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FACILITY CLOSURE

Each year the Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) takes time to close down and spruce up each of our four facilities in spring and summer to make sure that Highlands Ranch residents are enjoying safe, clean and updated recreation environments.

In April, both Westridge and Southridge will be closed for a week (Monday through Saturday) to undergo routine maintenance. Please refer below for a list of spring renovation projects and facility closures at these two locations. These closures are an excellent time to make the short drive to any of the other three recreation centers and explore each facility's unique amenities.



WESTRIDGE CLOSURE - MONDAY, APRIL 1 - SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- Pool ceiling repair work
- Pool House update
- Facility interior painting
- Kitchen remodel in the youth wing
- Carpet replacement
- Cycle Studio flooring replacement
- Turf lighting upgrade
- Cardio equipment upgrades
- Door replacements
- Deep cleaning of the entire facility
- Sidewalk and parking lot repairs
- Landscape improvements

SOUTHRIDGE CLOSURE - MONDAY, APRIL 29 - SATURDAY, MAY 4

- Pool ceiling repair work
- Facility interior painting
- Television replacements throughout the facility
- Pool filter media replacement
- Scoreboard replacement
- Pool mechanical upgrades
- Aquatic play feature update
- Continuation of work on the Southridge patio
- Sidewalk and parking lot repairs
- Deep cleaning of the entire facility
- Landscape improvements



COMMUNITY NEWS

MIKE BAILEY

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

"Sweet April showers do bring May flowers." - Thomas Tusser

Greetings Highlands Ranch Residents -

Now that winter is behind us and we're moving into warmer spring and summer months it's that time of year when our community is weeks away from being abuzz with summer events including its Highlands Ranch Beer Festival, Classic Car Show, Summer Concert Series, Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks, Tequila and Tacos, Blood Drive and Pioneer Days. Tickets for these events sell out quickly, so watch for event details, visit the HRCA website or scan the QR code for event updates and purchase tickets as soon as they go on sale.

To ease yourself into a summer flurry of events, don't forget that the Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market is just around the corner and runs every Sunday from April 7 through Sunday, October 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Town Center. HRCA and the Denver Farmers' Market will collaborate again to assemble local vendors offering goods to residents from spring through autumn. Offerings include specialty sauces, pasta, flowers, breads and fruits and vegetables sourced from farms across Colorado.

In other exciting news, the HRCA Therapeutic Recreation Program has been granted funds through the Douglas County Mill levy grant program since 2005. Many deserving organizations apply annually for this competitive grant, and this year HRCA was fortunate to receive the grant and support of Douglas County. The funds awarded are helping to provide scholarships for families in need and help with supply and staffing costs associated with the services provided through HRCA's Therapeutic Recreation Program.

Please don't forget that HRCA Board elections concluded on Tuesday, March 19. New Board Directors were announced during our March meeting and can be viewed on the website. Members are welcome to join us at one of our monthly Delegate and Board meetings to congratulate the new Board in person and find out more about how to get involved as a member.

Lastly, don't forget to fill out your delegate election ballots that arrived in your mailbox in mid-March. The election deadline is Friday, April 12, and the Annual Meeting of the Members is on Tuesday, April 16, at Southridge Recreation Center beginning at 6 p.m. At this meeting, all newly elected delegates in even-numbered and vacant districts will begin their two-year terms.

My best,

Mike Bailey



WE ARE HIRING

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The summer hiring season is upon us, and the Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) has several seasonal positions open. If you're looking for a fun and flexible working environment, we want to meet you! HRCA is always looking for hard-working, energetic people. Whether you're looking for full-time, part-time or seasonal work, we have something for you. As an HRCA employee you could enjoy benefits such as insurance, paid time off, access to the facilities and much more! Visit [HRCAonline.org/employment](https://www.hrcaonline.org/employment) for a list of current positions and **apply today!**



- Lifeguard-All Recreation Centers
- Swim Instructors
- Swim Coaches



- Wild Roots Early Childhood Education Teacher
- Nature Camp Counselor
- Equine Program Instructor
- Girls Of The Outdoor Camp Counselor
- Before Camp Counselor
- Horse Camp Counselor
- Horse Camp Lead Counselor
- Art Camp Counselor
- Wrangler



- Camp HRCA
- Preschool Teacher
- Dance Teacher

APPLY TODAY!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ASSESSMENTS & COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT SERVICES

BE A COURTEOUS NEIGHBOR

Highlands Ranch is a wonderful place to live with courtesy to your neighbors being a standard. The CIS department has been listening to residents requests and would like to remind everyone of a few items that are benefits to you, your neighbor and neighborhood.



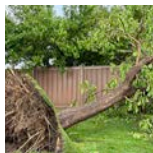
- Speed limits:** Be aware of the speed limit in all neighborhoods and particularly in school zones. Highlands Ranch is filled with children playing in yards, residents walking their dogs and working out. Be courteous to all and watch your speed!
- Parking:** Park in front of your own home, in your driveway whenever possible and utilize your garage. Do not park awkwardly in a cul-de-sacs and stay parked along the property lines.
- Trash cans:** Trash and/or recycling containers should not be placed on the street earlier than 7 p.m. the evening prior to the scheduled pick-up and removed by 7 p.m. the evening of pick-up. Trash containers must be stored out of view, either behind the fence line or in the garage.
- Backyards:** Take notice of what your neighbors can see from their yards. HRCA considers the maintenance of the rear yard equally as important as the front yard. Landscape maintenance, unsightly material and overall property maintenance are consistently required.
- Noise:** Highlands Ranch has a large population of senior citizens and families with small children who are in their 'sleep zone' sooner than some younger residents. Noise should be contained to a reasonable level after hours. Many residents work night shifts or may be up early with infants. Always keep your neighbors in mind and keep unnecessary noise to a minimum.
- Lighting:** Approval is required for new/replacement lights and lighting. Exterior lighting for security must be directed at the residents home or ground outside the house. The light source should not cause glare onto or into other properties.
- Basketball goals:** Everyone loves to watch their children shoot ball in their cul-de-sac or in the street. Portable basketball hoops should be moved out of the street or sidewalk area when not in use to prevent the blockage of public right of ways.

Always be considerate of your activities that may impact your neighbors or neighborhood.

CONTINUED TORNADO RECOVERY

It's hard to believe it has been eight months since Highlands Ranch experienced its first tornado. The CIS department would like to remind residents that if you still have required repairs, do not skip the step of submitting approval to the HRCA. A button is located on the website home page for convenience. To ensure a swift approval, please be sure that all of the required information for your project is attached to your form. If any information is missing, the project will be denied.

With the warmer weather and spring blooms appearing, now is a great time of year to tidy up any remaining tornado damage or debris. Make sure to schedule contractors sooner than later for the removal of dead branches/trees, root balls or remaining fence debris.



SAVE WITH XERISCAPING

Planning a landscape conversion for 2024? Centennial Water & Sanitation District will help put money back in your pocket. Centennial Water's turf replacement program encourages residential customers to convert water-thirsty plant materials, such as Kentucky bluegrass, into a water efficient landscape. Water efficient landscapes help conserve our most precious resource in the west while saving you money on your water bill.

A thoughtfully designed landscape is also proven to reduce cooling costs in the summer, and support Colorado's native pollinators like butterflies and bumblebees.

The average participant in their turf replacement program saves 32% on their total water usage during the summer, when compared to summer water usage for their previous bluegrass landscape. Many save even more.

Visit their website to learn more and submit your application today!



ASSESSMENTS

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

☎ 303-471-8815

✉ assessments@hrcaonline.org

🌐 [HRCAonline.org/Assessments](https://hrcaonline.org/Assessments)

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8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

☎ 303-471-8821

✉ covenant@hrcaonline.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUR HEALTH WITH UCHEALTH - A JOURNEY INTO BRAIN HEALTH AND DEMENTIA

Join UCHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital for a webinar exploring brain health, dementia and the challenges that accompany each. Whether you're a caregiver, healthcare professional, or curious individual, gain valuable insights to navigate these complex areas with confidence.

- **Wednesday, April 3**
- **6 - 7 p.m.**
- **Registration is free, but required**
- **Zoom**



HIGHLANDS RANCH FARMERS' MARKET

HRCA and the Denver Farmers' Market will collaborate again to assemble local vendors offering goods to Highlands Ranch residents throughout the summer. Items including specialty sauces, pasta, flowers, breads and more. Shop and enjoy the top bounty of fresh fruit and vegetables, sourced from Colorado farms. Join us for our first market of the season on April 7!

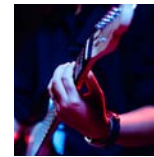
- **Sundays, April 7 - October 27**
- **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- **Free to attend**
- **Town Center - 9315 Dorchester St.**



VOLUNTEER FAIR

Discover your next volunteer opportunity at the Volunteer Fair! Whether your heart beats for environmental conservation, the vibrant world of the arts, or important social justice causes, this event provides a platform for nonprofit organizations and potential volunteers to meet. Join us in fostering community service in Highlands Ranch!

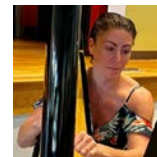
- **Tuesday, April 16**
- **4 - 7 p.m.**
- **Free and open to the public**
- **Southridge Recreation Center - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.**



CURTAIN CALL AT THE MANSION: "STRICTLY BLUES" WITH MICHAEL FRIEDMAN

Get ready for an unforgettable night of soul-stirring blues music at the historic Highlands Ranch Mansion. Join us as we welcome the incredibly talented artist, Michael Friedman performing *Strictly Blues!*

- **Thursday, April 18**
- **6:30 - 8 p.m.**
- **\$25**
- **Highlands Ranch Mansion -
9950 Gateway Dr.**



CHAMBER MUSIC: OUT OF SILENCE

The Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association is proud to present the Chamber Music Society of Greater Denver's program "Out of Silence." This performance offers a diverse selection of classical and contemporary pieces, including evocative compositions by Paul Ben-Haim and Ian Clarke, as well as iconic works like Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata." Traditional tunes such as "Danny Boy" add nostalgia, while Gabriel Fauré's haunting "Pavane" brings the program to a close.

- **Wednesday, April 24**
- **6 - 7:30 p.m.**
- **\$20**
- **Southridge Recreation Center -
4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

GAME SHOW NIGHT

Join us for a night of laughter and competition as host Rion Evans takes the stage to lead you through Game Show Night. Get ready to test your knowledge, luck and teamwork skills as we bring some of the all-time favorite TV game shows to life! Whether you're a trivia buff, a puzzle-solving master or just looking for a fun night out with friends and family, Game Show Night promises to deliver. Gather your team, sharpen your wits and get ready to play your way to victory! Join us for Game Show Night and let the games begin!



- **Friday, April 26**
- **6:30 - 8 p.m.**
- **\$25**
- **Southridge Recreation Center - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.**

BLOOD DRIVE

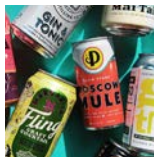
Join HRCRA and Vitalant in a critical mission to save lives! The need for blood donations is urgent, and your contributions can make a difference. Every donation counts, and together, we can provide hope and healing to those in desperate need. Sign up online at Donors.Vitalant.org using Blood Drive Code 10002.



- **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. Explore a variety of canned wines and cocktails perfect for savoring not only now but also throughout the entire summer season. Secure your tickets now and elevate your taste buds with a fusion of refreshing flavors. It is time to enjoy a "Can Do" attitude!



- **Friday, May 10**
- **6 - 8:30 p.m.**
- **\$35 (must be 21+ to attend)**
- **Southridge Recreation Center - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.**

MOTHER'S DAY 5K

Celebrate all mothers at the annual Highlands Ranch Mother's Day 5K! Register the entire family and make it a morning of activities for all to enjoy. Don't miss the post-race party filled with fun activities for the kids and an all you can eat pancake breakfast for all registered participants!



- **Saturday, May 11**
- **9 a.m.**
- **\$45+ adults, \$30+ 12 & under**
- **Cresthill Middle School - 9195 Cresthill Ln.**

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE DAY

(Literally) put your house on the map!

SAVE THE DATE!

We are pleased to announce a community-wide garage sale on Saturday, May 18! Start pricing your items today and make sure to scan the QR code to include your home on the virtual map. Each contributing household will sell outside of their home. After Saturday, May 11, scan the QR code to access the updated virtual map that will include a full list of participating homes. Happy shopping everyone!

- **Applications open:**
Monday, April 1
- **Applications due:**
Thursday, May 16
- **Map goes live:**
Saturday, May 11
- **Sale: Saturday, May 18**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monday, May 6:**
Pottery Sale
- Friday, May 10:**
Cans Festival
- Wednesday, May 15:**
Coffee with a Cop
- Saturday, May 18:**
Community Garage Sale
Hooked on Fishing
- Friday, May 24:**
Culture on the Green:
International Youth Ballet
- Thursday, May 30:**
Lone Tree Symphony Orchestra Series

EVENTS

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

HRCRAonline.org/Events

HRCRAonline.org/Tickets

HRCRA EVENT/WEATHER LINE

☎ 303-471-8888

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

SUMMER SEAHAWKS PARENT MEETING

Join us for the 2024 Summer Seahawks parent meeting and Swimmer Evaluation Day! For more information, please e-mail seahawksteam@hrcaonline.org or visit our website.

- **Saturday, April 13**

- Last Names A-L: 12:30 - 2 p.m.
- Last Names M-Z: 1:30 - 3 p.m.
- Open 3 - 3:30 p.m.

- **Northridge Recreation Center - 8800 Broadway**



ART IN APRIL

Consider enrolling in an art class this month! For the creative one, we are focusing on Springing forward!

- Modern Calligraphy:
Mondays | 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Zen Doodling:
Tuesdays | 1 - 2:30 p.m.
- Beginning Painting:
Wednesdays | 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Drawing 101:
Mondays | 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Knitting:
Thursdays | Times vary



If getting your hands a little dirty is of interest to you, consider one of our pottery classes for adults. Multiple levels of Hand Building and Wheel classes run on multiple days and times during the week to suit a variety of schedules. The Pottery studio is a wonderful community art space, and we are excited to welcome new students to the craft! Adult art and pottery classes fill quickly, so be sure to add yourself to the waitlist. We often open more spots or create new classes that meet your scheduling needs. So, grab a friend and try out one of these creative classes this month! For more information, please email Alecia Hindman at alecia.hindman@hrcaonline.org or visit our website.

JUMP, FLIP AND REACH FOR THE STARS!

With spring well under way, now is a wonderful time to introduce a new activity to your child or help them get back into one they might have left behind. We began a new session of gymnastics at our partner location in March, Active Athletics. These classes help your child with increased flexibility, improved motor skill development, improved concentration, developed attention and strength. Classes run at a variety of times throughout the week to meet busy family schedules. Join this community to be healthy, fit, and active. For more information, please email Heather Goetz-Zettl at hgoetz@hrcaonline.org.



YOUTH SWIM LESSONS

It's time to start planning for summer! Our May - August group swim lessons are now available for registration. Sign-up today to secure your spot!



CREATIVE KIDS

This month, as spring blooms, enroll your 18 months - 6 year old in one of our Creative Kids classes. For the itty bitty's, Toddler and Me classes will focus on all things spring.

- Parent tot class | Friday mornings
 - This is a great place to meet other moms.
- Sibling Rivalry class | Thursday afternoons
 - The theme is four leaf clovers and rainbows.
- Kreative Kids class | Tuesday mornings
 - A Dr. Seuss favorite, *Put me in the Zoo* and *Bugs and Insects* are some of what we share with our 3 - 5 year olds.
- 2 Times the Fun class | Monday mornings
 - The theme is farm animals.
- Stepping Stones | Thursday mornings
 - (a Preschool Prep class for children ages 2.5 - 3.5) the theme is plants and seeds.

These wonderful programs are taught by caring teachers out of our Westridge facility. For more information, please email Heather Goetz-Zettl at hgoetz@hrcaonline.org

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

CAMP BACKCOUNTRY: A SANDBOX FOR FUTURE LEADERS

When our Camp Backcountry kids grow up and head to high school, it's not time to leave Base Camp quite yet! Camp Backcountry offers a hands-on Leaders-in-Training program for students ages 14 - 17 who want to grow their skills in leadership, communication, planning, group management, and more. Our Leaders-in-Training become junior counselors who connect with mentors and get to build their resume while still getting the chance to build forts in the Backcountry Wilderness Area. For the full story, visit HRCABackcountryblog.org.



SMALL GROUP PERSONALIZED TRAINING!

Looking to elevate your fitness journey with personalized attention and the camaraderie of a small group? Our small group personal training sessions, designed for groups of three to five individuals, offer the perfect blend of individualized instruction and group motivation. Led by certified trainers, these sessions cater to your specific fitness goals including weight loss, strength building or general wellness. With focused guidance and support, you'll push past limitations and achieve results in a fun, supportive environment. Join us for an energizing and effective workout experience that maximizes your potential and fosters a sense of community among like-minded individuals. *Please note, that groups of three to five participants should be pre-assembled and should schedule a time to meet weekly with a trainer. For questions, please email Jesse Pleiman at jesse.pleiman@hrcaonline.org.



SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Are your kids itching to get back in the game? Are you looking to try out some individual sports? Want your kids to learn lifetime sports? HRCA has you covered! From basketball to volleyball, fencing to golf, we have a camp for you! All camps are taught by experienced instructors with extensive sports backgrounds. From a former fencing Olympic gold medalist to a high school basketball coach, we have it all! These camps are sure to keep your child entertained, socialized and having fun. For more information, please contact Patrick Gojan at patrick.gojan@hrcaonline.org or 303-471-8869.



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SPORTS SAMPLER

Ages 8-adult. Play a different sport each week. Learn new skills, make new friends. Have fun!

- Wednesday, April 3 - 24
- 5:15 - 6 p.m.
- \$55/\$63
- Southridge - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.



JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Junior Team Tennis emphasizes fun, fitness, and friends! The focus is on enjoying the exhilaration of exercise, as well as refining the skills that make tennis fun for players of all ages and levels of competition! HRCA is thrilled to provide the opportunity for kids to gather as a team, practice good sportsmanship, and learn valuable lessons that apply both on and off the court! Teams are grouped by age and level and practice twice weekly on Wednesday and Friday afternoons beginning on Wednesday, June 5. Both home and away matches are played on Mondays for seven weeks, beginning on Monday, June 10. Teams are being formed now. For more information, visit HRCAonline.org or call the Tennis Sports Desk at 303-471-8996.



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FACILITY CLOSURES

- April 1 - 6 Westridge Recreation Center will be closed for annual maintenance.
- April 16 Southridge basketball courts and track closed for Volunteer Fair.
- April 29 - May 4 Southridge Recreation Center will be closed for annual maintenance.

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

APRIL EVENTS

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

- April 3 Your Health with UCHealth - *A Journey into Brain Health and Dementia*
- April 7 Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market
- April 8 **Board Working Session***
- April 14 Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market
- April 16 Volunteer Fair
- April 16 **Delegate & Board Meeting***
- April 18 Curtain Call at the Mansion - *Strictly Blues with Michael Friedman*
- April 21 Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market
- April 24 Chamber Music
- April 26 Game Show Night
- April 28 Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market

** These meetings are open to our members.*

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