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Preserving the Heather Ridge open space –

- **Maintained best as a Golf Course**
- **Protecting real estate values**
- **Promoting a positive way of life**



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



CRAWLY



Some HR owners get into the spirit of the season, like this home in Sausalito!

CREEPY

Heather Ridge Metropolitan District: Report to the community

The golf season is winding down. However, given the weather and the Broncos' season, golfers will continue to play and pay for the game they love. Although the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District's (HRMD) golf season hasn't ended yet, present indications point to a loss for the 2011 Enterprise Budget by Dec. 31.

Profits and losses are normal aspects of running a business. Throughout 2011, the HRMD and its managers (the Golf Club at Heather Ridge, GCat) have been carefully analyzing income and expenses, making changes as needed. Those changes, and others to come, have laid the foundation for the 2012 Annual Budget and golfing season. This article outlines budget history, operations and issues, and plans for next year.

Budgets. The 2011 Budget for golf and clubhouse operation (called the Enterprise Fund) was based on 2010's successful year and marketing projections. HRMD's first full year of golf operations, 2010, ended on a positive note with only a small loss due to budget timing. With a cautious but positive attitude, the 2011 Enterprise Fund projected \$1.2 million in income and \$1 million in expenses. Like most budgets, it's a financial guide given to future events.

The HRMD uses four funds within its Annual Budget (general, enterprise, capital projects and debt service).

This article will focus on the General and Enterprise Funds. The General Fund supports HRMD governmental operations, administration and asset management. The Enterprise Fund runs golf operations as managed by GCat, which oversees daily golf operations and reports to HRMD.

All HRMD financial reports are online at www.HRMDco.org. Click on the HRMD button on the left side of the screen for reports. At the next screen, click on the red and underlined Link to HRMD01 Meeting Minutes/Financials. Organized chronologically, by month, are Simons-Wheeler's accounting reports and the HRMD's Yellow Line — a profit-and-loss summary outlining key operational issues and fund balances.

As of September 2011, the Yellow Line's year-to-date showed the golf course operating at a loss. However, in December of each year, the golf course sells "golfing packages" for the next year, thus generating significant income. December's sales will be included in the 2011 budget year.

Golf and Clubhouse Operations in 2011. The HRMD's primary mission is twofold: to preserve the open space best utilized as a golf course, and to protect and maintain HRMD assets. To meet those goals, the
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balance of this article will outline events and issues for 2011, and make clear and reasoned options for the 2012 Annual Budget.

Three events in 2011 combined to disrupt the Enterprise Fund (including its reserves). The first one was over staffing to meet anticipated operational and marketing needs. The golf course was prepared for greater activity, which did happen. Although more rounds of golf have been played in 2011 versus 2010, expenses offset this positive outcome.

Secondly, the springtime irrigation project proved to be longer and more disappointing to the revenue and the "golfing experience" than anticipated. To attract and bring back golfers, especially ones lured by other golf courses, marketing costs and golfing concessions grew (e.g., discounted green fees, golf with lunch or cart, etc.).

Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, the costs of maintaining, operating and managing the HRMD's clubhouse building and site grew dramatically. With a new restaurant lease came much needed, but costly, improvements, repairs, and unexpected expenses (a sewer line collapsed, unsafe windows were replaced, etc.). These non-golf related expenses (and this is important to note) depleted reserve funds that otherwise would have been available for golf operations.

Operating Issues. As a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado, the HRMD must operate within certain rules — made when bonds were issued and required by state statutory law.

The HRMD has approached budget and operational issues with one simple philosophy: golf operations cannot use tax money. That statement defines the use or non-use of tax dollars in creating budgets for managing assets versus a golf operation.

The HRMD's assets include the clubhouse building and its grounds along with the 85 acres of open space with wells, walls, irrigation systems, and walking paths. These and other physical assets are distinctly separate from golf course operations, and should be budgeted and funded accordingly. In 2010 and 2011, the budgeting for golf operations and HRMD assets overlapped, resulting in some confusion about funding sources. The 2012 Budget will remove the overlap.

Solutions for 2011 and 2012. The HRMD and GCat have analyzed what jobs and duties are necessary to run the golf operation within a balanced budget. The recent resignation by Mike Ritter as the golf pro and clubhouse manager is a case in point. Although he will be greatly missed, his position will not be replaced pending further study. For now, GCat board member Larry Ransford will oversee golf operations.

Larry has been intimately involved in HRMD assets and golf operations. Living on the 2nd fairway in Cobblestone Crossing, Larry has an extensive background in management and operations as a retired Marriott Corporation executive. One of his many corporate duties included making hotels and resorts profitable — a perfect match for present needs. His immediate goal for 2011 is to reduce expenses while keeping professional services and standards up to par! He will also prepare operating and budget recommendations for 2012.

The HRMD is also working with its bond-holding

bank, US Bank, to reallocate reserve funds, change certain bond restrictions, and improve operating guidelines. One goal is better cost and operational controls by separating HRMD physical assets from golf operations. This would include reserve and repair/maintenance issues for the clubhouse and other non-golf assets.

Another need is to "grow the golf income" through marketing, especially Internet and smartphones. Due to the poor economy, the golf industry is more competitive than ever. The HR Golf Course fits a great marketing niche with a challenging course at reasonable rates. In a convenient location, it can be played under four hours — especially nice for business people and active retirees.

Lastly, the support and loyalty of our men and women's golf league members cannot be underestimated. Many were members when Heather Ridge was a private club, and stayed when it went public. Their continued play and purchase of golf packages is important to golf operations, a fact not lost on HRMD and GCat. Heather Ridge's "golfing packages" provide many services not included at other courses — discounted golf, unrestricted usage, premium tee times, range balls and carts, and seasonal benefits.

The clubhouse and its five-acre site have great development potential, so HRMD is looking into that. The coming light rail station at Iliff and I-225 has already rejuvenated local real estate, so why not Heather Ridge? Selling only the clubhouse site would eliminate maintenance costs and increase HRMD liquidity. In this discussion and possible endeavor, the HRMD has asked the United Associations of Heather Ridge (UAHR) to be an active voice for taxpayers and voters.

The golf course operation is viable and can be profitable. In the past 18 months of HRMD ownership, operational data clearly shows its potential — and some weaknesses. Hurting golf profits in 2011 were labor/salary expenses and maintenance/reserve costs, which has included and overlapped non-golf related management and operation of HRMD assets. Budgeting and planning options for 2012 include: selling the clubhouse asset and leasing back space for golf operations, removing the golf/non-golf overlap noted above and re-allocating tax revenue in the annual budget without increasing taxes, or increasing General Fund property taxes if the public wants the HRMD to keep ownership of and improve the clubhouse and its five-acre grounds.

United Associations of Heather Ridge (UAHR). It is more important than ever that HOA boards in Heather Ridge stay active in the UAHR. A taxpayer advocacy group, UAHR watches, listens, and advises the HRMD about public opinion.

Led by Josie Spencer, this board has nine representatives from the 10 HOAs in HRMD. (Country Club Ridge's board of directors has declined to appoint a representative from its board.) Developing the clubhouse site could have many implications, not the least of which is high-rise construction. Zoned for 18-story development, the 5-acre site is prime real estate due to nearby amenities. Public opinion will be important concerning this issue. For more information, please email Josie Spencer at AmiPep@aol.com.

HOA and other usage of the HR clubhouse facil-

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Heather Ridge Market Report

As 2011 winds down, what's in store for Heather Ridge property owners? Anyone thinking of buying or selling should revisit his or her reasons by seeking mature, professional real estate advice. Today's market is not for the faint of heart.

Since 2008, national real estate values have plummeted, including Heather Ridge and the Denver metro area. Along with job loses and economic uncertainty, some owners walked from their properties, thus feeding the foreclosure maelstrom. For those who stayed and paid their bills, what does the real estate market hold for them?

Lower-priced homes, defined as under \$200,000, are selling quickly with slightly rising prices. Remodeled or homes in good condition are selling nicely if their prices are reasonable and fit market expectations. However, over-priced homes struggle for buyers with much to choose.

Buyers are facing greater loan qualification hurdles, but loans and home sales are closing. However, with greater loan hurdles come fewer buyers to counter-balance fewer homes and rising prices under \$200,000.

The reasons for buying or selling should be clear, not murky or undecided. Gone are the days listing a home for sale to see what will happen. Careful pricing, value issues, and marketing conditions need careful analysis and agreement. Buying for price speculation and investment potential can be valid reasons, but buying to raise a family needs careful thought and long-term plans.

As always, call Peter or Van for professional real estate assistance.

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

Homes for Sale in Heather Ridge, New Listings Sept. 1– Oct. 10

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Baths	Beds	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Chimney Hill	\$125,000	13645	E Evans Ave	3	2	1,344	1-Garage,Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$129,500	2021	S Worchester Ct	3	2	1,344	1-Garage,Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$129,900	13520	E Evans Ave	2	2	1,344	1-Garage,Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$137,500	2052	S Worchester Ct	3	2	1,337	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$129,950	13392	E Asbury Dr	2	2	1,392	1-Carport,Det	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$149,500	13314	E Asbury Dr	2	2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$177,000	2230	S Vaughn Way 101	2	2	1,196	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$223,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 202	2	3	1,806	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$146,200	2680	S Vaughn Way - B	4	4	1,650	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$147,900	2419	S Worchester Ct A	2	3	1,273	2-Garage	2 Story
Sausalito	\$154,900	2437	S Victor St	2	3	1,302	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$159,450	2511	S Worchester Ct A	2	2	1,273	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$39,999	13651	E Yale Ave A	1	1	896	1-Reserved	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$59,900	13657	E Yale Ave C	1	1	856	1-Carport	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$64,500	2658	S Xanadu Way D	1	1	856	1-Carport,Det	2 Story



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Homes Sold in
 HR 9/2011

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Bed.Ba	SqFt	Garage	Style
Burgundy	\$124,900	2635	S Xanadu Way D	2 - 2	1,162	2-Garage,Det,Resv	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$81,000	13426	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,208	Off Street	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$149,900	2240	S Vaughn Way 204	2 - 2	1,124	1-Garage,Att,O'sized	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$174,900	2260	S Vaughn Way 104	3 - 3	1,680	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$162,500	2578	S Vaughn Way B	4 - 4	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story

Sold in HR
9/2011

Heather Ridge South	\$137,500	2787	S Xanadu Way	3 - 3	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$144,950	2419	S Worchester St C	2 - 3	1,230	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Sausalito	\$145,000	2408	S Victor St A	2 - 3	1,273	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$38,000	2696	S Xanadu Way B	2 - 2	1,144	1-Off Street,Resv	2 Story

Homes under Contract in
Heather Ridge

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Bed.Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$51,000	2445	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,091	None	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$80,000	2101	S Victor St A	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$85,000	2122	S Victor St C	2 - 2	1,208	1-Garage,Det	Bi-Level
Cobblestone	\$89,900	2142	S Victor St A	2 - 2	1,208	1-Reserved	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$79,900	13274	E Asbury Dr	2 - 2	1,208	2-Garage,Det,Resv	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$155,000	2610	S Vaughn Way C	4 - 4	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$146,200	2680	S Vaughn Way B	4 - 4	1,650	2-Garage, Att	2 Story
Heather Ridge South	\$119,900	2824	S Wheeling Way	4 - 4	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$95,000	2458	S Victor St F	2 - 3	1,273	1-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$109,900	2417	S Victor St C	2 - 3	1,300	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Strawberry I	\$39,900	2608	S Xanadu Way B	1 - 1	856	1-Carport	Ranch
Strawberry I	\$59,900	13619	E Yale Ave D	2 - 2	1,098	1-Carport	Ranch
Strawberry I	\$66,000	2664	S Xanadu Way A	2 - 2	1,144	1-Carport	Ranch
Strawberry I	\$59,900	2690	S Xanadu Way C	2 - 2	1,144	1-Carport	2 Story

For more information,
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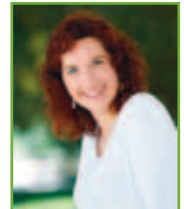
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Brenda Parker
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Neighborhood Watch: Status and coyote country

Congratulations are in order! I am proud to report that two of the UAHR communities have come on board and are ready to "GO with Neighborhood Watch." Those two are Burgundy and Cobblestone. This is due to the hard work of the Area Coordinators and their Block Captains.

It looks like Strawberry will be next!

CARE TO JOIN THE RACE?

Who will be next? It appears that crime continues to occur in some of those communities that have not established their program. This may continue to happen until all are involved and the entire UAHR is "Crime Free."

Please believe! It doesn't take much of your time to volunteer. Isn't it worth it to make you feel safe? To take your life back?

Join those who already have made their decision to get involved. Call your board. Let them know you are "READY."

Our next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6-8 pm, at the Strawberry Clubhouse.

You Are In Coyote Country

NEVER feed coyotes, either purposefully or indirectly:

- NEVER feed a coyote — a fed coyote is an aggressive or dead coyote. *If you see or suspect someone is feeding coyotes, immediately contact Parks and Open Space Naturalist staff, 303-326-8948.*

- Do not leave pet food outside, day or night. Period.
- Do not leave trash uncovered or out on the curb overnight.

If you live near or adjacent to a park, trail, golf course, or natural open space area:

- It's a good idea to keep small pets in sight or accompany them outside even if you have a fenced yard, particularly after dusk when coyotes are more active.

- Remember, if you live in Aurora — or any Front Range community — you probably have these wild neighbors. They are highly adapted to our urban landscape, which means they may travel through your subdivision in search of food.



If you are followed by a coyote:

Coyotes may follow humans if they have been fed by humans or if there is a den in the area. Coyotes associate with and protect dens in the spring and early summer when pups are likely to be present. Discourage coyotes from following you and your pet.

- Be as **BIG and LOUD** as possible.

- In a loud and forceful voice, command the coyote to go away.

- Use arm gestures to exaggerate your size.

- Keep small children near you; do not let them run away.

- ALWAYS keep your pets on leash. Collect small pets into your arms. Keep larger pets close to you.

- Throw objects (not food) adjacent to the coyote.

- Slowly move toward a busy, populated area.

There is no need to run. Consider adjusting your walking route for a few weeks if you think there is a den in the area.

— **Bev Brown**
Head Area Coordinator
for UAHR

DID YOU KNOW?

Jimmy Connors played in a charity tournament at the Heather Ridge Tennis Club in the 1970s? Connors held the top ranking for 160 consecutive weeks from July 29, 1974 to Aug. 22, 1977 (record at that time) and an additional eight times during his career (a total of 268 weeks). He won eight Grand Slam titles and two Grand Slam doubles titles with Ilie Năstase. He was also a runner-up seven times in Grand Slam singles, a doubles runner-up with Nastase at the 1973 French Open, and a mixed doubles runner-up with Chris Evert at the 1974 US Open. Connors is also the only man to win U.S. Open singles championships on grass, clay, and hard courts, which is a feat that will never be duplicated.

Connors is the first male player to rank No. 1 for more than 200 weeks in total and the first male player to be No. 1 for more than 5 years (268 weeks) in total. He is the only male player to win more than 100 singles titles during his career. He is also the only male player to reach 31 Grand Slam semifinals and 41 Grand Slam quarterfinals in his career.



Homeowners' Association News

Sausalito by Carol McCormick

Landscaping. The tree trimming is complete and, boy, does the community look great! No more dead, droopy branches hanging about. Watering the grass, trees and bushes will continue due to the warmer than seasonal weather. The landscaping company is beginning to prepare the grounds for the winter season.

Security: Patrols continue during the day and night. The community is still on neighborhood alert. Just a reminder — keep your garage doors closed and your homes secured day and night.

Swimming Pools. Pools are closed for the winter.

Parking Issues. Please park only in designated areas. The rules state that if you have a visitor/guest who will be parking overnight in visitor parking, you must call security in advance.

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

Neighborhood Watch Program. Sausalito still needs volunteer block captains. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this important program, please contact Bev Brown, UAHR Neighborhood Watch Committee.

Maintenance Requests. Please contact Bill McKinney by phone or online to submit your maintenance requests. If you have landscaping issues, need outside light bulbs or auto court flood lights replaced, please call Tony, 720-535-9705.

Regular Monthly Meetings. Our board meets at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge. Guests are welcome. You'll have the opportunity to learn how the board operates. Board members would love to hear your feedback.

Board members. President Vinny Roith, VP Tony Carniglia; Secretary Carol McCormick; Treasurer Pat Horton; Board Members at Large are Debbie Martinez, Tom Scally and Sherri Cooper.

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Halloween Holiday Trivia

• Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

• Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.

• Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!

• Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.

• Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

• The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.

• Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.

• Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1.

• Halloween is the second most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.

• Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.

• Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.



Heather Ridge South by Van Lewis

Concrete Driveway Project. Notices have been hand delivered to all units outlining the work schedule. If you haven't received one, please contact Sue Daigle at Westwind (sue@westwindmanagement.com, or 303-302-5951). As described last month, this is a weather dependent six-month project.

Before construction, each driveway will be individually inspected/engineered — in particular, its concrete width and depth. If you have any questions or comments, please email Dave Elgin, delgin@comcast.net, or Skip Cunningham, golfskip1@comcast.net. Dave oversees HRS maintenance, and Skip does landscaping and on-site daily operations.

Parking outside of garages. Please read the

Rules and Regulations concerning this issue. The board discourages outside parking for many reasons, but allows and manages it based on circumstances.

Forty years ago when HRS community was designed, few people had three cars and no one had SUVs; however, that's not the case today. Realizing the times have changed, the board prohibits outside parking as follows: no commercial vehicles; no storage of cars; parking that denies others equal access to adjacent driveway, garages, or street. Outside



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Heather Ridge



Fall colors are spectacular on the Heather Ridge Golf Course! Don't miss it!

Photo Album

As a member of the HRCA Board, I was asked to look into the issue of golf ball damage to homes surrounding the Heather Ridge Golf Course. I asked to hear from anyone who had found a solution to their own situation concerning golf ball damage, and I received the following email.

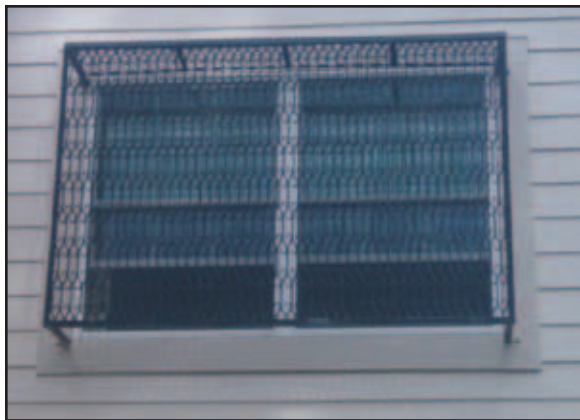
Bette Secord

Dear HRCA,

In response to your article in the October Metro Matters, I am inclosing a picture of the grating which I had placed on my windows ages ago. This has solved the problem for me. I spoke to the person at Shields Iron Works who did the work for me. He said that the grating for the windows is \$150 and up, depending on the size. He also said that he could give a better price should a number of homeowners order.

You can also look in the yellow pages under doors for more companies.

**Mary Lou Braun
Cobblestone**



Below: Mary Lou Braun's window grate.



“OUT-TO-LUNCH-BUNCH”

Any HRMD resident who is interested in joining a monthly lunch gathering at Noonan's Tavern, third Thursday of the month, to meet old and new friends, please contact: Ginny Lewis, ginny.lewis@comcast.net 303-337-6118 • See you Nov. 17



October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Football! Bar opens 10 am Service Industry 20% discount	10 Cerveza and Tacos Poker at Noonan's 8 pm	11 6 pm HRCA Board Meeting – GC at HR Ladies Night 7 pm Karaoke 8 pm	12 ZIP Night (80014 specials) College Night 7 pm <small>COLUMBUS DAY TRADITIONAL (USA)</small>	13 TFO Trivia at Noonan's 8 pm	14 Locals Club All Day Live Music 7 pm	15 SKYY Bloody Mary Bar (open-6 pm) Girls Night Out 7 pm Rock 'n Roll Bingo 8 pm
16 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Football! Bar opens 10 am Service Industry 20% discount <small>NATIONAL BOSS DAY (USA)</small>	17 Cerveza and Tacos Poker at Noonan's 8 pm	18 Ladies Night 7 pm Karaoke 8 pm	19 ZIP Night (80014 specials) College Night 7 pm	20 Out to Lunch Bunch at Noonan's 4 pm HRMD Board Meeting – GC at HR TFO Trivia at Noonan's 8 pm	21 Locals Club All Day Live Music 7 pm	22 SKYY Bloody Mary Bar (open-6 pm) Girls Night Out 7 pm Rock 'n Roll Bingo 8 pm
23/30 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Football! Bar opens 10 am Service Industry 20% discount	24/31 Poker at Noonan's 7 pm Halloween Party (costume party, drink specials, games and prizes) <small>HALLOWEEN - 31</small>	25 Ladies Night 7 pm Karaoke 8 pm	26 ZIP Night (80014 specials) College Night 7 pm	27 6:30 pm Ward IV Meeting at Strawberry Heather Ridge Clubhouse (2638 S Xanadu Way) TFO Trivia at Noonan's 8 pm	28 Locals Club All Day Raygonomics 8 pm Halloween Party (1980s Party, drink specials, games, prizes and costume contests)	29 SKYY Bloody Mary Bar (open-6 pm) Football! Halloween Party (Murder Mystery Party, drink specials, games and prizes)

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Election Day 6 pm UAHR Board Meeting – 19th Hole GC at HR Ladies Night 7 pm Karaoke 8 pm	2 ZIP Night (80014 specials) College Night 15% Off 7 pm–close	3 TFO Trivia at Noonan's 8 pm	4 Locals Club All Day Best Train 7 pm	5 SKYY Bloody Mary Bar (open-6 pm) Girls Night Out 7 pm Rock 'n Roll Bingo 8 pm
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends 2 am Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Football! Bar opens 10 am Service Industry 20% discount	7 Cerveza and Tacos Poker at Noonan's 8 pm	8 6 pm HRCA Board Meeting – GC at HR Ladies Night 7 pm Karaoke 8 pm	9 ZIP Night (80014 specials) College Night 15% Off 7 pm–close	10 TFO Trivia at Noonan's 8 pm	11 Veteran's Day Locals Club All Day	12 SKYY Bloody Mary Bar (open-6 pm) Girls Night Out 7 pm Rock 'n Roll Bingo 8 pm
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Golf Club at Heather Ridge Monthly Update

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Heather Ridge Men's Golf Club

Net Point Par Tournament, Sept. 24

1st Flight

- 1st: Dean Weber, 39 points, \$96.50 golf shop credit
- 2nd: Ray Johnston, 37 points (card off), \$88
- 3rd: Jim Daum, 37 points, \$38.70

2nd Flight

- 1st: Rod Martin, 43 points (card off), \$96.50
- 2nd: John Kytle, 43 points, \$58
- 3rd: Terry Bade, 37 points, \$38.70

3rd Flight

- 1st: Don Schroeder, 43 points, \$96.50
- 2nd: Hal Kelley, 42 points, \$58
- 3rd: Dumitri Palea, 41 points, \$38.70

Closest to the Pin (\$30 cash each)

- Hole No. 5 – Jim Daum
- Hole No. 8 – Andy Schmidt
- Hole No. 10 – Bob Ore
- Hole No. 14 – Dan Brothis

Heather Ridge Women's 18-Hole Club

The club ended its season with a Fall Luncheon and tournament on Oct. 1. It was a great season and very successful. On behalf of the members, I'd like to thank the board for all their hard work to make this past year a success.

After elections, the board for HRWGA next year is:

- President Wendy Traynor
- Vice President Teresa Anderson
- Secretary Sue Smith, Anne Murlin
- Directors: Megan Myers, Cathy Thrash, Sharon Berkowitz, Sharon Warembourg, Joanie Ott
- Past President Peggy Coppens

Everyone enjoy the off season — and we'll see you in 2012.

– Wendy Traynor

HRMD ...from page 3

ity. Any HOA or community group wanting to use the Heather Ridge clubhouse facility for meetings needs to contact Vinny Roith, Treasurer and Asset Manager for HRMD. Vinny may be reached as follows: cell 720-318-5291, or email vinnyjazz@aol.com.

– Van Lewis

Heaven and Hell Tournament, Oct. 1

- 1st Team: Ben Barnes, Pinky Gonzales, Harold Wallace, \$105 per man golf shop credit
- 2nd Team: Andy Schmidt, Van Lewis, Errol Rowland, Art Scott, \$60
- 3rd Team: Jim Carpenter, Terry Bade, Loren Janulewicz, Don Schroeder, \$42
- 4th Team: Dean Weber, Jack Eggleston, Steve Gonzales, Cameron Hoffman, \$26.25

Closest to the Pin (\$20 cash per man per team)

- Hole No. 5 – Schmidt, Lewis, Rowland, Scott
- Hole No. 8 – Barnes, P. Gonzales, Wallace
- Hole No. 10 – Deitz, Brothis, G. White
- Hole No. 14 – Deitz, Brothis, G. White

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**HRMD, UAHR and
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Heather Ridge South...from page 7

parking contributes to clutter and congestion. It could restrict emergency vehicles, and limits snow removal. Lastly, car thieves and vandals love outside parking.

Community Rules and Regulations. The published community directory includes HRS's Rules and Regulations. These are for the entire community, not certain streets, households, or sections. Its policies and enforcement cannot be selective or arbitrary. Failure to follow these is unthinkable.

The board recently heard testimony by concerned owners and residents about children playing on private interior streets. This happens more in the warm-weather months, but also reflects the limited "play areas" for children. The board will be revising its Rules and Regulations soon, and will address this issue and others. To register ideas or comments, please email Sue Daigle as noted above.

The board recently mailed notice to all offsite owners concerning rental property in Heather Ridge South. The letter requires owners to inform tenants about the Rules and Regulations, matters of recourse and communications, and expectations for all residents. Heather Ridge South has always prided itself by welcoming everyone to the community — but in doing so, everyone needs to be informed and cooperative.

Update your contact information with Westwind.

Please contact Sue Daigle to update phone numbers, email address, emergency information, etc. This is especially important for people living in units with a master water control valve. (Don't know if you have such a valve? Our directory has such a list and details owners' responsibilities). Before the directory's next publication, Westwind will contact all owners via mail or phone for updates.

Bulletin Board on front door of clubhouse. For current information and notices, visit the clubhouse to read what's happening. Also visit our website at www.heatherridgesouth.com.

Annual Meeting and Holiday Dinner. The Annual Meeting will be Dec. 6, and the Holiday Party/Dinner on Dec. 10. Mark your calendars today to not miss these two important events.

Start thinking snow season. One morning soon, you will look out your windows and see snow. Be prepared as follows. Park inside your garage. Make sure your hoses are disconnected. Be "shovel ready" to clear your walks and patios. If you are physical unable to clear your walks, please contact Sue Daigle for assistance.

When it snows, please don't use chemicals on ice or snow. This is especially important given the new concrete driveways. In the past, the HOA has placed buckets at key locations with special ice melt chemicals. Now, all chemicals are being researched, so don't use any until further notice.

Chimney Hill by Melissa Miller

Winterizing Your Home. The weather is starting to change, and cold weather will be here before long. Here are some tips for winterizing your home:

- Disconnect your hose before the first hard frost. If your outside spigot freezes back into your unit it could burst and flood your basement.
- Replace the filters in your furnace for more efficient air flow.
- Check weather stripping around doors and windows.

Outdoor Water Audit. On July 18, the Center for Resource Conservation (CRC) performed an outdoor water audit for Chimney Hill. This was a free service that helps monitor water usage. The CRC visually inspected all 80 watering zones, performed catch cup and pressure tests as well as soil and root depth tests. They found that while our sprinkler system is older, it has generally been well-maintained.

CRC also complimented the community on use of the Weather Trak system and the new xeriscape, both of which are great ways to save water. CRC also pointed out areas for improvements, including changing to more efficient sprinkler heads, making some repairs, and moving or capping some sprinkler heads.

Using the findings of the water audit, CH will work with the landscape contractor to continue to find ways to water more efficiently. The board would like to thank Pam Akiri for organizing the audit with CRC and to thank both CRC, and Marc LaDue, from A Perfect Landscaping, for

their work on the audit.

Indoor Water Audits. In addition to evaluating outdoor water usage, each

resident can do their part by evaluating the water you use inside your homes. The City of Aurora Water Conservation District will provide a free indoor water audit on your home. The audit will include:

- testing how many gallons per minute your shower and faucets use.
- testing for leaks in showers, faucets, and other areas.
- providing aerators and other tools to reduce water usage.
- providing information on water efficient appliances, including rebates available.

Several residents have already had water audits and found them to be very helpful. Audits are available Monday through Saturday. To schedule, please call 303-739-7351.

August Financial Information.

Operating Funds -	\$14,168.19
Reserve Funds -	\$92,135.62
Outstanding Receivables -	\$10,498.70
Outstanding Payables -	\$12,761.73
Reserves Not Funded -	\$0.00

see *Chimney Hill...page 15*



Letters

Metro Matters

Regarding Bernard Sherman's letter, which appeared in last month's issue of *Metro Matters* and addressed his concerns about the governance of the Chimney Hill community, the leadership of the Chimney Hill Board of Directors has been aware of tensions that have existed within the board.

At any given time board members may side with one or another on various issues and choose to email one another without including the whole board in the correspondence. Disagreements are normal on any board. However, when financial decisions or motions are made, the board is involved in the entire process and makes the final decision. The board is considering a board conduct policy to provide better direction for new board members.

As per standard practice, the Chimney Hill H.O.A. Board has contracted with a property management company and various other companies needed to meet its fiduciary responsibility to maintain the appearance of the property and protect our

owners' property values. Contracts are let or renewed annually after a bidding process with the final decision made by the entire board.

In reference to Mr. Sherman's claim that the Chimney Hill reserve funds are being depleted, these funds have been expended in accordance with a long-term business plan. The funds spent this past year are in sync with recommendations contained in the Reserve Study done in 2010.

The Chimney Hill annual meeting will take place on Nov. 15, at 6 pm, in the ballroom of the Heather Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse. All Chimney Hill homeowners will receive written notification of the meeting and are encouraged to attend.

**Oak McEachren,
Vice President
Board of Directors
Chimney Hill HOA**

Metro Matters

I also saw the coupon in Valu Pak for Noonan's. I find their logo to be in very poor taste and offensive. When we moved here eleven years ago, the Heather Ridge Country Club was a very classy place. We even got married there.

Now it seems like the only way

to attract people is to use sexual images. How sad! I'm sure Noonan's can come up with a more tasteful message to attract customers.

**Liz Van Dell
Chimney Hill**

Metro Matters

Hello from Noonan's, Billy Baroo's and The Banquets at Heather Ridge.

We have many exciting things happening around here this month that you must come check out!

We have shifted our focus to live music. Moving forward, Noonan's will be featuring smaller 1 to 3 person acoustic bands, 7-11 pm. The bands chosen are fantastic and appealing to all who appreciate fun, talented musicians. As usual, there is no cover for this music. Noonan's will have many drink specials available.

There will be a trifecta of Halloween parties. Starting on Friday, Oct. 28 there will be a totally 1980s party, complete with a totally 1980s band — The Raygonomics! Then, Saturday, Oct. 29, will be a chilling murder mystery party! Come help solve the crime. Monday, Oct. 31, will be an evening of fun, games and a costume contest with prizes.

Letters to the Editor: Send or deliver your letters for Metro Matters to Bette Secord, Fairway 16, bettesecord@gmail.com; or Publisher Lynn Donaldson, 13731 E Hamilton Dr, Aurora, CO 80014; LynnNeu@comcast.net by the fifth 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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Election of Mayor and City Council

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City council is composed of council members for wards I, II, III, IV, V and VI, four council members at large and the mayor. In November 2011, the mayor, council members for wards IV, V and VI and two at-large seats will be elected.

Relevant to Heather Ridge voters are the following wards and candidates:

Ward IV: Molly Markert and Adrienne Markopolos

Ward V: Bob Roth and Alfonso Nunez

At Large: James Frye, Debi Hunter-Holen,
Bob LeGare, Brad Pierce, Dave Williams

Mayor: Sheilah Thomas Davis, Ryan Frazier,

Steve Hogan, Jude Sandvall,
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Dates to remember

- Mail ballots sent: Oct. 11
- Early voting sites open: Oct. 17–28
- Election Day: Nov. 1 (Vote Centers open)

You can drop off your ballot at the Aurora City Clerk's Office, 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy, Ste 1400; Clerk & Recorder Altura Plaza Driver's License Office, 15400 E 14th Pl; or Clerk & Recorder Aurora Branch Office, 490 S Chambers Rd. to avoid paying extra postage.

Early voting sites and vote centers include: Arapahoe County CentrePoint Plaza, 14980 E. Alameda Dr., Aurora; Arapahoe County Lima Plaza, 6954 S. Lima St., Centennial; Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Cir., Centennial.

The Golf Club at Heather Ridge will be a Vote Center on Election Day, Nov. 1. Information, call 303-795-4511, or www.arapahoevotes.com.

Chimney Hill...from page 13

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 15., at 6 pm in the clubhouse of the Heather Ridge Golf Course. Further information will be mailed to residents via USPS.

Chimney Hill HOA Questions – Who to Contact?

ACCU INC (Main Line) 303-733-1121

Property Manager Tom Westing, 303-339-9717 (Direct Line)

Board President Melissa Miller, 303-317-6027

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zine earlier; 2) you can print any page you want to read or share; and 3) you can more easily share it with friends with whom you correspond on email.

Letters...from page 14

On Nov. 23, an annual Word of the Bird party. This is a way to celebrate the arrival of the holiday season before it actually gets here. Come join in the fun and games!

Last but not least — have you thought about what you want to do for your holiday parties this season? Let us take care of it all for you and your family, or for your company! At The Banquets at Heather

Ridge, there are many different menus to fit your party needs. Check us out at www.banquetsatheatherridge.com, or call Meredith, 720-246-0304.

Thank you to all neighbors! If you have not been out to try the restaurants yet — what are you waiting for? Come on out for a good time. Remember, food is served until 1 am!

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10/31/2011	HALLOWEEN	No music...murder mystery party...
11/4/2011	Beat Train	Drums and Guitar
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