INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

Summer is in full swing here in Highlands Ranch and we are excited to come together once again for our signature July 4th celebration! We look forward to celebrating with you all day long!

The schedule for the day is as follows:

**Independence Day 5K**

Kick off your 4th of July with a family-friendly and festive 5K. This fun run/walk begins at 7:30 a.m. at Town Center South, and is perfect for first-time 5K participants, elite runners, kids, parents with strollers, and everyone in between - even your furry friend!

Thank you to all our race sponsor’s for sponsoring our Independence Day 5K!

After the race, head over to Highlands Ranch Parkway to catch the annual HRCA Independence Day Parade. For more information or to register for this annual Highlands Ranch tradition, visit HRRaceSeries.org.

**Independence Day Parade**

This year HRCA is pleased to partner with the Highlands Ranch Metro District to bring our community a memorable Family Bike and Pet Parade, Community Parade, and Fireworks Show. The Independence Day Parade will be held Tuesday, July 4, at 9:00 a.m., will begin at Hepburn St. and run along Highlands Ranch Pkwy. to Ridgeline Blvd. The annual parade brings the community together to celebrate and honor our country. At 8:45 a.m., the Family Bike and Pet Parade will take place, and we encourage families to dress-up (including their pets and bikes) and show their U.S.A. pride. This patriotic mini-parade is intended for children ages 2-12 years. Pre-registration is not required for the Family Pet and Bike Parade, and you can begin lining up at 8:30 a.m. at the intersection of Max Donahue Lane and Hepburn St.

People will line the streets to enjoy the Community Parade beginning at 9:00 a.m. While there might be some goodies distributed during the parade, we encourage everyone to stay along the curb and out of the street to create the safest environment possible. To participate in the parade, please visit HRCAonline.org/July4.

Thank you to Children's Hospital Highlands Ranch for sponsoring our Community Parade!

**Independence Day Fireworks Show**

Highland Heritage Park is home to HRCA's famous Fireworks Show! The fireworks display begins at approximately 9:30 p.m. (weather and fire ban permitting). Bring your blanket, beverage, and hang out to enjoy the fireworks. Food trucks will be available to purchase food.

Please bike, walk, or rideshare whenever possible, as no shuttles will be provided to the park. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office will be managing traffic throughout the area. The firework fallout zone will be marked and fenced. It is very important to stay out of the firework fallout area. There will be no guests allowed at the park the day before the event beginning July 3 at 9:00 p.m., until 8:00 a.m. the morning after the fireworks event on July 5. Please do not go beyond any fencing or signage, as it can be extremely dangerous.

Thank you to UCHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital for sponsoring the 2023 Fireworks Show! For more information visit: HRCAonline.org/July4
Dear Friends,

The month of July provides us all the opportunity to reflect on the many blessings we have as Americans. We are reminded that standing together is the true bond that sets us apart on the world stage. This year we are thrilled to create a new partnership with the Highlands Ranch Metro District to present our beloved 4th of July Celebration events. Recognizing that this collaboration benefits all, the Douglas County Commissioners have also committed funds for the annual Fireworks Show at Highland Heritage Park on the evening of July 4. Alliance among our community leaders truly exemplifies that we are being fiscally prudent with your resources. Working together provides community building and reminds our Highlands Ranch residents that, “There’s No Place Like Home”!

The HRCA has many offerings to provide to our diverse community. As you take a break from your “chilling and grilling”, check out what we’ve been up to:

• In 2023, the HRCA onboarded 226 lifeguards to completely staff the 19 bodies of water provided at our four recreation centers. Visit HRCAonline.org for hours of operation.

• The Backcountry Wilderness hired 50 seasonal employees to staff the horse and nature camps and our preschool programs. A hidden gem in our community, the Backcountry allows children the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive while outdoors, immersed in nature. We hope your child has a chance to experience one of our wonderful Backcountry programs.

• Sports and Fitness has many offerings throughout the month of July. The Mountain Bike Race Series takes place every Wednesday in July, starting July 12. This is a great way to get involved and see our pristine Backcountry Wilderness Area. Another great option is our Independence Day 5K, which takes place at Town Center the morning of July 4.

• Camp HRCA is off to a great start! We offer over 100 camps, from half-day to full-day, and each camp does a wonderful job at keeping your kids busy while they are out of school.

• There is an abundance of community events in July. Pick your favorite events, and join us for the Independence Day 5k, Parade, and Fireworks Show, the weekly Summer Concerts Series, Culture on the Green, Oaked & Smoked American Whiskey and BBQ event, or the Farmers’ Market at Town Center every Sunday through October.

It’s been a great summer so far, and we look forward to seeing you out in our community!

My Best,

Mike Bailey
COMMUNITY NEWS

WHY DID I RECEIVE A COMPLIANCE NOTICE?

The Community Improvement Services Department works hard to keep Highlands Ranch looking beautiful and ensuring property values. We do understand it is not fun to receive a Notice of Non-Compliance or a Notice of Violation from us. To assist residents in how to NOT receive a letter from the CIS Department, we have included the top three reasons for sending out compliance letters:

1. **Fencing:** The exterior property fencing needs maintenance, and/or it is not stained in the required color of Highlands Ranch Fence Brown (unless otherwise specified by your sub association). This resolution was passed by the Board of Directors in 2018 to bring uniformity to our area and to have residential fencing blend in with the main arterial fencing that is being installed by the Highlands Ranch Metro District. Highlands Ranch Fence Brown is a solid stain and is available at our local retailers (Home Depot, Sherwin Williams, ACE and Guarys). If you have not stained your exterior fencing in this required color, you may want to consider completing this project now that the weather is getting warmer and before we send out a letter.

2. **Trash Cans:** Trash cans, bags and any form of trash receptacle must be stored from the view of the public and behind the fence line. Lids should be secured tightly to avoid debris from being blown throughout the neighborhood. Trash and recycling containers should not be placed earlier than 7:00 p.m. the evening prior to the scheduled pick-up and put back into storage no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of your scheduled pick-up. Trash cans being stored in view is one of our most complained about compliance issues.

3. **Landscaping:** For the first time since 2021, Highlands Ranch is not in drought status. Lawns and landscaping can be watered accordingly. Weeds and tree shoots need to be pulled. Dead branches should be removed, and overgrown vegetation cut back. This includes any ‘street border’ areas, rocked areas, and flower beds. The ground cover needs to be replenished with fresh mulch and rocks. Trimming along grass areas should be completed.

We hope this helps clarify issues moving forward for the CIS Department. For further information, please contact our office at 303.471.8821, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Emails are preferred at covenant@hrcaonline.org. You can also read about our Covenant Violation Process here: HRCAonline.org/property-owners/covenants-improvements/covenant-violation-procedures.

SUBMIT, SUBMIT, SUBMIT!

Are you making exterior improvements to your home? Replacing outdoor lighting, siding, re-painting, adding a deck? Curious about xeriscaping, trash enclosures or artificial turf? All exterior improvements must be submitted to the Architecture Committee for approval. All Home Improvement Forms are available on our website at HRCAonline.org. There is a ‘quick click’ button on the home page that makes submitting home improvements quick and easy. Each form has a list of required information needed to upload for review. Note: If the required information requested through the Home Improvement Form is not available upon submittal, the plan will automatically be denied until further information is available for review. Our office is available for questions Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We are also available for comment through our email, improvements@hrcaonline.org.

We look forward to assisting you with your next home improvement project.

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CYCLE AND SOAK TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Centennial Water and Sanitation District recommends customers run their irrigation system in multiple, shorter cycles, also called “The Cycle and Soak Method”. This allows water to soak into the soil before it runs off into streets or sidewalks.

Highlands Ranch has a high clay soil content. Clay soil absorbs water slowly and retains moisture more easily. Thus shorter watering cycles are more efficient and prevent water runoff.

For example, if you need to water for 15 minutes, set your irrigation system to run each zone for 5 minutes. Pause for 30 to 60 minutes, then repeat the cycle two more times. The end result is a happy, healthy lawn that prevents water waste.

Drought Precautions

Colorado is a semi-arid desert that is in the midst of a multi-year drought. Water conservation should always be top of mind as a Colorado resident. In Highlands Ranch, our water provider, Centennial Water, has made water conservation and one of its top priorities. As such, Centennial Water is asking homeowners to do the same.

There are many things homeowners can do to be more efficient in their water use. This includes implementing the cycle and soak irrigation method, installing high-efficiency sprinkler nozzles, fixing leaks around your home, and more.

To get the latest information about water usage in Highlands Ranch and get more water conservation tips, visit Centennial Water’s website at centennialwater.org/drought.
UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 ART ENCOUNTERS NEW SCULPTURES

The Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association is proud to be a part of Art Encounters, a year-long outdoor sculpture exhibit that showcases sculptures in various media and styles displayed in highly visible areas in Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree, Parker, Roxborough, and Castle Rock. This Douglas County project is designed to promote public interest in art, develop community pride, and draw visitors to the retail or civic areas where they are displayed. We are excited to announce that the new Art Encounters sculptures have officially been installed throughout Highlands Ranch! We invite you to download the “Otocast” app to learn more about the sculptures and participating artists. You can visit and view all the new pieces at the following locations:

**Jacob’s Ladder** by Terry Malesky:
Northridge Recreation Center
8801 Broadway

**We’re All in it Together** by Sandy Friedman:
Douglas County Sheriff Substation
9250 Zotos Dr.

**Quondam** by Terry Malesky:
Civic Green Park South
9370 Ridgeline Blvd.

**Gravity in Motion** by Terry Malesky:
Civic Green Park South
9370 Ridgeline Blvd.

**Eye Love U** by Justin Deister:
Eastridge Recreation Center
9568 University Blvd.

**Standing Tall** by James Cable:
Town Center South
9288 Dorchester St.

**With Wings Like Eagles** by Bill Bunting:
Southridge Recreation Center
4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

**Aviater** by Bobbie Carlyle:
Highlands Ranch Library
9292 S Ridgeline Blvd.

CULTURE ON THE GREEN: ”FIESTA COLORADO”

Treat yourself to free entertainment outdoors in beautiful Civic Green Park. The series brings professional performances right here to Highlands Ranch. This month features Fiesta Colorado. This show has widespread appeal and is full of fun, dance, and family entertainment. Pack a picnic and enjoy live entertainment in the heart of Highlands Ranch!

- Friday, July 21
- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Free
- Civic Green Park - 9370 Ridgeline Blvd.

SPLASH MASH DASH KIDS TRI

The Splash Mash Dash Kids Triathlon is perfect for kiddos looking to ”TRI” the sport of triathlon or tune-up their skills for a bigger race. This untimed race offers a safe and fun environment for every child to do their best and learn something new. All athletes will receive a race t-shirt, finisher medal (just like they’ve seen their parents collect over the years!), and donut breakfast.

- Saturday, August 5
- 9:00 a.m.
- $45+ • Ages 4-12
- Eastridge Rec Center Falcon Park - 9568 S University Blvd
UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Summer Concert Series continues and is sure to be a highlight of the Highlands Ranch summer. Gather the whole crew and dance to our incredible line-up of bands coming this month to Highland Heritage Regional Park (behind the Highlands Ranch Post Office). Bring a blanket, a picnic, or purchase food from our weekly featured food trucks. Enjoy live music while watching the sun set behind the Rocky Mountains.

- July 6: Slap Jessi (Pop/Rock)
- July 13: 5280s Band (80s)
- July 20: Paizley Park (A Prince Tribute Band)

• Thursdays • 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
• Free
• Highland Heritage Regional Park - 9651 Quebec St.
• Food Trucks start serving at 5:30 p.m.

OAKED & SMOKED - AMERICAN WHISKEY AND BBD

Spend your Saturday in the sun enjoying a variety of whiskeys and tasting great BBQ! Join the HRCA and Davidsons Beer, Wine, and Spirits for one of the community's favorite events featuring whiskeys from all over the United States including bourbons, ryes, single barrels, and other assorted styles, paired with delicious grilled and barbecue delights. Your ticket price includes: Unlimited half ounce samples of whiskey and one full BBQ meal (additional BBQ will be available for purchase).

- Saturday, July 15
- 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- $55
- Eastridge Recreation Center - 9568 University Blvd.

TEQUILA & TACOS

Spend your Saturday enjoying an afternoon of Tequila and taco tasting! Join the HRCA and Davidsons Beer, Wine, and Spirits for one of our favorite community events featuring tacos, tequila, margaritas, and other tequila cocktails. Your ticket price includes unlimited half-ounce samples of tequila and one plate of tacos.

- Saturday, August 12
- 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- $50
- Eastridge Recreation Center - 9568 University Blvd.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- August 2: Mountain Bike Race Series
- August 3: Curtain Call at the Mansion - Ol’ Blue Eyes presents ‘A Night with Frank Sinatra’
- August 5: Splash Mash Dash Kids Triathlon
- August 7: Pottery Sale
- August 12: Tequila & Tacos
- August 25: Summer Sunset Concert
- August 31: Vitalant Blood Drive

Purchase tickets online at HRCAonline.org/Tickets. All tickets are subject to service fees.
SIP & STRETCH

Join us for a night of ultimate relaxation and zen! Enjoy an hour of an all-levels yoga and stretching-based class led by our certified yoga instructor. Afterwards, enjoy your choice of beer or wine while relaxing and visiting with friends out on the back patio. (For ages 21+, registration fee includes one drink ticket for your choice of wine or beer).

- Wednesday, July 12
- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- $30 member / $35 guests
- Southridge Recreation Center - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

CLASSES, CAMPS & ACTIVITIES

FUTURE STARS TENNIS LESSONS

Your kiddo is never too young for to be introduced to the “fun”amentals of tennis! Let HRCA’s awesome tennis pros launch your 6 - 8 year-old on the sport of a lifetime! Our Future Stars youth tennis classes are offered year-round on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., and on Saturdays, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Besides having a blast on court, kids learn how to rally, start a point, serve, and play points. These skills are introduced using a special junior sized red tennis ball which is slightly larger than a standard ball and travels 75% slower than a standard yellow tennis ball. Online registration is available at HRCAonline.org, and more information is available by calling the Tennis Monitor desk at 303-471-8996.

MOUNTAIN BIKE SERIES

The MTB Series takes place on Wednesdays in July and August - each night featuring a different route throughout the pristine Backcountry Wilderness Area. All skill levels are welcome! Age and experience-appropriate starting corrals and awards make it a fun night for all.

- Wednesday, July 12, 19, 26, and August 2
- 6:00 p.m.
- $30-$35 (adults) $25-$30 (ages 10-18)
- Red Tail Park - 674 Pemberly Ave. and Rocky Heights Middle School - 11033 Monarch Blvd

YOUTH GIRL’S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

For beginner to intermediate players, this league offers a seven-game regular season, a two-week tournament, and a weekly one-hour practice. This league keeps an emphasis on skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun. The registration deadline is September 8, or when full. Payment past the registration deadline does not guarantee a spot in the league and will result in a $20 late fee. For more information, please contact Patrick Gojan at 303-471-8869 or patrick.gojan@hrcaonline.org.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION INDOOR SOCCER

Learn the skills to play soccer, the rules of the game, and good sportsmanship.

- Wednesdays, July 5 - July 26 • $55/$63
- Wednesdays, August 2 - August 30 • $69/$79
- 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.
- Southridge Recreation Center (Gym) - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.
CLASSES, CAMPS & ACTIVITIES

GET CRACKIN!

This month we are offering a number of fun and engaging camps and classes for kids that suit any interest or age. If you’re looking for something fun for your child to get involved in, consider some of these fantastic offerings:

For the budding artist:
- (Ages 5-9) Kids-N-Clay
- (Ages 6-11) Drawing and Painting
- (Ages 8-12) Hand Building for Kids.
- (Ages 11-15) Teen Drawing and Painting

For the actor:
- Toys! By KidStage.

For the foodie:
- (Ages 5-7) Kids Rule the Kitchen
- (Ages 9-12) Creative Cooks.

For the genius:
- (Ages 5-12) Chess Workshop
- By Snapology: Animation Studio and Attack Bots
- By Science Matters: Junkyard Robots and Gooey Gooey Science Potions

For the kid:
- Escape Rooms
- Little Vet School

For the gymnast:
- (Ages 3-7) Active Athletics Summer Camps

Be sure to join a waitlist if there is one, because additional classes will be formed from a sufficient waitlist. For more information visit our website at HRCAonline.org/Camps or call 303-471-8853.

BACKCOUNTRY HUNTING RAFFLE

Win an opportunity to hunt elk in the Backcountry Wilderness Area with our first-ever raffle! Tickets will be sold in-person starting June 14, with the raffle drawing held at Living the Dream Brewing Co. on July 20, at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Backcountry Conservation & Education Fund. For information and ticket sale locations, visit HRCAonline.org/backcountryraffle.

UTV TOURS IN THE BACKCOUNTRY WILDERNESS AREA

Take a UTV tour of the Backcountry Wilderness Area with Mark Giebel, Director of the Backcountry Wilderness Area. Learn about the property, habitat improvements, and programs while enjoying a relaxing outing to take in the scenery. *Only one person registers and can invite up to three additional people

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Learn the skills necessary to play a variety of sports. Learn the rules of the games, focusing on good sportsmanship and teamwork.

- Tuesdays, July 11 - July 25
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- $90/$104
- Southridge Recreation Center (Gymnasium) - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

SAT/ACT TEST PREP CLASS

Your high schooler will learn test-preparation strategies in this course taught by a National Board-Certified Teacher. Students receive an official preparation guide and an additional strategies manual. The class runs Monday-Thursday July 31 - August 3, from 9:00 a.m. - noon at Westridge Recreation Center. For more information, please contact Heather Goetz-Zettl at 303-471-8818 or email at Hgoetz@hrcaonline.org.

THREE PROGRAMS TO TRY IN THE BWA THIS MONTH

Family Survival Skills ($6-$8): Come learn and test your skills in orienteering, survival shelters, wild foraging, and water collection in this adult and family-based survival course.

Creatures of the Night ($27-$32): We will get to know some nocturnal creatures and test your nocturnal know-how before we head out for a night hike filled with fun activities and games that will immerse you in the world of nocturnal animals.

Summer Horse Club ($129-$162): Spend your summer mornings out at the Horse Corrals. Before we hop in the saddle to learn Western and English riding basics, we’ll cover grooming, tacking, horse safety, and horse health. Get to know our horses and new friends at these four-week sessions!
JULY EVENTS

For event details, see page 5 or visit HRCAonline.org/Events.

Sundays
Highlands Ranch Farmers’ Market

July 4
Independence Day 5K
Independence Day Parade
Independence Day Fireworks Show

July 6
Summer Concert Series - Slap Jessi

July 10
Board Working Session*

July 12
MTB Series - Highlands Point Circuit

July 13
Summer Concert Series - 5280s Band

July 15
Oaked & Smoked – American Whiskey and BBQ

July 18
Delegate & Board Meeting*

July 19
MTB Series - Rocky Gulch Circuit

July 20
Summer Concert Series: Paizley Park

July 21
Culture on the Green: Fiesta Colorado

July 26
MTB Series - Badlands Circuit

July 27
Summer Concert Series - The Country Music Project

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The HRCA’s ability to bring events to Highlands Ranch is made possible in part by our Community Partners, the Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association (CAA), and the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

FEELING PATRIOTIC?

Join us to march in the annual Independence Day Parade. Businesses and families welcome.

FACILITY CLOSURES

July 4
The Administration Office is Closed in observance of Independence Day

July 15
The Northridge Outdoor Pool is closed from 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for a Summer Swim Team Meets

July 15
Eastridge Basketball Courts Closed

July 22
Northridge Outdoor Pool is closed from 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

July 31 - August 5
The Northridge Outdoor Pool is closed from 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for a Summer Swim Team Meets