



4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

Independence Day 5K

What better way to kick-off your Independence Day celebration than running or walking a fun and fast 5K? Join the fun on July 4th with this annual Highlands Ranch tradition. For more information or to register for the race visit www.HRraceseries.org.

After the race festivities are over, head over to watch the annual HRCA 4th of July Parade!

July 4th Parade

The annual HRCA July 4th Parade will bring the community together in celebration of our nation's birth. 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 short, patriotic parade is intended for children ages 2 years - 12. The lineup will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Cpl. Max Donahue Lane. No pre-registration is required for the Family Pet & Bike Parade.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., people will line the streets to enjoy the Community Parade. Some goodies will be distributed along the street during the parade, but for the safety of your children, please encourage them to stay along the curb and out of the street. To participate in the parade, please visit www.HRCAonline.org/July4.

July 4th Fireworks

Highlands Ranch's spectacular July 4 Fireworks show will launch at approximately 9:30 p.m. (weather and fire ban permitting) from Highland Heritage Park. This year's show will be larger than ever before and can be viewed from a farther distance from the park than in the past years.

The park and surrounding parking lots will be totally closed to the public from 9:00 p.m. on July 3 through 8:00 a.m. on July 5. Due to the large size of the fireworks show the fall out zone will incorporate the entire park. Douglas County Sheriff's Office will be managing traffic throughout the area and we ask everyone to respect homeowners and not attempt to park in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you to UCHHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital for sponsoring the fireworks show! For more details, please visit www.HRCAonline.org/July4 or call 303-791-2500.



HR HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS: HIGHLANDS RANCH HERALD GIVES LOCAL NEWS FREE TO RESIDENTS

The history of the Highlands Ranch Herald intertwines with the history of the community it serves. Members of the Highlands Ranch Historical Society recently interviewed Jerry and Ann Healey to find out about the paper's story.

The Healeys—owners of Colorado Community Media, parent company of the HR Herald—worked tirelessly to bring local news to their readers. Mission Viejo, developer of Highlands Ranch, started the Highlands Ranch Herald as a newsletter and sold it to the Sentinel Group, which turned it into a newspaper. “When we bought it from Sentinel in 1994, the sale came with three papers—Littleton Independent, Englewood Herald and Highlands Ranch Herald,” said Jerry. “The concept of community newspapers was already established.”

At the time, the HR Herald was published bi-weekly and within two to three years, became weekly. The paper is delivered free to residents. Colorado Community Media headquartered in Englewood now has a network of 27 newspapers. “They’re all community newspapers with

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JERRY FLANNERY

CEO and General Manager

Happy 4th of July Highlands Ranch and happy birthday to the United States of America! It is a time to celebrate not only our country's birthday, but also the 40th Anniversary of Highlands Ranch. Before you start lighting those fireworks though, know what is legal and what is not in Douglas County. Please check the DC Sheriff's web site at www.dcsheriff.net for more specific information.

Independence Day Celebration: We are excited to share that our 4th of July 5K Run, Community Parade, and Fireworks will happen this year.



Festivities will include a family friendly 5K race, the 40th Anniversary parade, and a high flying fireworks display.

The fireworks show is planned in January each year as it takes a great deal of time to purchase the fireworks necessary for the show. Because of COVID and social distancing requirements at the time, the show was modified to one with larger shells that could be seen from further away. The intention was to have more people see it from their homes, rather than a smaller crowd in the immediate park area. Even though COVID restrictions have now been

lifted, the new show has a much larger fall out zone that still requires us to close the Heritage Park area. The show will be visible for your enjoyment from many different locations around the south side of Highlands Ranch.

Most of our community events, such as the Summer Concert Series, were also planned six months or more in advance and were planned to accommodate the COVID restriction at the time. While we will not have the large concert series this year, we did adapt and plan many of the same concert bands to play in smaller venues over the summer. Check our web site for a complete listing of events.

COVID Update: Another exciting update to share is that all COVID restrictions have been lifted. Following the CDC announcement, masks are now optional at HRCA. Please be mindful that some staff and members may continue to wear masks. We ask that everyone be respectful of each individual's choice. Along with masks; temperature checks, reservations and temporary closures have all been eliminated. HRCA will continue to promote safety awareness, increased cleaning protocols, and follow guidelines provided by state and local entities.

Quarterly Assessment Payments are due on July 1st: A friendly reminder that Third Quarter Assessment

Payments are due on July 1. Along with that, enforcement, paying dues, and compliance are never fun topics to write about, but I thought that this month I would call attention to this matter. After all, the main reason Community Associations exist are to keep property values high. This topic is one of constant debate. Many say we don't enforce enough while others say we are overbearing and difficult. On top of all that, real consequences in the form of fines, liens, legal fees and even foreclosures can come from non-compliance with paying dues and abiding by the legally binding contract that each homeowner agrees to when buying a home in Highlands Ranch. We want to thank everyone who works with HRCA and encourage everyone to promptly respond to all notices that are sent to homeowners regarding these matters.

Wildlife: In the summer months our offices receive more phone calls about wildlife. Highlands Ranch is fortunate to have a diversity of wildlife that surrounds us, but the HRCA does not manage wildlife issues. Living with wildlife in Colorado means being a responsible pet owner by not leaving your dogs and cats unattended or off leashes. Be aware of potential predators in your area to help prevent attacks. If you have nuisance wildlife issues that cannot be resolved, please contact the Colorado Parks and Wildlife office at <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlife.aspx>.

HRCA|Event/Weather Line
303-471-8888

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
303-471-8958

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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
at Eastridge**
303-471-8958

9568 University Blvd.
M-F: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

RECREATION CENTERS
303-791-2500

Recreation Center at Northridge
8800 Broadway

Recreation Center at Eastridge
9568 University Blvd.

Recreation Center at Westridge
9650 Foothills Canyon Blvd.

Recreation Center at Southridge
4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

FACILITY HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 5:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
SATURDAY - SUNDAY: 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

FIND THE VIOLATIONS

At the June 15, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, an updated version of the Residential Improvement Guidelines was adopted. This document replaces the June 2018 version. To get familiar with the guidelines, see how many non-compliances you spot in the image below!

Visit www.HRCAonline.org/FindViolations for the answer key and more information.



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their own reporters who cover the local news,” said Ann.

Asked if the digitized newspaper would replace print, Jerry said, “Millennial readers tell me all the time that they read their local newspaper from cover to cover every Saturday morning. There’s still something about a tactile feel of something in print.” For Internet diehards, HR Herald’s stories are posted online at www.highlandsranchherald.net.

For more about the history of Highlands Ranch, visit: <https://www.highlandsranchhistoricalsociety.org/>.

BATTING CAGES AT WESTRIDGE

The Batting Cages at Westridge offer five baseball and four softball stalls ranging in speed from 30-80 mph. Home-run target banners provide realistic results in a user-friendly pitching complex.

Batting Cage Passes

Grand Slam Season Pass*: \$125 individual, \$200 Family

*Season Pass prices as of July 3

Summer hours:

M-F: 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sa/Su: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

See www.HRCAonline.org/battingcages for more information.



GOLF SIMULATOR AT NORTHRIDGE

Drive over to the Golf Simulator at Northridge to get your swing ready for summer golf! Experience 87 PGA caliber courses including Pebble Beach, Torrey Pines, Bethpage Black, and Castle Pines.

2021 Summer Rates:

Member: \$5 per 30 minutes

Non Member: \$7.50 per 30 minutes

Bring your own clubs or rent.

Monthly Passes*

Member: Monthly for \$25

Non Member: Monthly for \$35

*Summer prices good May 15-September 15.

For reservations, hours, safety restrictions, and more visit www.HRCAonline.org/Golf or call 303-471-8950.

RANCH UPDATES & EVENTS

2021-2022 Art Encounters Installations Are Complete

Art Encounters is a year-long outdoor sculpture exhibit that showcases a number of sculptures, in various media and styles, displayed in highly visible areas in Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree, Parker, and Roxborough. Now in its fourteenth year, the 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. The 2021-2022 Art Encounters sculptures have been installed in Highlands Ranch and are on display through May 2022. Residents and visitors are encouraged to visit each area and then vote on their favorite piece at <http://www.douglas.co.us/artencounters>.

Find out more at www.HRCAonline.org/ArtEncounters.



Eastridge



Town Center South



Southridge



Library



Civic Green Park



Northridge



Douglas County Sheriff Substation

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Celebrating 20 Years!



HIGHLANDS RANCH
Cultural Affairs Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

FARMERS' MARKET IS IN FULL SWING!



Each summer HRCAs partners with the Metro Denver Farmers' Market to bring one of Denver's finest farmers' markets into Highlands Ranch at Town Center South.

As summer progresses, the market explodes with Colorado's bounty. You will be sure to find treasures, so stop by each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.!

101ST ARMY ROCK BAND TO PERFORM ON JULY 9

The 101st Army Rock Band will perform a free, family-friendly concert for the community on July 9 at Civic Green Park. The band plays a high-energy mix of rock and roll from the 70's all the way through the present. The group specializes in horn-driven funk and dance music, performing at formal events, festivals, and concert venues for service members and the public. The 101st Army Rock Band has been featured at the Army-Wide Bandleader's Conference, the Colorado Military Ball, the Denver People's Fair and the Denver Independence Eve Celebration. This event is free and open to the public. Sorry, no dogs or glass containers allowed in Civic Green Park.

Friday, July 9 • 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Civic Green Park, 9370 Ridgeline Blvd • Free

CULTURE ON THE GREEN - MUDRA DANCE STUDIO

Don't miss the Culture on the Green Series' finale featuring *Mudra Dance Studio*. Mudra, started in 1993, is a non-profit organization teaching the Indian classical dance form of Kathak along with contemporary & folk dances from different regions of India. You'll enjoy a beautiful performance of Bollywood & Bhangra dance by these professional dancers. All concerts are free and open to the public. Sorry, no dogs or glass containers allowed in Civic Green Park.

Friday, July 23 • 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Civic Green Park, 9370 Ridgeline Blvd • Free



OAKED & SMOKED ~ AMERICAN BBQ & WHISKEY

HRCAs and Davidsons Beer, Wine & Spirits are pleased to bring you an event of epic proportions! Enjoy an afternoon outside sampling American whiskeys including bourbons, ryes, single malts, and other styles paired with delicious grilled barbecued delights. Unlimited half ounce samples of whiskeys and one full BBQ meal are included in the ticket price. 21+ only, no children or infants. A select number of designated driver tickets are also available. Visit www.HRCAonline.org/Tickets.

Saturday, July 17 • 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Eastridge Recreation Center (Back Patio) 9568 University Blvd. • \$50 in advance



TEQUILA AND TACOS

Enjoy an afternoon filled with tacos and tequila! Join the HRCAs and Davidsons Beer, Wine & Spirits for our new and improved tasting event featuring tacos, tequila, margaritas, and other tequila cocktails. Must be 21+ to participate in this event/tasting. IDs are mandatory and will be checked at the door. No infants or children. Buy tickets at www.HRCAonline.org/Tickets.

Taste Responsibly! Due to the nature of this event, we strongly encourage alternative forms of transportation.

Saturday, August 14 • 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Eastridge Recreation Center (Back Patio) 9568 University Blvd. • \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door, if not sold out • Must be 21+ to attend. IDs will be checked.

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 HRCAs pottery students. Items on display in the lobby at the Southridge Rec Center. Credit cards accepted.

Monday, July 26 • 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Road • Free

Interested in taking a pottery class? Go to the web site at www.HRCAonline.org/Pottery or contact Alecia at alecia.hindman@hrcaonline.org or call 303-471-8853.



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION - SUMMER SOCCER

Join us in July and August for afternoon Soccer fun! Soccer time for athletes with special needs is on Wednesdays, July 7 - August 25, 5:15 p.m. at Southridge. This program encourages teamwork and sportsmanship while focusing on the skills needed for soccer. Learn passing, dribbling and goal shots. Sign-up today! Please visit www.HRCAonline.org/TR for the most current information.

For information about the Therapeutic Recreation Program offerings, class pricing and availability please contact 303-471-7043 or saden@hrcaonline.org. If you would like to join our volunteer team, we're looking for those interested in helping with our current program offerings.

RCA'S TEAM TENNIS SERVES UP POSITIVE EXPERIENCES FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS!

This year a record number of 116 Highlands Ranch junior players are in the HRCA Junior Team Tennis program!

They meet twice a week for practices at both Northridge and Southridge and play weekly matches on Mondays. Players, ages 7-13, are on teams according to their level of play. Beginners are designated "Future" level, and the two intermediate levels are "Challenger B and Challenger A" levels. The "Championship" level is the most competitive and advanced tier. Why not stop by the Northridge courts on Monday mornings in July and cheer on our players and have fun watching their progress? The players would love to see you!

CLASSES, CAMPS & ACTIVITIES

Mountain Bike Race Series

Up next on the Race Series schedule is the HRCA Mountain Bike Series, which consists of four races that take place in the pristine Highlands Ranch Backcountry Wilderness area on Wednesday evenings in July and August. We have races and divisions for all abilities and ages. Also coming up is our annual Splash. Mash. Dash. Kids Triathlon on August 7. This is the perfect way for you 4-12 year old to try their hand at a non-competitive triathlon! Head over to www.HRRaceSeries.org for more information and we will see you at the races!

Hapkido

HRCA works exclusively with Highlands Ranch Hapkido, led by Shelly Gruber. Shelly has been practicing American Hapkido karate for over 25 years with Master Sayed Qubadi who is an 8th degree black belt in Mixed Martial Arts and combat Hapkido. Hapkido is a Korean Martial Art that consists of throws, take downs, standing techniques and a few weapons while building confidence, strength, and power. Hapkido teaches you how to use your attacker's energy or power against themselves. Shelly strives to teach, share, and empower our community by building friendships with one another, knowledge in the mind, and strength in the body with honesty in the heart. Join us for June, July, and August sessions. For more information, please contact Lisa Sheley at lsheley@hrcaonline.org or 303-471-8838.

The ZONE Weekend Classes

The ZONE program has expanded their schedule and now offers a Saturday 7:15 a.m. class. The ZONE program incorporates functional fitness and heart rate zone training. These 45-minute classes give you the ultimate full body workout that combines strength, cardio, and core elements which leave you feeling strong and empowered. For new ZONE members, we are now offering a free two-class trial. If you are interested in trying the ZONE classes, please email hannah.anderson@hrcaonline.org to activate your free trial. You can view the full ZONE schedule at www.HRCAonline.org/ZoneSchedule.

Ready for Your Next Swim Challenge? Discover Coached Aquatics!

- Seahawks Intro & Juniors are being offered in July & August
- Seahawks Seniors & Elite return in August
- New programming for 2021 include bi-weekly coached aquatic swim camps that allow families to easily enroll for specific times to fit around other summer activities.
- New clinics & camps will help you gain a competitive edge for the Seahawk Time Trials at the end of July.
- Is your swimmer in High School Session D? Our July programs are perfect for new participants. Sign up today!



Snorkel & Scuba

Begin your underwater adventure at HRCA and enroll in snorkel or scuba diving. Learn the proper techniques involved for both on the surface and underwater with your certified PADI instructor. It's fun, easy and will offer you a two-hour introduction to begin discovering how much fun is possible for your next open water family vacation. More information can be found at www.HRCAonline.org/Swim or call 303-471-8935 or email diane.ball@hrcaonline.org.

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: Drawing and Painting (Ages 6-11), Teen Drawing and Painting (Ages 11-15), Dinosaurs and Fossils Play with Clay (Ages 3-5), Clay Creations (Ages 4-6), and Kids-N-Clay (Ages 5-9)

For the Foodie: Chef-in-Training (Ages 2-5), Kids Rule the Kitchen (Ages 5-7), Young Chefs (Ages 7-9), and Creative Cooks (Ages 9-12)

For the Actor: Brave! by KidStage

For the Genius (Ages 5-12): Chess Workshop, By Snapology: Amazing Race and Harry Potter | By Science Matters: STEM Roller Coaster Science, Invention Convention, and Super Heroes Save the Earth | By Bricks for Kids: Movie Mash Up

For the Gymnast (Ages 3-7): Flip and Dip Camp, Pop Into Summer

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 web site at www.HRCAonline.org/Camps or call 303-471-8853.

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 August 2 - 5 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at Southridge. Be sure to set your child up for test taking success this year! For more information, please email Hgoetz@hrcaonline.org or call 303-471-8818.

Trail Sense

There's no doubt that the Backcountry Wilderness Area trails see a spike in traffic throughout the summer months. Beyond the normal bump in users, there is also a wave of new hikers/ bikers/horseback riders/runners who are learning the trail etiquette that makes our trails a safe and fun place to recreate. Whether you are a new or a veteran trail user, please take the time to refresh yourself on our trail rules and guidelines.

Ear Buds: Leave 'em behind. Take in the sounds of the Backcountry... including another person or animal coming your way.

Strava: Turn it off. No crown for King or Queen of the Mountain here.

Understand: These are beginner and family-oriented trails. If you cannot come down to that level to make it safe for all, then YOU might be the problem.

Bell: It's more than a decoration. Use it!

Respect: Give it to other trail users and your surroundings...always.

Expect: Someone is coming the other direction, plan on it.

Control: Your bike, yourself, always.

Slow Down: For goodness sakes, just slow down on the corners and around other users. Save speed for downhill courses. This is not that.

User Conflict: Only YOU can prevent user conflict. Your demeanor, your attitude, your knowledge, your understanding of the rules all matter.

Rules: The More You Know: Bikers yield to all, all yield to horses, downhill yields to uphill. Stay on the trail. Google 'Trail Etiquette,' it is never too late to learn.



THIS MONTH FOR ADULTS

Just because it's summer, doesn't mean this isn't the perfect time to find something that suits your interests too! Find something that sparks a curiosity or nurtures a long-time passion. This month we're offering Beginning Drawing, Beginning Painting, Water Color, Drawing From Life, Beginner Digital Photography, Beginning Knitting, Zen Doodling, Beginning Wheel Pottery, Hand Building and Continuing and Advanced Wheel Pottery for those that enjoy getting their hands a little dirty. If trying a new toe tapping routine is of interest, consider joining our Adult Tap class. For more information, please visit our web site at www.HRCAonline.org or call 303-471-8853.

JULY'S BACKCOUNTRY OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES LINEUP

Come watch your favorite films on the Backcountry Base Camp big screen beneath a starry, summer night sky!

July 2: *The Croods: A New Age*

July 3: *Men In Black*

July 9: *Trolls World Tour*

July 10: *Star Wars: Empire Strikes Back*

July 16: *School of Rock*

July 17: *Meet the Parents*

July 23: *Inside Out*

July 24: *Jurassic Park*

July 30: *Brave*

July 31: *Bridesmaids*

For details, visit www.HRCAonline.org/bwamovieseries. For more information, contact Lindsey McKissick at lindsey.mckissick@hrcaonline.org.

9568 University Boulevard, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

FACILITY CLOSURES

- July 4 Eastridge closed all day, outdoor pool still open.
Westridge, Northridge, and Southridge close at 5:00 p.m.
- July 7 Eastridge Outdoor Pool closes early at 4:00 p.m.
- July 10 All Recreation Centers close at 4:00 p.m.
- July 17 Eastridge Basketball Courts close at 10:00 a.m. for event set-up.
Eastridge Rec Center closes at 3:00 p.m.

Check the web site for the most up-to-date closure information.

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Community Partners

The HRCAs 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).



JULY EVENTS

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

- July 2, 3 Backcountry Outdoor Movies
- July 4-25 Farmers' Market (*Sundays only*)
- July 4 Independence Day 5K Race, July 4th Parade, and Fireworks
- July 9, 10 Backcountry Outdoor Movies
- July 9 101st Army Rock Band
- July 12 **Board Working Session* 5:30 p.m.**
- July 16, 17 Backcountry Outdoor Movies
- July 17 Oaked & Smoked American Whiskey and BBQ
- July 20 **Delegate & Board Meeting* 5:30 p.m.**
- July 23, 24 Backcountry Outdoor Movies
- July 23 Culture on the Green - *Mudra Dance Studio*
- July 26 Pottery Sale at Southridge
- July 26 Music at the Mansion Concerts - *Petty Nicks Experience*
- July 27 Music at the Mansion Concerts - *Deja Blue*
- July 30, 31 Backcountry Outdoor Movies

** These meetings are open to our members.*