S Victor St D	2	3	1,300	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$163,900	2511	S Worchester St A	2	2	1,273	2-Garage, Att	2 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	\$75,000	13605	E Yale Ave A	1	1	856	1-Carport Det	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$115,000	13631	E Yale Ave C	2	2	1,098	1-Carport	Ranch

Homes under Contract in Heather Ridge

НОА	Price	No.	Street	Bed.Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$79,200	2623	S Xanadu Way E	2 - 2	1,315	Off Street	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$109,900	2063	S Worchester St	3 - 2	2,002	1-Garage,Att	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$84,000	13314	E Asbury Ave A	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$84,900	13396	E Asbury Ave 2 - 3 1,392 Off Street		Off Street	2 Story	
Cobblestone Crossing	\$139,000	13266	E Asbury Ave	2 - 2	1,392	Off Street	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$209,900	2220	S Vaughn Way 102	2 - 3	1,722	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$160,000	2610	S Vaughn Way C	4 - 4	2,341	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$144,900	2558	S Vaughn Way C	4 - 4	2,380	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$114,400	2888	S Wheeling Way	4 - 4	2,376	2-Garage	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$129,900	2845	S Xanadu Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage, Att, Oversz	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$35,000	2608	S Xanadu Way B	1 - 1	856	1-Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$44,900	13633	E Yale Ave B	1 - 1	856	None	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$59,900	2690	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,144	Carport	2 Story

Homes Sold in Heather Ridge June 2011

НОА	List/Sold Price	No.	Street	Beds Baths	SqFt	Garage	Style	Sold	Seller credit
Burgundy	\$70,000	2625	S Xanadu Way E	2 - 2	1,315	1-Off Street, Resv	2 Story	6/15/11	none
Burgundy	\$70,000	2661	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,162	Off Street	2 Story	6/17/11	\$2,000
Country Club Ridge	\$184,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 104	3 - 3	1,680	2-Garage,Att	2 Story	6/17/11	\$5,000
Fairway 16	\$146,000	2426	S Vaughn Way A	4 - 3	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story	6/28/11	\$1,000
Heather Ridge South	\$105,000	2888	S Wheeling Way	4 - 4	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story	6/29/11	none
Strawberry I	\$48,500	2614	S Xanadu Way B	1 - 1	856	1-Carport	2 Story	6/3/11	none



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United Associations of Heather Ridge: Community meetings

Let's start this month's column with some comments about the three community information meetings that were presented in May. The information and dialogue was quite good amongst the attendees. Unfortunately the attendance was pitiful at best!

For those who did attend — the board thanks you for your participation. The presenters appreciated the questions, comments and exchange of information. For those who didn't attend — the board is trying to find a way to insure that you receive correct and current information.

Perhaps some of you could help out with any suggestions you have. Provide them to the UAHR Representative from your community (HOA). In the meantime, all information is published in *Metro Matters*. UAHR will attempt to strengthen our communication and coordination attempts with each HOA Board. If the information is critical, UAHR may have a community meeting to spread the word.

In the Spotlight

This month the spotlight shines on Cobblestone Crossing Representative Alan West. He is as close to being a Colorado native (without it being literally true) as anyone I have ever met. Alan's father was a career military man (Air Force) who has five generations of ancestral roots in Arvada. Although Alan was born in San Francisco, Colorado was always his home base. That's where Alan spent all his vacations growing up with cousins.

His father retired out of Lowery AFB prior to Alan's attending high school. He spent two years at Arvada High and two years in Grand Junction, where he graduated. He then followed in the footsteps of his father by enlisting in the Air Force for a four year tour of duty.

Following his release from active duty, Alan returned to Colorado. He worked at several different jobs before being hired by US West in 1969. He retired after 27 years with the company.

West then bounced around in Grand Junction, trying to find a second career that suited him. Eventually, he received a call from the Lucent Technology facility in Aurora. They were looking for someone with his background and skills. Alan returned to Aurora for work. Initially, he rented an apartment at Turnberry. Once he decided it was a suitable location, he bought his unit in Cobblestone Crossing. He has lived there for eight years and still enjoys his neighborhood.

Alan has been interested in art for as long as he can remember! He loves to paint with oils and acrylics. He also loves to play golf, which is probably a major reason that he chose Cobblestone Crossings as the place to call home.

While Alan's father was on active duty, he was assigned to an Air Force base in Spain. This was Alan's favorite place to live because every weekend he and his family traveled somewhere in Europe. Alan was able to visit the Louvre in Paris, the museums in Florence Italy and of course the art museums throughout Spain.

West enjoys hanging out with his two grown sons who he proudly describes as fine individuals (that he couldn't be prouder of) and his three grandsons. In Alan's words "we don't know how to make girls in my family!"

- Josie Spencer

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Heather Ridge Community Affairs

The Heather Ridge Community Affairs committee is one of four groups representing Heather Ridge. Other groups include Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD), The Golf Club at Heather Ridge, Inc. (GCat), and the United Associations of Heather Ridge (UAHR).

HRCA was created in 2011 by an HRMD Board resolution — thus it is an extension of HRMD versus the independent groups like GCat and UAHR.

HRCA's mission is to promote and account for Heather Ridge's economic and social interests through communications, community functions and special projects. Its president is Bette Secord from Fairway 16. Her seven-member board meets monthly at 6 pm on the second Tuesday at the Heather Ridge Country Club.

HRCA's Real Estate Mission:

A new website is being developed. It is currently scheduled to be launched in September. It will focus on Heather Ridge real estate to educate buyers, sellers and real estate agents. With 10 different HOAs, each operating under their own rules and regulations, buying in the Heather Ridge area can be confusing, especially to agents unfamiliar with it. The new website and upcoming *Metro Matters* articles will highlight the community, what it offers, and links to each HOA's website for more details.

If you are interested in Heather Ridge real estate — volunteers are needed for this project. Please contact Van Lewis (van.lewis@ HRMDco.org) for more information. This

endeavor will be non-commercial, so no real estate ads, promotions, or marketing will be included on the website. It will monitor and report on real estate activities, education issues and market conditions for Heather Ridge and some discussion about the greater metro area.

MLS marketing problems for Heather Ridge:

A recent search of the multiple listing services (MLS) for HRMD found 26 homes for sale. Correct MLS information is critical in marketing, but if the subdivision and community names are incorrect, value of the listing may be lost due to confusion over where a unit is located! Of the 26 homes reviewed, only five had correct subdivision names. Twelve had correct community names.

Agents who input MLS listings use a long, detailed worksheet. In it are two important data boxes for subdivision (called subarea) and community names, which aren't necessarily the same. The subdivision name is Heather Ridge, but community names range from Strawberry (I and II) to Cobblestone, and others. A wrong description in either box is misleading.

If your home is for sale, check with your agent to ensure that correct names are used in MLS. This is a technical problem inherent to MLS, so if your agent needs help, please contact Van Lewis for assistance (van.lewis@HRMDco.org).

Bette Secord and Van Lewis



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-Steve Hogan



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Golf Club at Heather Ridge Monthly Update



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18-Hole Ladies Golf League

We are half way through our season and everyone is have a great time.

Thanks to Mike Ritter, Greg and the Pro Shop for all their help with tournaments. We continue to have women join. In fact, we had three more join the first week in July. Please take time to welcome the new members.

We had a great day for our annual Member/ Guest Tournament, which was held June 27. The theme was "Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend." Everyone had a great time. The format was fun and provided everyone a chance to win.

Noonan's catered a fantastic lunch. Thanks to the "better halves" who came in early to help check in and load carts. Also, thanks to Mike

Ritter for his help in scoring. Thanks also to all sponsors and donors. And a BIG thank you to the Member/Guest committee for all their hard work. The winning teams were:

First Flight: Dianne Wallen

Wendy Wanger Anne Lews Diane White

Second Flight: Gina Coady

Karen Johnston Peggy Coppens Mary Nelson

Congratulations to the winners!!!!!

The next big tournament will be the Club Championship on Aug. 20 and 21.

- Wendy Traynor

HR Men's Golf League

Individual Net Tournament – June 18 Winners 1st Flight

Low Gross: Pete Petric, \$75 golf shop credit

1st low net: John Curzon, \$75 2nd low net: Jim Daum, \$50

2nd Flight

1st low net: Pete Traynor, \$100 2nd low net: Russ Lash, \$60 3rd low net: Mike Geppner, \$40

3rd Flight

1st low net: Jack Patterson, \$100 2nd low net: Dick Hinson, \$60 3rd low net: Don Blosser, \$40 4th Flight

1st low net: Russ Barrett, \$100 2nd low net: Robert Orr, \$60 3rd low net: John Kytle, \$40

5th Fliaht

1st low net: William Madden, \$100 2nd low net: Morris Hoole, \$60 3rd low net: Don Schroeder, \$40

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Hole No. 5 – Tony Corsaro Hole No. 8 – Tom Knaub Hole No. 10 – Don Blosser Hole No. 14 – John Kytle

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Safety Crime and Security Report in Heather Ridge

Wednesday, June 29, about 1–3 am in the 2600 block of S Xanadu Way, Burgundy. Major Police Bust. Several Aurora Police cars and officers approach a car with guns drawn. Attempts to flee are stopped.

After much activity, yelling and a couple hours, suspects are cuffed, taken away by police and car is towed. Police report has been requested by Heather Ridge community.

Thursday June 23, pm in the 2800 block of S Xanadu Way, Heather Ridge South. Robbery occurred last night. Burglars entered from fairway, took flat screen TV, other TV equipment, three leather coats and other miscellaneous stuff, including liquor and beer. Liquor bottles and beer bottles were stashed in shrubs outside of unit on golf course side — perhaps to retrieve later.

Police have been called back to see if they could get any finger prints or other evidence from the liquor bottles.

Monday, June 20 pm in the 2100 block of S Victor, Cobblestone. Robbery, Purse found on patio outside owners home on golf course side. Money was stolen.

Monday, June 13 evening in the 2600 block of S Xanadu Way. Robbery, 2 tables stolen from porch.

From Burgundy Bottle:

In the local news, a person who lives in the Sausalito town home complex, which is across the golf course to the west of Burgundy, was followed home from his work by some people who then attempted to carjack him and steal his wallet. The would-be robbers were so angered at the fact that their mark only had \$4 in his wallet that they then fired a pistol and shot out the back window of his vehicle.

Should you ever suspect someone is following you like that — it's a good idea to drive to a police station or to someplace where there are police hanging out (like a convenience store, gas station, or restaurant with cop car(s) parked there). Most criminals will just leave you alone and move on to less difficult prey at that point.

In other local crime news on Friday, June 3, at approximately 2 pm on the 2600 block of S. Xanadu Way, a suspicious person was knocking on doors to find out if people were home when he was confronted by a homeowner who answered the door. He said he was looking for a "Beverly having a Honda Accord for sale in the newspaper." The homeowner promptly reported to 911. Aurora police, after hearing the description, confirmed that it was an attempted burglary and that the suspect was casing people's residences.

At one house, an owner found his conduct suspicious and called the police. They quickly arrived to take him into custody. He was suspected of knocking on doors first. If no one answered, he would try to open the front door. If it was unlocked, he would burglarize it.

This is a sign of the times we are living in. You can expect that all kinds of crime will be on the rise for the foreseeable future, until the economy finally starts to get better.

Always lock your windows and doors. Don't assume a crook won't just invite themselves right in and help themselves to your belongings. Should you see suspicious activity, don't hesitate to call the police to report it. Go with your gut. Your instincts were given to you for a reason. If something doesn't seem right, it's not. Words to live by, my friends!

Bette Secord, Fairway 16Matt Mettler, Burgundy

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Who's Who?

Vinny Roith is the Treasurer of the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD).

Q. Vinny where were you born and reared?

A. I was born and reared right outside of New York City.

Q. Did you attend college in New York?

A. No, I went to the Citadel in South Carolina for three years where I studied Engineering and Architecture.

Music was my passion. So I left to join a band. I played bass and saxophone. The band traveled all over the East coast. I supplemented my income by picking up engineering jobs here and there.

Several years later, I joined the Air Force and played in their band for four years.

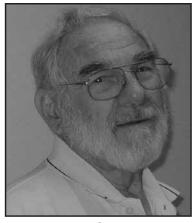
Q. How did you and your wife meet?

A. We met in high school, but didn't really get together at that time. It was during my years in the military that a group of old friends would get together and go dancing, listen to live music, or see a movie. Joann was part of the group. In 1952, two days after I got out of the Air Force, we were married. This year marks our 59th anniversary.

Q. Can you tell me about your career background?

A. I have quite a varied career background. After the Air Force, I studied for the Civil Service exam and became an air traffic controller in New York.

In 1967, I transferred to Longmont, Colorado, and worked as a controller and training instructor. I worked for the Federal Aviation



Vinny Roith, Sausalito, has been involved in Heather Ridge HOA governance for several years.

Administration (FAA) for 15 years. In 1976, I was let go due to new laws regarding controllers using asthma medication.

I then enrolled in the Denver University (D.U.) Hotel school. One of my instructors had a consulting business, Thomas Ricca Associates, which was a leading design company in the nation. Soon after graduating, I began working for them. I also taught a hotel planning course for two years at D.U.

In addition to this, I was president of the Alumni Association at the hotel school.

Twenty-five years later, I began my own design firm, Hospitality Service, which specialized in kitchen design. Some of my larger clients were The Cow Palace in San Francisco, and the Coliseum in Corpus Christi, Texas.

My wife and I eventually moved to Corpus Christi where I ran the Coliseum. I was asked to operate the convention center, and did so for five years.

Q. What brought you back to Colorado?

A. We wanted to be close

to our children and grandchildren. My son, who lives in Cheyenne, has two sons. My daughter, who lives in Littleton, has two girls.

At this time, I was rehired by Thomas Ricca Associates. In 1998, I retired, but stayed on for a few more years.

I was then hired by the City of Aurora Golf Division and served as their "Head Starter."

Q. How long have you been a homeowner at Heather Ridge?

A. My wife and I bought a house in Sausalito in 1978, but sold it when we moved to Corpus Christi. When we moved back to Aurora, to be close to our children, we knew exactly where we wanted to live. We purchased a house in Sausalito for the second time.

Q. You were quite instrumental in forming the HRMD. Could you tell me how that came about?

A. In 2005, one representative from each of the 10 Heather Ridge HOAs came together to form the United Associations of Heather Ridge (UAHR). This was spearheaded by Errol Rowland to address the threat of the golf course being sold for real estate development.

I was (and am) the president of the Sausalito Board, and was concerned about this prospect. I volunteered to be on the UAHR Board and was assigned to file all the paperwork involved in the process of incorporating Heather Ridge.

I later worked on forming the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District. I guess you could say I have been the "financial guy" from the beginning.

- Bette Secord

Homeowners' Association News

Cobblestone by Kay Griffiths

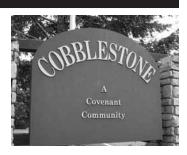
HOA Meeting. The HOA Board met at the Heather Ridge Golf Club Clubhouse, Thursday, June 23.

The board has decided to meet at this facility for all future meetings. Meetings are usually held the third Thursday, every other month. A sign will be posted prior to the next meeting — notifying residents of date, time and location of the meeting.

Security. A new security company has begun helping to make Cobblestone safe. It is hoped that you have received your magnet with the numbers of the security company, 303-552-9027. Please call the company and REL to report any suspicious activity and/or thefts. Remember to report concerns to the police, as they will keep a closer eye on our community.

It took quite awhile to determine what was wrong with the courtyard lights. While they were

out, there were some thefts. Money was stolen from a purse in a residence. The purse was left outside and nothing else was stolen.



Two large geranium plants were taken out of the ground in the parkway at the entrance. They have been replaced. Since these things occurred while the area lights were out, it builds a good case for leaving your porch and patio lights on at night. Additionally, if you notice a motion sensor light not functioning correctly, please let REL know.

UAHR is in the process of forming neighborhood watch groups with each community surrounding the golf course. We will let you know of the progress of this project in future issues.

Homeowner and Renter Responsibilities. The new dog station has been installed about halfway into our community on the east side of the street. We are hopeful that this will help to keep the community free from dog feces.

Some residents have reported noticing an improvement in areas that were a problem before the station was installed. We hope this continues. Please let a board member or REL know if there are no bags in the station.

Other responsibilities that come with living in a small, shared, community include following parking regulations, avoiding unnecessary noise, keeping exteriors and patios neat and orderly. It is advisable to keep a fire extinguisher on the patio if you have a grill located near your siding or divider fence.

Residents are keeping the pool area

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One lone bird on the green watches the squadron of pelicans on this Cobblestone pond.

fairly clean. However, please remember to return all toys to the storage area. Keep the bricks used for the basketball hoop stored out of the pool area and shut the gate when you enter or leave.

Once again, the umbrellas are looking poorly because they have not been put down when the last person using them leaves the pool.

Remember, pets of any type are not allowed in the pool area and definitely not in the pool. It is difficult to keep a pool clean if animals are allowed in it.

Management Responsibilities. If you are interested in receiving information from the management company, go to the website for REL — www.associationonline.com — click on the homeowner link. Type in Cobblestone, and enter your email address.

Pool Party. Our pool party was held Saturday, June 25, and was not well attended for the first time in the 11 years that it has been held. We have had as many as 40 residents attend in the past. This year we had about 18. Signs were posted on all mailboxes as usual and a "watch for information" notice was in the April newsletter.

The board has decided that due to lack of interest, we will no longer have the pool party, and will put that money toward other expenses in the community.

We are fortunate to live in a peaceful community where wildlife can frequently be observed. Let's work together to keep it clean and safe.

Please Remember to Drive Slowly through the Community!

Chimney Hill by Lana Gutnik

Summer is here, and people are traveling more — that is why the HOA meeting was post-poned until June 30. There were a lot of important issues to discuss. We did not want to cancel it altogether. It looks like we have some of the same problems that other communities experience — dog poop, parking, some maintenance issues, etc.

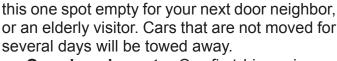
About our dogs. We all love our pets, but not all of us care about picking up after them. It is disgusting and unsanitary. Please do not let your dogs run unattended. Do not leave your dogs tied up. Pick up after them. Wash off dog pee spots on the grass near your town home with water.

We will start sending notices to people who do not clean up after their dogs. We'll be asking to re-seed the grass in the areas damaged by your dogs.

About our cars. Thirty years ago, people did not think that it would be possible for every person in a household to have a car. But today, almost every family member may have at least one car. If your family has more than two cars, please park one in the garage, and another one next to your garage. If there are more than two cars in your family, and not too many parking spots in your cul-de-sac, please park on

the street or in the parking areas adjacent to your culde-sac.

Please leave



On a happier note. Our first big xeriscaping endeavor is finished. It looks beautiful, and I love it! Several people told me that they also like it. It looks simple and natural. Pam is away this month. She will be able to write more about this project and the plants when she returns.

Noonan's had a July 4th celebration barbecue on July 3rd. I went there with my family, including three grandkids. We went early, and the kids enjoyed face painting, jumping castle and other games.

We all liked the food. Noonan's had good entertainment — including live music, cotton candy, games and prizes. I recognized some of my neighbors there. Rob Tengler and his son Justin won third prize in the 3-legged races.

Thank you, Noonan's, we're ready for more.

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Sausalito by Carol McCormick

Landscaping. Some bushes are struggling due to the lack of water over the winter. Be patient — they should rejuvenate themselves.

The board is reviewing a tree trimming plan for the community. All in all we look pretty good.

Security. Sausalito's security company continues to patrol the area, including checking on the pools during the day and night. We all are aware that our community is on a neighborhood alert due to criminal activity experienced. Just a reminder that you need to keep your garage doors closed, and your homes secured day and night.

Swimming Pools. Usage of both pools has been high since the pools opened. If you don't have a copy of the rules, please contact Bill McKinney at McKinney Management Company for a copy. The rules are clearly stated and enforceable. Please read them carefully, and if you rent your property, please be sure your renters have a copy of the pool rules.

The pools are only for homeowners and residents. A key is required to enter the pool. It is illegal to copy and/or give your pool key to anyone else.

Children UNDER 16 MUST be accompanied AT ALL TIMES by an adult.

Pool gates are to remain closed and locked at all times. No food, alcohol, glass containers, or animals are allowed in the pool area. Please be considerate of adult swimmers when you bring swimming toys for children. We love our pools. Let's be considerate of others so we can all enjoy the outdoors!

Parking Issues. Please, only park in



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.

Trash Removal Days. Our regular trash removal days are every Tuesday. Recycling days are every other Tuesday.

Advance Notice. Annual Meeting will be held at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge, 7 pm Monday, Aug. 8. All homeowners are urged to attend this important meeting.

Neighborhood Reminders. Children are out of school for the summer, so please slow down and observe the posted speed limit when driving through Sausalito. Pick up your pets' waste. Take pride in our community.

Call Tony, 720-535-9705, for your 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. Our 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

Yard Sale Blues. Proof that all the technology in the world can't tell you if it's going to rain or not — our yard sale went pretty well. It was fairly successful except for the fact that the weather was pretty nasty looking in the afternoon and the forecast called for some possibly severe thunderstorms, which shut down the whole operation around 2:30 pm.

Unfortunately there were more people who drove by during the time when the sellers were packing it all up. A lot more stuff ended up going off to the A.R.C. I think residents didn't quite get

the opportunity to sell as much as they had wanted. However, the free hotdogs were great. I would like



to thank Dick and Kirt for taking the time to cook them for everybody.

I also want to thank everybody who participated for being so kind, courteous and respectful to your fellow neighbors. It is because of all of you that it was a success!

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Let the Painting Begin! I just saw the painters unloading their shipping container, which is now in the parking lot of the clubhouse. They are going to get started painting the northern third of our community. You can expect to see them on the property and in full swing 7 am—4 pm for the next couple of weeks.

The Asphalt Saga Continues. Some interesting developments in the asphalt repair plans when the board had its last meeting. A bid was submitted for the entire complex that was much more affordable. It was downright doable for Burgundy financially. One of things the board really liked about the proposal is that it was based on the idea of reusing the asphalt currently laid by rotomilling it back up, making new asphalt out of it. Normally it would be carted off and brand new asphalt bought and brought here by a dump truck.

The board agreed to offer a counter proposal to that bid, assuming the company might agree to get all parking lots in the entire complex fixed. Keep your fingers crossed, I don't know where we'll park! We'll figure that out when we come to it:)

Collections Update. The board talked about what was going on with HindmanSanchez and their attempts to collect money for past due roof assessments and maintenance fees (more commonly known as HOA dues).

In 2011, they've managed to collect \$9,982.46, as reported in their status report to the board. They are also moving forward with putting 2667 A into receivership. At this point, the only thing I can really say is that if the owner comes up-to-date on all the money owed, the receivership plan will be cancelled. The outcome is pending.

HindmanSanchez managed to make payment plans with two of the people who are behind. That's really good news. There still is about \$5,774.64 in unpaid roof assessments. Slowly those are getting trimmed down as the money is collected.

Kudos to HindmanSanchez for their efforts. I personally think they have done a good job.

Noonan's Tavern. I talked my lady into going with me to get some chicken wings. Who knew that they have awesome chicken wings!?!

We have eaten a lot of chicken wings in a lot of places. I don't just dole out "amazing" or "awe-some" lightly when it comes to chicken wings. They really did have some big, fat, meaty, wonderful, perfectly cooked chicken wings. I'll definitely be going back to get some more of those in the not-too-distant future!

I also saw a Burgundy HOA board member, Todd and his wife, enjoying a meal. That is great because one thing that everyone can agree on is that if Noonan's is successful, it can only benefit all of us. It helps make the golf course more successful.

If you get a chance, swing by and enjoy some of Noonan's tasty food or a refreshing beverage. Don't forget to mention that you are a member of Burgundy to get your discount on Friday nights!

Thank You, Everyone! I just wanted to acknowledge who has been trying to be more considerate when they park, and those who have been picking up their garbage, their cigarette butts, cleaning up their dog poop, their porches and all the other things that were attended to in the last several weeks.

I would also like to especially thank the people who take the time to plant flowers, foliage and little micro-gardens, and do all the things that make our community a beautiful place to live.

If you weren't one of the people who beautified Burgundy, then you should thank someone who did. Maybe you could do something to help. Either way — you can't go wrong.;)

The Pool is now Open! It's that time of year again. The pool is finally open. Just a reminder that there are no lifeguards working at the pool. Minors are not allowed to swim or be there without direct adult supervision.

Please, don't bring glass containers to the pool. Broken glass in or around the pool might require draining the pool and cleaning it thoroughly.

There are no pets allowed in the Burgundy community pool! Your four-legged friends may hang out in the pool area under your direct supervision — but should not be in the pool "getting' their swim on!"

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Please remember that we all share the pool and that it needs to be a safe and fun experience for everyone. Please clean up after yourselves and put items like the skimmer (the long pole with the net on it) back after you are done using them. I thank all of you in advance for your courtesy and consideration of your fellow

Burgundy community members!

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Heather Ridge South by Van Lewis

Trash Recycle Program — a Huge Success. By all accounts, HRS's new program with Alpine Waste is a winner. If you haven't joined the program, contact Alpine Waste to start tomorrow, 303-744-9881. To participate in the recyclable program, you must have a properly designated trash container. Call Alpine for more details.

Many residents have commented how much recyclable material they generate versus non-recyclable — in some cases four or five times more.

Trash pickup is every Tuesday for normal trash, and every other Tuesday for recyclable.

Engineering/Reserve Study Underway. Sometime this September the board should have a final report to build its budgets around for the next 10 or more years. Our last study was almost 15 years ago, which helped past and present boards budget for annual operations, capital needs and reserve balances. Given the magnitude of improvements done over the past decade and a half, the board needed an engineering update for planning.

Developing an annual budget starts with operating expense. Then reserve needs are factored in. Lastly, income to pay for everything is computed. Almost 100 percent of our income comes from owners through monthly HOA fees. The board is sensitive about keeping these payments low and in balance with the HRMD property tax.

At this time, the reserve fund is approximately \$600,000. The board's engineering study will help answer the following questions for the next 10 years: 1) What is needed for major repairs/capital projects? 2) what will they cost? and 3)

how will it be funded? The forthcoming engineer/reserve study will answer many of those questions. It will be





Crime and Security Issues. Our security company, Covenant Community Services, has changed its patrol procedures in response to recent break-ins and "new faces" visiting our parks, sidewalks and golf course. Because summer weather increases outside activities, Covenant is doing more foot patrols in the parks and around the clubhouse. Board member John Hartnet oversees this activity and other community projects (Architectural Control, Parking). He is working closely with others in the HRMD.

United Association of Heather Ridge (UAHR) held a public meeting on July 5 for citizens concerned about crime. Two Aurora police officers spoke for an hour describing crime statistics. When compared to past years, crime is down. They explained how neighborhoods are patrolled and described the Neighborhood Watch program. Attendance was good with over 50 people asked many questions. Aurora police are actively trying to keep us safe.

Back to school as summer ends. Enjoy a few more weeks of fun in the sun!



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Did you know?

Betsy King played the Heather Ridge Golf Course several times for charitable events during the 1980s and 1990s.

King was born in Reading, Pennsylvania. She played at Furman University, and was on the 1976 national championship team that included future LPGA players Beth

Daniel, Sherri Turner and Cindy Ferro. King was low amateur at the 1976 U.S. Women's Open, then joined the LPGA Tour in 1977. She won her first tournament at the 1984 Women's Kemper Open. She won three titles in 1984, and added 21 top-10 finishes to earn LPGA Tour Player of the Year honors. From 1984 through 1989, King won a total of 20 LPGA events — more wins than any other golfer in the world, male or female — during that time period.

After that first win in 1984, King won at least once each of the next 10 years, with a high of six victories in 1989. She finished in the top-10 on the money list every year 1985–95, and again in 1997. Along the way, King was named Player of the Year three times, won two scoring



titles and three money titles. In 1993, she won a scoring title and the money title, but only one tournament. She finished second five times, including at two majors. She averaged a major a year from 1987 to 1992, then won a sixth major in 1997. The last of her 34 LPGA wins

came in 2001. With her 30th win in 1995, she gained entry into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

From 1996 to 2004, there was an event on Tour, the Wachovia LPGA Classic, hosted by King. She was also a worker for charitable causes, organizing Habitat for Humanity house building projects and working in former Soviet bloc countries with orphan relief agencies.

She played for the United States in the Solheim Cup five times (1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998) and was the captain of the 2007 United States team. She led the team to a 16–12 win over Europe in the 2007 Solheim Cup held in Halmstad, Sweden, Sept. 14–16, 2007. She is the last American to date to be the leading money winner on the LPGA Tour.

Ancient homeowner association rules

{Editor's Note: Sydney Summers, Sausalito, sent this article for everyone to enjoy. Originally written by David Martin for The Smithsonian, Feb. 17, 2010, it was reprinted by HMP Management, which is where Summers saw it.}

What if these meticulously planned communities are not just a modern phenomenon?

Ah, the homeowners association, which dictates everything from the shape of your shrubs to the color of your house. Such communities are generally thought to be a modern phenomenon, but a recent

archaeological excavation near England's Hamme-on-Rye unearthed a 14th Century document that suggests otherwise.

A covenant set to hand this Twelfth Day of June in the year of our Lord 1365 between the Manor by the Meadow Association of Freeholders and the owner in fee symple. Whereas the owner hath entered into this covenant in order to enjoye the especial liffestyle offered by the Manor and to avoid all unnecessary discord, the owner doth hereby acknowledge and acquiesce to certaine rules to ensure the

faithful and serene enjoyement of the properties hereby governed, to write.

Color of Abode. In the interests of achieving a pleasing harmony and a clene appearance for the community, the colour of the exterior of each abode shall not be changed without leve. If leve be granted, the abode may then be peynted only with one of the following colours: riverbed clay grey, cow dung brown or farm filed burnt umber.

Security. A bailiff charged with keeping the peace is authorized to settle disputes both publick and domestick.

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The Fall of Giants (The Century Trilogy) by Ken Follett

readers turn away. Faced with a work of history of similar size, most readers might opt for torture. Or perhaps a nice sharp stick in the eye.

But if you are familiar with Ken Follett's epic historical novels Pillars of the Earth (1989) and Worlds without End (2007) then you'll be ready and eager for his take on the 20th century.

Like those earlier works, Follett brings history alive by centering attention on the lives of his fictional characters. in this case five families from Russia. Wales. England, Germany, and the United States whose paths cross — and cross again — in the tense run up to World War 1 and the chaotic period that followed. During the journey Follett explores the political and social battles in

each family's country, including the struggle of Welsh miners and the rise of the feminist movement in England, the impact of immigrants in America, and the Russian Revolution.

All this might become a rather dull historical recitation (you remember those from high school, don't you?) but Follett knows how to construct a complex and interesting plot while developing compelling characters the reader cares about.

There is the story of forbidden romance between a British aristocrat and a German spy. Will their love survive the bloody war?

Then there is the tale of a Russian soldier and his ne'er-do-well brother who both fall in

When faced with a 1,000-page novel, most I love with the same woman; one immigrates to America while the other fights for Russia during the war. The brother who remains in Russia participates in the Russian Revolution that

overthrows the Tsar and then descends into the anarchy of a multi-sided civil war.

A young, well-connected American diplomat, a member of President Woodrow Wilson's staff, watches in dismay as the U.S. creeps closer to entering the war the president swore to avoid.

Finally there is the story of a Welsh miner who fights for England in France while his sister throws her energies into the battle at home for universal suffrage.

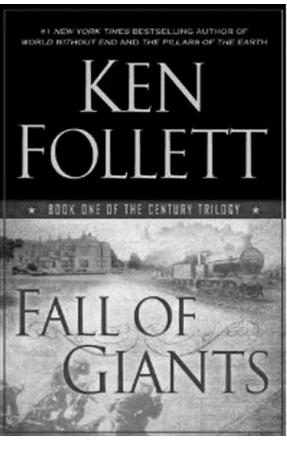
Follett's complex plot overlays the even more complex history that is all quite readable because of his characters and story-

telling. There are plenty of good guys and bad guys for the reader to love and hate — that's iust in the fictional characters.

This is the first volume in Follett's Century Trilogy. When you reach the end you'll likely know more about the causes and effects of World War 1 than you did when you cracked the covers for the first time. Remarkably, you'll be licking your lips in anticipation for Volume II. At least I am.

> - Paul Malkoski **Heather Ridge South**

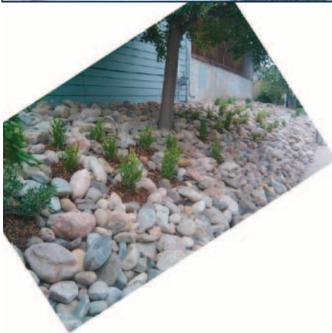
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Xeriscaping at Chimney Hill completed



The xeriscape landscaping at Chimney Hill, funded by a City of Aurora grant, has been completed. Designed by Ken Ball and installed by JBK Landscaping, the improvements included changes to the irrigation system as well as all new plants and mulching. All were designed in an effort to decrease the amount of water used to sustain the area. Three of the four zones modified were photographed by Lana Gutnik.









Heather Ridge

Photo Album

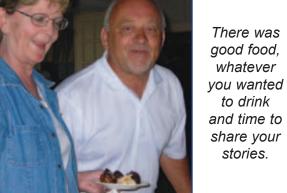
A social gathering, sponsored by HR Community Affairs Committee, brought residents and friends together who share a common bond—they all volunteer on an HOA Board













July Calendar at Heather Ridge Wed 20 Zip Night at Noonan's Thu 21 **HRMD Board Meeting** 4 pm Golf Club at Heather Ridge 22 My Father's Mustache Fri 7:30 pm New Orleans Jazz at Noonan's Sat 23 Noonan's Car Show Wed 27 Zip Night at Noonan's The Golden Age 7 pm Country Music & Dancing Thu 28 Ward IV Meeting 7–9 pm Fire Station II (2291 South Joliet St. at East Iliff Ave.) Sat 30 Noonan's Car Show Movie Night on the Green 6 pm Featuring Caddy Shack

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Any HR Metro District resident who is interested in joining a monthly lunch gathering at Noonan's Tavern, third Thursday of the month, to meet old and new friends, please contact: Ginny Lewis, ginny.lewis@comcast.net 303-337-6118 • See you Aug 18.

The Farmers' Market moved to the Bicycle Village Shopping Center, 2892 South Havana, on June 20. It is open every Monday, 10 am-3 pm. until the end of October. Sixteen vendors made the move.

August Calandar at Heather Ridge

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Tue 2	UAHR Meeting 6 pm Golf Club at Heather Ridge
Wed 3	Wine Tasting, Tier 2 6 pm The Golden Age 8 pm Country Music & Dancing
Fri 5	Willie and the Poor Boys 8 pm
Sat 6	Noonan's Car Show
Tue 9	HRCA Meeting 6 pm Golf Club @ Heather Ridge
Wed 10	The Golden Age 8 pm Country Music & Dancing
Fri 12	Urban Dance Theory 8 pm Current Rock
Sat 13	Noonan's Car Show
Thu 18	HRMD Board Meeting 4 pm Golf Club at Heather Ridge
Fri 19	Healing Force 8 pm Reggae
Sat 20	Noonan's Car Show
Thu 25	Ward IV Meeting 6:30 pm Noonan's
Fri 26	Play It Forward (cover charge) 8 pm Rock 'n Roll
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HOA rules...from page 18

Manor hath further entered into contract with the Guild of Sorcerers to provide 24-hour, state-of-the-arte security to ward off the predations of trolls, hobgoblins and Frenchmen.

Safety Provisions. Each abode shalt be provided with an exterior barrel. Said barrel must be kept full of water to assist in the dousing of fires whether started by the hand of man or mouth of dragon. Barrel water must not be used for drinking, bathing infants or drowning witches.

Lighting. Mano hath provided torches throughout the community for the convenience of all. However, all torches must be extinguished by curfew and not reignited until the following dusk so as not to obscure viewing of God's celestial firmament.

Clinic. Manor doth operate a clinic at the barbershoppe to provide physic and the healing

artes to all residents. Bledeing, leeches and the treatment of excess humours are available upon request. Herbes and medicines will be administered to those possessed of the supplementary potion plan. (Please note that neither exorcism nor treatment for curses is available on site.)

Business Prohibitions. No owner is permitted to conduct a pryvate enterprise on the premises, whether as taverne keeper, trader in holy relics or seller of used oxcarts. Exceptions may be made for brewers and alchemists willing to share 30 percent of their production with the association.

Gardens. The owner shalt be permitted a garden wherein the following vegetable may be planted: oynouns, gourdes, garlec, lekes, letys and caboches. In addition, owners may cultivate herbes such as belladonna, nightshade and henbane for personal use —

though the sale of such herbes is prohibited, owing to their properties for causing fevered hallucinations of the brain.

Weekly Entertainment. Manor shalt provide weekly entertainment at the Commons on behalf of all residents. Forthcoming events include a joust tournament, the Hammeon-Rye performance of "Punch & Judy Fight in the Crusades," the observational humour of the stand-up Jester Ottow the Corpulent, and an elucidating lecture by Sir Charles Wentworth, founder and cochair of the Flat Earth Society.

Refuse Removal. Refuse shalt be removed on every Tuesday and Thursday. Homeowners should throw any mullok and other unwanted materials out of their windows to the footpath below. Barrels are available near the Commons for the recycling of parchment and chainmail.

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