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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**



New Signage on Iliff Avenue for Heather Ridge Golf Course and Noonan's Tavern

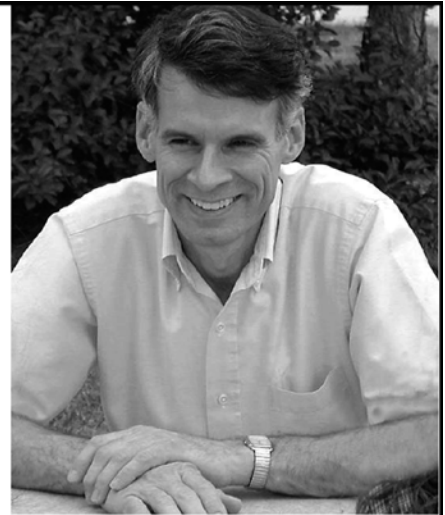


A new illuminated, digitally controlled sign is scheduled for unveiling in October. It will advertise events and special pricing for the golf course and restaurants at Heather Ridge Clubhouse.

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

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Heather Ridge Metropolitan District: Development of Clubhouse Grounds

With plans to build a light-rail station at Iliff and I-225, Heather Ridge Metro District (HRMD) expects economic growth to the area. When, where and what kind of growth? Transportation hubs easily attract businesses and development — so what could this mean for the HRMD?

Expected to open by 2014, the light-rail station will attract investors eyeing land and business opportunities east and west of I-225 along Iliff. What potential value would HRMD's 5-acre clubhouse commercial site have for future markets? Will the Iliff Station rejuvenate the immediate area?

When HRMD first analyzed buying the golf course, it seriously considered closing and leveling the clubhouse due to its history of high maintenance costs. The community voiced its opinion — wishing to keep a restaurant and recreational facility. So it stayed open. However, it has always been HRMD's intent to develop or dispose of it.

The HRMD Board is analyzing whether developing the 5-acre clubhouse site is a potential business opportunity to sustain HRMD's primary mission -- to preserve the open space, maintained best financially and aesthetically as a golf course. Rezoned in 2007, the approximately 85-acres of golf course is zoned as open space/golf course. The 5-acre clubhouse site is zoned commercial. In addition, the Aurora City Council, when it approved the commercial zoning, allowed buildings of 18 stories, taller than any building outside downtown Denver.

The clubhouse serves many purposes, not the least of which is Noonan's Tavern and golf course operations. By exploring commercial development options within the 5-acre site, HRMD could find an investor who will continue to operate the present building until economic circumstances allow further development. Proceeds from sale of the building on its 5-acre site could create reserves for golf course operations as well as bond reductions.

HRMD is coordinating this study with the Golf Club at Heather Ridge, Inc. (GCat), and United Associations of Heather Ridge (UAHR). For more information, please visit HRMDco.org and click on HRMD.

Heather Ridge Golf Course operations. The golf course must operate without taxpayer support, using its own revenue. In a 2009 HRMD "straw vote" to buy the golf course, HRMD polled property taxpayers and registered voters about buying the golf course by issuing municipal bonds secured by HRMD property taxes. In doing so, HRMD pledged that property tax revenue would be limited to repaying bonds and its general governmental administration. Accordingly, the operations of golf course or clubhouse must be self-supporting or close.

In 2011, golf course revenue has lagged behind 2010 due to irrigation upgrades, weather and the general economy's impact on golf courses. As expected, irrigation construction in April and May deterred some golfers, requiring more marketing and discounts to lure players to the course.

HRMD's golf course is not alone with these problems. Many metro Denver golf courses have had declining revenues and rising costs. For example, the City of Aurora considered selling some courses, but wisely cancelled the idea after the public's negative response and enacting some cost reductions. The private 154-acre Green Gables Golf Club in Jefferson County was recently sold due to shrinking membership. It was purchased for development.

The good news is that rounds of golf played continue to increase, reinforcing the public's appreciation of HR golf course. However, golf course operating costs continue to nibble away at profits. As fall and winter seasons arrive, the weather is expected to have the greatest influence on revenue. In anticipation, all golf course operating costs will be closely monitored to be ready for the 2012 season.

– Van Lewis



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Real Estate in Heather Ridge

Last month's article talked about DECREASING "for sale" inventory in Heather Ridge and similar communities. That trend continues along with INCREASING numbers of homes under contract. MLS statistics for the entire metro Denver market clearly shows these two trends colliding with each other.

Lower priced homes, defined as below \$200,000, are slowly, ever steadily increasing in price as "for sale" inventory declines (supply and demand at work). Also, distressed sales (short sales, foreclosures) are decreasing. This market is definitely in balance between buyers and sellers.

However, upper priced homes, defined as above \$400,000, have soft prices, plentiful inventory and increasing



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distressed sales. In particular, short sales are estimated to be 35 percent of existing "for sale" inventory. This market is definitely a buyer's market, given neighborhood locations.

If all this sounds familiar, it happened here in the late 1980s as Denver pulled out of a local housing recession. The cure then is the same now: job growth, in particular higher incomes to consume upper-priced inventory. In the meantime, lower-priced homes will put pressure on \$200,000 to \$300,000 homes reducing their inventory. But until upper-end prices start to rise, the market will remain stagnant with little growth.

Pete and Van bring 70+ years of experience helping others to understand today's real estate markets. And please note that market is plural. There are markets within markets, and only full-time, experienced professionals know how to separate and define issues. If you are a seller or buyer, landlord or tenant, today's real estate presents many challenges... and many opportunities. To understand them, please call Pete or Van - no one knows Heather Ridge like they do!

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

Homes for Sale in Heather Ridge, New Listings Aug. 1– Sept. 8

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 St	3	2	1,344	1-Garage,Att	2 Story
Chimney Hill	\$137,500	2052	S Worchester St	3	2	1,337	2-Garage,Att, Oversized	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$115,000	2101	S Victor St C	2	2	1,208	1-Det,Off Street,Resv	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$114,900	13598	E Asbury Dr	2	2	1,208	1-Off Street	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$134,500	13392	E Asbury Dr	2	2	1,392	1-Garage,Att	2 Story
Cobblestone Crossing	\$80,000	13274	E Asbury Dr	2	2	1,208	1-garage, Det, off street	2-story
Country Club Ridge	\$177,000	2230	S Vaughn Way 101	2	2	1,196	1-Garage,Att,Off Street	Ranch
Country Club Ridge	\$223,000	2240	S Vaughn Way 102	2	3	1,806	2-Garage,Att, Oversized	Ranch
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
Sausalito	\$147,900	2419	S Worchester St A	2	3	1,273	2-Garage	2 Story
Sausalito	\$163,900	2511	S Worchester St A	2	2	1,273	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Strawberry 1	\$39,900	2608	S Xanadu Way B	1	1	856	1-Carport	Ranch
Strawberry 1	\$59,900	13619	E Yale Ave D	2	2	1,098	1-Carport	Ranch
Strawberry 1	\$64,500	2658	S Xanadu Way D	1	1	856	1-Carport, Det	2 Story
Strawberry 1	\$66,000	2664	S Xanadu Way A	2	2	1,144	1-Carport	Ranch
Strawberry 1	\$55,000	13657	E Yale Ave C	1	1	856	1-Carport	2 Story

Homes Sold in HR August 2011

HOA	List Price	No.	Street	Bed Bath	SqFt	Garage	Style
Burgundy	\$124,900	2635	S Xanadu Way D	2 – 2	1,162	1-Garage, Det	2-story
Country Club Ridge	\$149,900	2240	S Vaughn Way 204	2 – 4	1,124	1-Garage, Att	Ranch
Fairway 16	\$162,500	2578	S Vaughn Way B	2 – 4	1,650	2-Garage, Att	2 Story

Homes under Contract in Heather Ridge

HOA	Price	No.	Street	Bed.Ba	SqFt	Gar/Spaces	Style
Burgundy	\$69,900	2429	S Xanadu Way A	2 – 2	1,091	2-Carport,Det,Resrv	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	\$69,900	2121	S Victor St A	2 – 2	1,392	1-Garage. Det	2 Story
Cobblestone	\$93,000	2152	S Victor St F	2 – 2	1,392	1-Garage. Det	2 Story
Country Club Ridge	\$174,900	2260	S Vaughn Way 104	3 – 3	1,680	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$155,000	2610	S Vaughn Way C	4 – 4	1,650	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Fairway 16	\$59,900	2690	S Vaughn Way C	2 – 2	1,144	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
Heather Ridge South	\$145,923	2787	S Xanadu Way	3 – 3	1,633	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$93,000	2500	S Victor St F	2 – 3	1,273	2-Garage,Att	2 Story
Sausalito	\$144,950	2419	S Worchester St C	2 – 3	1,230	2-Garage,Att	Ranch
Strawberry II	\$51,000	2445	S Xanadu Way C	2 – 2	1,091	None	2 Story

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Heather Ridge Community Affairs

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 have had an upstairs window broken, and am unable to sit on my back porch during golfing hours. I routinely collect golf balls from my back porch and front yard.

I researched the policies of other private and public courses, both in Colorado and other states. I talked with Doug McNeil, the Interim Manager of Aurora Public Golf Courses. The consensus was: "The homeowner assumes the inherent risks involved when choosing to live on a golf course. The golfer is responsible for any damage incurred."

The policy of the Golf Club at Heather Ridge is: "The law provides that a golfer is responsible for injury or damage that results from the

golfer's actions on the golf course. HRMD and the Golf Club at Heather Ridge do not provide insurance for golfers and accept no responsibility for any damage to persons, vehicles, or homes that a golfer may cause while playing golf or otherwise using these facilities."

This statement is posted on a large sign on the first tee. The Golf Shop and staff will try to help identify the responsible party if a homeowner is able to call the golf shop when the damage occurs.

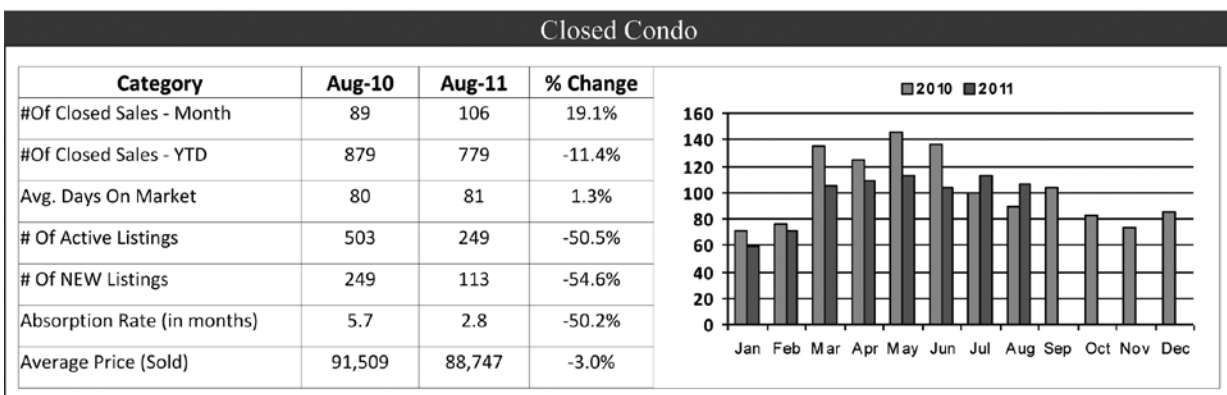
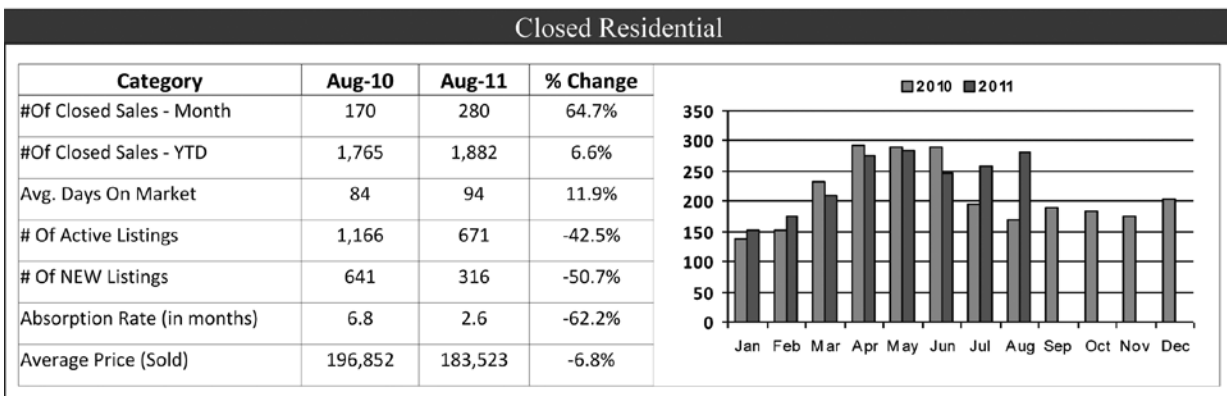
HRCA would like to hear from anyone who has found solutions to your own situation concerning golf ball damage. I will publish these solutions in the hope that it will help others in the community. Please email your responses to bettesecord@gmail.com.

– Bette Secord

August 2011 - Real Estate Market Statistics

Based on information from Metrolist, Inc. for the period Jan 2009 through August 2011. Note: This representation is based in whole or in part on data supplied by Metrolist, Inc., which does not guar-

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Neighborhood Watch: 13 Things a Burglar Won't Tell You

For those who missed the first Neighborhood Watch meeting, held at Strawberry Clubhouse on Aug. 10, you missed a lot of good information on how to keep the community safer. Approximately 50 members were present from various communities.

Cindy Bowen (city-wide coordinator), Steven Noi (head area coordinator) and Policeman Mark Lowicz (Area Par Officer) were there. They gave everyone with a vast amount of helpful ways to make Heather Ridge a safer place to live.

Update after Aug. 10. All communities have now been notified about what it will take to have a successful program for their community. Some HOAs have many volunteers, whereas others are struggling to get enough volunteers.

Please, anyone thinking about being a volunteer — don't be afraid! Volunteers are known as Block Captains, or BCs as you would commonly be called. The job is easy. The more BCs who volunteer, the easier it becomes.

For one thing, when flyers need to be distributed to your assigned homes, you'll only have to deliver to about 20 or less. You'll get to know the residents (neighbors) in these homes. If there is a need, when something happens, you'll alert these residents to any safety concerns.

There is not much to it. Get on board! Make the UAHR communities the best and safest place to live!

I'm planning some fun times — get-together parties.

Contact your HOA Board president today.

— **Bev Brown**
UAHR Neighborhood Watch

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A burglar will not tell you:

"1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpet, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.

"2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.

"3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste...and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system you have.

"4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up by your door. I might leave a pizza flyer on your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

"5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.

"6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let the alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.

"7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom — and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up

there too.

"8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door — understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

"9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. Don't take me up on it.

"10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

"11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

"12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

"13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave a TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. Find it at *faketv.com*.

— *Reader's Digest Contributing Editor Janice Lieberman shared these.*

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs *crimedoctor.com*; and Richard Wright, a criminology professor at the U. of Missouri, St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book, *Burglars on the Job*.



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The flexibility and enhanced capacity of the new irrigation system on the front nine holes made a world of difference during this long stretch of hot, dry weather. August was the hottest on record and a great "torture test" for the new system.

While no golf course flourishes without natural rain, Bob and his crew did a great job of getting the course through the hot weather. The front nine continues to improve each and every day. Many courses in the Metro Denver area suffered damage from disease and fungus, but Bob's experience and knowledge of Heather Ridge prevented that fate.

This bodes well for next season, when the course will not be disrupted by construction, and conditions should be great right from the season start. In the meantime, fall is a great time to play golf. I hope all of you who were waiting for cooler temperatures will come out and enjoy the course for the rest of the year.

The cart fleet will be recovered as winter approaches so that Heather Ridge can remain the best place around to play on the cool, off-season days.

You will also soon see a new front entrance sign for the Golf Course and Noonan's Tavern, which will enhance the visibility of both establishments. Studies have shown significant increases in business when modern LED signs are installed. This should be another important contribution to the future success of the entire complex.

Please let all the golfers in your life know about the improvements going on. Encourage them to enjoy the great value at YOUR golf course!

Finally, congratulations to the 2011 Club Champions: Kim Larson, Joyce Scott and Robert Arnold!

**– Mike Ritter
HG Golf Pro**

HR Men's Golf League

Club Championship – Aug. 27–28

Championship Flight

Club Champion Trophy and

Low Gross: Robert Arnold, \$196 golf shop credit

1st low net: Ben Barnes, \$147 (Low Net trophy)

2nd low net: Bruce Larson, \$98

3rd low net: Mike Straud, \$49

2nd Flight

1st low net: Andy Schmidt, \$196 (trophy)

2nd low net: Jerry Hensen, \$147

3rd low net: Roy Deitz, \$98

4th low net: Anthony Corsaro, \$49

3rd Flight

1st low net: Don Blosser, \$196

2nd low net: Rod Martin, \$147

3rd low net: Russ Barrett, \$98

4th low net: Terry Bade, \$49

4th Flight

1st low net: Ed Oswald, \$196

2nd low net: Dan Brothis, \$147

3rd low net: Jack Gemeinhart, \$98

4th low net: John Kytle, \$49

Closest to the Pin (\$30 each)

Saturday

Hole No. 5 – Harold Wallace

Hole No. 8 – Pete Traynor

Hole No. 10 – John Fortune

Hole No. 14 – Don Blosser

Sunday

Harold Wallace

Brian Hornstra

Dick Henderson

Bob Orr

HR Ladies' 18-Hole Golf League

The Heather Ridge Women's 18-hole golf association held its Club Championship on Aug. 13–14.

It was a fun two days. Many thanks to Mike Ritter and his staff for all their help with tee times, scoring and check-in.

We have a new CLUB CHAMPION:

KIM LARSON — Congratulations!!!!!!

see Ladies 18-Hole...page 10

Ed Oswald - thanks for another job well done!

Ed Oswald has retired four times in his lifetime, most recently as a director on the Golf Club at Heather Ridge, (GCat) LLC management group. Ed's first retirement was in the 1980s after a 20 years plus career in the U.S. Army (lieutenant colonel). Afterwards, he created a medical services company and retired for a second time in the late 1990s.

In 2006, he joined United Associations of HR to help save the open space and create the Heather Ridge Metropolitan District (HRMD). After purchasing the golf course, Ed oversaw golf operations in 2009 and 2010.

Once Mike Ritter became the Heather Ridge golf manager, Ed retired a third time to play more golf and really be retired! Shortly afterwards, Ed was called back to work as a volunteer on the GCat Board of Directors. As its secretary, he oversaw golf and clubhouse operations for HRMD.



Ed epitomizes the spirit of leadership, commitment to service and camaraderie that has made the Heather Ridge Golf Club successful. Always thoughtful and reflective, Ed would be first in line to implement a decision once it was made. With a new hip, Ed's immediate goal is to get his golf handicap down and be physically ready to jump up and down for the Broncos' season.

Ed, your volunteer efforts made a big contribution towards preserving the HR open space. Many thanks for all you have done and who you are!

-Van Lewis

Ladies 18-Hole...from page 9

Other winners are:

Championship Flight:

1st low gross: Diane White
1st low net: Kathy Chandler

A Flight

1st low gross: Megan Myers
1st low net: Wendy Traynor
2nd low net: Bobbie Janulewicz

B Flight

1st low gross: Karen Johnston
1st low net: JoAnn Oswald
2nd low net: Sharon Berkowitz

C Flight

1st low gross: Peggy Coppens
1st low net: Ginny Lewis
2nd low net: Marilyn May

Congratulations to all the Winners!!!!

Don't forget to attend the fall luncheon. Watch for sign up sheets on bulletin board. – Wendy Traynor



RTD FasTracks I-225 Rail Line Get an I-225 Corridor Project Update

**Thursday, Sept. 22, 6 pm
Aurora Association of Realtors
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To be discussed:

- RTD: Extension of the I-225 Rail Line from Nine Mile to Iliff
- CDOT: Expansion of I-225 Highway from Parker Rd to Mississippi Ave
- Community Impacts during the reconstruction of Yale Avenue bridge

– Tina Jaquez, 303-299-6902

Homeowners' Association News

Heather Ridge South by Van Lewis

Big asphalt/concrete project coming!

The board voted unanimously at its August meeting to replace asphalt/concrete on interior roadways, project costs of \$250,000. After three months of research, bids and an engineering study, the project outline is as follows:

- Replace all asphalt driveways to garages with concrete.
- Complete infra-red patching throughout entire community.
- Install remaining downspout drainage pits by garages.
- Mill and resurface remaining asphalt.

The board had many options to consider, but selected the above as the most cost effective and long-lasting. Another option was to replace asphalt with asphalt for approximately \$400,000, yet still have the long-term maintenance issues characteristic of asphalt — patching, cracking, seal coating, etc.



New asphalt at 2724 South Xanadu Way.

With over 26,000 square yards of asphalt, HRS was facing some serious problems — drainage, decomposing 37-year-old asphalt, asphalt buildup in front of garages, and increasing maintenance costs. Last spring, the board experimented at 2856 South Xanadu Way when it replaced its driveway and garage floor

due to tree root damages. The HOA saved over \$500 using concrete for the driveway versus asphalt, thus becoming the genesis for our present project (see photo).

Planned as a six month project to start this October, construction will be weather dependent, especially when pouring concrete. Each driveway will be individually engineered for concrete, and in most cases extended outward from the garage to the ends of the front grass areas. Adjoining driveways will be done simultaneously along with installing their drain pit.

Concrete will replace almost 14,000 square yards of existing asphalt, leaving about 12,000 to be infra-red patched or milled/resurfaced. Once the driveways are done, asphalt work will begin. Concrete will be poured from 4 to 6 inches, depending upon traffic-load factors such as garage trucks, moving vans, etc. Yes, it will be reinforced with steel mesh.

Existing concrete driveways (found only facing Wheeling or Xanadu) have withstood time and usage very well. Periodically some have been replaced, but overall the costs have been low and infrequent. One concern for all concrete surfaces will be snow and ice chemicals. The board will publish new guidelines for de-icers per the concrete supplier.

Project funding will be solely from Reserves, and no special assessment. Again, thanks to HRS successful roofing projects, additional Reserves are available for this project.

Lastly, the board has no other major projects scheduled or planned. In the past 10 years, the HRS Board has spent over \$3,000,000 updating and replacing capital items (retaining walls, fences, front garage lights, roofs, xeriscape, etc). As of September 2011, the Reserve balance was \$850,000, a healthy amount that is

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September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Football! Bar opens 10 am	19 Poker at Noonan's 7 pm	20 Ladies Night 7 pm Karaoke 8 pm	21 6:30 pm Ward IV Meeting at Fire Station #11 Country Music & Dancing at Noonan's 6 pm (no cover)	22 Out to Lunch Bunch at Noonan's TFO Trivia at Noonan's 8 pm	23 First Day of Autumn <small>AUTUMN BEGINS</small>	24 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Girls Night Out 7 pm Rock 'n Roll Bingo 8 pm
25 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Football! Bar opens 10 am	26 Poker at Noonan's 7 pm	27 Ladies Night 7 pm Karaoke 8 pm	28 Country Music & Dancing 6 pm Banquet Room (no cover)	29 Rosh Hashanah TFO Trivia at Noonan's 8 pm <small>ROSH HASHANAH</small>	30 Locals Club All Day	

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<small>FIRST QUARTER: 4 FULL MOON: 12 LAST QUARTER: 20 NEW MOON: 26</small>					1 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Girls Night Out 7 pm Rock 'n Roll Bingo 8 pm
2 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Football! Bar opens 10 am	3 Poker at Noonan's 7 pm	4 6 pm UAHR Board Meeting - GC at HR Ladies Night 7 pm Karaoke 8 pm	5 ZIP Night (80014 specials) College Night 7 pm	6 TFO Trivia at Noonan's 8 pm	7 Locals Club All Day Live Music 7 pm	8 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Girls Night Out 7 pm Rock 'n Roll Bingo 8 pm <small>YOM KIPPUR</small>
9 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Football! Bar opens 10 am	10 Poker at Noonan's 7 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 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Girls Night Out 7 pm Rock 'n Roll Bingo 8 pm
16 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Football! Bar opens 10 am <small>NATIONAL BOSS DAY (USA)</small>	17 Poker at Noonan's 7 pm	18 Ladies Night 7 pm Karaoke 8 pm	19 ZIP Night (80014 specials) College Night 7 pm	20 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 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 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	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 Out to Lunch Bunch at Noonan's 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 Live Music 8 pm Halloween Party (1980s Party, drink specials, games, prizes and costume contests)	29 Bloody Mary Bar (open-5 pm) Football! Halloween Party (Murder Mystery Party, drink specials, games and prizes)

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safely invested in guaranteed/insured government instruments.

Getting ready for winter. Please tidy your patios and garden areas in preparation for winter,

especially if there's no fence to hide them from view. If you are unable to shovel snow in your front courtyard, please contact Sue Daigle at Westwind to get on the "shovel list." This service is truly for physically challenged people.

Sausalito by Carol McCormick

For a change of pace, I decided to begin this month's newsletter with some trivia about unique September holidays. The usual Sausalito news follows the trivia.

Checkers Day and Dogs in Politics Day. Sept. 23 — Get out the checker board for Checkers Day. So, do you want the red checkers? Or, the black ones? It may surprise you to know that it is also Dogs in Politics Day. Read on, and I will explain the connection.

Origin of Checkers Day. In 1952, Richard M. Nixon was a candidate for Vice-President of the United States, running with Dwight D. Eisenhower. Media speculation centered around an \$18,000 campaign contribution, and speculation that Nixon may have used some for his personal use. In a brilliant political maneuver, Nixon took his case to the American people.

On Sept. 23, 1952, Richard Nixon gave a speech that directly addressed and explained the issue. He assured the public that he did not use any of the funds for personal use. Towards the end of the speech, he stated that his daughters had received a dog, which they named "Checkers," as a gift. He said they would keep the dog.

This speech quickly became known as the "Checkers" speech, and went on to be one of the better known speeches in American political history.

With "Checkers" the dog included in the speech, this day was sometimes referred to as Dogs in Politics Day.

Ask a Stupid Question Day. Sept. 28 is "Ask a Stupid Question Day." It's your opportunity to speak up, and to ask all those questions you were afraid to ask. All those questions that you thought were too stupid or dumb to ask, which have been piling up all year long. Today is the day to unload them. C'mon give it a try. Nobody will laugh — I hope.

This may be a stupid question, but I will ask it anyway, "Teachers say there is no such thing as a stupid question. Or, that no question is too stupid to ask. If this is true, then why do your classmates laugh when you ask a question?" Yes, kids can be cruel. But, if you have a question, there's no better place to ask, than in the classroom.

Today's Quote. "Stupid is as stupid does."

Forrest Gump Movie of the Day. "Dumb and Dumber"

Other "Stupid" stuff:

- Ask a stupid question, get a stupid answer.
- This might sound stupid, but...
- Do you think I'm stupid enough to fall for that (duh!)
- Seen on a T-shirt "I'm with Stupid." Well, if that's true, how smart are you?

Origin of Ask a Stupid Question Day: The roots of this special day goes back to the 1980s. At the time, there was a movement by teachers to try to get kids to ask more questions in the classroom. Kids sometimes hold back, fearing their question is stupid, and asking it will result in ridicule. Teachers created this day on Sept. 28. If it fell on a weekend, they would celebrate it on the last day of the month.

Now, on with our usual monthly news.

Landscaping. Aging trees and bushes have had a much needed face lift, consisting of a deep pruning to keep them healthy and growing properly. As the fall and winter seasons start, the trees may look a little bare. Be patient. Next spring, expect to see new leafing at the tops of the trees rather than lots of sucker leafing at the bottom.

Security/Parking. Just a reminder that you



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need to keep your garage doors closed and homes secured — day and night. Call 911 to report an immediate happening to the police.

Please, park only in designated areas. Sausalito rules state that if you have a visitor/guest who will be parking overnight in visitor parking, you must call security in advance so the patrol can be notified. Covenant's phone/fax number is 303-552-9027.

Sadly, some folks have parked their trucks with attached work trailers on Vaughn Way at the front of your beautiful community, making it look like an industrial site. Vaughn Way is a public street. As homeowners, everyone should want to work together to show off the community at its best.

Neighborhood Watch. The UAHR community Neighborhood Watch committee met in August. More information is available in the October *Metro Matters*. Sausalito needs volunteers to have a neighborhood watch in the community. With crime increasing, residents can help the security, company (or police). Without volunteers, Sausalito will not be included in this program. *Please help out by emailing carol_mccormick@comcast.net.*

Swimming Pools. The pools closed Labor Day.

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

Architecture. Please get approval from the board before making any exterior changes to

your property. Notifications have been mailed to those homeowners who must replace their garage doors. If you want to add any type of air conditioning units, central air or small units to your home, contact the HOA for approval. There are rules all homeowners must follow.

Neighborhood Reminders. School is back in session. Stop behind the school bus when their "STOP SIGN" is out. Please slow down and observe the posted speed limit when driving through Sausalito. More people are speeding through the community. *SLOW DOWN IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT. IF YOUR GUESTS ARE SPEEDING, PLEASE REMIND THEM TO SLOW DOWN.*

Monthly Meetings. The board meets at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge. Guests are welcome.

Board Members. Welcome new Board Member at Large Sherri Cooper. The remaining board members are:

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

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.

Chimney Hill

by Lana Gutnik and Melissa Miller

Time flies, and summer is over! Days are getting shorter and shorter. Our annual pool party at the end of August was a great success — about 50 people came and it went on longer than expected. I want to thank Scott Shaeffer for organizing the party, and thank all of the residents who attended.

On Sept. 9, 10, 11, Chimney Hill also hosted its first joint garage sale with the Heather Ridge South Homeowner's Association. This allowed us to share advertising costs and appeal to a larger group of buyers. Residents who participated in the garage sale reported they had a

good turnout of buyers and made some money. The board would like to thank Richard

Bates for organizing the garage sale, and thank Josie Spencer and Ruth Chizum at Heather Ridge South for co-hosting.

At the September board meeting, resident Mark Carapella presented his findings on the sewer system, based upon a report from Hydro-physics. He also created a map of the Chimney

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Much to see with ART 2C on Havana

It isn't just new businesses that are popping up along Havana Street these days. A new sculpture-on-the-street project will provide yet another boost to the area that is experiencing a significant revitalization.

This fall, Aurora's Art in Public Places Program, in partnership with On Havana Street, will reveal the sculptures to be featured in the new "ART 2C on Havana" program (see photo, p. 20). Meet the artists at the unveiling event at The Stampede, 2340 S. Havana St (TBA). The exhibition runs through August 2012.

The exhibition, modeled after others around the country, unites the business community and the arts to attract visitors, energize streetscapes and create great public gathering spaces. The inaugural exhibition will display sculpture by Colorado artists Barbara Baer, Emmett Culligan, John Ferguson, James Haire, Christopher Hecker, John King, Charles Lefkowitz, James Monley, Dale Montagne and Phyllis Rider.

A donation from the Havana Business

Improvement District will fund the \$750 artist stipends to transport and install artwork along Havana Street, and will fund cash awards amounting to \$1,000 for People's Choice, \$750 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place. Voting online will open later this fall after the unveiling event.

In addition, the Aurora Art in Public Places Program will purchase a sculpture from the exhibit, which will be added to the city's public art collection and remain permanently displayed in the district.

Other events that will take place throughout the year will be announced at a later date, such as tours with special guests, meet-the-artists activities and roundtable discussions about art in the community.

The Art in Public Places program is funded by one percent of city construction and remodeling projects of \$100,000 or more.

For more information, visit www.auroragov.org/publicart, www.onhavanastreet.org or call 303-739-6747.

— Deana Miller

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Hill sewer system that can be referred to in the future. The board would like to thank Mark for all of his hard work on the project.

The new Xeriscaping continues to thrive! The blue grama grass at the south end of the property has grown in very attractively. Please take the opportunity to see the diverse and lovely plants in all the Xeriscaped areas.

Reminders from the HOA

Pets. Please be courteous about picking up your dogs waste when you walk them. It keeps the grass and the property looking nice. If your dog has a place s/he likes to use as a regular "bathroom," consider rinsing the area down with a hose routinely. Concentrated dog waste can kill turf, so watering the area can help keep the grass green in the summer.

Parking. Chimney Hill is limited on parking, so if your family owns more than one car, please try to be courteous. Please utilize the space in your garage first, and then the space behind your garage next. The spaces in the middle are "visitor" parking, and residents should not use

them for long term parking.

Maintenance Requests. If you see a leaky sprinkler, a burned out garage light, or other routine maintenance request, please report it so it can get repaired in a timely fashion. Maintenance issues and requests can be sent to the property manager, Thomas Westing, thomaswesting@accuinc.com. You can also reach Tom by phone, 303-733-1121.

Architectural Requests. If you wish to make changes to the exterior of your home, you need to obtain an architectural request form from Tom Westing. Submit completed forms to Tom for review by the board at regular monthly meetings.

Annual Meeting. Please watch for the Annual Meeting notices. It is scheduled for Nov. 15, at 6 pm.

Regular Monthly Meetings. Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 pm, in the 19th hole (basement level of the HR Clubhouse). If you've never attended a meeting, please consider doing so. You'll have the opportunity to learn how we operate. The board would love to hear your feedback.

Who's Who?

A Conversation with Somin Lee

Raised in Seoul, South Korea, Somin Lee and her family came to Colorado six years ago to join her grandmother in Aurora.

In that short time, this charming and dedicated young lady has made tremendous strides in the golfing world: her latest being the 5A Colorado High School title, a repeat winner of the Colorado Junior Golf Association Tournament of Champions, and being named the Colorado Women's Golf Association (CWGA) Junior Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. This year, Somin won the CWGA Match Play Tournament in July, her first open-division win. (Somin was photographed with CWGA Trophy at right.)

I recently had the opportunity to sit down with Somin and talk about her life and golf.

Q: When did you first try your hand at golf?

Somin: My dad owned a golf school in Seoul, and my brother played. So when I was about 10 I thought I'd give it a try. I didn't like it at all. I thought it was so boring to just swing a club.

Q: What then caused your renewed interest in golf?

S: In Colorado, my whole family played golf, and I felt sort of left out. So I decided to join them. Also at that time, my brother and I were getting into little spats a lot — not always getting along. He told me that if I would start to play golf, he promised he would leave me alone.



Q: So, he bribed you.

S: (laughing) Yes.

Q: How did you happen to choose Heather Ridge as your home course?

S: A friend of my father's was a member of Heather Ridge. She invited me to play. I really liked the course so continued playing there.

Q: In what way do you feel the course suits your game?

S: Even though it is a short course, I find it challenging. I play from the blue tees. With the numerous sand bunkers and water holes, I'm able to use every club in my bag.

Q: You have had great success in only five years. How much of that do you feel is due to a natural talent for the game?

S: Very little. I attribute most of my success to very hard work.

Q: What is your typical summer practice routine?

S: After I get myself awake, which is not always easy, I go for a morning jog. Then from 10 am to noon, I hit my irons. Home for lunch for an hour and then back from 1 pm to 5 pm hitting all of my clubs. I usually finish on the putting green.

Q: Wow! What are you working on now and what do you feel you need to work on in the future?

S: I want more distance. I am working on technique, timing and ball striking. I know that I need to work more on my short game, though. Also, I want to work on building my upper body strength, which should help with more distance.

Q: How often do you get out on the course to play?

S: Not much. Most of my course play comes in tournaments. When I do play though, I just concentrate on my target and swinging the club, not technique.

Q: How do you control the mental aspect of your game?

S: Practice, practice, practice. I feel very confident when I play and that comes from knowing that I can make the shot. And that comes from hours of practice.

Q: Who are your role models?

S: I like Na Yeon Choi who is also from South Korea. We share some similarities such as size and technique.

Q: You are off to Pepperdine this fall. What will you study and what goals do you have for yourself?

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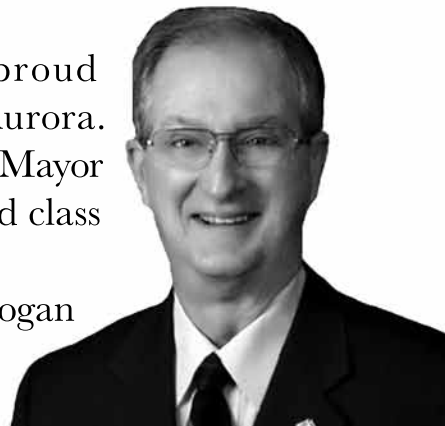
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What's Really Going On in the Unruly Congressional Daycare Center?

You've seen the news, heard the rhetoric, and winced at the political ads on the tube and billboards. You've been bombarded with a steady fusillade of callow rhetoric stating that if the opposing political party does not do it "our way," the country risks default. Armageddon is close behind! Heck, the people know! Each major political party, whether red or blue or their offshoots — points fingers at the other — claiming they are the ones who block progress on working out a satisfactory solution to the debt ceiling issue. As saintly support for their intransigence, politicians claim they signed dubious agreements or made laughable oral promises that they will never raise taxes or compromise Medicare and Social Security. Oh, how convenient a crutch to maintain a politically padlocked mind!

Like kids in a daycare center, they fight, scream, pout and carry on if they do not get their way. They fixate on a maelstrom of absolutes, self-righteousness and self-proclaimed fountainhead of epitomized veracity — the holy grail of truth.

Their logic flows as follows: "Our group knows better than the opposing group because we possess the moral high ground and all perfect knowledge for your benefit. And because of our enlightened viewpoint, our group has no cogent reason to compromise or modify our stance." Kids in real life and in daycare centers often look at their world from this viewpoint.

Additionally, daycare kids usually do not cooperate with others outside their group for the good of all. Daycare center managers spend hours inculcating their charges with the value of cooperation and compromise. While kids of a tender age are learning the basics of cooperation, they fight relentlessly until a daycare monitor or teacher intervenes.

Grownup kids representing the American people in congress have forgotten the lesson of group cooperation. Daycare monitors, the

electorate or "we the people" are conspicuously absent. Yes, absent from the Washington daycare centers! "We the people" have abdicated our responsibility of voter control by allowing elected representatives in congress to continue misbehaving as brats in a very expensive child-care facility — U.S. Congress.

Why did we abdicate from civic responsibility? "We the people" are too busy shoring up our personal economic lives.

"We the people" in essence are complicit in allowing the Washington Kiddy Land Daycare Center to run freely without supervision. How did this come about?

Washington runs on money.

"Money corrupts! A whole lot of money corrupts a whole lot."

"We the people" allowed Washington daycare denizens to handle the purse strings. Politicians learned that the seats of power reside with those who control the purse strings.

Copious flow of money has become the singular and sole raison d'être for Washington's existence. Various committees set financial rules, like tax deductions for lobbying and PACs. Such economic behavior does precious little to abet the growth of the American economy, create meaningful, well-paying jobs outside the beltway.

To assure an open, free-flowing money spigot, daycare denizens "represent" their palm greaser's viewpoints in congress regardless how conflicting they may be for the American people. "We the people" complacently allowed this to happen for decades. Results are biting our backsides where it deeply hurts — a default on the national debt threatening our way of life and world power.

Money corrupts politicians. Why not ban lobbying and political donations, treat these and similar criminal activity as bribery? It is!

Additionally, psychologists have amply documented that groups of people often freeze

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Did you know?

BIRDIES LOUNGE: This is what “Billy Baroo’s”, formerly known as “Birdies Lounge,” looked like in the 1970s. Note the chandeliers! The mirrored ceiling is not visible.



“OUT-TO-LUNCH-BUNCH”

Any HR Metropolitan District resident who is interested in joining a monthly lunch gathering at Noonan’s Tavern, fourth Thursday of the month, to meet old and new friends, please contact: Ginny Lewis, ginny.lewis@comcast.net

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into inaction when they see “fearsome” opposing, conflicting viewpoints of equal weight or power. Stultifying standoffs or stalemates result. Neither side has sufficient power to overwhelm the other.

Often, opponents garner additional financial resources and allied support in order to overwhelm the opposition. The opposition escalates to meet the challenge. It’s a never-ending but tragic display of wasted power and (financial) resources.

“We the people” see the root problem clearly. We know that compromise is necessary even if some results are unpalatable.

Additionally, unruly daycare center brats fail to understand that excessive national debt is one of the root causes for the decline of empires and nations.

Ben Franklin stated: “Augment your means, reduce your wants.” Americans understand this wisdom clearly. Does Washington?

Washington daycare center brats — leave daycare! “We the people” — reassert your civic responsibilities and control!

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**HRMD, UAHR and HRCA
meetings are open to residents!**

Goose Poop

Now that I have your attention, let me say that I love the geese. I love watching them teach their young, interact within their family groups and fly overhead. Golfers don't share my feelings for obvious reasons.

I could fill several pages with information about the geese: why they are here during the summer months and why there are so many of them, but I want to address what many see as a "goose problem" here on the golf course.

In order to rid an area with large numbers of geese, you have to make the area less comfortable for the geese. A golf course, by design, is a perfect wildlife habitat. The maintenance of the golf course makes for a comfortable place to call home. Understanding that should make you a little more tolerant of the geese because Heather Ridge Golf Course has indirectly invited them here.

When geese are looking for a place to land and stay, they are looking for water surrounded by food. Golf courses fit that to a tee (sorry about the pun) with their many



Canada Geese over Smith Lake
Washington Park, Denver, CO

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ponds and lakes and their favorite food — short grass.

Golf courses can mitigate goose problems by simply understanding and observing goose behavior. Everyone has watched the geese walk in and out of the lakes all day long. They don't fly in and out because flying takes too much energy, so they do a lot of walking.

Many golf courses, due to pressure from surrounding residents, keep the lake edges trimmed short. That is a mistake. Why? Because predators hide in the tall grass and vegetation at the edge of a lake, just waiting for a goose or duck to walk through. Geese know this and so will avoid a lake if they don't have safe, easy access to the water.

Geese also want to be able to see what is on the other side of the vegetation. By keeping it taller than 30 inches, it creates a visual barrier in which they feel less safe.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife calls this "landscape modification." It is the most effective and humane way of ridding an area of large numbers of geese.

There will always be some geese on a golf course, but the numbers will certainly decline if measures are taken to make the geese less comfortable.

With the understanding and cooperation of golfers and surrounding residents, golf courses can be wildlife friendly, but wildlife smart by simply understanding what has attracted the geese in the first place.

– **Linda Neely, Chimney Hill**

Liaison for Wild Bird Information &
Rehabilitation of Denver (Wild B.I.R.D.)

*{Photograph of Canada Geese used by permission
of photographer.}*

Left: A sculpture by Christopher Hecker that will appear in the Art 2C program along Havana Street. See related story, p. 15.



Heather Ridge

Photo Album



One of the consequences of installing a new irrigation system and lining the lake at the #5 Green is seen in these photos of the two lakes fed by the large one (bottom two photos). Even after a dry August, the lakes have water and the fairways surrounding them are green. The Heather Ridge Golf Course is in great shape!



“Never squat while wearing your spurs.”

– Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash, was one of the greatest political sages America has ever known.

“There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.”

Letters

Metro Matters

I am a resident of Chimney Hill and have attended a number of meetings this past year. I must add that I am not a disinterested party because my wife is a board member, but I still can make some observations that are not overly biased.

The Chimney Hill Board is split into two factions — the factions are not treated equally. Everyone on the board is not privy to the information coming through the management company. Some female members of the board are belittled with ad hominem comments. Their achievements are ignored. This leads to a board that is uninformed, overly contentious and too dependent on the management company for

bidding contracts, evaluating contract performance, possibly overpaying for services and, just in general, not performing to a reasonably efficient standard.

The Chimney Hill Board's function has dissolved into defending contractors who are wasting the community's money. Because of this, the reserves have dropped to nearly 50 percent of the January 2011 value. I believe that the November 15 annual meeting should be used to resolve this problem by a vote of the residents.

Please come out for the meeting and participate in the governance of your HOA. The other course of action is not to participate and reap the results.

Bernard Sherman
Chimney Hill

Metro Matters

In response to the person who has concerns about the ad for Noonan's Restaurant at Heather Ridge Golf Club. Noonan's is a privately owned business that leases the restaurant facilities at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge.

It is not one of the City-owned golf courses, it is owned by the residents of the 10 Heather Ridge Homeowners Associations. So the ad and the name of the facility are in no way the responsibility of the City of Aurora.

The B.U.F.F. Brothers organization has a good track record in the Metro Denver area of running successful bars and restaurants in multiple locations. Part of my success has been due to the irreverent and double entendre humor in the

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Somin Lee...from page 16

S: I intend to major in Art. I love sculpting and have done quite a bit. But my ultimate goal is to turn pro and join the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA).

Q: Who will you want on your bag?

S: My dad. He keeps me calm.

Q: Do you have any advice for aspiring young golfers?

S: Be prepared to practice a lot, and realize that you will have to give up some of

the fun activities your friends enjoy.

Q: What advice do you have for the weekend golfer?

S: Try to clear your mind of everything but making the shot. And then enjoy yourself.

Q: One last thing. Can you beat your brother? How about your dad?

S: (with a shy smile) Yes, I've beaten my brother. My dad...if he's a little off and I'm on, yes. But he's really good.

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The Club at Heather Ridge and the golfing community is

proud you, Somin Lee. Best of luck to you in the future. With your work ethic and attitude, everyone is confident that you'll someday go on the LPGA tour.

Note: Somin Lee and her family would like to extend their gratitude to the members of The Golf Club at Heather Ridge, and especially Mike Ritter and Errol Rowland for all their support, encouragement and help with Somin's pursuit of her dream.

– **Mary Lou Secor Burgundy**

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ads, which pushes the envelope and often pokes fun at the owners themselves.

While I understand that this ad has gone too far for you, it seems to me that it is really no more controversial or risqué than the dialogue or humor found on many of today's TV shows in prime time.

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