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AWARD WINNING COMMUNITY

Forty-some years ago, Mission Viejo had a vision for a new community just south of Denver. This new master-planned residential community called Highlands Ranch was a large proposal that included several major streets, multiple schools, four recreation centers, thousands of acres of open space, community parks, a business park as well as a town center and public library.

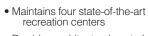
The first phase of construction and formation of the Mission Viejo/Centennial Water and Sanitation District in Highlands Ranch began in 1980. In 1981, the first families had moved into their new homes. By 1994, Highlands Ranch was recognized as the best-selling, master planned community in the United States. by Aurthur Andersen Real Estate Advisory Services.

Highlands Ranch is now an award-winning, thriving community known for its high quality of life. Residents enjoy daily amenities provided and maintained by the Highlands Ranch Community Association, Highlands Ranch Metro District, Centennial Water and Sanitation District and Douglas County. We are grateful for the work provided by these organizations in order to maintain a high quality of life for our residents. In a continued effort to provide residents with the best customer service possible, below is a list of primary services provided by each entity.



- Construction of major roads and infrastructure
- Installation and maintenance of landscaping and fences adjacent to major roads
- Installation of traffic signals and streetlights on major roads
- Construction and maintenance of parks and trails
- Snow removal along trails and sidewalks adjacent to major roads
- Youth and adult outdoor recreation and sports programs
- Senior programs and activities, as well as operation of the future Highlands Ranch Senior Center
- Management and maintenance of natural open space areas within the community
- Construction of storm drainage facilities
- Water and wastewater services through a contract with Centennial Water & Sanitation District
- Community events and volunteer opportunities
- Operation of the historic Highlands Ranch Mansion





- Provides architectural control and covenant enforcement
- Provides programs, fitness, sports and educational opportunities
- Manages the Backcountry Wilderness Area
- Hosts more than 100 community events annually



- Elections
- Marriage licenses
- Renewal of license plates
- Search for property sales in Douglas County
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Snow removal on major and residential streets
- Health Department inspects restaurants, food trucks and daycares



- The water and wastewater provider for Highlands Ranch and Solstice
- Maintains 332 miles of sewer lines and 454 miles of potable water lines
- Operates 24/7, 365 to ensure customers have safe, sustainable and reliable water and wastewater services

COMMUNITY NEWS

MIKE BAILEY

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Spring in Colorado is a unique time of year. Because 2024 is a leap year, this year's spring equinox arrived early, on March 19, the earliest since 1896. Spring in Colorado is always quirky and unpredictable, much like a lottery drawing with daily temperatures that range from 8, 65, 13, 53 to 25.



Like in previous years, the Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) is encouraging residents to do more by doing less...lawn mowing that is! "No Mow May", is a simple concept that recommends reducing the frequency of mowing during May. Skipping some or all turf trims for the month will reduce the water your grass needs. It's proven that taller turf develops a stronger root system enabling your lawn to withstand drought better when the warmer summer months arrive.

With the talk of water conversation comes the discussion of sod alternatives like Xeriscape, artificial turf and low-maintenance ground cover. Before diving into replacement and grass substitutes, visit Centennial Water's website at centennialwater.org/rebates to learn how to save money on your spring landscape projects.

I'm thrilled to announce that HRCA's Board was selected in March as noted below.

President Monica Wasden Vice President Dan DeBacco Vice President Todd Landgrave Treasurer Leo Stegman Secretary Jim Allen

Monica Wasden, Todd Landgrave and Leo Stegman will serve three-year terms, expiring March 2027. Dan DeBacco will serve a one-year term, expiring March 2025. A special thank you to our Board candidates for their participation in the election and their continued volunteerism that helps make HRCA one of the best community associations in the country.

I want to give a special thanks to Melissa Park for her fourteen years of service to HRCA. Melissa has been an incredibly active member of the Highlands Ranch community since beginning her service as chair of the Backcountry Planning Area Committee from 2010 - 14. She spent the next decade as a dedicated member of HRCA's Board of Directors. I would be remiss not to take the time to thank her for her enormous dedication to making Highlands Ranch a better place to work and live.

With spring in full swing and summer just around the corner don't forget about all the fun and exciting upcoming events HRCA hosts right in your backyard including the Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market, every Sunday throughout the spring, summer and fall, the Cans Festival and the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks. Tickets for the 2024 Beer Fest go on sale Monday, May 6, the Summer Concert Series lineup is out now, and the 19th annual HRCA Car Show will be held on Saturday, June 1...to name a few.

For a full list of HRCA's 2024 summer events, please visit the HRCA events page on the website or scan the QR code.

HRCA continues year after year to strive to make Highlands Ranch a wonderful place to live. We appreciate all our residents and their ongoing efforts to make ours a top community within the state of Colorado.

My best,

Mike Bailey





CENTENNIAL WATER REBATES

Spring is here which means it's time to get outside and play. And by play, we mean put on those garden shoes, pull up those gloves and let's start planning your summer landscape.

Centennial Water and Sanitation District offers numerous rebate and incentive programs for customers to take advantage of while prepping your yard for the summer irrigation season. Whether you're making sure those sprinkler heads survived the winter, considering replacing turf with xeriscape, or replacing your old controller, make sure you visit Centennial Water's website at <u>centennialwater.org/</u> rebates to learn how you can save money on your spring landscape projects. The district is also rolling out three new incentives this spring. A soil test rebate, drip irrigation rebate, and one specifically for local landscapers who may be able to be reimbursed for green industry certifications (such as Certified Irrigation Technician, or Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor)

Centennial Water and HRCA work closely together to serve Highlands Ranch residents. Visit Centennial Water and HRCA's websites for a variety of resources for your summer projects.



COMMUNITY NEWS

ASSESSMENTS & COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT SERVICES

GETTING READY FOR IMPROVEMENTS

May is here and many Highlands Ranch homeowners are pruning, fertilizing, planting and planning for exterior improvements to their homes and property.

If you are considering an exterior improvement, remember that your project requires a submittal to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for review and approval. For your convenience, Home Improvement Forms are located on our website.





Be sure to refer to our community's Residential Improvement Guidelines (RIGs) before submititng your request. The RIGs will provide general design requirements and what documents are necessary to include with your submittal. Scan the QR code for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete submittals for projects can result in a **not** approved status. Therefore, please check that all your information is complete before submittal! If you have any questions, please contact HRCA's Covenants office

The Architecture Committee meets every first and third Wednesday of each month. Submittals are due by noon the preceding Friday to be considered for the following Wednesday meeting.

As the temperature increases, so does the number of submittals our office receives. Remember to give yourself ample time to have your improvement reviewed!



PAINT SEASON

The Community Improvement Services (CIS) department is already busy with submittals from residents who want to change the paint colors on their homes, or just give their current colors a refresh. Whether you are repainting with your existing colors, or if you have decided on a new color scheme, the improvement still needs to be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for approval.



The CIS department does not have a list of 'preapproved' colors for residents to reference, so if you are looking for something new, we recommend that you either submit the colors of your choice or drive around Highlands Ranch and collect two or three addresses of homes you like and contact our office. We'll research the information in our records for those addresses and give you that information.









OPENING SCHEDULE FOR HRCA OUTDOOR POOLS

The HRCA outdoor pools will open for the summer season Friday, May 24,

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

On Memorial Day pools will close at

Regular summer hours begin Tuesday, May 30. Visit HRCAonline.org/pools for more details.

SUMMER POOL HOURS

Northridge

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Southridge

Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Eastridge

11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Thursday Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday

Westridge

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday Sunday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ASSESSMENTS

9568 University Blvd. Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

303-471-8815

□ assessments@hrcaonline.org

HRCAonline.org/Assessments

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT SERVICES (CIS)

9568 University Blvd. Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

303-471-8821

□ covenant@hrcaonline.org

HRCAonline.org/Covenant

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUR HEALTH WITH UCHEALTH - ENHANCING ALLERGY AWARENESS FOR A HEALTHIER LIFE

Allergies can have a substantial impact on our daily lives, ranging from minor inconveniences to serious health issues. Join UCHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital for an informative webinar on allergy awareness where we will explore allergies, their triggers, effective management and strategies for a healthier life with these conditions.





- · Wednesday, May 1
- •6 7 p.m.
- · Registration is free, but required
- Zoom

BLOOD DRIVE

The HRCA and Vitalant are coming together in this time of need! Donating blood saves lives - we cannot express enough how important your donation will be. Call Vitalant at 303-363-2300 or sign up online at Donors.vitalant.org by using code 10002 or searching 80126.





- Thursday, May 9
- 9 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
- · Appointments encouraged, walk-ins welcome
- Northridge Recreation Center 8800 Broadway

CANS FESTIVAL

Join us for a canned cocktail tasting event. Enjoy a variety of ready-to-drink canned wines and cocktails. Perfect for savoring not only now, but also throughout the entire summer season. Secure your tickets now and enchant your taste buds with a fusion of refreshing beverages available in a can. Food trucks will be on site for additional purchase. Must be 21+ to attend this event.





- Friday, May 10
- 6 8:30 p.m.
- \$35
- Southridge Recreation Center 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.
- 4 | May 2024





COFFEE WITH A COP

The Highlands Ranch Community
Association is partnering with the Douglas
County Sheriff's Department to create
opportunities for informal conversations
and give residents and business owners
a chance to connect with officers in a
relaxed atmosphere. Each of these events
are free and great for all ages. Join us, no
registration necessary.

- Wednesday, May 15
- •5 7 p.m.
- Free
- Northridge Recreation Center 8800 Broadway





The Highlands Ranch Community Garage Sale Day is a great way to get everyone out, meet new neighbors, and have a fun day. It also doesn't hurt that those who participate make a little money and are able to clean out their home.

HRCA will create a digital Community
Garage Sale Day map. Each homeowner
will have their own garage sale at their own
home. If you'd like your home to be included
on the map, fill out the application and your
home address will be added to the map.

The final map will be live Saturday, May 11.

- Applications open: Monday, April 1
- Applications due: Thursday, May 16
- Map goes live: Saturday, May 11
- Sale: Saturday, May 18
- 8 a.m. 4 p.m. (times may vary)
- Free to list your address
- Highlands Ranch Neighborhoods

UPCOMING EVENTS

CULTURE ON THE GREEN: INTERNATIONAL YOUTH BALLET

Join us in welcoming the International Youth Ballet for a beautiful performance of Cinderella. This family-friendly event is perfect for aspiring dancers and lovers of the arts! Pack a picnic or purchase food from a food truck and treat yourself to free entertainment at Civic Green Park. Dogs and glass containers are not allowed.





- Friday, May 24
- 6:30 8 p.m.
- Free
- Civic Green Park 9370 Ridgeline Blvd.

LONE TREE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Summer Symphony Series returns in 2024! Musicians from the Lone Tree Symphony Orchestra present a two-part series you won't want to miss. The May performance will feature the enchanting Timberline Brass Quintet, who have been entertaining audiences in the Front Range for more than 25 years. They perform in a wide variety of musical





styles from Gabrieli to Gershwin, and Sousa to Scott Joplin. Stay tuned for further program details.

- Thursday, May 30
- 6:30 8 p.m.
- \$25
- Southridge Recreation Center 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Join us for the 24th annual Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association's Classic Car Show. A perfect weekend activity for the whole family! Grab lunch from a food truck and chat with the car owners, show off your classic car or just take a walk around and vote for your favorite. Make sure to cheer on the winners at the award ceremony! Don't miss the engine rev at 12 p.m., sharp.





- Saturday, June 1
- 10 a.m. 2 p.m.
- Free to attend
- Cherry Hills Community Church 3900 Grace Blvd.





HAPPY HOUR HALF K

Get ready to lace up your sneakers and join us for the most epic "race" of the year! It's the Happy Hour Half K! That isn't a typo - we're talking about a 1640-foot dash around Civic Green Park followed by live music. It's all in good fun and for a great cause - a portion of proceeds will benefit HRCA's Therapeutic Recreation program.

- Friday, June 15
- 6 8:30 p.m.
- \$35+ adults / \$20+ under 21
- Civic Green Park 9370 S Ridgeline Blvd.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, June 6:

Summer Concert Series: Nothing But Nineties

Sunday, June 9:

Adult Dance Recital

Thursday, June 13:

Summer Concert Series: Amanda V's Material Girl

Friday, June 14:

Happy Hour Half K

Thursday, June 20:

Summer Concert Series: Little Moses Jones

Friday, June 21:

Culture on the Green: Mudra Dance Studio

Saturday, June 22:

Highlands Ranch Beer Festival

Thursday, June 27:

Golf Tournament

Summer Concert Series:

Hand Turkey

FVFNTS

Check the website for the most current event information and to purchase tickets. All tickets are subject to service fees.

- ## HRCAonline.org/Events
- ## HRCAonline.org/Tickets

HRCA EVENT/WEATHER LINE

303-471-8888

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

SUMMER SEAHAWKS SWIM TEAM PRACTICE BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 3!

Register for the Summer Seahawks Swim Team, for children ages 6-18. Seahawks provides a competitive swim experience for all levels of swimmers. Seahawks are excited to join the CARA Swim program. Find out more on the swim team HRCA website.



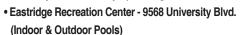


- Monday, June 3 Friday, July 26
- Northridge Recreation Center 8800 Broadway

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS

Don't miss out! Registration for our May - August group swim lessons is now open and classes are filling quickly. Sign up today to secure your spot!









SUMMER FUN FOR ADULTS

Summer fun doesn't have to be just about your kids! Find something that relaxes, inspires or even challenges you during these summer months. If you're interested in getting in touch with your inner artist, consider Watercolor, Drawing, Painting and Sculpture, Art Journaling, Modern Calligraphy, Zen Doodling and knitting. These classes can be a wonderful





place to gather with friends and make art. If dance is of interest to you, then try our adult Belly Dancing, Tap, or couples dances including Line Dancing and the New Millennium Cowboy Cha Cha. If getting your hands dirty sounds fun, then try one of our pottery hand building classes. Give something new a try this summer! For more information, please call 303-471-8853.

ADULT SEMINARS

HRCA is offering a variety of adult seminars this summer. Try our popular Will Seminar, on Wednesday, May 8, where registrants get the opportunity to create a notarized will, power of attorney, medical power of attorney and living will from an experienced estate planning attorney. Our Living Trust Seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 1. We also





have a Social Security 101 class on Tuesday, May 7. Join us to learn and grow this summer! For more information, please call 303-471-8818.





CAMP CENTRAL

This summer we are offering a variety of fun camps for children of all ages and interests. Our Art and Education camps are beginning to fill, so now is the time to get enrolled. Drawing, painting, jewelry making and more will be part of our summer art camps and a series of Robotics, Engineering and Science camps are sure to challenge and delight your child too. Popular camps like KidStage's Robin Hood are also great considerations for your family. From tumbling and gymnastics camps to drama camps, cooking camps to itty bitty kid camps, there is something for everyone! Be sure to check out our camps section in our Activity Guide or on our website and download our summer camps guide for your reference. For more information, please call 303-471-8853.





DIVE INTO FITNESS WITH AQUA CLASSES!

Dive into a refreshing workout experience with Aqua Fitness! Harnessing the buoyancy of water, this invigorating exercise routine combines cardiovascular conditioning with low-impact movements, perfect for all fitness levels. Whether you're aiming to tone muscles, improve flexibility, or simply enjoy a splash of fun, Aqua Fitness offers a refreshing twist on traditional workouts, leaving you feeling energized and rejuvenated. These classes are offered at Eastridge, Southridge, and Westridge locations. Check our website HRCAonline.org/fitness, scan the QR code or email Hannah Yeager at hannah.yeager@ hrcaonline.org with questions.

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

THE RECIPE FOR THRIVING KIDS IN THE BACKCOUNTRY **WILDERNESS AREA**

There's no lack of joy when kids play in the woods at Camp Backcountry, follow wildlife tracks at Wild Roots, and take their first trail ride at the Horse Corrals. But, it's not just happenstance that our local youth are thriving physically. mentally and socially when they spend time in wild places like the Backcountry Wilderness Area. Find out how time





in the outdoors impacts our kids from local experts. For the entire story, head to our blog Backcountry Field Notes at HRCAbackcountryblog.org.

THREE PROGRAMS TO TRY IN THE BACKCOUNTRY **WILDERNESS AREA THIS MONTH**

Sunshine and Storytime - Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 - 11 a.m.: Join us for a nature-themed storytime in the Backcountry Wilderness Area. Stories are different each week and will be themed based upon seasonal happenings. After the story, the Backyard will be open for nature play.





Discovery Day - Saturday, May 18, 1 - 4 p.m.: Discovery

Days at Backcountry Base Camp give kids the chance to discover the wonders of nature in the Backcountry Wilderness Area! This immersive program is the perfect entryway to enjoying the wild outdoors. Our Discovery Day will include fort building and forest play in a special area of the Backcountry Wilderness Area called Fort Wild! Groups will be split up by age.

Summer Kick-Off - Saturday, June 1, from 8:30 - 11 a.m.: Bring the whole family for a morning packed with excitement at our Summer Kickoff event. Enjoy doughnuts and coffee while the kids are entertained by our pony rides, bounce house, scavenger hunt, live animal presentation and more! Scan the QR code for more information.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS!

Summer is the time for kids to try something new, learn a new sport, make new friends, and have tons of summer fun! For kiddos between the ages of 7-13, HRCA has a four-day, summer tennis camp for them. These three-hour camps at Westridge and Southridge Recreation Centers run weekly from Tuesday, June 4 - Tuesday, July 30. Call the Tennis Desk



at 303-471-8996 or check out our website HRCAonline.org/Tennis for the full schedule. We can't wait to see your kid(s) on the court this summer.





YOUTH KICKBALL AND DODGEBALL LEAGUE

Join us in June and July for an exciting youth kickball and dodgeball league. Each month four afternoon sessions will be held for children to meet and play. This co-ed league is a great summer activity. Get your friends together and come out and play! Each player will receive a T-shirt for the monthly session. For more information, please contact Kodey Stauffer at kodey. stauffer@hrcaonline.org or 303-471-8838.





TR TAEKWONDO

This program is designed to help students improve balance, concentration, self-control and confidence.

- May 2 May 30 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- 3:50 4:30 p.m.
- •\$110/\$127
- Northridge Recreation Center 8800 Broadway





TR BASKETBALL

Learn the skills to play basketball, the rules of the game, and good sportsmanship, while meeting new friends and having fun.

- May 8 May 29 (Wednesdays)
- 5:15 6 p.m.
- \$95/\$109
- Southridge Recreation Center -4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

9568 University Boulevard, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126



FACILITY CLOSURES

April 29 - May 4 Southridge Recreation Center will be closed

for annual maintenance.

May 23 All pools close early for pre-season aquatic

orientation.

Recreation Centers Pool hours are May 27

7 a.m. - 5 p.m. for Memorial Day Holiday.

The HRCA Administration Offices at Eastridge are closed for Memorial Day observance.

Check the website for the most up-to-date closure information.

APRIL EVENTS

For event details, visit page 5 or HRCAonline.org.

Your Health with UCHealth -May 1

Enhancing Allergy Awareness for a Healthier Life

Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market May 5

May 6 Pottery Sale

Blood Drive May 9

Cans Festival May 10

Mother's Day 5K May 11

May 12 Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market

Board Working Session* May 13

Coffee with a Cop May 15

May 18 Community Garage Sale

Hooked on Fishing

Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market May 19

Delegate & Board Meeting* May 21

May 22 Winter Cultural Series: René Heredia

May 24 Culture on the Green: International Youth Ballet

Outdoor Pools Season Opening!

May 26 Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market

Lone Tree Symphony Orchestra Series May 30

* These meetings are open to our members.

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