

2nd annual HR (Heather Ridge) HOA Presidents Dinner Tuesday Jan 14th.

The Heather Ridge Metropolitan District directors wish to thank those in the community for attending the 2nd Annual HR HOA Presidents Dinner Tuesday Jan 14th. Fresh new leadership is emerging throughout HR with positive synergy marking the beginnings of redefining the HR organizations. This was demonstrated throughout the meeting. Barry McConnell, F-16 & "Metro Matters" publisher, M/Ced the event. HR resident feedback from Barry's efforts have been significant with the new look and feel of "Metro Matters", the new design of the Heather Ridge logo and his branding initiatives.

Barry introduced Amanda Milstead, Burgundy, as the leader of the newly formed "Presidents Council". Amanda announced that this organization is the reformation of the UAHR (United Associations of HR). Similar to the former UAHR, The Presidents Council will continue to consist of representation from each of the 10 HOAs. With renewed vigor, Amanda said this group will focus on issues and resolutions common to all 10 HOAs.

City of Aurora Councilwoman, Molly Markert, "Heather Ridge Champion Warrior" gave us news worthy updates on several neighboring projects:

- 6 lane widening of I-225 between Mississippi and 9 mile, due to be completed in April;
- Unsanitary, abandoned garage to the west of the south bound I-225 exit onto Iliff, remains under active developer/city consideration;
- Regatta NW (King Soopers area) corner of I-225 and Parker Road redevelopment, planning remains under intense consideration;
- Light rail and the Heather Ridge-Iliff station, is on schedule to link Heather Ridge to the metro area. Completion continues to be targeted for the summer of 2016.

Molly urged Heather Ridge to become active and have a prominent voice in the planning of pedestrian access to the Heather Ridge-Iliff station. At the moment pedestrian access, to and from west Iliff (Heather Ridge) is not clear and Heather Ridge input to the RTD and city is imperative. This will most likely be a top priority of the newly formed Presidents Council. Molly inferred Aurora city council continues to be very receptive to the recommendations of Heather Ridge.

Jerred Soderstrom and Mitchell Marina, Noonan's management and new owner, addressed the group inviting the community to dine, attend the comedy. Valentine, etc. events and use the newly remodeled HR banquet facilities. New to the garden room is a brand new, aesthetically attractive 30 foot bar. Under this new management the meeting areas and banquet facilities are now available at competitive rates.

Bev Brown, Strawberry, leading one of the most successful Neighborhood Watch groups in Aurora, reported that crime was at an all time low in Heather Ridge. She did stress the continuing need and importance of volunteers.

Larry Ransford, Cobblestone Crossing and Heather Ridge Golf business manager, gave a report regarding HR golf operations:

- Financially, HR Golf has never been better. New profit records were set in 2013, our 4th year of ownership. Goals for 2014 are to maintain the operations & controls set 18 months ago and concentrate on marketing to increase revenue by 10%.
- Vinny Roith, President Sausalito and HR General Manager, said 33 NO TRESSPASSING sign will be installed throughout the grounds for reasons of safety and the golfing customers.
- Heather Ridge Golf now has a new address: 13521 E Iliff Ave, **Heather Ridge**, Colorado 80014. Letterheads now have the new logo and address.

It is noteworthy that among the 35 attendees, that all 10 HR HOAs were represented at the gathering. Special deserving thanks to all who participated in leading the event:

- Ginny Lewis, Heather Ridge South, for the logistics in organizing the event,
- Van Lewis, Heather Ridge South, orchestrating the speakers, and overall management of the evening,
- Dave Elgin, Heather Ridge South, coordinating the food and beverage
- Barry McConnell, Fairway 16, MC of the event

The participation at this event is an example of the community commitment in maintaining the goals of Heather Ridge: Preserving the: Open Space, maintained best as a golf course; our Property Values; and our Way of Life.

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