

# HIGHLANDS RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

## 2025 Events

Join us in 2025 as the Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) brings our vibrant community together for an exciting year of familiar, new and more robust events! We're excited to introduce the inaugural Clear the Clutter: Highlands Ranch Cleanup & Recycle Rally on Saturday, June 21—an exclusive opportunity for HRCA members to declutter their homes, garages, sheds and yards. HRCA members can take advantage of multiple drop sites throughout the community to responsibly dispose of waste, upcycle usable items and recycle materials. Stations will be available for composting, recycling and donations—helping to create a cleaner, greener clutter-free community! This event will be a great way to meet your neighbors, contribute to the community and make a lasting impact. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the event.

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## 2025 Events

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Don't forget to also mark your calendars for these signature events throughout the year:

- Spring Bazaar: March 1
- Easter Egg Hunt: April 19
- Tequila and Tacos: May 3
- Beer Festival: May 31
- Clear the Clutter: *Highlands Ranch Cleanup & Recycle Rally*: June 21
- Fourth of July Festivities: July 4
- Fall Craft Show: September 13
- Oktoberfest: September 27
- Oaked and Smoked: October 11
- Holiday Gift Fair: November 15
- Hometown Holiday: December 5
- Holiday Wine Tasting: December 13

Stay up to date on our upcoming events at [HRCOnline.org/Events](https://HRCOnline.org/Events), on our social media platforms or sign up for HRCA eblasts today! We look forward to seeing you in 2025!



## Contacts

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# A Message From The GM

Dear Highlands Ranch residents,

As spring approaches, the Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) is gearing up for another vibrant season of community engagement, recreation and home improvement opportunities. With longer days and warmer temperatures on the horizon, we're excited to bring residents together through events, elections and initiatives that enhance our community.

Some of my favorite events of the year are just around the corner, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to use the HRCA newsletter to inform and connect with our residents.

## Board of Directors Election

A very important time of the year is HRCA's Board of Directors and Delegate election. HRCA is governed by a dedicated five-member volunteer Board of Directors who establish policies to preserve property values and foster an exceptional quality of life. The 2025 Board Election results will be announced on Tuesday, March 25, at the Annual Meeting of the Delegates. This year, two three-year term seats are open for election.

I encourage you to learn more about the voting process and to reach out to your Delegate district representative with any questions. For more information, scan the QR code below.

## Spring Home Improvement & Architectural Guidelines

Spring is the perfect time for home improvement projects. If you are considering any exterior renovations, please remember that most changes require approval from the HRCA Architectural Committee. Our Community Improvement Services (CIS) department

experiences a high volume of submissions this time of year, so be sure to submit your requests early to avoid delays. Applications can be submitted online, and our team is available to assist you through the process.

## Upcoming Events:

With spring in full swing, we invite you to take part in two upcoming community events:

### St. Patrick's Day 5K – Saturday, March 15

Show your Irish spirit in this fun 3.1-mile run/walk, complete with a free pancake breakfast and the chance to find the golden kettlebell for a \$100 prize! For those 21+, post-race beers will be available, along with entertainment for all.

### Tots & Tunes – Wednesday, March 19

Tots & Tunes is an inaugural HRCA event. A fun and engaging music program designed for young children and their families to enjoy together. Join us for live music, interactive activities and plenty of opportunities to mix, mingle and make memories. Perfect for little ones who love to sing, dance and explore the joy of music in a welcoming family-friendly environment.

Highlands Ranch thrives because of its residents and your engagement makes this community special. With nearly 90 HRCA-hosted events annually, there's always something to look forward to. Thank you for being an active part of our community, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

My best,



**Mike Bailey**  
HRCA General Manager

VOTING  
INFORMATION



CIS  
APPLICATION





# Wildfire Preparedness: Protecting Your Home & Community

Preparation is key to minimizing the devastation wildfires can cause. In Colorado, the December 2021 Marshall Fire destroyed 1,084 homes in Louisville and Superior. In California, wildfire destruction remains so vast that the total number of structures lost is still being assessed. Both fires were driven by extreme winds, dry conditions and abundant fuel sources.

## Why Mitigation Matters

Homeowners play a critical role in wildfire prevention. Water systems across the U.S., including in Highlands Ranch, are not designed to combat large-scale wildfire events. Our community has 3,500 fire hydrants, but water infrastructure is built to support single-structure fires, not sustained wildfires like those in Louisville and Los Angeles.

To reduce wildfire risk, Highlands Ranch Community Association, Highlands Ranch Water, Highlands Ranch Metro District, Douglas County and South Metro Fire Rescue have joined forces to enhance wildfire education, outreach and mitigation efforts.

## Simple Steps to Protect Your Property

Taking proactive steps can help safeguard your home:

Regularly remove dead trees, leaves and needles from decks, roofs and gutters. Move flammable materials away from your home's exterior. Keep grass trimmed to no more than four inches. Remove junipers within 30 feet of any structure. Create an evacuation and communication plan for your family.

## Stay Informed with CodeRED Alerts

All community partners urge residents to sign up for CodeRED emergency alerts. If you have a cell phone, ensure you receive critical notifications via phone, email and text. For more information on CodeRED, scan the QR code below.

By taking these steps, we can all work together to protect our homes and our community. Stay prepared, stay informed and stay safe!



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Make sure your  
family gets the  
notification

Sign up every phone line in your household  
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[douglas.co.us](https://douglas.co.us)



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## Supporting Highlands Ranch High School Seniors

Established in 2003, the Highlands Ranch Community Scholarship Fund (HRCSF) is a 501(c)(3) organization. Now in its 22nd year, the fund provides postsecondary education scholarships to Highlands Ranch students who have demonstrated well-rounded participation in their school or community through volunteerism and service hours.

Prior to last year, 20 scholarships were awarded annually. Starting in 2024, the HRCA Board of Directors approved five additional scholarship awards for a total of 25 scholarships at \$2,500 each.

All scholarship awards are granted on an equal opportunity basis, and we encourage all Highlands Ranch seniors to apply today.

Scholarship applications are currently being accepted and must be received or postmarked no later than Friday, March 7.

Scan the QR code below for more information.



## HRCA Job Fair

Hello future HRCA employees,

The Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) is thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Job Fair!

Are you searching for a unique role, a vibrant work environment and opportunities for growth? HRCA could be the perfect fit for you! We're always on the lookout for motivated, energetic individuals to join our team.

Whether you're seeking full-time, part-time or seasonal work, we have a variety of positions available. As an HRCA employee, you'll enjoy great benefits such as health, vision and dental insurance, paid time off, access to our facilities and much more!

Listed are a few departments that are hiring:

- Aquatics
- Arts/Education
- Backcountry Wilderness Area
- Facilities
- Sports

To view current job openings, visit [HRCAonline.org/employment](https://hrcaonline.org/employment), or stop by the HRCA Job Fair to explore your options in person.

**Know Before You Go:** If you're interested in interviewing with a hiring manager at the Job Fair, please apply online ahead of time. Be sure to note "JOB FAIR" in response to question five on your application so we know you'll be attending. On-site laptops will be available for completing applications if needed.

We can't wait to meet you and discuss your future career with HRCA!

**Date:** Saturday, April 5

**Time:** 9 - 11 a.m.

**Location:** Northridge - 8800 Broadway

HRCSF



HRCA JOBS



# Spring into Compliance: Seasonal Maintenance Tips and Community Pride

As the days grow longer and the first signs of spring begin to emerge, it's the perfect time to refresh your home and property. Maintaining the beauty of our community requires teamwork, and adherence to the covenants ensures our neighborhoods remain vibrant and welcoming.

## Seasonal Maintenance Reminders

Spring is an ideal season to tackle outdoor projects and prepare for warmer months ahead.

Homeowners are encouraged to:

- **Tidy up landscaping:** Prune trees and shrubs, clean flower beds and refresh mulch to ensure your yard looks its best.
- **Check for winter wear and tear:** Inspect siding, fences, and other exterior features for damage and make necessary repairs.
- **Clear Seasonal Decorations:** By now, winter holiday lights and decorations should be stored away to keep properties neat and covenant-compliant.

## Common Spring Covenant Concerns

Spring often brings a few common covenant challenges.

Here's how to stay ahead:

- **Lawn care:** Ensure your lawn is mowed, edged and free of weeds. Neglected lawns can detract from the community's overall appearance.
- **Outdoor storage:** Keep items like tools, equipment and trash bins stored out of sight when not in use. This small effort makes a big difference in maintaining a tidy streetscape.



- **Unapproved modifications:** If you're planning exterior changes, remember to submit an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) application before starting any project. This helps protect your investment and ensures changes align with community standards.

## Clear the Clutter: Highlands Ranch Cleanup & Recycle Rally:

Let's work together to make this season one of renewal and pride! This year, HRCA is encouraging homeowners to take part in a neighborhood-wide cleanup effort (see cover page).

Use this opportunity to:

- Declutter and donate unused items.
- Responsibly dispose of large or unwanted items.
- Share resources with neighbors, such as contractor recommendations or bulk trash pickup schedules.

Keeping our neighborhoods well-maintained benefits everyone by enhancing curb appeal and preserving property values. Thank you for doing your part to make HRCA a place we're all proud to call home.

Scan the QR code below for more information.

## EASTER SERVICES

at Grace Presbyterian Church

7900 Hope Pl, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80125

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[childrenscolorado.org/HRCA](http://childrenscolorado.org/HRCA)



## Meet your Seahawks Summer Swim Team Head Coach

The HRCA Seahawks Summer Team is excited to welcome back Coach Joel as Head Coach for his third summer with HRCA. He also works with the Seahawks year-round.

Coach Joel helps swimmers reach their full potential by refining technique, building endurance through effective workouts and fostering a fun, supportive environment. Whether a swimmer is new to summer swim or a competitive athlete maintaining skills in the off-season, Coach Joel will help guide them.

New swimmers should schedule an evaluation and meet the coaching staff to learn more about the Seahawks program. Let's go, Seahawks!

For more information scan the QR code below.

**Date: Monday, June 2 - Saturday, July 26**

**Location: Northridge, 8800 Broadway**





## Spring Programs for Little Sprouts

Spring is on the horizon, and it's the perfect time for our littlest adventurers (ages 0–6) to explore nature with us!

- **Sunshine & Storytime:** Enjoy a free, guided program at Base Camp, happening three mornings each week.
- **Crafty Critters:** Get creative with nature-inspired crafts.
- **Wild Things:** Hang out with our barnyard animals and explore Base Camp.

Looking to connect with other families? Join our Seedlings Playgroup, starting Tuesday, March 25, for seasonal, guided play and a sense of community.

Wild Roots Summer Registration is open now for two-week, half-day sessions. Tours and enrollment for the Wild Roots school year program are also available.

For more information scan the QR code below.



## Try These Experiences in the Backcountry Wilderness Area in March:

- **Elk Auction** (Tuesday, March 4 – Thursday, March 6):  
Win an opportunity to hunt in the Backcountry Wilderness Area and raise funds for local conservation.
- **Spring Break Camp** (Monday, March 17 – Friday, March 21):  
When the school doors close, the gates of Camp Backcountry open for Nature and Horse camps.
- **Horse Clubs** (Starts Monday, March 24):  
Our after-school Horse Clubs offer hands-on experiences with horse care, riding skills and a supportive setting with others who love horses.



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## Introducing Piano Pals

Piano lessons often come with a negative reputation—strict instructors, repetitive drills, and intimidating recitals have discouraged many children from experiencing the joy of music. Piano Pals is changing that narrative. Our engaging, social lessons make practice enjoyable and progress exciting, ensuring that your child not only learns to play but also builds friendships along the way.

In just eight weeks, students go from their first notes to their first performance. We instill confidence to play proudly, the discipline to persevere and the joy of making music.

Stay tuned for our fun and exciting summer camps coming in June!



## Experience Timeless Art

Macrame and encaustic art blend timeless artistry with contemporary craftsmanship. Macrame's intricate knots and textures introduce a touch of bohemian elegance, while encaustic painting—crafted with vibrant, molten wax—creates richly layered, one-of-a-kind works of art. Together, these mediums form a captivating fusion of tactile beauty and striking color, making them perfect for enhancing any space or collection. Experience the artistry of handcrafted elegance with macrame and encaustics today.

ARTS



EDUCATION





## Chamber Music: A Celebration of Celtic Culture



Join the Chamber Music Society of Greater Denver for an evening of flutes, harp and piano. This intimate chamber music performance captures spring's freshness with selections inspired by its beauty, Celtic composers and St. Patrick's Day. Experience the rich tradition of small-ensemble collaboration in at this vibrant program.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 5

**Time:** 6:30 – 8 p.m.

**Location:** Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

**Details:** \$20

## Tots & Tunes

Tots & Tunes is a dynamic music program designed for young children and families. Enjoy a live performance, interactive activities and a warm, family-friendly atmosphere. This year's lineup features award-winning musicians Farmer Dave and Animal Farm, who combine music, movement and educational comedy to create a fun and engaging experience.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 19

**Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m.

**Location:** Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

**Details:** \$2 per attendee



## Game Show Night



Join us for Game Show Night at HRCA! Hosted by Rion Evans, this exciting event brings your favorite TV game shows—Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy and Press Your Luck—to life for a chance to win prizes. Questions are designed for ages 15+ but remain appropriate for younger attendees. A cash bar is available for guests 21+ (IDs required). Don't miss a night of fun, competition and great entertainment!

**Date:** Thursday, March 27

**Time:** 7 – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

**Details:** \$15





## Your Health with UCHealth: Integrative Medicine

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Unlock the potential of holistic health at our upcoming integrative medicine webinar presented by UCHealth! Explore how combining conventional and complementary approaches can enhance your well-being and address a variety of health concerns. Join and learn how to achieve overall health.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 2

**Time:** 6 – 6:45 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

**Details:** Free to attend

## Farmers' Market

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Discover the best of Colorado's harvest at the Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market! Join us every Sunday to shop for fresh, locally sourced produce and artisanal goods. Meet the farmers behind the harvest, enjoy delicious food and support local agriculture. Whether you're stocking up on essentials or simply browsing, experience farm-to-table freshness at Highlands Ranch Town Center.

**Date:** Sundays, April 6 – October 26

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Location:** Town Center, 9315 Dorchester St.

**Details:** Free to attend



## Superheroes Unite

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Join Superheroes Unite! for an action-packed morning of snacks, fun and superhero training. Kids can meet their favorite heroes, take photos and feel like part of the team. Dressing up is encouraged—whether they're Batman, Wonder Woman or Spider-Man, they can show off their heroic style!

**Date:** Saturday, April 12

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

**Details:** \$17



## 2025: The Year of Strength

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Strength training classes offer a supportive, dynamic environment to build muscle, endurance and overall strength. Expert instructors guide varied exercises targeting major muscle groups. The group setting boosts motivation and community, while regular attendance improves posture, metabolism, and functional fitness—making everyday tasks easier. Stay committed and have fun!

For more information scan the QR code below.

## Indoor Cycle: Where the weather is great all the time!

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Indoor cycle classes keep you strong and energized all winter. Enjoy high-intensity cardio with low-impact benefits in a warm, motivating environment. Upbeat music and expert guidance boost endurance and stamina, helping you stay active, maintain strength and beat the winter blues while sticking to your fitness goals!

For more information scan the QR code below.



## Small Group Training: Big Impact

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Small group training (3–5 people) offers personalized workouts with a supportive community. Get expert guidance while enjoying group motivation. Whether focusing on strength, cardio or mobility, sessions are tailored to your pace. Stay accountable, push your limits and reach your goals faster!

\*Must come with a pre-assembled group.

For more information scan the QR code below.





## Colorado Basketball Academy



HRCA partners with the Colorado Basketball Academy (CBA) to offer year-round, high-quality basketball development programs tailored to each child's skill level. These six-week sessions focus on individual and specialized player development, including ball handling, agility, coordination, shooting and in-game skills. Led by longtime HRCA coach Doug Maier, CBA classes provide expert instruction in a structured and supportive environment.

For more information scan the QR code below.

## Adult Racquetball League

The HRCA Adult 18+ Racquetball Leagues at Northridge offer a dynamic and competitive environment for players of all skill levels. Whether you're a beginner or experienced player, these year-round leagues provide opportunities to enhance your game, stay active and connect with fellow racquetball enthusiasts in a supportive and engaging setting.

For more information scan the QR code below.



## USTA Leagues



We are pleased to announce that USTA leagues are in full swing at HRCA, with over 13 leagues currently underway. Our team-based registration offers a fantastic opportunity to participate in these exciting and competitive leagues. To register your team or learn more, please contact Heather Harmon, our Tennis/Pickleball Coordinator.

For more information scan the QR code below.

CBA  
CLINICS



RACQUETBALL



TENNIS





## Special Olympics Swim Team



Dive into Friday night swimming, where participants can enhance water safety, improve stroke proficiency and enjoy a dynamic recreational experience. This program also offers the opportunity to compete in the area Special Olympics swim meet. Open to individuals ages 8 and older with physician approval and an Individualized Support Plan (ISP).

**Date:** Friday, March 28 – Friday, May 30

**Time:** 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Eastridge (Lap pool),  
9568 University Blvd.

**Details:** \$150/\$173

## Sports Sampler

Explore a variety of sports in a fun and engaging environment! This program introduces participants to unique activities such as Tee-Ball, Kickball, Broomball, Frisbee and more, fostering sportsmanship and skill development. Each session focuses on a different sport, providing a dynamic and well-rounded experience. Join the fun!

**Date:** Wednesdays, March 5 – March 26

**Time:** 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

**Details:** \$55/\$63

## Spring Break Sports Camp



Join us for Spring Break Sports Camp, where participants will enjoy three different sports each day! This camp emphasizes friendly competition, teamwork and good sportsmanship in a fun and engaging environment. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to stay active and develop new skills over spring break!

**Date:** Tuesday, March 18 and  
Thursday, March 20

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

**Details:** \$65/\$75



# Community Partners

HRCA continuously strives to enhance property values and quality of life through recreation, community events and leadership. In line with our commitment to fostering stronger connections within our community, we would be delighted to partner with you in making your business successful.

If you are interested in learning more, please scan the QR code at the bottom of the page and begin partnering with us today!



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# Events

**Saturday, March 1:**  
Spring Bazaar

**Wednesday, March 5:**  
Chamber Music: A Celebration of Celtic Culture

**Monday, March 10:**  
Board Working Session

**Tuesday, March 11:**  
Vivos Sleep Studies: Transforming Sleep Apnea  
Treatment Webinar (Zoom, free to attend)

**Saturday, March 15:**  
St. Patrick's Day 5K

**Wednesday, March 19:**  
Tots & Tunes

**Tuesday, March 25:**  
Delegate & Board Meeting

**Thursday, March 27:**  
Game Show Night

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# Facility Closures

**Friday, February 28 – Saturday, March 1:**  
The Eastridge basketball courts and track  
are closed

**Monday, March 31 – Saturday, April 5:**  
Southridge Recreation Center is closed for  
annual maintenance

*Check the website for the most up-to-date closure  
information. For event details, visit [HRCAonline.org](https://www.HRCAonline.org).*



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