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To my Sweetheart.

Heather Ridge HOAs Meet

Heather Ridge HOAs met to discuss common interests! On January 16, the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) hosted a dinner for HOA leaders to listen to city and community representatives discuss mutual concerns. (See page 8 for photos.) The dinner introduced HOA presidents and vice presidents to each other, and promoted the United Associations of Heather (UAHR), the watchdog group established to observe HRMD activities and to report to Heather Ridge property taxpayers and their HOA boards.

Speakers included Ward IV City Councilwoman Molly Markert who discussed Regatta Plaza redevelopment and the need for HOAs to be proactive. HRMD President Errol Rowland outlined activities in HR. Larry Ransford reviewed golf course operations. Retiring UAHR President Josie Spencer expressed concern that UAHR might dissolve should HOA boards not participate by sending representatives.

Bev Brown, Strawberry, spoke about Neighborhood Watch, a project she has spearheaded for almost two years with great success. Single-handedly, she started Neighborhood Watch from nothing and has guided to



become a viable, effective, crime reporting and crime prevention program.

Other speakers included Bette Secord, the editor for *Metro Matters*, and Barry McConnell, the director of the Heather Ridge Open Space Foundation. Bette announced that Barry would replace her as editor for *Metro Matters*, and that Cheryl Greenman of Donaldson Inc., the publisher of *Metro Matters*, would work full time to “grow” the magazine’s revenue and formatting. Cheryl has over 35-years experience publishing community magazines.

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It is the intent of the editor and HRMD to provide information of interest to its readers, to afford persons with varying and differing views opportunity to air responsible opinions on matters of community interest, and to promote community and enjoyable life pursuits.

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 Cheryl Greenman at cgreenman08@gmail.com

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Neighborhood Watch

Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm Wednesday, March 13. It will be held at Fairway 16 Clubhouse, 2600 S. Vaughn Way. Lots of parking exists on both sides of the street. We are looking forward to this meeting as it will be something much different than our normal agenda. It is called:

Aurora Police Department and The CELL Launch The Community Awareness Program to Enhance Public Safety

- What:** The Aurora Police Department and The CELL invite you to a free public safety training opportunity.
- When:** 6:30 pm Wednesday, March 13, 2013
- Where:** Fairway 16 Clubhouse, 2600 S. Vaughn Way, Aurora, CO 80014
- RSVP:** To RSVP for this important public safety training program opportunity, please e-mail after **March 1** and by **March 12**. E-mail to cap@thecell.org.

Community Awareness Program

The Aurora Police Department and The CELL organization recognizes the important role that individuals play to protect the community of Aurora.

The Community Awareness Program (CAP) is a FREE, interactive course designed to provide individuals with the basic tools needed to recognize and prevent terrorist and criminal activity. Increasing our collective preparedness undermines terrorist organizations and helps build safer, more resilient communities.

Taught by members of the Aurora Police Department, the CAP is a Department of Homeland Security approved program that follows a behavior-focused approach to identifying suspicious activities.

The CAP takes special steps to ensure that civil liberties remain protected. For more information about the CAP, visit www.thecell.org/cap.

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The Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (The CELL) is dedicated to preventing terrorism through education, empowerment and engagement. As a non-profit, non-partisan institution, its one-of-a-kind exhibit, renowned speaker series and training initiatives provide a comprehensive look at the threat of terrorism and how individuals can play a role in preventing it, ultimately enhancing public safety. For more information, visit www.thecell.org.

Residents of UAHR and Area 10. There will be future information on this very important event by way of a flyer(s). Plan to RSVP by emailing to cap@thecell.org after March 1 and by March 12. We ask you to do this so we can be prepared to accommodate all attendees.

**Bev Brown, Head Area Coordinator for UAHR
Amy Jones, Co-Head Area Coordinator for Area 10**





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Sold in Heather Ridge 2012

The Heather Ridge communities had 75 sales totaling \$9,218,575 for 2012, averaging 72 days on the market. There were 44 "normal" sales, 25 foreclosures, and six fix and flips. Buyers paid cash for 25 homes, conventional loans for 31, FHA for 17, and VA for three. In 43 sales, sellers paid no concessions; however, the 32 that did pay averaged \$1,218 each ranging from \$750 to \$5,000 for a \$91,339 gross amount. Seller-paid concessions are a market function to "move inventory" in a buyers' market. In a sellers' market, concessions will be fewer and smaller.



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

HOA	Sold \$	No.	Street	Style	SqFt	Be/Ba	Conces	Sold	Seller	DOM
Burgundy	\$81,200	2623	S Xanadu Way F	2-Story	1,315	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	14
Burgundy	\$108,500	2667	S Xanadu Way A	2-Story	1,315	2 - 2	\$3,255	FHA	Bank	45
Burgundy	\$114,500	2649	S Xanadu Way C	2-Story	1,315	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	114
Burgundy	\$120,000	2635	S Xanadu Way B	2-Story	1,315	2 - 2	\$120,000	CNV	Corp	4
Burgundy	\$134,000	2645	S Xanadu Way C	Ranch	1,315	2 - 3	\$3,000	FHA	Corp	144
Burgundy	\$139,900	2623	S Xanadu Way F	2-Story	1,315	3 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	30
Chimney Hill	\$117,000	13645	E Evans Ave	2-Story	1,344	2 - 3	\$4,000	CNV	Corp	172
Chimney Hill	\$118,000	2054	S Worchester St	2-Story	1,457	3 - 3	\$0	FHA	Bank	2
Chimney Hill	\$121,700	13500	E Evans Ave	1.5 Story	1,344	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Bank	23
Chimney Hill	\$125,000	2021	S Worchester Ct	2-Story	1,344	2 - 3	\$5,000	CNV	Indv	265
Chimney Hill	\$133,700	2052	S Worchester Ct	2-Story	1,337	2 - 3	\$750	CNV	Indv	405
Cobblestn Cr	\$81,900	13274	E Asbury Ave	2-Story	1,208	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	91
Cobblestn Cr	\$86,200	13384	E Asbury Ave	2-Story	1,392	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Bank	43
Cobblestn Cr	\$95,500	13346	E Asbury Ave	2-Story	1,392	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Bank	14
Cobblestn Cr	\$119,900	13446	E Asbury Ave	2-Story	1,208	2 - 2	\$3,000	VA	Estate	85
Cobblestn Cr	\$129,000	13384	E Asbury Ave	2-Story	1,392	2 - 2	\$3,700	FHA	Corp	40
Cobblestn Cr	\$135,000	13256	E Asbury Ave	2-Story	1,208	2 - 2	\$3,200	FHA	Indv	81
Cobblestn Cr	\$139,000	13314	E Asbury Ave	2-Story	1,208	2 - 2	\$4,170	FHA	Indv	67
Cobblestone	\$88,000	2101	S Victor St A	2-Story	1,208	2 - 2	\$864	FHA	Indv	348
Cobblestone	\$99,000	2141	S Victor St D	2-Story	1,208	2 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	6
Cobblestone	\$105,000	2152	S Victor St E	2-Story	1,392	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Bank	97
Cobblestone	\$105,000	2132	S Victor St C	2-Story	1,392	2 - 2	\$818	FHA	Indv	2
Cobblestone	\$105,100	2152	S Victor St C	2-Story	1,208	2 - 2	\$3,100	CNV	Bank	19
Cobblestone	\$108,000	2101	S Victor St C	2-Story	1,208	2 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	99
Cobblestone	\$129,000	2161	S Victor St B	2-Story	1,392	2 - 2	\$3,250	FHA	Corp	122
Country Club Rd	\$165,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 201	Ranch	1,476	2 - 2	\$0	CNV	Bank	138
Country Club Rd	\$176,450	2240	S Vaughn Way 101	Ranch	1,196	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	9
Country Club Rd	\$192,500	2270	S Vaughn Way 102	Ranch	1,722	3 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	68
Country Club Rd	\$200,000	2220	S Vaughn Way 202	2-Story	1,806	2 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	53
Country Club Rd	\$149,000	2280	S Vaughn Way 203	Ranch	1,693	3 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	61
Fairway 16	\$141,500	2598	S Vaughn Way A	2-Story	1,462	2 - 2	\$3,000	FHA	Indv	53

HOA	Sold \$	No.	Street	Style	SqFt	Be/Ba	Conces	Sold	Seller	DOM
Fairway 16	\$152,000	2690	S Vaughn Way D	2-Story	1,650	3 - 3	\$0	CNV	Indv	12
Fairway 16	\$152,500	2680	S Vaughn Way C	2-Story	1,462	2 - 2	\$2,590	FHA	Indv	9
Fairway 16	\$153,200	2610	S Vaughn Way	2-Story	1,650	4 - 4	\$0	Cash	Bank	192
Fairway 16	\$160,000	2568	S Vaughn Way C	2-Story	1,650	4 - 4	\$0	FHA	Indv	72
Fairway 16	\$160,000	2416	S Vaughn Way C	Ranch	1,365	2 - 2	\$0	CNV	Corp	14
HeatherRidge S	\$132,000	2870	S Wheeling Way	2-Story	1,633	3 - 4	\$2,750	CNV	Indv	28
HeatherRidge S	\$142,000	2725	S Xanadu Way	Ranch	1,365	2 - 2	\$2,000	CNV	Indv	64
HeatherRidge S	\$144,000	2722	S Xanadu Way	2-Story	1,633	3 - 3	\$0	Cash	Indv	113
HeatherRidge S	\$148,000	2855	S Xanadu Way	2-Story	1,462	4 - 3	\$4,000	CNV	Estate	100
HeatherRidge S	\$149,500	2882	S Wheeling Way	2-Story	1,633	3 - 3	\$0	Cash	Indv	102
HeatherRidge S	\$155,500	2777	S Xanadu Way	Ranch	1,365	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	4
HeatherRidge S	\$158,000	2756	S Xanadu Way	2-Story	1,462	3 - 3	\$4,740	CNV	Indv	77
HeatherRidge S	\$164,850	2728	S Xanadu Way	2-Story	1,462	2 - 3	\$0	Cash	Indv	13
HeatherRidge S	\$168,000	2810	S Wheeling Way	2-Story	1,633	3 - 3	\$5,000	CNV	Indv	62
HeatherRidge S	\$169,000	2792	S Wheeling Way	2-Story	1,633	3 - 3	\$3,582	CNV	Indv	41
Sausalito	\$81,500	2500	S Victor St F	2-Story	1,273	3 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	317
Sausalito	\$96,000	2490	S Worchester Ct A	2-Story	1,273	3 - 2	\$2,850	VA	Indv	16
Sausalito	\$107,500	2408	S Victor St E	Ranch	1,025	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Bank	26
Sausalito	\$110,000	2447	S Victor St C	2-Story	1,300	3 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	14
Sausalito	\$111,000	2468	S Victor St E	Ranch	1,025	2 - 2	\$3,300	CNV	Indv	3
Sausalito	\$138,500	2500	S Victor St F	2-Story	1,273	3 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	41
Sausalito	\$138,500	2500	S Victor St	2-Story	1,273	3 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	39
Sausalito	\$145,000	2488	S Victor Ct E	2-Story	1,282	3 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	28
Sausalito	\$149,000	2419	S Worchester Ct A	2-Story	1,274	3 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	27
Sausalito	\$149,400	2457	S Victor St C	Ranch	1,230	3 - 2	\$2,500	FHA	Indv	33
Sausalito	\$162,000	2408	S Victor St E	Ranch	1,025	2 - 2	\$2,000	CNV	Indv	28
Sausalito	\$162,500	2458	S Victor St F	2-Story	1,273	3 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	4
Strawberry I	\$39,101	2602	S Xanadu Way A	Loft	856	1 - 1	\$0	FHA	Govt	42
Strawberry I	\$50,000	13619	E Yale Ave D	Ranch	1,098	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Govt	271
Strawberry I	\$59,000	13657	E Yale Ave C	2-Story	856	1 - 1	\$1,770	CNV	Estate	570
Strawberry I	\$60,000	2658	S Xanadu Way D	2-Story	856	1 - 1	\$4,000	FHA	Indv	15
Strawberry I	\$65,002	2622	S Xanadu Way B	2-Story	1,144	2 - 2	\$1,950	FHA	Govt	15
Strawberry I	\$66,950	2650	S Xanadu Way B	1.5 Story	856	1 - 1	\$2,500	FHA	Indv	4
Strawberry I	\$75,000	2642	S Xanadu Way C	Ranch	973	1 - 1	\$0	Cash	Indv	8
Strawberry I	\$78,000	13631	E Yale Ave C	Ranch	1,098	2 - 2	\$0	CNV	Indv	67
Strawberry I	\$79,900	2664	S Xanadu Way A	2-Story	1,144	2 - 2	\$0	CNV	Bank	137
Strawberry I	\$89,500	2618	S Xanadu Way A	2-Story	1,144	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Bank	22
Strawberry II	\$58,600	2491	S Xanadu Way C	2-Story	1,091	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	40
Strawberry II	\$80,000	2419	S Xanadu Way B	2-Story	1,091	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	12
Strawberry II	\$83,000	2423	S Xanadu Way C	2-Story	1,091	2 - 2	\$1,200	CNV	Indv	1
Strawberry II	\$83,000	2499	S Xanadu Way D	2-Story	1,091	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Govt	20
Strawberry II	\$91,500	2475	S Xanadu Way A	2-Story	1,091	2 - 2	\$1,500	CNV	Indv	4
Strawberry II	\$94,000	2479	S Xanadu Way C	2-Story	1,091	2 - 2	\$0	Cash	Indv	2

Homeowners' Association News

Sausalito by Carol McCormick

Groundhog Day is February 2. Here are five facts you probably didn't know about Groundhog Day:

1. Punxsutawney Phil has seen his shadow 97 times, has not seen it 15 times, and nine years are unaccounted for.
2. The National Climatic Data Center reportedly stated that Phil's predictions have been correct 39 percent of the time. This number is in conflict with Phil's club, which states he's been right 100 percent of the time.
3. According to the funny website *groundhog.org*, there's a legend that during Prohibition, Phil threatened to impose 60 weeks of winter on the community if he wasn't allowed a drink.
4. In the years following the release of *Groundhog Day*, a 1993 film starring Bill Murray, crowds numbering as high as 30,000 have visited Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill in Punxsutawney where the ceremony takes place.
5. Though groundhogs typically live only six to eight years, Groundhog Day lore suggests that Phil drinks a magic elixir every summer, which gives him seven more years of life.

And lastly, States without groundhogs are taking matters into their own hands by choosing their own weather predictor. Texas, for example, chose its state mammal, an armadillo, to predict the weather for their first "Armadillo

Day." Only time will tell whether the groundhog or the armadillo is the true prognosticator. Leave it to Texas!



Landscaping: Snow, snow removal and more snow. Aurora needs the moisture, so that is okay. Remember to call Tony, 720-535-9705, if you need light bulbs for your porch or spots for the trash areas. Landscaping has been prepared for the winter season. It sure is looking good.

Architecture: Sausalito's management company emailed a notice to homeowners about how to winterize your home. This information is critical to all during the bitter cold weather. If you did not receive the information, please call McKinney Management, 303-783-0394.

Security: Brownstone Security continues to patrol Sausalito on foot and on a random basis. 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: Look for more information in this *See Sausalito...page 15*

Bill McKinney's daughter passed away in December. The HOA Board members and the homeowners of Sausalito extend their deepest sympathy to Bill McKinney and his family.

Burgundy by Kirt Chiles



Long-time Burgundy HOA President and resident Dick Witting died Sunday, December 30. Dick will be missed by all who knew him. Just as important, the entire community has lost a special

friend. I've lived here for 34 years, and can honestly say that no one was more passionate about this community's well-being than Dick. In the early 90s, Dick and his wife Maurine moved here from Cleveland. Almost from the beginning, he wanted to be involved in making Burgundy the best it could be. As his son Rick says, "That's just the way he always was." Dick was more than a volunteer; he was a dedicated advocate for Burgundy

and Heather Ridge. For nearly 20 years Dick served on the HOA's board as president and later as treasurer. Dick loved people and people loved Dick. He always had a smile. His favorite topic of conversation was "BURGUNDY!"

Someone like Dick Witting doesn't come along every day. Burgundy is a better place, having been blessed by his presence. Thank you Dick for your friendship, your hard work, dedication and love for this special place.

Sadly Dick's wife Maurine, passed away on January 20. Dick and Maurine had just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December.



Fairway 16

by Susan Bruce



Guest Parking: If you are having trouble with residents using the guest parking spaces, please call Hammersmith with the make of the car and license plate number. The property manager can call the owner, if you identify who owns the car. They will tell them to move the car or it will be towed.

Ice Melt: Please use the ice melt that has been provided for the north driveways to melt the ice. Gutters and downspouts deliver water directly onto the driveways. This creates new ice each time it melts followed by a freeze. If you need more product or a bucket, call Susan Bruce or Pinky Gonzales. Wear winter footwear and concentrate on your walking this winter. Try not to carry a heavy backpack or bag as this will make you unstable, affecting your balance. Walks will be shoveled when there is two inches of snow. Plowing will take place when three inches of snow has fallen.

Pipes and Freezing Temperatures: One suggestion is to open the cabinet doors under all your sinks so that the room heat will get to those pipes. If you are going on a winter vacation, leave the doors

open while you're gone as you are probably going to turn down the heat (60 degrees is recommended). Beware: you are responsible for maintaining plumbing that serves your unit.

Phone Numbers and Email Addresses: Under Colorado law for HOAs, Fairway 16 can no longer publish a directory with this information. Please be sure that Hammersmith has accurate information to contact you in case of an emergency.

Save the Date: The Fairway 16 annual meeting will be held at the clubhouse April 4. A big turnout like last year would be great.

Also, the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at the Clubhouse at 6:30 pm March 13. It will be a community awareness program to enhance public safety sponsored by the Aurora Police Department and The CELL Launch. Everyone is welcome.

Heather Ridge South

by Van Lewis



Westwind is Moving to a New Location: Westwind has grown out of its workspace on E. Iliff near S. Chambers Road. Sometime in March 2013, it will move to a new location just south of the Denver Tech Center. Written details will be mailed to all residents with any changes in address, telephone numbers, etc. Lastly, for any questions, please call Janelle.

HRS is Now in Ward IV: Molly Markert is now the city counsel representative for all of Heather Ridge. A hearty thank you to Bob Roth who had represented part of HRS while it was in Ward V. He was proactive and responsive to all requests. Molly's Ward IV previously stopped on the north side of East Yale Ave., but redistricting expanded her ward to the west of I-225 and south of Yale. Molly has been a long-time friend of Heather Ridge, helping HRMD save the open space golf course.

Gentle Reminders:

- Any exterior work to your unit requires written permission. Better to check first before starting!
- Please don't feed wild animals. Call the security company to report parking problems, open garages, suspicious activity.
- Never turn off your furnace in the cold weather season. Call Janelle at Westwind concerning icy

driveways and walks.

- If you live alone, please establish a routine for friends to check on you.
- Place your trash cans away from your house and near the truck's roadway, and put your trash out only after 6 pm on Monday for pickup on Tuesday. When putting trash out, please try not to block walkways and roads.

Watch for Clubhouse Gatherings: Impromptu gatherings for football games, movie nights and pizza parties will be posted on the clubhouse door bulletin board. Other informational notices can also be found there. Please make a point to stop by for updates. Check the website calendar at www.heatheridgesouth.com.

Cold Weather Tips: Keep your cabinets open to heat water lines going to sinks. Gently run water in lines during super cold weather. Call Westwind to report unsafe ice build-up.

New Monthly HOA Fees: Effective January 1, 2013, the HRS monthly fees increased by \$5. Fees are now \$271 and \$266. Please contact Janelle Maninger with any questions.

Heather Ridge Photo Album

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Golf Course Operations in the Black for 2012

The Golf Course at Heather Ridge management team (GCatHR, Inc.) continues to do an outstanding job managing the golf operations.

Since reorganizing last January, Heather Ridge golf operations moved into the black, making a \$100k profit in 2012. This is the first profit documented since the golf course opened over 40 years ago.

Revenue and the number of golf rounds were down in 2012. However, operating expenses were “way in check” allowing Heather Ridge to maintain the open space as a golf course. Now that GCatHR, Inc. has established these financial controls — marketing, increasing revenue, and number of rounds are the goals for 2013 and beyond.

Please thank the directors of the GCatHR, Inc. for making this happen. Directors are:

- Loren Janulewicz
- Vic Evans
- Larry Ransford
- John Hartnett
- Irene Young



Left to right: Josie Spencer, UAHR President and Larry Ransford, Manager GCatHR, Inc., spoke at the HOA meeting on January 16.

A most deserved thanks is extended to grounds superintendent Bob Knutson for a great job in maintaining the golf course.

Visit website www.HRColo.org to view all Heather Ridge’s financial/operational reports. You can review a convenient three-year comparison by printing the last, one page yellow line summary for December 2010, 2011 and 2012.

by Errol Rowland

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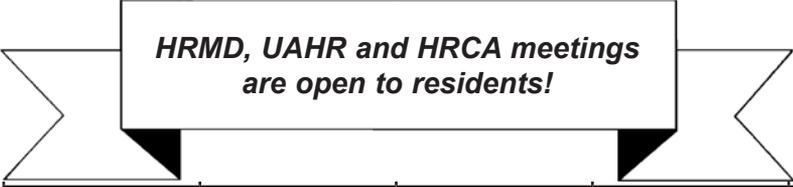


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February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>HRMD, UAHR and HRCA meetings are open to residents!</p>					1	2 <i>Ground Hog Day</i>
3	4	5 6 pm UAHR Board Meeting – 19th Hole GC at HR	6	7 6 pm Fairway 16 Board Meeting – FWY 16 Clubhouse	8	9
10	11 <i>Metro Matters Deadline</i>	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	13 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28 6:30 pm Ward IV Meeting – Fire Station 11 2291 S. Joliet St.	<i>Note: Regular Heather Ridge board or committee meetings will be held on the dates above, providing there is business to be conducted.</i>	



Out To Lunch Bunch

The next gathering will be noon on **Thursday, February 21, at Mimi's Cafe, 205 South Abilene Street Aurora.** Please contact Josie Spencer to RSVP — amipep@aol.com 303-671-5634



Metro Matters Needs a “LOGO”

The *Metro Matters* magazine was originally created to communicate news about the newly formed Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD) to the members of the 10 neighborhoods that make up the Heather Ridge community. These 10 architecturally distinct communities — Strawberry I, Sausalito, Country Club Ridge, Burgundy, Doubletree, Chimney Hill, Cobblestone, Cobblestone Crossing, Fairway 16, and Heather Ridge South — all share many things in common. Most importantly, they share the name Heather Ridge and the rich heritage that goes with it.

To help solidify that common identity, *Metro Matters* is actively seeking input from anyone within Heather Ridge neighborhoods to develop a logo for *Metro Matters* magazine. Concepts that this logo might embrace are: 1) The love of the Heather Ridge way of life; 2) A commitment to preserving the open space; 3) A rich Country Club and golf course heritage; 4) A unique status as a Metropolitan District made up of 10 unique neighborhoods. If you are a graphic artist, or just a professional doodler, *Metro Matters* would love to consider your ideas. Please forward logo concepts to Cheryl Greenman at c.greenman08@gmail.com.

End of the Year Proved to be Strong Seller's Market

The end of 2012 proved to be a strong seller's market within the Denver Metro area. Lower inventory and fewer days on the market drove prices higher.

According to the latest data from Metrolist®, the provider of *REcolorado.com*, a comprehensive Colorado real estate search platform, the Denver housing market boasted strong sales late in the year, with 3,400 homes sold in December alone.

Denver is one of a growing number of metropolitan areas across the country now considered a seller's market. In both November and December, the number of homes sold, under contract or pending settlement outnumbered those available.

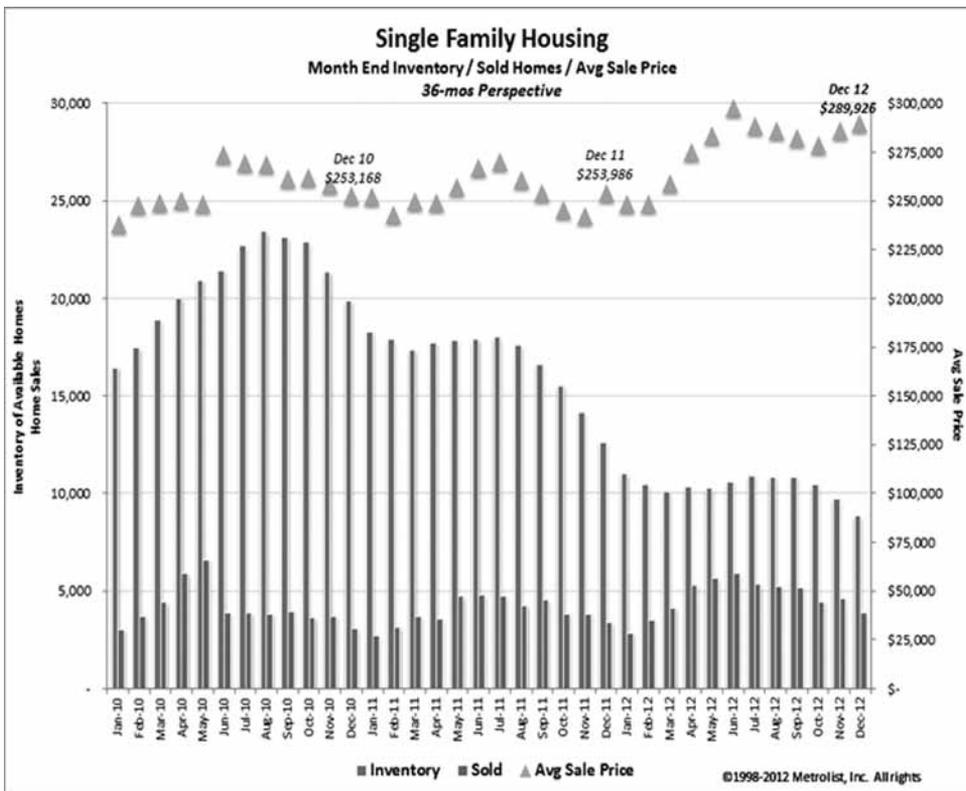
"All over the country, home sales in the winter months proved to be a bright spot in the headlines," observed Kirby Slunaker, Metrolist President. "The average sales price for a Denver-area closing in December was \$289,926, a noticeable jump from November's average prices."

The inventory of single family residences and condominiums has dropped by more than 50 percent from its high in July of 2010, and the average days on the market (DOM) to sell a home is now under two and a half months.

"Available homes on the market shrunk even further in December 2012. In fact, the close of December had the lowest inventory levels since 1998," said Mr. Slunaker. "We're seeing a lot of competition for homes that are available. With an average of 73 days on market for December home sales, we anticipate the market to remain brisk in 2013."

This residential market rebound means home buyers need to be well informed and prepared to negotiate. One local resource that can help navigate the current competitive marketplace is *REcolorado.com*.

The site gives consumers free access to up-to-the-minute housing information throughout the state of Colorado. Both buyers and sellers can research homes, search for open houses and easily calculate home values.



Market Snapshot As of December 31, 2012

	December-12	Prior Month	% Change	Year Ago	% Change
Single Family (Res + Cond)					
Active	7,706	8,847	-13%	10,993	-30%
Pending	1,464	1,589	-8%	1,538	-5%
Under Contract	3,090	3,893	-21%	2,832	9%
Sold	3,400	3,692	-8%	3,156	8%
Avg DOM	73	70	4%	107	-32%
Avg Sold Price	\$ 289,926	\$ 285,664	1%	\$ 253,986	14%

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Turning the Page at *Metro Matters*

Starting in March 2013, Barry McConnell (Fairway 16) has agreed to fill the considerable void that will be left when Bette Secord departs as a full-time editor of Heather Ridge *Metro Matters*.

The community magazine was conceived and created in 2010 through the partnership of Bette and Van Lewis (Heather Ridge South). It is doubtful that without their hard work, passion, people skills, and commitment to preserving the Heather Ridge way of life that *Metro Matters* would exist as it is today. Bette plans to stay involved as an occasional contributor and advisor to the new *Metro Matters* staff, publisher and editor. Van will continue to provide up-to-date information about home sales and listings in Heather Ridge.

Barry's background is in Information Technology consulting management and HOA governance. He currently serves as the Senior Instructor of Management and Entrepreneurship at the University of Colorado, Denver. Barry owns a home adjacent to the golf course

in Fairway 16. He is also the founder of the Heather Ridge Open Space Foundation. (www.heatherridgeopenspace.org). You may contact Barry by email at bmconn202@aol.com or call, 303-366-1505.



Barry McConnell, Fairway 16, is the new Metro Matters editor

Community members interested in being regular contributors to or advertising in Heather Ridge *Metro Matters* should contact Barry or the new publishing coordinator Cherryl Greenman, c.greenman08@gmail.com.

The Heather Ridge *Metro Matters* magazine is published monthly and distributed to the 1,200 on-site owners, renters. Off-site owners may have the magazine mailed to them or find it at HRColo.org

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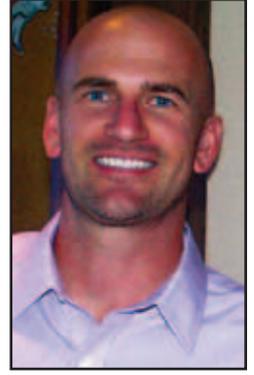
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Thank you.
Barbara Rupp
 Fairway 16

Letters to the Editor: Send your letters for Metro Matters to Barry McConnell, Fairway 16, bmconn202@aol.com; or Cheryl Greenman, cgreenman08@gmail.com; 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.



Free Days for February/March

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| Denver Art Museum | Friday, Feb. 1 |
| 720-865-5000, 10 am–5 pm | Saturday, Mar. 2 |
| www.denverartmuseum.org | |
| 100 W 14th Ave Parkway | |
| Denver Botanic Gardens @Chatfield | Friday, Feb. 1 |
| 303-973-3705, 9 am–5 pm | Friday, Mar. 1 |
| www.botanicgardens.org | |
| 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton | |
| Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys | Sunday, Feb. 3 |
| 303-322-1053, www.dmmtdt.org , 1–4 pm | Sunday, March 3 |
| 1880 Gaylord Street, Denver | |
| Denver Children's Museum | Tuesday, Feb. 5 |
| 303-433-7444, 4–8 pm | Tuesday, March 5 |
| www.mychildsmuseum.org | |
| 2121 Children's Museum Dr. | |
| Denver Museum of Nature and Science | |
| 303-322-7009, www.dmns.org | Monday, Feb. 11 |
| 2001 Colorado Blvd, 9 am–5 pm | |
| (Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium) | |
| Denver Botanic Gardens | Monday, Feb. 18 |
| 720-865-3500, 9 am–5 pm | Wednesday, Mar. 27 |
| 1005 York St., www.botanicgardens.org | |
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| 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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S. Peoria Street. Items should be delivered to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, 14305 E. Alameda Ave. # 300, Aurora, CO 80012

Snow Busters Program Volunteers

Needed: Each winter, the city of Aurora receives numerous requests for help from residents incapable of shoveling after a snowfall. To volunteer to help a neighbor in need, apply online at auroragov.org/ volunteer or call 303-739-7759 for more information.

HOA Dinner ...from page 2

There are 10 HOAs in HRMD, representing 1,127 property owners who pay property taxes for the HRMD's bonds and administration. HRMD has seven elected directors to oversee its operations including its principal asset, the golf course. Moreover, UAHR is the glue that connects the HRMD to its taxpayers and HOAs. The UAHR must exist to make this work. However, without HOA support and appointees to its board, it could fade away. Please don't let this happen. Please get involved!

Solicitations for your business:

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before meeting or doing business with them.

Building Heather Ridge's image

as a community. At the January 6 Aurora City Council meeting, the agenda included approval of the Regatta Plaza redevelopment at Parker Road and South Peoria. Several community leaders spoke. One speaker listed all the surrounding communities affected by the development, with the exception of Heather Ridge. The speaker started to say Heather Ridge, but corrected herself to say Heather Gardens.

Heather Ridge needs a strong community image to promote its interests, which range from real estate values to city services. Get involved with your HOA and HRMD. Stay knowledgeable by reading *Metro Matters*.

Sausalito ...from page 6

issue of *Metro Matters*. Please contact Carol McCormick, the Sausalito Area Coordinator, at carol_mccormick@comcast.net if you want to become a Block Captain.

Trash Removal Days: The regular trash removal day is 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.

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