

# Heather Ridge Metro Matters

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**Happy Holidays to All!**



# Neighborhood Watch

The last Neighborhood Watch meeting for 2012 was held on Nov. 14, at the Burgundy Clubhouse. Hope you attended. As always, it was an informative meeting. The next meeting will be held, probably in March 2013.

I remind you that it is important to always be aware of what goes on around you. If there is anything that doesn't look right, make sure you call these numbers:

Non-Emergency, 303-627-3100.

Of course, the Emergency number is 911.

Par Officer Mark Lowisz, 303-739-1819.

HR is still experiencing some car break-ins. Make sure those car doors are locked. Do not leave valuables in them when you are not in attendance.

**Bev Brown**

**Head Area Coordinator for UAHR**

## **Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Provides Online Crime Mapping Services for Citizens**

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has partnered with *CrimeReports.com* to provide online crime mapping services for the citizens of Arapahoe County. The technology enables law enforcement agencies to share with the public where and when crimes are being committed in their jurisdictions via interactive online maps.

Also available at *CrimeReports.com* is registered sex offender data for all 50 states. If a citizen elects, the *CrimeReports.com* system will provide automated email

alerts for updated information in that area.

Over 700 law enforcement agencies across the nation have implemented the CrimeReports system. It is the largest online resource for up-to-date crime information. In addition to current crime data, the CrimeReports system also allows law enforcement professionals to access information on crime trends and patterns, which is a critical element in effective crime prevention and intervention programs.

Community members can access the CrimeReports system through the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office website [www.arapahoesheriff.org](http://www.arapahoesheriff.org), or directly at [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com). CrimeReports also has an iPhone application that features crime data from 700 other law enforcement agencies across North America. The iPhone application is a free download from [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com).

For further information, please contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson, 720-874-4165. – **SGT Baker**

Other important e-mails are [www.auroragov.org/index.htm](http://www.auroragov.org/index.htm). This is the main web page for the City of Aurora. It has links to all the different departments within the city and other resources that may be useful.

[www.apps.douglas.co.us/apps/sotar/initPublicIndex.do](http://www.apps.douglas.co.us/apps/sotar/initPublicIndex.do)

This is the link that has info on registered sex offenders. People can sign up for an account and in doing so, also sign up to get e-mail notification if a sex offender moves within a certain distance of their address. The information is current.

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## **Metro District Board Members**

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(UAHR is the "watch dog" of the HRMD)

President Josie Spencer (Heather Ridge South)

Vice President Pam Bjerke (Burgundy)

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Chimney Hill

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Double Tree

Fairway 16

Heather Ridge South, [Heatherridgesouth.com](http://Heatherridgesouth.com)

Sausalito, [sausalitohoa.com](http://sausalitohoa.com)

Strawberry, [strawberryhoa.com](http://strawberryhoa.com)

website: [www.uahr.org](http://www.uahr.org)

## **Managers, Golf Club at Heather Ridge (GCat)**

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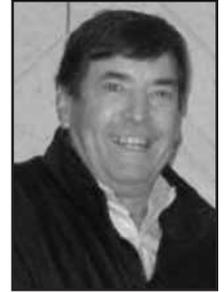
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# HRMD Update



Errol Rowland  
HRMD President

Greetings Heather Ridge (HR) homeowners. This is an update of the community's mission:

- **Preserve the Open Space.** The open space/golf course is in better shape than any time in the last 30 years.

- **Property values** are on the rise. Only eight homes are for sale today, compared to 25 in 2011 and 50 in 2010. In 2014, the HR Light Rail Station at Iliff will undoubtedly have a positive effect on property values.

- **HR way of life is being maintained.** Before and after golfing hours are being enjoyed by many walkers, joggers, etc. Crime is in check, thanks to the vigilance of the residents, volunteers and the Neighborhood Watch (HRNW) group lead by Bev Brown, Strawberry.

HR has turned the corner. It is healthy and beginning to thrive. The HR Metropolitan District (HRMD) stands now on sound financial ground. The total of all funds (money in the bank) as of October 2012 is \$580k.

The decision to maintain golf operations was a good one. After losses in the first two years, September 2012 year-to-date profit stood at \$185k. Management focus in 2012 was to reduce expenses. Congratulations to Golf Course at HR, Inc., led by Loren Janulewicz, Bob Knutson, Larry Ransford, Vinny Roith and staff for their hard work and outstanding management/operational performance.

Next year, the staff will concentrate on increasing revenue through increasing market share. Several Colorado golf courses have closed recently. Golfers are finding HR is a new, challenging, economical, friendly, convenient place to play. They, along with residents, enjoy having a beverage and lunch or dinner at Noonan's Tavern after golf. The aim is for customers to have fun.

## Short Term Goals:

- Maintain established profitable financial and operational procedures
- Reduce the need to depend on December golf commitments for the coming year

## Long Range Goals:

- Build reserves
- \$200k emergency;
- Complete Back 9 Irrigation system (south of Iliff);
- Repair/replace cart/walking paths
- Increase/enhance water storage/features

The HRMD directors continue to stress the importance of transparency and equal treatment for everyone

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# Aurora honors Ruth Fountain

## RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-58 *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, to Approve the Naming of the Trolley Trailer Enclosure.*

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved the purchase and refurbish of a trolley trailer and to have it displayed at the Aurora History Museum; and

WHEREAS, the City is planning on building an enclosure to house the refurbished trolley car at the Aurora History Museum; and

WHEREAS, the City has Resolution No. R93-37 that details the policy and procedural requirements for naming a geographic location after a person; and

WHEREAS, the name of Ruth Fountain has been submitted to the City as the name for consideration the proponents seek to name the enclosure that will house the trolley car; and

WHEREAS, the proposed

name of Ruth Fountain is submitted because Ruth Fountain has contributed a definitive way and in an outstanding manner to the betterment of the community of the City as noted by the following contributions by her:

- Aurora City Council – 1971-77 – Mayor Pro Tem
- Colorado Municipal League – Secretary, Vice President, and 1st female President
- National League of Cities – Director
- Aurora Planning Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Citizens Advisory Budget Commission
- Golf Course Advisory Commission
- Aurora Emergency Medical Services Commission
- Governor's Advisory Board on Emergency Medical Services – Chair
- Private Employee Agency Advisory Board – appointed sepa-

rately by three different Governors

- Women's Forum of Colorado – Charter member
- Aurora Chamber of Commerce – Board member
- American Association of University Women – Aurora Branch - Charter member and President, Program V.P. and multiple other offices; also served on State and National committees.
- Aurora Citizens Advisory Utility Budget Committee – Charter member
- Metropolitan State College Foundation Governor
- Director Presbyterian/Aurora Hospital and Auxiliary member
- Community College of Aurora Foundation – Vice President
- Aurora History Museum Advisory Committee
- Aurora Symphony – Board of Directors
- Thomas Foundation – Board of Directors

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# Real Estate Update

Metro Denver's general real estate market continues to improve. Residential closings in October 2012 increased 30.8 percent over October 2011, and condo closings increased 21.1 percent for the same period. Days on the market decreased 34.3 percent and 39.3 percent respectively. At this time, given present inventory levels, without any new inventory being added, there is only a 2.7 month's supply of residential inventory and a 2.1 month's supply of condos.

For Aurora residents, and in particular the greater Heather Ridge area, homes priced under \$200,000 are in short supply. In simple English, home values will increase faster due to dwindling supply and increasing demand. Remodeled properties are selling faster and at higher prices than other homes. (You should not be surprised about this statement.)



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Foreclosures in Colorado are down 23.6 percent so far this year compared to the same period last year. A different measure — new foreclosure filings — was down 2.2 percent this year from last year. This puts Colorado on a pace to finish the year with the lowest foreclosure filings since 2006, as reported by Steve Raabe of *The Denver Post*.

Colorado's economy remains on track for positive but modest job growth for 2012 and 2013. "It is very tough to have a recovery when you have a construction sector losing jobs," was reported by the Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado at Boulder. Colorado's new home construction industry was the first economic casualty in 2008. For a strong recovery, that sector must be revived.

Heather Ridge home sales are active as indicated by the attached charts. With only eight homes for sale and 16 under contract, it is a strong seller's market as prices inch up. Call Pete or Van on how to maximize value and take advantage of today's market.

**HOME OF THE MONTH:** 2871 South Xanadu Way: a perfect example of remodeling to maximize value. The owner could have sold it "as is" to an investor to "fix and flip," but wisely chose to skip the middleman. Once completed, this 1,633 square foot two-story home will have a new interior. Priced at \$185,000, it should be ready for a new family by the first of the new year. If you are looking for a new home or would like decorating ideas, please call Pete or Van for a tour.

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

## Sold in Heather Ridge Sept. 1–Oct. 16

HOA	Sold \$	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$57,500	13631	E Yale Ave B	1 - 1	856	1-Carport	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$94,000	2479	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,091	1-Reserved	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$105,000	2132	S Victor St C	2 - 2	1,392	1-Off Street	2 Story
Burgundy	\$114,500	2649	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,315	1-Garage,Det,Off St	2 Story
Burgundy	\$139,900	2623	S Xanadu Way F	2 - 3	1,315	2-Garage,Det,Resv	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$149,500	2882	S Wheeling Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story

## Homes for Sale in Heather Ridge, New Listings July 1–Sept. 11

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Be/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$69,500	13621	E Yale Ave B	1 - 1	856	2-Carports	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$122,900	2660	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,144	1-Carport	2 Story
Sausalito	\$136,000	2467	S Victor St A	2 - 3	1,273	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$148,475	2488	S Victor St E	2 - 3	1,282	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$167,500	2408	S Victor St E	2 - 2	1,025	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Heather Ridge S	\$185,000	2871	S Xanadu Way	3 - 4	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$189,950	2280	S Vaughn Way 203	2 - 3	1,693	1-Garage,Att,Overs	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$212,000	2260	S Vaughn Way 103	2 - 3	1,485	2-Garage,Att	Ranch

## Homes Under Contract in October 2012

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Bed/Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Strawberry I	\$38,000	13647	E Yale Ave C	1 - 1	856	None	Ranch
Strawberry II	\$60,000	2485	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,091	None	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$79,000	2642	S Xanadu Way C	1 - 1	973	1-Carport,Det	1.5 Story
Strawberry I	\$79,900	2664	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,144	None	2 Story
Strawberry II	\$80,000	2431	S Xanadu Way D	2 - 1	1,091	None	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$89,900	2141	S Victor St D	2 - 2	1,208	1-Reserved	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$90,000	2101	S Victor St A	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Sausalito	\$99,900	2490	S Worchester Ct A	2 - 3	1,273	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$100,000	2458	S Victor St	2 - 3	1,273	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Burgundy	\$134,900	2645	S Xanadu Way C	3 - 2	1,315	Off Street	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$142,000	2416	S Vaughn Way A	2 - 2	1,365	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Sausalito	\$150,000	2459	Worchester Ct D	2 - 3	1,230	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$150,000	2518	S Vaughn Way B	3 - 3	882	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Heather Ridge S	\$151,000	2855	S Xanadu Way	3 - 4	1,462	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge S	\$169,900	2756	S Xanadu Way	3 - 3	1,462	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$185,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 201	2 - 2	1,476	1-Garage,Att	Ranch

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# Homeowners' Association News

## Sausalito by Carol McCormick

We wish for you a holiday  
That's better than your dreams,  
Filled with peace, good will and hope  
And firelight that gleams,  
Overflowing with holiday spirit  
Good food and holiday laughter;  
And when it's done, We hope that you  
Live happily ever after!

– Joanne Fuchs

**Landscaping.** The quick snow storm has come and gone. No need for shovels this time around. Remember to call Tony, 720-535-9705, if you need light bulbs for your porch or spots for the trash areas. Sausalito's landscaping company has prepared the community for the winter season. It sure is looking good.

**Architecture.** Most residents look forward to enjoying the exterior holiday decorations and lighting in the community. Please remember to take down your decorations before the National Western Stock Show in January.

It is time to winterize your home. The management company emailed a notice to homeowners about how to winterize your home. If you did not receive that notice, please call McKinney Management, 303-783-0394.

**Security.** Brownstone Security continues to patrol Sausalito 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.

The latest meeting was held on Nov. 14 at the Burgundy Clubhouse. Look for more information in this issue of *Metro Matters*.

Please contact Carol McCormick, the Sausalito Area Coordinator, at [carol\\_mccormick@comcast.net](mailto:carol_mccormick@comcast.net), if you want to become a Block Captain.

**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/Pools/UJHR Representative Pat Horton, 303-695-6181; Debbie Martinez, Board Member at Large, 720-298-8323; Board Members at Large Tom Scally, 303-750-8772; and Sherri Cooper.

**Property Management Company.** Bill McKinney, President, McKinney Management Company, Inc., 3576 S Logan St, Englewood, CO 80113. Phone: 303-783-0394. Fax: 303-783-0398



## Fairway 16 by Susan Bruce

**Jobs Completed.** A large number of big trees were professionally trimmed by Touch of Class and two dead trees were removed. The gutters were all cleaned by SPCS. The bushes were trimmed and leaves removed by LandTech, Fairway 16's new landscape and snow removal company.

The steps to the patio of the clubhouse were replaced by Harold Eagen and are now up to code requirements. The potholes were filled in by Colorado Asphalt Services. The pool equipment storage area was reinforced and cracks filled in by Pinky Gonzales and Harold Eagen. New signs for monthly meetings were made and put up at each mailbox by Loretta Eggleston.

**Bus Route.** Newly elected RTD Board member is Claudia Folska. I called her two days after the election to discuss the Route 131 bus that goes down Vaughn Way between Iliff and Yale. She does not get sworn in until January. I left a message, but she hasn't returned my call. If you wish to call with specific complaints, the RTD number is 303-628-9000. I will enlist City Councilwoman Molly Markert to help us with this problem.

**Metro Matters.** Renters and owners, please contin-

ue to pick up your copy of each issue around the end of each month. They will remain in the white boxes attached to the mailboxes. If you have been out of town, you can pick one up when you return.

**Chili Cookoff.** It was a great party, but I missed seeing many of you. Four people fixed a pot of chili from Fairway 16: Dan Hignite, Bette Secord, Susan Bruce and Pidg Gonzales. Gary Jones supplied live music. There were 12 kinds of chili to taste, and a perfect snowy day to enjoy it.

**Reserve Study.** Aspen Reserve Specialties has been around the area several times and will soon complete a detailed report that the board can use for future planning.

**Directory.** Fairway 16 plans to complete work on the new edition after the first of the year. They will be distributed at the April annual meeting.



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## Fairway 16...from page 6

**Snow.** The new snow removal company, LandTech, will only plow if there are four or more inches of snow on the ground. They will also provide the hand shoveling. You may wish to mark the corners where the grass and asphalt meet with a reflective pole, which will make the

plowing easier and less destructive. Both Lowe's and Home Depot sell these poles for about \$5 each.

**Christmas Decorations.** Norm and Sheryl Pitts win the award for getting their lights up first. Norm wants you to know he is having knee surgery in mid-November so had to get the job done early!

Happy holidays to everyone and best wishes for a healthy, happy 2013.

## Heather Ridge South by Van Lewis

**Holiday Reminders.** The clubhouse decorating party is Dec. 1 (2811 South Xanadu Way). This annual gathering of volunteers does the holiday decorations and lights for the holiday season. The group gathers at 1 pm and works until all is done. Then, everyone sits down for a potluck and adult beverages. It's a fun time — getting to know neighbors and familiar faces while contributing to the community. For further information, contact Janelle, Westwind Management, 303-369-1800, Ext. 115, or email, [janelle@westwindmanagement.com](mailto:janelle@westwindmanagement.com).

**Annual HOA meeting.** Plan to attend at 7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the clubhouse. All property owners will be mailed the agenda and supplemental information. This meeting is for owners only, not tenants. The HOA represents owners only per its Declarations. If you have any questions, please call Janelle.

**Holiday Dinner.** The community's holiday dinner will be 6 pm Saturday, Dec. 8, starting with cocktails. This dinner is for ALL residents including tenants. The cost is \$7, if reservations are made in advance. It is \$10 at the door. Reservations are strongly encouraged by calling Janelle. Every year, attendance has been good, but space is limited. Call early to make reservations.

This year's dinner will be catered and served by Tin Cup Caterers. As traditional, there will be prime rib and turkey. Attendees will be asked to bring side dishes and appetizers. Invitations will be delivered to all residents detailing what dish to bring.

**Budget 2013.** At this time, Nov. 12, the budget has not been finalized. By the time you read this newsletter, the budget should be published. The board meets Nov. 27 to finalize it.

**Holiday Lights and Decorations.** Please review HRS's Rules and Regulations regarding this issue. Residents are asked to install exterior decorations at Thanksgiving time, and to remove them in the first week of the new year. Everyone looks forward to this joyous

season of bright lights and fellowship!

**FHA Loans for HRS.** At this time, FHA loans are still not approved for the community. This issue arose in February 2012 when HUD changed its policy concerning community standards and liabilities. HUD is expected to revise its guidelines in 2013. Given acceptable changes, the HRS Board of Directors will reapply for certification.

**Thanks to Board Member Josie Spencer!** Long-time resident and board member Josie Spencer announced her retirement, effective Dec. 31. Josie will be deeply missed for her leadership, work ethic and community spirit. Not only has she been on the HRS board since the early 1990s, but was a strong proponent of forming the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District and its parent organization, United Associations of Heather Ridge (UAHR).

A retired Army colonel, she brought clear ideas and leadership to all her endeavors. In particular, for the past two years she has chaired UAHR as its president and leading champion. Her goal was to make UAHR a "watch dog" over HRMD activities and transparency. Everyone agrees she did a great job and will be sorely missed by HRS and the HRMD.

**Please Don't Turn Off Your Furnace.** Winter's temperatures can be unforgiving, especially for vacant or unoccupied homes. Please do not turn off your furnace if you plan to be out of town. Please contact Xcel Energy for recommended temperature settings, along with asking friends or neighbors to visit your home in cold weather.



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## Great News

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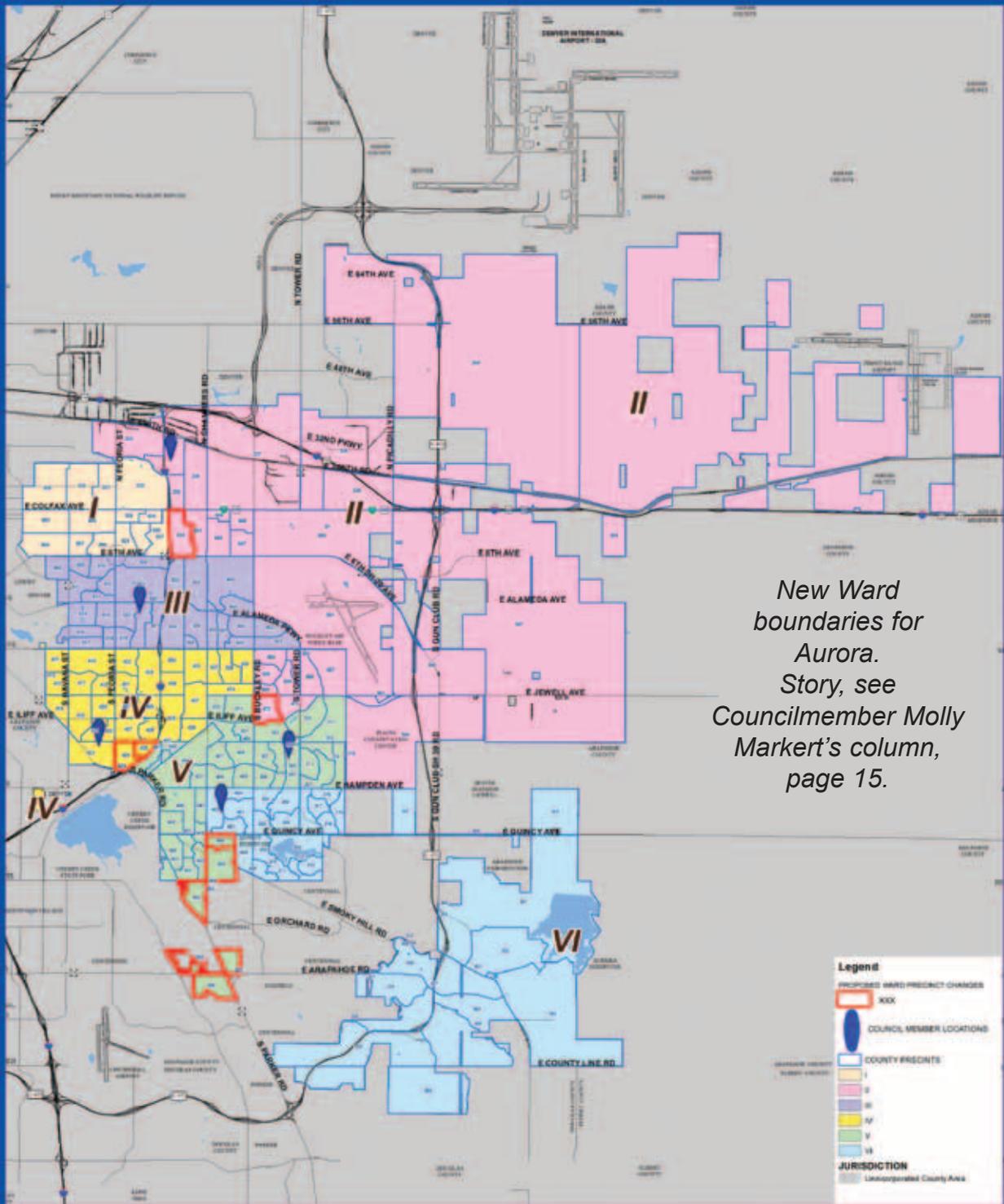
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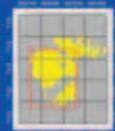


New Ward boundaries for Aurora. Story, see Councilmember Molly Markert's column, page 15.

City of Aurora, Colorado - 2012  
PROPOSED WARD MAP #3



City of Aurora Planning Department  
15151 E. Alameda Parkway  
Aurora, CO 80012  
www.aurora.gov



# Photo Album

The First Annual Chili Cookoff, sponsored by UAHR on Nov. 10, had to compete with a snowstorm, but still attracted many chili aficionados. See detailed story, page 11.

Photos by Van Lewis



## Coyote Sighting

Ann Troth wrote: "Attached are photos I took of a coyote the other morning when it snowed. He was across from my driveway at 13625 E. Evans Avenue in Chimney Hill, feasting on a rabbit. There was also a second coyote nearby."



# December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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>						1
2	3	4 6 pm <b>UAHR Board Meeting</b> – 19th Hole GC at HR	5	6 6 pm <b>FWY 16 Board Meeting</b> – FWY 16 Clubhouse	7 <b>Pearl Harbor Day</b>	8
9 <b>Hanukkah</b>	10 <b>Metro Matters Deadline</b>	11	12 6:30 pm <b>Sausalito Board Meeting</b> – GC at HR	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>First Day of Winter</b>	22
23/30	24/31	25 <b>Christmas</b>	26	27	28	29

**Note:**

- Next HRMD Regular Meeting: Jan. 17
- There will be no “Out to Lunch Bunch” gathering in December due to the Holiday Season.
- This year, December has 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays. This only happens once every 824 years. the Chinese call it the Money Bag. According to the legend, you will receive money in 4 days if you send this data in a message to all friends and enemies. According to Feng Shui, if you do not send it, you will stay poor.

<p><b>Important Message from the Staff of Metro Matters:</b></p> <p>Bette Secord will be leaving <i>Metro Matters</i> in February 2013. Her job has been broken down into 6 areas in order to lessen the time required of volunteers. It is important to understand that if these positions are not filled, it will be impossible to continue the publishing and delivery of <i>Metro Matters</i>.</p> <p>The following 6 positions are in need of being filled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Represent <i>Metro Matters</i> at UAHR and HRMD Board meetings when held. Give an end-of-the-year</li> </ul>	<p>report to the HRMD Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act as the drop-off point for hand-delivered issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Five Homeowners’ Association representatives pick up the magazines for their areas each month.</li> <li>– Another volunteer will pick up the magazine for delivery to the Golf Club, Bean Tree Coffee and Diane’s NY Bagels.</li> <li>– Donaldsons Inc. picks up 50 copies.</li> <li>• Deliver magazine copies to the Golf Club, Bean Tree Coffee on Peoria and Iliff, and Diane’s NY Bagels on Parker Rd.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect articles from HRMD, UAHR, HRCA, golf clubs, HOAs, Neighborhood Watch, HR Foundation, Molly Markert’s Newsletter, Out to Lunch Bunch, Letters to the Editor, and compose the monthly calendar. Send them to the publisher for layout.</li> <li>• Periodically conduct interviews of HRMD residents of interest.</li> <li>• Take photos of district events</li> </ul> <p>If you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions above, please contact Bette Secord, 303-695-9582 or <a href="mailto:bettesecord@gmail.com">bettesecord@gmail.com</a>.</p>
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# Chili Cook Off

Ummm good! If you weren't at the Fairway 16 Clubhouse on Saturday, Nov. 10, you missed out on some first-rate chili by local residents. The UAHR held its first Annual Chili Cookoff as a community-building event and fundraiser for the UAHR.

With 12 entries from four of the Heather Ridge communities — Burgundy, Cobblestone, Fairway 16, Heather Ridge South and the Heather Ridge Golf Pro Shop — who knew there could be so many different kinds of chili? There was red chili, thin and thick. There was a rich green chili with chunks of chicken. How about hot dog and corn chip chili? A black bean chili. Chilis ranged from sweet, mild or spicy hot. There was a chili to meet everyone's taste preference. Plenty of beer was available to wash it down. The 12 entrants really made it a winning event!

With light rain and snow throughout the day, it was perfect weather for chili. Bette Secord's decorations of festive paper flowers adorned each table. Live musical performance by Gary Jones' band, Magic Moments, set the mood. The stage was set for a festive atmosphere, great chili, conversation and fun! I can't thank Magic Moments enough for providing the live music!

The prices were certainly right for lunch — only \$5 for a bowl of chili, Or you could choose six sampler cups for the same price. Freshly baked corn bread muffins were also on the menu.

Many interesting comments were made by the judges, but it was "the thickness, cumin and very nice taste" that won it for Larry Ransford from the Golf Pro Shop. In addition to a \$25 gift card from King Soopers and a six pack of Coor's Winterfest beer, Larry will have the winner's plaque (mucho thanks to Bette Secord for creating

the plaque) on display in the Pro Shop for the coming year.

To keep Larry from dominating the winner's circle every year, he's been invited back as a judge for 2013.

Guests also got to pick their favorite by exercising their People's Choice vote. Susan Bruce, president of Fairway 16, walked away with the People's Choice prize for her pork sausage and beef chili.

Many thanks to judges: Carlos Chavez from Blossoms; Debi Hunter Holen, a great cook and City Councilperson at-large; and her palate-discriminating husband, Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen. They each tested all 12 chilis. There was no Alka Seltzer moment afterwards! WOW! UAHR looks forward to inviting them back again next year.

The turnout was great. Basic objectives and goals were met or exceeded this year. Recommendations for next year are already being accepted to make it even more interesting and fun. This is all due to the great collaboration and contributions by committee members Josie Spencer, Bette Secord, Pat Horton, Margo Plemone and yours truly.

Special thanks to Chambers Liquors and to an anonymous donor for their prize contributions.

So for those of you who missed entering your prize-winning chili this year, you now have a whole year to work on your recipes and plan to enter next year. The competition was really quite stiff this year, with only one point difference between the winner and the next place winner. And, for those of you who would like to broaden your chili taste horizons, join us for lunch next year. You can't beat the price and selection of chili!

— Pam Bjerke, Burgundy

## HRMD ...from page 3

through an open door, United Associations of Heather Ridge (UAHR), monthly *Metro Matters* newsletter and the HR website. The HRcolo.org website has been redesigned to be more HR friendly and appeal to those shopping for a new home. It is updated several times each month. Normally the financial reports and pre-meeting packet are available for all to view, at least 2 days before the regular HRMD monthly meeting (third Thursday). The meetings are held only when there is business to conduct or every three months beginning in January.

HR is successful because of dedicated volunteers. Homeowners, please ensure that your HOA Board has representation with UAHR (the taxpayer watch group and voice of the community) and Neighborhood Watch. In addition, the HR Foundation is new and needs volunteers to serve as directors.

Thank you to the HR community for voting to buy the open space/golf course. Because of the scores of

volunteers and community support, the stated mission is working. When the bell rings, seldom, if ever, is a community response so overwhelming to make a difference 100 years from now. Together, HR is doing it!!!

— Errol Rowland  
HRMD President, Burgundy

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# Fountain...from page 3

- Pickens Technical School Advisory Board
- Arapahoe County Cultural Council (Scientific and Cultural Facilities District) – Chair and member
- Aurora Historical Society – Founding member and President for more than 10 years
- Aurora Museum Foundation Board
- Aurora Historic Preservation Commission Member

WHEREAS, most recently Ruth Fountain has been involved in the restoration of the 1913 Trolley Trailer No. 610, donated to the City of Aurora in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Aurora Museum Foundation, under the leadership of Ruth and her late husband Bob Eide, financed and coordinated the all-volunteer restoration work; and

WHEREAS, Ruth, along with Kate Tauer and the Aurora Museum Foundation Board, has worked diligently on a fundraising plan to assist in funding an addition to the City's Aurora History Museum to enclose Trolley Trailer No. 610 so it can be an integral part of the Museum's educational program; and

WHEREAS, the Trolley Trailer project is only one recent and excellent example of how Ruth gathers leaders and organizations together to support cultural initiatives and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name of Ruth Fountain for the enclosure of the trolley enclosure has



Ruth Fountain  
Heather Ridge South

been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, City Council must approve the naming of the trolley enclosure after Ruth Fountain before the enclosure may be dedicated in her honor.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado:

The enclosure for the trolley trailer to be displayed at the Aurora

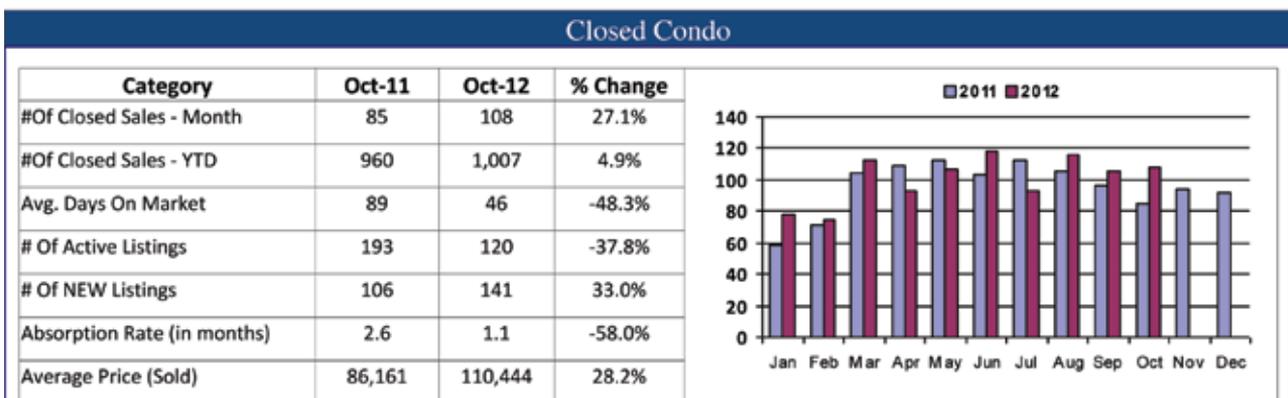
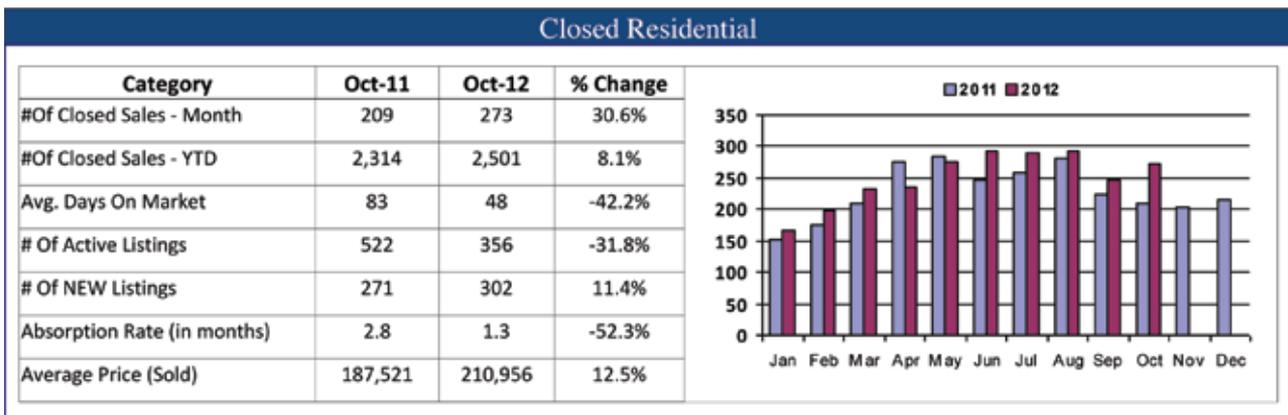
History Museum is to be named in honor of Ruth Fountain for her outstanding service to the City of Aurora, Colorado.

– Stephen D. Hogan  
Mayor

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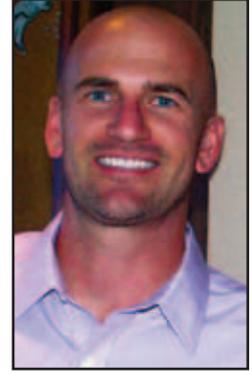
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# Letters

## Metro Matters

Gene LeMay just told me that there have been several instances of mailboxes being opened and, in some cases, mail being taken around the Eastridge neighborhood. The tampering has occurred at different times, day and night. I want to pass this information along and encourage everyone to report suspicious activity to Aurora Police Department. If a report is made, and it turns out to be innocent activity, that's just fine. APD doesn't mind checking. If you see suspicious activity please make the call. If it's an emergency, dial 911. For non-emergency, call APD dispatch, 303-627-3100.

I hope you're all enjoying the terrific Fall season!

**Dean Semelbauer, Head Area Coordinator  
Aurora Area 11 Neighborhood Watch  
303-472-8077**

## Metro Matters

On Oct. 29, at approximately 2125 hours, APD dispatch received a report of car prowlers in the Dam East neighborhood. APD responded to the area to search for the suspects with negative results.

A few minutes later APD dispatch received another report of car prowlers down the street in the Spinaker Run condo complex (3011 S. Ursula Circle). Officers responded to the area and located three suspects walking westbound down East Cornell Ave. Upon contact by APD, two of the three suspects ran towards the neighboring King Soopers. An off-duty police officer, who was working security at the Spinaker Run complex, later located and contacted these two suspects.

Suspects were found in possession of stolen property from victim vehicles. One of the suspects revealed that they had entered approximately 15 unlocked vehicles in Dam East and Spinaker Run.

This is a great example of the results that can occur if folks report suspicious behavior. Not every situation will end with such successful results, but officers would not know to saturate the given area without the reports called in by observant residents. This situation should also serve as a blatant reminder to keep vehicles locked and valuables removed from parked cars! These suspects only entered unlocked vehicles.

**Gene LeMay  
PAR area 11, 303-739-6953  
mlemay@auroragov.org**

## Metro Matters

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Kenn Casey, a longtime member of Heather Ridge, passed away Nov. 9. Kenn suffered from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) the past few years.

Kenn was an avid golfer and a BIG CU fan. He was an honorary member of the Heather Ridge Men's Club.

**- Loren J. Janulewicz**

For more information please go to <http://heatheridgecolorado.org/GCatHRSspecificPages/>

**Letters to the Editor:** Send your letters for Metro Matters to Bette Secord, Fairway 16, [bettesecord@gmail.com](mailto:bettesecord@gmail.com); or Publisher Lynn Donaldson, 13731 E Hamilton Dr, Aurora, CO 80014; [LynnNeu@comcast.net](mailto:LynnNeu@comcast.net) by the tenth of each month. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number. Letters may be edited for clarity or space.

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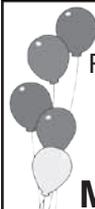
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# Molly Markert's Newsletter for Ward IV

**Welcome Heather Ridge South!!!** City Council adjusts Ward boundaries every five years. Ward IV needed to grow a bit to pick up its share of Aurora's new population. Everything west of I-225 and south of Yale is now in Ward IV rather than Ward V. Welcome!!! The change will be official after the final Council vote, probably by the end of the year, depending on Council's schedule. See the new map on page 8.

I'm glad to have all of HR! If you are not currently receiving my newsletters, send me an email at [mmarkert@auroragov.org](mailto:mmarkert@auroragov.org) with "newsletter" in the subject line. My office will get you added to distribution list. If you want it snail mailed, just leave a message at my Council office, 303-739-7516.

Everyone is always welcome to attend my Ward meetings, held the fourth Thursday of each month (except July and December). The schedule is on the city web site at [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org).

I'm available to assist with your local government concerns — just call the office. Staff will either handle your request or get it to me. Thanks!!!

## **Congratulations to this Fall's Amazing Aurorans!**

On Oct. 19, two amazing groups of Aurorans were recognized for their efforts to move the community forward. The Havana BID (Business Improvement District) received an award for: "Outperforming everyone's wildest projections for activity, interest, familiarity, tax revenue and 'buzz' On Havana. From concerts to farmers markets, from shopping opportunities to media recognition and from snow shoveling to weed patrol: the Havana Business Improvement District Board, staff and merchants are an exceptional example of what is Amazing about Aurora."

The Art in Public Places Commission received an Amazing Auroran award for: "Spearheading the Art 2C Program On Havana, and for getting the first year details in place: fully permitted, engineered, examined and established successfully. The vision, dedication and devoted volunteers of the Art In Public Places Commissioners who worked tirelessly on the Art 2C on Havana program is an outstanding example of what is Amazing about Aurora."

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**Good Cop, Bad Parking Spot.** A resident in the Heather Ridge neighborhood was hospitalized earlier this year, leaving her car parked on the street for a number of months.

The city issued an "abandon vehicle" ticket. Concerned neighbors attempted to move the vehicle, but it appeared the car's battery had died. The owner remained hospitalized. A neighbor contacted the city, and with the help of three Aurora police officers, moved the car to its owner's off-street parking.

**Comitis Crisis Center wins Eagle Award.** I am proud to announce that the Comitis Crisis Center was nominated and awarded the Eagle Award. Congratulations to all the staff and collective community who make Comitis work so effectively for the populations served. Cheers to you all!

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Each year up to four winners are chosen by an industry-diverse selection committee composed of past Eagle Award winners, Housing Colorado NOW! Conference planning committee volunteers and Housing Colorado Board members. Eagle Awards are selected based upon excellence of the nominee, not individual categories. This year there were more than 450 applicants.

– Molly Markert

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