

HIGHLANDS RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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A Joyful Start to Learning at HRCA Preschool

HRCA PRESCHOOL LAUNCHES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Looking for a nurturing, engaging and enriching start to your child's educational journey? HRCA Preschool is now enrolling for the upcoming school year beginning Wednesday, September 3, and we invite you to discover why so many families trust us to help their children grow, learn and thrive.

At HRCA Preschool, we believe that learning should begin with joy, discovery, and creativity. Our Preschool and Pre-K programs are thoughtfully designed around a play-based curriculum, offering developmentally appropriate experiences that spark curiosity and encourage exploration. From building with blocks to painting, singing and storytelling, children gain vital physical, emotional, social and cognitive skills—all while having fun.

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A Message From The GM

Dear Highlands Ranch residents,

As we wrap up another summer at HRCA, it's clear the season was a success. From bustling HRCA staples like the well-attended Fourth of July celebrations, Beer Festival and the Summer Concert Series to inaugural events like Clear the Clutter, it was a season to remember. It was impressive to see our youth camps, swim lessons and sports programs at capacity while residents turned out in full force. Our support staff worked hard to deliver high-quality events and programs, and it showed.

Credit goes to the HRCA staff and volunteers who kept operations running smoothly. Whether they were coordinating logistics for events, supervising pool safety, or leading activities in our recreation centers, their professionalism and consistency made a noticeable impact.



Looking ahead, we're shifting into back-to-school mode. HRCA will continue to support the community with after-school programs, youth enrichment classes, athletics and family activities this fall. For families with preschool-age children, HRCA Preschool enrollment is now open. With a focus on early development through structured, play-based learning, our preschool team provides a reliable, high-quality option for local families.

To help you plan your fall schedule, the latest HRCA Activity Guide is available online. Inside, you'll find program schedules, registration info, and details on what's new.

We also encourage residents to review our budget overview. HRCA is committed to transparency and responsible management of funds. Your dues and fees directly support facility maintenance, staffing and continued program development. The budget summary outlines how those resources are allocated to keep our services effective and sustainable.



Thank you for being an engaged part of this community. With summer in the rearview mirror, we're focused on maintaining strong momentum this fall, and we look forward to seeing you around our facilities and at our events.

My best,
Mike Bailey



CEO/General Manager
Highlands Ranch
Community Association



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Our classrooms are alive with activity. Whether your child is exploring sensory bins, engaging in dramatic play, trying early handwriting, or working through puzzles, every moment is crafted to build confidence and lay the foundation for future academic success. And as a Universal Preschool Provider, HRCA helps make quality early education more accessible to all.

At HRCA, learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. Preschoolers enjoy a wide range of enrichment activities through our world-class recreation centers—swimming three days a week, yoga, pottery, and more, making every day an adventure in learning and movement.

Need full-day care? We've got you covered. Our Before- and After-School Enrichment program, available at Eastridge and Westridge, offers care from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., exclusively for HRCA Preschool and Pre-K students. Whether your family needs full-time care or a part-time schedule (like Monday, Wednesday, and Friday), we provide flexible options that support your routine, without compromising quality.

NOW ENROLLING CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 5

HRCA Preschool is more than just a place to learn—it's a place to belong, explore, and shine. Spaces are available for children aged 1 to 5 years, so whether your child is taking their first steps into a classroom or preparing for kindergarten, HRCA is here to support every milestone.

Let's give your child the joyful, confident start they deserve.

Another Successful Year on the Green

On Thursday, June 26, over 148 golf enthusiasts gathered for a beautiful day at the University of Denver Golf Club for the annual HRCA Golf Tournament, presented by Facilities Contracting.

This sold-out event raised more than \$20,000 in support of HRCA's three community-focused nonprofit initiatives:

- Backcountry Wilderness Area Fund
- Community Scholarship Fund
- Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association

Year after year, this tournament brings together residents and supporters from across Highlands Ranch to make a meaningful impact, all while enjoying a sport they love.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our sponsors, participants, volunteers, and staff. Your generosity and support are what make this event possible. We can't wait to see everyone back on the course next year!





Your Wellness Deserves a Spot on the Calendar

August marks a return to school and the start of new routines. With backpacks packed and pencils sharpened, it's easy to shift your focus to the kids and their schedules. But don't forget to prioritize your own health and wellness, too.

HRCA offers a wide variety of group fitness classes to keep you moving and motivated, ranging from high-intensity workouts like HIIT and cardio kickboxing to low-impact options such as aqua fitness, pilates, and yoga. With morning, evening, and weekend classes available, there's a class that works for most schedules.

Not into group workouts? Try personal training tailored to your fitness level, goals and availability. Our certified trainers are here to support and guide you every step of the way.

And remember, after-school fun isn't just for the kids. Explore adult sports leagues, dance programs and creative art workshops to stay active and connected as you transition from summer to fall.

FITNESS



Sunshine & Storytime Expands at Backcountry Wilderness Area

The Highlands Ranch Community Association's Backcountry Wilderness Area is expanding its beloved Sunshine & Storytime program to four weekly sessions, now reaching up to 90 families. This free outdoor event fosters early childhood development and nature exploration through themed storytelling and play. A special celebration with Douglas County Commissioners Abe Laydon and Kevin Van Winkle will be held on Wednesday, August 6, from 10:15–11:15 a.m. The expansion, made possible by a \$5,000 sponsorship, is projected to engage over 4,500 families in 2025.

Learn more at [HRCAonline.org](https://hrcaonline.org). Donations to the Backcountry Fund help sustain this program.



SUNSHINE & STORYTIME



Summer Nights: Enjoy the Glow, Not the Glare

There's nothing quite like a Colorado summer evening—cool air, patio conversations and the warm glow of outdoor lighting to set the mood. Whether you're stringing up café lights over your patio or adding a new sconce near the back door, thoughtful lighting can help make your outdoor spaces cozy and inviting. But it's important to remember that what feels "ambient" in your yard may come across as "over-the-top" to the neighbor next door.

We encourage outdoor enjoyment, but we also strive to preserve the nighttime character of our neighborhoods. That means keeping lighting subtle, shielded and neighbor-friendly. Decorative lighting—like bistro or café-style string lights—is allowed under certain conditions, especially when tastefully installed in rear patios or front porches that are part of the home's original structure. The key is to keep things warm (preferably 2200K), low-lumen (no brighter than 25W incandescent), and limited in size and scope.



As a reminder, café-style lights should be globe-shaped bulbs no larger than G40 (about the size of a ping pong ball), strung on a single dark-colored cord that blends in with your home's trim. They should be securely fastened (no zip ties, duct tape, or sagging wires), turned off by 11 p.m., and not strung between trees, fences, or freestanding poles along property lines. Color-changing bulbs, twinkling effects or motion sequences are all a no-go outside of the approved holiday season.



If your setup includes a front porch, note that café lighting is only allowed if the porch is a covered, usable space, with furniture suggesting it's used for gathering.

When in doubt, send us a photo of your proposal, and we'll help guide you through the approval process. The goal isn't to dim your summer fun—it's to help everyone enjoy their evenings without the intrusion of unnecessary brightness. After all, the best kind of neighborhood glow comes from laughter, not lumens.

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Fall Program Registration

Fall program registration is now open! Sign up today to secure your spot for September–December swim lesson and coached aquatics programs.



Now Hiring!

We're hiring coaches and instructors for fall programs! Swim instructors and coaches have flexible shifts. Previous competitive swim experience desired. Apply online today!



Try Masters Promo

Highlands Ranch Masters Swim Team is hosting Try Masters Monday, July 14 – Sunday, August 31, at Northridge. Receive two free trial classes when you join USMS anytime during the Try Masters event. Scan the QR code below for more information.

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Bison Update: Delayed Until 2026

If you've been counting down to the bison's big move into the Backcountry Wilderness Area this August, we've got an update: the release is now scheduled for late winter or early spring of 2026.

Why the delay? Like any major move, it comes down to timing, logistics and making sure everything is just right—for both the bison and the land they'll call home. While we'd love to welcome them sooner, fall and winter just aren't the best time for this kind of transition, and the team wants to ensure the release goes smoothly.

Think of it as a little more prep time before the bison settle into their expanded stomping grounds. And while we're all eager to see them roaming the Backcountry Wilderness Area, we—along with our partners Denver Mountain Parks and the Denver Conservation Alliance—know that getting it right is better than getting it rushed.

Stay tuned!



Three Things to Do in the Backcountry Wilderness Area this Month

Babies in the Backcountry: Babies in the Backcountry is a program crafted just for infants and their caregivers who are eager to embrace the great outdoors and connect with a community of like-minded nature lovers. Imagine spending quality time in the fresh air, making friends and bonding with your little one while giving them the gift of nature—there are so many benefits for even the tiniest adventurers!

Base Camp Exploration: Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays. This free, all-ages, open-hours program lets you explore, relax and connect with nature at your own pace. Enjoy a walk on the Discovery Trail, birdwatch with a coffee, picnic in The Backyard, visit animals at The Base Camp Farm, or let the kids play in open spaces. Optional guided hikes and special programs are also available—some require registration, others are drop-in.

Pony Rides: Hand-led pony rides are available for the young horse enthusiast! Walk along with your child as they enjoy the ride.



THINGS TO DO

Babysitting Class with WestCPR (Ages 11-18)

Learn guidelines for working with parents and their children to make the time safe and fun. Learn how to create your own babysitting business, what to do in an emergency and how to keep the kids entertained. This is a hands-on class where you will learn and practice everything from baby diapering and feeding to basic child/infant first aid, choking protocols and CPR.



Pottery Sale

Come find a unique gift or a special piece for yourself at this tri-annual pottery sale. These pieces are created by our HRCA pottery students. Items are on display in the Great Hall at Southridge Recreation Center.

Date: Monday, August 25

Time: 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Location: Southridge Recreation Center,
4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Details: Free to attend

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SALE



Chessmates Camps (Ages 6-11)

Chess Camp welcomes all skill levels, including kids who have never played and those who already know the basics. It's a great opportunity to learn, grow and have fun.

Kids learn the basics of chess, play games, win prizes, and build skills like problem-solving and sportsmanship. Camp ends with a fun tournament to show off everything they've learned!



Art Specialty Classes For Adults

Explore the calming art of Knitting, unleash your imagination with Zen Doodle, refine your penmanship in Modern Calligraphy, or express yourself with Abstract Watercolors. Each class is taught by experienced instructors who are passionate about their craft and committed to creating a welcoming environment.

Spots are limited – register today and discover your next favorite hobby!

CHESSMATES



ARTS



Summer Sunset Concert



The Petty Nicks Experience is coming to Highlands Ranch! Hear your favorite songs from Tom Petty and Stevie Nicks plus other sounds of the 70s and 80s. Pack a picnic or purchase dinner from a food truck, bring a blanket and relax, or spend the night up front on the dance floor. **Reminder:** No glass or dogs in the park and no strollers or wagons on the grass, please.

Date: Friday, August 22

Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Location: Civic Green Park – 9370 Ridgeline Blvd.

Details: Free to attend

Summer Concert Series - Rescheduled

Join us for the rescheduled Summer Concert Series' first performance featuring Iron Prophecy. Iron Prophecy pays tribute to Reggae legend Bob Marley with performances dedicated to his timeless music and message of love, unity and resistance. Bring your friends, family and a blanket for an evening of great music and community spirit.

Date: Saturday, August 23

Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Location: Highland Heritage Regional Park, 9651 S Quebec St.

Details: Free to attend



Doggie Splash



Bring your pup to a fun-filled swim day with fellow furry friends! This event is for social, well-behaved dogs (6 months and older) and space is limited—tickets required for each dog. Owners must stay with their pets, and all dogs must be up to date on vaccinations. Plus, don't miss the chance to explore pet-friendly vendors onsite with treats, products and more for both you and your pup.

Date: Saturday, September 6

Time: Multiple time slots

Location: Westridge (Outdoor Pool), 8650 Foothills Canyon Blvd

Details: \$15 per pup



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Dueling Pianos

Join us for a night of music, comedy and high-energy entertainment at Dueling Pianos. Two talented pianists will battle it out on stage, blending musical mastery with quick wit in a performance that's as funny as it is impressive. Recommended for ages 18+. Cash bar available, must be 21+ to drink.

Date: Friday, September 19

Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Location: Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Details: \$30

Fall Craft Show



Celebrate the changing season at our Fall Craft Fair where the cooling autumn air meets cozy charm! Browse handcrafted goods, autumn-inspired décor, and locally made treats that highlight the fall harvest.

Date: Saturday, September 13

Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Eastridge, 9568 University Blvd.

Details: Free to attend

EVENTS



Final Month of Free Yoga in the Park

Don't miss the last month of our Free Yoga in the Park series, in partnership with Metro District! Join us every Saturday morning for all-levels of yoga, led by certified instructors. It's the perfect way to stretch, breathe and soak up summer while it lasts.

Just bring your mat, water and sunscreen—and arrive a few minutes early to sign a waiver (minors need a parent/guardian). See you on the grass!

Date: Saturdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 8 – 9 a.m.

Location: Civic Green Park, 9370 Ridgeline Blvd.

Details: Free to attend (Ages 13+)



Fitness Expo



Join us for the 4th Annual HRCA Fitness Expo—a day of movement, motivation and community! Try up to four class demos like yoga, cycling, or circuit training, chat with certified trainers and get a free body composition scan.

Explore local health vendors, grab a snack and get inspired.

Date: Saturday, November 1

Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Westridge, 9650 Foothills Canyon Blvd.

Registration includes:

- Up to four class demos
- Free body scan
- Complimentary snack
- More surprises!

Feel the Rhythm with Zumba

Ditch the workout and join the party! Zumba is a high-energy dance fitness class set to infectious Latin and international beats. It's fun, easy to follow, and perfect for all fitness levels. Come sweat, smile and shake your stress away—no dance experience needed!





Fall Pickleball League Registrations

Registration is now open for the final outdoor pickleball season of the year in Highlands Ranch! We're offering mixed, women's, and men's divisions, and the Fall league will wrap up with an exciting end-of-season tournament. To meet the growing demand for lessons, we've added another Pickleball Professional (Brian Crawley) to our team. Both indoor and outdoor lessons are available. Scan the QR code below to sign up. We'd love to see you on the courts!

PICKLEBALL



Soccer Shots at HRCA

Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. Our caring team positively impacts children's lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, curriculum and communication. Our coaches are the best-trained in the business. Our expert-approved curriculum is age-appropriate and aligns with childhood education standards. In addition, we provide exceptional customer service and ongoing communication with parents.



SOCCER
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Sports Sampler



Sample a variety of sports in one fun-filled program! Sports offer a great way to stay active while building important skills like teamwork and sportsmanship. Quadruple the fun with a mix of exciting activities! You might try unique sports such as tee-ball, kickball, broomball, frisbee and more. Each day will spotlight a different sport, giving everyone a chance to learn and play something new.

Date: Wednesday, August 6 – 27

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Southridge (Gym),
4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Details: \$55 members/\$63 guest

Therapeutic Recreation Thrilling Thursdays

Participants with disabilities ages 16 & older are invited to enjoy three hours of friendship, fun, and engaging activities each week! Participants take part in three different activities every Thursday. Monthly registration includes a rotating mix of gym sports, arts and crafts, cooking, fitness classes, card, board games and more.

Date: Thursdays, August 7 – 28

Time: 12:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

Details: \$165 members/\$190 guest



Therapeutic Recreation Yoga



Unwind and recharge at the end of your Monday with yoga among friends. This set of calming classes includes breathwork, relaxation techniques, and poses designed to improve balance, flexibility and strength. Adults and children ages 5 and up of all abilities are welcome to join.

Date: Mondays, August 4 – 25

Time: 5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

Location: Westridge, 9650 Foothills Canyon Blvd.

Details: \$98 members/\$106 guest



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Events

Sundays through October 26:
Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market

Saturday, August 2:
Free Yoga in the Park
Backcountry Outdoor Movie Series – *The Sandlot*
Splash Mash Dash Kids Triathlon

Wednesday, August 6:
MTB Series

Thursday, August 7:
Global Sessions – *Evening with Miguel Espinoza Fusion*

Saturday, August 9:
Free Yoga in the Park

Saturday, August 16:
Free Yoga in the Park

Tuesday, August 19:
Delegate & Board Meeting

Friday, August 22:
Summer Sunset Concert –
The Petty Nicks Experience

Saturday, August 23:
Free Yoga in the Park
Summer Concert Series – *Iron Prophecy*

Saturday, August 30:
Free Yoga in the Park

Facility Closures

Saturday, August 2:
Eastridge Outdoor Pool Closed until 11 a.m.

Monday, August 11 – Sunday, August 17:
Northridge Closed for Annual Maintenance

Monday, August 25 – Sunday, August 31:
Eastridge closed for Annual Maintenance

Monday, May 12 – Friday, September 5:
Westridge Renovation – Please check the website
for the most up-to-date information.

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