

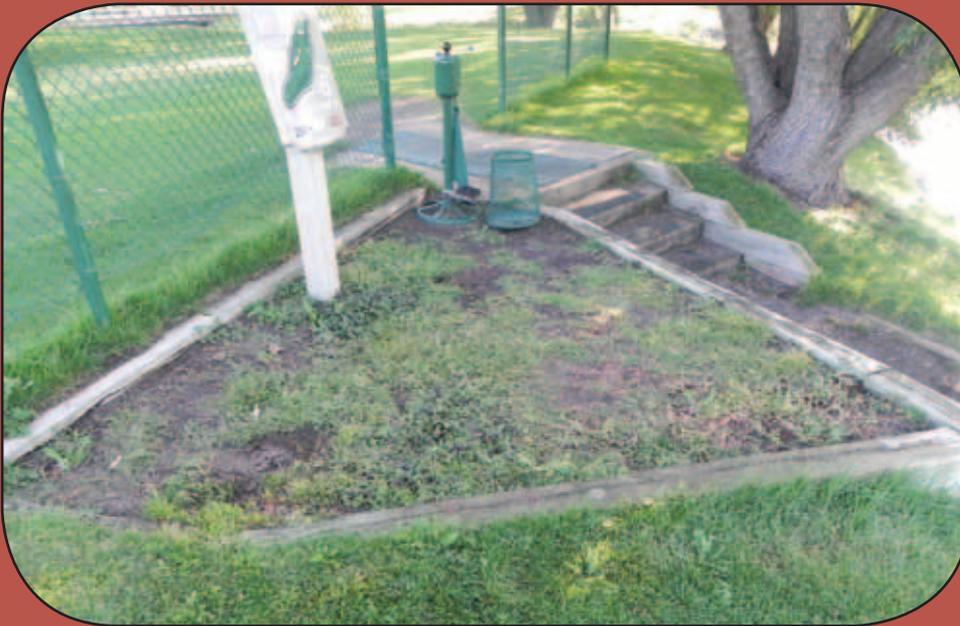
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Donations to Heather Ridge Foundation are used to improve Heather Ridge Golf Course/Open Space



Before

The garden at the entry to the #6 Tee Box on the Heather Ridge Golf Course was improved with appropriate plants and mulch. The "Before" photo was taken on Aug. 27; the "After" photo on Sept. 10.

After



Photos by Barry McConnell

Neighborhood Watch

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at a new site. It will be 6:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Burgundy Clubhouse, 2685 S. Xanadu Way. As always, there will be a speaker. I urge you to attend this meeting if you have never been. Of course, if you are a regular attendee — you will not be disappointed.

For those communities that are still not represented in Neighborhood Watch, you are missing out on so much!

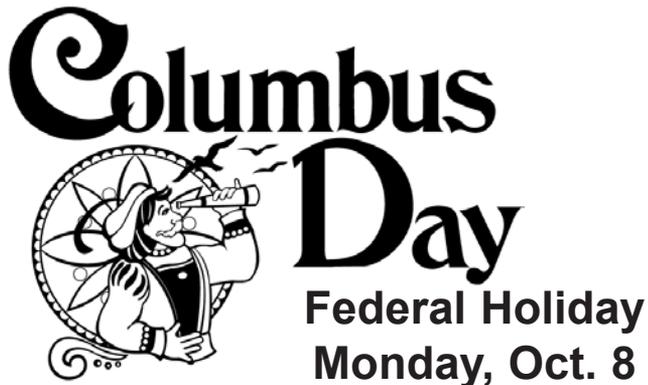
Because of dedicated volunteers, crime in Heather Ridge has been nonexistent! I hope it continues that way! It takes very little of your time. Call me and I'll tell you how little.

See you on Wednesday, Nov. 14!

Remember, if you see anything, or anyone, out of place — it probably is! And they probably are! Please, please, call it in.

Emergency number is always 911. Non emergency phone number is 303-627-3100. Par Officer Mark Lowisz's phone is 303-739-1819.

— **Bev Brown**
Head Area Coordinator
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Heather Ridge Metro Matters welcomes letters and other articles concerned with community issues. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's phone number. Letters may be edited for reasons of space and clarity. Send to LynnNeu@comcast.net

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Phishing for Medicare

With health care coverage and Medi-scare issues blaring from headlines and airwaves more and more each day, scammers and con artists have found another angle with which to catch you off guard. Their technique of choice is "phishing." The approach may be via the Internet, your email or telephone, but the goal is to lure you into revealing personal information: your bank, credit card or Social Security account numbers, for instance.

The bait may be exciting, like a great price on an expensive item, or alarming, as in "your account has

been jeopardized, contact us immediately!"

In recent months, law enforcement and consumer groups report an increase in Medicare-related phishing scams. For example, scammers are:

- Posing as Medicare workers with a new "lifetime coverage" plan for low income seniors
- Offering free diabetes testing equipment, back braces or other health aids, or
- Claiming to represent a company that supplies medical discount cards for people who don't qualify for

Medicare.

If you bite, the scammer looks to reel you in, to land enough personal information with which to raid your savings, open a credit card in your name, bilk the Medicare system, or steal your identity outright.

As with any phishing scam, remember to protect your personal information at all times, and only provide that information to someone you know and trust.

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Timeshare Resale Scams

If you are looking to sell or rent that ski lodge condo, lake front condo, or other expensive timeshare property you really don't get to use much anymore, proceed with caution. Timeshare scammers can ruin your entire investment.

Trouble begins with a phone call or email offer to help you navigate the sometimes murky timeshare waters. Renting and reselling properties, they say, is their stock and trade. Be assured of a surprisingly quick sale, a vibrant rental market.

Now, there is a \$2,500 fee upfront, but that covers the listing service, advertising, and closing costs. And don't forget: You're not

getting any value out of the property now anyway.

It starts to sound good, but you're not sure. Then the timeshare scammer calls back, ramping up the pitch with a level of urgency. He has three interested buyers already lined up for a property like yours.

In other words, act now!

If you do, the excitement quickly wanes. Having provided a credit card to cover the upfront fees — from a few hundred to several thousand dollars — you find yourself adrift. Calls once returned so promptly now go unanswered. Emails bounce back as undeliverable. You're starting to get the message.

Victimized owners have also reported a second brand of timeshare scammer: fake fraud-recovery outfits that promise to get your money back.

If you are contacted about selling or renting your timeshare:

- Be wary of upfront fees
- Read the fine print of any sales contract or rental agreement, and
- Check the company out with your Better Business Bureau.

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Aurora History Museum hosts Asian/Pacific discovery lecture series

In conjunction with the Aurora History Museum's current exhibition, *An Epic Journey: Aurora's Asian/Pacific Communities*, the public is invited to hear a series of free lectures. Discover more about local lifestyles, national events, and international trends through these informative and enlightening presentations. The museum is located at 15051 E. Alameda Parkway. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are not required. For more information, call 303-739-6667.

Thursday, Oct. 4, 6:30 pm

From Hiroshima to Larimer Street to Boston and Back

Presented by Dr. Glenn Furuta, professor of Pediatrics at University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine. This inspiring presentation will describe the story of a physician scientist's family, his own life jour-

ney, and his pursuit of understanding intestinal allergic diseases. Dr. Furuta's family immigrated to the United States from Japan before World War II.

Thursday, Oct. 18, 6:30 pm

Changing China — Cities, Places and Transportation

Presented by Huiliang Liu, Transportation Planner. China's transportation systems are some of the fastest growing systems in the world. Beijing and Shanghai will be adding hundreds of miles of subway lines over the next three years. More than 18 million new cars were purchased in China last year. Principal Transportation Planner for the City of Aurora Huiliang Liu will describe interesting facts about the changing trends in China's subway, high speed rail, airports, and railway stations. Major cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, and Xian will be highlighted through breathtaking images and details.



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Market Review and Trends

Metro Denver's market remains strong, but slightly cooled since July. Hot weather and vacations took some of the wind out of summer sales, but the fall season is in full swing. How the real estate year ends may well reflect how the Broncos play, November's elections, and national economic news.

Metro Denver's real estate market has given mixed signals. In general, homes priced below \$250,000 are selling quickly with rising prices. At the same time, certain hot areas such as Lowry, Stapleton, and southeast Denver are creating their own markets with strong sales up to and above \$500,000. Suburban areas with homes over \$300,000 have slowed down a bit, although they are better than one year ago.

Heather Ridge has a shortage of for sale inventory. Three years ago, at the end of summer, the "for sale" inventory topped 75 homes. In 2010, there were about 50 homes for sale, and half that amount in 2011. Today, there are only nine homes for sale and 16 under contract.

What a dramatic change! Now is the time for sellers to start reclaiming lost equity that experts say was 20 percent or more since 2007.

Optimizing Home Values in Heather Ridge. Even in a hot real estate market, not all homes sell. The usual suspects include — over-pricing, poor conditions, or location issues. Why? Insolvency, legal or personal problems.

A realtor's job is more than sticking a sign in the ground. Pete and Van offer decades of experiences, skills, and ideas to optimize home values. They are realistic about updating or remodeling expenditures, commonly called "bang for the buck" decisions. Each house is different. Each circumstance unique. Call Pete or Van for a professional evaluation. Never "leave

See facing page

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

Sold in Heather Ridge Aug. 1–Sept. 16

HOA	Sold \$	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$36,501	13655	E Yale Ave B	1 - 1	856	Off Street	Ranch
Strawberry I	\$56,500	13651	E Yale Ave D	1 - 1	856	1-Carport, Det	2 Story
Burgundy	\$81,200	2623	S Xanadu Way F	2 - 2	1,315	2-Garage, Det, Resv	2 Story
Heather Ridge So	\$142,000	2725	S Xanadu Way	2 - 2	1,365	2-Garage, Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$152,500	2680	S Vaughn Way C	2 - 2	1,462	2-Garage, Att	2-Story
Fairway 16	\$160,000	2416	S Vaughn Way C	2 - 2	1,365	2-Garage, Att	Ranch

Homes Under Contract in August–September

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Bed/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$59,500	13631	E Yale Ave B	1 - 1	856	1-Carport	2 Story
Burgundy	\$66,950	2650	S Xanadu Way B	1 - 1	856	1-Carport, Det	Story+1/2
Strawberry I	\$79,900	2664	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,144	None	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$89,900	2141	S Victor St D	2 - 2	1,208	Reserved	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$90,000	2101	S Victor St A	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage, Det	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$104,500	2152	S Victor St C	2 - 2	1,208	1-Reserved	2 Story
Burgundy	\$120,000	2649	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,315	1-Garage, Det, Off St	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$129,900	2132	S Victor St C	2 - 2	1,392	1-Off Street	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$140,000	2416	S Vaughn Way A	2 - 2	1,365	2-Garage, Att	Ranch
Heather Ridge So	\$144,000	2722	S Xanadu Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$144,900	2419	S Worchester St A	2 - 3	1,274	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$149,950	2511	S Worchester St A	2 - 2	1,273	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$150,000	2459	S Worchester St D	2 - 3	1,230	2-Garage, Att	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$150,000	2280	S Vaughn Way 203	2 - 3	1,693	1-Garage, Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$150,000	2518	S Vaughn Way B	3 - 3	882	2-Garage, Att	Ranch
Heather Ridge So	\$156,900	2882	S Wheeling Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage, Att	2 Story



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money on the table” by not realizing the full potential of your home.

Home Inspection by Buyers. Almost 100 percent of all buyers have their homes professionally inspected as part of the purchase agreement. Before listing a home for sale, please consider a professional inspection to head-off potential problems. Call it a “prevent defense” if you are a football fan.

A pre-sale inspection might cost \$100 or more. Usually based on style and square footage criteria, a full inspection might be in the \$300 range or more. Typical inspection items for Heather Ridge condos include electrical, furnace, hot water heaters, central air, radon- mold; or smaller issues like leaky faucets or toilets, broken glass, worn out appliances, or birds in the fireplace. Like a good scout, be prepared by calling Pete or Van for more info!

***For more information,
call Pete or Van!***

Homes for Sale in Heather Ridge, New Listings June 1–Aug. 11

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$83,900	2618	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,144	1-Carport	2 Story
Sausalito	\$100,000	2458	S Victor St	2 - 2	1,273	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$128,000	2660	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,144	1-Carport	2 Story
Burgundy	\$134,900	2645	S Xanadu Way C	3 - 2	1,315	Off Street	Ranch
Burgundy	\$144,900	2623	S Xanadu Way F	2 - 3	1,315	2-Garage, Det, Resv	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$151,000	2855	S Xanadu Way	3 - 4	1,462	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$169,900	2756	S Xanadu Way	3 - 3	1,462	2-Garage, Oversd	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$185,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 201	2 - 2	1,476	1-Garage, Att	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$212,000	2260	S Vaughn Way 103	2 - 3	1,485	2-Garage, Att	Ranch

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Homeowners' Association News

Sausalito by Carol McCormick

The **Annual Meeting** was well attended by happy homeowners. The volunteer board members want to thank all residents for attending and telling the board that it was doing a good job.

Landscaping. Sausalito's landscaping looks great!! Kudos to Tony for keeping on top of all landscaping needs and getting the work done. Remember to call Tony, 720-535-9705, if you need light bulbs for your porch or spotlights for the trash areas. The landscaping company will finish pruning this month and begin to prepare the community for winter.

Architectural Approval and Common Area Improvements. Thanks to those who have contacted Vinny asking for approval to make changes to the exterior of your home. A recent street sweeping program cleaned up all the loose gravel that had accumulated over the summer. Sure makes it easier to keep your garage floor clean, doesn't it? Snow season will be upon us soon. Time to begin to think about winterizing your home.

Security. Sausalito's security company, Brownstone Security, continues to patrol the community on foot and on a random schedule. Parking rules remain the same. If you have a visitor/guest who will be parking overnight in visitor parking, you must notify security, 720-879-4568.

Neighborhood Watch. Neighborhood Watch (NW) signs are up at both entrances to Sausalito. The next step is to supply each home with a NW decal to be

placed in your front window. Small things like this do deter thieves. Please contact Carol McCormick, the Sausalito Area Coordinator, at carol_mccormick@comcast.net if you want to know more about the program or want to become a Block Captain. It will not take much of your volunteer time. Your services will help to keep our community safe.

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

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

Board Members. President Vincent Roith, 303-745-9805; Vice President/Landscaping Tony Carniglia, 720-535-9705; Secretary/Newsletter Carol McCormick, 720-747-0836; Treasurer Pat Horton (Pools/UAHR Representative), 303-695-6181; Board Member at Large Debbie Martinez, 720-298-8323; Board Member at Large Tom Scally, 303-750-8772; and Board Member at Large Sherri Cooper.

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Heather Ridge South by Van Lewis

FHA Certification for HRS. Tim Larson, president of Westwind Management, updated the HRS Board in September that HUD might be changing objectionable language that would permit re-applying for certification soon. This is good news because HRS did not renew its certification because of undefined liabilities and draconian penalties. Progress is being made with HUD, and the board will update the community as things change. Although HRS has survived without FHA mortgages since February 2012, it will be good to have that option for potential buyers back again.

Asphalt and concrete driveway project. The work is complete, pending minor repairs. The asphalt came in at the bid price of \$149,000, which was significantly less than other bids received. (All were above \$200,000.) After careful board due diligence and investigation, the bid by PLM was accepted.

The concrete project finished slightly higher than

budgeted at \$235,000 versus \$227,900. Cost overruns were due mostly to expanded concrete areas that were previously covered with asphalt and new/ repaired concrete drain pans.

A great swimming pool season. Hats off to Linda Hull, Ronni Jones and others for a successful summer pool season. Linda and Ronni sponsored end-of-the-month pool parties as well as the seasonal summer luau party. The pool area is for relaxation and fun. Four gas grills, many tables and benches, and lounge chairs makes it a destination resort. Thanks to everyone for a great season.

Football Sundays at the clubhouse. As the



See Heather Ridge South...page 11

Chimney Hill by Lana Gutnik

Board and Management News. Chimney Hill hired a new manager to help take care of the property. Effective Oct. 1, Accord Property Management will be in charge. Please contact Alec Hrynevich if you have any questions. Alec's phone number is 720-230-7321, email alec@accordhoa.com.

The board will notify residents about the exact date and location for the annual meeting at a later date. There will be several open positions on the board, so please consider becoming a board member to help the community flourish. Residents can volunteer to help even if they are not on the board. Please feel free to come to board meetings to learn how the meetings are run and what issues are discussed.

Water. The board would like to remind all residents that one-third of all money collected from residents goes to pay the water bill. Last month, everyone was reminded that washing your car in your garage or outside on Chimney Hill property is not allowed. Chimney Hill (CH) DECS state

Article IV, Easements, Section 1. Access

"...Each Owner shall have an exclusive easement in, on, and through the driveway appurtenant to such Owner's Dwelling Unit, only for purposes of ingress to or for the purpose of parking Owner's automobile thereon."

Washing your car on Xanadu using CH water also is not allowed. Residents are encouraged to take their cars to the car wash.

As water rates are going up, and to make sure that there are sufficient reserves to maintain the property, CH may consider the following options:

- To install water meters on every unit
- To cap all outside water spigots
- To raise dues to support water rate increases and cost of other rising expenses.

Remember to report water leaks and sewer back-ups in a timely manner. If your basement is flooded, loses

may not be covered by the HOA.

Please approach one of the board members if the problem is not resolved after you report it to the management company.

Other Issues. Please be courteous to your neighbors even if you do not know them. Please be aware of what's going on around you. If you see or feel that something inappropriate is going on — contact the management company or a board member. Do not make any assumptions - ask questions!

All residents are encouraged to call or email the property manager with any suggestion and concerns.

For residents' security, additional lighting has been added at the main entrance to Chimney Hill on Xanadu and East Evans.

Notice. CH Board wants to notify residents about an incident on CH property. Last month a delivery person was robbed after delivering pizza to a resident. This incident was not reported to the management company. The board learned it through the grapevine. Please be watchful and aware of your surroundings. Please try to walk at night in pairs. Consider joining the Heather Ridge Neighborhood Watch. Call Bev Brown, Head Area Coordinator for UAHR.

Pool Party. The annual pool party was on Saturday, Aug. 25. The party was a success. It felt like everyone enjoyed themselves with all the neighbors. Scott did an excellent job. Thanks to all residents who brought the side dishes. They were great! See photos on page 9. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the pool this summer.

2012 Monthly Meeting. Meeting date and location notice will be posted on the mailboxes as soon as it becomes available. All Chimney Hill residents are welcome to attend.



Fairway 16 by Susan Bruce

Reminders.

• Do NOT leave your garage door open if you go inside, even for a minute. Thieves are watching. Animals can enter.

• PLEASE do not put out your trash on Thursday when there is a holiday that week. Pickup is delayed on those weeks, and trash can be attractive to animals.

Dumpster. Due to the contract with Waste Management, the dumpster will not be removed for a few more months. The board will continue to trim trees and bushes, and fill it each week. Use your own barrels or trash bags for regular Thursday pickup.

Metro Matters. The board voted Sept. 6 to put *Metro Matters* in real estate covered boxes beside each mailbox. This will involve less volunteer help to dis-

tribute each issue, protect them from weather and prevent issues from hanging on each garage when an owner is out of town. Starting Oct. 1, look for the box and October *Metro Matters* by your mailbox.

Free Shredding. On Havana Street will sponsor a free shredding event and electronic recycling at Bicycle Village, Havana and Yale, on Oct. 20, noon–3 pm. Each person is limited to 3–4 bags or boxes. It's a good way to clean out some of your old paperwork. Check the website Onhavanastreet.org for details about which electronics they will take.



National Election – Nov. 6

Arapahoe County provides the following services at its website, www.arapahoevotes.com (or call 303-795-4511):

- Register to vote (Last day is Tuesday, Oct. 9)
- Find Vote Center locations. (Several are open for early voting.)
- Request a mail-in ballot
- Find ballot drop-off locations and hours
- See wait times at vote sites
- Update your mailing address
- Change your party affiliation
- Track your mail-in ballot
- Link to candidate information
- Find election result information

Early Vote Sites open on Monday, Oct. 22–Friday, Nov. 2. Time: M,W,Th,F 9 am–4:30 pm; Tuesday 10 am–7 pm; 9 am–3 pm Saturday Oct. 27. Vote Centers open for early voting include:

- Arapahoe County CentrePoint Plaza, 14980 E Alameda Dr, Aurora
 - Mission Viejo Branch Library, 15324 E Hampden Cir, Aurora
 - Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Cir, Centennial
- Mail ballots will be mailed beginning Monday, Oct. 15. These must be returned to the County Clerk no later than 7 pm on Election night.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. Vote Centers are open 7 am–7 pm. In addition to the vote centers listed above:

- Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way

There are more Vote Centers in Arapahoe County, some of which may be closer to where you work. Check the website, www.arapahoevotes.com, or call 303-79-4511.

Aurora Ward V

Councilman Bob Roth, who represents some Heather Ridge HOAs on city council, has scheduled his ward meetings for 2012: Oct. 8, Nov. 12. No meetings in December. Meetings will be 6:30–8 pm. Most meetings will be at Peace with Christ Lutheran Church. Topics are to be determined. Check www.auroragov.org, for details.



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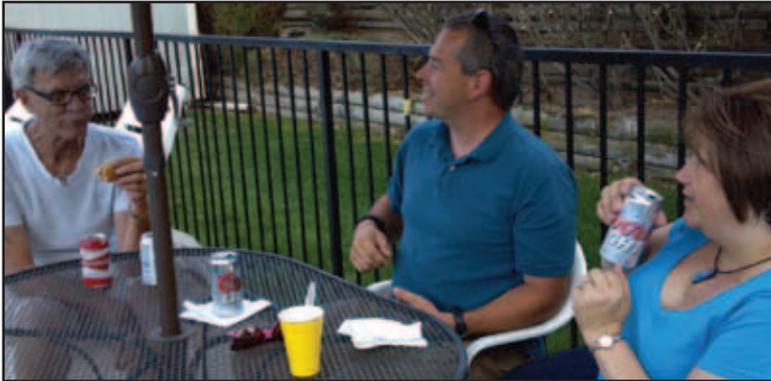
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Heather Ridge

Photo Album

**Picnicking at
Chimney Hill
Aug. 25**



The annual Pool Party was fun for young and old!



Photos by Lana Gutnik



October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6 pm UAHR Board Meeting – 19th Hole GC at HR	3	4	5	6 9 am–4 pm Overland High School Fair
7	8	9	10 6:30 pm Sausalito Board Meeting – GC at HR Metro Matters Deadline	11 6 pm FWY 16 Board Meeting – FWY 16 Clubhouse	12	13
14 Grandparents' Day 9 am–4 pm Chemical Roundup – Aurora Central Facilities Building	15	16 6 pm Chimney Hill Board Meeting – GC at HR	17	18 Lunch Bunch at El Lucerito's 4 pm HRMD Board Meeting – GC at HR	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 6:30 pm Ward IV Meeting Ecotech Institute, 1400 S. Abilene St.	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween	<p><i>Note: Regular Heather Ridge board or committee meetings will be held on the dates below, providing there is business to be conducted.</i></p>		

Note:

- 1st Annual Chili Cookoff, Saturday, Nov. 10, Fairway 16 Clubhouse
- Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 6:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 14, Burgundy Clubhouse, 2685 S. Xanadu Way.



Out To Lunch Bunch

The next gathering will be Thursday, Oct. 18, noon @ El Lucerito's Restaurant (3088 S. Peoria St.). Please contact Ginny Lewis to RSVP —

ginny.lewis@comcast.net or 303-337-6118



Metro Matters readers:

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HRMD, UAHR and HRCA meetings are open to residents!

Golf Club at Heather Ridge Monthly Update

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18-Hole Ladies League

Congratulations to Irene Young, 2012 Club Champion!

The results of the Club Championship are:

Championship Flight

Low Gross: Irene Young
 1st Low Net: Judy Weber
 2nd Low Net: Randi Mcknight

A Flight:

Low Gross: Karen Johnston
 1st Low Net: Megan Myers
 2nd Low Net: Bobbie Janulewicz

B Flight:

Low Gross: Diana Jordan
 1st Low Net: Joann Oswald
 2nd Low Net: Stacey Visentin

Please be sure to sign up for the Fall Luncheon.

Heather Ridge Men's Golf Club

August 25 and 26

Championship Flight

Club Champion Trophy and Low Gross: Ben Barnes
\$170 golf shop certificate

1st Low Net and Net Trophy Dean Weber \$102
 2nd Low Net Bob Knutson \$ 68

Second Flight

1st Low Net and Net Trophy Mike Geppner \$170
 2nd Low Net Don Blosser \$102
 3rd Low Net Roy Deitz \$ 68

Third Flight

1st Low Net and Net Trophy Jerry Hensen \$170
 2nd Low Net John Kytle \$102
 3rd Low Net Terry Bade \$ 68

Fourth Flight

1st Low Net and Net Trophy Don Copeland \$170
 2nd Low Net Loren Januelwicz \$102
 3rd Low Net Morris Hoole \$ 68

Saturday Closest to the Pin (\$30 cash to each)

Hole 5 Dean Weber
 Hole 8 Dean Weber
 Hole 10 Bob Knutson
 Hole 14 Ben Barnes

Sunday Closest to the Pin (\$30 cash to each)

Hole 5 Harold Wallace
 Hole 8 Morris Hoole
 Hole 10 Jim Carpenter
 Hole 14 Matt Oklesson

Heather Ridge South *...from page 6*

Bronco's season progresses, there are plans for football get-togethers at the clubhouse. The HOA is getting cable TV for its HD television there, so stay tuned for more information. In previous years, there have been movie nights, football play-offs, Super Bowl parties and other special events. Please check the front door of the clubhouse for posted information.

Security Issues. A recent break-in in HRS renews the need for everyone to check and lock doors and windows. An unknown person entered a unit in which he was found asleep in the basement. The family dog knew something was wrong, and, after using sign language and email, got her owners to investigate. The owners, not the dog, called the police, who removed the intruder. If you are concerned about neighborhood security, please call Beverly Brown, who writes and promotes Neighborhood Watch in *Metro Matters*.

Spice up your life a little!

The UAHR is having its First Annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Fairway 16 Clubhouse.

Entries are only \$10.

Tickets are \$1 per sample or \$5 for a 6 sample pack. There will be prizes and awards. Watch for fliers in your neighborhood and further details in your HOA newsletters, or contact Pam Bjerke, 303-695-9447, or Josie Spencer, 303-671-5637.

I smell a real competition coming on!

New! Kingston Market at Iliff and I-225 — local to HR

Great news! Thanks to a partnership between the City of Aurora and Tri-County Health Department, there's a grocery store within Heather Ridge that now offers fresh produce to customers. No more 2–3 mile trips to out-of-neighborhood grocery stores. Instead, you can walk to Kingston Market at 13697 E. Iliff, next to the 7-11.

You can get milk and eggs as well as fresh fruits and vegetables, apples, oranges, bananas and berries for your salads and desserts. Buy fresh potatoes, onions, peppers, carrots, celery, squash, cabbage and other vegetables to provide a balanced, healthy dinner for your families!

The Kingston Market was awarded a grant through the "Communities Putting Prevention to Work Initiative" and Aurora/Tri-County Health Department to provide this great innovation to your neighborhood. It's long been recognized that lack of convenient access to fresh fruits and vegetables have serious negative health impacts — including obesity, diabetes, heart disease and cancer in a community.

When nearby food choices are limited to fast foods and limited fresh produce, people don't eat well — especially when transportation is limited or you don't have

time to fight the traffic to distant grocery stores. Now no more excuses!

Kingston Market now makes shopping for fresh fruits and vegetables much more convenient in your neighborhood.

You'll love proprietors Love and Enoch Awoniyi, who run a friendly store. They will offer suggestions and recipes, not only for the new produce in a traditional way, but for the many exotic food items that can make for exciting meals. Try a zesty Caribbean stew or a tantalizing African dish with flair!

Come by and support Aurora's Steps to Fresh Produce, and eat healthy in Heather Ridge!



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Molly Markert's Newsletter for Ward IV

Amazing Aurorans.

Please join me in congratulating my Ward IV Amazing Aurorans for this quarter: Dean Semelbauer and Bev Brown.

In addition to running his own real estate company, Dean Semelbauer became the Head Area Coordinator (Neighborhood Watch) for Area 11, not all that long ago. His primary goal was to reach out to the residents as well as business owners by getting on their doorsteps, meeting people in person, and welcoming all to join in community meetings about crime prevention.

He then went to work, planning a special, annual event called National Night Out. His commitment and drive to provide the leadership needed for his neighborhood makes Dean Semelbauer an *Amazing Auroran*.

Bev Brown has proven to be a tremendous and tireless leader, not only with her immediate and close neighbors, but also among the leadership in other areas of the city. Bev is an Area Coordinator (Neighborhood Watch) for Area 10. In addition to building a stronger partnership between citizens and the



police department, Bev joined the effort to gain sponsorship from local businesses for this year's National Night Out event.

Bev's love of her community and her get-it-done attitude make her another *Amazing Auroran*.

Aurora Symphony

Orchestra Fundraising Banquet.

Save the Date: October 6, Palace Restaurant, 6265 E. Evans Ave. Doors open 5:30 pm. Program 6:15. Dinner 6:45. \$60 per person

For more information, visit www.AuroraSymphony.org or contact Angela Cho, 720-231-1331 or angelacho1019@hotmail.com.

At The Aurora Fox. Ashton Entertainment presents *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, Sept. 14–Oct. 14. Actor/comedian Steve Martin's absurdist comedy about what might occur if Einstein and Picasso were to meet one night in a cozy Parisian bar at the turn of the 20th century. Each on the verge of a career breakthrough, they argue about which is the more beautiful, meaningful and significant talent — the art of physics or the physics of art.

They are joined by a host of other quirky characters who philosophize on everything from fame and fortune to love and lust. An evening of laughs, one-upmanship, and a mysterious guest in blue suede

shoes. This play is a particularly fun way to officially kick off the Fox's 28th Season! Call the Fox Box Office for reservations, 303-739-1970.

Ben Dicke Productions presents *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson* Sept. 7–Oct. 28. This is the one you've been waiting for! The rock musical is about the founding of the Democratic Party, the rise and fall of Andrew Jackson, populism and the Indian Removal Act. This is a history lesson set to a rock score that's funny, irreverent, clever, self-mocking and anything but boring!

For a bloody good time, make your reservations: call 303-739-1970. Seating is limited.

Season packages for The Aurora Fox — buy a season package and save. You'll pay just \$64–100 for an entire season of award-winning theatre.

If you haven't received the new season brochure, call 303-739-1970. Visit the website, www.aurorafox-artscenter.org/

Additional copies of **Metro Matters** are available at the Heather Ridge Clubhouse: near the Pro Shop and in a magazine rack near Noonan's Tavern office.

Be A Guest Writer: Metro Matters accepts guest writers. You are invited to submit an article, 500 words or less, for acceptance in the next publication. Send to Bette Secord, Fairway 16, bettesecord@gmail.com; or Lynn Donaldson, LynnNeu@comcast.net or 13731 E. Hamilton Drive, Aurora, CO 80014.



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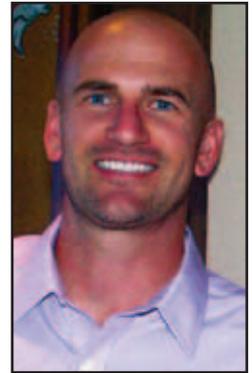
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David Brahinsky

Metro Matters

I really liked Pam's article "Your Community Needs YOU!" She posed a lot of great questions for homeowner's consideration. It really is hard to find engaged homeowners willing to donate a couple of hours a month to the business of the HOA, whether it be on the board or a committee.

Homeowners don't have to have a masters or Ph.D. to serve on a board. Basic homework after being

elected is to understand fiduciary responsibility and read the covenants, by-laws and rules — word for word — prior to your first board meeting. (Don't go to the meeting if you haven't done your basic homework. Burgundy used to conduct pop quizzes for new board members at their first meeting.)

You don't have to memorize everything, but with a good understanding of this basic information, you will be able to formulate relevant questions without wasting a lot of board time.

Pam Akiri touched on conflict between new board members and long-standing board members. The number one problem with most new board members is they fail to do their basic homework. It shows in their communication as it comes from a point of self-interest and a total lack of understanding of the community, the community's relationships and how things came to be.

Seriously, ask yourself, if someone came to you, wanting to sell you something without knowing anything about you or your needs, would you really be inclined to listen to them?

So, if new board members are having difficulty getting their new ideas across, they need to examine their knowledge of their HOA community. Ask questions. Avoid expressing uninformed opinions.

I am now in my 9th year of ser-

vice on the Burgundy Board. The biggest difference this time around, when compared to my first year in 1994, is the quality of training available to HOA board members and homeowners. I'm a big proponent of enlisting new homeowners to serve. It is the quickest and best way to get to know your community. No one should be fearful of not knowing enough to be of good service to your HOA due to lack of professional education. It is abundantly available, and most of it is free except for the time you will need to invest in it.

I'm thrilled to have educational resources available to share with my fellow board members this time around. It makes for a more informed and effective board.

**– Pam Bjerke
Burgundy**

Overland High School's 22nd Annual Fall Fair

Saturday, Oct. 6, 9 am–4 pm
Near S. Peoria St. and E. Jewell Ave.

Fall and Holiday Items: baskets, candles, jewelry, needlework, photography, quilts, things for baby and much more! Breakfast, lunch and a bake sale too!
Contact Rheda: rheda@me.com
303-887-6557

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Free Days for October, November

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| Denver Botanic Gardens | Monday, Oct. 1
720-865-3500, 9 am–5 pm
1005 York St., www.botanicgardens.org |
| Denver Children's Museum | Tuesday, Oct. 2, Nov. 6
303-433-7444, www.mychildsmuseum.org 4–8 pm
2121 Children's Museum Dr. |
| Denver Art Museum | Saturday, Oct. 6; Nov. 3
720-865-5000, www.denverartmuseum.org
100 W 14th Ave Parkway 10 am–5 pm |
| Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys | Sunday, Oct. 7
Sunday, Nov. 4
303-322-1053, www.dmmtd.org 1–4 pm
1880 Gaylord Street, Denver |
| Denver Museum of Nature and Science | 303-322-7009, www.dmns.org Sunday, Oct. 14
2001 Colorado Blvd Monday, Nov. 19
(Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium) 9 am–5 pm |
| Mizel Museum | Tuesday, Oct. 30
303-394-9993, 9 am–4:30 pm Friday, Nov. 30
400 S Kearney St mizelmuseum.org |
| Denver Botanic Gardens @Chatfield | Friday, Nov. 2
303-973-3705, www.botanicgardens.org
8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton |
| Denver Zoo | Monday, Nov. 5; Friday, Nov. 16
303-376-4800, www.denverzoo.org Wed., Nov. 28
2300 Steele Street, Denver |
| Denver Center for Performing Arts | 303-547-3410, www.denvercenter.org , 1101 13th St. Each Tuesday at 10 am, DCPA will release a limited number of \$10 tickets. Ten seats for every DCTC performance in the coming week will qualify (up to 25 shows per week). Use code SCFD |

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- A BA in Psychology from the University of Southern California
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